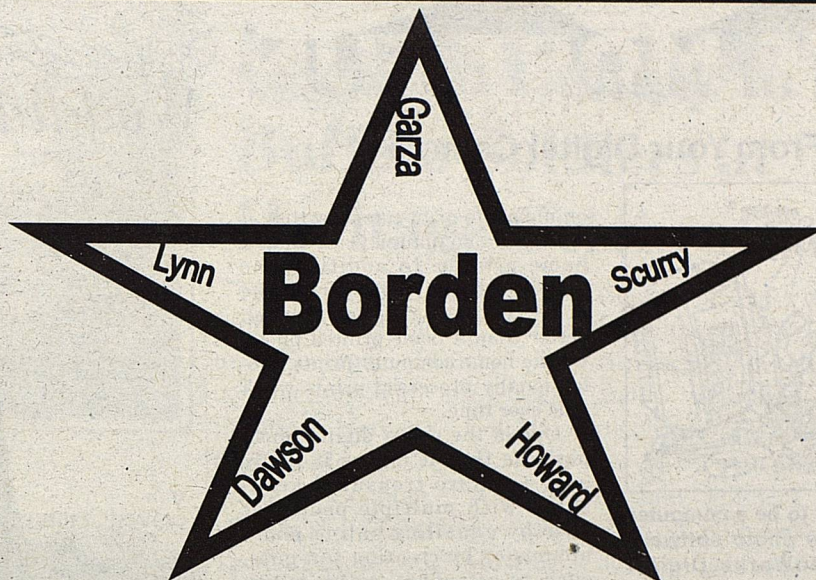


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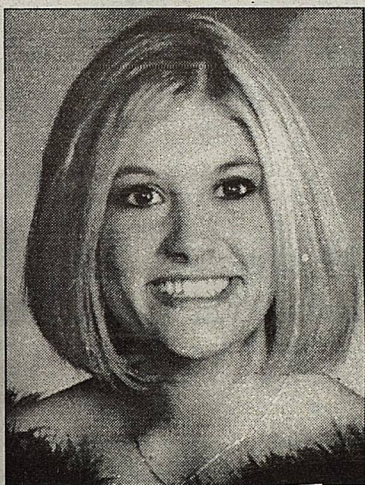


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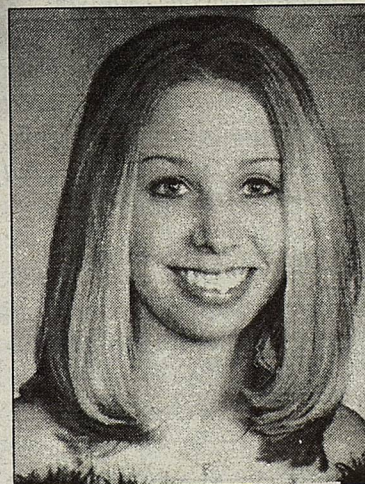
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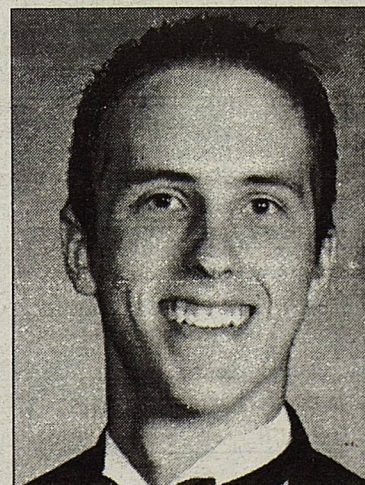
BHS Coyotes' hoop trio recognized as academic all-state



Jami Gass



Menda James



Shane Tarleton

By Dwight Heins
Lamesa Press-Reporter

When Borden County's Menda James, Jami Gass and Shane Tarleton earned their high school diplomas Friday night at Gail, they not only walked across that stage as quality athletes but quality students, as well.

All three have been recognized for their accomplishments in both the classroom, as well as the high school hardwoods, by being named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Class 1A All-State Academics Team.

Both Borden County girls hoop coach Kevin James and Coyote boys cage boss Trey Richey are glad to see this graduating trio recognized in this way.

"This is a seven semester deal," Richey said of the academic all-state team. "You've got to be able to maintain an A average for seven semesters, which comes down to three and a half years.

"You've also got to be first team all-district, too. We're not talking about only second team or honorable mention either."

James is tickled to see both of his former players recognized in that way.

"Both are excellent students who've worked as hard as they did in the classroom as they did out on the basketball court," James said.

"I was fortunate to have Jami in my classroom, so I knew first hand as far as what type of student that she is. Getting the chance to watch Menda grow up, I also know how she's always prided herself on being a good student, as well as a good basketball player."

In addition to being Menda's head coach, Kevin James is also her father.

"As far we're concerned, this is one of the biggest honors that you can get on our level, mainly because it recognizes those kids who really do excel in both places," James said.

"It says a lot for those kids, too. It also proves how well-rounded that they really are."

Richey also considers it a tough team to make.

"It's not one of those deals where you can just turn on your grades your senior year and expect to make it," Richey said.

"You've got to be a good student all four years in high school and still also be one of the top athletes in your district.

"Those kids who are willing to put in the time, not only in their sports but also in the classroom, need to be recognized."

Both James and Richey attribute their respective athletes' accomplishments to their good work ethics.

"Shane is one of those kids who's always very deserving of everything he gets," Richey said. "He's a student of not only this game, but also inside the classroom.

"He studies a lot of video and he also does a good job of learning from his mistakes. You show him what he's got to work on and then he does it. He does that same thing inside the classroom where whenever he has any kind of a problem, like an equation in math or whatever, he always stays at it until he gets it."

James is also glad to see these two young ladies' dedication to both areas rewarded.

"A big part of our job nowadays is motivating kids to work just as hard academically as they do at their sports," James said. "We're fortunate to have kids who did an outstanding job as athletes, as well as academically.

"Both of these girls were good examples for our younger ones out here, but we were really pretty fortunate in that area in that all of our seniors were pretty good leaders. We're talking about the kind of kids who led by example, too.

Combs Nationally Recognized as Hero for Her Work in Childhood Obesity Prevention

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was one of six heroes from across the United States recently honored at the TIME/ABC News Summit on Obesity for their initiatives that fight obesity and serve as models for others to follow.

Texas was recognized as being the first state in the nation to implement a far-reaching statewide school nutrition policy and for its innovative work to combat childhood obesity.

"It was an honor to be invited and to be recognized for something we are so passionate about. We understand obesity reaches far beyond Texas borders, which is why I was happy to

"It's important to have hard workers among your older kids, since that seems to motivate your younger kids into also doing the same."

Menda James and Jami Gass will get still another nice reward for all of the hard work that they have put into their basketball careers in July, when they will finish their schoolgirl careers as teammates on the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star girls basketball game at Lubbock.

"We feel pretty fortunate out here in that we also had pretty good representation in this same game last summer," Coach James said. "Now, to have two more girls in it again this summer, it hopefully says something about our whole program."

share out ideas on a national level," Combs said. "Unfortunately, we are 'supersizing' ourselves, and over the past 20 years our country and state have seen dramatic increases in obesity. We must all work together to cure this sad epidemic."

The heroes, who were chosen by TIME, have launched innovative, scalable programs in their states and have been progressive in their efforts to curb obesity. The summit, which took place in Williamsburg, Va. June 2-4, 2004, gathered policymakers, physicians, educators, food and beverage industry leaders to discuss the issue and to present solutions to reverse the obesity epidemic.

Texas was lauded for the innovative and progressive approach it is taking toward reversing obesity in schoolchildren. Most

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Getting Quality Prints From Your Digital Camera

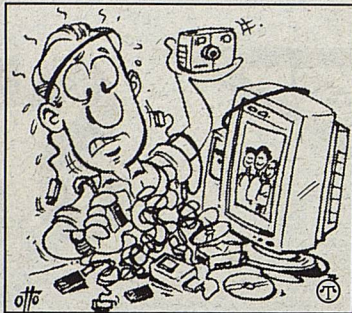
(NAPS)—Picture this: You're back from your fabulous vacation and just can't wait to spread the joy and share with all your friends and neighbors. Just as soon as you can work out how to hook up your digital camera to the photo printer. Assuming you have the right paper for the printer and the right cables to connect everything. Or maybe you have trouble uploading your pictures to your computer in the first place.

Whether it's a family vacation, the birth of a new baby or a college graduation, pictures preserve the important moments of our lives for posterity. More and more Americans are recording such moments with digital cameras.

Unfortunately, many of these photos end up stored on a memory card or computer hard drive, never to be seen again. Now, many families are realizing they miss the actual print, a photograph to hang on the refrigerator, display in a frame or put into an album as an heirloom.

One reason for this is that most consumers find using a digital camera requires learning how to use a whole new set of tools. Digital cameras store images on a small piece of plastic and silicon called a memory card. This memory card can hold far more than a standard roll of film, up to several hundred images depending on the resolution. Like a CD, it can be read directly by a computer. Without even removing the memory card, users can use a USB or other connector to transfer pictures directly from the camera to a computer. When the photos are taken at high resolution, today's digital cameras produce prints that look just as good as photos taken with a 35mm camera.

Online photo services make all this simple. You can archive your



You don't need to be a computer wiz to use new photo software such as PhotoWorks Digital Partner.

photos, e-mail them to your friends, get quality prints, organize your photos in albums and even buy photo products and supplies. Many online photo print companies offer free software to help with the digital confusion. PhotoWorks offers a free software called Digital Partner™ that you can download right from the Web. The software makes it easy to transfer the contents of a memory card, view pictures, fix red-eye, crop and decide which images are worth printing. It's designed with a busy person in mind. You can schedule uploads for a time when your computer is free. And you can step away from your computer and it will remember where you left off. You'll also get free online picture archiving if you use the Web album feature so you can reap the benefits of digital photography without having to commit your own computing resources.

More than two in 11 Americans use online photo services for a simple way to order prints—from wallet size to 8"x10"—from their home computers over the Internet. It's much less expensive to order a professional quality print from an

online photo print company than it is to get a computer print from a home printer. In addition, the quality of the photos from the online photo companies is much better than a home-printed photo. Unlike home computer prints, professionally processed prints won't fade over time.

One of the nicest digital photo perks is that it makes it really easy to share treasured keepsakes with multiple people at once by e-mailing online photo albums or by creating fun gifts, such as calendars, coffee mugs, photo books and photo cards. Online photo companies offer this service right on the Web so you can see what the gift or album will look like before it ever reaches a friend or relative.

More information on the online photo printing services offered by PhotoWorks can be found at www.photoworks.com.

Senior Citizen News

The Borden County Senior Citizens had their first meeting in March, 2004 in the Gail Community Center with eight in attendance. Each month, they had a few more to attend and at the fourth meeting in June, they had doubled in size and had sixteen to attend.

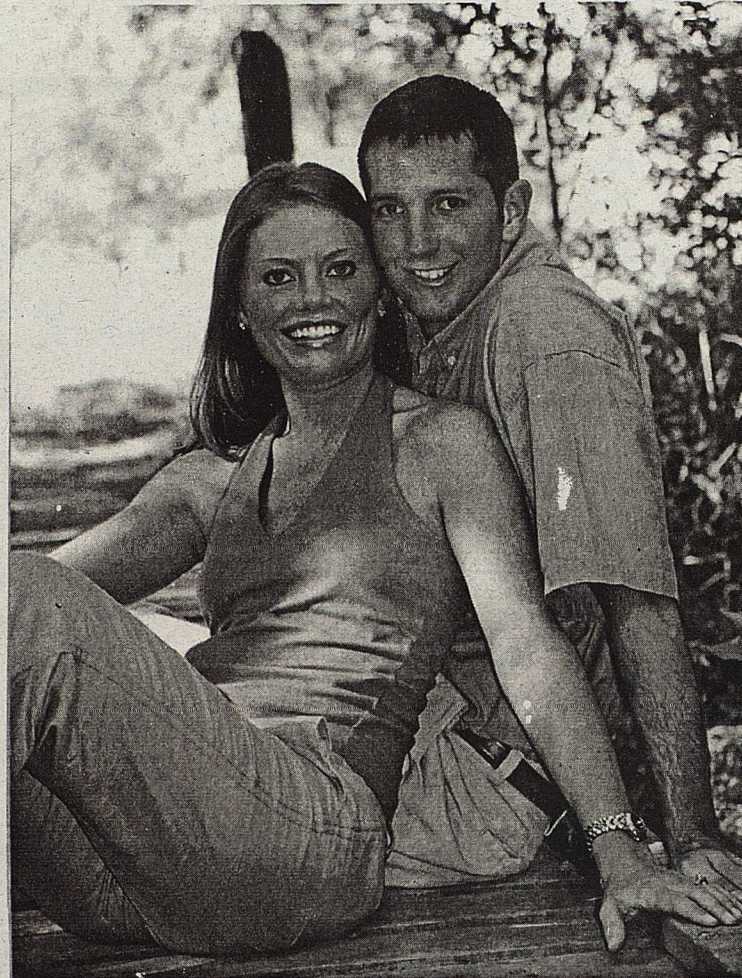
Everyone seems to really enjoy the good food and fellowship. Each meeting, there are some new faces. Everyone is encouraged to come and join in the visiting. A potluck meal is served and there are games for those who want to play. Everyone really enjoys the visiting with their friends and neighbors.

The Senior Citizens meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Gail Community Center. The next meeting will be July 5, 2004. Mark this date on your calendar and come and enjoy the fun.

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Wedding Plans Announced



Abby Michelle Flanigan & Jantzen Mitchell Louder

Flanigan-Louder

Billy Max and Nancy Gordon of Post announce the engagement of their daughter, Abby Michelle Flanigan, to Jantzen Mitchell Louder, son of Steve and Pam Louder of Hereford. Miss Flanigan is the daughter of the late Mike Flanigan and the granddaughter of Glenn and Mary Margaret Norman of Post and Bill and Barbara Flanigan of Lexington, Mo. She is a graduate of Borden County High School and Wayland Baptist University. Louder is the grandson of Glen and Joan Akin and Jesse and Maureen Hayes of Lubbock. He is a graduate of Community Christian School of Hereford, Wayland Baptist University, and Texas Tech University. He is employed by South Plains Electric Cooperative in Lubbock. The couple will marry August 7th at First Baptist Church in Post.

Shooting Sports News



Taylor County Shoot

Four members of the Gail Trap Club traveled to Abilene on Saturday, June 12 to participate in the Taylor County Shoot. There were a total of 17 Sub-Jr. participants and 4 senior participants. Tyrell Massingill, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood competed in the Sub-Jr. Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand Division and Austin Tarleton was the senior participant.

Each participant shot a combined total of 150 targets in trap, skeet and 5-Stand.

Results are as follows: Tyrell shot 70 targets. Brendan shot 66 targets and after a shoot off, received 6th place in trap. Raylea shot 93 targets and received 2nd. Place in Trap and Sub-Jr. High Overall in the ladies division. Austin shot 107 targets and placed 4th in Trap (after a shoot off) and 4th in 5-Stand.

The next shoot for the Gail Trap Club is the District 2 Shoot in Lubbock on June 25th and 26th. Good Luck to all shooters!



Fourth of July Celebration

The First Baptist Church of Gail will have an Independence Day Celebration, on Sunday, July 4th.

The Community is invited to come for a Patriotic Service that will begin at 5:00 p.m. with guest entertainment.

Following the service a hot dog meal with all the fixin' will be served. Everyone is asked to bring chips, dips, cookies, ice cream, brownies, watermelon, etc.

Games and entertainment is planned with prizes for kids as well as lots of fun!

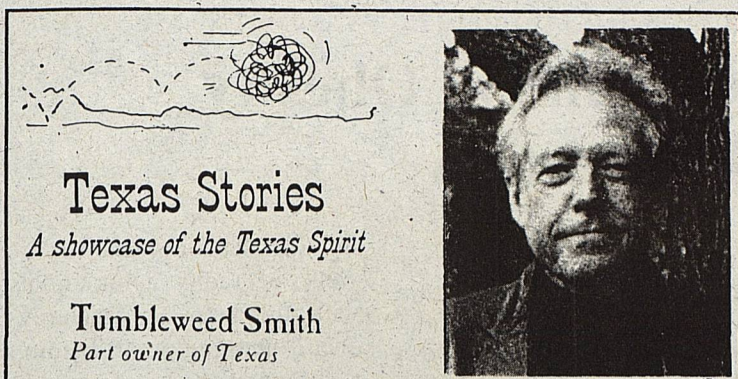
Everyone is asked to bring their fireworks for an awesome fireworks display at dusk.

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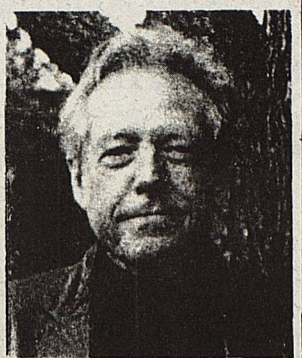
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A Purse on the Interstate

Bonnie Thorne of Huntsville was returning home from a trip to California when she stopped at the Dairy Queen in Big Spring for some refreshments. She was traveling with her sister, Ida Belle Moore and a visitor from France, Michel Daisson.

Mr. Daisson had shown some of Bonnie's family members around France and Bonnie was showing him around the US.

After sharing conversation with some local men having coffee at the next table, the trio left to continue their trip east. When they got into their car, Ida Belle said she would drive, but needed a pillow that was in the back seat. Bonnie put her purse on the trunk, retrieved the pillow and climbed in the car, completely forgetting about the purse.

Soon after their car got back on the interstate, a passenger in a passing car held up a purse and pointed to the back of Bonnie's vehicle. It was then she realized she was missing her purse, which had all the in it.

They returned to Dairy Queen in hopes of finding it there. Bonnie was told that

one of the regulars having coffee. John Day, saw the car drive off with the purse on the trunk and he was going to try to find it. "If John Day finds that purse, you'll be sure to get it back," one of the waitresses told Bonnie.

Bonnie and her traveling companions resumed their trip. "I felt stupid and upset," says Bonnie, "But we continued on, somehow feeling that things would work out okay."

John Day found the purse in the middle of the Interstate a couple of miles east of the Dairy Queen. It was completely empty except for a little pair of scissors. "No telling how many vehicles had run over it," says John. He had no way of finding out who owned it.

He work up the next morning with anew realization: "No woman would carry around an empty purse." He returned to the Interstate and searched the area where he had found the purse. In weeds along the interstate he fond her billfold containing her driver's license, credit cards and \$200 cash. He also found other cards and items form the purse and a money belt with \$800 in it.

Cochran County to host Texas Buffalo Soldiers at "Last Frontier Heritage Celebration"

The Texas Buffalo Soldiers Summer Celebration comes to Cochran County in conjunction with the "Last Frontier Heritage Celebration" in Morton, Texas.

The Cochran County Historical Committee and Texas' Last Frontier Museum will be presenting a series of exciting events the weekend of June 25-27, 2004, to celebrate the area's frontier heritage. This will honor the soldiers and settlers who helped shaped the Cochran

John got his daughter to look up Bonnie's phone number on the internet. Bonnie says when he called her he said, "Bonnie, do you know where your purse is?"

He than identified himself and told her he was sending her the purse. "I told him to keep half the money, but he didn't do it," says bonnie. He did keep some, which he gave to his grandson. "They were tickled to death to get that purse back," says John.

Bonnie sent John a couple of thank you notes, telling him what a good man he is. She told him the man from France was also impressed with the type of people in West Texas.

John said he didn't think he did anything real significant. "I did what any other old West Texas cowboy would do. I'd do the same thing again."

County area history, including the earliest Native American inhabitants' Anglo and Hispanic traders, ranchers, and farmers; and the African--American Buffalo Soldiers who were charged with being the U.S. military presence in the vast frontier of the late 1800's. The celebration will consist of a parade, special musical performances, and lots of food.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department project, started by a former state parks regional maintenance specialist, has blossomed into a statewide youth education and historical interpretation network. It grew from the idea of sharing the proud story of African-American soldiers who helped settle the Texas frontier.

American Indians dubbed the African-American regiments "buffalo soldiers." Some say the Indians thought the soldier's curly hair

resembled the buffalo's sacred mane, while others believe the Indians were referring to the soldier's fighting spirit.

"I walked into Fort Griffin State Park and asked the park manager, 'Why do you have all of these black folks' pictures on the wall?'" said Ken Pollard, who now heads the TPWD Community Services, Education and Outreach Program. He then met A.C. Jackson with the Soldiers in Blue Committee of Abilene and the rest, as they say, is history.

The program's youth outreach focus has expanded to encompass Buffalo Soldiers, Hispanic Vaqueros, American Indians, Frontier Women and other cultural groups in existence during the 1800's. Pollard's program conducts ongoing cultural research, coordinates dozens of living history events for

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2. Propane for Courthouse and Precinct #2 Barn

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, PO Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

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JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 006201

CLOSING DATE: 07/02/2004

Application and a copy of the **Job Vacancy Notice** may be picked up at the District Office at 4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas, or any other TxDOT Office. Completed applications may be mailed to TxDOT, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604 or returned to any TxDOT office.

"An application needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call the phone number of the Human Resources Office (915) 676-6817. You may also call the telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (512) 416-2977."

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Survey Shows Strong Opposition to Utility Rate Increase

MIDLAND, Texas – Today the Citizens United For Fair Energy Costs and the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association joined forces to unveil the results of a poll recently conducted to measure opinions of Cap Rock ratepayers.

"In the wake of Cap Rock's rate increase request filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, we felt that it was important to learn how area ratepayers feel about the rates they are paying now, and how they view the prospect of a rate increase," said Harold Hoelscher, Secretary of the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association.

The poll was conducted by Montgomery & Associates, a Texas based polling firm.

"Public opinion is overwhelmingly opposed to Cap Rock's proposed rate increase," said Jeff Montgomery, President of Montgomery & Associates. "Seven out of ten Cap Rock customers we interviewed

said the cost of service was already too high, and more than half said they would switch if they had an affordable opportunity to do so. 84% oppose the rate increase Cap Rock is promoting."

"Clearly, a majority of those of us who pay a Cap Rock utility bill are unhappy with the rates we are currently paying," said Hoelscher. "If we could, a majority of us would choose a different provider for our electricity in our homes, businesses and agricultural operations."

"We urge all Cap Rock ratepayers to write the Public Utility Commission," said Donnie Hargrave, head of Citizens United For Fair Energy Costs. "Send them a copy of your utility bill to show them how high Cap Rock rates really are. Tell the PUC that you oppose the proposed Cap Rock rate increase."

"Watch for future announcements that will

provide all the information needed to register your opposition to the rate increase. Since the PUC hearing has been postponed until October 5, we have plenty of time to send in our complaints and copies of our bills."

"We want to make sure the PUC knows that all of us who pay a utility bill to Cap Rock are opposed to higher electric bills," said Hoelscher.

For additional comment from Montgomery and Associates regarding the survey, please feel free to call Katherine Catmull at (512)478-0002.

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Childhood Obesity Prevention

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recently, the Texas Department of Agriculture released a policy limiting the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas schoolchildren are served each week. TDA restricted portion sizes for chips, cookies and frozen desserts, and it is phasing out deep-fat frying in schools. TDA also released six educational TV commercials

in English and Spanish as well as radio commercials with the help of Academy-award winning actor Tommy Lee Jones.

"We've tightened the rules one very thing from vending machines to French fries and are working to educate the public that the obesity crisis in Texas children is here, it's real and it's urgent," Combs said.

"Last Frontier Heritage Celebration"

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schools and youth groups across Texas each year and promotes the Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Trail, which follows routes taken across Texas in the 1800's by military personnel and civilians. A network of local Buffalo Soldiers groups and community partners plays a

key role in staging and producing living history encampments, trail rides and other events.

In 1999, the Texas Legislature proclaimed July "Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Month," making this the only state in the Union that recognizes the Buffalo Soldiers with a month-long celebration.

NOTICE

You may notice an increase in the charge on your telephone bill called "Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)" that pays for the Federal Universal Service Fund. The FCC has approved an increase in the contribution factor from 8.7% to 8.9% per line for residential and business customers effective July 1, 2004. This charge contributes to the national fund to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for low income customers, customers in high cost rural areas, and to serve customers with disabilities. Centrex, ISDN, and Interstate DSL Access Services customers are assessed a different rate. If you have any questions about this charge, please give us a call. Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. - 800-422-2387. Poka Lambro Telephone Company - 888-568-7305

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the APACHE CORPORATION, 6120 S. YALE SUITE 1500, TULSA OK 74136 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to distance between well to directional drill Well No. 2, Murphy, W. Ed "RB" Lease, 1588 Acres, Sec. 81, Bk. 25, H & TC RR CO Survey, A-37, Von Roeder, W. Clearford Field(s), Borden County, being 8.3 miles in a north direction of Vincent, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

SL: 900' from the south line and 30' from the west line of lease.
900' from the south line and 30' from the west line of survey.

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Field rules for the Von Roeder, W. (Clearfork) field(s) are 660/1320, 80 acres.

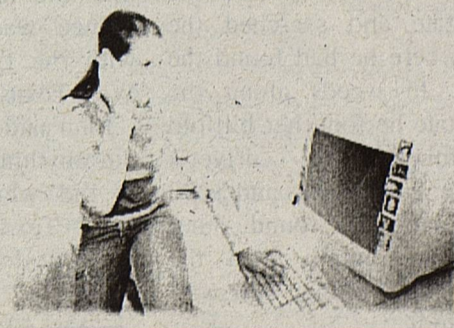
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4620 feet

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Bill G. Spence, consultant, at 512-495-6416. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY August 01, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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