

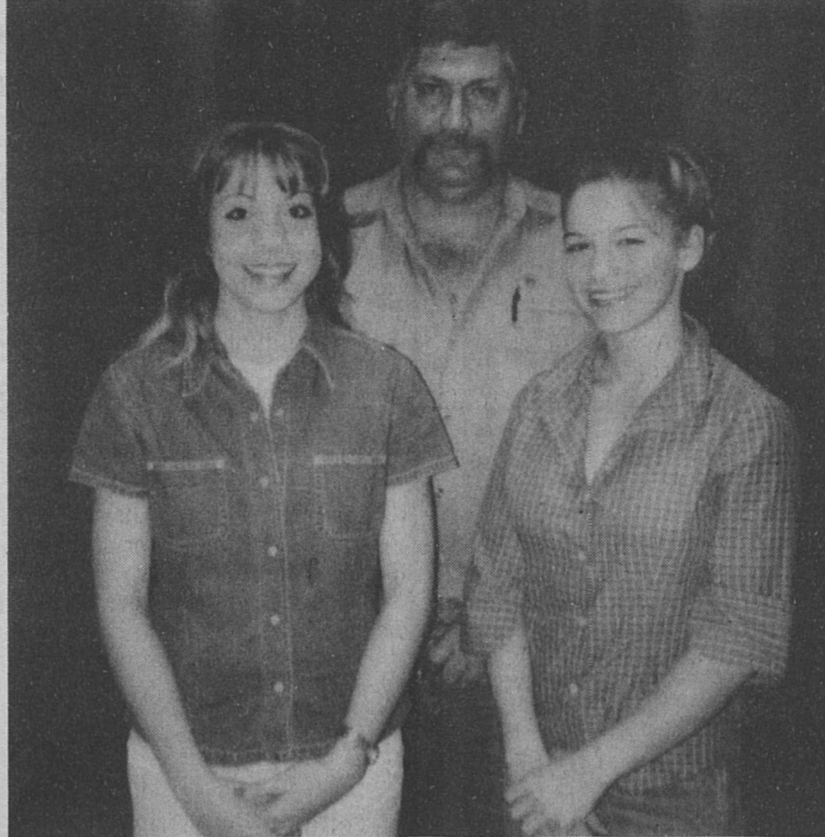
RAIDER REVIEW

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RHS participation in FFA Leadership Contest

By Eric Tillery
Monday, Nov. 15, two students from Rice High School (RHS) participated in the FFA Leadership Contest at Blinn Junior College in Brenham. Stephanie Braden, RHS FFA president, went as a representative and Sarah Gould participated in the creed speaking contest. Creed speaking is an event where participants cite the FFA Creed and answer questions pertaining to agri-

culture and the meaning of the creed. Sarah did not place, but represented Rice very well. Mr. Monte Williams, RHS FFA Advisor, accompanied the students in their participation. Other contests will be coming up and the FFA members will participate in various events. Congratulations needs to go out to Stephanie for her representation and to Sarah for her participation in her event.



Stephanie Braden, FFA Advisor Monte Williams, and Sarah Gould attended the recent FFA Leadership Contest.

Project Graduation meeting held at RHS

On Nov. 15, a Project Graduation meeting was held in the commons. The meeting started out with Jennifer Korenek reading minutes from

By Stacy Schneider
the last meeting. Then Susan Wilkerson read the treasurer's report, and both were approved. Denis Hentzell reported on the Powder Puff football game, which is tentatively set for Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. If this does not go as planned, the game will be rescheduled for the spring. They also decided on a date for the Senior Serve which will be held on Jan. 29. The committee members discussed plans and are getting everything together for a fun filled night.

Who's Zat?

By Heather Henske
"C'mon, take a guess." That's what this little cutie seems to be saying. This picture was passed around the halls to the students and faculty of RHS. The only clue given is that he is a senior.

The picture (at right) stumped most people; however, Ms. Volkmer, Dale Hentzell, Mr. Wendel, Shanna Waligura and Tiffany Moore were on the right track when they correctly guessed Jimmy Hassin.

When asked how he feels about being a senior Jimmy replied, "I'm glad it's almost over, yet depressed to know that I am leaving behind friends." Jimmy is involved in National Honor Society and concentrates on his studies.

In his spare time, Jimmy enjoys swimming, driving, cooking and playing with his little sister.

After graduation, he plans to go to college and major in law or psychology.

Jimmy is the son of Steve and Beth Hassin of Eagle Lake.



Meet the Lady Raider

By Jamie Christ
Meet Rose Sosa, a senior at Rice High School. Readers might recognize her as the 1999 Homecoming Queen. When asked how she felt about being elected homecoming queen, she replied, "I was surprised and very honored." Rose is involved in several school activities. She is president of the H.O.M.E. Club and vice-president of Cosmetology. Rose describes her responsibilities and duties to the H.O.M.E. Club as "helping others achieve their goals, making decisions for club functions, and helping set up meeting agendas."

Her love is providing school spirit! After graduation, Rose plans to go into business, working part time as a licensed cosmetologist.

She is the daughter of Richard and Diane Rodriguez of Eagle Lake.



Rose Sosa

Barrow participates in 'Distinguished Youth'

Monica Barrow, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Barrow of Eagle Lake, was selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship & Recognition Program," (DYTP) held at the Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel in Dallas, Nov. 19-21.

and who are leaders in their schools and communities.

The judging criteria used to select two state titleholders include the following: scholastic record, service to school and community, personality projection and interview.

Monica was sponsored for the weekend by the following: Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Leopold Materials, J&L Automotive, Eagle Trailer Parts, Shine Jewelry, KLM Trucking, Ms. Debra Smith, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mr. Louis Barrow Sr., Mrs. Eva Abram, Mr. Dave Curry and the Gardner Family.

During the weekend event, two Texas students were selected to receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and the right to serve as a State Program Titleholder for one year.

In addition, both winners received \$250 to present to their respective schools from the DYTP.

In all, more than \$5,000 in awards and prizes are presented to various participants.

The DYTP is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically

Program founder, Warren Alexander, stated, "This program truly reflects the female youth of the 21st Century. The candidates are intelligent, well-rounded students. Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes, with other significant promotion being the judge's interview."

The program finals were held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21, and culminated in the naming of the new Young Miss of Texas and Little Miss of Texas.

Investment

wait now until next season. You OK with that?"

"Sure," she responded. "I got sorta' tired of hearing a lot of the parents yelling at us. You didn't do that, did you, Mom?"

"Well, maybe a time or two," Mom admitted, "but I didn't like that either. I thought some of the parents got a little carried away."

"They sure did!" she quickly responded.

They drove a few miles in silence. The mom began to wonder if they'd done the right thing. The move had brought many new opportunities for the family, but such classes and lessons and activities were limited in this new area.

The little child sat there quietly, then finally said, "Well, what am I going to do this year?"

Almost without hesitation, the mom said, "Well...uh, I guess you'll...uh, you'll just have to spend more time with me."

The five-year-old pushed forward as far as the seat belt would allow. She turned toward her mother. Her eyes opened wide. The eyebrows raised. The smile immediately spread across the face.

She gave only a one-word response as she clinched her right fist, bent her elbow, turned the fist upward and brought it down along her side in

a quick motion. In sports-like fashion, she shouted: "YES!"

The mom in the story is our oldest daughter Le'Ann. The five-year-old is our granddaughter Haley.

And yes, the incident really happened.

It made me realize one again just how important it is to spend quality time with our children. Time and time again, troubled youngsters angrily remark that the mother or the father or both had no time for them. Children are often placed in so many structured activities and meetings and classes that their weekly schedule rivals that of a corporate executive.

I recall a story once of a dad who reluctantly took off work one summer day to take his son fishing. Both the father and the son recorded their thoughts that evening in their personal journals.

The dad wrote: "Took my son fishing all day. This has been one of the worst days of my life."

The son wrote: "Dad took me fishing today. This has been the happiest day of my life."

Students in our classrooms need the same thing. They need to feel that they are special in some way. They need to know that teachers and coun-

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selors and principals are there for them. They need to know that they're not just a number, but someone you care about.

Time. It's a funny thing. We've all got the same amount each day. But how we use it can vary greatly.

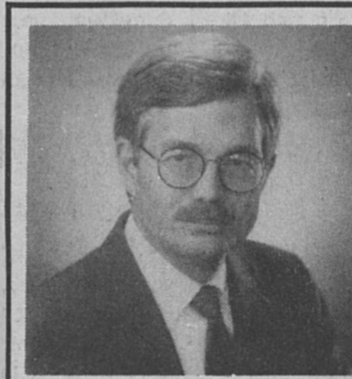
Some waste it. Some spend it wisely. Some use the bulk of it on themselves. Others share it generously.

Time. What a difference it can make for a young person. Spending your time on a child can turn failure into companionship. It can bring hope to the hopeless.

A young successful attorney once said: "The greatest gift I ever received was a gift I got one Christmas when my dad gave me a small box. Inside was a note saying, 'Son, this year I will give you 365 hours, an hour every day after dinner.' My dad not only kept his promise," he said, "but every year he renewed it and it's the greatest gift I ever had in my life. I am the result of his time."

Time. Giving it to a child might just be the best investment you'll ever make.

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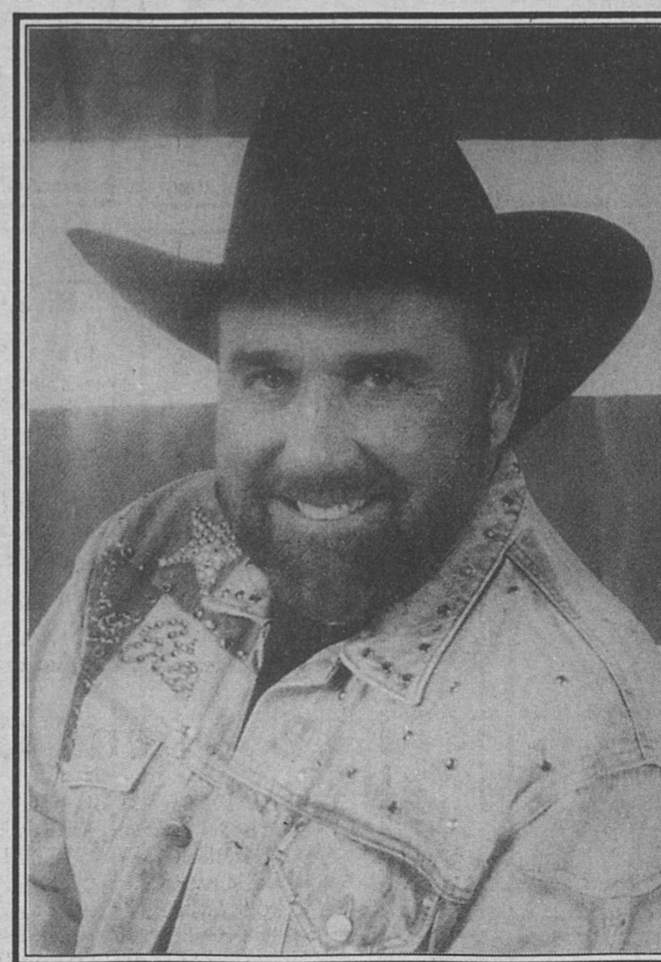
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drug treatment and prevention programs statewide, said it will have to delay new services because of a \$28 million budget shortage.

On Nov. 2, voters approved a constitutional amendment to end property taxes on privately leased vehicles. But the measure won't take effect unless the Texas Legislature approves a law creating the tax break during the 2001 legislative session.

Attorney General Cornyn and actor Chuck Norris last week presented the Peace Officer of the Year Award to Texas Ranger Sgt. Drew Carter, who brought alleged serial killer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez to justice in July.

Attorney General Cornyn last week asked the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to end Federal Judge Williams Wayne Justice's 20 years of oversight of Texas prisons.

Last week, an animal rights activist wearing a turkey suit stood at a busy Austin intersection, encouraging grocery shoppers to skip eating turkey this Thanksgiving and "go vegetarian."