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## DPS Starting Click-It or Ticket

**Click It or Ticket is Back!**  
 DPS is reminding drivers to obey the speed limit, drive sober, and always make sure all passengers and drivers are properly secured. The Memorial Day weekend and summer vacations are nearly here, increasing the possibility of vehicle crashes.

"Remember to drive sober, and make sure that everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt or buckled into the appropriate child safety seat," says Senior Trooper Gary Pflughaupt with the Texas Highway Patrol. "Taking these simple steps will help ensure everyone's safety."

DPS troopers and hundreds of other law enforcement agencies across Texas will have increased patrols looking to stop drunk drivers, speeders, and seat belt violators. The DPS is participating in the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization, which begins Monday, May 19 and will end Sunday, June 1.

Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. The law also states that all children under 17 must be secured with a safety belt, or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or in the back seat. A child less than five years old and less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat. Drivers can be stopped and ticketed for a safety belt violation if they, or any of their passengers under the age of 17, are not buckled up or properly restrained. Traffic fines for failing to use a seat belt or secure a child in a safety seat can run from \$25 to \$200, plus court costs.

Safety belt use in Texas continues to rise. In 2006, safety belt use was at 90.4 percent; and in 2007, use was at 91.8 percent. The goal for 2008 is to increase the safety belt usage rate to 92.5 percent.

Another nationwide effort designed to reduce fatalities is the C.A.R.E. - Combined Accident Reduction Effort program. State troopers across the nation will participate in two Operation C.A.R.E. campaigns. The first is Operation C.A.R.E. (All American Buckle-Up Week). This will begin Monday, May 19th and stop, Sunday, May 26. The second, Operation C.A.R.E. (Memorial Day Weekend), will start Friday, May 23 and conclude Monday, May 26. Operation C.A.R.E. maximizes enforcement on major highways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday driving.

"What can safety restraints do? They can increase a person's chance of surviving a vehicle crash," added Pflughaupt. "If the vehicle you're riding in has seatbelts, use them, especially in pickup trucks! A pickup truck will rollover a lot easier than a car, and without a safety belt, you probably won't survive. Drive smart and buckle up every time."



From left: Kaci Kazmir-Defensive MVP volleyball, Kristyna Lobpriess-Defensive MVP volleyball, Coach Desiree Nitsch, Shelly Myres-Co-MVP volleyball, Hillary Johnson-Co-MVP volleyball.



From left: Britt'nee Stevenson-Track MVP, Jessica Hill-Track MVP, Coach Brad Dumont, Brooke Popp-Field MVP, Jaquita Woods-Track MVP, Hillary Johnson-MVP.

### ORAL HEALTH AND YOUR HEART

Researchers are finding possible links between periodontal infections and other diseases throughout the body. Current studies suggest that there may be a link between periodontal (gum) disease, heart disease and other health conditions. Your oral health affects your overall health, but the studies that will find exactly why these problems are linked are still underway.

The current theory is that bacteria present in infected gums can come loose and move throughout your body. The worse the infection, the more likely the bacteria are to become blood-borne. Infected gums bleed making it easier for bacteria to enter your bloodstream. Once bacteria reaches the arteries, they can irritate them in the same way that they irritate gum tissue. This could cause arterial plaque to accumulate in the arteries, which can cause hardening and block blood-flow. Comprised blood flow to your heart can cause a heart attack.

Gum disease is an infection that should always be taken seriously. If you have any questions about your oral health, ask your dentist.

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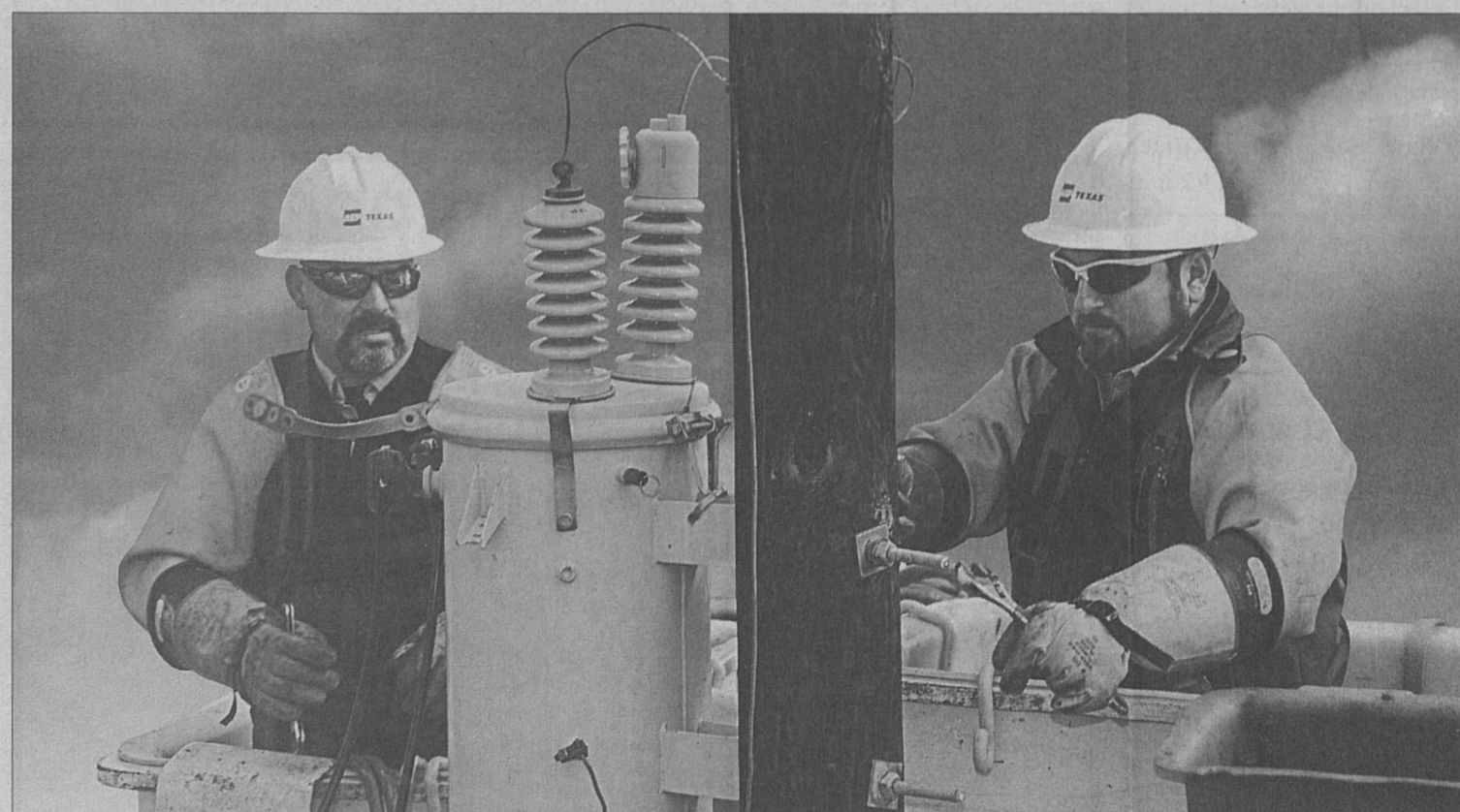
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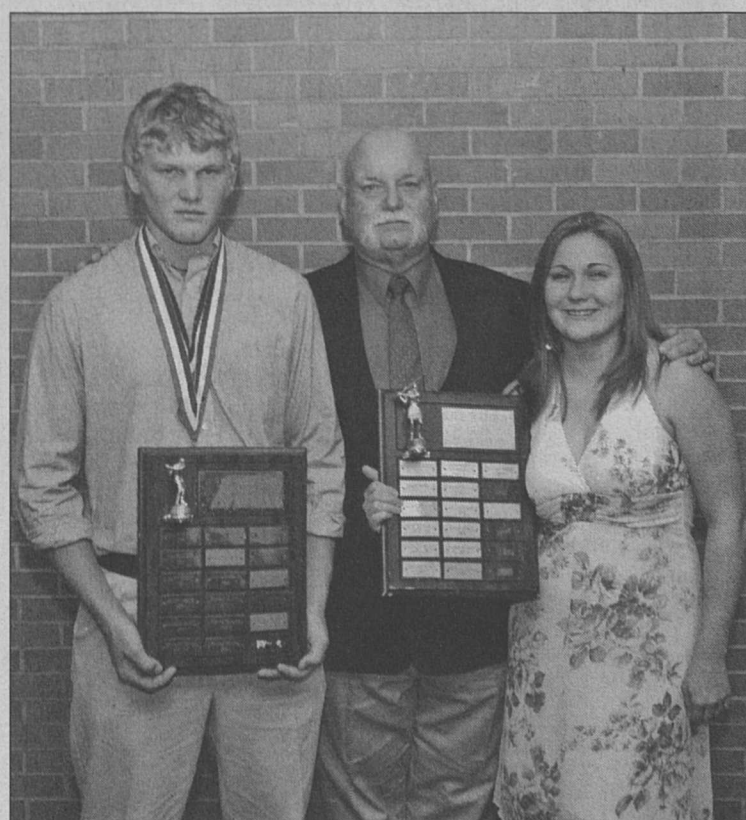
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