

Hill Harbor Dedication
In Memory Of
Roth B. Feeley

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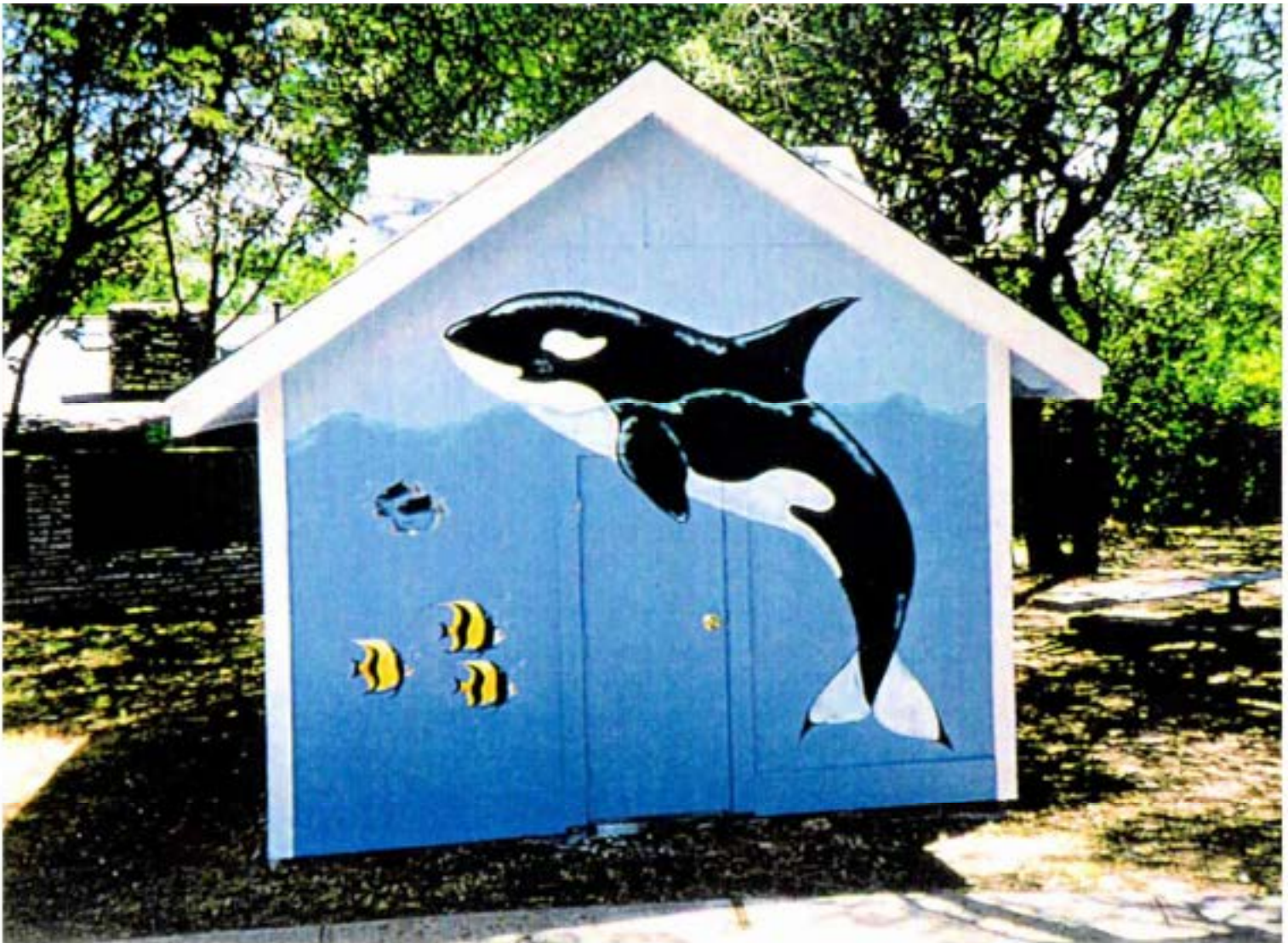
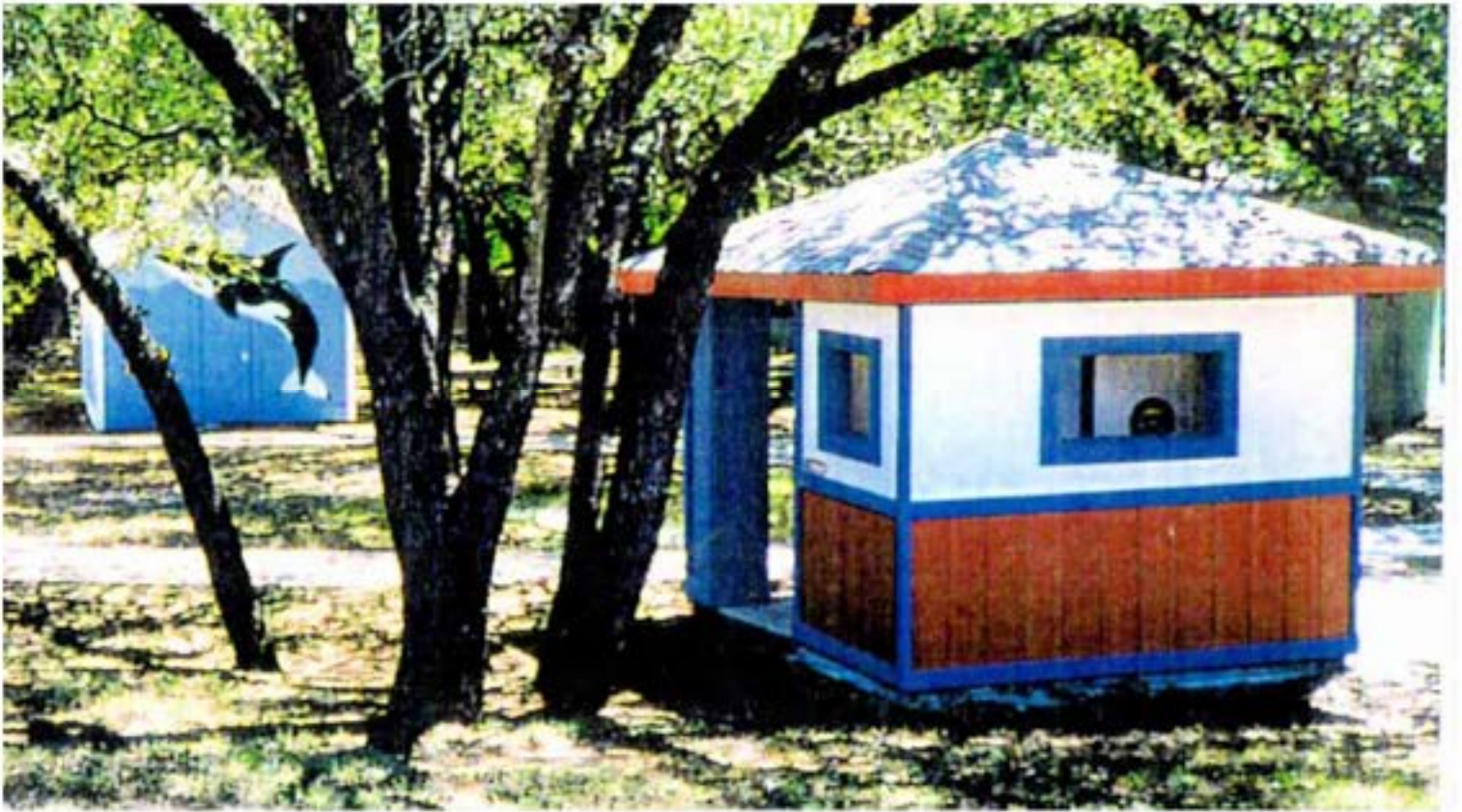
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Original Dedication Program









Special Thanks from the Feeley Family

Roth's family would like to give special thanks to those individuals that made this memorial a success through their hard work and dedication. We will always be grateful to them for the love and caring that they demonstrated in remembering Roth in a way which his family and friends can always be proud. This special thanks goes to Beth Dardnne, Chris Morledge, and Jennifer Sowinski who coordinated the actual building of the memorial. Thanks to builder Scott Morledge, President of Ashcreek Homes, architect Robert Wetmore, partner of The Cornerstone Group. Additionally, John & Sarah Hurley and Jack & Carol O'Donnell took it upon themselves to contact our friends around the country and inform them of the memorial. Arley & Sally Finley spent many hours putting finishing touches on the buildings and donated the beautiful plaque commemorating the site. Others who donated their energy, talents, and materials include Sandy Koss, Debra Erck, Shellie Hollis, roofer Ken Barker, Hubcap Annie, Austin Roofing Supply, Karen McFiggen, Domenico Fazzone of Southwest Monument and Kelley Moore Paints.

The Hill School Kindergarten teachers, as a group, were responsible for formulating the idea of this memorial, and Anne Verburg, Roth's Second Grade teacher at Hill, graciously accepted the role of coordinating today's memorial event.

On the back is a list of fund contributors to the memorial in no particular order.

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Marla McGhee

A Hill Scholar:

Mrs. Glenda Adkinson

Caged Bird:

Mr. David Sanders

Balloons:

Mike Dardnne

Austin Holder

Scott Dardnne

Witt Finley

Coleman Feeley

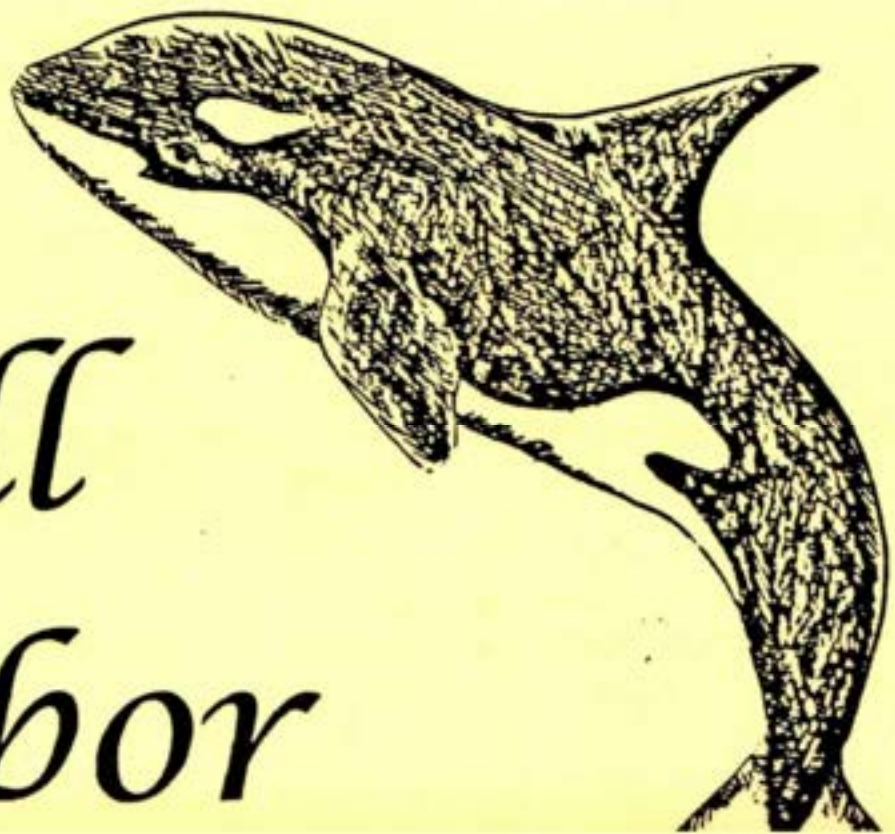
Holly Finley

*Music Brings Us
Together:*

*Mrs. Debra Erck and the Fifth Grade
Singers*

Cutting of the Ribbon:

Coleman Feeley



Hill Harbor

John & Debbie Noack
John & Elaine Nelson
Hank & Sandy Hanna
Oliver & Mary Hargrove
Leah Lewis
Daryl & Robin Robertson
Michael & Karen Martin
John & Patti Brauss
Scott & Kris Morledge
Bill & Debbie Carlson
John & Susan Henderson
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Thomas & Lisa Fry
Shawn & Jackie Good
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Paul & Marion Douglas
John & Claire Miller
Ralph & Susan Kipp
Joe & Virginia Finley
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A CLASSMATE IS REMEMBERED

Hill Elementary dedicates play area in memory of former student

By SHARON JAYSON

American-Statesman Staff

Hundreds of children, parents and teachers who knew or knew of Roth Feeley gathered at Hill Elementary School on Friday to dedicate a new play area in his memory.

Roth, 11, died in his sleep of an undetected irregular heartbeat earlier this year. He had attended Hill since kindergarten and was a sixth-grade student at Murchison Middle School when he died in January.

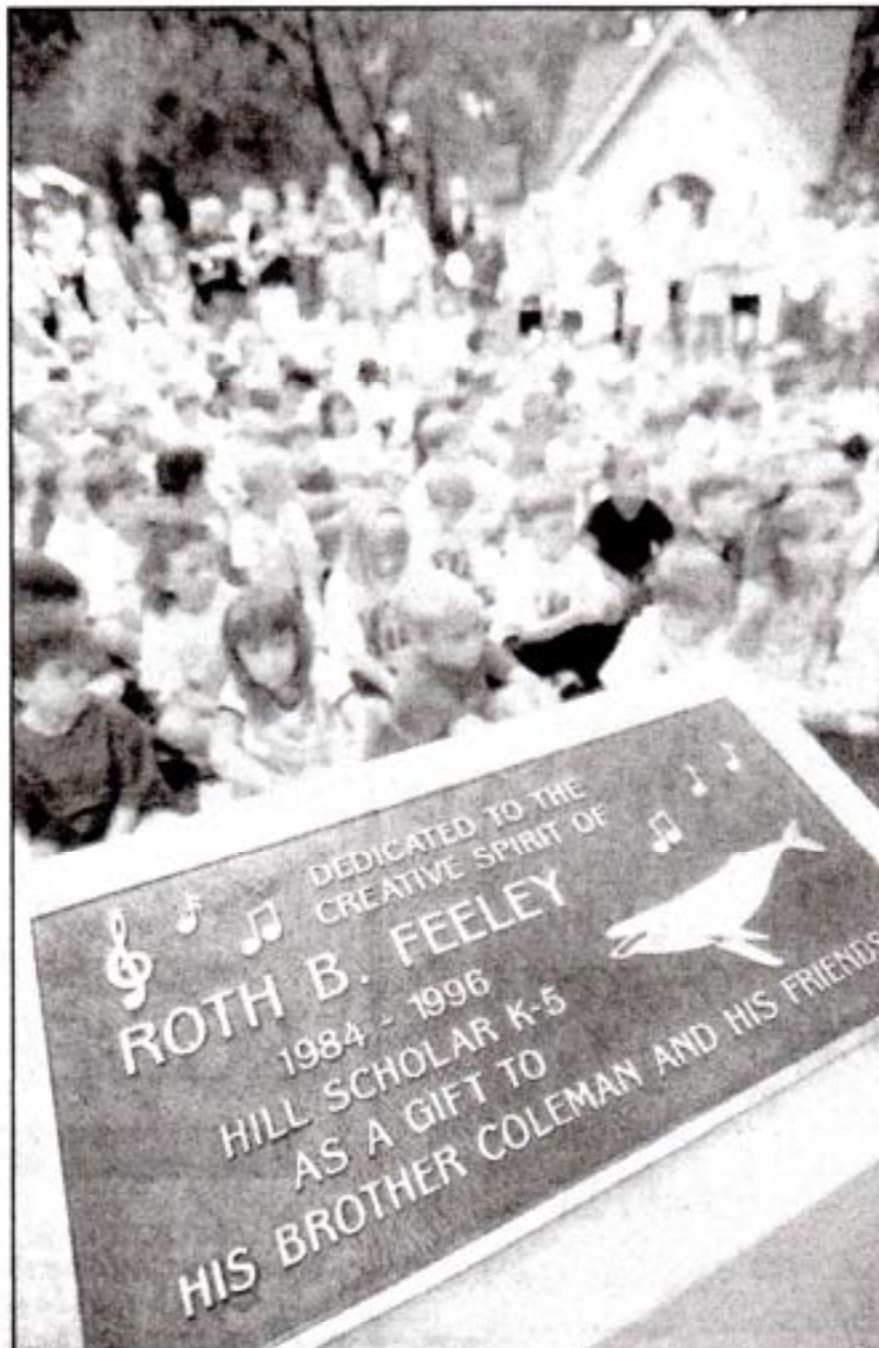
His family and friends joined in the dedication of Hill Harbor, an area of three kid-size buildings surrounding a paved trail to be used by the school's younger students. Roth's brother, Coleman, 6, a Hill first-grader, cut the ribbon to officially open the play area.

The ceremony, which Principal Maria McGhee said was to "celebrate the spirit of Roth Feeley," included remarks from Glenda Adkinson, who was principal at Hill during Roth's years there and said she knew him as a good student who also knew the value of a good time.

"Roth was a scholar in many ways, and he was a scholar in play," she said. "Roth had fun, and we had fun knowing Roth. Each of us got to learn from Roth that fun is a vital part of life."

Roth was an honors student, an avid reader and environmentalist and took a special interest in whales. As a special gesture to her son, Kristen Feeley painted an orca whale mural on one of the playhouse buildings called Roth's Aquarium. The other brightly painted small-scale buildings are Feeley Filling Station and Coleman's Confections.

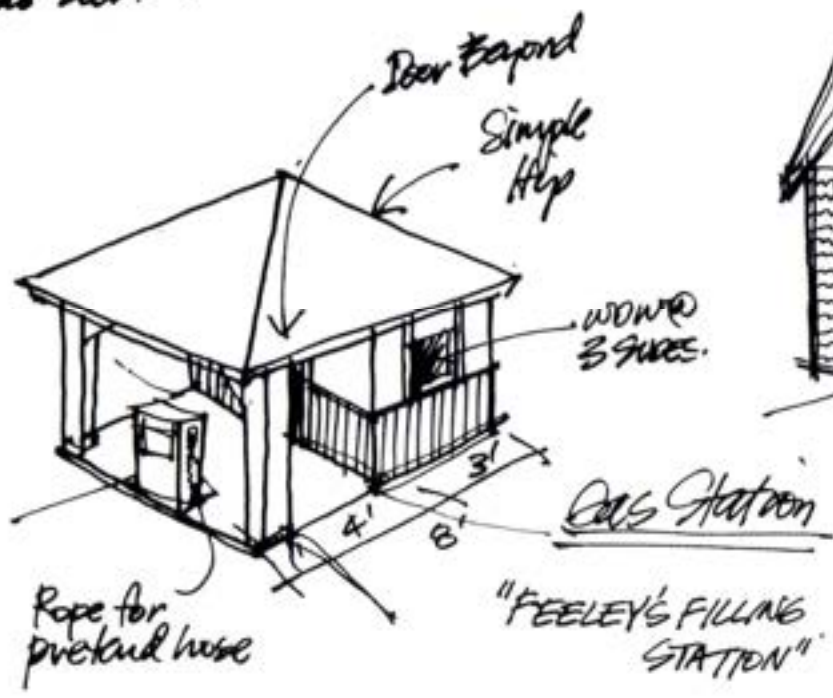
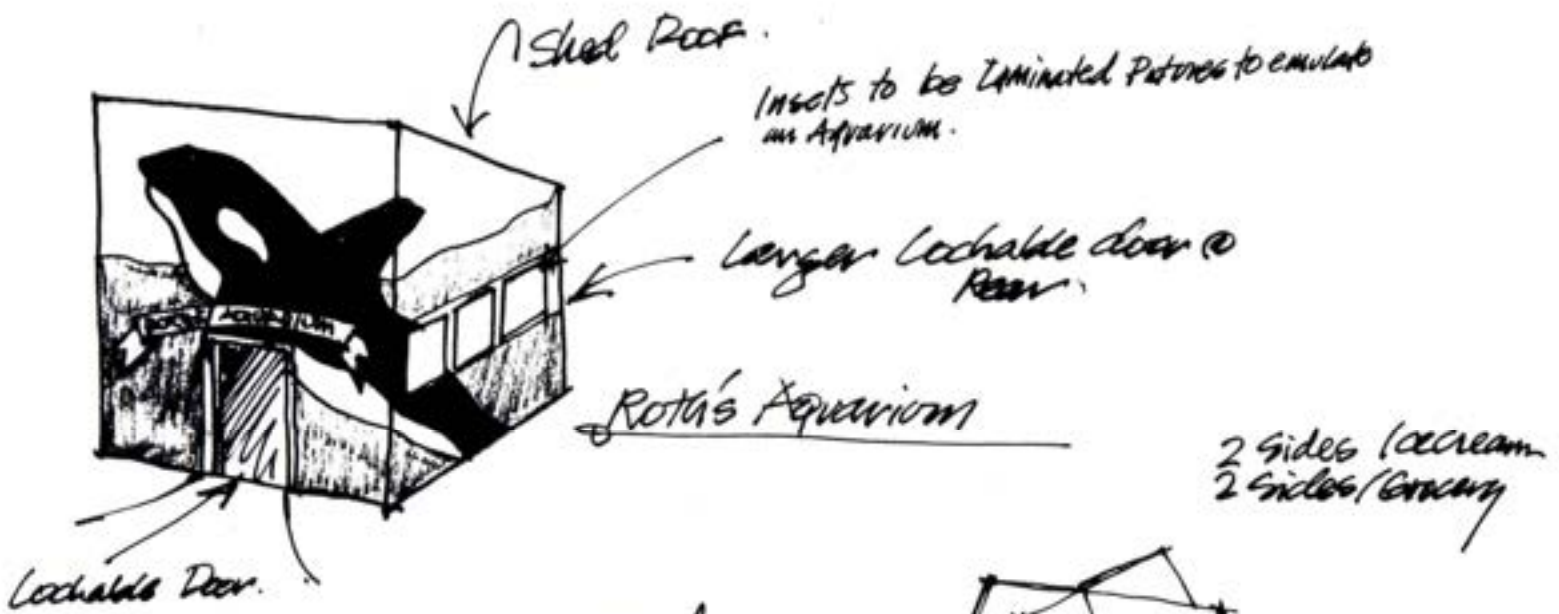
The idea for a play area as a tribute to the youngster came from discussions between Hill teachers and his parents, Kristen and Mike. The structures were designed and constructed by businesses that help Hill. Donations from the community raised \$7,500 to buy the materials.



Hundreds of students, parents and teachers gathered Friday to honor Roth Feeley, 11, who died of an undetected irregular

heartbeat in his sleep in January. He attended Hill since kindergarten and was a student at Murchison Middle School

Taylor Johnson/A



DEDICATION of "Hill Harbor" in Memory of Roth B. Feeley at Hill Elementary School - Friday August 23, 1996 8:00 am.

Original idea - (early Jan. shortly after Roth's death) from Hill Kindergarten teachers... Cindy Currie, Nancy Hobbs (Roth's kinder teachers '89-'90) and Connie Spencer (Coleman's kinder teacher at that time)

- to build a playhouse(s) along kindergarten trike trail in Roth's memory (figure-eight trail was a gift to the school from Adopt-a-School partner Bill Milburn Co. in the school year '90-'91)

- announcement about this intended memorial went home in the school's weekly newsletter

- response overwhelming and beyond expectations - Hill families, teachers, and community, family friends - as news spread donations arrived from all over the country(childhood & college friends, Roth's grandparents' friends, etc.)

- Coordinating the project were Beth Dardne (346-1344), Kris Morledge(345-5240), and Jennifer Sowinski(338-4166) - Hill parents and friends (Jennifer was Mike's (Roth's Dad) assistant coach for the under 6 year old soccer team The Killer Bees that Roth helped coach the past two seasons)

- Scott Morledge (Kris's husband) President of Ash Creek Homes, Inc. (328-2122) generously donated his time and talent to coordinate building and supplies and involved friend and future Hill parent architect Robert Wetmore partner of The Cornerstone Group (329-0007) who donated his services and designed three buildings - ROTH'S AQUARIUM , FEELEY FILLING STATION, and an ice cream parlor/grocery store that's been named for Roth's brother...COLEMAN'S CONFECTIONS [Robert is the architect that designed the Peter Pan playhouse currently up for raffle to benefit CASA)

-The original design for ROTH'S AQUARIUM had an orca across the front (Roth being a lover of and expert on whales) Originally, Kristen Feeley -(Roth's Mom) was unsure if she'd be able to paint a mural but as time progressed knew that Roth wouldn't have had it any other way and it became a labor of love as a gift to Roth and Coleman.

- Roth's grandparents (Kristen's parents) Arley and Sally Finley donated a beautiful bronze plaque that says...

DEDICATED TO THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF
ROTH B. FEELEY
1984-1996
HILL SCHOLAR K-5
AS A GIFT TO HIS BROTHER COLEMAN AND HIS FRIENDS

- Arley Finley (who is current VP and incoming Pres. of Austin Habitat for Humanity - I mention this only because it was very poignant to see this wonderful man who gives so much of himself to see that homes are built for others working on these small buildings in his beloved grandson's memory) and Sally Finley and Beth Dardne helped assemble all the finishing touches on the buildings.

- Paint was donated and discounted by Kelley Moore(check with Beth Dardne about which store)

- Roofers donated their services and roofing materials donated

- HubCap Annie donated fancy hubcaps and moons to grace the Filling Station

- Hill parent Shellie Hollis painted and assembled signs for Filling Station and Coleman's Confections

- The driving force behind the "Hill Harbor" is Beth Dardne (Kristen's dearest friend, mother of one of Roth's best friends, and Roth's good friend) She made dozens of calls, handled all the financials(along with Hill secretary and friend Sandy Koss), picked up building supplies(even sawing trim a time or two), delivered paints, met work crews at the school, hunted with Kristen in craft, antique, and garden shops for just the right items for the building, cleaned grounds, and gave Kristen moral support throughout the painting of the mural - setting up each day and cleaning up each evening)

The dedication organized by Hill 2nd grade teacher Anne Verburg

Hill principal Dr. Marla McGhee

past Hill Principal (and principal at Hill) Glenda Atkinson

Hill music teacher Debra Erck (small assembled choir will sing)

Family will Thank

Hill 5th grade teacher Dave Sanders will read Maya Angelou's "Caged Bird"

A few friends of Roth's will release tethered balloons(so they can be drawn back in thereby not harming the environment)

Coleman will cut the ribbon to officially open Hill Harbor

September 15, 1996

Dear Friends,

The enclosed material reveals a brief glimpse of our beloved Roth, as recorded by some of those who knew him in various aspects of his life. We thought you might like to have this to better understand what a unique individual he was. He was a bright shining star in our universe, and now a huge void exists. Roth touched so many lives in such a short time that I know his many gifts have not been stilled. He will forever be a part of us; in our hearts and our memories.

The enclosed materials are as follows:

1. A short newspaper article and his obituary from Austin paper
2. Three of his teachers spoke at the funeral. Their notes are here to read and are enlightening even without the love and emotion communicated through their delivery.
3. The Eulogy, which was given by Michael. The eulogy was the reading of a letter Mike had written just a short time before, at the start of Roth's first term at Middle School (6th grade). The letter tells a lot about Roth, but I believe it also tells a lot about Mike and their relationship.
4. A series of photos of "Hill Harbor" (there is now a "Roth's Aquarium" sign above the orca, a darling wishing well, and will soon be a gazebo in the center)
5. A newspaper article about the dedication and the dedication program
6. A partial list of some of the other memorials to Roth

Forgive us if this intrudes rather than enlightens, but as our family and friends we hope it provides some insight into the life we held so dear, and you did not have the opportunity to know as we did.

Thank you for your expressions of love and sympathy. They help to support us as we begin this most difficult journey. You will forever remain in our hearts and prayers. On behalf of Michael and Coleman, I am ...

Most gratefully yours,

Kristen

11-year-old's death has family, friends puzzled, praiseful

By HEATHER HALL

American-Statesman Staff

The death of an athletic Murchison Middle School sixth-grader has left his family and friends perplexed.

Roth Brennan Feeley, 11, died in his sleep Tuesday morning. Autopsy results haven't revealed a cause of death, said his father, Mike Feeley.

"He was very mature, poised and confident, not afraid to discover new things," said Feeley, who added that Roth and his friends "got in trouble and did all the normal things 11-year-olds do."

On Thursday, teachers and fellow students at Murchison Middle School wore orange ribbons in remembrance of Roth.

Murchison Principal Leroy Davis recalled the time Roth found \$7 on the cafeteria floor and turned in the money to him.

"That kind of renewed my whole faith in this generation," Davis said. "This is a living example that a lot of kids do good."

Visiting teachers and counselors were available at Murchison to help students. Many teachers also allowed students to talk about Roth's death in their classes, Davis said.

Roth took all honors classes and was a member of Murchison's gifted-and-talented program. Roth also sang in Murchison's choir, which will perform in the service at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 2 p.m. Saturday.

Roth is survived by his mother, Kristen; his father, Mike; and his brother Coleman, 5.

Feeley said Roth, who attended Hill Elementary, was an avid reader. He finished the 1,037-page "Gone with the Wind" last week.



Friends describe Roth Brennan Feeley, who died Tuesday in sleep, as outgoing and athletic.

He loved Star Trek and Sega vid games. He was outgoing and could laugh at anything, especially the character Kramer on Seinfeld, Feeley said.

Roth was active in sports, including fencing and baseball. He was an assistant coach for his brother's soccer team.

Roth became interested in whales when he was 4 and was a member of Greenpeace. He wanted to attend Harvard and become a doctor.

The Rev. John K. Graham, who will officiate the ceremony, said Roth was sensitive and loving.

"He was very close with dad," Graham said. "He told his mother he loved her all the time. Roth was mature, he said.

"Adults would often say, 'I'm through with this conversation with Roth and then realized I was talking to an 11-year-old.'"



Roth Brennan Feeley

Roth Brennan Feeley of Austin was taken unexpectedly in his sleep Tuesday morning, January 2, 1996, after enjoying his 11th Christmas Holiday Season with family and friends. He was full of exuberance, enjoying excellent health throughout his brief life. Roth touched the lives of many, and will be greatly missed by his friends and family.

Roth was born March 8, 1984, in Haddon Heights, New Jersey, and shortly thereafter moved to Texas. He graduated from Hill Elementary last May, and was in the 6th grade at Murchison Middle School. Roth was an outstanding student, fortunate to be stimulated and challenged by excellent teachers who recognized his intellect

and potential. He read a great deal, and was an acknowledged expert on whales. He thought many things were funny, including himself. He was truly a renaissance man, a diverse and unique character.

He was an enthusiastic participant in scouting, really enjoyed singing in the Murchison Choir, played baseball in the Northwest Little League, and was a fairly accomplished fencer of the Salle Lagardere Club. Roth truly loved riding horses and golfing with his father. Roth was a great sport and spirited team player. He was assistant coach for an under-six soccer team, and refereed several of their games last summer. He loved life and was our pride and joy.

Roth was deeply loved and will be missed by his mother, Kristen; his father, Mike; his younger brother, Coleman; maternal grandparents, Arley and Sally Finley of Austin; paternal grandparents, Jack and Jackie Feeley of Charlotte, North Carolina; great-grandmother, Harriet Conklin of Melbourne, Florida; Uncle Arley D. "Trip" Finley III of Austin; Uncle Steve Feeley of Albuquerque; Aunt Barbara Oakland of Charlotte, North Carolina; and their families.

The family will receive friends at the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, Friday evening 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A service will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Austin Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Murchison Middle School Choir.

The family would like to extend its gratitude to all of Roth's wonderful teachers, friends and coaches over the years, who so enriched his life.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, 452-8811.

I had the privilege of being Roth's Kindergarten teacher.

When I saw Roth's name on my class list, little did I know what I was getting into! Roth came to school with the attitude: "I am ready to learn, what are you going to teach me." As it turned out, I was the one who had something to learn, as only Roth could teach me...how to stay one jump ahead of a child who is bright, articulate, inquisitive and has an amazing amount of information stored up for a five year old.

Kindergarten was never dull with Roth around. He was either sharing his knowledge about whales, organizing a game with friends on the playground or taking the lead role in acting out a story.

I thought I had done a pretty good job of staying one jump ahead of Roth until the day he was working on his personal dictionary. When he came to letter "P", he dictated the word "palindrome". The adults in the room just looked at each other in amazement. Roth was the only one who knew what it meant!

By the end of the year, I think Roth was satisfied that he had learned something. I know I had learned alot!

Cindy Currie

Roth was challenging even in 2nd grade. When it came to our new dinosaur unit, it didn't take me long to find out Roth knew more than I. Kristin tried to comfort me by coming in and making a mural with the kids. Mike lent me his copy of Jurassic Park. But I knew who the expert was. And in my wisdom, I let him teach the class.

One of the joys of teaching 2nd grade is being able to watch the changes of my students over the next 3 years. One of my strongest memories of Roth is when he took Renee Shaw's After-School Jazzercise class. They put on an exhibition in front of the whole school - and Roth was the only boy! In fact, he did a solo that is forever etched upon my heart. What a risk taker!

When Roth was in 5th grade, he came into my class to present a story he had written with his group. What an outstanding job he did in presenting his part of the story. He showed a poise and maturity beyond his years.

Roth, it is a privilege to have known you.

Anne Verburg

Roth Feeley
Reflections From A Teacher
January 1996

My name is David Sanders, last year Cheryl Mullins, Carol Riddell and I had the privilege of teaching Roth Feeley in the Fifth Grade, his last of six years at Hill School. Roth was a superior student with high expectations for himself. His academic excellence was respected by both his teachers and fellow students. He was very much at home at school. Content, confident and comfortable. A class photo in the Hill Yearbook shows Roth grinning, with one arm draped around Mrs. Mullins and the other arm around the shoulder of a friend.

Roth loved language and used it well. He loved to read. He enjoyed putting his thoughts on paper and he wrote well. He appreciated the power of words and ideas.

I gave his class the assignment of memorizing the preamble to the Declaration of Independence. The students could recite one paragraph for a B, two for an A, or the entire selection for the rare A++. From day one there was never a doubt about Roth's grade. He was the first to say the entire passage flawlessly. We were all impressed and we asked him to do it several times over the next few days. He agreed, but wanted us to time him. He could say it so fast the words blurred together sounding like another language. I think even Thomas Jefferson would be impressed.

I see many of Roth's classmates here today. They will tell you Roth was a leader. To work on a project with Roth Feely was to work with a mover and a shaker. He maintained focus and was task oriented. He always produced and usually got the best out of his coworkers. They never had to worry about who would volunteer to explain their project to the class. But they did get to help because Roth would certainly need a couple of assistants.

His friends will also remember how Roth loved a good debate. Intellectual sparring. Verbal battles of wits, words, and logic. The issues would vary, political candidates, social justice, or sports. He loved exchanging ideas, and never hesitated in taking the minority opinion. Roth enjoyed taking the minority opinion. Controversy was to him a pleasure. He was a worthy opponent for teacher or student. When his class had the chance to participate in a mock trial, Roth was in his element as an attorney. Rarely have closing arguments been made in a fifth grade classroom with more presence, passion, and poise. Roth loved a good debate.

Only once did I see Roth's super self confidence shaken. It took a thirty foot telephone pole to do it. We traveled to the T-Bar M ranch on an event we call The Leadership Challenge. On the high ropes course Roth quickly volunteered to be the first harnessed and helmeted on his way to the top. About one half of the way up Roth began to hug that pole very tightly. At that point it seemed no amount of logic could convince him that he was really safe and he should continue up the pole. He was shaken and stayed frozen there for some time. Eventually with encouragement from below he overcame his fear and moved on to reach his goal. Later he was very quiet about the event but he did not make excuses or try to deny that he was afraid. It was a good experience for him.

Roth loved the stage. Whether singing in the choir or doing a show stopping Lewis and Clark dance number in our Yankee Doodle production, he brought energy and style to every performance. You could see it gave him great joy and satisfaction. In an after school drama class he conspired to create an improvisational satire of daytime talk shows, which I am told was a little too spicy for an elementary school performance.

Roth had a memorable performance at the annual poetry fair. Each student chooses a favorite poem to recite. In costume they wait as a frozen statue until a visitor touches them, then they share their poem. All around him his peers were reciting poems about homework machines, pizza, and television. Roth went a different route. The path less traveled. He chose a poem called Caged Bird by Maya Angelou. He stood ready with a handful of helium balloons on a string. Roth surprised more than a few adults with the depth of his presentation and all were touched by the powerful moment when he released a symbolic balloon as it flew to freedom.

I would like to close by sharing this poem.

Not because of some obscure hidden meaning,
but just because Roth liked it.

He liked the words, he liked the sound of his voice saying it.
It had meaning for him.

His thirst for knowledge, his recognition of beauty, and his creative spirit, will always be with those of us who taught Roth. His friends will be inspired to do the same.

Our lives are richer because we knew him.

Dave Sanders
Jan. 1996

Caged Bird
by
Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wings
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
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August 15, 1995

Dear Mrs. Grindle,

We appreciate you taking the time to ask for, and read letters of description of our children. We, like you, believe that this can be a positive step in helping you and our son, Roth, understand each other.

First let me write about Roth's physical stature which has at least some effect on his behavioral traits. Roth is big for his age. He is five foot four inches tall and weighs one hundred forty-five pounds and at eleven years old he is usually the biggest kid in a group of his peers.

Roth is a highly intelligent person with excellent reasoning power, a superb vocabulary, and one of the best memories we have ever seen. He also has the ability to focus on a particular subject and stay with it until he has mastered it. This trait sometimes makes him seem obsessive, or at the very least too intense.

Very early in life Roth decided to become a oceanographer with an emphasis on marine life, when he grows up. One of the subjects that caught his attention was whales, so he studied them intensely for a couple of years. Now, *w e* regard Roth as an expert on whales, and you would be hard-pressed to find something about whales that Roth is unable to discuss with you intelligently. He has similarly studied baseball when he was very young, and more recently mythology.

Roth often travels to the beat of a different drummer in his extracurricular activities. While he does enjoy baseball, basketball (maybe) and football, he is a fairly practiced fencer, a member of the choir, and was the only male member of the fourth and fifth grade jazzersize ensemble at Hill Elementary. The jazzersize exhibitions at the end of each session, in front of the whole school, with 20+ girls and Roth participating, were some of the funniest moments in our lives (also some of the proudest). Roth loves television, movies and theater. He has seen *Five Guys Named Moe* and *Les Miserable* on the stage in the recent past. He loves to sing and really enjoys hearing others sing. He is a reader of comic books and novels. While he has read Michael Chricton's *Jurassic Park*, he is more inclined to read a *Batman* or *Zanth* novel.

I don't believe that Roth's self esteem suffers and I think he has an optimistic outlook generally. He has the normal fears and anxieties of an eleven year old, but he is not overly cautious or hesitant. I do think that Roth will go through puberty early, because his body has matured early, and he has taken a high interest in girls and romance. Roth has asked at least two girls to the movies so far and is not very shy about this aspect of growing up. Neither of the girls were allowed to go, which his mother and I predicted would be the case, but he asked anyway. We told him

that if he asked a group of his friends to go somewhere and included the girl he was interested in also, he would stand a better chance of spending some time with her. We have not encouraged dates, but we feel that Roth is a trustworthy kid and can handle most social situations with dignity and aplomb.

Roth's mother and I are very proud and pleased with Roth for the most part. He has grown to be polite, mischievous, respectful, a show-off, intelligent, stubborn, sensitive, insensitive, curious, romantic, strong willed, able to meet challenges, apathetic, loyal, fun loving, adventurous, lazy, hard working, a good sport, a poor sport, well adjusted, rebellious, infuriating, and funny. In other words, he's a fairly normal eleven year old kid from a good family unit. Roth lives with his mother, father, and one younger brother. He has one set of grandparents, and aunt and uncle with their two children in town. He visited his other grandparents and an aunt and uncle and family in North Carolina by himself this summer.

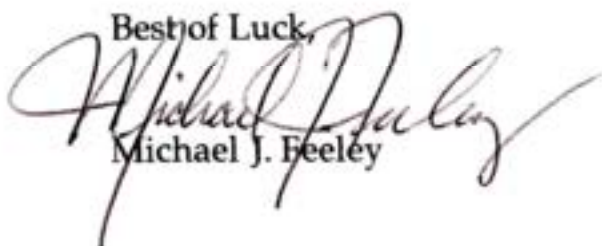
Roth has thrived at school in the past because he likes the discipline of learning new things. When left to his own devices he is easily bored, The activity and challenges of school are good for Roth and as onerous as it would be for him to admit it, he likes school and all of its accouterments. Roth is a straight A student and most of the time that he did not do well in something for some period of time, it was because he was convinced he knew the material and moved through it too quickly.

The last thing I would like you to know about Roth is that he has a good sense of humor and likes to laugh with others and is able to laugh at himself. He will go out of his way to get a laugh also, hence the show-off trait. He understands and enjoys some very complex humor, but is not above slapstick. He is generally ready for something fun, or funny. We spend a good bit of time at the dinner table after dinner, talking, playing word games and laughing, and Roth really enjoys this time.

We are very interested in Roth's growth as a human being. We have high hopes and expectations for him and probably are too aggressive in this sometimes. We think he is gifted and special and have encouraged him to excel in all that he tries. This may be a heavy burden to him at times, but he seems to have come through well so far. We would be happy to meet with you at any time to discuss Roth's well-being and we are open to any ideas that you may have that will improve his quality of life.

Forgive me if this is too much information, it is a subject that I truly love. I believe that my wife and I are in agreement on some of the things I have written about Roth and disagree about others. This is the way I see him, but it is only a short description of a unique and complex individual.

Best of Luck,



Michael J. Feeley

SOME OF THE OTHER MEMORIALS TO ROTH

- Donations made to Murchison choir in his name
- Books donated to both Murchison and Hill libraries
- Northwest Little League established a Roth B. Feeley Sportsmanship Award to be given to the one player annually (agreed upon by all coaches) - Michael and Coleman made the first presentation the end of this baseball season to Campbell Roache - permanent plaque on display at fields - players name added each year - recipient award personal plaque
- Murchison Middle School to plant a tree with memorial plaque this Fall
- Westover SwimTeam adopted new mascot "wild Orca" in Roth's honor and will award annually The Roth B. Feeley Memorial - Most Enthusiastic Award to one boy and one girl team member each season - 1st awards were given this July
- Cub Scout Pack 511 will plant a tree with memorial plaque at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church where they meet monthly (Michael was Roth's cub scout den leader throughout cub scouts and Cub Master for 2 years)
- Roth's fencing club Salle Lagardere (Maitre Eric Mallet) is planning on hosting an annual tournament in Roth's name
- Brick with Roth's name engraved by the fountain in Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta



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