

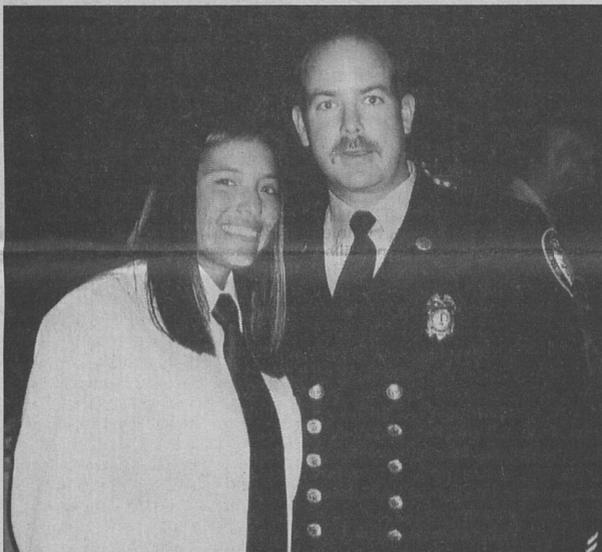
## Leopold, Wager to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leopold of Nada, announce the engagement of their daughter, Chrissy M. Leopold of Nada, to Christopher D. Wager, Jr., of Glenwood, Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Wager of Glenwood.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Rice High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University at Galveston where she received a Bachelor's degree of Science. She is currently employed as a Food Microbiologist with DonLevy Laboratories in Crown Point, Indiana and pursuing a Master's degree in Microbiology.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of his high school in Chicago Heights, Illinois. He is currently pursuing his undergraduate degree in Creative Writing at Columbia College in Chicago.

The couple will be married at 3 p.m., July 1, 2006 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, Texas.



Vanessa Villafuerte was named "Most Outstanding Cadet of the Year" during San Jacinto College's Fire Protection Graduation on May 12.

## Villafuerte Named Most Outstanding Cadet

Vanessa Villafuerte, daughter of Veronica Villafuerte and Mario Villafuerte, granddaughter of Joe and Marcy Salinas was presented with the "Most Outstanding Cadet of the Year" Award during the San Jacinto College Fire Protection Graduation on Friday, May 12.

The ceremony commenced with the presentation of colors by the La Porte Fire Department. The welcome was given by Fireman and Instructor Tim Dunn. Remarks from the faculty were given by Fireman/Instructor Maurice Davis. Vanessa who was voted class president then gave a short speech about Squad 22's experiences during the year. The cadets were then congratulated and given their certificates by Fireman/Instructor Lynwood Dunseith.

Following the presentation of cer-

tificates, the "Most Outstanding Cadet of the Year" Award was presented. This award was given to the Cadet who went far and beyond his/her duty and showed outstanding leadership skills.

Fireman/Instructor Dunseith said, "My colleagues and I voted for this cadet and the vote was unanimous. If we were to be called out to a fire tonight, we would want this cadet to ride along side with us." Vanessa was then presented the "Outstanding Cadet" plaque.

Vanessa is a 2005 graduate of Rice High School. She will continue her studies at San Jacinto College while working in the firefighting field.

Vanessa would like to thank the Rice CISD Administration and Faculty, her community and her family for the continual support of her education.

## CDA Hosts Senior Citizen Domino Party

The Nada Catholic Daughters entertained area senior citizens with a monthly domino party on May 31 with 34 seniors attending the party.

They were treated to the morning and dressing dinner with all the trimmings, with cake for dessert, coffee and tea was also served.

Hostesses for the party were members of the Catholic Daughters, Party Chairman Helen Noteboom, assisted by Janie Mae Popp, Irene Seifert, Rosemary Wied, Anita Meisner and helpers Kaitlynn and Caden "Biddy Bob" Van Court.

Seniors spent the afternoon playing dominoes and visiting. Domino

winners were Leo Popp 42 high, Joe Popp 42 low. Straight domino winners were Gladys Tyler and Irene Seifert. Paul Baumgarten was the winner of the Traugarten and the Traveling prize was awarded to Leo Popp.

Seniors celebrating birthdays during the month were Gladys Tyler, Janie Mae Popp, Joe Popp and Irene Fling.

The next domino party will be held Wednesday, June 28 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Nada Parish Hall. The Nada Catholic Daughters invite senior citizens of the area to come and enjoy an afternoon of playing dominoes and visiting. Light refreshments are served to all attending.

## Gator Swim Team Finishes Well At Freeport

On Saturday, June 10, the Eagle Lake Gators traveled to Freeport to compete in their second meet of the season. Out of the 33 events swam the Gators brought home 23 1st places, 14 2nd places and 5 3rd places. The Gators work hard and have some strong swimmers who hope to go all the way to state this year.

Results listed are for swimmers that placed in the top eight for that event and ribbon swimmers (R).

Note: For relays, only during

regular season swim meets, swimmers can move one age group up and swim on a relay.

### Girls

8 & Under, 50 yd. Free: Jill Nava, 1st, Genny Quenneville 2nd, Ariel Quenneville, (R).

11-12, 100 yd. Free: Allyssa Young, 1st.

13-14, 100 yd. Free: Blythe Nava, 1st

7-8, 25 yd. Backstroke: Emma Kelley, 1st, J. Nava, 2nd, Hailey

Ferguson, (R). 11-12, 50 yd. Backstroke: Young, 1st, Perez, 2nd.

13-14, 50 yd. Backstroke: Paige Vandermark, 2nd, Amber Tristan, 3rd.

15-24 50 yd. Backstroke: Carrie Gobert, 1st

8 & Under, 25 yd. Breaststroke: G. Quenneville, 1st.

11-12, 50 yd. Breaststroke: Perez, 2nd.

13-14, 50 yd. Breaststroke: Tristan, 3rd.

15-24, 50 yd. Breaststroke: Hillary Johnson, 1st.

8 & Under, 25 yd. Butterfly: E. Kelley, 1st, G. Quenneville, 2nd.

13-14, 50 yd. Butterfly: B. Nava, 1st.

6 & Under, 25 yd. Free: S. Kelley, 1st.

7-8, 25 yd. Free: J. Nava, 1st, A. Quenneville, 2nd, Chastity Scott, (R), Ferguson, (R).

11-12, 50 yd. Free: Young, 1st, Perez, 2nd.

13-14, 50 yd. Free: B. Nava, 1st, P. Vandermark, 5th, Tristan, (R).

15-24, 50 yd. Free: Gobert, 2nd.

8 & Under, 100 yd IM: E. Kelley, 1st.

15-24, 100 yd. IM: Johnson, 1st.

8 & Under, 100 yd. Free Relay: Carlee Vandermark, J. Nava, G. Quenneville, Emma Kelley, 1st; Ferguson, Scott, A. Quenneville, S. Kelley (R).

### Boys

9-10, 50 yd. Free: Dylan Ferguson,

2nd. 13-14, 100 yd. Free: Alex Roque,

1st. 9-10, 50 yd. Backstroke: Ferguson,

1st, R.J. Gonzales, 3rd.

13-14, 50 yd. Backstroke: Roque,

1st.

11-12, 50 yd. Breaststroke: Logan Young, 1st, Nick Tristan, 2nd.

13-14, 50 yd. Breaststroke: Eric Gross, 2nd.

9-19, 25 yd. Free: Gonzales, 2nd.

11-12, 50 yd. Free: Young, 1st, Tristan, 2nd, Jacob Gross, (R).

13-14, 50 yd. Free: E. Gross, 3rd.

11-12, 100 yd. IM: Young, 1st.

13-14, 200 yd. Free: Roque, 1st.

## Sheriff's Department Makes Meth Arrest

On June 6, 2006 at about 6:58 p.m., Deputy John Meith conducted a traffic stop at Hwy 71 and IH-10 in Columbus. During the investigation, approximately 8.71 grams of Methamphetamine ("Crystal Meth") was located inside the vehicle, along with drug paraphernalia, US currency, and electronic equipment.

Luis Enrique Masson, 43 of Sealy, formerly of Columbus, was arrested

and charged with Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), a 1st Degree Felony.

Masson was released on June 7, 2006 after posting \$7,500 bond set by Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Dodie Dungen.

The investigation remains ongoing, as information has developed that may lead to additional suspects.

## Christian City To Hold Vacation Bible School

Be sure your kids, ages 4-12, have the greatest summer ever by going Fi-esta: Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus! You'll find plenty of action at Christian City Fellowship, 5243 Hwy. 36 North, Sealy.

Each day your children will be a part of fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch and even taste! Bible Point Crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, dramatic skits and tasty treats are just a few of the Fiesta activities that help faith grow into real life. Kids will even choose a Daily Challenge - an exciting way to live out what they've learned.

As kids learn about God's love, they'll also enjoy hands-on Bible adventures and daily video visits from Chadder Chipmunk™. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes). Your kids will even participate in a hands-on missions project called Operation

Kid-to-Kid™! They will also impact their own community by bringing in non-perishable food items to help stock the Food Pantry.

Fiesta is the good fun for children of all ages. And parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us each day at 11:50 a.m. because that's when we'll be having our Fiesta Finale - a daily celebration of Jesus' love that you won't want to miss. You are also invited to join us Sunday at 10 a.m. for Family Day where you will get to see what your children have been doing all week long. With a dynamic staff of over 100 people, we hope Fiesta will lift up Jesus' love in our community.

So make plans to attend VBS June 19-23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Call 979-885-3113 to register your children for this awesome Bible-learning adventure! FAIR DAY IS ON MONDAY with free and exciting rides and games, tasty treats and a whole lot of fun! Bus kids must have a form to ride.

## National FFA Scholarship Awarded To Jurica

The National FFA Organization awarded a \$1,000 Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough scholarship to Bernadette Jurica of Rice Consolidated FFA. Ford Trucks, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, sponsors the scholarship. Bernadette plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at Texas A&M University - College Station.

The scholarship is one of 1,821 awarded through the National FFA Scholarship Program this year. Currently, 168 corporate sponsors generously contribute more than \$2.2 million to support this program. This is the 22nd year that scholarships have been made available through the National FFA Foundation by business and industry to reward and encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

Scholarships were selected from 6,390 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on the applicant's academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural experience program in agricultural education and future goals.

FFA is a national youth organization of 490,017 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,210 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, person growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) for more information.

## Texas A&M, Blinn Renew Transfer Agreement

Texas A&M University and Blinn College will continue offering a guaranteed transfer program that has become a national model for cooperative efforts between junior and senior institutions. Presidents Robert Gates and Donald Voelter signed an agreement for another five years of the Blinn-TEAM (Transfer Enrollment at A&M) program.

Begun in 2001, the TEAM program has included 1676 students. More than 75% of students participating in the first three years of the program have successfully transitioned to Texas A&M. The state average for transfer is 32% with Blinn holding the highest transfer rate at 52.6%.

The program targets freshmen on the Texas A&M wait list. TEAM students are required to take a minimum of 12 combined hours each long semester with 1-2 classes being taken at Texas A&M and the remainder at Blinn College. After two years with a total of 60 hours (15 at Texas A&M, 45 at Blinn). Students who maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA at both schools transition to A&M as fully admitted students. Some Texas A&M colleges may have additional program specific requirements. Truly exceptional TEAM students may apply as transfer students even before completing the TEAM requirements; however, doing so does not guarantee them automatic

admission, Texas A&M Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Associate Provost Dr. Mark Weichold said.

TEAM students reap the benefits of both campuses, including access to Texas A&M's on-campus housing, library sources, recreation center, health center, food services, and student tickets to Aggie sporting and performing arts events. At Blinn, they experience lower tuition and smaller class sizes, which many students find advantageous in the transition from high school to a university.

The partnership was a natural progression considering that Blinn College leads the state in the percentage of students who transfer to four-year institutions, and it transfers more students to Texas A&M than does any other community college. Blinn also boasts the highest percentage of students from among the state's two-year colleges to go on to earn bachelor's degrees.

Texas A&M wait list students not chosen for the Blinn TEAM program will continue to have two other transfer options available to them: transfer from the college or university of their choice, or enrollment at Texas A&M's Galveston branch campus.

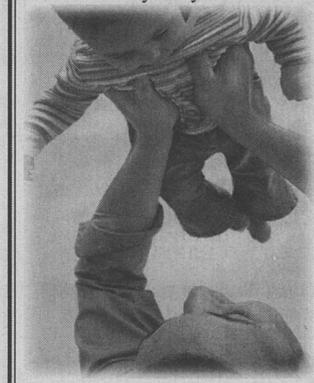
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