

Cancer survivors get ready to take the first lap Friday evening at Blankenship Field in the Howard Glasscock Relay For Life fund-raiser. The event, which concluded Saturday morning with a victory lap, exceeded its goal by more than \$25,000.

Jail woes

Proposed and old on county's mind

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As the Howard County Commissioners Court prepares to meet Monday morning, the county jail will once again take center stage.



Walker

Several agenda items pertaining to the jail situation — including the design and construction of a new facility and needed improvements to the existing one — are expected to be entertained by the court.

Sheriff Dale Walker and Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray are slated to discuss problems with the existing facility — problems that could possibly have the jail shut down if certain state requirements aren't met.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards issued a 90-day deadline for commissioners to correct problems identified during a recent fire drill, according to Walker.

"The letter from the jail commission is advising the commissioners court that our jail once again remains in non-compliance status," said Walker. "That's due to the smoke and fume detection system and the evacuation of the smoke during our live fire drill last month."

"The commission said without these things being addressed in a timely, written and documented manner that pleases the fire marshal, they will revoke all variances and close the jail."

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Relay rocks!

Exceeds goal of \$175,000

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**

Herald Correspondent

Even a hurricane couldn't keep them down.

The Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life fund-raiser exceeded its goal and the expectations of many over the weekend.

The largest non-profit effort in Howard and Glasscock counties — with the exception of United Way — had this year's goal set at a "modest" \$175,000.

"We kept in mind the impact of (Hurricane) Katrina and the hard times that are upon us," said Vicki Stewart, Relay For Life committee chairperson. "We tried to be real this year and dropped it back."

The American Cancer Society



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Members of the Big Spring High School keep spirits high during the weekend's Relay for Life fund-raiser.

fund-raiser — held at Big Spring High School's Blankenship Field Friday and Saturday — raised a gross of \$201,223.23, with more

coming in every day.

According to Barbi Jones, ACS executive director in Austin, the Howard-Glasscock County unit

continues to be in the top 10 in the nation for contributions for counties its population size and among top eight in Texas. Last year it was ranked No. 1 in the state, per capita.

Over the past 10 years, the local Relay For Life has raised close to \$2 million for the American Cancer Society. The money is used to develop educational programs and for the continuing research for a cure for cancer.

According to Stewart, smaller communities like Big Spring and its rival San Angelo continue to far exceed larger communities when it comes to raising donations. Her theory for this phenomenon is simple.

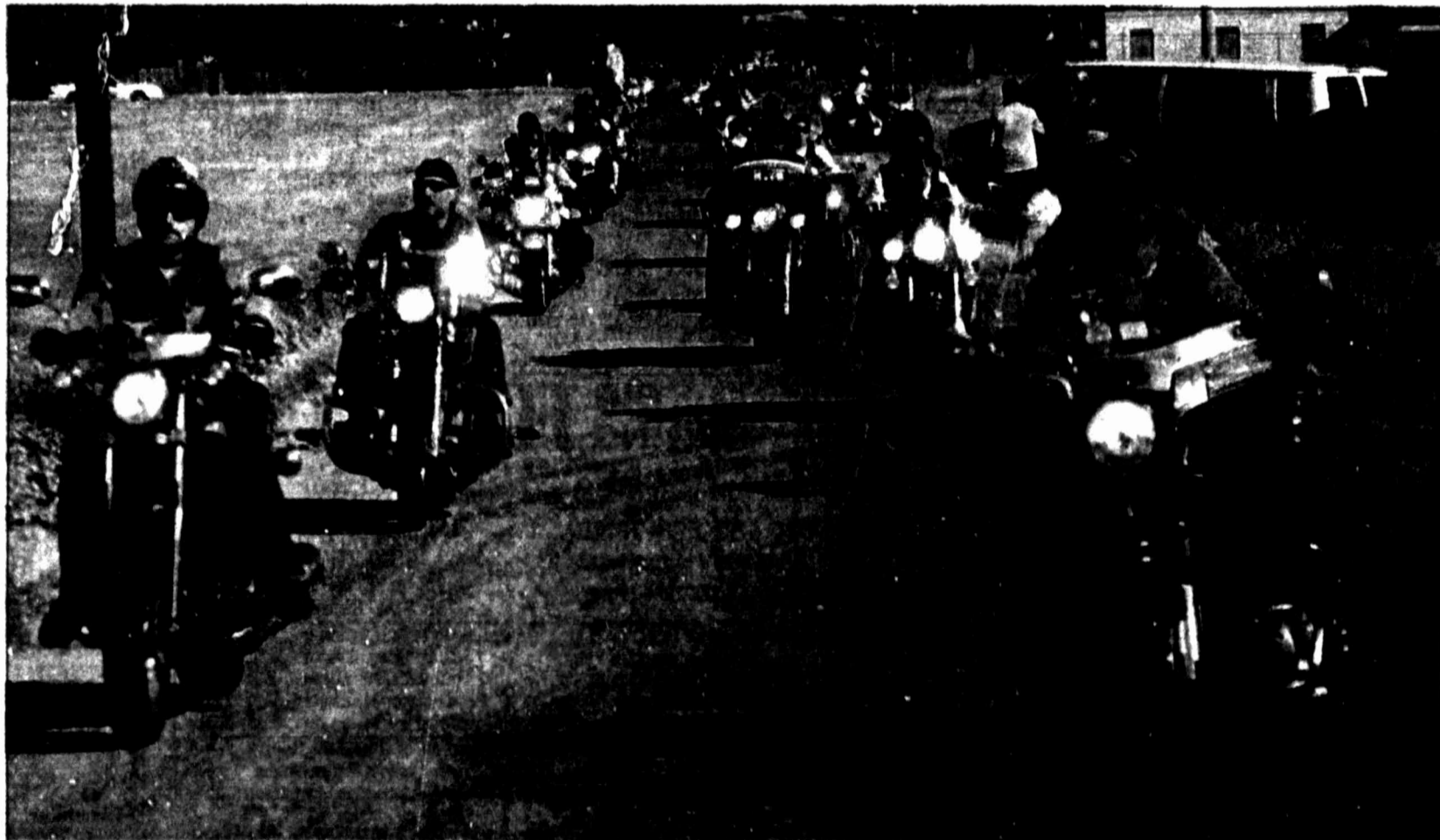
"I think it's because we all know each other," she explained. "We all know somebody who has been a victim of cancer. Somebody's mother,

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RUN FOR THE WALL

Hundreds of cyclists — many of them veterans — cruised through Big Spring to the Vietnam Memorial to pay their respects. The group is making the "Run for the Wall" from California to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual Rolling Thunder observance Memorial Day. After leaving Big Spring, they were to stop in Colorado City for lunch.

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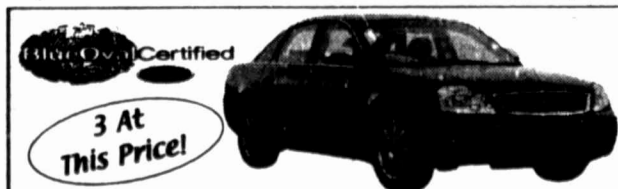
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Obituaries

Eula Aliene Armstrong

Eula Aliene Armstrong passed away May 16, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nev. after a long illness.

She was born in Colorado City on Nov. 22, 1917 to Will Bell and Annie Blakeney. She was married to Thomas Vance Armstrong, her high school sweetheart for 47 years. They moved to Big Spring in 1979 after Vance retired from El Paso Natural Gas. She was a member of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas V. Armstrong; daughter, Wanda Bunger; grandson, Frederic Armstrong; brothers, John, Ray & Willie Bell; and sister, Mattie Brown.

She is survived by her son, Thomas J Armstrong and wife, Carolyn of Las Vegas, Nev.; son-in-law, George Bunger of Ozona; grandchildren, Helen Bean, Louis Bunger and wife, Tammy, Tracy Spigener and husband, Ray, Shari Valentine and husband, John, and Shane Armstrong; and great-grandchildren, Wesley, Ryan and Kimberly Bean, G. L. and Kristin Bunger, Sierra, Miranda & Raymond Spigener and J. T. Valentine.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 21, 2006 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Services will be held Monday, May 22, 2006 at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church in Big Spring at 1 p.m., followed by interment at the Westbrook Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Gary Dean Daniels

Gary Dean Daniels, 48, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, May 19, 2006, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Debbie Spivey

Debbie Spivey, 49, of Big Spring, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Veteran of Month

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• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM VETERAN OF THE MONTH RECEPTION HONORING ANITA MASSEY** is 6 p.m. Tuesday in the museum's briefing room. For more information, call 264-1999.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **COAHOMA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE** is June 3. To participate, register at The Lil' Sooper Market or by calling Brian Klinksiek at 394-4395. Deadline to register is May 27. Registration fee is \$15.

• **AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON** has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.

• **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** for 21-month-old Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned for July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **IRENE FLORES**, 31, 6707 E. Robinson Rd., was arrested on two local warrants and a charge of forgery.
- **JESUS RAMIREZ**, 45, 503 Young, was arrested on charges of evading arrest and driving while license invalid.
- **DAVID O'BRIEN**, 27, 5807 Walter, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **KARRI TINDOL**, 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **LOLITA SALAZAR**, 36, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on a capias warrant.
- **TERRENCE YOUNG**, 17, 109 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **ROBERT MCCURDY**, 40, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOE VALENCIA JR.**, 22, 3605 Dixon, was arrested on four capias warrants and a charge of DWLI.
- **LEROY TREVINO**, 20, 600 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of DWLI.
- **MICKEY EMERSON**, 43, 214 Lubb Loop, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RAFAEL LOPEZ**, 61, 508 1/2 Father Delaney, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DOMINGO GUERRA**, 53, 1308 Nolan, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Main.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3700 block of Hamilton.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID** was reported in the 300 block of Second Street.
- **FALSE REPORT TO A POLICE OFFICER** was reported in the 1500 block of 17th.
- **FRUADULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of N. Second.
- **PHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of Simon.

Take Note

267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@ccrcm.net.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

- Big Spring High School band, preview of its upcoming Carnegie Hall performance, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior-Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 100.

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Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 100.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 101.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-20-22-30-37.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$15,996.

Winning tickets sold in: Conroe, Saginaw.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-8



Randell Bryan (Randy) Reavis
January 23, 1962 — May 7, 2006

Words cannot fully express our gratitude and appreciation for all of the encouragement, calls, visits, flowers and food that was received from our special friends and family during our time of loss.

Special thanks to Hospice of Midland and Hospice House of Odessa for the love and care of Randy in his last weeks.

Also special thanks to the many law enforcement officers who gave their support, provided the escort to the cemetery and saluted Randy for the last time.

Thanks to Mike Payne for the beautiful music at the graveside service. Randy would have smiled when he heard it!

And thanks to all of our friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for making our task easier with their kind words, hugs and reassurance.

Thank you to any and all the others who gave of themselves to our family so we could be comforted during this time.

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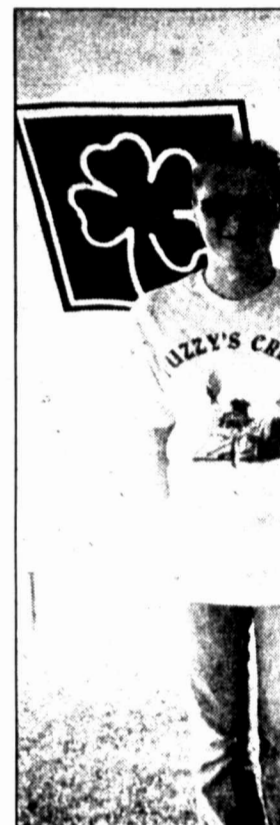
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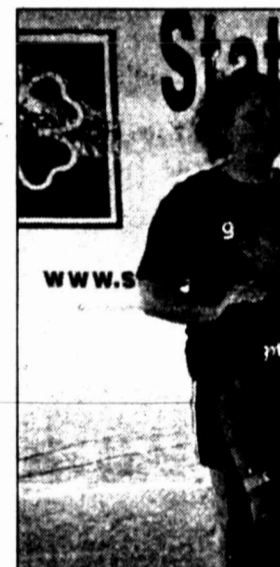
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Pictured are this year's Fuzzy's Crew members, recognized for their hard work.



Pictured is Fuzzy's Crew group.



The 2006 Relay For Life of more than \$200,000 and best campsite award. Pasture.

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Pictured are this year's spirit award winners, the Yellow Dog Daredevils, who were recognized for their hard work and enthusiasm at the 2006 Relay For Life.



Herald photo/Andrea Medlin
Pictured is Fuzzy's Crew, this year's Relay For Life winner for most money raised by a small group.



Herald photo/Andrea Medlin
The 2006 Relay For Life exceeded this year's goal of \$175,000 by raising a gross amount of more than \$200,000. Pictured here are this year's most money raised by a large group and best campsite award winners, the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Put Cancer Out to Pasture.

RELAY

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grandmother, friend ... And when a community grows, we tend to know only the people in our group. This is just one of the perks of living in a small town."

Saturday morning's Relay wrapup was also a time for awards. Among them:

The most money raised by a small group of one to 30 members was Fuzzy's Crew, with a total of \$10,632.

The most money raised

by a large group of 31 and over — Scenic Mountain Medical Center with \$13,710. The hospital's team was also awarded the best campsite award.

The Tony Danza Tap Dance Extravaganza outpaced everyone with the most laps at 318, which was a record.

The spirit award, newly created for the most hard-working and enthusiastic team, was presented to the Yellow Dog Daredevils.

The team with the most members was the Goliad Gladiators with 144.

Winning teams were presented with a group

photo and a trophy engraved with the team's name.

The trophy is kept for a year and presented to the next year's winner.

Despite natural disasters and a troubled economy, officials proclaimed that the Howard-Glasscock unit once again pulled through — a feat greatly appreciated by Jones, the ACS executive director.

"Thank you, Big Spring, for the turnout and all your love and support," she said.

"It takes a community to fight this battle. Big Spring does. You get it."

JAIL

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That decision will be made by Aug. 3, which is the commission's next meeting."

Walker said emergency systems at the county jail failed in several different areas during the test, problems the county will have to remedy as soon as possible.

They include failure by the system to detect smoke within 60 seconds, failure to purge the jail floor of smoke and rapid spreading of smoke throughout the facility.

Also on Monday's agenda, County Judge Ben Lockhart is expected to entertain discussions concerning funding for the construction of a new jail facility, currently to be located near the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate Highway 20.

Whether the county will opt to hold a bond election or issue certificates of obligation to fund the construction has yet to be addressed by the court, however, some commissioners say they have already formed opinions on the matter.

"As far as I'm concerned, this matter will

come down to a bond election," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore following the court's last meeting.

"There has been some talk about certificates of obligation, but I really don't know if I could go that route. It's going to take a lot to change my mind on this issue.

"I think the people want to vote on this, and because we've had so much conflict on this, we owe it to the citizens. I hope they will realize this is something we have to have, and I hope we've done a good job on selecting and give them a choice as to how to finance this."

Also on Monday's agenda, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the commissioners with invoices, purchase requests and consider awarding bids to electrical providers.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to present commissioners with personnel considerations, while County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the court with pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance.

Midland College representative Barry Horseman is expected to

present commissioners with a renewal contract with the college for its breath alcohol testing program.

Local attorney Drew Mouton is expected to present commissioners with a resolution seeking approval to accept offers to purchase property for less than the amount of judgment or appraisal.

The meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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- Tanique Tanning Salon
- Dr. John Stanley
- State National Bank
- Wal-Mart
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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Please help make Pops in the Park a success this year

The letters have gone out and a few checks have begun to trickle in, but members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation need the community's support and money as they make plans for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

And it's not too early to be thinking about July the Fourth, because such programs aren't put together in a couple of weeks. Besides, there are only about six weeks left before the July 4 weekend.

When you consider the committee is putting together a show that carries a price tag in the neighborhood of \$35,000, it's time for organizers to call for donations and sponsorships — money that comes from local businesses and individuals.

Now heading into its ninth year, Pops in the Park has become a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do many living in other cities.

Donations make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Jan Hansen, who serves as the foundation's co-chairman for the event. "The community has always come through for us in the past and we're sure it will again. And we want everyone to know how much we appreciate the support they give us every year."

The Big Spring Herald will again be among the presenters for the show, along with the Big Spring Symphony, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Visitors and Convention Bureau, the city of Big Spring, KBYG and KBST. Both radio stations are expected to broadcast the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheater.

The Herald is proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and we encourage others in the community to do the same. Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation's birthday in impressive fashion.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we trust in You, Lord, we keep our eye on heavenly long-term goals.

Amen

A tempest in a teapot? Not really

One of the true joys of working at a newspaper ... and one of the real banes ... is occasionally dealing with the "crazies" of this world. Yes, indeed, so many of the things we encounter in life are double-edged swords.

That has always been true when it came to those who take religious fanaticism to new levels. And believe me, in more than 28 years of newspapering, I've encountered my share.

Take for example, there was a fellow from Chicago, who for years would periodically mail out 10- to 15-page letters to editors of newspapers all over the country. His missives always began the same way: "Greetings from Almighty God..."

Imagine my surprise to learn that God lived in Chicago!

Now, I've only been to Chicago once in my lifetime, but that was enough to be reasonably certain it isn't Heaven.

Being a devoted ZZ Top fan, I was always reminded of my Tres Hombres album that let me know, "Jesus done left Chicago and he's bound for New Orleans..."

Wouldn't you know it, then we (us newspaper editor types) started getting large envelopes in the mail from a guy in Columbus, Ohio, letting us know that he was Jesus and that his father was not pleased with any of us in the media.

It should be noted that both "God from Chicago" and "Jesus

from Columbus" were pretty much on the same page. They rambled on and on in almost incomprehensible fashion. Pretty much what you'd expect.

Whatever their motivation, they were most certainly devout.

Now I realize that first class postage wasn't as expensive as it is now, but both of those guys were spending more than \$1 a letter on stamps. They kinda stood out, if you know what I mean?

But today, with the Internet, zealots — from the ridiculous to the sublime — have a tool to get their message out to the world.

Last week it was some clown in Elk River, Minn., who sent out missives entitled: "Apostle Edward says Da Vinci author is right: Jesus was just human and the church lies about it!"

That's right, this fellow named Edward G. Palmer, aka "The Apostle Edward," and author of the four-volume "Book of Edward: Christian Mythology," felt we all needed his wisdom in the wake of the controversy surrounding Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code," and the movie adaptation starring Tom Hanks that was released Friday.

Seems "The Apostle Edward," has actually read the book, and thinks it is a good novel.

Is that good news or what? Unfortunately, the "Apostle" doesn't stop there. No, he decides to tell us "a raw nerve has been struck in Christianity. Not by author Dan Brown, but by God, who reveals the truth through scripture."

While the "Apostle" says the book's premise that Jesus married Mary Magdalene makes for a good story but is untrue, he goes on to tell us that it is the Church that invented the divinity of Jesus and

that he was only a human being.

Then he went on to quote a vast number of New Testament verses which in his view support that claim.

Wrapping up his views, Palmer says, "For too long, the Church has lied about what is in the Bible for all to see. That is the real issue the Church faces with the Da Vinci book and movie."

I can honestly say I haven't read Brown's book and don't plan to. Too many people I know said they simply didn't find it that interesting. And to be honest, I probably won't see the movie, either.

But at least the book and that movie have provided me with an "Apostle" from Minnesota that can be filed right there with the "God" from Chicago and the "Jesus" in Columbus.

Personally, I'm a firm believer that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but to me the saddest thing about the "Apostle's" citing from the New Testament never got around to John 3:16, which in the King James version of the Bible, says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Call me crazy, but the way I read that one verse, Christ was both a man and divine.

What's really sad is that an absolute flight of fancy on the part of an author has created this much furor and given people like Palmer another reason to create doubt where there should be none.

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Congrats, Godspeed and good luck

Dear Graduates: First off, congratulations. Successfully completing high school in this day and age of increased accountability, tougher standards, TAKS and all that other stuff is definitely an accomplishment.

I'm not saying I had it easy in high school, but after taking a gander at some of the TAKS questions you folks had to answer in order to graduate, all I can say is — better you than me.

Needless to say, we are all very proud of you.

Now that you are armed with a diploma, you are no doubt aiming at the future with clear-eyed optimism and steely determination.

This is good. The last thing we expect of our graduates is that they approach the future with pessimism and a sense of deadly foreboding.

Deadly foreboding is a drag. Or bumper. Or whatever your wacky kids today are calling it.

Needless to say, however, high school graduation is not the end. Your journeys are just starting (which is why they call graduation ceremonies "commencements").

And, if I may be so bold, I would like to give you kindly folks some advice as to what you can expect in the years to come. Consider this my gift to you. Sure, it's not as nice as a car or a cell phone, but it comes from the heart, and that has to count for something, right?

- **Right?** Anyway, about your futures ...
- **College** — Many of you will continue your education in college. This is good.
- **Increasing your brainpower** is

never a bad thing. As Val Kilmer's character said in the movie "Real Genius," when you're smart, people need you.

But you and I both know that college is more than just classes and learning. It is also the time that you will take your first tentative steps into a life of your own, away from the protective shelter your parents have provided up until now.

This can be both a blessing and a curse. It can be a blessing because you'll be out on your own, making your own decisions.

And it can be a curse because, well, you'll be out on your own, making your own decisions.

Not that I have any personal knowledge of such activities, but I've heard tales of college students misbehaving in a variety of ways.

Back when I was of college age, streaking was a big fad. Fortunately, this has passed out of favor. As I've said before, naked people in public are rarely an attractive sight.

But some activities are, shall we say, timeless.

You will, no doubt, consume some alcoholic beverages in the next few years. I'm not going to try to dissuade you from this — you're going to do what you're going to do — but try to remember the virtues of moderation, OK? Remember, there's a very thin line that separates honor graduates from convicted felons.

In short, have fun, but remember why you're at college in the first place — to get your degrees so you can become working stiffs like the rest of us.

- **Work** — Those of you who don't plan to attend college likely will enter the workforce (and those of you who plan neither probably aren't reading this in the first place, so to heck with you).
- **Again, this is good.** There is

nothing wrong with being a responsible, hard-working, tax-paying American. For one thing, it eases the burden on the rest of us responsible, hard-working, tax-paying Americans.

But, let me give you some hard-earned wisdom I've gathered over the years.

First, when applying for a job, try to look as professional as possible. That nose ring you're wearing may look absolutely fabulous when you're hanging with your friends, but to a prospective boss, you'll look like a future drug addict.

And future drug addicts, by and large, are not high on the list of prospective bosses' wants and needs.

So, lose the nose ring, conceal the tattoos as best you can, dress nice and put your best foot forward. Remember, the people who hire you will be paying money for your services. Try to act like you're grateful for the opportunity.

Once you actually land a job, simply put, do your best. Your first job will probably not be your last job, but it'll still be worth doing well. After all, if you're going to take the man's money, do the man's work, OK?

There's a lot of other things that will happen to you in the years to come — marriage, children, etc. — but I feel singularly unqualified to give any advice on those subjects, so let's just skip them for now.

That's it, grads. Again, we're very proud of you all. I'm sure things will work out fine.

Your future awaits — have a blast.

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- Barbecue Sand
- Barbecue Ribs
- Breakfast
- Buffet
- Burritos
- Catering
- Catfish
- Chicken
- Chile Rellenos
- Chinese
- Coldest Beer
- Cookies
- Cup of Coffee
- Desserts
- Donuts
- Drive Thru Wir
- Enchiladas
- Fajitas
- French Fries
- Hamburgers
- Home Cooking
- Hot Dog
- Ice Cream
- Locally Owned
- Margaritas
- Nachos
- Pizza
- Salads
- Service
- Steaks
- Tacos

Groceries

- Deli
- Meats
- Produce

Business

- Abstract/Title C
- After School C
- Alterations
- Animal Hospita
- Apartments
- Appliances
- Auto Garage
- Auto Glass
- Auto Parts
- Auto Wrecker
- Bail Bond
- Bakery
- Bank ATM
- Bank Drive Thr
- Bank Hours
- Bank Trust Ser
- Bar
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Drop off your completed entry form at the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, or mail it to us at PO Box 1431, to be received by **Wednesday, May 24, 2006** by 5 p.m. Late entries will be disqualified.

The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section "The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 18, 2006.

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Please vote in as many categories as possible.

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- Barbecue Sandwiches _____
- Barbecue Ribs _____
- Breakfast _____
- Buffet _____
- Burritos _____
- Catering _____
- Catfish _____
- Chicken _____
- Chile Rellenos _____
- Chinese _____
- Coldest Beer _____
- Cookies _____
- Cup of Coffee _____
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- Enchiladas _____
- Fajitas _____
- French Fries _____
- Hamburgers _____
- Home Cooking _____
- Hot Dog _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Locally Owned Restaurant _____
- Margaritas _____
- Nachos _____
- Pizza _____
- Salads _____
- Service _____
- Steaks _____
- Tacos _____

Grocery Stores

- Deli _____
- Meats _____
- Produce _____

Businesses

- Abstract/Title Co. _____
- After School Care _____
- Alterations _____
- Animal Hospital _____
- Apartments _____
- Appliances _____
- Auto Garage _____
- Auto Glass _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Auto Wrecker _____
- Bail Bond _____
- Bakery _____
- Bank ATM _____
- Bank Drive Thru _____
- Bank Hours _____
- Bank Trust Services _____
- Bar _____
- Barber Shop _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Book Store _____
- Building Supply _____
- Cabinet Maker _____
- Car Wash _____
- Carpet _____
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- Check Cashing _____
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- Credit Union _____
- Day Care _____
- Drinking Water Co. _____
- Dry Cleaning _____
- Electric Company _____
- Electronics Store _____
- Farm Store _____
- Fencing Company _____
- Fitness Center _____
- Florist _____
- Furniture Store _____
- Garden Center _____
- Gas Company _____
- Gift Shop _____
- Golf Course _____
- Hardware Store _____
- Health Food Store _____
- Hearing Aid Ctr. _____
- Heating/Cooling Service _____
- Home Health Care _____
- Home Improvement _____
- Hospice _____
- Internet Provider _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry Store _____
- Kennels _____
- Landscaping _____
- Lawn Care Service _____
- Liquor Store _____
- Local Band _____
- Locksmith _____
- Lumber _____
- Medical Supply _____
- Mortgage Company _____
- Motel _____
- Motorcycle Repair _____
- Muffler Repair _____
- Museum _____
- Nail Salon _____
- New Car Dealer _____
- Office Supply _____
- Oil Change _____
- Optical Center _____
- Paint Dealer _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pest Control _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Photo Studio _____
- Plumbing Service _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Resale Shop _____
- Retirement Home _____
- Roofing Company _____
- RV Dealer _____
- RV Park _____
- Screen Printing/ Embroidery _____
- Septic Tank Service _____
- Siding Dealer _____
- Signs _____
- Storage Units _____
- Swimming Pools/Spas _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tattoo Parlor _____
- Television Dealer _____
- Tire Dealer _____
- To Get A Loan _____

Businesses

- Transmission Repair _____
- Travel Agency _____
- Used Car Dealer _____
- Video Rentals _____
- Western Wear _____

People

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- Architect _____
- Attorney _____
- Auctioneer _____
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PARKVIEW FUN FAIR



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Parkview Manor held a Fun Health Fair Saturday to celebrate national Nursing Home Week. Free health screenings were available along with activities for the children. Armando Del Toro engineered the train ride at the event.

Tickets available for gala

Denim and Diamonds scheduled for June 3

VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Tickets are available for the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council's Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser.

The event, which raises money for the patients at the hospital, will be June 3 at 600 and 606 Mathews beginning at 7 p.m. with a barbecue, followed by a street dance.

"We have had a great response so far," said Billie Christie-Morgan, the hospital's director of community relations. "But we enjoy including as many people as possible. The dance is great fun when we have a large crowd on the dance floor."

Scott McLaughlin and Friends, also known as "The Full House" band, will provide background

music with 40's and 50's tunes during the 7 p.m. barbecue. A street dance will follow from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. with Lamesa's "Sulfur Draw."

The event will be moved to the back barn of the Howard County Fairgrounds in case of bad weather.

Last year's gala attracted 300 people and raised \$21,106 for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Barr and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cole will host the gala at their homes, and Leslie Elrod and Mary Kay and Scott McLaughlin will serve as hosts in addition to the Barr and Cole families. Volunteer Services Council Chairman Doris Huibregtse and Mark and Stacy Barr will serve as 2006 Gala chairpersons.

The June 3 gala is the

single, largest fund-raiser for the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, Christie-Morgan said.

Council members support and fund patient activities and provide extras for patients who are being treated at the Hospital.

If you would like to attend or make a donation, contact the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office at (432) 268-7535. Or, you can mail your donation to Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

Donor categories are: Benefactor \$1,000 and above; Patron, \$500 to \$999; Sponsor, \$200 to \$499; Friend, \$100 to \$199; and Donor, \$50 to \$99.

Bush p

By DEB RIECHMAN

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Bush wants an immigration

Click It or Ticket starts Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area motorists who refuse to wear their seat belts, beware. Starting Monday, police officers will be looking exclusively for you.

That's the message Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness is delivering, as the local law enforcement agency gets ready to take part in a state-wide effort to enforce state seat belt laws.

"Starting Monday and running through June 4, the Big Spring Police Department has accepted a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for "Click It or Ticket," a STEP (special traffic enforcement program) wave," said Chamness. "It's a nationwide campaign being done especially for the Memorial Day holiday, which is one of the heaviest traveled seasons next to Thanksgiving."

Chamness said the program, formerly known as the "Safe and Sober," has had a positive impact since it was developed.

"What they are trying to do is get more people in compliance with wearing their seat belts," said Chamness. "Starting back in 2002, the usage of seat belts in Texas was around 76 percent. Since they've really been pushing the "Click It or Ticket" program, they've raised it to 89.9 percent compliance, which is very good."

"In Big Spring, we've been on this program for many years. We've run that grant more than nine years now, and when we started, we were looking at about 70 percent compliance. In the last five years, our percentage in Big Spring has been more than 90 percent, something I'm very proud of our citizens for."

Chamness said the boon of seat belt usage — fewer injuries as a result of traffic accidents — can have a direct impact on motorists' wallets.

"A lot of people ask what the big deal is about a seat belt," said Chamness. "Between 2002 and 2006 it's estimated 658 lives have been saved in Texas thanks to seat belts. More than 15,000 injuries have been prevented or lessened by the use of seat belts."

"What that translates into is insurance rates being lessened, thanks to the usage of seat belts. Accidents are going to happen as long as people drive without paying attention totally to their driving. We know this. More than \$600 million in costs have been cut, thanks to the use of seat belts, and a lot of that is due to medical costs."

Chamness said state laws concerning seat belts are quite clear, leaving motorists who refuse to obey them little or no room to wiggle out.

"The more people that use seat belts, the better off we'll be," said Chamness. "Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to be secured by a safety belt, no matter how big or small the vehicle

is. The law also states that all children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. A child less than five years old or less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat."

The \$8,000 grant, which will pay for the police officers' time and use of their vehicles, will allow the BSPD to keep the roadways safer during the holiday, according to Chamness.

"We've had some problems in the past getting passengers to buckle up," said Chamness. "However, we've gotten that group in the 90 percent compliance range as well. We still have some problems with our older population and motorists who drive larger trucks. We also see a lot of seat belts not being used by motorists who drive dilapidated vehicles."

"Thanks to this grant, we'll be able to put five extra officers on for four hour periods each day. Their whole purpose out there will be to look for seat belt violations," he added. "Police Chief Lonnie Smith supports a zero-tolerance stance on seat belt violations, so if

you get pulled over for not wearing your seat belt, you won't be getting a warning. That's why they call it 'Click It or Ticket.'"

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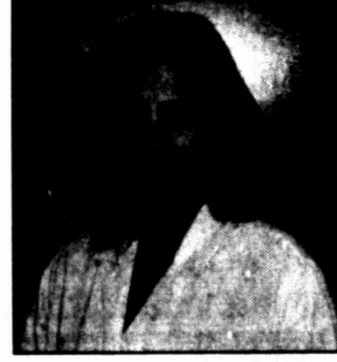
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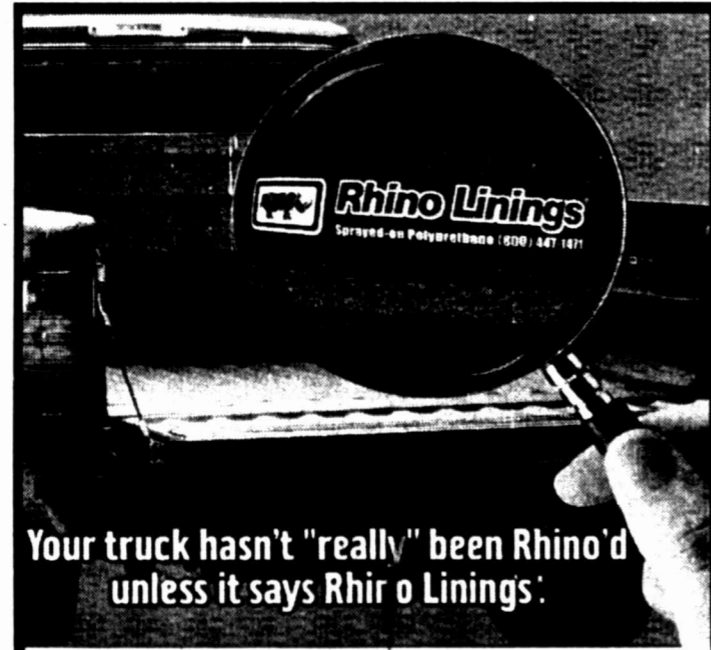


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Bush pushes lawmakers to pass immigration legislation

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

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Bush wants an immigra-

tion bill that pairs up better security on the border with a guest worker program.

He faces opposition from conservative Republicans, particularly in the House, who prefer a get-tough approach and largely oppose a guest worker program — something they view as giving amnesty to criminals.

The Senate, meanwhile,

is working on broad legislation that largely answers Bush's call. It includes measures to tighten control of the borders, creates a guest worker program and offers a path to citizenship to many, but not all, illegal immigrants in the nation.

In addition to a guest worker program, Bush said employers need to be

held accountable for the workers they hire by creating a better system for verifying documents and work eligibility. The president said the system should include a tamper-proof identification card for every legal foreign worker.

"The card would help us enforce the law and leave employers with no excuse for breaking it," he said.

"And by making it harder for illegal immigrants to find work in our country, we would discourage people from crossing the border illegally in the first place."

That doesn't, however, resolve the status of millions of illegal immigrants already living in America. Bush said they should not be given an automatic path to citizen-

ship. "This is amnesty, and I oppose it," he said.

But the nation needs to provide a way for illegals to stay, he said.

"Illegal immigrants who have roots in our country and want to stay should have to pay a meaningful penalty, pay their taxes, learn English and work in a job for a number of years," Bush said.



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News briefs

Parents offended by 'God' removal on cover

COLLEYVILLE (AP) — A yearbook cover that omits the words "In God We Trust" from a picture of an enlarged nickel has angered some parents.

Liberty Elementary, a new school in suburban Fort Worth, chose the coin because the nickel's new design prominently features the school's name in cursive.

The coin also has "In God We Trust" along the right edge, but the phrase was removed from the yearbook. Instead, the \$16 book came with a sticker that gave students the choice of putting the phrase back on the nickel.

Some parents say the school's decision was political correctness gone too far.

"I think it's really ridiculous," said Debi Ackerman, who has a 10-year-old daughter at the school. "Now it has come to this...when is it going to end?"

Keller ISD spokesman Jason Meyer said a parent's group at the school approved the decision before the book was published. Liberty Principal Janet Travis wanted to avoid offending students of different religions, Meyer said.

"It's not always easy to make everybody happy when we are making decisions," Meyer said.

Man found guilty in scheme to defraud FEMA

DALLAS (AP) — A man accused of recruiting the homeless to pose as hurricane evacuees in a scheme to obtain relief funds has been convicted on conspiracy and fraud charges.

Kenneth Reven McClain, 33, of Dallas was found guilty Thursday, according to a statement from U.S. Attorney Richard B. Roper. He faces up to 133 years in prison and a fine of several hundred thousand dollars.

Officials said McClain conspired with others to submit false claims to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, fabricating names and addresses to secure hundreds of thousands of dollars in relief aid. At least one person submitted claims totaling more than \$10,000.

McClain allegedly hired a Dallas homeless man to stay in a hotel room and collect the relief assistance packages and letters.

McClain was arrested in November. Authorities then discovered he had several active warrants for his arrest and at least 27 known aliases.

Perry signs bill banning protests at funerals

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry signed into law Friday legislation that bans protests or disruptive behavior at funeral and burial services.

The law, which takes effect immediately, makes it a Class B misdemeanor to protest within 500 feet of the site of a funeral service from one hour before to one hour after the service.

Federal judge blocks clergy-led prayer at graduation

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge on Friday blocked a southern Kentucky high school from including prayers in its graduation ceremony, prompting students to begin reciting the Lord's Prayer during the opening remarks.

About 200 students interrupted the principal's comments with the prayer, drawing thunderous applause and a standing ovation from the crowd.

Earlier in the day, a

judge banned prayers from the ceremony in response to a lawsuit filed this week by the American Civil Liberties Union. The lawsuit sought a restraining order on behalf of an unidentified student at Russell County High School in Russell Springs, 90 miles south of Louisville.

Later in the ceremony, senior Megan Chapman told the crowd that God had guided her since childhood. She was inter-

The measure, sponsored by state Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, and Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, does not specifically mention the protests of Westboro Baptist Church, a church group in Topeka, Kan., that claims God is killing U.S. soldiers who fight for a country that tolerates homosexuality. But the bill was designed with that group in mind.

McCall made it clear during debate in the Texas House last week that the ban applies to any type of protests at funerals, including non-military funerals.

The legislation does not prohibit patriotic displays at funerals, Perry's office noted.

"There is a time and place for protests, but it is not at funerals and burials for U.S. soldiers who died to protect the freedoms we hold so dear," Perry said. "This bill takes immediate effect, so not another day goes by that someone could callously disrupt the services of a fallen soldier."

Anson pays some of IRS debt, gets extension

ANSON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service has extended the payment deadline for this West Texas town that owes \$230,000 in taxes.

Anson Mayor Tom Isbell gave a \$50,000 check to an IRS agent Thursday afternoon as part of an agreement that the city pay that amount now and the remaining \$180,000 by June 9.

The entire payment was due Friday before officials reached the extended deadline agreement Wednesday for the town of 2,500 residents about 25 miles northwest of Abilene.

Isbell said Anson had to shift money from other accounts to come up with the \$50,000. He said the money would be replaced and that the city frequently moves money from one account to another to make payments when needed.

Wayne Lisenbee, the former Anson city manager who Isbell said is responsible for the delinquency of the unpaid taxes, now works in Abilene's Water Utilities Department. He declined Thursday to explain why he did not send the payroll taxes to the IRS, but he said Anson city officials know the reason.

However, Isbell said Lisenbee never told the city why the payments weren't made.

Lisenbee served as Anson's city manager for about five years until he was fired last year, Isbell said. By June, Anson owed the IRS about 15 months' worth of unpaid FICA, or Social Security, taxes.

Man convicted of murder in fatal accident

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A drunken-driver who was going the wrong way on an interstate when he smashed into a Mennonite migrant farming family's van was convicted of murder in the wreck that killed one person and hospitalized nine.

Fermine Castillo, 23, who has three drunken driving convictions, faces up to life in prison. The jury also found him guilty Thursday of intoxication manslaughter for the 2005 crash that killed 20-year-old Isaac Dyck. The sentencing phase of his trial began Friday.

Murder is punishable by up to life in prison while intoxication manslaughter carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.


Castillo was driving his Jeep Cherokee on Interstate 35 near Jarrell when he slammed into the Mennonite migrant farming family's van. Castillo's blood alcohol level was 0.199 an hour after the wreck. The legal limit in Texas is .08.

A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper testified that the crash evidence showed Castillo probably had a beer bottle in his hand at the time of the crash.

Castillo's defense attorneys had argued he should not be convicted of murder because he had not intentionally or knowingly caused Dyck's death.

The Dycks spent about two months recovering in a hospital in Temple before continuing on to Canada where they live part of the year. The family speaks a dialect known as Low German, which required interpreters during the trial.

Castillo is the fifth person in Texas to be tried on murder charges for a fatal wreck involving alcohol.



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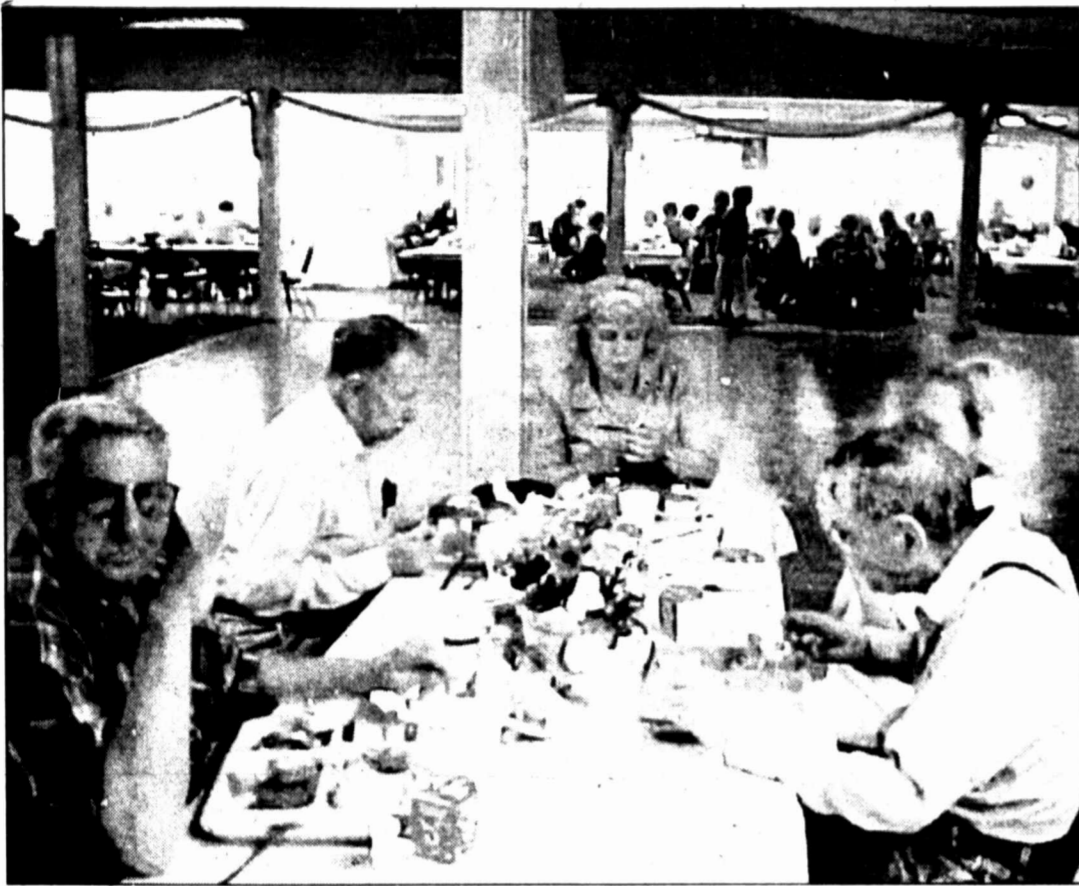
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Mike Abusaab, left, owner of the Big Spring Sonic Drive-Ins, presents a check for \$510 to Phyllis Turney, center and Howard Stewart of the local Relay For Life organization. Relay For Life, an American Cancer Society fundraising event, was held Friday and Saturday in Big Spring.



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Vicki and Howard Stewart, co-chairs for the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life, address the crowd at Blankenship Field prior to the start of this year's American Cancer Society fundraiser Friday evening.



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IN BRIEF

Softball team plans fundraiser car wash event

Big Spring Senior High School's 14 and under softball team will hold a car wash Saturday, May 27, in the Wal-Mart parking lot, beginning at 8 a.m. Funds from the event will help pay for the team's participation in the Texas Youth Softball Pitch & Throw Tournament, set for July 14-16 in Lubbock. The team will compete in the 19th annual Hub City Youth Softball World Qualifier in Lubbock June 21-23.

C.G.A. sets date for annual scholarship golf tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set the date for its 16th annual scholarship tournament, May 27-28 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is a two-person (pick your own team) scramble and it costs \$75. Free food is provided.

For more information, call 264-2366 or 264-7116.

HC sets boy's summer basketball camp dates

The Howard Glasscock men's basketball coaching staff will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

There will be 24-hour security during the camp and the camp includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for boarding campers. Lunch for commuters is available.

For more information, call the athletic office at Howard College at 264-5044. Enrollment is limited.

Tryout dates set for HC athletic teams

The Howard Glasscock men's basketball and baseball teams will be conducting local tryouts in the near future.

The basketball team will be holding its tryouts Thursday, May 25, at the Doro Garrett Coliseum, 11 a.m. For more information, call 264-5044.

The HC baseball team will be holding its tryouts Saturday, June 10, at Barber Field, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call 264-5046.

Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Tuesday, May 30, at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

The club will elect new officers for the year and all parents of a Big Spring female athlete(s) involved in volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, softball, and power lifting are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Cathy Pollock at 264-3126.

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Bulldogettes move on in playoffs

Roberts' no-no leads Coahoma to region finals

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

ABILENE — Senior Kali Roberts took care of things on the mound for No. 6 Coahoma, while the Bulldogettes' offense waited to adjust to Seymour's hurler at the plate.

When the offense finally came around, the runs came in bunches as the Bulldogettes advanced to the regional championship with a 7-0 win over Seymour.

"We were hitting the ball, but our timing was off just enough to make us not be able to hit it hard," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "We got it down in the fifth and things started to happen for us."

Roberts tossed a no-hitter on the mound and struck out 14 batters in the win. The game was scoreless through four but Coahoma got three runs in the fifth, one run in the sixth and three more runs in the seventh and won easily.

"It makes things easy on defense when Kali strikes out 14 hitters at the plate," said Dickenson. "She had good movement and I think she's getting closer and closer to 100 percent, which can only help our chances from here on out."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma senior Sarah Dunn delivers a pitch to the plate against Sonora last weekend in San Angelo. The Bulldogettes took on Seymour in the regional semifinals at Abilene High Friday night and came away with a 7-0 victory.

Freshman Shelbi Paige started the three-run fifth inning with a single. She advanced to second after junior Ami Martinez walked. Sophomore Janice Gonzales reached on an error, which

allowed Paige to score from second. Senior Ashle New walked to load the bases and then Roberts reached on a fielder's choice to keep the bases loaded. Senior Sarah Dunn then knocked in

two runs after that with a single.

Dunn continued her hot hitting at the plate as she finished with three hits in the game.

"Sarah has been hot and seeing the ball well,"

said Dickenson. "She has been real consistent the last half of the season and it has helped our offense a lot."

Freshman Laci Sterling singled to start the sixth inning and then stole second and third base. She eventually scored on an RBI suicide squeeze bunt by Paige.

Gonzales began the seventh inning with a triple and then pinch-runner Aricka Hart, a freshman, scored on an RBI sacrifice fly by New. Roberts then singled.

Freshman Berkley Iden entered the game to run for Roberts, stole second base and then scored from second base on an RBI single by Dunn. Dunn reached third on a throw to home by Seymour, but was then thrown out at home as senior Liz Conley reached on a fielder's choice. Conley later scored the final run of the game.

New, Roberts, Sterling and Paige all had one hit and scored one run at the plate. Gonzales tripled and scored twice.

The Bulldogettes will try to advance to their state-record eighth state appearance in Austin, but need to defeat longtime rival Hawley in the regional championship game or series next weekend.

Hawley, which Coahoma has defeated twice this year, downed Olney in a best-of-three series this weekend. No details of the next series were available.

BSISD unveils summer recreation program

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Independent School District school board approved a proposal from athletic director Tim Holt to hold a summer recreation program at the school and will be funding \$7,000 toward the project as well.

The Big Spring ISD Summer Recreation Program includes a weightlifting and conditioning program from June 5-July 30 and also includes programs for track, tennis, golf, volleyball, basketball and swimming at different

times each day from June 5-July 30.

"It's only open to Big Spring ISD students, but it will be something great for the students and it's inexpensive," said Holt. "The program is positive and the kids will stay out of trouble if they participate."

The program for the most part is free to the students, Holt said, but track athletes participating in the program will have to pay a small fee for an AAU card if they want to be involved in the meets on weekends; they may also buy

a T-shirt if they want. Students may also want to bring water bottles and towels, but Holt advises they shouldn't bring valuables or cash.

"It's an awesome thing and I am excited to be able to have this happen at the school," said Holt. "It's also great to give the kids a chance to do something physical."

The weightlifting and conditioning program, which runs Monday through Thursday weekly, will feature two sessions throughout the summer. The

first session will run from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the second session will go from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The program is open to all male and female students at Big Spring High School, but only students in grades 9-12 can be advised by coaches.

"The UIL allows us to take the kids through workouts and be there to coach them for six weeks," said Holt. "The younger kids can be there and are encouraged to attend, but we just

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Spurs-Mavs heading for Game 7

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

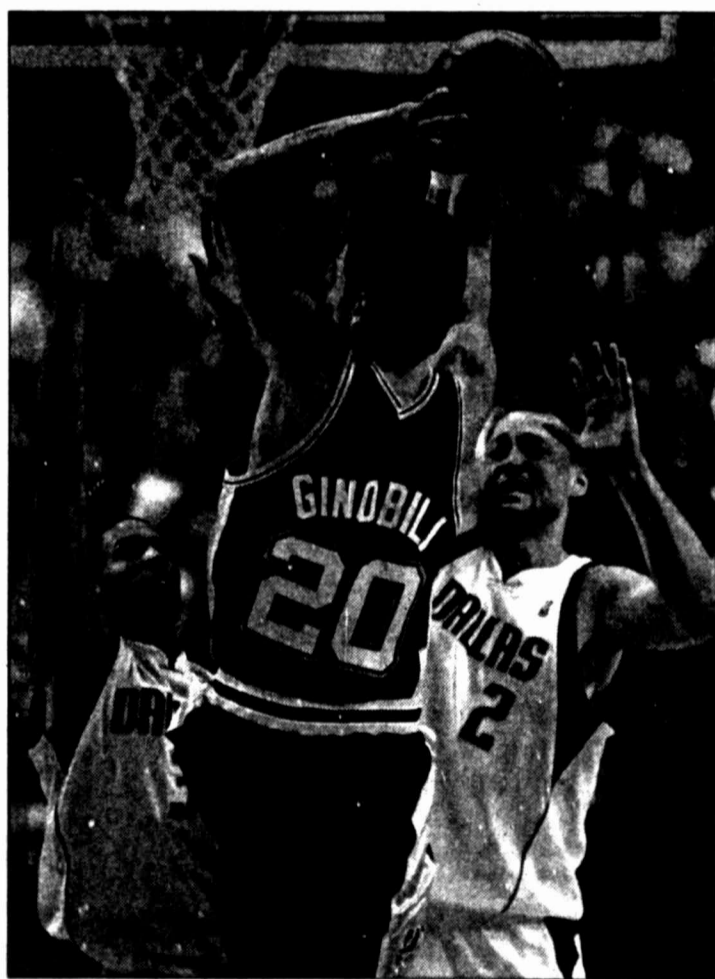
DALLAS — Tim Duncan was in foul trouble, Tony Parker was in a shooting slump and Michael Finley was getting an earful from the crowd.

The San Antonio Spurs' chances of keeping alive their title defense really would've been in trouble if not for the steady scoring of Manu Ginobili.

Ginobili scored 17 points in the first half, more than double any of his teammates, and Finley made key plays down the stretch, carrying the Spurs to a 91-86 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in Game 6 on Friday night to force a winner-take-all finish for a series that certainly deserves to end that way.

San Antonio has avoided elimination by winning the last two games. Now the Spurs are headed home for Game 7 Monday night with their sights set on becoming only the ninth team to overcome a 3-1 deficit.

"This is huge," Ginobili



KRT photo
Devin Harris and Keith Van Horn of the Dallas Mavericks cover the San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili during action in Game 6 of the NBA Western Conference semifinals. The Spurs defeated the Mavericks, 91-86, at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Friday.

said. "Lose and we're out of here. But we can't get too confident. We haven't accomplished anything. We've got to finish the job on Monday."

Despite being without

suspended guard Jason Terry, the Mavericks led nearly the entire way through three quarters. Then their poor shooting

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Pistons let their play do talking vs. Cavs

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — The only meaningful talking was done in closed quarters and during timeouts. This time, the Detroit Pistons avoided making any headline-grabbing predictions or bold statements.

On Friday night, Rasheed Wallace and crew kept their mouths shut — and kept their season alive.

Summoning every ounce of postseason experience and making all the big plays when it mattered most, the Pistons defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 84-82 to even their series and force a decisive Game 7.

That will take place on Sunday at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., the Motor City's suburban madhouse where the resilient and playoff-polished Pistons have been devouring opponents all season.

"The Palace is gonna be bananas, yo," Wallace said.

A fourth straight loss to the Cavaliers would have sent the Pistons on an

early summer vacation, and left them wondering what became of a season when they were the NBA's best team for more than six months.

But the Pistons, showing a champion's grit, dug down and found a way to win.

They usually do. "We know what it takes," Detroit's Ben Wallace said. "We've been together a while. We don't panic."

The Pistons' gutty win wasn't secure until the final tick of the clock, when a free throw intentionally missed by LeBron James was nearly tipped into the basket by Detroit's Chauncey Billups — another unlucky bounce for the Cavs.

"I got my hand on it, and I almost made the basket for them," Billups said. "When it was in the air, I was like, 'Wow, not like this.'"

Rasheed Wallace, whose Game 4 prediction of a victory and quick end to the series backfired, spoke volumes with his

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Swoopes among handful of WNBA originals still playing PROGRAM

NEW YORK (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes has little trouble remembering the birthdate of the WNBA. It coincides with the birth of her son, Jordan.

"I think about my son because he is as old as the league is," said Swoopes, one of seven original players still in the 10-year-old league. "And I remember how public my pregnancy was. That's definitely something that stands out in my mind."

Swoopes won four consecutive championships with the Houston Comets. Along with Houston team-

mate Tina Thompson and Los Angeles star Lisa Leslie, both also original WNBA members, the three have combined for six WNBA championships, five MVP awards and three consecutive Olympic gold medals.

And the talented trio of All-Stars still induce shudders and praise from WNBA opponents.

"Three of the five top players in the world, probably," said New York Liberty guard Becky Hammon. "They've done so much for women's basketball. Sheryl and Lisa especially, on that '96 Olympic

team, really catapulted women's basketball.

"They've held the torch for us for so long. They're unbelievable basketball players, unbelievable leaders with an unbelievable desire to win."

Vickie Johnson and Wendy Palmer-Daniel of the San Antonio Stars, Mwadi Mabika of the Los Angeles Sparks and Tamecka Dixon of the Comets round out the original seven.

From the first tipoff to the first dunk, Leslie has been integral to the history of the WNBA.

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can't coach them. Instead, it is an open session for them to participate in."

The track session, which will be supervised by boy's track coach Mitch Woodard and new girl's track coach Amy Moore, will go from 9 a.m. through 11 a.m. every morning Monday through Friday until July 30. The meets will take place every Saturday throughout the program.

The tennis and golf sessions will be supervised by Stephany Sledge. The tennis session will run from 10 a.m. to noon and the golf session will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The first hour of both sessions will be used to teach the basic skills of each sport to students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The second hour for tennis will have some instruction to students in grades 7-12, but will mostly be free play. The second hour in golf will be basic skills instruction for students in grades 7-12.

The YMCA gets into the mix from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. as it will allow an open swim session to any Big Spring student. There will also be a free lunch provided to all participating students each day through the school district.

The final two sessions in the program will be volleyball and basketball. The volleyball program

will have its session from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Junior High Gym, while the basketball program will take place at the same location from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first hour of both sessions will be skill instruction for students in kindergarten through sixth grade and the final hour will be open play for students in grades 7-12.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) does not allow a school sponsor for volleyball and basketball, but a non-school supervisor will be appointed before the start of the program.

The students are expected to follow normal school rules involving behavior throughout the program, said Holt. And there is no limit to how many students may participate.

In other Big Spring athletic news:

- Holt said anyone who missed out on the Dr. Jacobsen seminar at the school last month can check out a tape of the event at the Athletic Training Center.
- The Big Spring football team will have an open house May 27, which is the final day of spring football. Holt and other coaches will give guided tours of the Athletic Training Center facility, talk with parents and conduct policies of the team and serve a hot dog meal from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The spring game, which will be a controlled scrimmage will start at 7 p.m.

SPURS

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caught up to them, costing them a chance to knock out their in-state rivals and advance to the conference finals.

"We just dropped two tough ones in a row," said Dirk Nowitzki, who led the Mavericks in scoring (21 points), rebounding (21) and assists (5). "Obviously, we approached this like a game 7. We didn't want this to go back to San Antonio."

Ginobili scored 30 points and Duncan scored 24, more than he averaged in the regular season but about eight below his average for this series.

Parker made only 3-of-15 shots and scored eight points.

Finley added 16, including a 3-pointer with 2:45 left that put San Antonio ahead for good. He did it while enduring cries of traitor and whiner, plus endless boos, from fans who used to adore him when he played for the Mavericks the last nine

years.

He already was getting jeered the first two games in Dallas, but the taunts were more venomous this time because he absorbed the low blow that led to Terry's one-game suspension.

"It's not a personal vendetta for me," said Finley, who spent the previous nine seasons helping transform the Mavs from lottery mainstays to perennial contenders. He was released last summer under the NBA's one-time amnesty clause and is still getting paid \$14.6 million this season by Dallas.

"Now that they start booing me, it makes me focus a lot more," he said. "I know now that I am the enemy and I just go out and play harder."

Dallas shot just 39 percent after being over 50 percent the last two games. The biggest offenders were the two guys counted on most to replace Terry — Devin Harris and Jerry Stackhouse.

Harris went 3-for-14, not making a basket until late in the third quarter. San

Antonio dared him to shoot in the fourth and he went 2-of-8.

Stackhouse took Terry's place in the starting lineup and went 4-for-15. He was 3-for-4 in the first quarter, then a miserable 1-for-11.

"We really had a chance at winning this game and playing well, but we just couldn't get it in the basket," Mavs coach Avery Johnson said. "We'll get back to practice Sunday, strap it up and get ready to go back to San Antonio."

Terry was suspended for punching Finley in the crotch during a loose-ball scramble in the closing seconds of Game 5. He joined the team at an afternoon shootaround, but had to watch the game at home.

Terry wasn't forgotten. Fans in the entire front row around the court all wore his blue road jersey, the equipment manager wore one of his sweatbands and there were dozens of signs of support — as well as crude ones about Finley. Among the printable ones: "Public Enemy No. 4," referenc-

ing his jersey number.

The game was tied going into the fourth quarter. San Antonio pulled it out with plays on both ends of the court — and Finley involved in many of them.

He broke a tie at 82 with a 3-pointer from the right corner with 2:45 left and Nowitzki running at him.

Finley also defended Nowitzki on a missed 3-pointer that could've tied it with 6.9 seconds left. The off-balanced shot landed well short. Parker got the rebound, was fouled and hit both shots.

"I really had nothing," Nowitzki said. "I probably should have drove it, get a quick two and try to get a foul."

Josh Howard scored 17 points and Keith Van Horn, in his first extended action since breaking his right hand March 31, scored 10.

Dallas controlled the game for three quarters. San Antonio's biggest lead to that point was 2-0. Every time the Spurs went ahead, the Mavericks regained the lead on their next possession.

PISTONS

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play and led Detroit with 24 points. Richard Hamilton had 17 points and Billups 15 for the Pistons, who played keep-away from the Cavs by grabbing five offensive rebounds in the final two minutes.

James finished with 32 points, 11 rebounds and five assists. But Cleveland's superstar had seven turnovers and he and his teammates weren't able to beat the Pistons to loose balls in waning moments.

The underdog Cavaliers, given no chance of winning the series before it started, missed a chance at pulling off an epic upset and getting one of the biggest wins in franchise history. They'll have one more shot, but they'll have to get it in the NBA's toughest arena.

"We had the opportunity to win and they had their opportunity," James said. "They took advan-

tage of it. It's not disappointing at all, but we could've done things better. No one thought we'd be here now. No one thought we'd be in a Game 7 with the Pistons. We proved the doubters wrong. We'll try to prove them wrong one more time."

Detroit has made a habit of winning Game 6s with its season on the line.

Last year, the Pistons were down 3-2 in the conference finals before rallying to beat Miami in seven games. In 2004, they won Game 6 at New Jersey and then ousted the Nets in Game 7. A year earlier, Detroit won a Game 6 at Orlando and then ended the Magic's season in the next game.

"We can be down, but we're never out," Billups said. "That's our team."

Trailing 77-76 after two free throws by James, Wallace flung up a shot off the glass in the lane and was fouled, and his three-point play gave the Pistons a lead they would

never give back.

After James was stripped on a spin in the foul lane, Billups hit a jumper from the top of the key as the 24-second shot clock expired, giving Detroit an 81-77 lead with 2:21 remaining.

James, driving to the hoop every chance he could, made four straight free throws to pull the Cavaliers within 83-81 with 1:04 left. Wallace then missed a jumper, but Tayshaun Prince tipped the ball to Hamilton, allowing the Pistons to kill more time.

Wallace missed again, but Hamilton ran down the long rebound in the corner before the Cavs fouled Wallace.

Detroit's motor-mouthed forward missed both free throws, but Cleveland's Flip Murray couldn't corral the rebound and Ben Wallace tipped it to Billups, who was put on the line. He split a pair with 10.1 seconds left, giving the Cavaliers a final chance.

With his team needing a

3-pointer to tie, Cleveland coach Mike Brown screamed for a timeout, but before the Cavs could call one, James was fouled with 1.4 seconds to play.

"I'm not sure why we didn't call timeout," James said. "I didn't even know we had a timeout until after game. Being the smart team that they are, the committed the foul."

James, who went 15-of-18 from the line, swished the first attempt. He pushed the second one left on purpose and Zydrunas Ilgauskas — with an unlikely assist from Billups — nearly got a miraculous bounce off the top of the glass.

When it didn't drop, the Pistons charged off the bench and for the first time in days, could crack a few smiles.

"Cleveland did something that no one did all year," Rasheed Wallace said. "They beat us three in a row. We damn sure couldn't make it four straight."

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Crucial Decision

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A K J 10 9 8 4
♥ 10 7 2
♠ J 7 3

WEST
♦ Q J 10 8 5
♥ Q 7 2
♠ 8 3
♣ 8 5 4

EAST
♥ 7 6 4 3 2
♦ 9 8 5 4
♠ 10 9 2

SOUTH
♦ A K 9
♥ 6 3
♠ A K Q J
♣ A K Q 6

The bidding:
North East South West
4♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5♦ Pass 5 NT Pass
6♣ Pass 7 NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Some hands stand or fall on one key decision, and declarer is best advised in such cases to delay that decision until the last possible moment. South failed to do that in this deal when he impetuously went down in an ice-cold grand slam.

West led the queen of spades, and it was immediately apparent to declarer that the outcome would hinge on how he fared in hearts.

Having learned that with nine cards of a suit missing four to the queen, it was better to play for the drop of the queen rather than attempt a finesse, South won the spade lead and all too hastily cashed the A-K of hearts to go down one, losing a spade trick at the end.

Declarer was extremely remiss when he plunged headlong into tackling the hearts in this fashion. With 12 sure tricks in sight — two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and four clubs — there was no need to make the crucial decision in hearts so early in the play.

Upon winning the spade lead with the king, he should have played a heart to the ace and then cashed four clubs and the A-K-Q of diamonds to produce this position:

North
♥ K J 10 9

West
♦ J 10
♥ Q 7

East
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 9

South
♦ A 9
♥ 6
♠ J

The lead of the jack of diamonds at this point would have destroyed West. Whatever he discarded, South would score the rest of the tricks. Guessing whether or not to finesse in hearts would not have entered the picture at all.

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Bonds strikes out game, extending 1 less streak to nine.

OAKLAND, Calif. — Barry Bonds step the plate with Francisco trailing 1 run with two outs ninth inning.

In the past, that have been a situation for an intent walk to one of the greatest home runs. But with Bonds gliding through a game homerless at the Oakland Athletics, he went ahead and lended him.

Huston Street out Bonds to Oakland's 1-0 win 1 night over the G keeping the Francisco slugger at 713 home runs behind Babe Ruth's record and placed on the list.

"He's scuffling a bit," said Oakland manager Ken Macha, who that he discussed with coaches before the walk Bonds.

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For Bonds, home run 714 remains elusive

Bonds strikes out to end game, extending homerless streak to nine

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Barry Bonds stepped to the plate with San Francisco trailing by one run with two outs in the ninth inning.

In the past, that would have been a situation calling for an intentional walk to one of the game's greatest home run hitters. But with Bonds struggling through a nine-game homerless slump, the Oakland Athletics went ahead and challenged him.

Huston Street struck out Bonds to finish Oakland's 1-0 win Friday night over the Giants, keeping the San Francisco slugger stalled at 713 home runs, one behind Babe Ruth for second place on the career list.

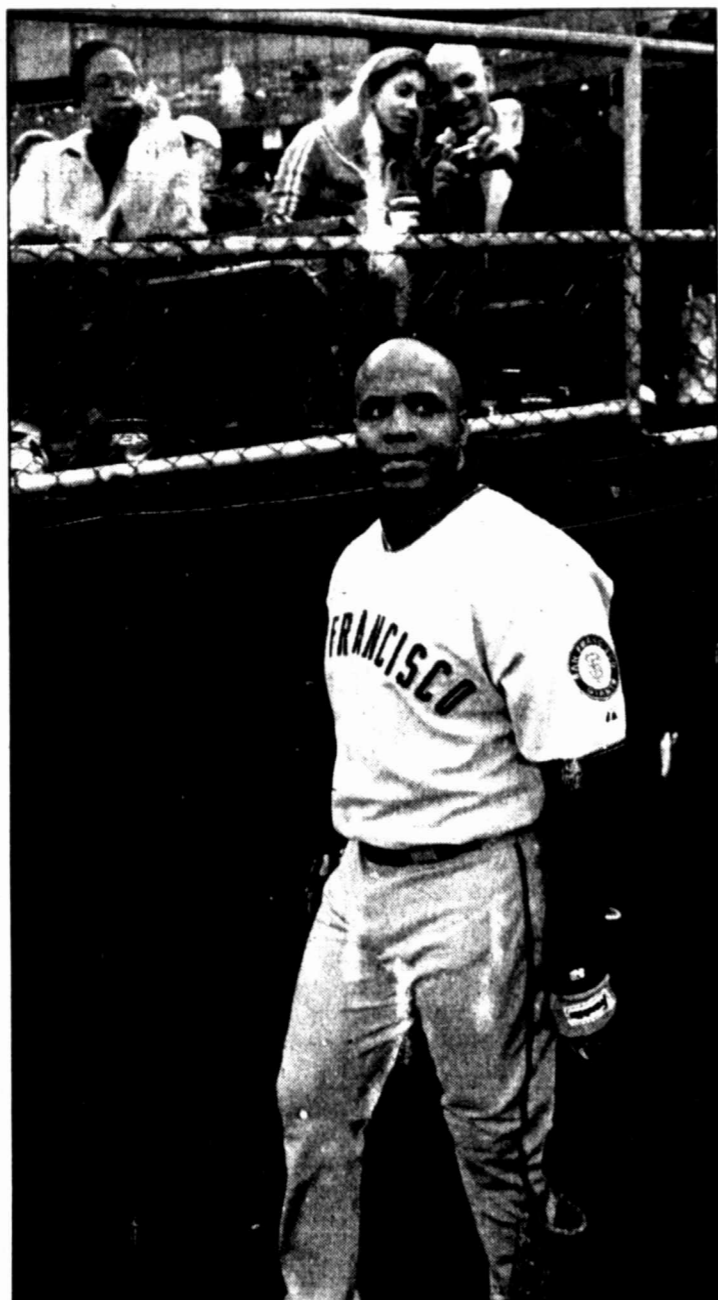
"He's scuffling a little bit," said Oakland manager Ken Macha, who added that he discussed with his coaches before the inning whether the A's should walk Bonds.

"I think our guy is pretty good and he went after him and got him out. If Barry had come in here hitting .500 over the last seven games with four or five homers ..."

But Bonds hasn't looked anything like the slugger who inspired fear in opponents as he set countless records late in his career. Bonds hasn't homered since hitting No. 713 on May 7 at Philadelphia. He is 4-for-29 (.138) with 10 walks and two RBIs since that homer.

"I'm staying out of the news, brotha," Bonds said before hitting the show-ers and then hitting the road.

Bonds didn't even get a



KRT photo
Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants prepares to bat against the Oakland Athletics at McAfee Coliseum in Oakland, Calif., Friday.

boost with the chance to play designated hitter, giving his aching body a break from standing in the outfield.

Bonds flied out to center leading off the second against Dan Haren (4-3) and walked on six pitches in the fourth with Steve Finley on first and camera flashes lighting up the stadium from all direc-

tions.

With one out in the seventh, Bonds lined out to left on a 3-0 pitch — the first time he put a 3-0 pitch in play since doing it three times in 2004.

"I had seen that people had been going after him away with some success," Haren said. "I was going to make him beat me to the opposite field."

Astros rally past Texas, 5-3

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros got back on track Friday night behind an unlikely stand-out and the return of an old one.

Adam Everett hit a two-out, three-run double in the eighth inning and closer Brad Lidge retired three straight in the ninth to get the save in the Houston Astros' 5-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

The comeback victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the Astros, who had lost 10 of their last 13.

Texas reliever Joaquin Benoit (0-1) walked the bases loaded before Everett's shot just short of the left-field wall on a full count scored Lance Berkman, Brad Ausmus and Eric Munson.

Everett said his double marked the first time in his playing career that he'd hit a game-winner. Lidge converted a franchise-record 24 saves in a row last season, but had been temporarily removed from the closer

spot after early season struggles. The save was his first since May 4 and his 12th of the season.

"I was just trying to prolong the inning and get the next guy up there," said Everett, who bats eighth. "It's one of those at-bats that I'll always remember because it was my first game-winning hit. That's pretty exciting."

Astros manager Phil Garner was impressed by Lidge, who has been dogged by questions about his mind-set since Albert Pujols' monster three-run homer that gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 5-4 win in Game 5 of the 2005 NL championship series.

"That was the heart of their lineup and he did a pretty good job," Garner said. "His slider was sharp and his fastball was strong. This was as well as he's pitched this year."

Chad Qualls (2-1) tossed 1-2-3 perfect innings to get the win.

Gary Matthews Jr. hit his second double of the

game in the seventh inning and scored on Michael Young's single to give Texas a 3-2 lead. Matthews barely beat the throw home and collided with Ausmus at the plate. Astros starter Roy Oswalt then walked Mark Teixeira before a single by Hank Blalock loaded the bases. Oswalt was replaced by Qualls to loud cheers from the crowd of more than 40,000. Qualls struck out Kevin Mench and got Brad Wilkerson to ground out to first.

"Tonight it was the walks and having lots of opportunities to score where we didn't," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "Oswalt did a good job and having the bases loaded with one out and we couldn't push anything across." Oswalt allowed three runs and a season-high 11 hits.

Texas pitcher Robinson Tejeda, recalled from Triple-A to start Friday's game, allowed two hits, one run and struck out six in five innings.

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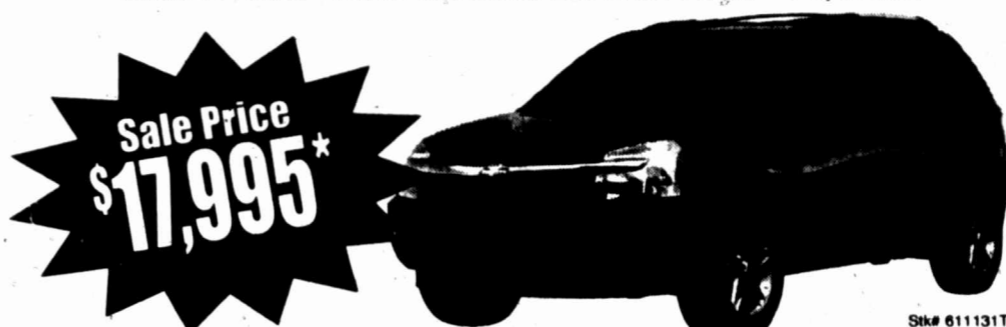
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Criticism of Patrick unfair — and premature

By MIKE HARRIS

AP Motorsports Writer
INDIANAPOLIS — So Danica Patrick hasn't won a race yet.

So what? After just 19 races, some critics are ready to call her young Indy Racing League career a failed experiment. Others have gone so far as to compare Patrick to tennis star Anna Kournikova, another glamour girl who gained considerable celebrity without ever winning at the top level.

It's an unfair comparison.

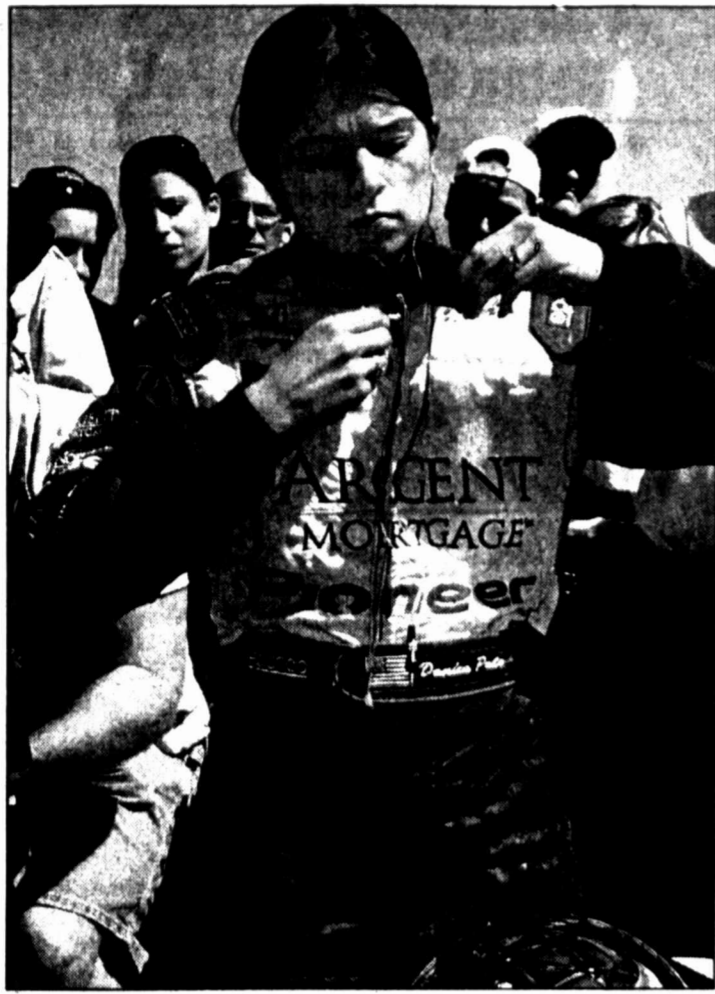
It's also premature. Kournikova had years to prove herself and never was quite able to get over the hump. From the amount of ink the Russian got in the tabloids, she was more into self promotion than winning tennis matches.

Danica is a very different person, with a very different focus: succeeding in her sport.

The May 28 Indy 500 will be Patrick's 20th IRL start. Statistics compiled by the IRL show the average driver's first win comes in his or her 33rd start. With the current 14-race schedule, that would be sometime next season, Patrick's third.

Her many fans don't seem to care that Patrick is still learning her trade.

Wherever she goes at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this month, fans follow. She is on the cover of magazines that feature everything from racing to cooking to fashion — and she is in demand for TV interviews by network gurus



KRT file photo
Indy Racing League driver Danica Patrick prepares to drive around Ghiradelli Square in San Francisco recently.

and local reporters.

All this for a 24-year-old without a race victory to her name.

And there's the rub. Should qualifying fourth (the highest of any woman), leading the race (a first by a woman at Indy) and finishing fourth (the highest finish by a woman) be enough to give Patrick the kind of celebrity she gained last May and continues to reap?

How about winning rookie of the year?

While she never con-

tended for a win after Indy, she did finish the season with three poles and had another fourth-place finish. And so far in 2006, she has yet to lead a lap, but does have finishes of sixth and eighth in the two races she has run.

Adding to the criticism she has received from some quarters this month is the fact that Patrick has not been among the fastest drivers since practice opened last week at Indy. Heading into Saturday's rain-postponed pole qualifying, Patrick

does not appear to be a factor. She's 18th on the speed chart with a top lap of 223.084 mph, far off the 229.880 she ran last year in practice.

A year ago, she was either fastest or close to it every day throughout the month. She missed winning the pole only because of a bobble on the first turn of her four qualifying laps on the 2.5-mile oval.

Even that bobble made a point for Patrick, though. Other drivers said a mistake of that magnitude would have sent them into the wall. She not only saved the car but recovered quickly enough to finish the tense qualifying run and earn the top starting spot for a woman at Indy ever.

Of course, Patrick would like to be faster. But she says a combination of all the competitors running with Honda engines this year and a difficult adjustment to the new Firestone tires and Panoz chassis that her Rahal Letterman Racing team started using have all combined to slow down her and teammates Buddy Rice and Jeff Simmons.

Patrick understands people expect a lot of her.

"I think last year people knew about me because I was fast," she said. "I had the fastest speed of the month, I almost got the pole and I almost won the race. I mean, those are things that I think are remarkable for a rookie."

"It helps that I'm a girl, no doubt. That makes the story that much more interesting. But I think

what I did is great for a rookie. It just doesn't seem so great now because we're just working at it, trying to go fast. It's just not quite as easy, but it happens to the best of 'em, you know."

Patrick, who got married after last season, says she likes doing what she calls "girly things" — having her nails done and dressing up. But she's all business when it comes to her chosen profession, and she chafes when people say her speeds here show she hasn't improved

since last year.

"I don't think anybody thinks I'm a bad driver," she said. "It's just we're struggling right now."

Asked if she needs a win to validate her credentials, Patrick shrugged.

"I don't think there's anything in particular that I have to do to validate," she said. "See, I have a problem with (people) thinking that because there's (a feeling) I have to do something. I don't feel like I have to do anything."

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- 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix 4-DR. - Silver, V-6, All Power. **Was \$8,995** **NOW \$7,995**
- 2001 Lincoln Town Car Signature - White/Silver, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/88,000 Miles. **Was \$13,995** **NOW \$12,995**
- 2000 Nissan Maxima SE - White w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Locally Owned. **Was \$13,995** **NOW \$12,995**
- 1998 Nissan Sentra 4-DR. - Maroon, Automatic, Local One Owner w/69,000 Miles. **Was \$6,995** **NOW \$5,995**

- 1996 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - Creme w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/Only 47,000 Miles. **Was \$8,995** **NOW \$7,995**
- 2005 Ford F150 Supercab XLT 4X4 - Blue w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/Only 5,800 Miles. **Was \$27,995** **NOW \$26,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Beige w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/18,000 Miles. **Was \$25,995** **NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - White w/Cloth, All Power, Local One owner w/42,000 Miles. **Was \$22,995** **NOW \$21,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - White/Beige, 5.4 V-8, All Power, One Owner w/46,000 Miles. **Was \$25,995** **NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 Ford F150 Supercab STX 4X4 - Yellow w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/33,000 Miles. **Was \$25,995** **NOW \$24,995**
- 2004 Ford F250 Supercab XLT 4X4 - Silver w/Cloth, V-10, All Power, Local One Owner, w/58,000 Miles. **Was \$22,995** **NOW \$21,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Gray w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/47,000 Miles. **Was \$21,995** **NOW \$20,995**
- 2003 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 - White, V-8, Automatic, Local One owner w/43,000 Miles. **Was \$14,995** **NOW \$13,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercab XLT 4X4 FX4 - Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/29,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995** **NOW \$22,995**
- 2003 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab Silverado - Blue, Cloth, All Power, Extra Clean. **Was \$11,995** **NOW \$10,995**
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X4 - Blue/Silver, 5.4 V-8, All Power, Local One Owner, w/46,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995** **NOW \$22,995**
- 2002 Ford F150 Supercab Flareside Lariat - Red/Tan, All Power, Local One Owner w/70,000 Miles. **Was \$18,995** **NOW \$17,995**
- 1998 Nissan Frontier King Cab XE - Tan, 5 Speed, 4 Cyl., Air, 45,000 Miles. **Was \$9,995** **NOW \$8,995**

- 2005 Ford Escape XLT - Light Green, All Power, Local One Owner w/14,000 Miles. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$19,995**
- 2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Red/Tan, Leather, DVD, Power 3rd Row Seat, Dual Air/Heat, One Owner w/46,000 Miles. **Was \$30,995** **NOW \$29,995**
- 2004 Ford Expedition XLT - Beige, All Power, Local One Owner w/25,000 Miles. **Was \$23,995** **NOW \$22,995**
- 2003 Nissan Xterra SE 4X4 Supercab - Gray w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/19,000 Miles. **Was \$17,995** **NOW \$16,995**
- 2003 Ford Escape XLT - Red, V-6, All Power, Local One Owner w/50,000 Miles. **Was \$17,995** **NOW \$16,995**
- 2002 Jeep Liberty - White, Extra Clean, One Owner w/72,000 Miles. **Was \$12,995** **NOW \$11,995**
- 2002 Ford Excursion Limited Diesel - Green/Beige, Leather, All Power, One Owner. **Was \$18,995** **NOW \$17,995**
- 2002 Chevrolet Blazer L.S. 4-DR. - White, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/55,000 Miles. **Was \$13,995** **NOW \$12,995**
- 2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter, w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. **Was \$21,995** **NOW \$20,995**
- 2002 Cadillac Escalade AWD - Sandstone w/Leather, Fully Loaded, Local One Owner w/40,000 Miles. **Was \$32,995** **NOW \$29,995**
- 2002 GMC Yukon XL SLT 4X4 - Red, Leather, All Power, OnStar, Local One Owner. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$19,995**
- 2001 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 - White, Leather, All Power, One Owner. **Was \$20,995** **NOW \$18,995**
- 2001 Ford Explorer - Silver, All Power, w/57,000 Miles. **Was \$12,995** **NOW \$10,995**
- 1999 GMC Suburban - Tan w/Leather, All Power. **Was \$12,995** **NOW \$9,995**
- 2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, Leather, One Owner. **Was \$14,995** **NOW \$16,995**
- 1999 Oldsmobile Silhouette - Beige, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/86,000 Miles. **Was \$8,995** **NOW \$7,995**

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Second Annual YoungLife Cruise Night

6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27
at the FM 700 Sonic Drive-In

A friend recently said to me, "share your vision of YoungLife."

May 27th at the second annual YoungLife Cruise Night, presented by Big Spring Rod and Custom a chance to see this vision in action presents itself. Sure, there will be games, contests, food, fun and of course, great vintage automobiles.

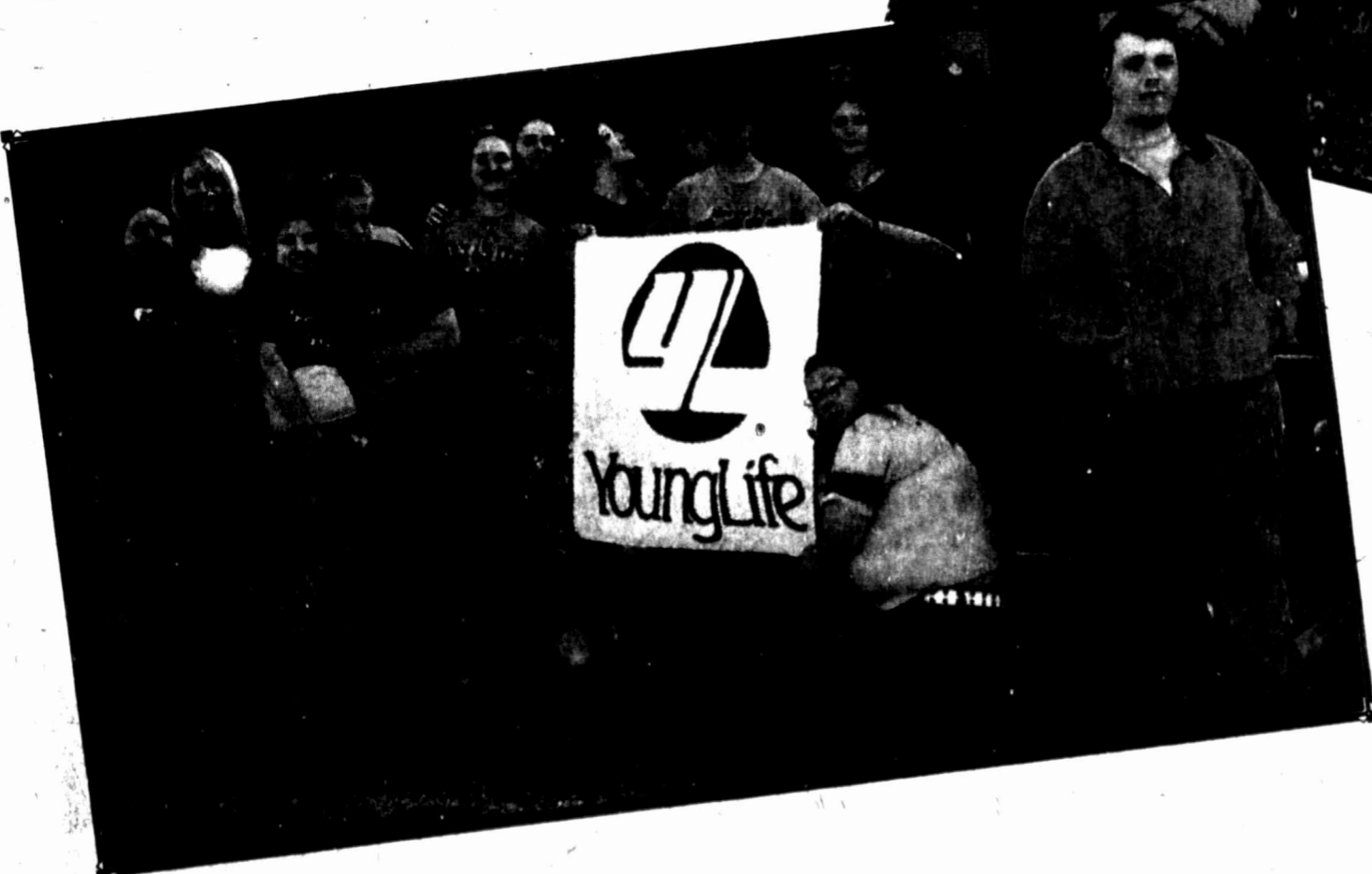
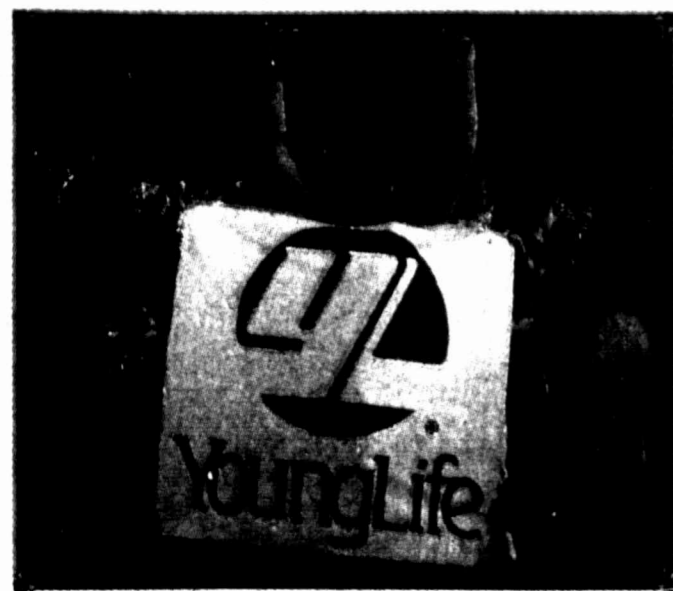
This also is a chance to meet the teenagers who faithfully attend YoungLife Club each Monday night. These teens could make a decision to roam the streets, but instead come to Club to fellowship, strengthen relationships and learn about God.

Meet Doris, who discovered her own competitive spirit during a game of YL football; Kristina, who overcame personal loss to reach out and help other students; Brandon, who works with WyldLife, the junior high school club; Pugs, who teaches younger students at his church and works 30 hours each week; and Megan, who always brings a sunny smile to Club. Club averages 40 students each week.

These students and more will be selling t-shirts at the event to raise funds for YoungLife and WyldLife camp this summer. Camp week promises to be the best of their lives and those students who attended last year agreed.

Everything gets going about 6:30 p.m. with an antique car show, followed by games and contests.

We'll be sharing the vision of YoungLife.



To learn more about YoungLife or WyldLife, call area director Shelly Warren at 432-213-4819.

Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant
Doris Brant, in the top left photo, Audrey Hagland and Kristina Morehead hold a YoungLife banner; below, one of the vintage cars that will be at the cruise night; Brant and Kyle Shellito, a YL volunteer, exchange 'penalties' during a recent YL Club football game. The game, boys against the girls, had the boys on their knees, as seen on the middle left photo. The left photo is a group shot of many of the high school students and volunteers who attend Club with one of the antique cars that may be seen the night of the fund-raiser. In the top right photo, Thad Loftis and Hagland exchange penalties during the game. For every penalty, the offended person was allowed to throw water on the person who fouled. Game action is seen in the photo above. Despite their knee-position handicap, the boys beat the girls 5-1.

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Living Well



By
Kori
Myers

Beware of unproven remedies for wrinkles

Can cosmetics reduce the signs of aging? The evidence for the use of over-the-counter (OTC) cosmetic products that claim anti-aging effects is not yet clearly substantiated. So, it is recommended to go on what we do know ...

• Sunscreen qualifies as both a cosmetic and a drug and is regulated by the FDA as such. Sunscreen should be your first tool in your defense against skin damage and aging skin. You should use sunscreen on a daily basis, either as part of a cosmetic or on the skin underneath other cosmetic products (unless advised otherwise by your doctor). Make it a habit to apply sunscreen first thing in your day. Choose a "broad spectrum" sunscreen with at least SPF 15, preferably water-resistant. Check your cosmetics to be sure levels of sunscreen are at least SPF 15, and don't forget to use an SPF 15 or higher lip balm.

• The only products that are currently FDA approved and proven safe

and effective to reduce signs of photo-aging (i.e., aging skin caused by sun damage) are retinoids. These products are only available by prescription. Talk with your doctor or dermatologist about whether or not this treatment is right for your skin.

Note: OTC cosmetic products containing retinol or retinal are not the same as retinoids. Retinol and retinal are a different form of vitamin A than retinoids. This form has not been proven effective (they have not yet been substantiated to penetrate the skin or convert to a biologically active form on/in the skin). Cosmetic formulations also typically use low concentration levels of retinol or retinal.

• Antioxidants are naturally occurring compounds in the body and occur naturally in many foods. As natural components in the body and when consumed in food sources, antioxidants have been shown to act as scavengers of free radicals (i.e., unstable oxygen molecules that contribute to accelerated

aging of the skin). Vitamins A, C, and E are all antioxidants. It is recommended that we consume these vitamins through food sources, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, as well as some oils, nuts, dairy products, and meats. Topical antioxidants, other than retinoids, however, are yet to be substantiated as a benefit to the skin.

• Both vitamin E and C show promise as protectants against ultraviolet radiation damage from the sun; however, there have not been enough studies on human subjects to substantiate claims for topical use. Vitamin C, in particular, is difficult to formulate for topical use, since it is water-soluble and breaks down when exposed to oxygen.

• Hydroxy acids show promise in helping reduce fine lines and improving skin tone and color. There are, however, concerns about side effects. The cosmetic

industry has made efforts to investigate safety of these products and make recommendations for use at appropriate concentration and acidity (i.e., pH) levels. FDA has not yet conferred such guidelines.

"What is known is that by living a healthy lifestyle, people may be able to counter some of the effects of the aging process and increase their longevity, if not their quality of life."

"No anti-aging remedy on the [OTC] market today has been proved effective" according to 51 scientists who study aging issues. "What is known is that by living a healthy lifestyle, people may be able to counter some of the effects of the

aging process and increase their longevity, if not their quality of life."

Because of the contradicting information and the often unsubstantiated claims by the cosmetic industry regarding anti-aging, it is important to be a wise consumer. Cosmetics, by definition, are substances that cleanse, beautify, promote attractiveness, or alter the appearance, without affecting the body's structure or function. When you go to the cosmetic aisle, be wary of products that make claims to reverse aging skin...especially those that say they do it fast (even products proven to work take time to show results and have varying results among users). Always consider the safety of the product first. Check for warning labels and safety precautions. Remember, cosmetic products are not regulated by the FDA, it is up to you to be a wise consumer...it is up to you to

believe the industry's claims or not. In regards to finding remedies for facial skin problems, see your doctor or dermatologist, if at all possible. They can often help you assess your skin type and give advice about skin products based on credible research and years of experience.

Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well." For more information on safe handling of fresh produce contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Howard County Office at 432-264-2236. Educational programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

Kori Myers, M.Ed., is a Texas Cooperative Extension Service agent for Howard County. She may be reached at 264-2236 or by e-mail at krmys@ag.tamu.edu

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, ham slices, apple juice; Lunch, beef & bean burritos, corn-on-the-cob, peaches, salsa, (high school second choice, tuna salad).

Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage biscuit, fruit punch; Lunch, chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, English peas, Jello with mixed fruit, wheat rolls, (high school second choice, meatloaf).

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, pineapple cups; Lunch, nacho grande, border beans, mandarin oranges, (high school second choice, fish sandwiches).

Thursday: Breakfast, peanut butter treat, grape juice; Lunch, stuffed baked potatoes, garden salad with ranch, apples, cornbread, (high school second choice, pizza pocket).

Friday: Breakfast, cheese wraps, orange smiles; Lunch, hamburgers, salad, French fries, ranch-style beans, chocolate cake, (high school second choice, chicken quesadilla).

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waffles, ham, apple juice,

milk; Lunch, chili dogs, chips, pineapples, pickle spears, milk, corn-dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, ham, variety of juice, milk; Lunch, grilled cheese sandwiches, tater tots, peaches, milk, burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake sausage-on-a-stick, syrup, variety of juice, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, chips, salad trays, apple turnovers, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, donuts, sausage links, variety of juice, milk; Lunch, hot pockets, chips, pickle spears, fruit cups, milk — EARLY RELEASE.

Friday: Teacher Work Day.

Senior Center

Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, broccoli and cheese, potatoes, pudding, rolls.

Tuesday: Chicken with gravy, rice, pea salad, gelatin salad, rolls.

Wednesday: Pork chops, noodles, parslid carrots, pudding, rolls.

Thursday: Baked Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, peach crisp, rolls.

Friday: Fried catfish, coleslaw, fries, beans, cobbler, cornbread.

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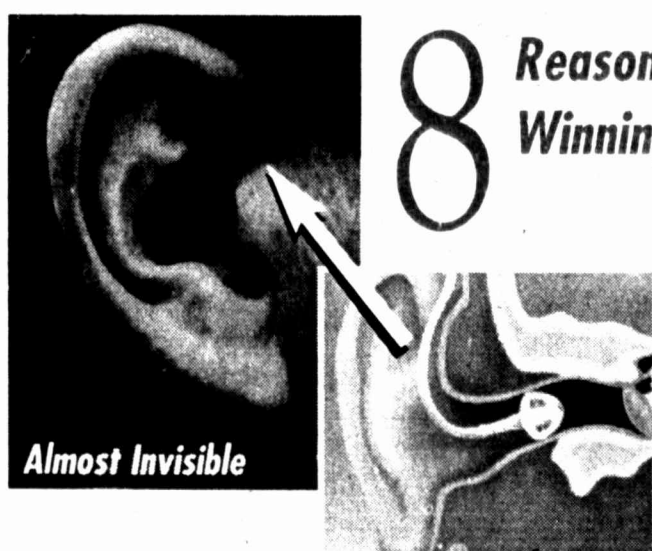
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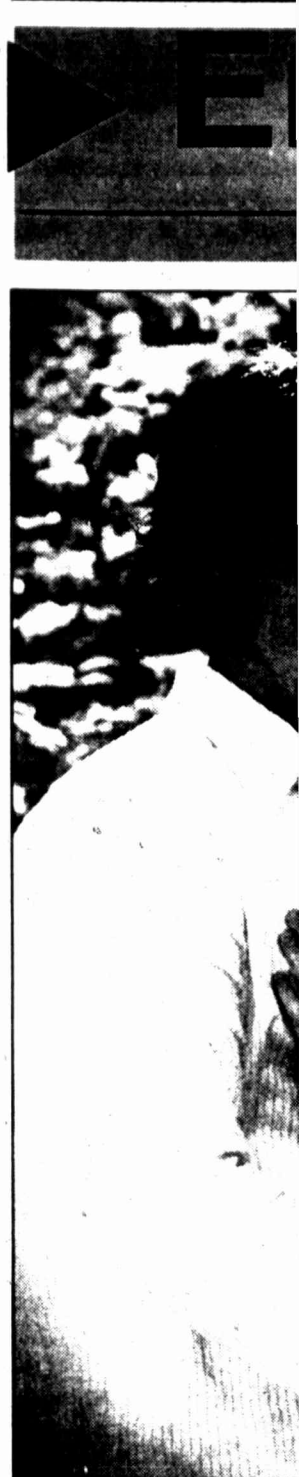
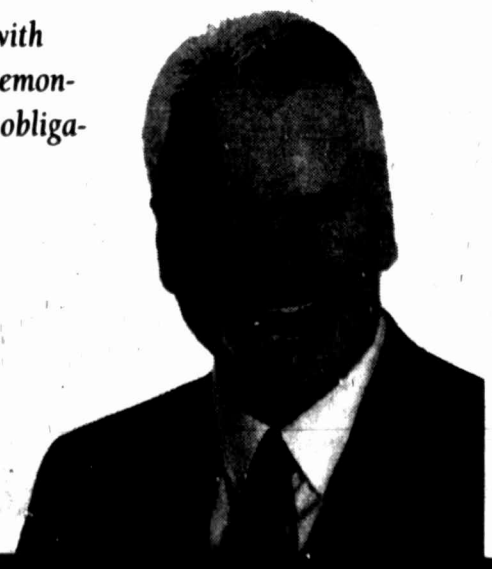
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Ryan Keith Herren and

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Alexandra "A Chardonae Gariepy of Spring and Ryan K Herren of Joshua will unite in marriage p.m., Saturday, June 2006, at the North Church of the Nazarene in Watauga.

The bride-elect is daughter of Edward Brenda Gariepy of Spring. Her grandpar are Marshall McAdams Ruidosa, N.M., Char McAdams of Lubbock the late Arthur

Bill



Jason

Jason Wayne Carey a boy, was born at p.m., April 11, 2006, weighing 4 pounds, ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Jenn Payne and Jason Care Big Spring. His grandparents are Yvonne Qu Czary Carey, both of

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Engagements



Ryan Keith Herren and Alexandra Chardonae Gariepy

Gariepy, Herren to wed

Alexandra "Alex" Chardonae Gariepy of Big Spring and Ryan Keith Herren of Joshua will be united in marriage at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 10, 2006, at the Northside Church of the Nazarene in Watauga.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Edward and Brenda Gariepy of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Marshall McAdams of Ruidosa, N.M., Charlotte McAdams of Lubbock and the late Arthur and

Beatrice Gariepy. The groom is the son of Dwight and Anita Herren of Joshua. His grandparents are Paul and Ann Herren of Crowley and Keith and Linda Kennedy of Joshua.

Alex is a 2005 graduate of Big Spring High School and is a sophomore at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Ryan is a 2004 graduate of Joshua High School and is employed by Fedex.



Jana Katie Hull and Christopher David Wanner

Hull, Wanner to wed

Jana Katie Hull of Lubbock and Christopher David Wanner of Lubbock, both formerly of Big Spring, will be united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Trinity Baptist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rusty Hull and Jan Benford of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Helen Larson and the late Blaine Larson and LaVerne Dean and the late Pete Hull, all of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of David and Patsy Wanner of Big Spring. His grandparents are Judy Collins and the late Edward Collins of

Midland and the late Rudolph and Lillie Wanner.

The bride elect is a graduate of Big Spring High School. She earned an Associate of Science degree in 2003 and attended Texas Tech University with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. She will be attending nursing school in Lubbock.

The future groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School. He is currently attending Texas Tech University where he is majoring in psychology. He has future aspirations of attending law school in Lubbock.

Big Spring State Hospital

By Billie Christie-Morgan

The Big Spring State Hospital contingent of 22-strong made the late April trip to Lubbock for the Volunteer Services' State Council meeting. Our volunteers were accompanied by staff members Max Ann Bowlin and Maria Brito, who along with our volunteers transformed a Lubbock gym into a "Western Home on the Range Roundup Volunteers West Texas Style" for the annual State Awards Luncheon, which our hospital co-hosted.

We could not have made the trip without Assistant Superintendent Jok Simons and volunteer Gary Morgan who supplied needed manpower and transportation during the conference. Our own Shirley Bodin was named the Outstanding Volunteer of the entire state of Texas during the conference. Congratulations also to Lucy Flores for being named "Rookie of the Year." Our hospital brought home the David Wade Award for having the most volunteers present at the annual conference.

Our largest fund-raiser of the year — the Denim and Diamonds Gala — will be June 3. Event co-chairs Doris Huibregtse, and Stacy and Mark Barr have a great evening planned. The barbecue begins at 7 p.m. and the street dance will follow at 600 and 606 Mathews. More than 300 people attended last year, and we expect another great crowd. It's not too late to secure tickets. Please call our office if you would like to attend. I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped get the invitations in the mail. It's especially nice when newcomers like Carolyn Brooks appear on our doorstep.

Nursing Scholarship Chair Lucy Griffith scheduled a May 23 Nursing Scholarship meeting in the Community Relations Office. Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to nursing students who will work at the hospital upon graduation. This is an awesome reward our

council has established for our employees. Scholarship applications are available in our office.

Gently read magazines can get one more go-around after you are through with them. Our patients enjoy reading magazines on current events, home design and fashion. So, before they are thrown out, please take them to our office or they may be dropped off at The Chalet Resale Shop, located at corner of Runnels and Second Street.

We mourn the loss of Dorothy Kennemur — a great volunteer who brought line dancing to our patients and worked in The Chalet for many years.

The May 9 Chalet Resale Shop Work Day was labor-intensive and productive. These volunteers do an unbelievable job and I predict they will bring in more than \$35,000 this year because of their dedication to its operation and your generous donations. If you haven't been in to shop, please stop by. We experience great customer traffic during the store hours of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Junior volunteers older than 14 can be used in a variety of ways this summer in The Chalet and in our office. We have a productive summer volunteer program. In fact, that is how Assistant Superintendent Olivia Flournoy embarked on a career in mental health — by volunteering one summer at one of our sister facilities. Please call 268-7536 for more information.

Summer Fun Day is right around the corner and Chair Suzanne Markwell is elbow-deep in coordinating this fun day for our patients. New T-shirts, flip-flops, tote-bags, ice cream floats, games, and a hot dog luncheon will be enjoyed by our 200 patients on June 21. Additional volunteers will be needed for this patient interaction activity. Please call our office if you can assist.

Billie Christie-Morgan is Director of Community Relations for Big Spring State Hospital.

Births



Jason Wayne Carey Jr.

Jason Wayne Carey Jr., a boy, was born at 9:42 p.m., April 11, 2006, weighing 4 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Jennifer Payne and Jason Carey of Big Spring. His grandparents are Yvonne Qualls, Czary Carey, both of Big

Spring, and Dorothy Hall, the late Billy Payne and the late Regina Payne. His great-grandparents are Joy Bryant of Big Spring and the late Melvin Bryant.

Jason was welcomed home by big sibling Skyler and Ryan.

Who's Who

David Michael White
David Michael White graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law with a degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. The Hooding Ceremony took place Saturday, May 13, in the United Spirit Arena, Lubbock.

White is the son of Guy and Arlene White of Coahoma and the grandson of Bill and Lee Milliken of Coahoma and Guy and June White of Angelo.

Cole Furqueron
Cole Furqueron of Big Spring has been named a Collegiate All-American Scholar.

The United States Achievement Academy established the Collegiate All-American Scholar Award Program to offer

deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

The Collegiate All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all college students.

Cole, who attends Howard College, was nominated for this national award by Javier Flores, executive dean of student services.

Cole will appear in the Collegiate All-American Yearbook which is published nationally.

He is the son of Phil and Cherry Furqueron of Big Spring.

His grandparents are Clay and Beth Ingram of Big Spring and John and Charlotte Furqueron of Arkadelphia, Ark.

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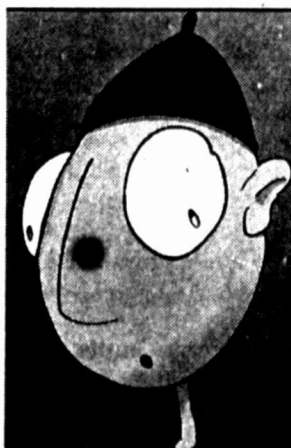
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Salon, jewelry artist join forces for trunk show

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

There might not be any actual trunks at a "trunk show," but there will be plenty of other items for display and sale as Uptown Salon & Day Spa and local jewelry artist Doris Vieregge join forces Wednesday.

Set for noon until 4 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the show will feature a number of different products and demonstrations,

according to Helen Hernandez, owner of Uptown Salon.

"We're going to have demonstrations concerning makeup and Bare Essentials products, which are mineral-based makeups," said Hernandez. "This is an excellent chance to get everyone together so they can see what we have available. We're really looking forward to it."

And while representatives of Uptown Salon & Day Spa will be delving into the world of makeup and purses, local artist

Vieregge will be elbow-deep in glass — albeit very special glass.

"The jewelry I make utilizes dichroic glass, which is a spin-off of the space industry," said Vieregge. "It has some very unusual properties, including colors that are so deep they're almost impossible to capture with a camera."

Vieregge said she makes everything from tie tacks to pendants, bracelets to book marks with the amazing material.

"I take layers of the glass and use a kiln to fuse them together," said Vieregge. "It's quite amazing when you see the finished product."

In addition to her glass jewelry, Vieregge said she will also be selling hand-painted silk scarves during the trunkless show.

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said the local organization is happy to help put the event on.

"One of our members came to us with this idea," said

ValVerde. "We thought it was a great idea. Anytime we can help our members like this, we want to be there for them. That's what the chamber was designed to do."

A light lunch will be provided by Gale's Sweet Shoppe. For more information, contact the Chamber at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

Employment

Texas labor market showing its strength

AUSTIN — Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 4,400 jobs in April and a total of 244,400 jobs over the last 12 months, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Texas employers now have added jobs for 32 of the last 33 months, for a total of 584,400 jobs since July 2003. April's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.1 percent is up slightly from March but down from 5.3 percent in April 2005.

Decreasing unemployment rates over the year were widespread, with nearly all metropolitan statistical areas in Texas experiencing a decline from April 2005 through April 2006.

"The Texas labor market is still doing well, with the addition of jobs over the month and over the year," said TWC Chairman Diane Rath. "Over-the-year job growth remains broad based,

"Business activity remains strong, as Texas employers are experiencing growth in virtually every major industry and every area of the state."

—Ron Lehman,
TWC commissioner

with the addition of jobs in 10 of 11 major industries."

Total nonagricultural employment grew for the 19th consecutive month. All industry groups in the goods-producing sector added jobs, while increases and decreases in the service-providing sector offset one another. Annual growth for total nonagricultural employment in Texas remained strong at 2.5 percent.

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NEW STORE OPENS



Carla Gross browses in the footwear section of Maurices Friday morning. The women's apparel store, located adjacent to Wal-Mart Supercenter, celebrated its grand opening this weekend.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Department of Information Resources enters pact with HP

Contract offers significant savings to state agencies, local government and education, officials say

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — A newly signed agreement between the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) and Hewlett-Packard (HP) offers significant savings to state and local governments and education entities

when purchasing HP-branded technology, officials said this week.

Included are desktop and notebook PCs, printing systems, imaging products, servers, enterprise storage products and HP services such as consulting and installation services and seat management for PCs as well as leasing through

HP Financial Services.

"This is a ground-breaking contract for DIR customers that use HP products," said Larry Olson, chief technology officer for the state of Texas. "DIR's ability to leverage the legislative intent of HB 1516 (79th Regular Legislative Session) in our negotiations with HP allowed us to obtain dou-

ble-digit savings."

The contract is divided into three sections — desktop and notebook PCs; printing and imaging systems and related peripherals and supplies; and servers and storage products and related peripherals — each offering specific savings.

Additionally, HP offers DIR customers substan-

tial discounts on all related accessories and components including monitors, mice, memory, toner, and cables. Customers can now utilize this contract to purchase several selected third-party products at special pricing.

"HP enables public sector organizations to more efficiently serve the public interest and improve

the quality of interactions with their constituents through innovative technology solutions and services," said Deborah Dower, vice president, Public Sector Sales, Technology Solutions Group, HP. "We are pleased to have the continuing confidence of the

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:
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Christina Licon, 3620 Lehigh, Lubbock
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James Sutton, 2225 Oakland, Abilene
Tracy Jacqueline Trevino, 3306 Auburn, Big Spring

Jimmy Vasquez, 4000 W. Illinois Apt. 160, Midland
Teresa Gonzales Vela, 204 N.W. Second Street, Big Spring
Brenda Vera, 1901 Ave. M. Snyder
Alicia N. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio
Tyler J. Voss, Fannin County Road 4925, Leonard

County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Sergio Molina, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$385 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jimmy Ray Johnson, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Roberto D. Perez Jr., consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense enhanced, \$250 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 6

months probation).
Probated Judgment: David Villareal Jr., driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 6 months probation).
District Court Filings:
Gary Rayando French vs. Donna Sue French, divorce.
Jesus Lopez Trevino vs. Sylvia Garcia Trevino, divorce.
Latoshia Banks vs. Marcus Joe Anderson, family protective order.
Ashley Crossman vs. Brian Eugene Vanderbilt, family protective order.
Green Tree Servicing vs. Henry Villa and Alice Villa, accounts, notes and contracts.
Unifund CCR Partners vs. Richard L. Underwood, accounts, notes and contracts.
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. vs. Wendy Schleich (FKA

Wendy Langston), accounts, notes and contracts.
Gene A. Rodriguez vs. Robert Wilson Kerr, injury or damages with a vehicle.
Ex parte Francisco Josephe Martinez, ex parte.
Marriage Licenses:
Benny Dale Henderson, 37, and Ermelinda Diaz Sanchez, 49, both of Big Spring.
Patrick Kyle Heckler, 28, and Misty Dawn Fuller, 28, both of Big Spring.
Lance Gregory Newell, 34, and Stacey Lee Dawson, 33, both of Big Spring.
Jeffrey Wess Martin, 38, and Jung Mi Wood, 26, both of Big Spring.
Ricardo Castillo, 27, of Stanton, and Ann Marie Gomez, 24, of Big Spring.
Russell Andrew Neef, 54, of Big Spring, and Shirley Lewis Rich, 47, of Lorraine.
Rudy Morshed Haddad, 29, and Colleen Elise Garmany, 25, both of Rochester, Minn.

Coby Shain Howard, 20, and Amy Dianne Wilson, 24, both of Big Spring.
Warranty deeds:
Grantor: John D. Furrh III
Grantee: Cloud Land and Cattle Ltd.
Property: A 29.7 acre tract in Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 10, 2006
Grantor: Gilbert Cisneros and Regina Cisneros
Grantee: Laura Leos and Bobbie Woodruff
Property: Lot 3, Block 17, McDowell Heights
Date Filed: May 11, 2006
Grantor: Kenneth D. Noble and Jennifer Noble
Grantee: Portia Chenoweth and Stephen Baldwin
Property: The E/58 feet of Lot 11, Block 6, Wasson Place
Date Filed: May 11, 2006
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Jim Lofton, with scissors, cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony at the Maurices store.



Employees and Charity representatives gathered for a ceremony at the Maurices store.

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Business After Hours slated June 15 at Elrod's

Elrod's Furniture, 2309 Scurry, will host a Business After Hours from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

Business After Hours is a program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Elrod's is celebrating 80 years in business. Door prizes will be available. There is no charge to attend.

Ted Turner bids media conglomerate adieu

By HARRY R. WEBER
AP Business Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Ted Turner was uncharacteristically understated Friday as he departed Time Warner Inc., the media conglomerate that swallowed his cable network company and slowly sidelined him as a mover and shaker in the busi-

nesses that he helped to create.

The CNN founder told Time Warner shareholders at their annual meeting he regrets not being able to do more for them.

"I just wish the last five years I could have made a bigger contribution," Turner said. "I hung in there as long as I could. I've done my best."

With that, he borrowed newscaster Edward R. Murrow's famous sign-off, said "Good night and good luck" and left the Georgia World Congress Center after not standing for re-election to Time Warner's board of directors.

A video tribute to Turner was played at Friday's meeting in Atlanta, and later former CNN chief Tom Johnson offered a moving personal tribute, though Turner had left the meeting by that point.

"How lucky we are to have known and still know one of the most remarkable men in world history," Johnson said of Turner. Time Warner's chairman and chief executive Richard Parsons promised to get Turner a copy of Johnson's remarks.

Turner became a director of Time Warner in 1996 when the media conglomerate bought his

cable networks company Turner Broadcasting Systems. He long held a prominent role in guiding Time Warner's affairs, but in recent years complained of being sidelined.

In 2003, Turner resigned as vice chairman of what was then known as AOL Time Warner Inc. Then, earlier this year, he said he wouldn't seek re-election to the board of what is now known simply as Time Warner. Time Warner, which is based in New York, also owns Warner Bros., HBO, a large cable TV operator and Time Inc., a major magazine publisher.

Turner, 67, now focuses mostly on philanthropic efforts. He is chairman of the United Nations Foundation, which he started with a \$1 billion pledge to the agency in 1997, and co-chairs the Nuclear Threat Initiative with former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia. He also owns a restaurant chain that serves bison meat.

At the meeting, shareholders elected 11 other directors to another one-year term, approved the appointment of the company's independent auditors and approved a stock incentive plan. Shareholder proposals to separate the roles of the

chairman and CEO and to institute a code of vendor conduct were rejected, though a shareholder proposal seeking a simple majority voting structure was approved.

J.C. Penney shareholders re-elect directors

PLANO (AP) — Shareholders of department-store operator J.C. Penney Co. re-elected several directors and scrapped a resolution on executive compensation during a quick annual meeting Friday.

There were more gauzy infomercials — two were shown — than complaining investors, one.

Shareholders had reason to be content. Last year, their shares gained 34 percent in value, the third straight winning year.

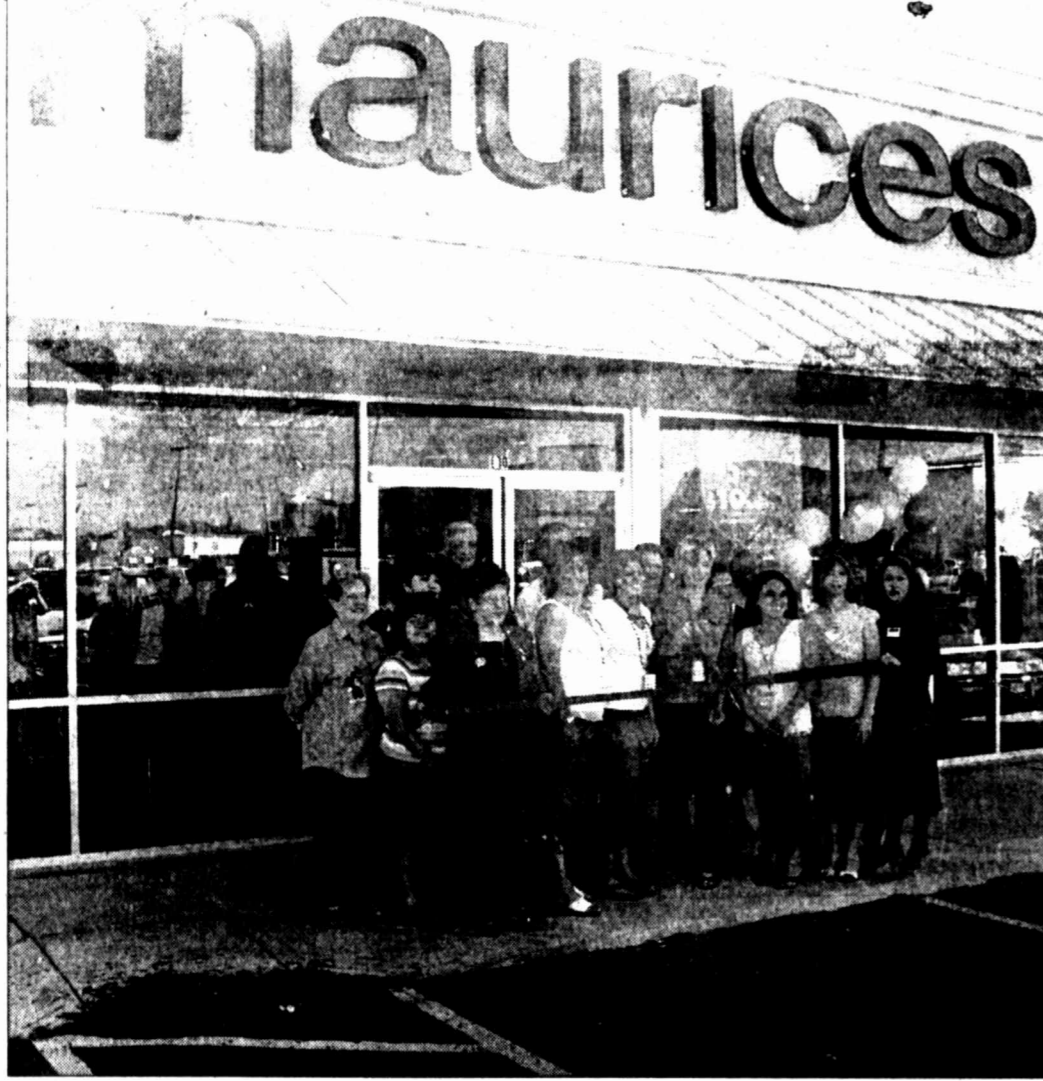
Penney's profit doubled last year to \$1.09 billion even though revenue rose only 3.8 percent. Earnings jumped another 22 percent in the first quarter of this year, compared to the same period last year.

That doesn't mean Penney is without problems. Sales in the key category of women's apparel have been lackluster.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Herald photo/Steve Reagan
Jim Lofton, with scissors, administrator of Mountain View Lodge Nursing Home, is joined by Mountain View officials and members of the Chamber of Commerce during ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the nursing home Thursday afternoon.



Herald photo/Steve Reagan
Employees and Chamber of Commerce officials participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Maurices Friday morning. The women's apparel store, located next to the Wal-Mart Supercenter, celebrated its grand opening this weekend.

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Grantor: Michael D. Burrow and Shelley Burrow
Grantee: Adan Molinar Rodriguez and Maria Rodriguez
Property: A .5 acre tract out of Section 44, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 12, 2006

Grantor: John Stanley Phillips and Gloria Phillips
Grantee: James W. Hobby and Trisha Hobby
Property: A 2 acre tract out of Section 44, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 12, 2006

Grantor: Charles Clanton and Oleta Clanton
Grantee: Gerladine Buchanan
Property: The E/65 feet of Lot 1 and the E/45.3 feet of Lot 2, Block 1, Tennyson
Date Filed: May 12, 2006

Warranty deeds with vendors lien:

Grantor: Michael H. Hall and Barbara Hall
Grantee: Mary B. Ford
Property: Lot 17, Block 8, Suburban Heights
Date Filed: May 12, 2006

Grantor: Leo Eggleston
Grantee: Frank Lovell and Shelia Lovell
Property: A 30 acre tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 12, 2006

Grantor: Jimmy Newsom and Regina Newsom
Grantee: Sarah A. Thomas and Jackie Thomas
Property: A .32 acre tract out of Section 1, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 12, 2006

Grantor: Shane Clanton and Catherine Clanton
Grantee: Hugh Clark and Norma Jean Clark
Property: A 10 acre tract out of Section 36, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 15, 2006

Grantor: Ponderosa Apartments Inc.
Grantee: Greasewood

Properties Ltd.
Property: Two tracts out of several different blocks in the Hall Addition
Date Filed: May 12, 2006

Grantor: Tommy D. Morton
Grantee: Big Spring Realty Inc.
Property: Lot 35, Block 4, Douglas Addition
Date Filed: May 16, 2006

Grantor: Rocky C. Hale and Yvonne Hale
Grantee: Frank Coates and Donna Coates
Property: Lot 5, Block 3, Suburban Heights
Date Filed: May 16, 2006

Grantor: Henry Dominguez Jr. and Leonor Dominguez
Grantee: Ariel Brumley
Property: Lot 15, Block 3, College Park Estates
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"Business activity remains strong, as Texas employers are experiencing growth in virtually every major industry and every area of the state," said Ron Lehman, TWC commissioner representing employers. "Annual job growth rates in professional & business ser-

vices, financial activities, and education & health services remain particularly strong over the last 12 months."

Professional & business services has added 59,400 jobs over the year, while financial activities has added 21,000 jobs in the same period, showing annual growth rates of 5.2 and 3.5 percent respectively. Education & health services added 33,600 jobs over the year,

for an annual growth rate of 2.9 percent.

Employment in construction gained 2,600 jobs in April, following an increase of 5,000 jobs in March. Since April 2005, 29,100 jobs were created in construction. Consequently, the annual growth rate was 5.2 percent in April and has remained positive for the past 18 months.

"I am particularly pleased to note that over

the last 12 months, 225,100 more Texans have found work," said Ronny Congleton, TWC commissioner representing labor. "While we still have a lot to do, the economic picture continues to improve across the state as more and more workers find employment."

Initial claims for unemployment compensation in April 2006 were 48,632, down 26.2 percent from April 2005.

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Texas customers may place their orders directly with HP or one of their 12 named resellers by referencing the DIR contract number and still receive the same discounts. Ten of the 12 named re-sellers

are designated as Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), which allows customers to capture 100% HUB credit. Customers will not pay more for using a reseller.

"By allowing customers to purchase from resellers without any additional cost, DIR expects that designated HUBs will see a significant increase in sales. This is an incredible opportunity for Texas to realize significant savings and to support small, minority- and women-owned businesses," said

Brian Rawson, director of Service Delivery for DIR.

"This agreement ensures that minority businesses have a shot at providing HP goods and services to DIR customers," said Roy Mata, chairman of the Texas Association of HUBs.

Out-of-state government customers will also save by utilizing DIR to purchase HP technology and services. DIR offers approved out-of-state customers special pricing. Out-of-state customers interested in utilizing DIR's contracts are

encouraged to contact DIR customer services directly at 1-800-464-1215 to ensure eligibility.

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) is a state agency that promotes a shared vision for Texas where the state maximizes the value of its technology investment by identifying common areas of interest, using technology to advance agency-specific missions, and preserving flexibility to innovate. Visit www.dir.state.tx.us

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Bachelor's degree with a minimum of two years experience in a Human Resources related field required or Bachelors degree with a Human Resources emphasis. Additional HR experience may substitute for the required education.

Key requirements include excellent communication and people skills with an aptitude for problem solving and independent judgment. Must have the ability to provide positive coaching and guidance to all members of the plant including the leadership team. Must have knowledge of state and federal regulations and labor laws. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel and be able to work flexible hours to accommodate a 24/7 operation.

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Email resume in Word Format to tchaney@wccpet.com. Please include cover letter indicating the attributes you would bring to this position and your salary requirements.

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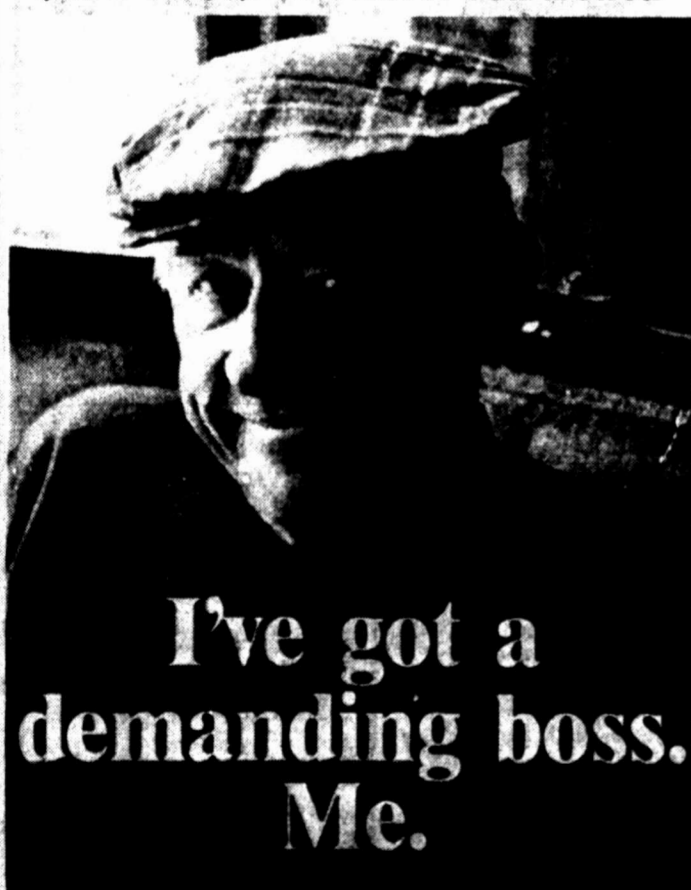
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Sealed bids will be received 2:00 p.m. on June 6, 2006, in the How lege, Administration Center Room 108, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which they will be opened aloud. The bids will then be opened and final determination award will be made at a board meeting.
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JERALDINE DRAKE
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as is more fully shown by Petition on file in this suit.
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By Priscilla Ginnetti, Deputy #4964 May 14, 21, 28 & 2006.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The sun enters Gemini! This is the final solar transit of spring, a time to surrender to your own personal growth spurt. Gemini is a social energy. Like school children, we learn the most and the fastest through playing with peers. Picking up new habits, sayings and beliefs happens almost without our knowing. So be mindful of your company!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're thinking young, you'll receive many benefits from the events of the day. (Aries, when are you NOT thinking young?) Amusements abound. Romance is risky and exciting. Opportunity is wide open.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your common sense makes you uncommonly successful. Follow through on those "no-brainer" decisions, like avoiding the things that strike you as obnoxious and embracing what makes you feel loved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whether it's traffic, plumbing or social code, good systems make life easier. Though much of

your social "operating system" is unconscious, you do have one. Observe, review and determine how to improve your results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in a profound mood. You can almost gauge the weight of your soul, and your eyes are just the intensity for staring people down. Write a brooding poem, or recite an elegant complaint to a customer-service representative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Let others do most of the talking. You'll enjoy the chance to celebrate their accomplishments, revel in their juicy news and trade on their top-rate information. Then don't be surprised if suddenly you're very popular.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's difficult for you to turn down invitations, but saying "no" supplies room in your schedule for taking care of yourself in a way that's meaningful to you. Maybe reading, listening to music or getting a massage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The map before you seems entirely different from the one you followed earlier this year. Smart people make adjustments as needed — and you are, as an air-sign intellectual, as bright as they come.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make communication a priority. Letters and phone calls start the goodwill flowing to you. This doesn't mean you have to tell all! Your air of mystery remains a chief asset. Hold your cards close to the vest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Controversy in business is favorable — it attracts publicity, which, in turn, attracts more

business. Love is another story. Steer clear of a loved one's sensitive triggers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The omens suggest that this will be a dreamy day for you. As long as you're thinking about what could/might/possibly/will happen, you may as well project yourself into a future you will enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Excellent communication vibes are available to you. Instead of struggling through relationship issues, you sail. There's a chance to improve relations with your children this afternoon; learn what they like.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your powers of observation astound others, however ordinary they may seem to you. (You don't need drug-sniffing dogs to tell when someone is off the deep end.) Act on what you know, even if you don't know how you know it.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Virgo, and even on my most successful days, I feel as if I'm alone because I don't have anyone to share my life with. I want to know if my stars say anything about me finding or meeting someone new."

You have the right attitude for love, Virgo, in that you really want to share your successes, talents and heart with someone. You're not coming from a place of need, but you realize that you have a lot to offer. The next step is to start feeling "together" instead of "alone." Whenever you're with family, friends or even an

acquaintance, adjust your awareness to include this person with all of your being. Your identity as a "loner" is so ingrained that part of you is having a hard time giving it up. This month, get specific about the kind of person you'd be willing to share your life with — and by that, I don't mean your whole life for years to come, but the many aspects of your present life. Make a list of the qualities you want in a companion, the values the two of you would share, the disposition you think you'd jive well with. At the end of this month, new people come into your life. A Taurus or a Sagittarius will be especially easy to warm up to.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Some babies born today will be Geminis. However, the iconic Cher is a Taurus with Mercury (communication) in Taurus (which rules the throat), as well. Even though this Oscar-winning actress and music megastar recently spent three years saying farewell to her fans on tour, I predict she will make a return to the stage by early 2007, with a permanent residency in Las Vegas.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a retired naval officer. Two weeks ago, my 16-year-old daughter had a date with a young man I had never met. My wife, a teacher at the school, said he was a good kid.

When the young man showed up to get my daughter, he sat in the car and honked the horn (strike 1). I went out and told him she was not ready, and he should come in the house. He did, and then proceeded to call my wife by her first name (strike 2). When he tried the same with me, I very sternly said, "You can call me 'Sir.'" Finally, when my daughter came down, he blurted, "It's about time" (strike 3). At this, I blew my stack.

In military fashion, an inch from his face and speaking loudly, I proceeded to tell him that I will not allow anyone to come in my house and treat my family this way. I grabbed his coat and threw it outside and informed him that unless he also wanted to end up on the ground, he would walk out and never see my daughter again.

My daughter cried, as expected, but my wife has not spoken to me in two weeks. She says this is the way kids are now and I should remember that I no longer wear a uniform. She thinks I owe "Junior" an apology. I told her he owes our family an apology for his lack of respect.

Tell me, Annie, was I wrong? My wife and I will do whatever you say. — Lost in Laingsburg

Dear Lost: Your disciplinary tactics are too harsh for civilians. Such severity may keep all young men at bay, and while it could protect your daughter's chastity, it also will isolate her from normal socializing. She needs to learn how to manage these young men on her own, so that she will be prepared for adult relationships.

Your daughter should have known your "date fitness" requirements in advance. It's OK to say that you did not like the boy's attitude and let HER tell him to be more respectful, or even calmly explain the rules to the boy yourself. But you should not have gotten in his face. Still, we don't believe you owe him an apology or vice versa, although you might apologize to your daughter for throwing her date out the door.

Dear Annie: I have a friend, "Delia," who likes to table hop when we go out to lunch or dinner. She eats her meal and then gets up from our table to go visit a friend at another table. Sometimes, if there are lots of people she knows, she will visit all of them, and I end up eating alone. Am I wrong to resent this? How do I handle it? — Dining Solo

Dear Solo: Delia is extremely rude to leave you alone. Saying hello to friends at a restaurant is fine if it's brief, and preferably done on your way in or out. Tell Delia how you feel. Then, if she abandons you again, get up and say sweetly, "You are obviously busy, so we'll do dinner another time." Give her a friendly wave and leave.

Dear Annie: I am responding to "Midwest," who wanted to know if she should tell her cousin

that she has halitosis. Believe me, she knows.

I inherited this strong sulfur "body chemistry" from a parent. My doctors are sympathetic, but all have ruled out any treatable cause. I realize it is difficult for people to be around me, so I am a good telephone and computer friend. Driving with me is not for the faint of heart. I have often received gifts of mouthwash from well-meaning friends. No one can imagine the pain this has caused.

It gives me some peace if people keep their distance, and it always amazes me that some folks will get so close that I must retreat. I hope for

newer, better treatments, but I am still waiting. — Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: We'll be hoping, too.

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Jack" for three years. One month into our marriage, we adopted a dog from the pound — an adorable, rather hyperactive 6-month-old mixed breed we named Heidi.

Since then, we have struggled with Heidi. She is a very loving dog, but her temperament is hard to keep in check, although she's much better than she used to be. We have taken Heidi to obedience classes, and she is able to follow directions as long as she is not distracted by people or other dogs.

The problem is, Jack has had a difficult time adjusting to Heidi, especially since we purchased a house 18 months ago. Heidi's nails, whether trimmed or not, scratch our new hardwood floors, the deck he built with his father and the wooden fence that Jack put in himself. He worries about adding landscaping in the backyard for fear that Heidi will "just ruin that, too." Furthermore, Jack is tired of seeing Heidi's large crate sit in our tiny living room because there is nowhere else to put it. He does not like having guests over because Heidi gets too excited.

Jack wants to find Heidi a new home. He is not willing to go through more training, and he does not want to cover the hardwood floors with carpet or make other accommodations for Heidi's behavior. But, Annie, I have become very attached to Heidi. I am stressed out about Jack and Heidi, and if Jack insists on sending Heidi to a new home, I will be bitter and upset. I know Jack doesn't want to cause me grief, but he simply cannot manage Heidi anymore.

How did a dog become my marriage's biggest stress point? How do I resolve this? — Cornered in California

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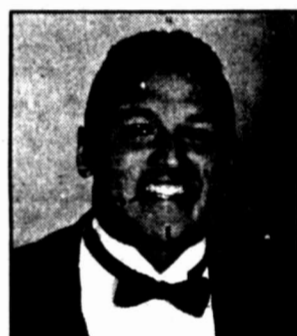


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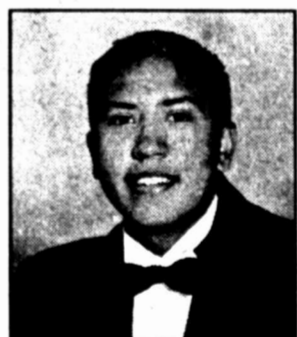
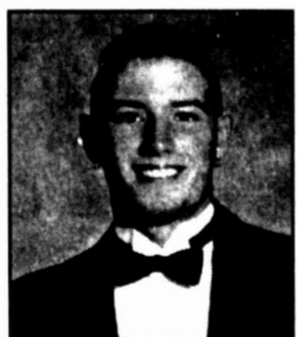
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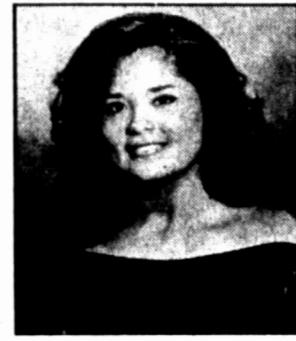
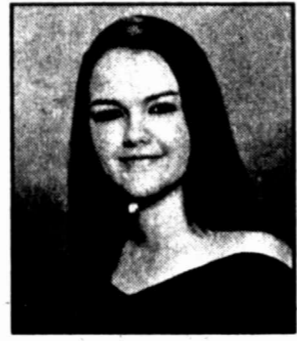
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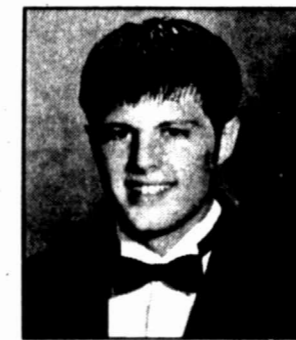
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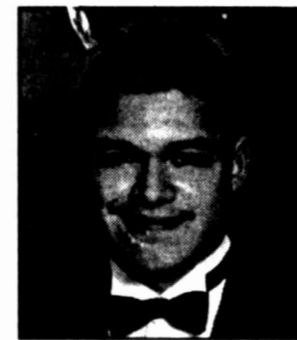
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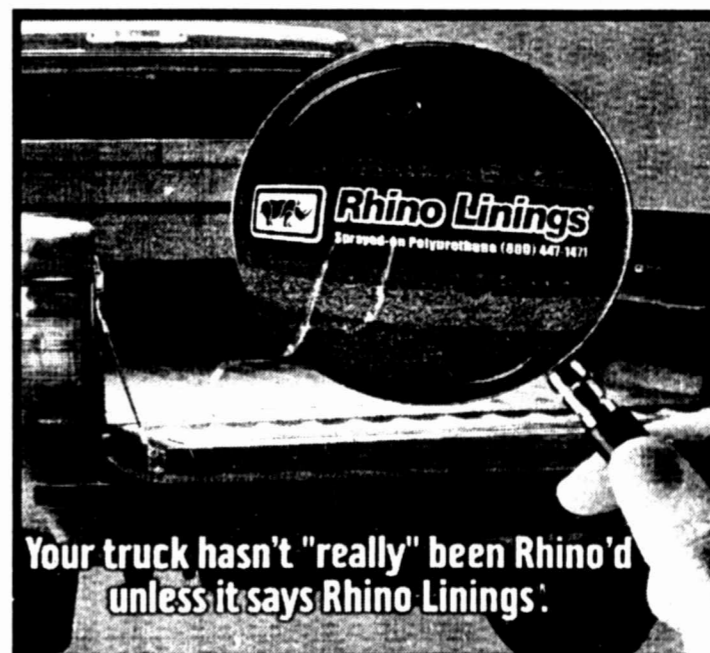
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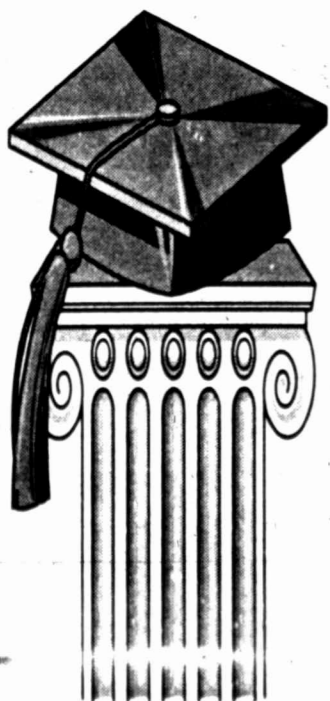


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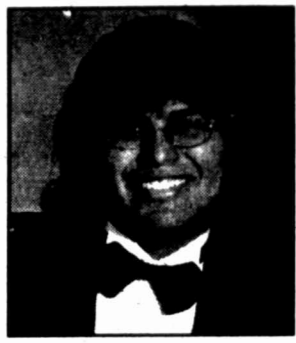
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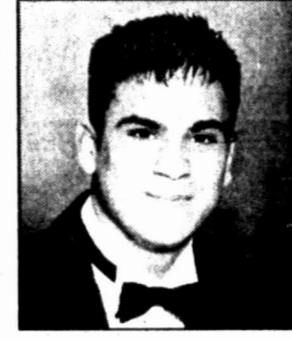
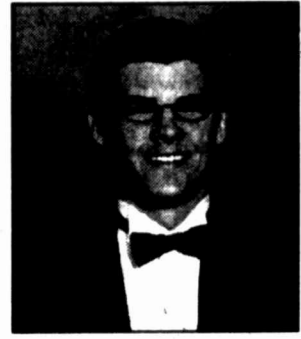
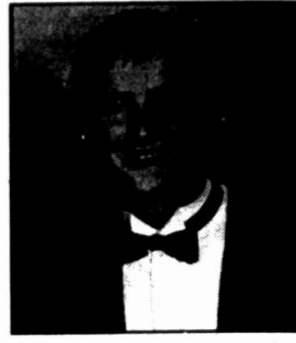
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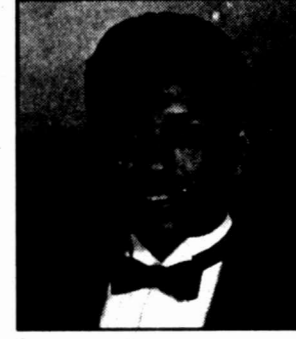


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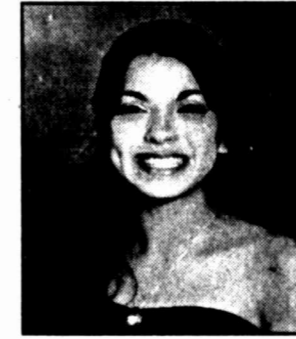
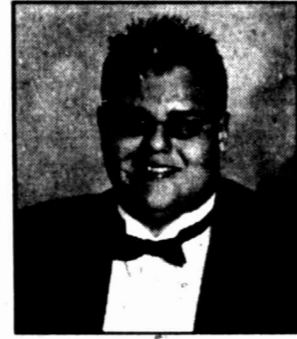
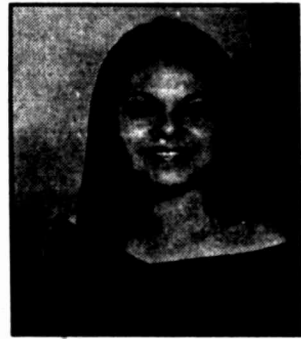


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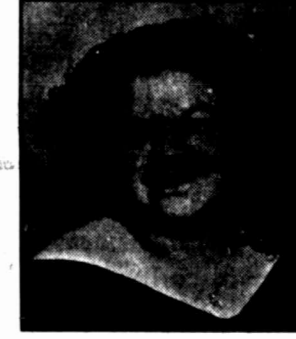
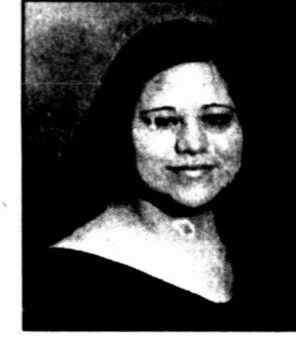
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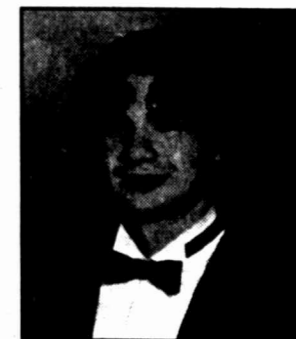
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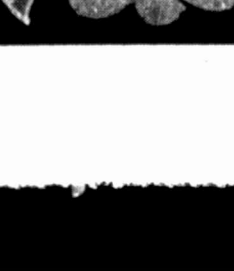
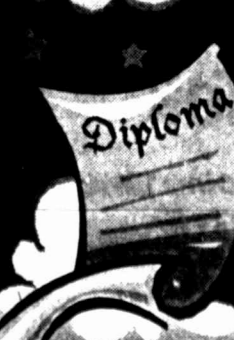
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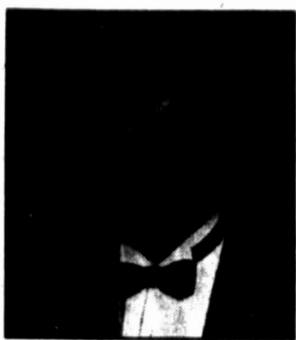
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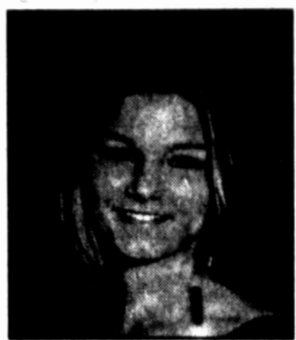
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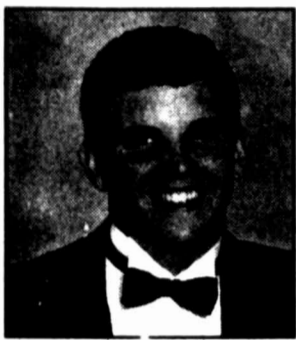


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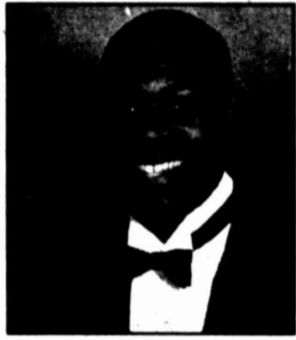


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Valerie,

We are so very proud of you! Good luck as you begin a new chapter in your life!



Remember with faith in God, you can achieve everything you have dreamed of.

Congratulations!

Love,
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VALERIE MARTINEZ SR '06

Hooray, Hooray!

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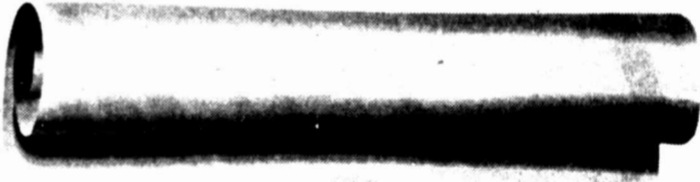
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May God Bless you through out your life. We thank God everyday for having a wonderful granddaughter like you.



Love You,
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D.J.,

You finally made it!
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God Bless you in everything you do.



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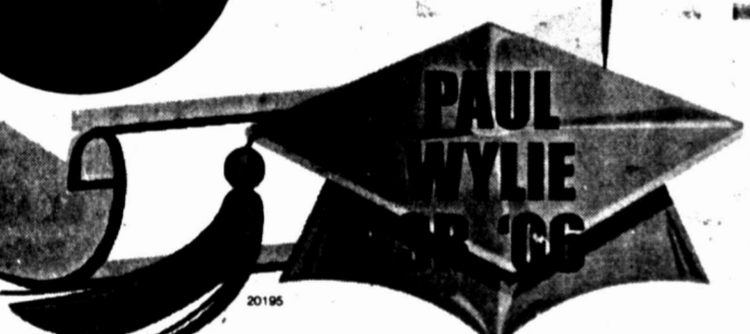


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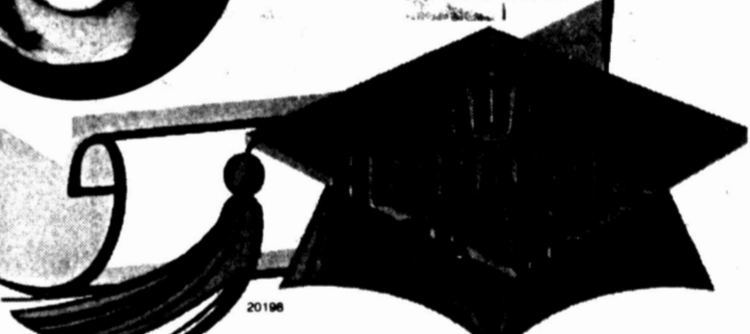
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Prov. 16:3



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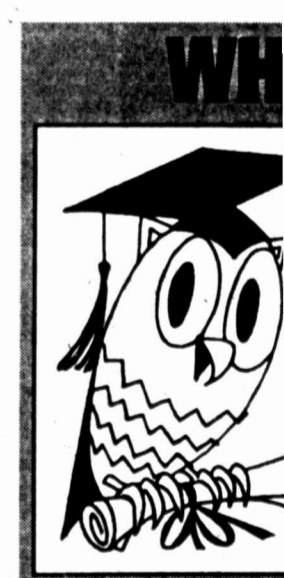
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Wherever life takes you, the lessons learned at school will always help you choose the right direction.

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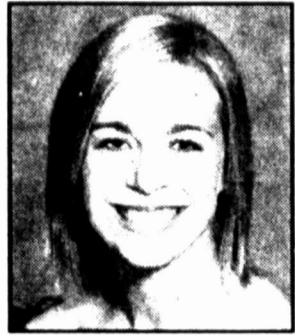
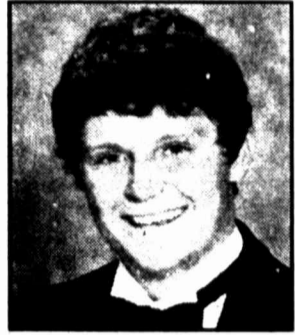
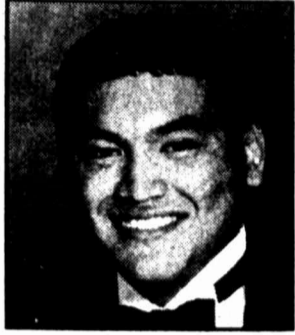
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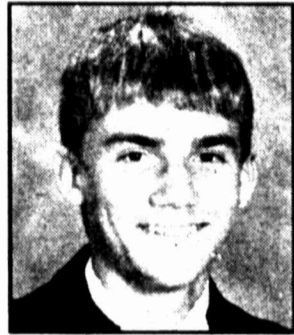
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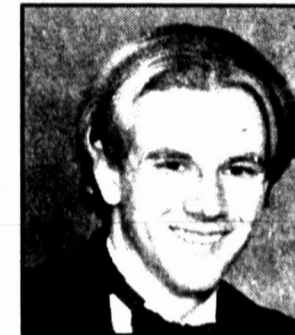
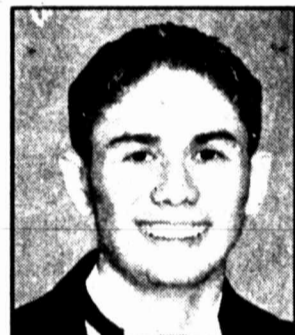
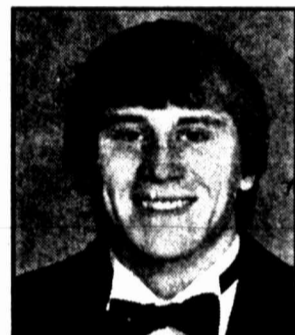


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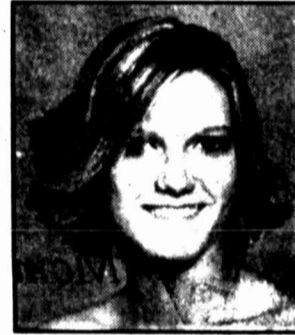
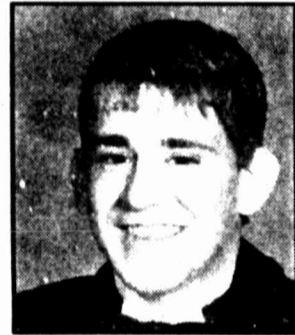
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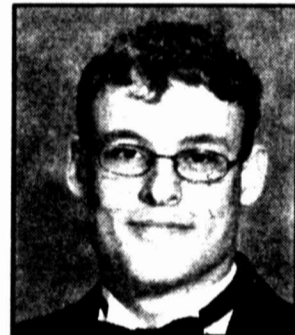
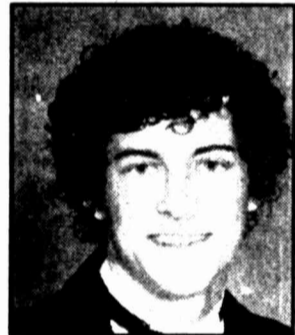
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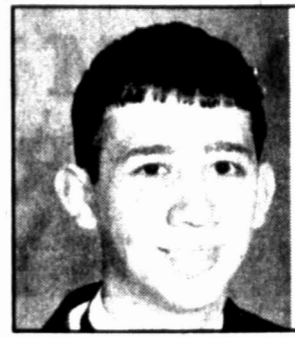
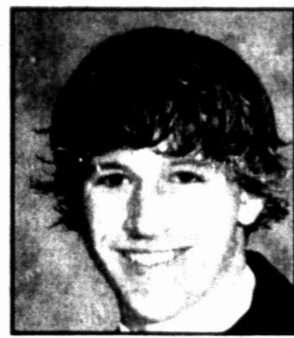
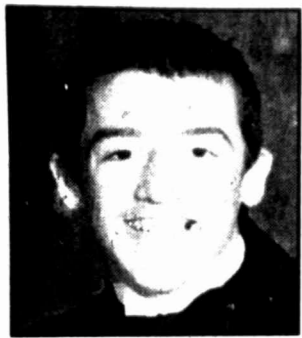
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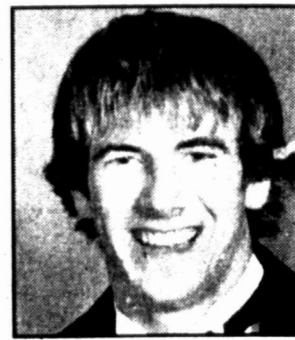
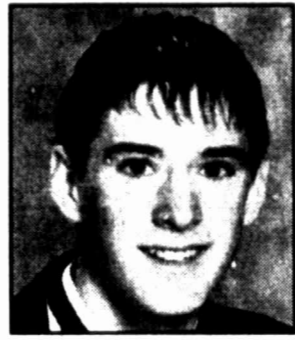
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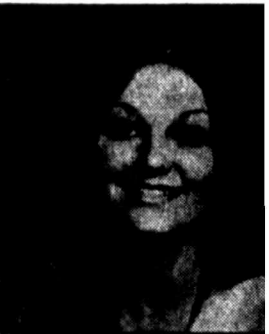


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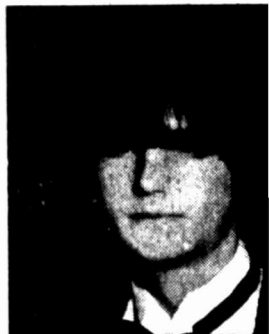
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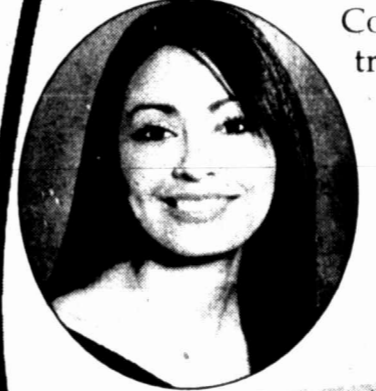
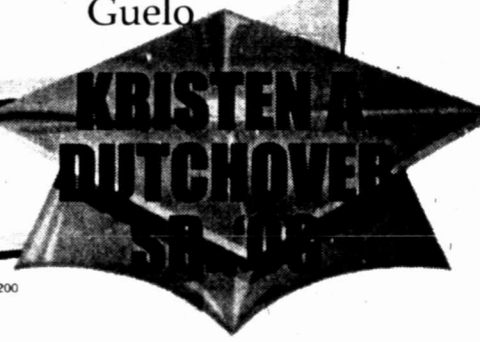
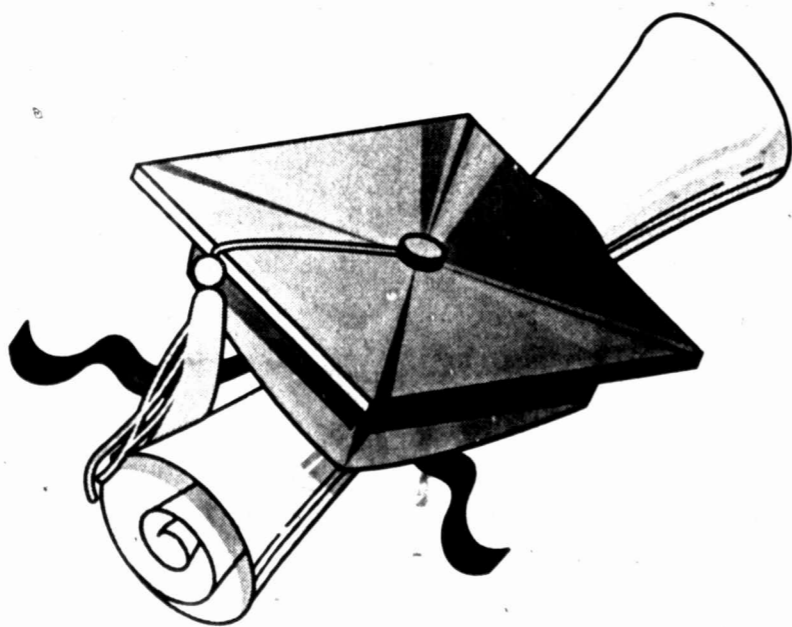
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Wishing you the "Best of Luck" in all your future endeavors!!



Continue putting your trust in God's hands, and you will go far in life.

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All the Best at Graduation

We've watched you grow older and wiser over the years, and now we're proud to celebrate your graduation. We hope you enjoy every moment of this very special time in your life. Remember, today is just the beginning! May the coming years bring happiness, health, joy and fulfillment, as you continue to reach new heights of success.

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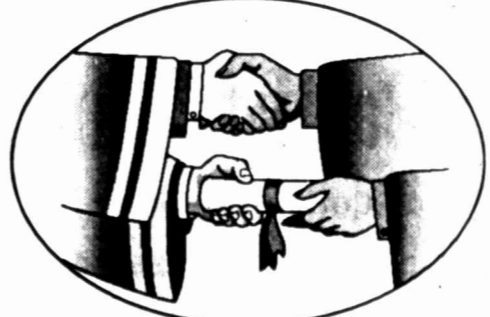

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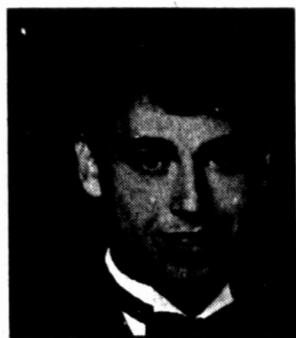
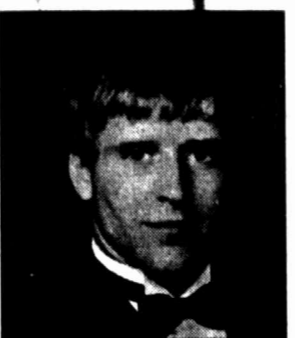
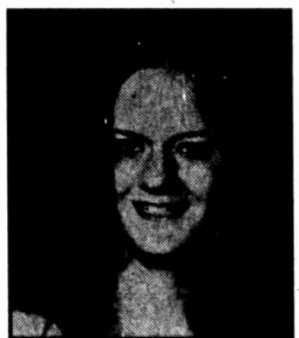
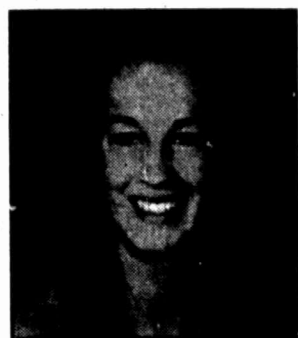
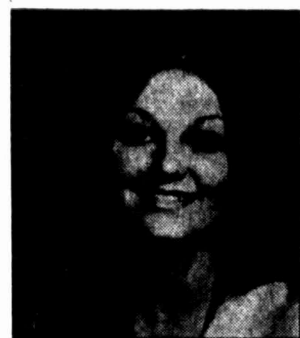
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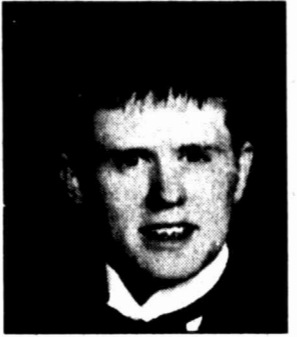
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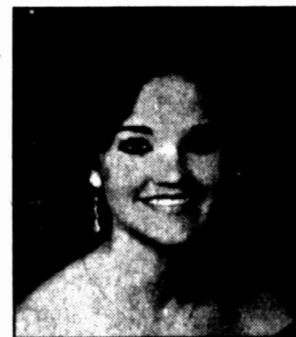
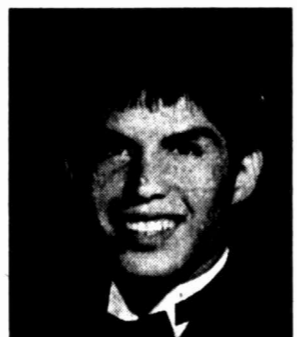
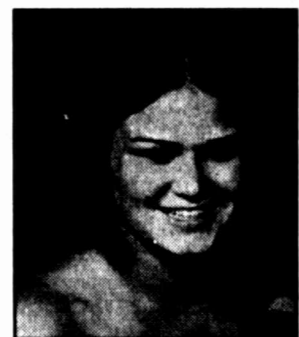
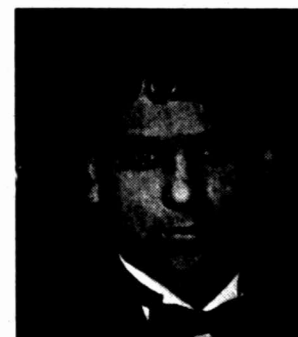
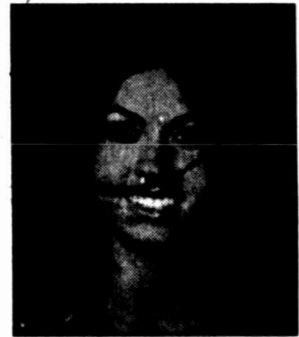
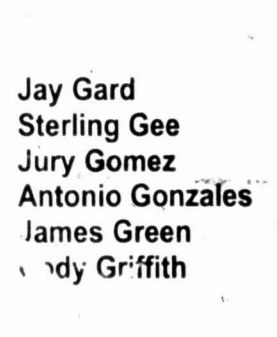


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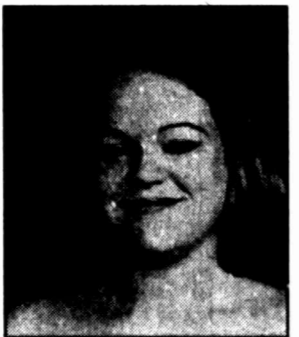
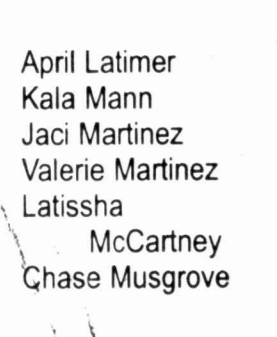
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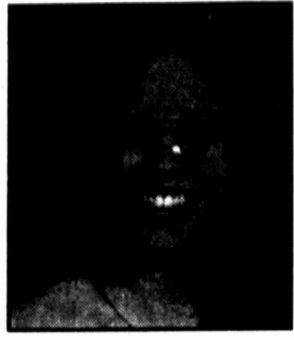
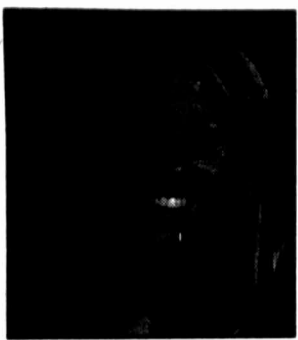
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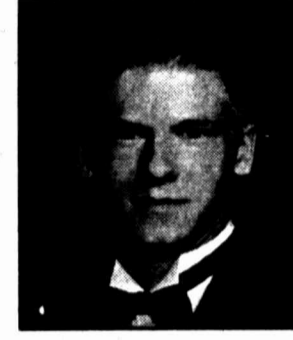
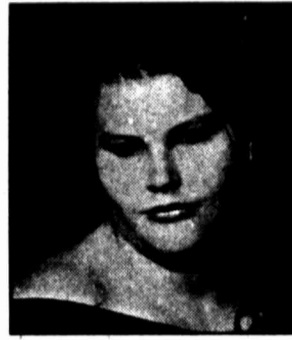
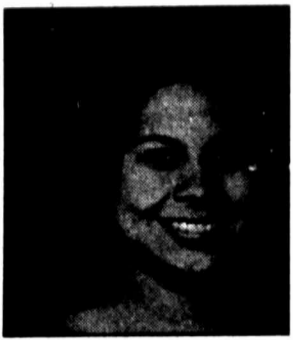
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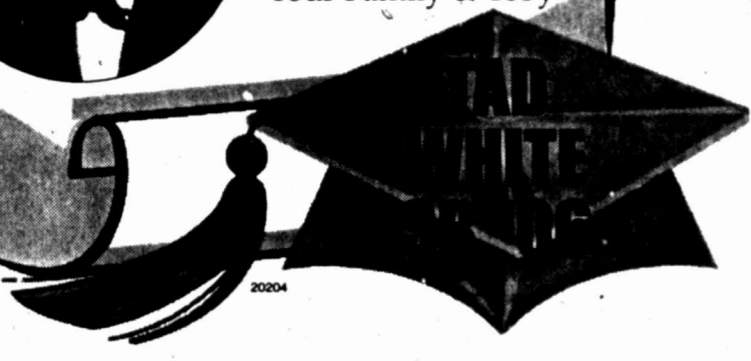
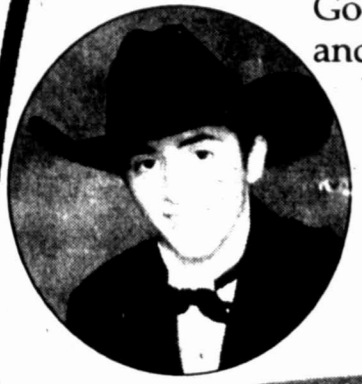
Wow, you've grown up to be such a nice, responsible, young man.



We're so proud of you. Good luck in all you do and always know we're behind you 100%.

Congratulations!

Love you,
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Your Family & Toby



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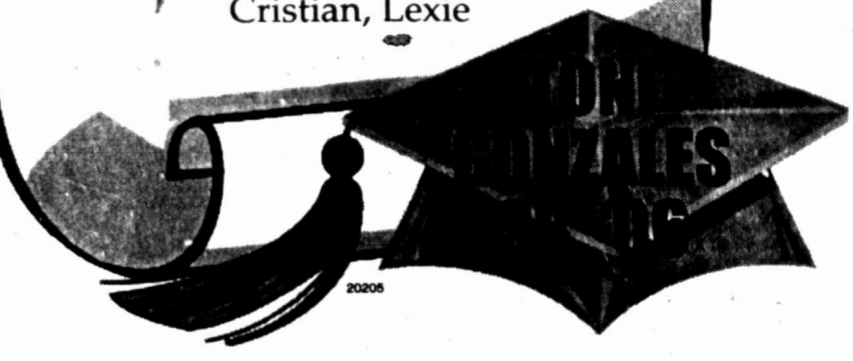
Wishing You The Best Of Luck In All Your Future Endeavors



Continue Putting Your Trust In God's Hands, And You Will Go Far In Life

We Love You!

Mom, Juanita, Jay, Cristian, Lexie



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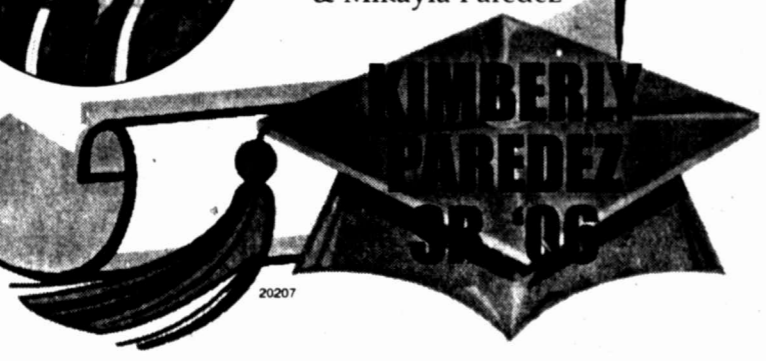
You've made us proud. Congratulations on such a fine accomplishment. May you achieve all of your life's ambitions.



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, Plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

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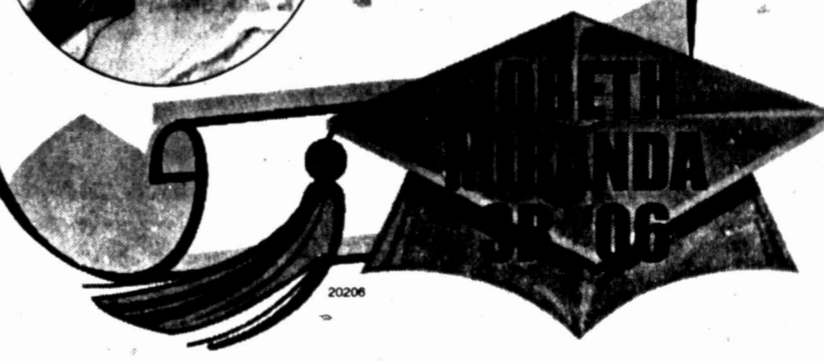
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Congratulations! YOU DID IT! Very Proud Of You.



God be with you on your future and He will take you far in life.

Your Aunt Isabel



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The world is yours for the taking, graduates!

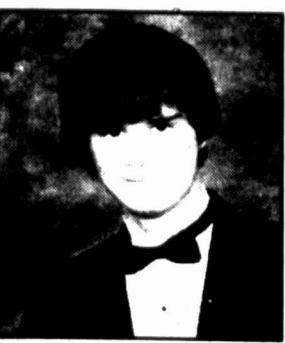
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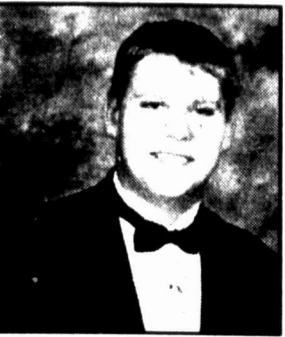
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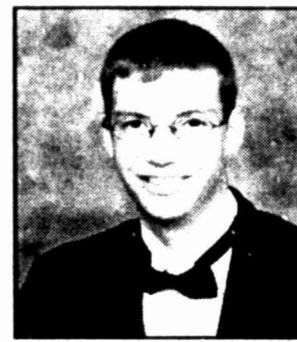
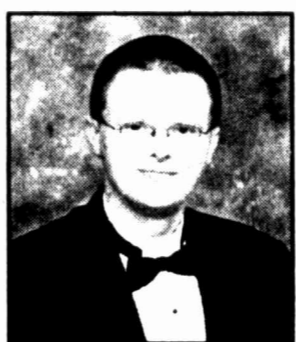
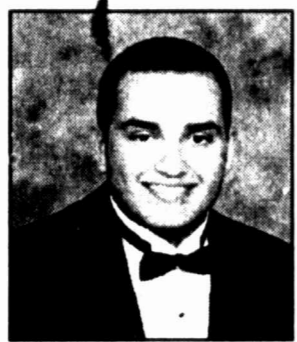
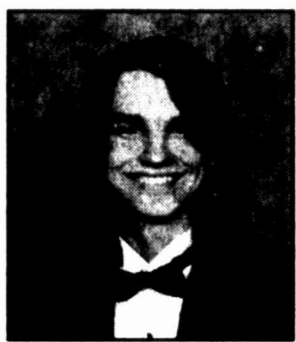
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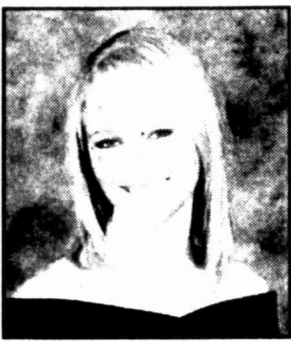
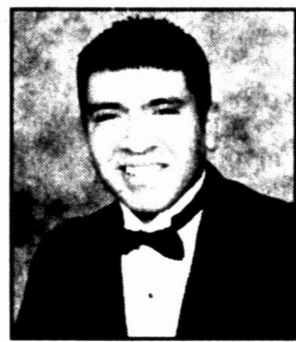
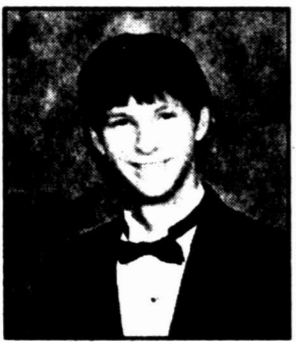
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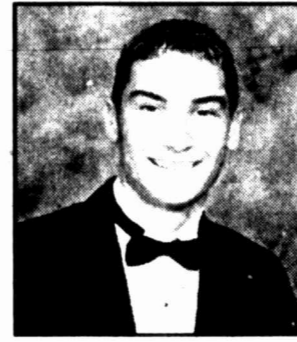
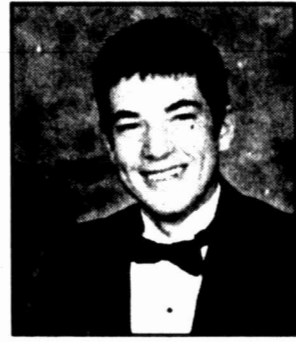
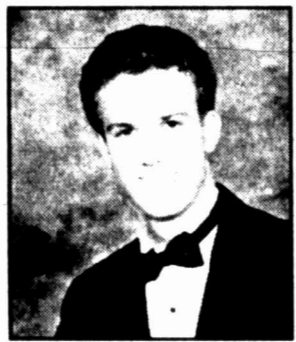
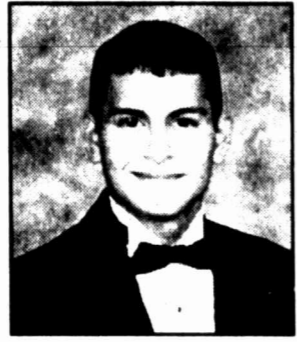
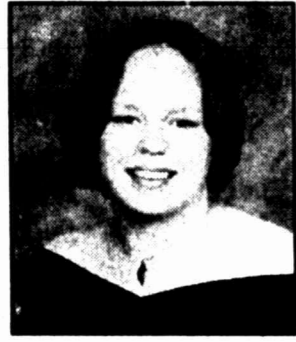
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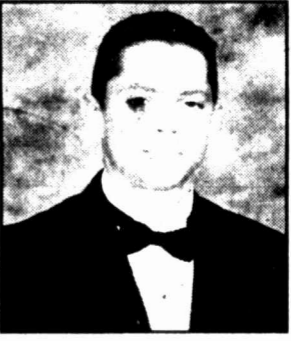
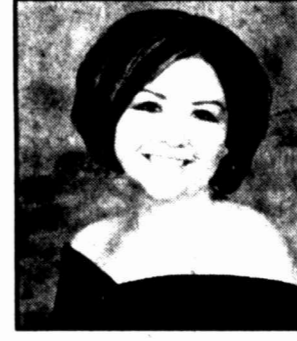
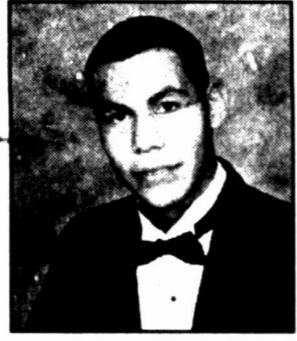
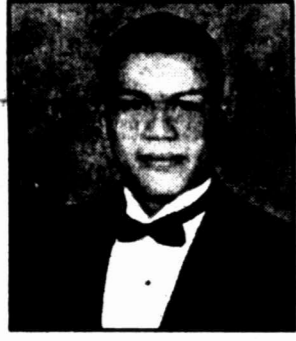
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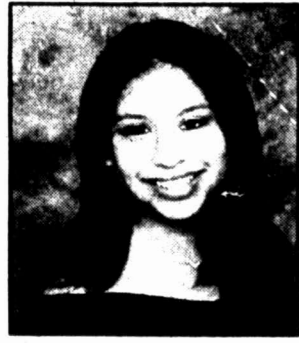
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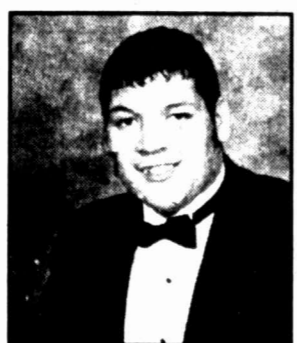
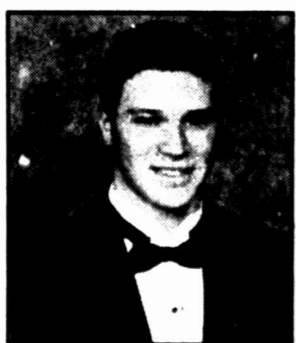
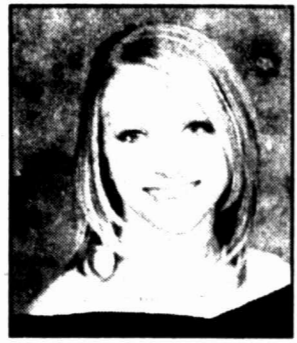
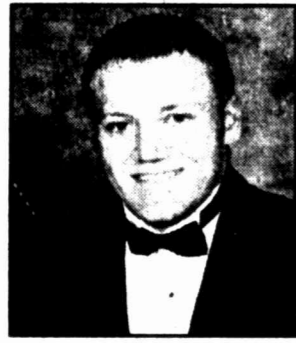
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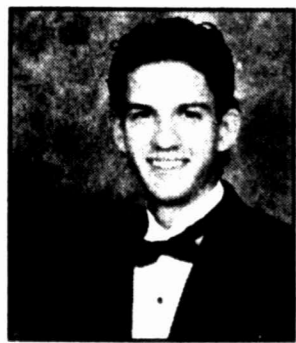
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Sloan Kelly
Bonnie Kendall



Colton Kidd
T.J. Marquez



Austin Marsh
Anthony Melendez



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Looks Like You're On Your Way!

Wherever life takes you, the lessons learned at school will always help you choose the right direction.

Always remember the importance of hard work, honesty, kindness, dedication, friendship and family in helping you to become a huge success. Thanks for making us proud, graduates! We wish you all the best for a terrific and exciting future.

Congratulations Seniors!

Howard County Judge, Ben Lockhart
and County Commissioners....
Bill Crooker, Gary Simer,
Emma Brown
and Jerry Kilgore.



UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE

Our Recent Graduates

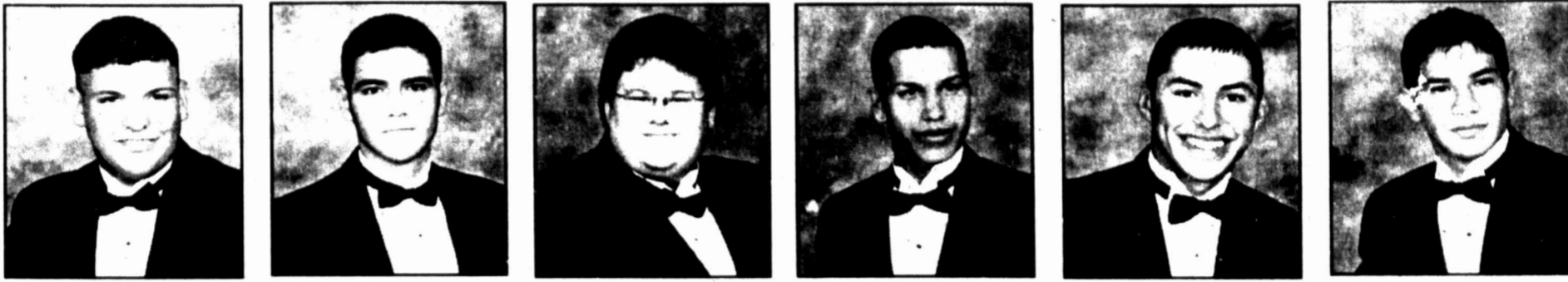
*Hoping for you
God's blessings
and leadership
throughout your life.*

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267-1639



Daniel Melville
Jennifer Montez
Kelley Pickens
Samantha Portillo
Melissa Posey
Gentry Pylant

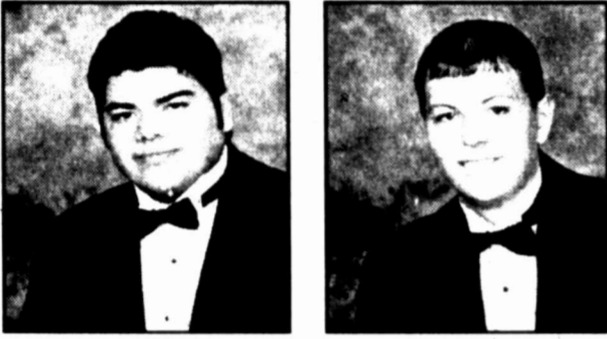
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Brad Smith
Savanah Smith
Jessica Stovall
Tiffany Tarango
Jeovani Vela
Fernando Villa




Joey Villa
Adam Williams




Jon,

For who you are now, Jon, and for ALL you'll be in the years to come.




Congratulations & Happy Graduation!

Love,
Mom, Dad
& Elizabeth




Alyssa,

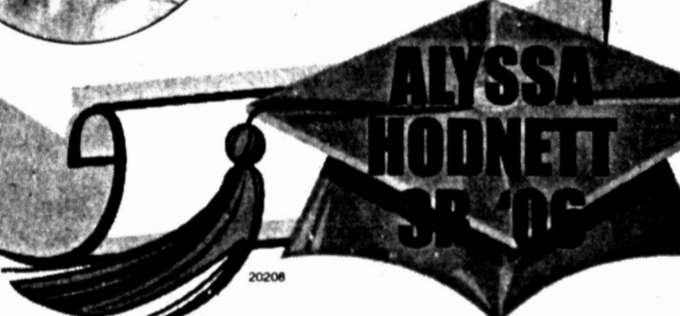
You've been a blessing from the very start.
What a joy watching you grow up.



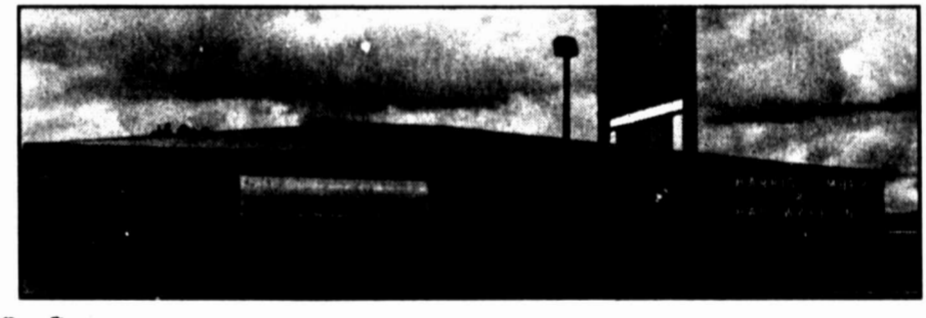
We Are So Proud Of You.
Trust In God Always.



Love You
Mom, Brian
& D'Amberly



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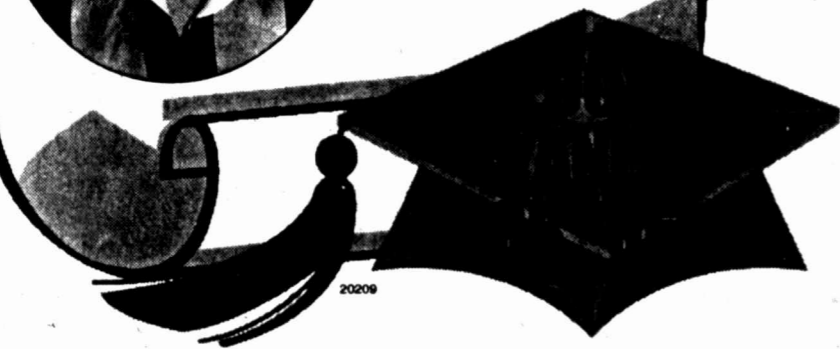
Congratulations!
We Are So Proud
Of You.



May God Always
Bless You!



Love,
Mom, Dad &
Stephen



Rosa Maria,

Congratulations on your
success. You have
always made us proud.
You've grown up right
before our eyes from a
precious little girl to a
beautiful young lady
with a heart of gold.



Follow all your dreams
and hopes.
Always include God in
your future, with him
everything is possible.

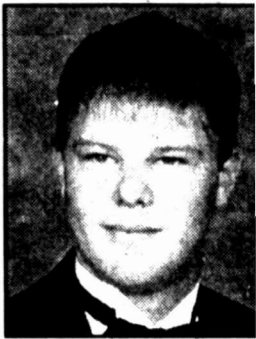


Love You Always,
Daddy, Mommy,
Raymon, Clarissa

ROSA MARIA
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Jeremy Randell



Jackie,


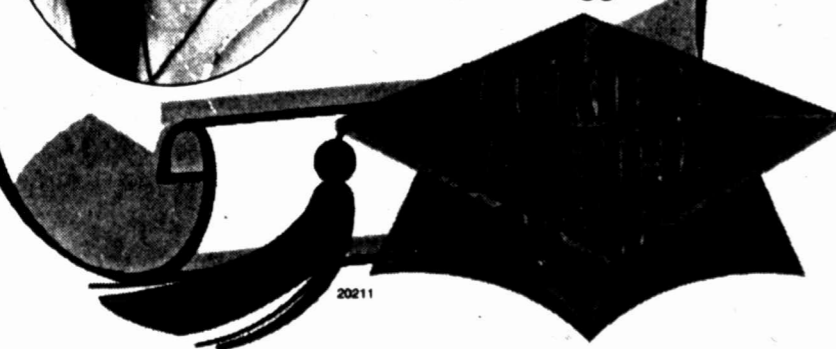
Reach for the
stars &
follow your
dream.



We Are So Proud
Of You.


God Bless You
Always

Mom, Dad, Ray
Hannah & Snuggles


Amanda,

Follow
Your
Dreams!




We All Love You
Your Family

Best Of Luck



AMANDA
FARMER
SR '06




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OPPORTUNITY
AWAITS YOU



Class of 2006 graduates, the world
is at your feet. Dream big and work
hard, and success will be your reward.
Congratulations!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness
and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Kim Shafer R.N., M.S.N.
Family Nurse Practitioner

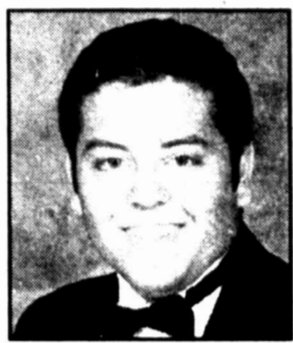
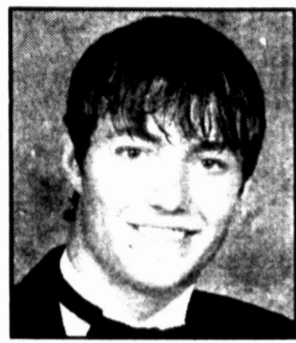
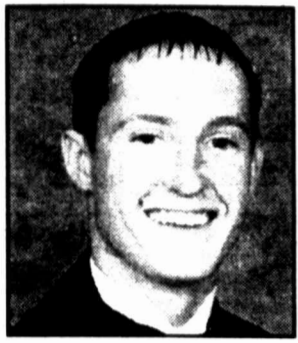
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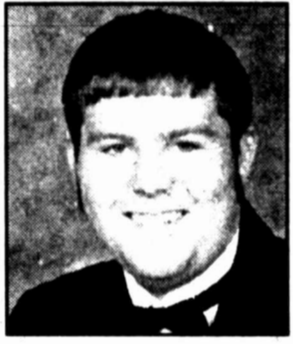
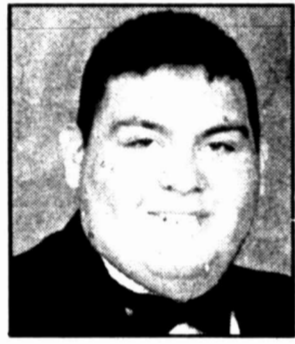
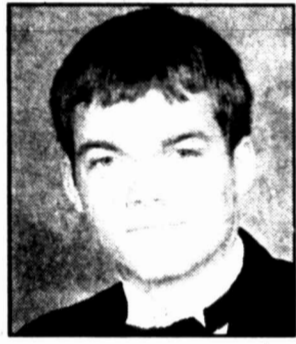
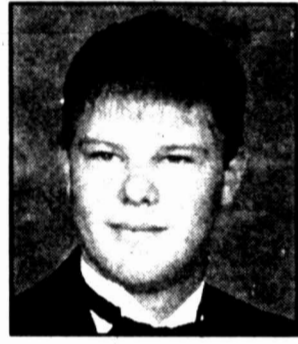
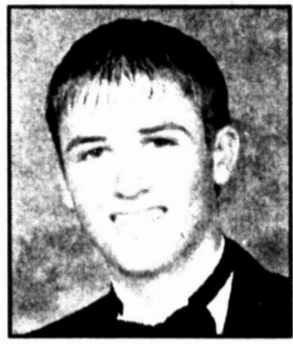
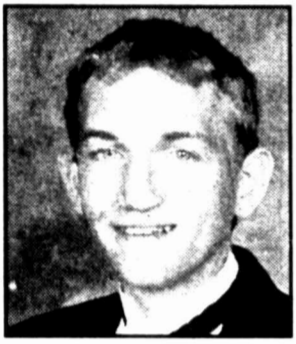


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GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL
RUTH COOK AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, MAY 19th
7:00 P.M.**



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Cade Goss
Tracy Eggemeyer
Anthony Garza
Katie Gully
Angela Hoelscher

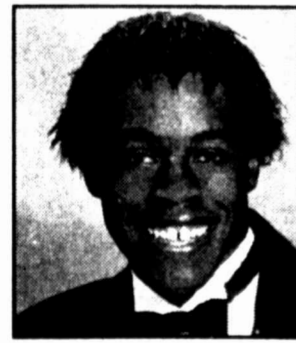
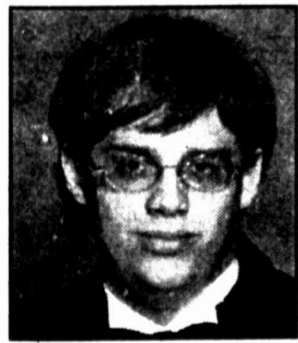
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Dusty Walker

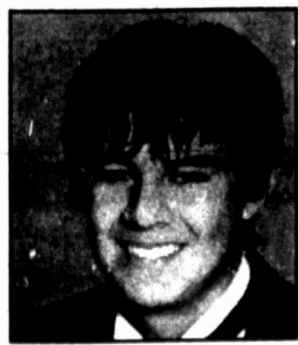


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SANDS HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, MAY 19th**



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Fryar, D
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Rogers, T
Smithson, C
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Ybarra, S

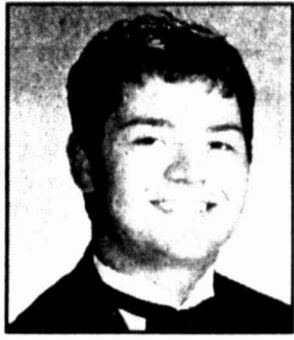
Congratulations
on a fine achievement

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FRIDAY, MAY 26th 7:00 P.M.

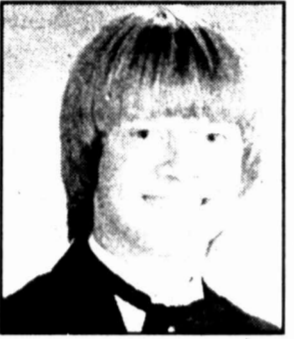


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Nathan Ballard
Megan Brooks
Kisha Clements
Ryan Gicklhorn
Brandi Hudson



Jacob Meeks
Leland Pechacek
Michaela Pruitt
Bobby Tiemann
Taylor Woolfolk

Andrew Lamming
Aaron Pigford
Jodye Rutherford
Trey Soto
Austin Tarleton
Bradley Tatum



Garrett Thomas



WE TIP OUR CAPS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2006!

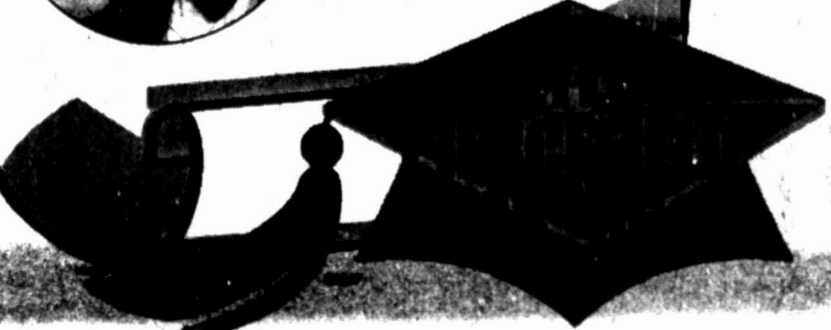
Kyle,

*We are so proud
of you and feel
blessed to
have you in
our lives.*



*Always put God
first and He will
guide you in
all your
future endeavors*

*We Love You!
Mom & Dad*



Courtney,

*Congratulations
on a job well
done, we are
proud of you.*



Prov. 3: 5-6

*Reach for the stars
and always remember
that with God
anything is possible.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad and Julianna*



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES GRADY HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM SATURDAY, MAY 20th 6:00 P.M.



Alisha Almand
Heather Hale
Michael Hewtty
Patricia Howard
Tyler Kinman
Matt McClure

Jacob Meeks
Leland Pechacek
Michaela Pruitt
Bobby Tiemann
Taylor Woolfolk

Happy Graduation Day!

Alex,
You have worked so hard to be where you are now. As you leave us once again, you have set goals in the military.

We Are Proud Of You!

For now - enjoy the moment, remember your fellow classmates & family for this will be a day to remember forever.

Hoorah!
Love,
Mom, Mike, Andy,
Josh...
Martinez & Urias
Family

Justin,
We have seen you grow from our little boy to a grown up young man.

If you put your mind & heart into it. You will go far in life. We hope & pray that your future is successful.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad & Julia



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Kayla,

You have worked hard to get to this point in your life...

Keep up the good work and don't ever give up.



God Bless You & May All Your Dreams Come True!

*Love,
Tony & Christy Hernandez,
Tim, Marisol & Alicia*



Happy Graduation Day



Congratulations to all graduates in the surrounding area. All of our best to each and everyone of you.

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