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Commencement exercises
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Tiger Stadium

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BRIEFS

Two benefits set up for local boy, family

A benefit brisket plate sale is set for Saturday, May 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kinney County Nutrition Center.

Donation is \$5 for a brisket plate with all the trimmings and drink.

Benefit is for Ismael Morales, a fifth grader at Jones Elementary who was diagnosed with cancer.

Morales is the oldest of three children and began chemotherapy this week at Children's Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Morales is from a migrant family, who usually leaves as soon as school ends.

A benefit cakewalk is also planned for today at 11:30 a.m. in the front parking lot.

Juneteenth parade

The annual Juneteenth Celebration is June 18 and 19, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. Emancipation Day will be celebrated by the Seminole Indians Scouts Association.

Everyone is welcome to join and help celebrate Juneteenth at Carver school grounds.

The parade starts at 9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Alternative school building on Ann Street up from Super S store.

The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will end at the Carver School parking lot.

LEPC hosting raffle

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-9090. The raffle is set for July 4.

Local church in need

The First Baptist Church asks the community to save 1/2 gallon round ice cream cartons, large baby wipe boxes, powered drink containers with plastic lids, small coffee cans.

These items will be used for Vacation Bible School, July 18-22. Drop them by the church Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Brackett takes on Badgers in baseball Regional semifinals

This past weekend the Brackett Tiger baseball team took on Miles High School in the regional quarterfinals round of the state baseball playoffs. It was a best 2 out of 3 series played in Kerrville at Schreiner University.

In game One, strong pitching and good defense helped the Tigers build a 4 to 3 lead going in to the last inning, but Miles was able to score a run in the seventh inning to tie it up.

In the bottom of the seventh Robert Sanchez lead off the inning with a double and Clyde Adams came in to pinch run.

Next, Tillman Davis laid down a bunt to move Adams over, but also managed to get on base as well. With runners at first and third, Kody Yeager delivered the game winning single to left field and gave the Tigers a 1-0 lead in the series.

Miles was able to win the second game with some Tiger mistakes and timely hitting, but game 3 was a game to remember.

Game 3 was a lot like game 2 for the Tigers in that they gave Miles a bunch of extra chances by making errors, and dug themselves a 6-3 hole going in to the

bottom of the seventh inning.

KJ Bonner lead off the inning by reaching on an error to the third baseman, and then Clyde Adams once again came in to run.

Next, a Travis Bonner single gave runners at first and second followed by a fly out and then another single by Tillman Davis that loaded the bases for Kody Yeager the clean up hitter.

Once again Yeager showed his calmness under pressure and delivered a bases-clearing triple to the left center gap that tied the game at 6-6. Anthony Munoz then lined out to the first baseman bringing up Robert Davis that had a huge hit in the first round of the playoffs.

Davis hit a single up the middle and Yeager scored to give the Tigers the victory 7-6 and the celebration had begun.

The Tigers now face Ben Bolt Badgers high school in the Regional Semifinals, the schedule is as follows; tonight at 7:30 at Southwest High School in San Antonio then Saturday at 10 a.m. at San Antonio ISD's Spring Sports Complex with a game three to follow if it is necessary.

Simmons, Davis lead Class of 2005

Shannae Simmons is the Brackett High School Class of 2005 Valedictorian.

Tilman Davis was named Salutatorian.

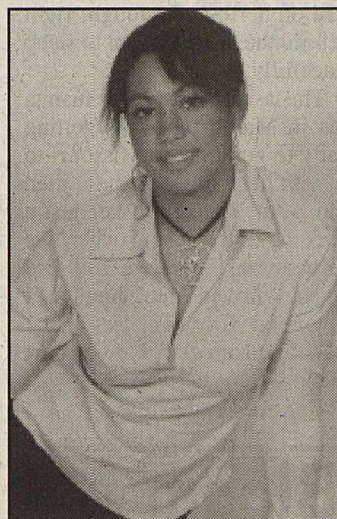
The two will lead the class of 41 through commencement exercises Friday night at Tiger Stadium. The event begins at 8 p.m.

Both are already accomplished persons in their tender years.

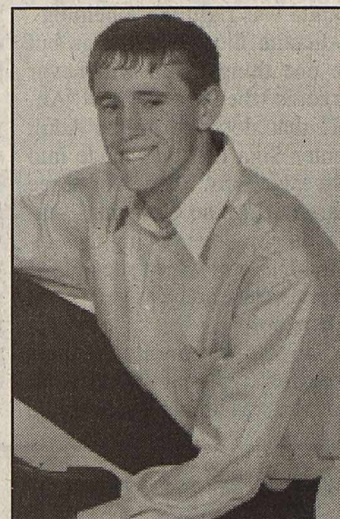
Simmons is an award-winning journalist. She has earned first place finishes for her column "Yo Shanae!," featured in The Brackett News. She received notoriety from the Texas Press Association. And, she was featured in an interview in the Washington Post.

Simmons also advanced in University Interscholastic League competition and a key member in Brackett High School's One Act Play "Alice in Wonderland."

Simmons will attend the University of Texas in Austin in the fall.



Simmons



Davis

Davis is an accomplished athlete, being part of the Fighting Tiger's phenomenal football season as well as keeping up his academic standards.

He was dubbed a driving force in the Tiger's undefeated regular season as well as being instrumental in his junior year.

At the recent All-Sports Banquet, he was named Mr. Versatility as well as an All-Scholar Athlete.

Davis will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station.

Both will deliver keynote addresses to the Graduating Class of Brackett High Friday night.

Band hosts concert and receives awards

The Brackett Tiger Marching Band held a Spring Band Concert under the direction of Jim D'Camp on May 17 with the 6th Graders opening for them.

The performance was exceptional due to the hard work and devotion put forth from all the students involved.

D'Camp presented awards to 6th Grade, Junior High and High School students for their hard work and dedication.

The 6th Grade Outstanding awards were presented to Haley Hale, woodwind; Bryan Calk, brass and Paige Nowlin, percussion.

The Most Improved went to Marisol Aguirre, woodwind; Ayland Letsinger; brass and Jaime Sandoval, percussion.

The Director's Awards went to Tyler McDonald, woodwind; Kelsey Bruce, brass and Josh Smith, brass and percussion.

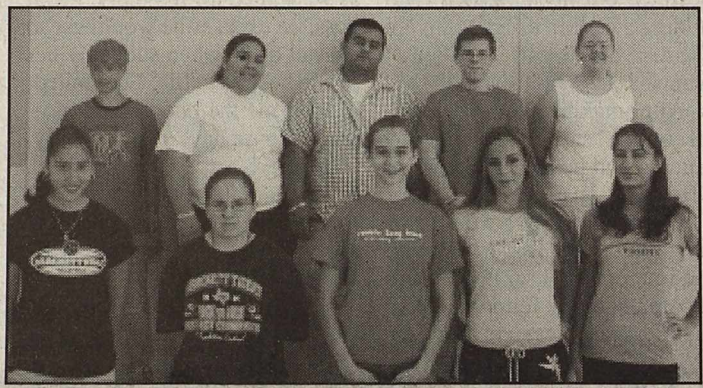


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Top left: Cody Clark, Cassandra Gomez, Adam Sandoval Austin Schewbart and Emily Calk. Bottom left: Elidia Molinar, Ashley Stephenson, Laura Swinson, Samantha Moore and Brooklyn Gose. Not pictured are Chris Blake, Cody Robinette, Katie Braesicke, Kaden Berg, Charlie Rose, Jessica Siegel and Valentin Barrutieta.

The Junior High Outstanding Awards went to Katie Braesicke, woodwind; Cody Clark, brass and Chris Blake, percussion.

Most Improved were Brooklyn Gose, woodwind; Elidia

Molinar, brass and Chris Blake, percussion. Director's Awards went to Laura Swinson, woodwind; Samantha Moore, brass and Emily Calk, percussion.

The High School Outstanding

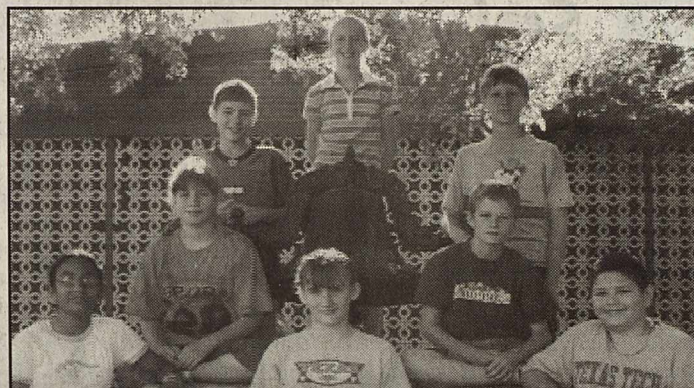


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Bill to bring sides together is dead in the water

Dead before it even got started was a compromise to HB 3571 that would have granted Brackettville up to a \$900,000 grant from the Texas Water Development Board.

The compromise had it been introduced could have alleviate many of the local concerns with HB 3571 and negotiated a deal between many of the divided sides over Kinney County's water issues.

The compromise, read that since the creation of the groundwater conservation district, it has

had management issues, failed to comply with its own rules, failed to conduct scientific studies, ignored the advice of its consultants, failed to respond to requests for public information, and operated in excess of its limited revenues so that it is in danger of insolvency.

The compromise read that it is in the best interest of the district and the state to attempt to preserve the district by placing it into receivership, so its management and fiscal problems can be addressed, its dissolution can be averted, and the underground

water resources under its jurisdiction can be adequately managed and protected in the interim.

It also stated that "The board shall grant an initial regular permit to a municipal corporation or district created pursuant to article XVI, that owned a well with drawing underground water from the portion of the aquifer in Kinney County for municipal purposes on Jan. 1, 2005, in production amounts equal to the annual average production presented to the Kinney County Groundwater District in Support of an application filed with the

district on or before Dec. 31, 2003, in accordance with the district's rules then in effect.

Which meant, that if the bill was successful, the City of Brackettville would have been virtually guaranteed permits for their pumping of Kinney County Water, and also included - but not limited to - Fort Clark Springs.

The bill, if passed, would also have allowed a declaration of emergency.

"Declaration of emergency and finding of necessity.

"The Legislature finds: that

the city of Brackettville is located in an economically depressed county; and that the municipal water supply distribution system of the City of Brackettville in Kinney County is in a state of complete disrepair; and that to avoid waste and achieve conservation of water from the aquifer produced by the City of Brackettville, repairs must be made on an emergency basis to the city's municipal water supply distribution system in an amount not to exceed nine hundred thousand dollars; and that the Texas Water Development Board is to fund

as a grant said repairs up to \$900,000 out of the Board's Economically Distressed Areas Program on or before March 1, 2006.

That meant, the City of Brackettville could have received a grant of up to \$900,000 to have its water infrastructure fixed. But with the bill now dead, the likelihood of that happening is null.

So, what exactly happened to the bill? Calls to Texas Rep. Puente went unanswered and *The Brackett News* was unable to connect with State Rep. Tracy O. King for a comment.

INSIDE

Shanae Simmons

Stepping out of the door, she squinted her painted eyes, blinded slightly by the sun. Barefoot and glimmering from all the glitter, she walked into the yard.

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Baldree

Seafood lovers, today is for you! I had the privilege of indulging in real home cooked cajun food. The two different cooks of these recipes agreed to give them to me in exchange for mine

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Brackettville resident named finalist in H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards

During the month of May, when National Teacher Appreciation Week is observed, H-E-B is honoring the state's finest teachers and principals, including Monea Meck-Fortunato, a teacher at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary in the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District.

H-E-B representatives surprised Meck-Fortunato today in her classroom with flowers, cake, a check for \$1,000, a \$1,000 school grant, and the announcement that she is among the 30 teachers, 15 principals and five school districts named finalists in H-E-B's Excellence in Education Awards program.

Meck-Fortunato could never be described as boring. She actually began her career at the age of 12 as a horse-riding instructor.

For the last 12 years Meck-Fortunato has taught at Calderon Elementary where she is cur-



Monea Meck-Fortunato

rently a gifted and talented instructor.

Here, she employs "outside-the-box" teaching methods that challenge her students and remain with them long after they leave her classroom.

She is known for her unique teaching aids such as praying mantis egg casings and wild bird feathers.

She also makes Internet access available to all students so that they may conduct group research.

In her time at Calderon Elementary, Meck-Fortunato secured a \$40,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a three-mile nature trail for the school's use.

A passionate environmentalist, Meck-Fortunato teaches her students to appreciate all living creatures and to understand that they are an integral part of the eco-system that surrounds them.

On the weekends, she serves as the "official tractor driver and nature trail maintenance officer," supporting the school's science department.

"She is a teacher who pours her heart and soul into her stu-

dents and loves what she does," Jeanette Gallegos, a parent of two of Meck-Fortunato's students, said. "She is always there to pick them up and to give them the encouragement they need to do better and to try harder."

Meck-Fortunato is a finalist in the Leadership category, for teachers with 10 to 20 years of experience in the classroom.

If she is chosen as a statewide winner at the gala awards ceremony in Houston in June, she will receive \$10,000 for herself and a \$10,000 grant for her school.

For the first time since its inception, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards will not only honor teachers and principals but school districts as well.

With more than \$500,000 in cash and grants, this is the largest monetary awards program for educators in the state. Teachers who are finalists each receive a \$1,000 check and a \$1,000 grant

for their schools. Principals on the finalist list are presented with a \$1,000 check for themselves and a \$2,500 grant for their schools. School districts named finalists will receive \$5,000. Additionally, 248 semifinalists each receive a certificate signed by H-E-B President Charles Butt and H-E-B gift cards.

Each finalist will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Houston in June. They will stay at the Intercontinental Hotel, participate in personal interviews with a statewide selection committee and enjoy a special reception in their honor at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

"We will host the finalists at a gala awards ceremony on Thursday evening, June 16, during which we will announce the 10 winners—including three principals, six teachers and one school district," Kate Rogers, public affairs director for H-E-B, said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I just lost one of the best friends that I have ever had. "Juanita Robertson" Juanita wasn't only my employee when I was the Recreation Director of Fort Clark a few years back, she was my work partner, my friend, and my sister.

She was always there when I needed her. She did a lot for the Fort when it came to many things.

Those that have lived there for several years will remember when the Recreation Dept. was involved with several things, Juanita was right there helping.

Juanita did many things but the one thing that I will never forget is when she was the "Angel" that stood up on the Adult Center Sign that was made into a live Nativity Scene for three years during the Christmas season. Juanita loved being the Ceramic Director which she did for several years, and was very good in her job.

She also was my Pool Supervisor for two years in that hot sun. She was little but believe me

no one got by with anything. Juanita and I both loved animated things so when we were both at the Adult Center, we always had something that would make a noise, dance or what ever for the members to enjoy.

I think what most people will remember about Juanita is when she would get into her little blue car with her coffee cup sitting on the dash and take off to travel to Missouri to see her family all by herself and travel the 20 hours without stopping. The trips to Houston for treatment were very hard on her but she fought right up until the last and went to sleep peacefully.

The last time that I saw Juanita was in March, she was getting ready to go home to Missouri to be with her family. Juanita died May 13th. I talked to her just a week before that and when we were saying good-bye she told me she "Loved Me," Juanita "I Love You Too" and you are at peace and I am glad that you hurt no more.

Dianna Walker

Yes, Shanae, fairy tales do come true

Stepping out of the door, she squinted her painted eyes, blinded slightly by the sun. Barefoot and glimmering from all the glitter, she walked into the yard. There waiting, was a tuxedoed gentleman with a corsage in hand and smile on face.

The girl smiled back, because she knew this year's prom was different, and the night was just beginning.

This year's prom was one of the most excellent in quality. (Oh who am I kidding, it totally rocked!)

Of course last year's prom was great, with its string of romantic hubble bubble, but this year's surpassed it completely. It was filled with action packed adventures, crazy dancing, and all-out hardcore fun, all thanks to an unusual, yet amazing date.

My efforts began well enough to find the perfect escort. I wanted someone who could make my last prom experience just as fun as my junior year. I wanted someone funny, smart, interesting, and not too bad on the eyes either. So with those ingredients, I went on a little safari, a full out man hunt.

I began the hunt on my computer. Listing my achievements, favorite things, and interests, I wrote up a little biography. I decided that I was going to write up an advertisement, advertising the availability of none other than yours truly.

For those of you imagining me visiting match.com, and chatting with overweight 40-year-olds pretending to be 18-year-old studs, I shall sooth your fears. I did nothing of the sort. Instead, I printed out my biography, including a certain criteria and application on the back, entitled "I Wanna Date With Shanae".

After making about 25 colorful copies, I stuffed them into my suitcase and headed for regional UIL.

There I thought I would find the perfect guy, smart, funny, and interesting. I sat in the waiting area with my fellow regional qualifiers, and began to scope out

my prey. I would sporadically jump up from my seat, and give out some lame pick up line like "hey did it hurt.... when you fell from heaven?" and hand the "hottie" flier.

Eventually, my efforts led me to a very attractive and witty champion of state debate. He was smart, incredibly funny, and willing to attend prom with me.

After regionals, we emailed back and forth on the internet, and talked a few times on the phone, and I was sure that prom would end up just as great as the year before.

Then one day, everything changed. He had a little car accident, and was unable to drive the distance.

Disappointed and a little worried, I began the hunt all over again, with much less fervor. Then I remembered a friend of mine who was coming down to visit. Another friend and I were going to give her a surprise visit for graduation, and she was to come back down with us, where she would attend the prom. I was psyched. But in the end, an important situation arose, and she was unable to come back with us, or even come for prom. So once more I was dateless and decided to go stag.

We flew back in, and on the way home, I got a bright idea. I remembered my friend Jackie's cousin, who I thought was really funny.

"Hey Jack," I said as we drove home. "Do you think Clayton would go to prom with me?"

"I dunno, I'll text message him," she said. We joked around as we waited for his reply, about possible excuses he would use to get out of it, when suddenly her phone beeped to life. She smiled, handed me the phone, and written, clear as day, was the reply. "Sure."

It was only about a week before prom, he lived eight hours away, and he said sure. (Talk about short notice.)

I called him once throughout the week and told him the theme



Shanae and Sir Clayton at this year's prom.

was "Fairy Tales Do Come True", which was quite coincidental, seeing that this was turning into a fairy tale, and was actually coming true.

We joked around and he said he thought of going as a dragon, which I totally supported, but he decided to go with the traditional tux in the end.

The day finally came for prom, I had my hair done, nails and toenails painted, and wings on back. Oh, I forgot to mention the part about my attire. You see, because I often match theme, I was dressed as a fairy princess. I had glittery, deep purple wings, ribboned ankles, a tiara, wand, and topped everything off with a bag of pixie dust. I even went barefoot, not only because it was the fairy thing to do, but because I have extremely large feet and they don't carry my shoe size in mythical creature shoe departments, or anywhere else for that matter.

I told him I was going to dress as a fairy, but once he came up to my door, he was still a bit surprised. We took pictures, my wings constantly covering his face, and then headed off for dinner. I spilled pixie dust in his newly cleaned truck, but he took it lightheartedly. After reaching our various destinations, people stared.

Needless to say I surprised everyone I met, but that was not the highlight of my evening. The highlight was the dancing. Last year's date was a bit shy, and I enjoyed the slow dances, but this year, it was all out crazy boogying. My date got down and dirty. We laughed, and teased, and gave the people their money's worth.

People were impressed with the knight in shining armor that saved my last prom experience, and so was I. He occasionally got annoyed with me sprinkling pixie dust on his head, but he took spending the evening with a lunatic dressed as a fairy like a pro.

In the end, I was voted "Best Dressed" (a phrase foreign to the likes of me), but I don't think that was not the only best thing I had. I learned that you don't always have to go searching for the perfect prom date through piles of orange applications, and things do work out, even the best things can happen. (Also, I learned having the right connections never hurt.)

So with that, I would like to thank my date (along with all the others, especially the junior class, who made a sweet prom experience possible) and I dub thee Sir Clayton, best prom date in all the land, not only in this realm but also in that of the fairies.

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Here are more phone things I just don't like

I'm not picking on the phone company. I think the Bell networks do an admirable service to our world. Alexander would be proud. It's just that there are several complaints that I have with the additions to his invention.

I have a strong dislike for caller ID. In the old days, it was a nice surprise to answer the phone and discover who was calling. Even if it was someone I did not want to talk to, at least I had a unique opportunity to be rude up front. Now I simply let the caller assume that I'm not home. Now all of you will wonder if I don't want to talk to you when I don't answer. Another reason to dislike those gadgets.

Call waiting is another nuisance. Let 'em wait. I hate for a peep to interrupt me. I don't like to lose my train of thought, and never regain it, because of an electrical noise. Therefore I refuse to acknowledge the sound. I will not quit talking to one individual, just to speak to another.

But I Could Be Wrong
Chuck Hall

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One last annoyance and I'll quit. I really don't like the phones with variable ringers. I'm talking about those phones that you can change the ring tone to suit your personality. My personality was just fine with the old ringing sounds of yesteryear. My daughter delights in changing the sound of an incoming call on my cell phone. Often I do not know it's my phone ringing. Now all of you will wonder if I don't want to talk to you when I don't answer. Another reason to dislike those gadgets.

But I could be wrong.

Education for the Future

Our businesses require the best trained workers in the world. It is the only way our nation can stay globally competitive in this ever-changing world. The health of our economy and the growth of our businesses rely on the strength of our workforce.

That is one of the reasons I am so proud of legislation recently approved by the House of Representatives. The Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act recognizes that education is the critical link for our youth to forge into the future of new and evolving technology.

Through the Vocational and Technical Education Act, Congress can better support and strengthen state vocational programs. This legislation will help integrate technology into core subjects such as math and science and will better prepare our children for post-secondary education, training, or for entering the workforce. The bill also streamlines and targets federal funds, establishes incentive grants for high performance, promotes more rigorous training for improved results, and increases accountability in vocational and

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Henry Bonilla

technical program areas.

And one the most important aspects of the legislation is that it increases and encourages local control. We all know at the end of the day state and local communities should have the final say on how best to educate the students in their communities. It is this type of continued collaboration of local, state, and federal leaders that will ensure our students receive the best education and our businesses receive the brightest and best-skilled employees. I stand behind the Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act. We owe it to our children, and we owe it to our businesses. To strengthen our education system inevitably means we are strengthening our workforce and are guaranteeing the viability of Texas business and industry.

Remember to read during summer vacation

With summer vacation approaching, most students freed from school are anticipating a great many activities: swimming, playing baseball, hiking and camping. These are wonderful pastimes, but I would urge parents to make sure there is something else on that list: reading.

A brain needs exercise just as much as muscles do. Encouraging our children to continue reading not only makes summer more interesting, it also gives them a head start on the coming school year.

A fascinating study published by the Johns Hopkins University examined the impact of summer vacation on student achievement. Since 1906, researchers have discovered students score better on standardized tests at the beginning of summer than they do at the end of summer when they are "rusty."

Low-income students tend to experience significant losses in reading comprehension and word recognition while middle-income students have slight gains in reading

skills over the summer. This goes a long way toward explaining different performance in schools between students from families of different economic backgrounds. Studies show these students make similar progress during the school year, but those from lower-income families tend to lose ground each summer. Educators believe a lack of emphasis on reading in some homes could lead to this disparity.

During the summer months, middle-income students lose an average of one month of combined math and reading proficiency, while lower-income students lose an average of three months. Over the 12 years of primary and secondary schooling, those cumulative losses leave low-income students far behind their middle-income peers.

Some educators use this information as an argument on behalf of year-round education. Others say more summer education programs should be made available to students. All of them agree that parents need to do as much as

Capitol Comment
Kay Bailey Hutchison

they can to keep little minds active.

The 2000 Census found that seven to 15 million "latchkey children" return home to an empty house each afternoon. After-school programs meet only half this demand, but during summer months, not even this is available. Only 10 percent of students attend public schools during summer months but I am pleased to say there has been progress. Over a period of 25 years, the largest school districts offering summer programs rose from only 50 percent to nearly 100 percent.

Another approach, which has proven effective for participants, is the Texas Summer Reading Club Program promoted state-

wide by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). This summer, the theme is "Go wild...read!" TSLAC provides materials and information, while local libraries implement their own programs to encourage summer reading.

David Price, County Librarian for the Burnett County Library System, tells me his program reaches 50 percent of the children in the county at a very important age.

This investment in reading programs is cost-effective. According to the Johns Hopkins study, the cost of making up the summertime loss of learning is expensive.

Nationwide, taxpayers provide \$7,000 per year per student. The time spent getting students back up to speed averages \$1,540 per pupil per year.

The worst loss is not financial: it is time.

You can recoup monetary losses, but time can never be recovered.

Law enforcement agencies say, 'Click It or Ticket'

Hundreds of law enforcement agencies across Texas will be looking for drivers and passengers who aren't properly secured during the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization, which runs May 23 through June 5.

"Fastening a seat belt takes only seconds and could save your life," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Making sure children are properly secured also takes only moments. Most important, it's the law. If you're in a vehicle and not secured, you can bet that you will be pulled over by a Texas law enforcement officer and you will



receive a ticket." Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. The law also states that all children under 17 must be secured with a safety belt, or in a

child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or in the back seat.

A child less than four years old, or less than 36 inches tall, must be secured in a child safety seat. Drivers can be stopped and

ticketed for a safety belt violation if they, or any of their passengers under the age of 17, are not buckled up or properly restrained. Traffic fines for failing to use a seat belt or secure a child in a safety seat can run from \$50 to \$200, plus court costs.

In connection with the Click It or Ticket campaign, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has been running an advertising campaign emphasizing seatbelt usage by drivers and passengers in pickup trucks.

"Safety belt use reduces the risk of dying in pickup rollover crashes by up to 80 percent," said Georgia S. Chakiris, the NHTSA

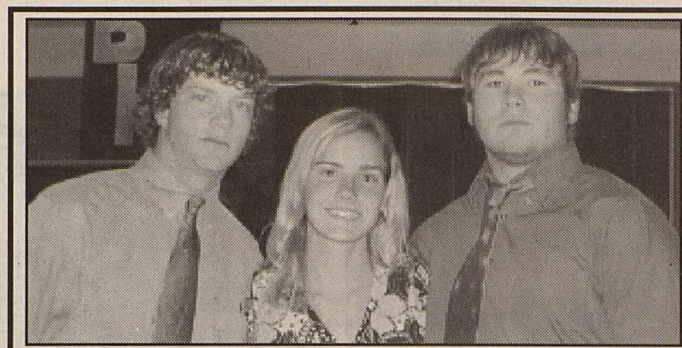
South Central Region Administrator. "Much of the awareness efforts are directed toward males ages 18 to 34, a group with low safety belt use."

DPS has had a zero-tolerance

policy regarding seat belts and child safety seats since 1999. Drivers who are pulled over for seat belt and child safety seat violations receive tickets for those violations.



Tree of Thanks
The Kinney County 4-H Shooting Sports project planted a Red Oak tree at the Brackettville Post Office on May 18. The tree is a thank you to the community for showing their support of the project throughout the year. The tree was donated by Steve and Judy Crosby of Casa Verde Garden Center. Pictured are Korlee Allen, Chris and Wyatt Blake, Justin, Emily and Bryan Calk, Nevada Payne, Robert Elledge CEA, Lionel Juarez and David Esparza, U.S.P.S.



Future Is So Bright
Three Tigers head to further education, athletic careers. Pictured from left, Kody Yeager, who will be attending Mary-Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas and will be playing football for the Division III Crusaders who were runner-ups to the National Champions in 2004. Juliann Ashabranner will be attending and running cross-country and track for McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. Whitney Massingill will be attending and playing football for Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas.

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KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, May 16
3:00 p.m., A woman reported two angel statues stolen from her yard. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was advised.
5:14 p.m., A woman stated that someone ran over her dog and requested a deputy's assistance. Deputy Ron Ring was notified.
10:07 p.m., A woman reported a transformer between Coffin and 2804 had sparks coming from it and it looked as if someone was working on it. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched and reported back that a CP&L employee was working on the line and everything was fine.
Tuesday, May 17
3:48 p.m., Val Verde Sheriff's Department received a call concerning a horse that appeared to be sick on a ranch on Highway 90 west. The owner was notified.
7:30 p.m., A woman requested a deputy in regards to her husband killing a coral snake and wanted someone to verify that it was a coral snake since kids were always playing in the alley where it was killed. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched.
Wednesday, May 18
11:00 a.m., A man stated that someone had returned both angel statues reported stolen earlier in the week. Chief Deputy Fritter was advised.
11:05 a.m., Russell Pierce, 27, of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Tully Welch for Driving while license suspended. Pierce was later released after posting a \$1000 bond.
1:42 p.m., A man reported a vehicle on fire on Fulton Street. The fire department was dispatched. The man called back to disregard, the fire was under control.
1:45 p.m., A man reported three grass fires that appeared to be out of control on Farm Road 2804. Fire Department was dispatched.
Thursday, May 19
10:11 p.m., Maverick County Police department received a called concerning a big tire in the middle of the road on Highway 277 about three miles north of the county line. TXDOT was notified.
Friday, May 20
7:37 p.m., Alberto Menchaca, 50, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Welch for Driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. Menchaca was later released after posting \$2000 total in bonds.
9:46 p.m., Brian James Vanovar, 17, of Schertz, Texas and Cole Michael Tillinghast, 17, of Seguin, Texas was arrested by Trooper Welch for possession of marijuana. Vanovar and Tillinghast was later released after posting a \$1000 each.
Saturday, May 21
6:10 a.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent from the Cline Check Point reported an 18 wheeler driving wrecklessly on Highway 90. Del Rio DPS was notified.
6:43 a.m., A Del Rio Border Patrol agent reported a black bull out on Highway 693. The owner and Deputy Manuel Pena was notified.
8:14 p.m., Juan Torres, 26, of Converse, Texas, was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving while intoxicated. Torres was still being held when this report was made.
11:51 p.m., Fernando Lemos Garza, 28, of Sonora, Texas was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving while intoxicated, second offense. Garza was still being held when this report was made.
Sunday, May 22
12:56 a.m., An employee of a local business requested a deputy in regards to a fight and someone had pulled out a knife. Deputy Gutierrez and Ring was dispatched.
1:33 a.m., An employee of a local business requested a deputy's assistance concerning another fight. Deputies Gutierrez and Ring was notified of the situation.
6:20 p.m., Enio Hector Celestino, Jr., 34, of San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Welch for driving while intoxicated. Celestino was still being held when this report was made.
10:25 p.m., A woman stated that her vehicle had broken down near the Doppler Weather station. Deputy Gutierrez was dispatched to the scene.

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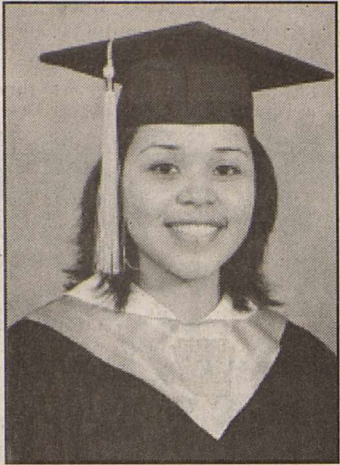
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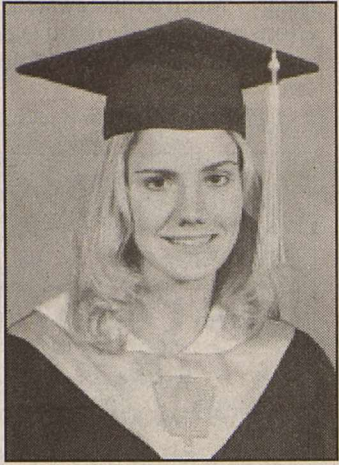
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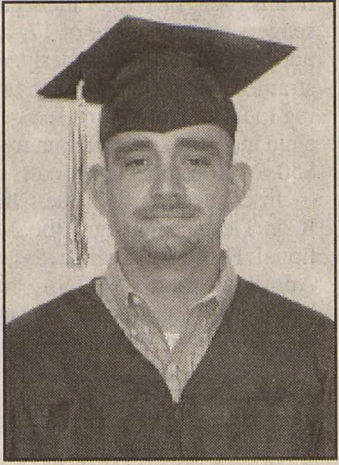
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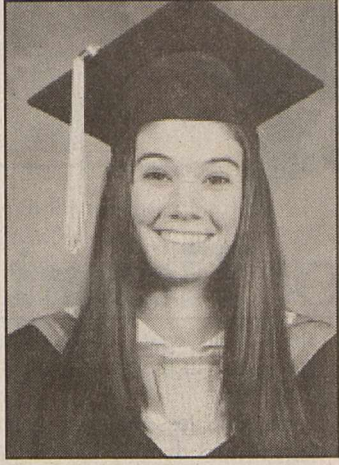
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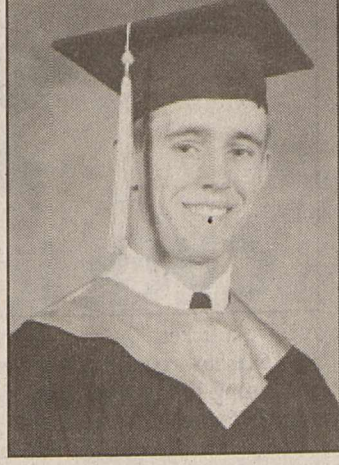
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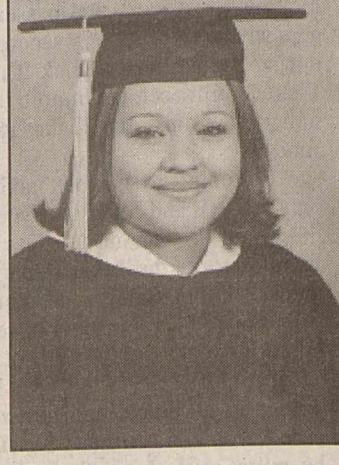
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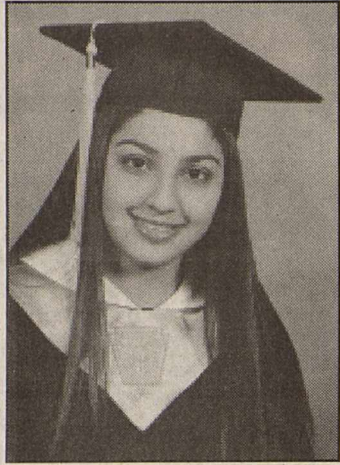
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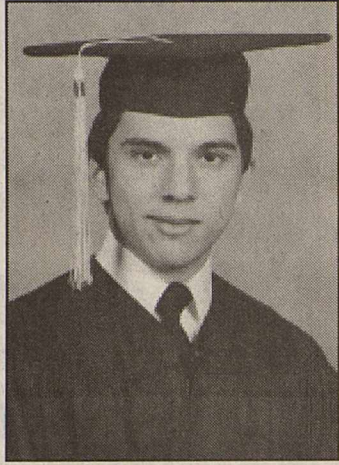
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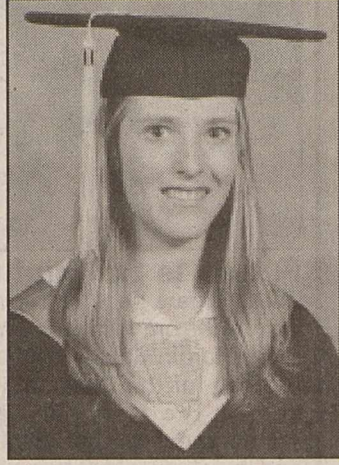
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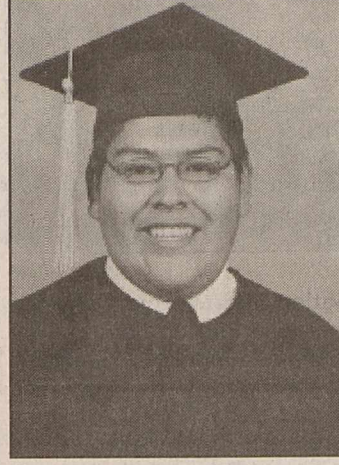
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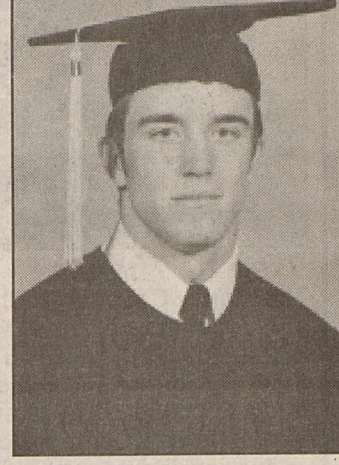
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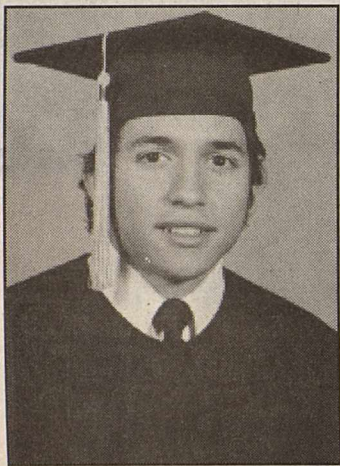
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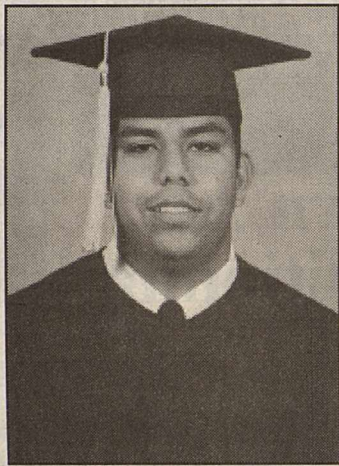
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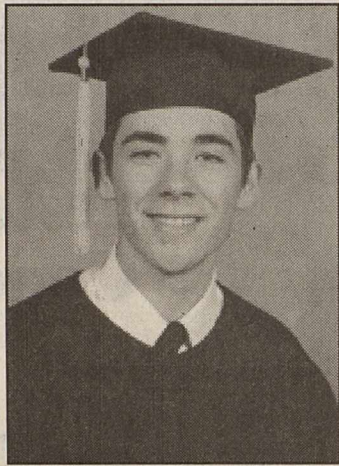
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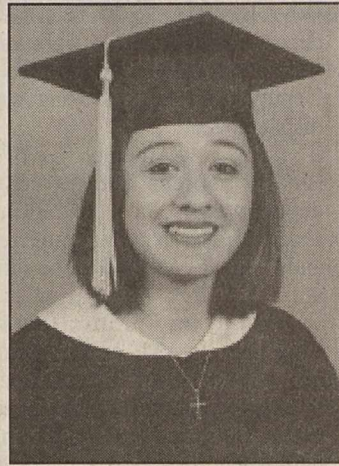
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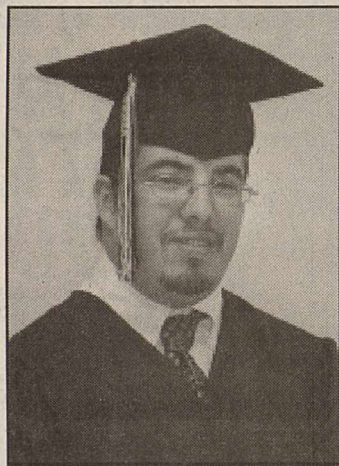


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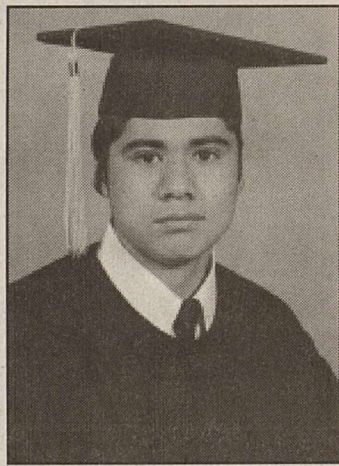


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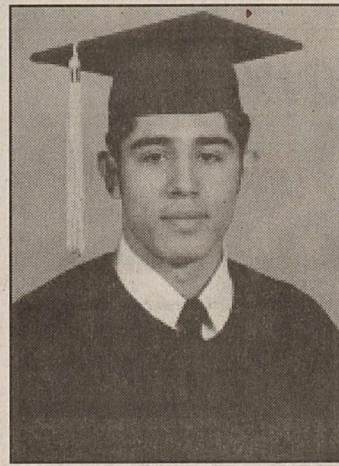
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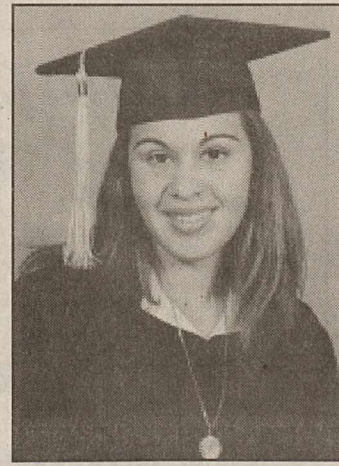
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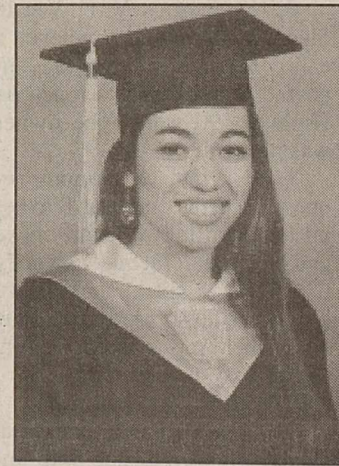
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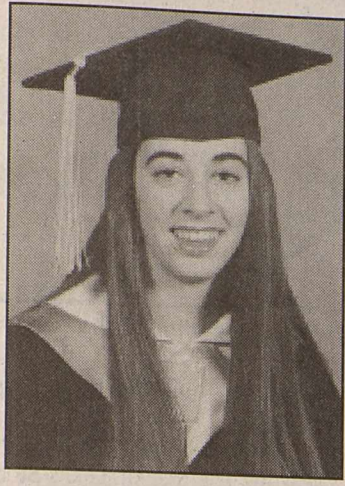
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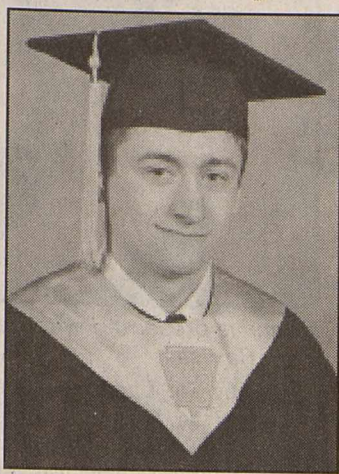
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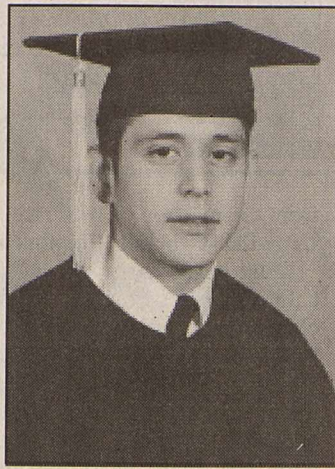
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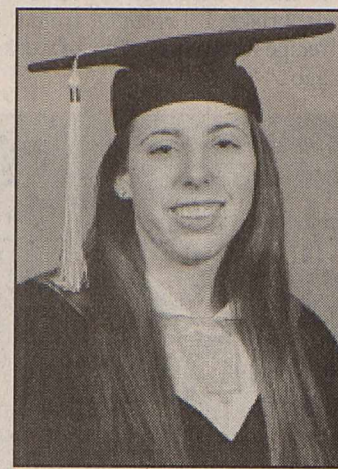
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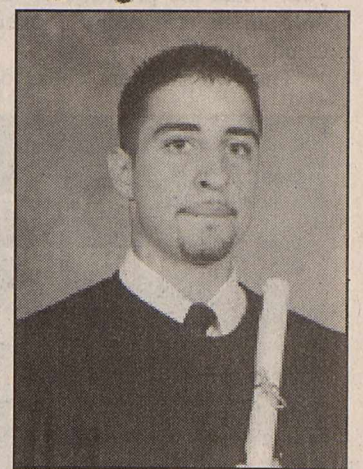
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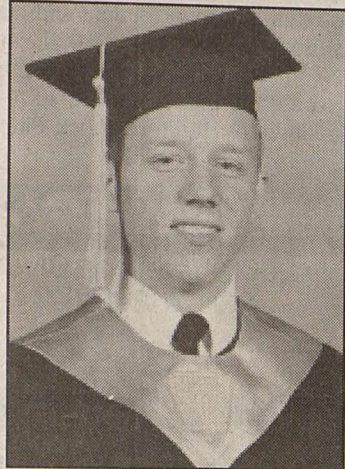
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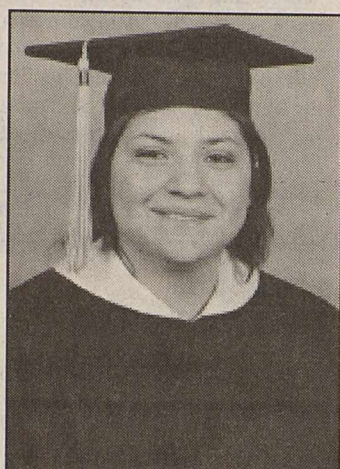
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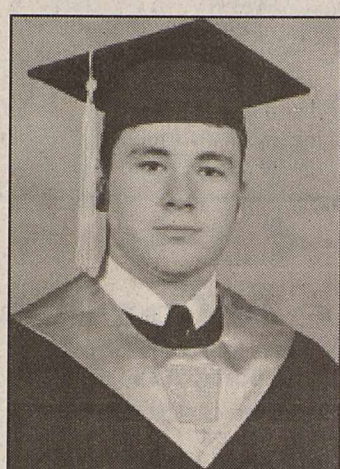
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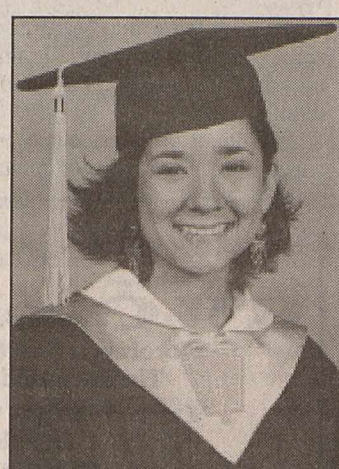
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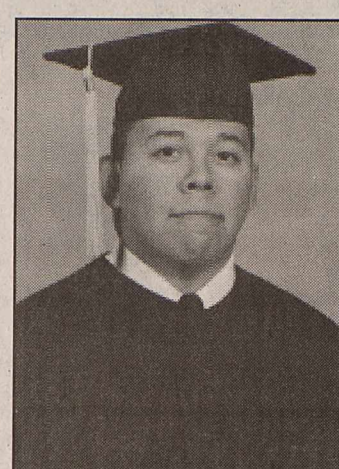
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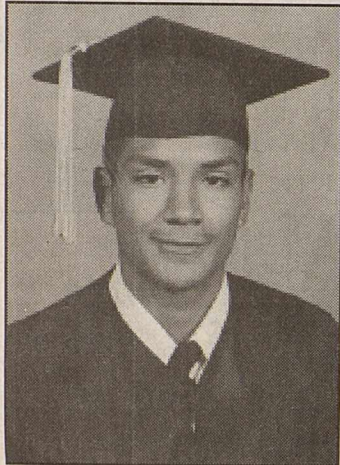
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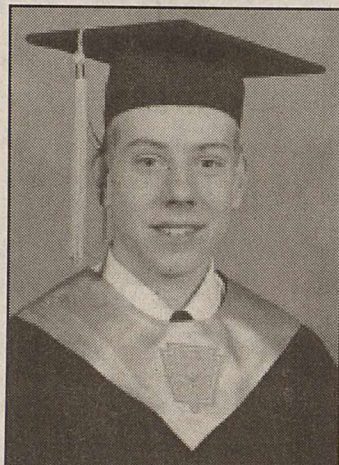
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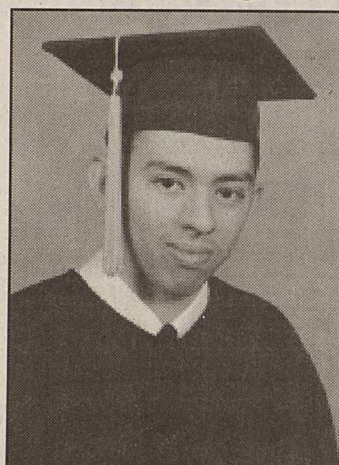
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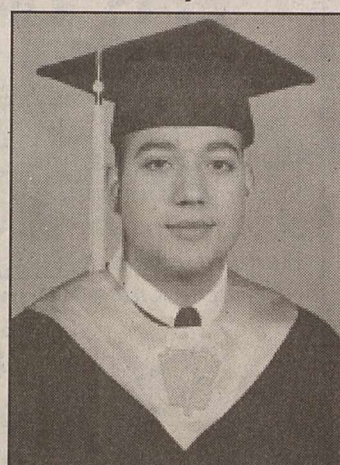
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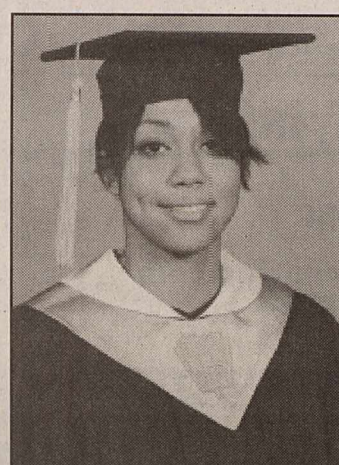
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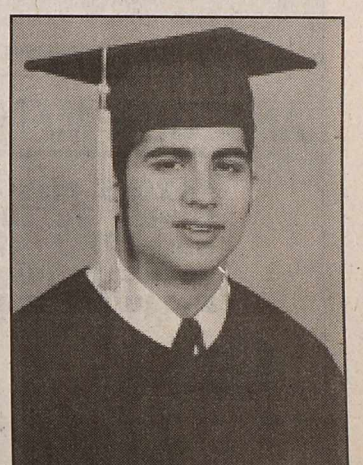
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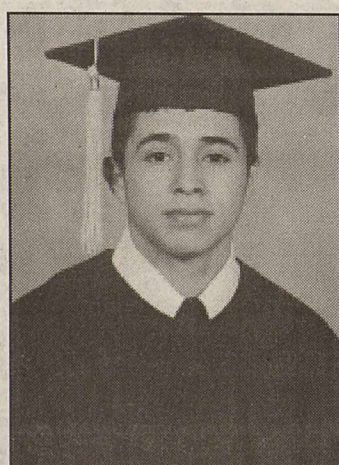
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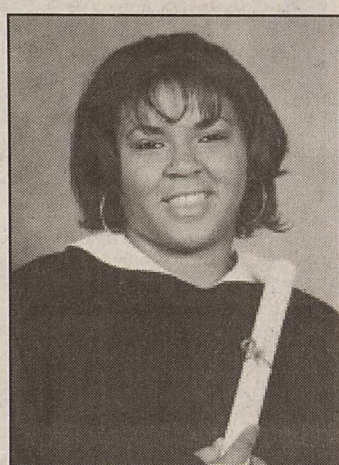
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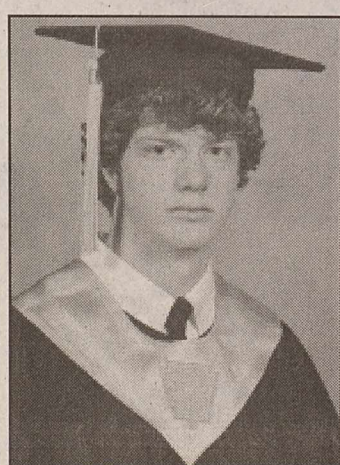
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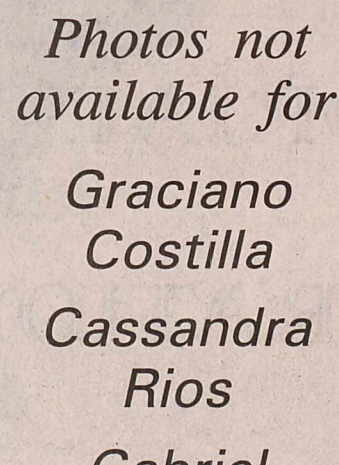
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Guess you could call this "culture exchange"!

Gumbo Casserole

1 sm. box wild rice*, 1 sm. box yellow rice, 2 med.-lg. bell peppers (separate colors if possible for added color) diced, 1/2 cup green onion, including tops, chopped, 1 tsp. garlic, 1 1/2 lbs. chopped shrimp or chicken, 1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted.

Cook rice according to directions. Saute bell peppers, onion and garlic.

Place meat in ziplock bag and season with Old Bay crab and shrimp seasoning. Make sure meat is covered/coated well. Let stand in marinade 5-10 minutes. Saute meat.

Mix all ingredients together and add mushroom soup. Blend well.

Pour mixture into 9x13 casserole dish and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. This recipe doubles well.

*White or brown rice may be substituted but best flavor comes

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Crawfish-Cracklin Cornbread

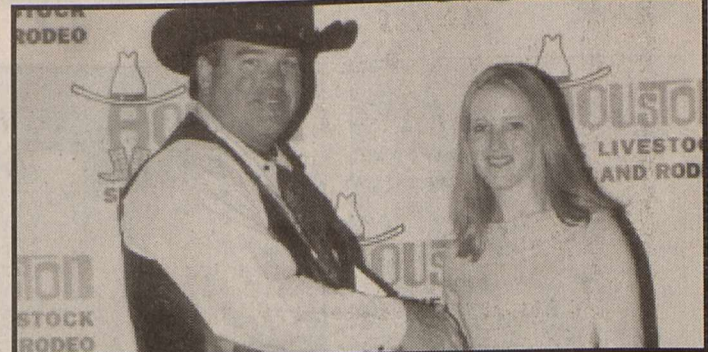
2 lg. eggs, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 med. onion, chopped, 1/2 cup cooking oil (vegetable), 1 cup yellow cornmeal, 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 1/4 - 1/2 cup sliced jalapeno, 1 lg. can cream style corn, 1 lb. craw tails (or shrimp), broken cracklin to taste.

Mix all ingredients in large bowl. Pour into greased casserole dish. Bake for 30 minutes at 375 degrees.

Food for thought

Overweight is often just desserts. Beware of this common diet most people follow, including me. It's called the seafood diet. I see food and I eat it.

Hobbs receives scholarships



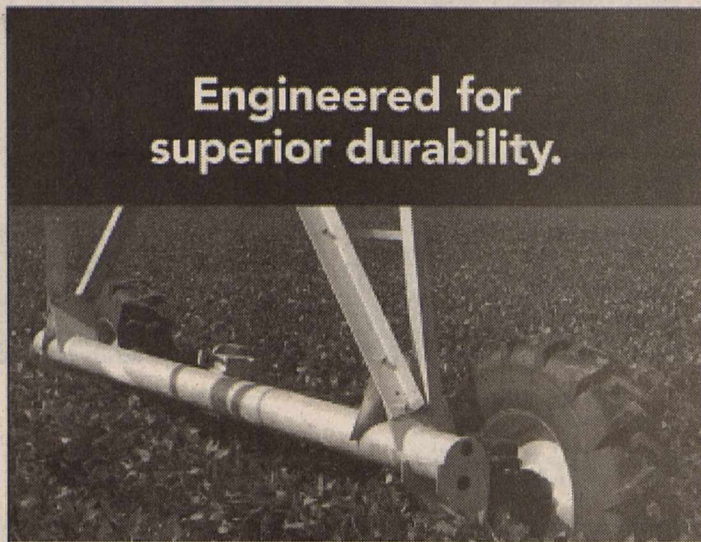
Hobbs is presented with her first scholarship of the year by Tom Ramsey.

During the Lamb and Goat Auction at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in March of 2005, Whitney Hobbs was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship from Chris Richardson for the group Amigas Para Ninas.

She also received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Safety Committee of the 2005 Houston Livestock Show. At the show Whitney placed 8th with her Junior Market Goat which she raised in her herd and 10th with her Finewool Crossbred Lamb from

local breeder, Ballew Club Lambs.

At the last stock show of the season, The Star of Texas Stock Show and Rodeo in Austin, Whitney placed 1st with her lightweight Finewool Crossbred lamb also bred by Ballew Club Lambs. In January 2005, Whitney was presented with her first scholarship for \$1,000 from Tom Ramsey, a director on the scholarship committee of the Sandhills Hereford Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa, Texas.



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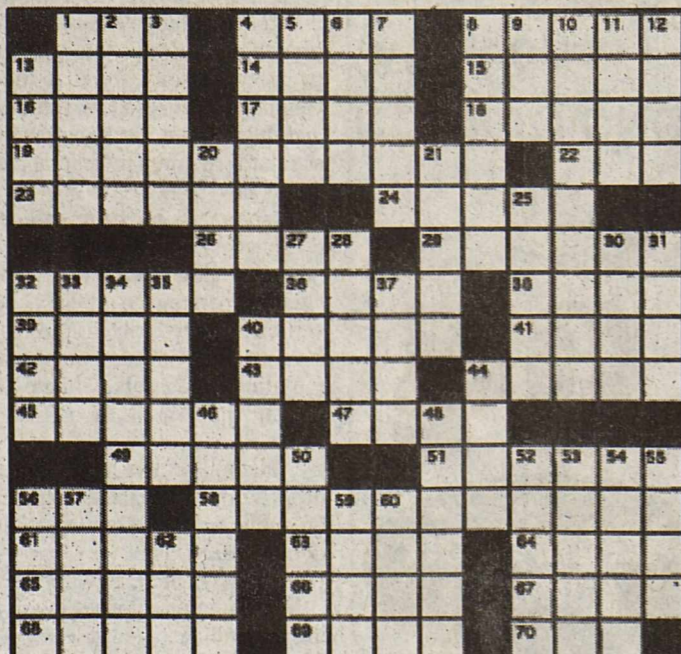
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| 8 "___ of two Jims" | 44 Valuable item | 47 Small amount | 37 Sweeney |
| 13 Gambling game | 49 Strips | 51 Covering for a tiny foot; var. | 40 One of 150 in the Bible |
| 14 Change the decor | 56 Gov't bureau concerned with ecology | 58 Buffet-style meal | 44 Andy's partner |
| 15 Queen topper | 61 Station | 63 Rivers: Sp. | 46 Took it easy |
| 16 Nucleus' site | 64 Privy to woman's name | 66 Lily plant | 48 Humiliated |
| 17 Of the mouth | 67 Lake in Ethiopia | 68 Worn out | 50 Yellow-billed rails |
| 18 Carrying a weapon | 69 Transmit | 70 Crafty | 52 Final notices |
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| 22 Homonym for the 21st letter | | | 54 Satire |
| 23 Wiped away | | | 55 One whose middle name is St. Vincent |
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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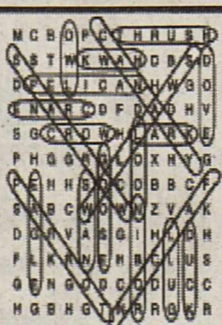
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Roaring Twenties Solution:

- Canary
- Crane
- Crow
- Dove
- Duck
- Eagle
- Falcon
- Goose
- Gull
- Hawk
- Lark
- Loon
- Owl
- Parrot
- Pelican
- Robin
- Sparrow
- Swallow
- Swan
- Thrush



HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Intellectual pursuits are favored this week. Your mind is super sharp, and your thinking clear. If out socializing, be prudent with your budget.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Avoid making any big decisions this week. Instead, let them swirl around in your mind a bit before taking action. Over the weekend, your powers of concentration are not at their best.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're taken by surprise at a relative's cheeky request for a loan. Worse, this person seems to think you are obligated to comply. Don't fall for that guilt trip.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're certainly on your toes this week. You're also on a charm offensive. This could lead to romance later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're uncharacteristically jealous where your mate is concerned this week. Why so possessive? Make more of an effort to trust in your own good qualities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) For those of you looking for a job or a career change, it's a good week to schedule interviews. You're at your sharpest right now. This weekend, creative projects are a pleasant diversion.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're a smash on the social scene this week. However, don't get too caught up with all the attention being paid to you. If you do, you could end up neglecting a good friend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You need to resist the urge to hide out from the world this week. There are things that have to be attended to. Use the weekend for that down time.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A close family member has you baffled this week. However, don't try to second-guess this person. Ultimately, you'll come to realize it's best if you stay out of this mess.


SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic disappointment has you in a bit of a funk this week. Count your lucky stars, though. You've managed to get out of a situation which could have been a disaster.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial dilemma is only a temporary setback. If you scrutinize your budget again, you'll find you're in better shape than you'd thought. Later in the week, stay away from insincere types.


CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Something you've had on the back burner for a while needs attending to this week. While a temporary delay was fine, it can't be put off any longer. Roll up those sleeves and get to work!



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Rick struggled hard to control his feelings and the actions that could result if he let the "tiger" out. He began to understand what old Joe was telling him. "Rick boy, if yo evah goin to suvave on de o'side, yo gotta b'come a new man. Is not 'nuff t'jus control dat tighah. He feedin on yo resentments an yo hate. Da Lawd kin tuh dat resentment ta fogiveness, and dat hate ta luv."

Rick's mind was spinning. "God," he shouted! "Why would God do any thing for me? I hate him!" As if beating God with a



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stick he repeated it over and over. "I hate him, I hate him, I hate him.....!! Motioning to the prison walls with their razor wire fences and to the men in the yard, Rick continued. "If God was really God why would He allow all this?" As if to shove it in Joe's face Rick sneered and shouted, "Huh, huh?"

"De Lawd did'n build dese walls. He don put men in heah. He gives yo and all dese men de same choices. He put befo yo life o'death. An he says choose. An so yo choose. Some men gits to

luvin dat tighah and so dey keeps on afeedin 'im! An heah dey ahr an heah dey stays."


Rick spun and grabbed old Joe by the shirt and pulled him close. His fists were clenched. He looked into Joe's face. There was no fear, no intimidation. Joe's eyes were gentle and loving. Rick melted. He shoved old Joe away and headed for his bunk. "Why do I take it out on you old man?"

"Cuz raht now ah'm all you got." Joe extended his hand to Rick. The two shook hands and it was all over. Joe smiled, "One mo thing Rick boy. Deys fokes aprayin fo yo."

"Yeah, who?" Rick asked.

"Well," Joe began. "Raht dis moment, yo grampa an yo grama ahr looking inta da face of de Lawd Jesus. Dey's pleadin wid de Lawd fo yo soul. An Amy too. She's aprayin fo yo."

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And Jesus rebuked him saying, Hold thy Peace, and come out of him.

And when the unclean Spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice he came out of him. Praise God! St. Mark 1:24-26.

What's in your hands?

I recently received an e-mail containing a list of ordinary items that became extraordinary in the hands of the right people:

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Tim Duncan's hands is worth millions. It depends whose hands it's in.

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A golf club in my hands is practically worthless. A golf club in Tiger Wood's hands is a Master's Championship. Again

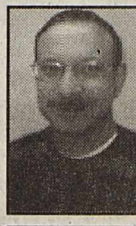
it depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep an angry dog away. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy. A slingshot in David's hands is a mighty weapon.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands are a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and five loaves of bread in Jesus's hands will feed thousands. It depends on whose hands it's in.

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spit on the ground, put mud on the man's eyes, and told him to go wash it off. As the mud was washed off, the man's sight returned.

Is there any ordinary thing in your hands today that you can give to God?

When you give it to him, watch out!

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Monday is a special day

You could visit the cemetery, place small flags or red flowers on the graves, wear a red poppy, visit a memorial, fly the flag at half mast till noon, or pause at 3 p.m. for a moment of meditation and reflection for those who have died while serving our country.

Next Monday will be Memorial Day.

It was declared a national holiday in 1971 and is on the last day of May.

The red color is on many of the flags of the nations around the world represents the spilled blood that was shed for their freedom.



Jerry Davenport
Brother J.

I overheard someone say that, "the color of freedom is red".

"I hope we never forget the price that was paid for the freedom of our country."

I also think we ought to remember those who have given or are giving their lives for the cause of Christ.

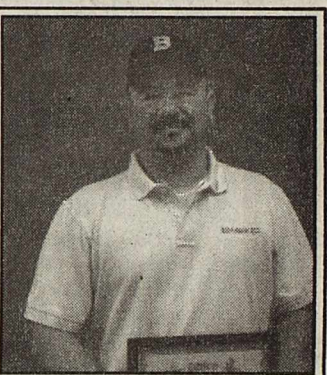
Every time I hear of a country in the news I go and see where it is on a map and even learn a little about it.

I also pray for the different missionaries there and I pray for the country.

I don't know the names of all the ones who died for the freedom of my country but I know the one who bought and paid for my spiritual freedom, it is Jesus Christ, (Revelation 5:9 & 10).

I was given many rights and privileges and enjoy many freedoms.

See you in Church next Sunday.



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Rio Grande Electric Cooperative announces Martin Flores has received certification as a Journeyman Electrician. Flores traveled to Castroville on April 22, where he successfully completed a four-hour test. This was the first time Flores had taken the test, and it is uncommon for an electrician to achieve the certification on the first attempt.

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Pocket bikes illegal on public streets

Miniature motorcycles are illegal to operate on public roadways, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The miniature motorcycles—also known as pocket bikes and pocket rockets—can only be operated on private property.

"The pocket bikes are becoming more popular, and they are illegal and dangerous on public roadways," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "Some buyers have been told they are legal on public streets in certain circumstances, but there are no exceptions, period."

One misconception is that they meet the legal definition of a motor assisted scooter. However, pocket bikes do not meet the statutory requirements of a motor assisted scooter as stated in Chapter 551.301 of the Texas Transportation Code.

There are several reasons why the mini-motorcycles are illegal on public roadways, but the two primary reasons are that they cannot be registered as vehicles and they do not meet equipment standards required by federal and Texas law.

Drivers using mini-motorcycles on public streets could face numerous potential citations, including operating an unregistered vehicle, no driver license, no insurance and various equipment violations. It is also illegal to operate pocket bikes on sidewalks.

"It could be a very expensive proposition to use these vehicles on public roads, so our advice is don't," said Davis.

In Texas, there have been a number of injury crashes involving pocket bikes, and at least one fatality in Laredo in January.

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