

## EDUCATION SUCCESSES

# Owner of chemical response firm puts math, science to use

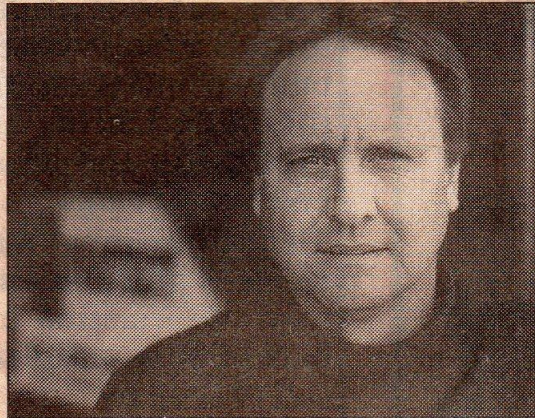
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HALTOM CITY — Most students complain that they never use their science and math courses, but not Richard Cameron.

He owns Protect Environmental Services of Haltom City, which handles emergency responses at factories, highways or any other place where dangerous chemicals are present.

“I will say you end up using a lot of mathematics and science courses, like chemistry and biology,” Cameron said. “Boy, do you ever.”

He studied the subjects at Texas Christian University and the University of Texas at Arlington, where he



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Richard Cameron uses his education to help clean up the environment.

earned a bachelor's degree in geology in 1979.

Cameron worked in the oil and gas field but decided to change careers

when the industry faltered. He opened Protect Environmental Services seven years ago, and the business has been busy since, he said.

Recently, Cameron has fielded many telephone calls about anthrax, he said.

The Fort Worth resident said he keeps up with work by relying on what he learned from his math and science courses. Did his geology degree help, too?

“Oh, tremendously, because so much of the work is cleaning up soils and groundwater,” Cameron said. “Geology has been a tremendous help. It's been one of our mainstays.”

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