

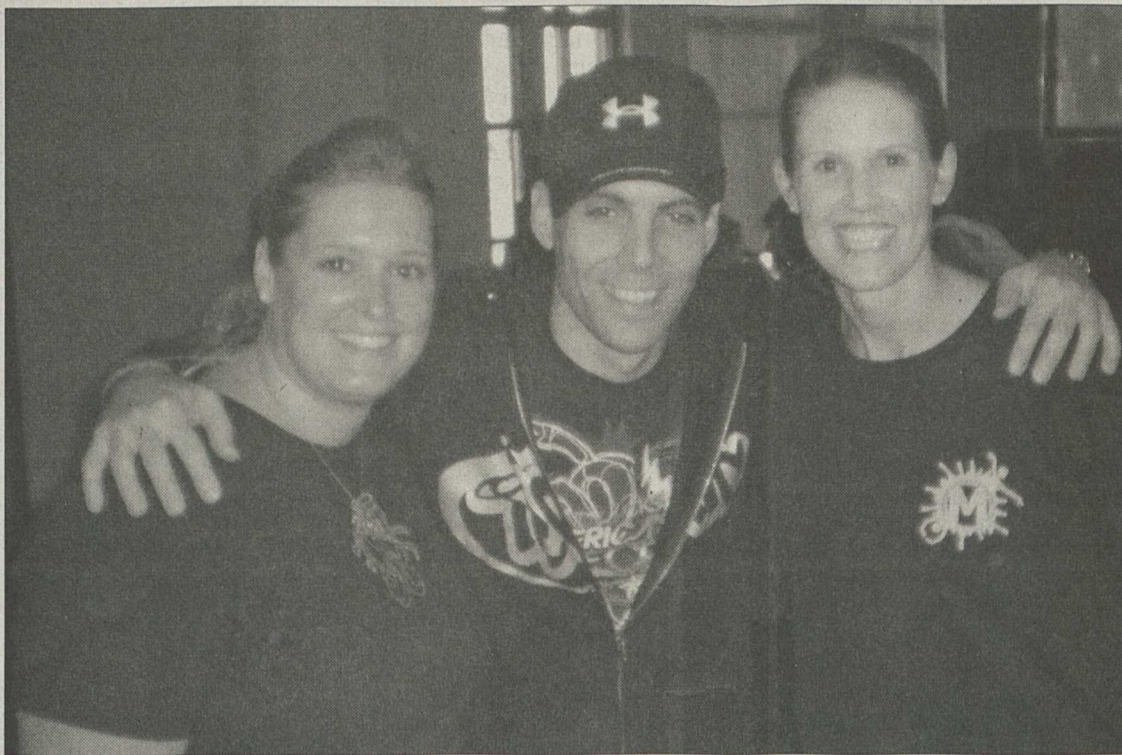
Keller Dance Students Attend Convention

The students of Keller Academy of Performing Arts in East Bernard attended the Showstopper Dance Convention in Grapevine, Texas, October 11 and 12. While there, the students took class from many talented and well-known artists such as Dena Rizzo and Hayley Mac.

The dancers took a variety of classes such as tap, jazz and Rockette style dance. The highlight of the experience was meeting and performing with Geo of the dance crew Iconic recently seen on television's America's Best Dance Crew.

Keller Academy will be hosting a Hip Hop master class with Birdie, who recently auditioned for America's Best Dance Crew, on October 22.

This master class is open to the public. For more information, please call 979-335-7213 or visit the KAPA website at www.kapadance.com.



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Woolridge, Davis To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Alex B. Woolridge of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alesia Nicole, to Dennis R. Davis.

The bride elect is a 1994 graduate of Rice High School. She graduated from the Academy of Healthcare Professions in August of 2002 as a Certified Medical Assistant. She is scheduled to begin courses for Certified Surgical Technologist with emphasis in OB/GYN surgery in November 2008.

The prospective groom is the son of Gloria J. Tucker Davis of Eagle Lake and Mr. Leonard Davis of Rosenberg. He is a 1987 graduate of B.F. Terry High School in Rosenberg and is employed as an Account Rep at Igloo Corp. in Katy. The groom is also an associate minister at White Cloud Baptist Church and the current Superintendent of Sunday School for the 20th Century District Association.

The ceremony will take place Saturday, October 25, 2008 at White Cloud Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. Reception will follow at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

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Drivers Reminded To Stop For Buses

The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds drivers that they must stop for school buses that are loading or unloading.

School Bus Safety Week runs Oct. 20 to 24, and this year's theme, "Avoid

Harm, Obey the Stop Arm," calls attention to Texas state law, which requires drivers to stop when school buses are stopped and have activated their alternating red flashing lights or stop sign.

Drivers face fines of up to \$1,000, plus court costs if they are convicted.

"Texas state law requires drivers to stop for school buses that are stopped and have activated their alternating red flashing lights.

"Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed or the visual signal is no longer activated," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of

the Texas Department of Public Safety.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated.

However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

In neighborhoods, near schools and at bus stops, drivers need to take special care because in most cases children cannot judge vehicle speed or distance.

"Our children are precious, and it's up to all drivers to ensure their safety," Clark said.

School buses remain one of the safest modes of transportation in Texas.

Approximately 38,000 school buses transport 1.5 million Texas children every school day.

School buses account for less than one-half of one percent of all

Texas roadway crashes. In 2006 and 2007, 689 crashes involving school buses were reported to law enforcement in Texas, and DPS troopers wrote 633 traffic citations to motorists who either failed to stop or failed to remain stopped for school buses that were legally stopped.

DPS is encouraging school districts across the state to plan special events to observe School Bus Safety Week, which also recognizes the hard work and dedication of school transportation professionals, especially school bus drivers, who are trained to ensure a safe journey for students every day.

Parents are urged to get acquainted with their school district's transportation coordinator and school bus driver.

Fish Art Entries Being Accepted

Texas students in grades 4 through 12 are invited to enter the eleventh annual Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest.

Deadline for entries is March 31, 2009.

Contestants must create an illustration of an officially recognized state fish and write a one-page composition about its behavior, habitat and conservation.

One Texas winner will be selected from each of three grade levels: 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

Those winners will then com-

pete at the national level for best of show and art of conservation stamp honors.

The Toyota Texas Bass Classic Foundation will provide funding for prizes for Texas winners and for travel expenses for Texas winners and their chaperones to the national expo at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July 2009.

Texas entries are judged at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens.

For details on the contest and how to enter, visit the State-Fish

Art Contest page on the TFFC web site.

Texas contest coordinator Zoe Ann Stinchcomb offers these tips to students and teachers interested in the contest.

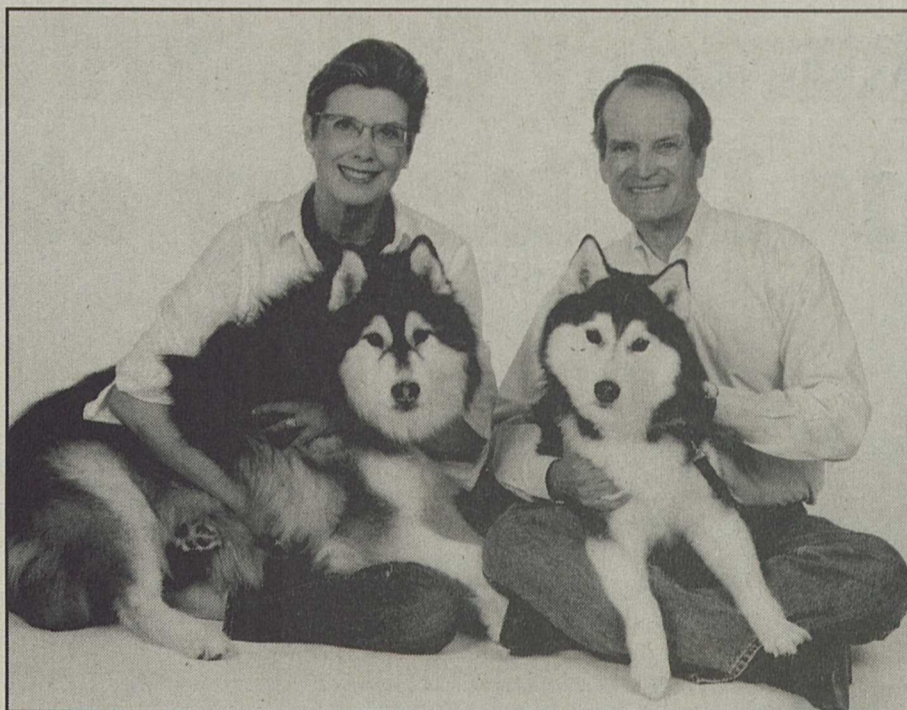
"If possible, visit an aquarium or a state or national fish hatchery to observe live fish and their behaviors," she said.

"People who work at these facilities are good sources of information.

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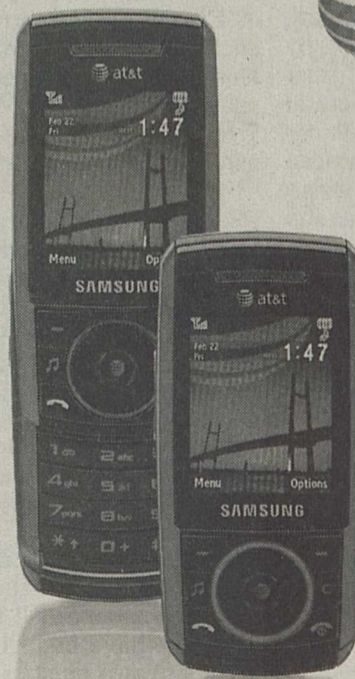
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