

Brisco completes first year at Texas Lutheran

Leah Brisco completed her freshman year at Texas Lutheran University (TLU) as a psychology major with a grade point average of 3.4.

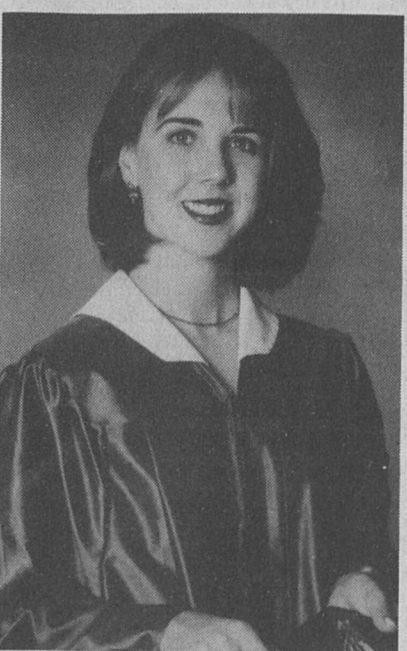
Leah was a theatre scholar with roles in "Diary of Anne Frank", "Dora the Beautiful Dishwasher" and a lead roll in "Present Tense".

She was also a member of the TLU Concert Choir and a Bulldog Orientation Associate who conducts orientation for incoming freshmen. She was on the Student Publication Council and had her works appear in the Literary College publication, Ethos.

Leah's volunteer work included being a member and coordinator for P.A.W.S. (Peer Assistance and Wellness Services), Homespun (Early Childhood Intervention), and Hypo Therapy Program. She was also employed with career services on campus and was an aerobics instructor.

During her freshman year, Leah received a theatre scholarship, Commendations Award Scholarship (for good moral standing and academic achievement), L.O.R.M.S. Scholarship and a State Scholarship for completion of high school in three years.

Leah is the daughter of Reggie and Barbara Brisco of Sheridan.



Leah Brisco



Buckle Up, Eagle Lake

Mayor David Mann signed a proclamation recently declaring May 16-26 as "Buckle Up America Week" in Eagle Lake, encouraging all drivers to use safety belts and make sure all passengers in their vehicle do the same.

Looking on, from left, are pre-k and kindergarten students Joshua Gertson, Marneikwa Woods, Daniela Franco, Mann, Matthew Sosa, Jon-Trel Pratt and Elizabeth Marquez. Police Lt. Clem Johnson and Police Chief Keith Webb joined the group for the proclamation signing.

Following the signing, Lt. Johnson, in photo below, spoke to the pre-k and kindergarten classes about the importance of safety belts, bicycle safety and explained the "no-no" of riding in the bed of a pickup truck.

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Houston State University are on the Dean's List for the spring semester: James Brzozowski of Garwood; Rebecca Burrow of Eagle Lake; Dana Coreathers of Columbus and Shannon Wesselski of Nada.

The following students received degrees from Sam Houston State: Vicki Drik of Garwood, Bachelor of Science, academic studies; and Kevin Ruether of Columbus, Bachelor of Science, agri-business.

Linda Balas and Pat Cook were guests of Mary Kay Cook on May 19 when they attended the Legislative Ladies Club Luncheon, "A Taste of Texas" in Austin.

Mary Kay, wife of State Representative Robby Cook, treated mother-in-law Pat and Linda with a day of fun and enrichment including a tour of the National Wildflower Research Center where the luncheon was held.

Following a tour and shopping, the ladies proceeded to the Capitol to visit with Robby and his staff and tour the building. Joining the ladies for the day was Claude Saunders, wife of past representative Robert Saunders.

Once a lady becomes a member of the Legislative Ladies Club, they continue the membership.

Pat and Linda reported having a wonderful, memorable day.

Thanks to the coaches of the 1997 Eagle Lake Little League Mariners, Wayne, Randy and Jeff, for volunteering their time and experience to the kids. All the players on the team, especially Bruno Rotter, say thanks.

Congratulations to Risa Waddell for being named to the 22-3A All District softball team.

Rice Special Olympians excel at U of H

Special Olympic students from Rice High School recently competed in a track and field meet held at the University of Houston.

Results of the competition were: Erika Ellenbogen, third place 100 dash, fourth in softball throw.

Eric Guthrie, third in shot put, fifth (See Olympians, Page 10)

Honor Rolls

SHERIDAN SCHOOL, Continued

Sixth: Krystal Buegeler, Jacqui Mahalic, Travis Pittman, Andrew Varley.
Seventh: Kimberly Denley, Shelley Greak, Amanda Labay.

Eighth: Matt Arp, Robyn Alleyway, Eric Kasper, Kyle Kinchelo.

RICE HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen: Brett Boenisch, Stephanie Braden, Dustin Brisco, Ann Capps, Tabitha Conner, Cody Crane, Hank Crane, Amelia Fearing, Robert Goode, James Hassin, Dale Hentzell, Clint Korenek, Nicole Korenek, Chrissy Leopold, Kimberly Lott, Rita Morales, Yaneth Najera, Agustina Ortiz, Jamesangela Phillips, Teresa Pittman, Brandon Shanks, Levi Zuniga.

Sophomore: Scott Bittner, Rebal Canaris, Brian Cardenas, Cliff Cerny, Calche Crane, Erika Ellenbogen, Valerie Galvan, Cori Gertson, Ralph Gertson, Lori Grigar, David Houser, Brian Janish, Chad Kallina, Amalie Kucherka, Angela Leopold, Amy Moore, Joe Romo, Susana Silva, Barrett Thomas, Lisa Valigura, Ricardo Vargas, Bo Vavrusa, Namita Verma, Jeremy Weishuhn, Danielle Witte, Tierra Wright.

Seniors: Josh Allen, Bridget Baird, Jessica Briscoe, Willie Cleveland, Carrie Engstrom, Sunny Gertson, Juan Gonzales, Jennifer Krenck, Wilbert Kucherka, Connie Longoria, Andrea Machac, Timothy Powers, Nenci Rodriguez, Robyn Rucka, Jacklyn Schmitt, Gina Sides, Marcie Till, Francisco Varela, Amanda Weishuhn.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

High Honor Roll

First: Kevin Thompson.

Second: Noelle Jurica, Cory Hooper.

Third: Kali Hammerniller, Sean Korenek.

Fourth: Kaylyn Boenisch, Julie Meisner, Jake Staff, Mandy Staff.

Fifth: Russell Crane, Kevin Shimek, Danielle Spanihel.

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Sixth: Jeffrey Leopold, Lauren Spanihel, Kimberly Waligura.

Seventh: Garrett Crane, Lana Engstrom, Kinsey Hoffman, Jared Korenek, Trent Korenek, Heather Shanks, Jessica Spanihel, Meagan Staff, Kristin Thompson.

Eighth: Martha Rodriguez, Jenna Hoffman.

Superior Honor Roll

First: Micah Schoellmann, Adam Shimek, Trey Staff.

Second: Jacob Engstrom, Courtney Sklar.

Third: Katie Hoffman, Luke Shimek.

Fourth: Laura Engstrom.

Sixth: Erin Gold.

Eighth: Debbie Leopold, Stacy Schneider.

Highlights

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drought plan and addresses environmental protection and population growth.

The legislation was Lt. Gov. Bullock's top priority for the session. "Our future depends on this bill. Texans can now stand united on a subject that has long divided us," he said.

The bill will provide more than \$1 billion for upgrading substandard drinking water systems. It will protect freshwater flows into bay and estuaries and it creates obstacles for transfers of water from one basin to another. The measure will appear as a constitutional amendment on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Cities, water districts and other local governments will have to work together to create and manage a water-conserving drought plan due Sept. 2000.

'Gangsta' Investment Ban Revived

Texas could become the first state to prohibit agencies from investing in companies that produce or distribute 'gangsta rap' music under a measure Gov. Bush will sign into law.

After the House committee threw it out, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, revived the measure by attaching it as a rider to the 800-page state budget bill. Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said he wanted to stop public money from going to companies he said poison the minds of children and teen-agers.

According to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*, the rider prohibits the use of state money to invest in or buy securities of a business that owns 10% or more of a company that records or produces any song, lyrics or other musical work that explicitly describes, glamorizes or advocates:

- Acts of criminal violence, including murder, assault, assault on police officer, sexual assault and robbery;
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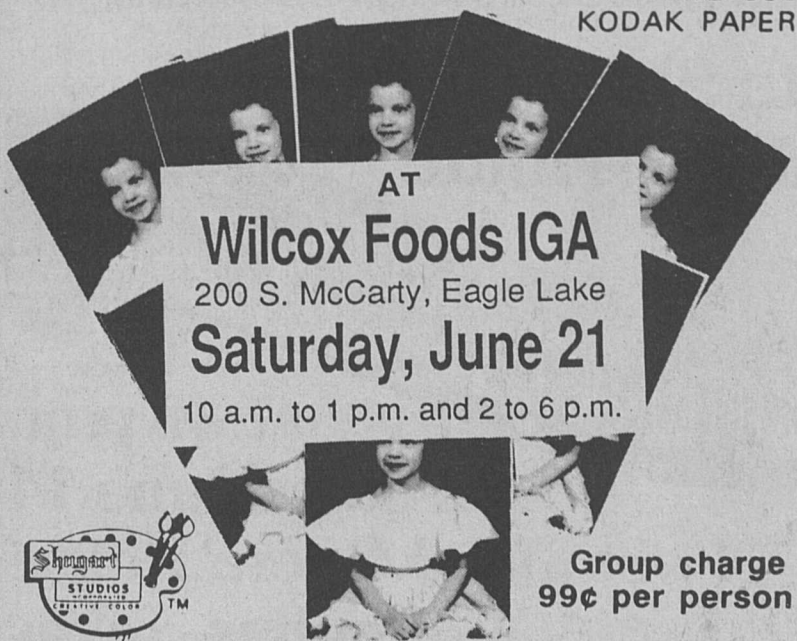
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