



1996
EDITION

THE ADAMS' CHRISTMASTIME GAZETTE

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



NATHAN NAMED "BEST PLAYER" IN TENNIS CAMP

In addition to his accomplishment this summer at the Sonterra Tennis Camp, Nathan, 10, was busy the rest of the year, too. The year started off on a negative note, when Nathan broke his arm falling off an exercise machine early one Sunday morning when he and Shannon went with Dad to the fitness center. He missed most of the winter basketball season in the church league, and then decided not to do soccer in the spring. But he bounced back by the summer, and participated again in Sonterra's swim team. In September, Nathan started taking Tae Kwon Do, and has recently earned his gold belt. Nathan continues in ELP (supplemental studies for talented and gifted children) and continues to make good grades. He also continues in the children's choir at church.

SHANNON AIMS, KICKS HIGH

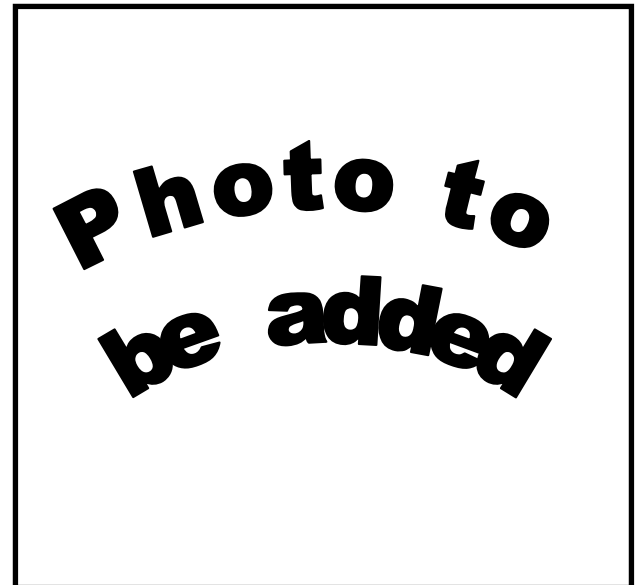
Since beginning cheerleading lessons, Shannon, 13, has really gotten good at her high kicks. She aspires to be a freshman cheerleader next year when she starts high school in the 97-98 school year.

Shannon's grades showed improvement in 96 and included straight A's her last six weeks in the seventh grade. As an eighth grader, Shannon is taking honors Algebra.

In the summer, Shannon was on the Sonterra Swim Team, and went to Tennis Camp, earning the "Best Camper" award.

Shannon continues to take piano lessons. At church, she is in the Youth Choir, and went to Youth Camp this summer at Alto Frio.

Nathan credits Shannon with a life-saving Heimlich maneuver when he was choking on a tortilla chip.



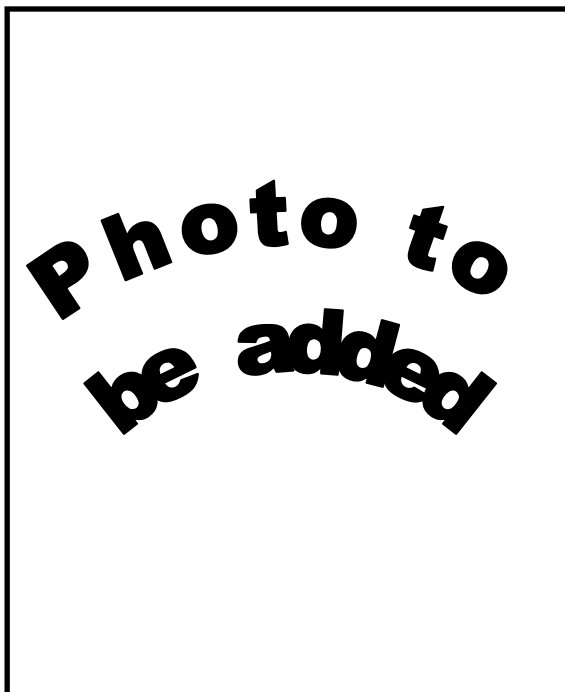
BOBBY TURNS 40, RUNS MARATHON

Rather than purchase a new sports car, or do something even more foolish, Bobby celebrated his mid-life crises by upping his running habit and training to run the San Antonio Marathon. Bobby's finishing time of 3 hours 53 minutes surpassed his most aggressive goal.

At church, Bobby began serving as a Deacon this year, although his election at Parkhills has not come up yet.

At work, Bobby completed a big project in Taiwan this year. Because he spent so

much time there, he actually visited fewer countries in 1996 than in previous years. However, he did manage to visit a couple of countries each in Asia, Africa, and Europe, plus one country in the Middle East.



KIM NOW HAS 22 PIANO STUDENTS

In order to accommodate all her piano students, Kim began teaching before school on one morning a week, in addition to her afternoon teaching. At church, Kim is involved in a women's Bible study and plays piano for the Youth Choir and the 5th and 6th grade choir.

This year, Kim enjoyed going to her 20-year high school reunion.

THE ADAMS FAMILY AT PLAY

This year the Adams' enjoyed a spring-break vacation in Disney World. They went with their friends, Brett and Becky Haviken. In the summer they also took a weekend at the Gulf coast in Rockport, again with the Havikens, plus the Cassells and the McDonalds.

Turning 40 by committee. Bobby and Kim dress in black for 40th birthday party given for many of Bobby's contemporaries. (Ed. note: Kim is NOT included among those turning 40 in 1996.)