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## A&M to graduate youngest female ever

19-year-old earns degree in three years

By Heather Winch  
THE BATTALION  
Next week, Texas A&M will graduate the youngest woman student ever. "People are really dumb-founded when they find out how old I am," senior management major Nicole Flournoy said. Flournoy, of Lufkin, will receive her management degree at the age of 19 during this year's

fall commencement ceremonies. Flournoy took part in a home school program for six years before she started her college education at the age of 15 in a Lufkin community college. At the age of 16, Flournoy entered Taylor Christian College in Indiana and stayed for a semester before transferring to A&M in the fall of 1991. Flournoy said she chose A&M because even though she

wanted to go to a private Christian school, she was responsible for paying for her education. She knew a state school would be cheaper, and A&M had a good business college and a good reputation. In the three years Flournoy has been at A&M, she has been a member of the A&M Tennis Team and a member in the management society and the management honors fraternity. Though Flournoy will not stay at A&M to work on a master's degree, she and her fiancée

have discussed returning to A&M in a couple of years if they can both earn their degrees at the same time. "I'm kind of at the stage now where I am burned out," Flournoy said. "But, it's a possibility in a few years. My fiancée says he may want to go to A&M for graduate work." After graduation, Flournoy will move back to Lufkin, hopes to get a marketing or accounting job at a local products corporation. She also got married in February.

## Galveston beer merchants criticize alcohol ban as illegal

The Associated Press  
GALVESTON — Restrictions on the use of alcohol on Galveston beaches are under attack by a group that includes store owners and beer distributors. Organizers of an effort to repeal the ban call it illegal and bad for business. A.R. Lucas, who owns three convenience stores on the island, said constraints cost him \$5,000 in beer sales and \$10,000 in other sales in June alone, when the restrictions went into effect. "It is blatantly against the law," he said Wednesday at a meeting of about a dozen people held at the offices of a beer distributor. City officials have credited the ban for reducing rowdiness and crime on beaches and

"I feel the ban of alcohol is illegal and the city fathers should not have the authority to break the law."  
—Ron Yandell, local sales manager  
insist they'll enforce it on the island's 32 miles of beachfront. "What we've seen is that the alcohol ban has worked," Mayor Barbara Crews told the Houston Chronicle. "It's reduced weekend problems almost 100 percent on the west end of Galveston Island," Police Chief Dale Rogers said. "It has really eliminated accidents, gunshots being fired, fights and the traffic tie-ups caused by young

people who went to the west end of the island to drink on the beach." Rogers noted that drinking is still allowed on certain beaches, including a stretch of beach extending for more than four miles. Organizers of Wednesday's meeting said they may take the ban to court and will ask the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and other agencies to press the city council to scrap it. "I feel the ban of alcohol is illegal and city fathers should not have the authority to break the law," Ron Yandell, sales manager for Del Papa Distributing Co. Inc. said. City officials passed a drinking ban on Galveston seawall in 1988 but didn't enforce it until two years later in response to increased drunkenness and violence.

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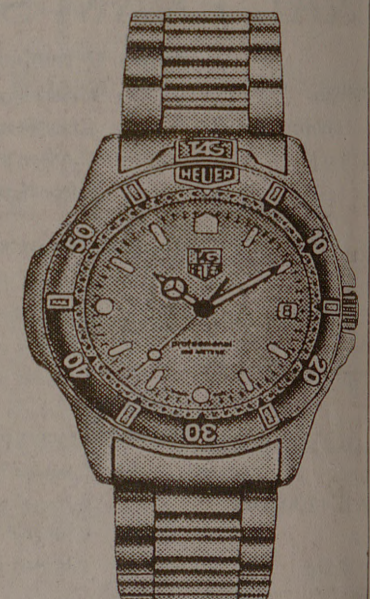
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