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Pageant opening night set for Thursday, July 25th

Make plans now to be in Robert Lee to attend the "Ole Coke County, Home of the Rabbit Twisters" historical pageant July 25, 26, & 27. The annual outdoor production held at the amphitheatre involves approximately 100 "Rabbit Twisters"; some home-grown and some imported, from both Robert Lee and Bronte. The musical program relates 50 years of history and the experiences of early settlers up to the turn of the century.

Much work has gone into the Mountain Creek Amphitheatre near the park in Robert Lee. Weathered buildings are framed in a backdrop of the Mountain Creek City Lake and dam.

Now in its 20th year, the pageant was originally written and directed by Lucile Bryan. New scenes, ideas and directing chores have been volunteered by new folks in the past several years. New material and new cast members are added each year. The production is the result of over a month of hard work and rehearsal by cast members. As a result the production does not come over as ama-

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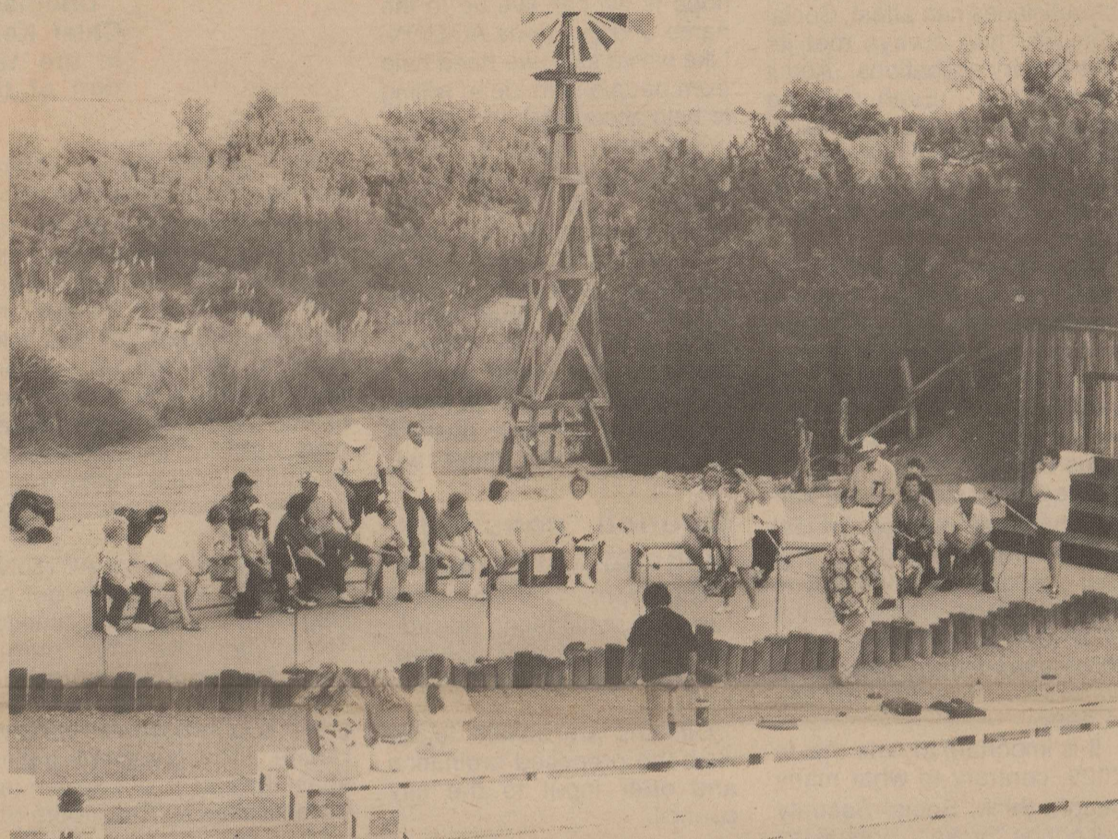
The pageant is sponsored by the Coke County Pageant Association, and there are no paid actors in the group. Actors range from the very young to senior citizens and the work they perform is definitely a labor of love. Financial support for the production comes from patron memberships, ticket sales, souvenir booths and concession stand sales.

The Choir Sing-Out begins at 8:00 pm and will precede the opening of the show at 8:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or can be reserved by calling 915-453-2692 or 453-2957. There is a discount for groups of 20 or more.

Bring your folding chair if you wish, eat at the concession stand, take home a Rabbit Twister souvenir, but don't miss this wonderful show.

Walker Reunion

Descendants of William Robert and Mary Liza (Brannon) Walker will hold a family reunion Sunday, July 21 at the rec hall in Robert Lee. Family and friends are invited to attend.



Cast members await instruction during one of the many rehearsal sessions for the 1995 production of "Ole Coke County - Home of the Rabbit Twisters".

Br. cheerleaders attend UCA Camp

The 1996-97 Bronte Cheerleaders recently attended the UCA Cheerleading Camp at Angelo State

University. They received seven superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon. They also received a spirit stick every day.

The Longhorn (Jodie Hilliard) received two superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon. She also received two spirit sticks.

At the end of the week, the camp staff chose the Bronte Cheerleaders as one of the most improved squads. They look forward to a wonderful season.



Bronte cheerleaders and mascot for the 1996-97 school year are (from left): Shelley Sims, Courtney Arrott, Kim Hall, Mascot Jodie Hilliard, Brittany Barrett, Tammy Lowe, and Kim McCorkle.

RL Athletic Physicals

Physicals for RL athletes will be given July 23-26 from 1-5 pm only at Shamrock Clinic in Robert Lee. The clinic is closed Thursday afternoons, so students should keep this in mind when scheduling appointments.

Physicals will be given free of charge during this week only. Please note: NO physicals will be given before 1:00 pm.

Silver Homecoming set

The annual Silver Homecoming will be held Sunday, July 28 at the Silver Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Church services will be held from 10-11 am with lunch to follow at 12:30. Barbecue, beans, and drinks will be provided. Guests may bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

Bring your lawn chair and come early and stay late to visit.

For those that wish to begin the homecoming celebration very early, there will be a gathering pool-side at the Inn of the Conchos in San Angelo Saturday evening.

Br. Cheerleading Camp

The 1996 Bronte cheerleaders will hold a mini-cheerleading camp for ages 5 thru 6th grade, July 29-31 from 9 am - 12:00 at Bronte school. For more information call 473-2511 or 473-2061.

Council advises wise water use

The Bronte City Council encourages all residents to "Use Water Wisely" during this period of little rainfall.

Residents are asked not to do outside watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

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SS predictions remain steady

The 1996 Social Security trustees report tells us that the Social Security long-range financial projections are holding steady.

As past and current program beneficiaries can attest, Social Security has always met its beneficiary obligations. And it always will. Even with no changes in current law, Social Security will be able to continue paying benefits for more than three decades into the future.

Specifically, the 1996 annual report states that the combined Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds are rapidly accruing reserves and will be able to meet all obligations through 2029.

The 2029 date is a year earlier than was reported in last year's Trustees report. But that change is due primarily to a technical correction, and the 2029 date is the same "trust fund exhaustion" date that was reported by the trustees in 1994.

It is important to note that in 2029, contrary to what many people think, Social Security will not be "broke". Annual tax revenues will be enough to cover 77 percent of annual expenditures.

The fact that the financing situation is now stable does not, of course, alter the fact that some corrective action will have to be taken in the future. The trustees state in their report that the shortfall must be addressed, but there is "ample time to do so with deliberation and care".

There is no crisis situation. The Social Security trust funds have enough revenue to meet all beneficiary obligations for the next 33 years. There is time to discuss alternative solutions and to devise an approach that has the full support of the American public.

Social Security is the most successful domestic program in the nation's history. It provides protection against the loss of earnings due to retirement, death, or disability. It covers about 142 million American workers and pays benefits to more than 43 million beneficiaries. And it represents a financial foundation upon which both older Americans and young families can plan their lives. It has served this country well for 60 years. The trustees urge careful examination and discussion of the Social Security program to ensure that the program will continue to serve all Americans for the next 60 years.

Community Action group formed

New name, new group, what now -- the group that has been meeting to see what was needed in Coke County has decided on a name. The hope is we can live up to the name and get some ACTION. Like we've said, we need help from people with ideas willing to help accomplish the goals.

Tuesday, June 9, 1996 seven people met at the Coke County Courthouse. The group spent some time going over what Coke County has at this time. Discussions were also held as to what can be done to expand or improve services. The first plan of ACTION is to help with transportation to and from doctor's offices. Volunteer drivers will

Council considers vehicle ordinance

The Bronte City Council is currently considering an ordinance concerning junked, wrecked, and dismantled vehicles.

Citizens are invited to review the proposed ordinance and offer input to the city council.



Douglas Roberts makes his point known as Chief Kenneth Green and other braves look on in the 1995 "Oak Creek Indian Pow-wow" portion of the pageant.

work from two offices. Anyone needing a ride to the doctor is encouraged to try to schedule appointments on days the CVCOG van goes in. Call the Senior Center in Bronte or Robert Lee and ask them to pick you up. If for some reason you aren't able to see your doctor on those days, call City Hall in Bronte at 473-2511 or the Judge's office in Robert Lee at 453-2641.

The second plan of ACTION is to work on trying to get a Day Care Center established. This could solve some problems for working mothers. Plan three for the ACTION group is to investigate Primary Health. The group will meet again August 6 at 9:30 am in Commissioners' Courtroom to

listen to Susan Wortham discuss Primary Health Care.

We would like to have more people active in this group. If you can help please do so. We look forward to having you at the meetings and helping those that need help.

Longhorn Band to begin rehearsals

Rehearsals for the fall 96 UIL marching competition half-time show will begin Thursday morning, August 1 at 8:00 am at the practice field behind the school. The August Rehearsal Schedule follows:
 Thursday, Aug. 1 - 8 am til noon
 Friday, Aug. 2 - 8 am til noon
 Monday, Aug. 5 - 8 am til noon
 Monday, Aug. 5 - Band Booster meeting, 8:00 pm in the Band room.
 Tuesday, Aug. 6 - 8 am til noon
 Thursday, Aug. 8 - 7 pm - 8:30 pm

SS rep. schedules July visit

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his July visits to Bronte and Robert Lee. He will be in Robert Lee in the Conference Room of the County Courthouse on Thursday, July 25, between 11:00 am and 11:30 am. He will be in Bronte at the Council Room of City Hall on Thursday also, between 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Personal

Jowell and Laura Bullard of Vista, California will be visiting their parents in Bronte July 20-30. Friends are encouraged to visit.

— Death Notices —

Conradt

Thelma Conradt, 87, of Blackwell died Wednesday, July 10 in a San Angelo hospital. Services were held Friday, July 12 at First Baptist Church in Blackwell. Burial was at the Hylton Cemetery in Hylton. Arrangements were by Shaf-

fer Funeral Home.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law Hulene Conradt of Blackwell, one sister Mary Kellis of Bronte; two grandchildren Janet Lisso of Blackwell and Rickey Conradt of Cleburne; three great-grandchildren; and one niece and one nephew.

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Personal

Roger and Della Alexander of Robert Lee spent the weekend of June 29 and 30 in San Antonio where they attended the premier performance of the 1996-97 Air Force Tops in Blue. The Alexander's son, Airman 1st Class Stephen D. Alexander is one of the vocalists with this year's group.

A1C Alexander submitted his audition tape last December from his permanent duty station at Malmstrom AFB, MT. Alexander made the final cut which took him to Andrews AFB, MD during the first week of February. The applicants spent this week undergoing auditioning, testing, interviewing and evaluation of their talent. Announcement of this year's performing group came in early March. A1C Alexander reported to Lackland AFB in San Antonio on May 1 for an eight week intensive rehearsal period which ended with the June 29 & 30 performances. The six month tour kicked off with a performance July 4th at Randolph AFB, San Antonio. The group is now touring the northwestern part of the US, leaves for a six week overseas tour in mid-August, returns to tour the eastern US, and winds up the year in December going to Alaska and back overseas. The six month performing period covers approximately 102 locations with 118 performances.

Tops in Blue, billed as "the best of the best of the Air Force", is a 24 member group composed of the most talented vocalists, musicians and dancers anywhere, whose main purpose is to perform for military personnel and their families throughout the world. Also accompanying the group is a 6 person technical crew and 30,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio and special effects equipment which the cast and tech staff set up and break down for each performance. The group was formed in 1954 and has performed on film, produced albums, and appeared on national television with a variety of famous acting and performing personalities.

In the local area Tops in Blue will be performing at Reese AFB in Lubbock on August 9th.



Mrs. Richard Dean Fenton, Jr.

Millican, Fenton wedding vows told

Holly Amber Millican and Richard Dean Fenton, Jr. were united in marriage on July 3, 1996, at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Jim W. Millican and wife Sharon A. Millican of Hamby, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Richard Fenton and wife Linda Fenton of Hawley, Texas.

Rachel Wright was the matriarch of honor. Mark Wright of Abilene was his brother's best man.

The wedding reception was hosted by the bride's aunt, Ginger Wojtek of San Luis Obispo, California, and the bride's friend Caroline Wolaver of Hamby.

The bride attended Clyde

High School and graduated from Alpha Omega Christian School.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Hawley High School and is employed by U.S. Brass in Abilene.

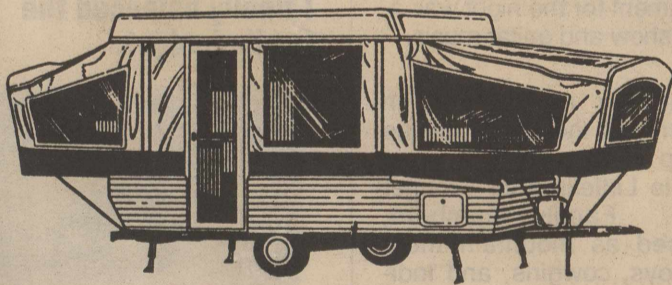
The bride is the granddaughter of Perry Dean Burk and wife Lola Burk of Goldthwaite, and David Bunyon Millican and the late Evia Jo Millican of Silver.

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will reside in Abilene.

Personal

Nellie Ross of Robert Lee and Jenny Cypert of Christoval spent the weekend of July 12th at the home of their sister, Gene Webernich in Edna, Texas. Nellie & Jenny left Friday morning and returned home late Sunday evening.

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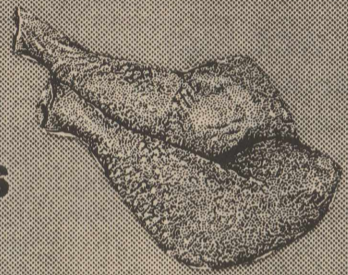
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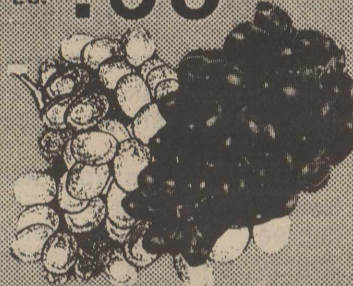
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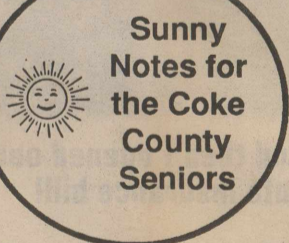
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Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors

Menu for the Week Monday, July 22

Steak fingers w/gravy, white sauce, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, orange.

Wednesday, July 24

Beef tips w/mushroom sauce, rice, green peas, hot roll, tossed salad, fresh fruit cup.

Friday, July 26

Baked ham, green beans, new potatoes, hot roll, pears.

Dominos

The Bronte Senior Center will meet for games and pot luck, Thursday, July 25 at 9:00 am. You are cordially invited to attend!



Korey Pitcock (l) and David Miracle check their calculations during "Surveyors on the Colorado", one of the scenes of last year's pageant.

WCC EMS

Memorials & Donations listed

Memorials and donations made to West Coke County EMS for the month of June include the following:

- Hurlin Lee**
- John & Irma Blair
- Mary Prine**
- Mary Jo Pentecost
- Marie Derrick**
- Mary Jo Pentecost
- Kirk Bagwell**
- John & Irma Blair
- Edna Adkins**
- John & Irma Blair, Larry & Tene Conley, Mary Jo Pentecost, Riley & Donna Waldrop
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- John & Irma Blair, Mike & Fran Lomas, Jack & Nina Brewer
- Donna Wallace Morton**
- Martha Havins, Kay Taylor, Robert & Pauline Vaughan, Ben & Mary Bessent, Perry & Maxine Post, Maurice & Elna Duncan, Curtis & Annice Walker, Coe Lewis, Mary Jo Pentecost, John & Irma Blair.
- Timmy Schiwart**
- Ben & Mary Bessent, Frank Bryan & Family, Teri K. Bryan, Cilla Bryan Davis, Mike & Fran Lomas, Larry & Lorrie Martin, Butch & Glenda Service, Ma-Maw Wylie, Riley & Donna Waldrop, E.C. Bennett, Jack & Nina Brewer, John & Irma Blair, Lisa Lomas Lewis & family.

Donation
Lila Cope

Searching for Coke County 4-H Alumni

Remember the great times you had as a 4-H'er showing your animal at the stock show, entering your food and clothing projects at district events, experiencing county, district or state camps, or even traveling to 4-H Roundup or Congress?

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is looking for all ex-4-H members who grew up in Coke County. If you are a former member of 4-H, please let us know by contacting the county office. You can give us a call or stop by the Coke County Courthouse.

RL FFA News

by Jessica Key

The Robert Lee FFA traveled to Houston for the State FFA Convention on July 8th and returned July 11th. Those attending were Jaclyn Waldrop, Kizzie Howell, Starsky Oleksiuk, Jessica Key, Ross Shultz, Whitney Montgomery, and Mr. Jeff York. Every day they listened to keynote speakers and attended workshops about leadership.

Jaclyn Waldrop was awarded the Lone Star FFA degree. This is the highest degree given at the state level.

Brandi Brosh sang in the Texas FFA choir. Brandi also auditioned for the National FFA choir. The results will be determined later in the year.

Those attending met many new friends and can't wait 'til next year!

Take care when fueling boats

Improper fueling practices are the cause of most fires on board vessels. Gasoline vapors are heavier than air, and spread rapidly. It is important to check the bilges and all closed compartments for any presence of gasoline vapor. The best method is to stick your nose in the space to detect any vapors.

Precautions to be taken during fueling: 1. Moor boat securely to dock. 2. Remove all passengers. 3. Extinguish all galley fires and smoking materials. 4. Shut off all engines and electrical equipment. 5. Close all hatches and ports. 6. Fill approved portable tanks on dock. 7.

Keep fuel nozzle in contact with fill opening. 8. Wipe up any spillage, check bilges for any leakage. 9. Put caps on tight. 10. After fueling, open all hatches and run blower before starting engines. 11. Never start engines until all traces of fuel vapors are gone. 12. Never store any portable tanks in an interior compartment.

Call Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters for a complete listing of state boating laws, 512-389-4999.

Bilbo family reunion held

Mrs. Alley J. (Alta) (Mur) Bilbo, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother, of Robert Lee, traveled to Grove, Oklahoma for a reunion of her family. The celebration was held at the lakeside home of her daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield. Their place is located eight miles north of Grove on the Grand Lake of the Cherokees.

A total of 80 family members and 10 friends attended all or part of the four day gathering from July 3-7.

Following a three inch rain Thursday morning, the Fourth of July celebration was held at the beautiful log home of Jim and Debbie Littlefield. Carrying out the patriotic theme, family members were dressed in red, white, and blue. They consumed hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, homemade ice cream, cobbles and watermelon. Following a fireworks display, the group gathered to sing to the accompaniment of a Karaoke machine.

The horseshoe pitching tournament was held Friday at the home of Jo Ann and Jarvis. Other entertainment included fishing, swimming, boating, card games, bunco, and lots of visiting.

Jo Ann and Jarvis hosted the Hawaiian luau Friday evening. Dressed in native attire, 15 chanting men carried in the roasted pig and King Ezmo on a wooden platform. They were accompanied by drummer Tony Caudill and two native girls, Michelle Littlefield and Toni Tomlinson. The native bearers were: Jerry Littlefield, Bebo Boren, John Boren, Mark Kay, Joe Alexander, Mike Levesque, Jeremy Littlefield, Casey Littlefield, Shane Littlefield, Braden Caudill, Scott Thomas, Jim Curry, Michael Thrift, Jim Littlefield, and Stephen Thomas.

King Ezmo (Steve Evans) greeted his costumed people and declared the time for luau. The feast of Hawaiian fare was set up on the decorated patio overlooking Grand Lake. Entertainment for the night was a talent show and guitar music.

Saturday night the clan gathered at the lovely, unique hilltop home of Jerry and Debbie Littlefield for Frontier night. Family members, dressed as mountain men, cowboys, cowgirls, and Indians, feasted on barbecued venison, turkey, ham and delicious side dishes. Entertainment for the night was more visiting, guitar music, and Karaoke sing-along.

Those attending the Bilbo Reunion - 1996 included: from the Grove, OK area: Jo Ann and Jarvis Littlefield, Jerry and Debbie Littlefield, Jeremy, Casey and Michelle Littlefield, Jim Curry; Jim and Debbie Littlefield, Shannon and Chuck Dean, Joseph, Brent, and Charlie; Robin and Mark Giauque, Chelsea, Tyler, and Ashley; Shane Littlefield, Danielle Hayward; Rick and Alicia Littlefield and Creed; Brenda Littlefield, Jason and Lorenda; Lynda and Tony Caudill, Braden Caudill, Kari Medlin, Bretton and Dakota; Krissy and Katie Caudill.

Attending from Texas were: Alta Bilbo of Robert Lee, Alta Bell and Lamar Kay of Alpine; Jan and Bobby Hungate, Kara and Kayce of Waco; Mark and Judy Kay and Nicholas of Andrews, Brandon Brady of Fritch; Jamie and Bob Boren of Robert Lee; Kathy and Joe Aleander, Miranda, Jamie Jo, and Joe Bob of Midland; Bebo Boren of Lubbock; John and Jill Boren, Lauren, Jordan, and Sloan of Snyder; Janet Rathmell of Mertzson; Sandy and Jill Evans, Ashley and Trace of Arlington; Steve and Mary Evans and Allen of Water Valley; Rebecca and Mike Levesque, Sarah and Christopher of San Angelo; Glenda and Shirlee Thomas of Abilene, Stephen and Melinda Thomas, Jill and Josh of Bangs; Scott Thomas and Toni Tomlinson of Abilene.

Robertson named Mission Rep

Adis D. Robertson was named a representative of the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board on June 12. She joins the agency's more than 4,200 workers serving in 129 countries and among 336 ethnic people groups.

Robertson will live in Jordan, where she will work as a remedial education specialist and be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Daughter of Elene Mulkey Means of Bronte, Robertson was born in Carrizozo, and lived in Corona, Roswell and Tucumcari as well as Alamogordo. She taught at Alamogordo Public Schools and is a member of First Baptist Church in Alamogordo, which she considers her home church.

Robertson will be going to Rockville, Virginia, in August for a seven-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Deep-water running helps training

Athletes looking for a break from running-related exercises should go jump in a lake.

Running in water, whether it is in a lake or pool, first surfaced in the early 1980's. Initially, athletes participated in deep-water running to maintain fitness while they were injured. But it has since evolved into an important training component for many athletes, especially runners.

"Deep-water running allows a runner to work the heart and lungs without the impact associated with running on land," said David Brennan, an exercise physiologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It may be better to use the pool for an easy run to allow for complete recovery. This type of training can help to improve the quality of hard training sessions out of the water."

A word of caution, though. Do not try deep-water running without a flotation device. Several vests and belts specifically designed for this exercise are available.

AISE seeks host families

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1996-97 school year. AISE exchange students live with American families and attend local high schools during their ten-month cultural exchange experiences.

American host families provide these young ambassadors with a room, meals, and a loving, family atmosphere in which to live. AISE students are eager to learn about our government, our history, our customs, and our language, while at the same time leaving a lasting impression of their cultures in the minds and hearts of their American host families and peers.

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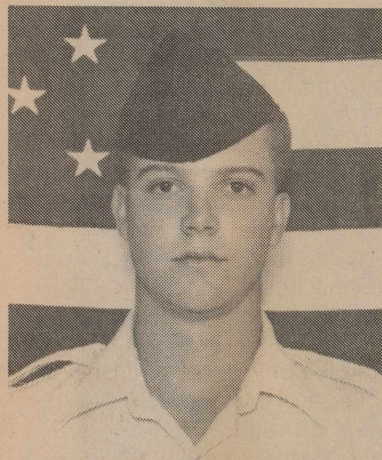
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Airman Jeremy Meffert

Meffert completes basic training

Air Force Airman Jeremy S. Meffert has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Meffert is the son of Barry E. and Vickie Meffert of Blackwell.

He is a 1994 graduate of Blackwell High School.

Br. Nursing Home Memorials posted

The Bronte Nursing Home has received the following memorial fund contributions for the period of April 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996.

Betty Lee

Ed and Jane Cumbie, Pauline Sims, Glenn and Lavonne Sims

Lenora Good

Pauline Sims, Glenn and Lavonne Sims

Leatha Wrinkle

Sam and Joyce Owens

Memorial Fund donations are used to purchase a variety of supplies needed for the nursing home. Recently, a baumanometer standby blood pressure monitor and a label printer was purchased from the Memorial Fund. Donations to the Bronte Nursing Home Memorial Fund may be made by coming by the business office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, or by sending contributions to: Bronte Nursing Home, PO Drawer M, Bronte, TX 76933.

Stenholm opposes recent bill

Congressman Charles Stenholm voted against the 1997 legislative branch appropriations bill for its failure to achieve savings through reductions in the operating expenses of Congressional offices. The bill passed the House on July 10 by a vote of 360-58.

"Supporters of this legislation claim that, at \$1.68 billion, this is a 2 percent reduction over last year's spending," said Stenholm. "In fact, the reduction was achieved by downsizing legislative agencies like the General Accounting Office and the Government Printing Office, and not from Members' office accounts where the reductions also should have been made."

It is estimated that total

spending on House accounts will actually increase by 2 percent in 1997.

"This reform has been a long time coming," Stenholm said. "Right now I have the option of spending the allowance on my own office operations or handing the money over to Speaker Gingrich. Under those circumstances, I've chosen to keep the money in the service of the 17th District of Texas."

Having passed the House of Representatives, the legislative branch appropriations bill now must be taken up by the Senate. Following Senate passage, a conference committee will resolve differences between the two versions in order to send a final compromise bill to the President for signature. During the process, the bill could undergo numerous changes.

Stenholm has committed to promoting additional cuts in spending for Congressional operations during that continuing process.

"Members of Congress should lead by example, but so far the pain of these cuts will not be felt by offices on Capitol Hill," added Stenholm.

Legal Matters

by Attorney General Dan Morales

Why does fraud work?

It is sometimes said that greedy people are the easiest victims of con artists, telemarketing schemes, and fraud. Well, that is simply not true, according to a study conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates. Nice, honest people are more likely than others to send money to total strangers in exchange for the promise of a sure-fire business opportunity, a cash prize, or a fantastic vacation.

The Princeton study concerns us because the Elder Law and Public Health Division of the Office of the Attorney General is charged with protecting the interests of older Texans, who are generally more open and trusting than their younger counterparts.

Many seniors are ashamed or embarrassed to report being victimized by fraud. They think that it was their fault, or that they should not have been so gullible. The truth is that con artists and telescammers are finely honed professionals who take advantage of older people precisely because of their trusting nature. Unless properly warned, even the wildest Texan can have difficulty dealing with sharp perpetrators of fraud.

The facts

What characteristics make an easy mark? Who is likely to be tricked, and who is not? The Princeton study found that:

*Older fraud victims are more likely to be in the workforce than other adults.

*The social and community activities of older fraud victims rival or surpass those of their peers.

*Affluent and well-educated Americans are often targeted - and tricked out of their money - by con artists.

*People who have suffered a recent tragedy (such as the loss of a loved one) are likely to give money in sympathy to others.

*More than one-third of older fraud victims do volunteer

work on a regular basis.

*Two-thirds of fraud victims went to church at least once during the week before the study interview.

The reason why

It turns out that courtesy and trust are the most reliable traits in indicating whether a person may be a victim of fraud.

Unfortunately, it stands to reason. If you comport yourself in an honest and upright manner, you are likely to think others will do the same. Sadly, this is far from true. Con artists take advantage of people who just cannot bear to hang up the phone on a caller that keeps talking.

They also take advantage of trusting people. If you find it hard to believe that someone would flat-out lie to you, then that person may find it all the easier to tell tall tales about his or her product or service. Much too often, there is on product or service -- just an all-too-efficient bilking mechanism.

Beware

If you recognize any of the following traits in yourself, you may be an easy touch.

Are you reluctant to hang up the phone or shut the door

in a salesperson's face? By listening to their pitch, you are dramatically increasing your chances of being victimized. Smooth-talking operators know exactly what to say in order to get your money. Giving them more time to talk is like giving a sniper more time to aim a rifle.

Do you believe that phone salespeople are all just doing their job, and need to make a living like everyone else? Perhaps you should be a little skeptical. After all, telephones are no mystery -- thieves know how to pick up a handset and dial, just like everybody else. Telescammers know you have not won a prize, and they do not care. All they want is your money.

What you should know

Think of the following the next time you get a sales call. If you hear anything that reminds you of these tips, you have the permission of the Attorney General of Texas to hang up.

*First of all, it is just plain illegal for anyone to ask you to pay anything -- even shipping costs -- for a "prize".

*Ask for written information through the mail; illegal "boiler room" callers will usually hem

and haw or hang up quickly.

*Never let anyone send a carrier to pick up your payment -- that is just a way to avoid mail fraud laws.

*Never give out your credit card or bank account number to strangers over the phone.

*If you do not want to be called again by a particular phone salesperson, ask that person not to call you again and to take you off his or her calling or mailing list. If they call again, they will be breaking the federal Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act.

Be an assertive consumer -- do not let others take advantage of your trusting nature and innate courtesy.

The original Coke County courthouse, built in 1891, served the county for 65 years. It was demolished when the new \$300,000 facility was built of brick on the same site where the original courthouse had sat. The new courthouse was built in 1956, during the term of County Judge William Jeff Dean.

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Glenn family travels to Italy

The following story is an account of some of the highlights of a trip to Italy that was made in March, 1996 by Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn of Bronte, their son, Dr. Victor Glenn, his wife, Dr. Liza Ting Glenn, and their children, fifteen-year-old Charlotte and nine-year-old Ian, all of DeSoto, Texas.

This was a ten-day, fully escorted 1700-mile bus trip that began and ended in Rome. From Rome, the group traveled north to Florence and Venice, then down the Adriatic coastline through Assisi to the ruins of Pompeii, Sorrento, the Isle of Capri, Naples, and back to Rome. In the tour group there were forty-two people from all over the United States; sixteen were from Texas.

Anna, the tour guide, is an Italian born in the U.S. who has been living in Rome for the past twenty years. She is very fluent in both English and Italian and traveled with the group the entire trip.

In Rome, we visited the famous Trevi fountain, the Spanish steps, the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, the ruins of the Roman Forum and Colosseum, and the catacombs of San Sebastian.

Each of these sites is worthy of a lengthy description; however, especially impressive was the statue in St. Peter's Basilica, call La Piata. It was sculpted from a single slab of white marble by Michelangelo when he was 25 years old, and shows Mary holding the body of the crucified Jesus as He is lying across her lap.

Perhaps the favorite in Rome was the ruins of the Colosseum, a huge amphitheatre which was begun in 80 A.D. It took eight years to build and rises three stories to a height of 165 feet. Externally, there were eighty arches encircling each of the three stories. Each arch contained a statue. It is approximately 610 feet in diameter and can seat about 50,000. There is also an immense awning which was stretched over the amphitheatre on special occasions to protect the spectators from the sun. The colosseum was the sight of gladiator fights between men and also between men and beasts.

One should never go to Italy without visiting the Renaissance city of Florence with its world famous works of art, shops and ornate churches. Here we saw the original David, a white marble statue by Michelangelo, which is considered to be the most perfect likeness of the human body ever done.

Farther north, on the Adri-

atic coast, is Venice one of the most spectacular cities in the world. It was built five centuries ago on 117 islands. There are no cars because there are no streets; only canals, 150 of them, and 400 bridges. The main island, covering only three and one-half square miles, is a maze of shops, houses and churches, the most impressive being the Basilica of San Marcos. Venice is famous for its glass-blown art, from tiny vases and jewelry to full-size doors; and yes, the gondola rides (\$26 U.S. per person for one hour). It was neat to ride along while the Italian tenor sang to the group, six people in each gondola. Sadly, the island, its buildings, and many statues are being damaged by industrial pollution and by tides that flood the island many times each year. The thousands of tourists who visit the city each year leave their mark as well.

One reason we chose to make this trip was to see the excavations at Pompeii, the Roman city which is preserved by the ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius on August 24, 79 A.D. The three-day eruption covered the rich city of probably 25,000 people with 27 feet of ash. Excavation began under Mussolini in 1941 and is considered to be 75% completed now. Because of the swiftness of the eruption and the gases it contained, the burial of the city was sudden with little chance for escape. We were told 1,800 bodies have been found; the bakery shop oven still had 27 loaves of bread in it; documents and money were found in an excavated safe. Many of the walls of homes and shops still standing are decorated with exquisite paintings, most of Roman gods and goddesses. There is a public bath, gardens, servants' quarters; etc.; all indications of a very affluent and sophisticated society.

Time does not permit a more lengthy description of the trip; however, some impressions and observations might be worthy of mention.

For instance, Italy is a small, crowded country with a population of over 50 million living in an area the size of the state of Arizona. Ninety-nine percent of the population is white and Catholic. One-third of the families have only one child. It is said that one-half of the people in Rome are employed by the government. Italy has a socialistic government. Unemployment is said to be 10% in the north and 20% in the south where the Mafia still has great influence.

Especially in Rome, traffic is heavy, mostly small cars. Gasoline is \$4.50 U.S. per gallon; 72% of this is tax. Apartments rent by the square yard and are usually small and expensive.

Italians are very style-conscious and dress well. They may have fewer clothes, but they are nice and expensive. The leathers in Italy are of the highest quality and are pricey but lovely.

Eating is a ritual with Italians and not to be taken for granted. They eat pasta at least once a day, often preceded by a dish of antipasta. There are 120 different shapes of pasta to be found in Italy. We were told that no Italian kitchen is ever without garlic, basil, olive oil, and, of course, pasta. Extra virgin olive oil is green in color and comes from the first pressing. The next pressing gives the virgin oil, which is yellow in color.

Traditionally, the main meal of the day is eaten at noon, followed by a nap, or siesta. During this time most of the shops close until 3:00 pm. The evening meal begins at eight or later.

Of course, Italy is famous for its wines; each region has its specialty. There are hundreds of different ones. It seems most Italians indulge themselves when it comes to wine. There is no drinking age limit in Italy.

Tourism is the main industry of the country, and most other industry is located in the north, while the central part produces most of the food for the country. There are miles and miles of vineyards and olive, orange, and lemon groves; there are other fruits as well. All kinds of vegetables are grown, especially tomatoes, eggplant, broccoli, beans, spinach, corn, wheat, rice, and sunflowers.

The southern part of the country is considered to be the poorer region where the people are more laid back, warm and friendly.

Italy claims to hold sixty percent of the world's art treasures. Many of these world famous masterpieces, mosaics, statues, tapestries, etc. are found in the innumerable and magnificent churches throughout the country. Some of these churches have been under construction for hundreds of years. It is really unbelievable how much time, money, and devotion has been given to the decorations of the churches, inside and out. Almost every church has a tall bell tower, often separated from the main building. Also, famous people are often buried beneath the floors of the churches. In addition to the churches, there are the great and famous museums crowded with paintings, sculptures, and other objects of art.

The weather was nice; a little cooler than we had expected for March and somewhat damper, although not unpleasant.

The exchange rate was a little more than 1,500 lire for one U.S. dollar, which sounds

like a lot, but we found that it did not last long. Many of our meals were provided in the initial cost of the tour, but those we purchased cost about \$15 per person per meal. Interestingly, if one ate at a fast food place, it was less expensive to stand to eat than to sit at a table.

It was surprising how many words we could recognize in the Italian language because of its similarity to Spanish. In fact, some of the words were identical.

The best part of the trip for us was that we were able to spend time and share this experience with some of our family members.

Visiting a country for ten days certainly does not make one an expert, but it does give a better understanding of the people and their problems and hopes, and gives one a deeper appreciation for the blessings we enjoy as Americans.

Brides: report name change to SS

Too many brides forget to change their names with Social Security resulting in confusion when their earnings are reported for Social Security purposes under their new name. Social Security authorities note that many brides put it off because they mistakenly think there's a lot of paperwork involved. Actually, you can do most of it with a toll-free phone call. When you receive the application in the mail, send it back with proof of your old and your new name. Or you can stop by any Social Security office. It only takes a few minutes. The toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213. Internet users can get the application form at <http://www.ssa.gov>

Cruise ship safety tips

If you're taking a cruise, here are some safety tips that could make the trip less risky.

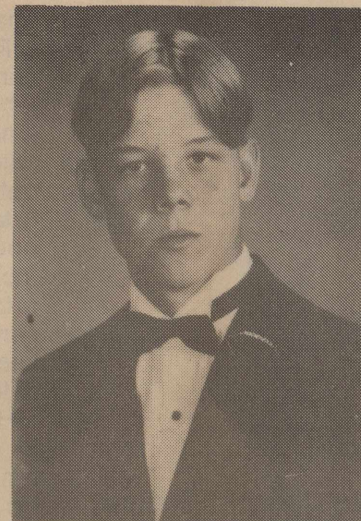
Dr. James H. Runnels of the Travel Medicine Service at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston recommends:

- * Wearing low-heeled, slip-proof shoes. They can come in handy on a ship's sloping gangways and wet decks.

- * Keeping your room from becoming an obstacle course by returning pulled-out chairs and dresser drawers to their proper positions. This will lessen the chances of bruised legs and stubbed toes as well as breaks, sprains and cuts.

- * Keeping luggage off the floor by placing it in closets, on spare beds or on out-of-the-way racks.

- * Keeping a light on after dark in the unfamiliar room.



Nicholas Arrott

Arrott named All-American scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Nicholas Arrott has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Arrott, who attends Bronte High School, was nominated for this national award by Principal Scott Turner.

Nicholas' name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in American's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Nick is the son of Susan C. Williams and Nick Arrott. Grandparents are Ed and Jane Cumbie and LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott of Bronte.

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Celebrating July birthdays at the West Coke County Nursing Home were (from left): Marie Hasty and Floy Sawyer. Also celebrating July birthdays but not pictured were Paul Hayes, Ernest Gesch, Thelma Preston, and J. T. Morton.

A beautiful birthday cake made by Mary Beth Drennan was enjoyed by the residents.

County receives scattered rainfall

Rainfall came to Coke County in fits and starts last weekend. Some residents received considerable amounts of rain, while others in the county recorded little or no significant moisture.

Friday afternoon Robert Lee proper was deluged with the wet stuff, with some folks reporting measurements of up to 2 1/2 inches. Persons living toward the Edith area received only trace amounts of moisture from the cloud. The story was much the same on the east side of the county. Some residents in the Bronte area received amounts of up to 1 1/2 inches while others received no rain at all.

Sunday afternoon the rains came again, but this time amounts were more general with most Robert Lee residents receiving anywhere from 2 to 4/10". Several residents around the Bronte community reported totals of up to 2 2/10".

Up A Creek - Pass That Paddle

by Antonio O. Garza, Jr. Sec. of State

We got a little rain recently, but we're still up a creek - a pretty dry one. Yeah, I know what you're going to say. "Not another drought story... that's all we hear about."

You're right. Every time you pick up a paper or turn on the news, there's yet another twist to a story that hasn't changed much in months - that we haven't had enough rain - and there doesn't seem to be much we can do to command the much-needed water out of the sky. It's frustrating and puts people on edge.

In South Texas, tempers are flaring along with the thick, intense heat that scorches the landscape. I've seen it. As the governor's chief advisor on Mexico and border affairs I get involved in the resolution of conflicts in South Texas, and right now the drought is ruffling some feathers.

Farmers along the Rio Grande have been grumbling and pointing fingers at their Mexican counterparts for pumping unaccounted-for water from the river for agriculture, a violation under a recent water loan agreement

between the U.S. and Mexico. During happier times, farmers on both sides just pumped what they needed and nobody cared. But now, with this drought, the normally-neighborly rapport across the fence is on standby as each side fumes, "Well, why should he get all the water? I've got it worse."

It's like that in some places that are already enacting mandatory water conservation, like San Antonio and Corpus Christi. People who once watched their neighbors' yards for prowlers are now spying on the sprinklers, ready to sound the alarm for unauthorized lawn maintenance.

Texas is already suffering. Ranchers in the Hill Country and elsewhere are having to sell off cattle. Coastal Bend farmers desperate for hay are now baling corn instead. In West Texas cloud seeding efforts will be starting soon, and in the Panhandle farmers are praying that their irrigation pumps don't give out. Texans everywhere are losing money... well, you've heard it all already.

The point is that we need more than just the elusive rain. We need a spirit of cooperation. The fastest and cheapest way to lower water demands and thus lessen the pinch of the drought is to get people working together to use less water.

There are simple but effective things we can all do to help our beloved state weather this crisis. We can:

- * turn off the water while we brush our teeth or shave;
- * fix any toilet or faucet leaks (usually pretty cheap to do);
- * install low-flow shower heads and take 5 minute showers;
- * water the lawn at night or early morning, and then only once every 5 days; and
- * wash the car with a bucket and a hose with a shut-off nozzle.

I know you've heard those things already, but have you done them? I hadn't been as diligent as I could have been until I started noticing the dwindling selection in the produce department along with the expanding selection of drought stories in the news department. It's tough, but we can change that if we work together.

Avoid taking too many antacids

Too much of an over-the-counter antacid or heartburn medication can wreak havoc on your stomach, warns a gastroenterologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Several medications that used to be available by prescription only are now sold in the drugstore aisles can be very effective at preventing stomach acid and heartburn," said Dr. Fred M. Sutton Jr., associate professor of medicine. "But if you're having to rely on them all the time for food-related pain relief, you may be creating other health problems and covering up a more serious condition. Indigestion, for example, can be a warning sign of a heart attack."

Antacid medications are taken after a meal to neutralize acids already secreted by the stomach. They usually provide immediate relief from stomach acid caused by something you just ate or drank. Because antacids contain magnesium, abusing them could cause diarrhea. Some antacids contain aluminum, which in large amounts can cause constipation.

Medications known as H2-blockers are taken 30 minutes before a meal. They prevent or reduce acid secretion in the stomach.

If you have been taking antacids or H2-blockers regularly for more than two weeks, Sutton recommends seeing a physician to determine the source of your problem.

Chronic stomach discomfort, indigestion, and heartburn could result from an ulcer, stomach or colon cancer or heart problems, he said. If the problem is heart-related, the sodium contained in some antacids could make the body retain fluid and worsen heart disease.

By identifying the cause, the physician can select the appropriate medications and treatment. Because most over-the-counter remedies contain only half the dose of prescription medications, the physician might prescribe a stronger antacid or H2-blocker. If the patient has an ulcer, the physician should prescribe antibiotics as well as H2-blockers, Sutton said.

He also recommends that people on other medications and dialysis patients consult their physicians before taking over-the-counter antacids and H2-blockers to avoid problems with drug interactions and excessive build-up of aluminum or magnesium.

"Of course, most people would not have to worry about stomach acid and heartburn medicines if they just stopped eating foods that they know from experience are likely to cause an upset stomach," Sutton said.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Referendum dates set

The US Department of Agriculture announced recently that a second nationwide sheep referendum on the Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education, and Information Order will be conducted October 1.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, a marketing and regulatory programs agency, has oversight responsibility for federal research and promotion programs. AMS administrator Lon Hatamiya said all producers, feeders, and importers who certify they were engaged in the production, feeding or importation of sheep or sheep products (except importers of raw wool only) between January 1 and December 31, 1994, are eligible to vote. Hatamiya said that a second referendum is needed based on a review conducted by USDA, which revealed that the referendum rules were inconsistently applied during the February 6, 1996, referendum.

Voters may register and vote in person or request absentee ballots at one of USDA's county Cooperative Extension Service offices. Absentee ballots must be requested from the office serving the county where the business headquarters is located, for corporations. Absentee ballot requests may be requested in person or by mail between August 26 and September 17. Absentee ballots must be received in county offices by close of business September 27.

The Farm Service Agency, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will count ballots, determine eligibility of voters and tabulate the results.

For the order to go into effect, it must be approved either by a simple majority of voters or by voters who account for two-thirds of the sheep and wool production represented in the referendum.

If approved, the program

would be funded by mandatory assessments. Domestic producers and feeders would be assessed 1 cent per pound on sales of live sheep and 2 cents per pound on sales of greasy wool. Importers would be assessed 1 cent per pound or the equivalent on imported sheep and sheep products and 2 cents per pound or the equivalent on imported degreased wool and wool products.

Details of voting procedures were published in the December 15, 1995, Federal Register. The order, which is the subject of the referendum was published in the May 2, 1996, Federal Register. Copies of the final referendum rules, the order and additional information are available from Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS, USDA, Room 2606-S, PO Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456.

Fueling up for exercise

How you eat and drink in the half-hour after exercise can have a major impact on your next workout.

"Muscles absorb carbohydrates most effectively within the first 30 minutes following exercise," said David Brennan, an exercise physiologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "So, it is important to begin taking in fluids, including sports beverages that are high in carbohydrates, almost immediately after exercise."

While fluids will help you rehydrate, solid foods that are rich in carbohydrates are also necessary to help speed muscle recovery.

"Beans, pasta and breads are excellent sources of complex carbohydrates and perfect for re-fueling after a workout," said Brennan.

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-Jean De La Bruyere

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Observe cancer warning signs

Prostate cancer is in the future of one of every 11 men. For black men, the odds are worse: one in nine.

"The saddest part of those figures is that many men, including many thousands of black men, who die of this cancer could have been saved if the disease had been detected earlier," said Dr. Ronald Morton Jr. of the Baylor Prostate Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Prostate cancer can spread without pain or other symptoms," Morton said, "which makes it all the more important to get regular examinations."

Possible warning signs, which are even more likely to be symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia, include:

- *Difficulty in beginning or maintaining a urinary stream.
- *Frequent urination, especially at night.
- *Weak or interrupted urine flow.
- *Painful urination or ejaculation.
- *Presence of blood or pus in urine or semen.

A doctor can detect prostate cancer by using a combination of physical examination, blood and urine tests and ultrasound scanning.

A rectal examination can determine if the prostate feels hard, a possible sign of cancer. The procedure, done in a physician's office, is simple, quick and only slightly uncomfortable, Morton said.

A prostate specific antigen, or PSA, test can help make the diagnosis, but a biopsy of the prostate is needed to confirm the presence of cancer. The PSA test is also used to follow the progress of the disease after the patient has been treated.

Annual prostate exams are vital for all men 50 and older, Morton said.

"For black men or any man with a family history of prostate cancer," he said, "the annual exams should start at age 40."

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Sharps celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Sharp of Carlsbad, Texas, celebrated their 50th Anniversary July 14, 1996 at the Massey Club House in San Angelo. Their children, Jerry & Cliffie Sensabaugh, granddaughter, Lauran, and cousins, Joe & Ima Culp hosted the affair. Ninety friends and relatives joined them for the joyous occasion.

Pictures and albums were on display to be enjoyed by guests. Dale Wojtek, a nephew, shot a video and pictures were taken by many relatives. Lauran Sensabaugh and Torrey Clay registered guests. Linda Owens, Lea Beyerlein, Shelley Emmons, Torrey Clay, Sue Wojtek, Sarah Kay Sparks, Dona Kay Sparks, and Maurine Sparks served the punch and cake at the bride's table and groom's table and greeted guests.

Clifford F. Sharp and Mary Grace Murtishaw were married March 6, 1946 at 1st Presbyterian Church in San Angelo with Rodney Gibson, Jr. officiating. J.I. and Helen Luckett Murtishaw attended as Best Man and Maid of Honor.



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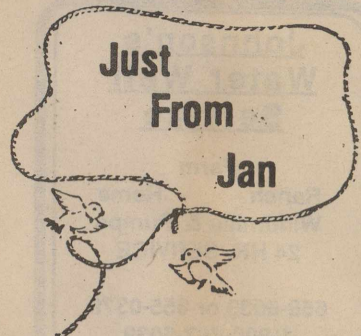
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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Brass, copper & ceramic cookware safety

What cookware is not safe? Questions about safety often accompany the purchase of more decorative and sometimes imported cookware. Brass and copper are two metals used for cookware that can be dangerous.

Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc and a mixture in varying amounts of other metals such as lead. Zinc is too toxic to be used for cooking utensils or pans. And, since there is no easy way to know if lead is in a piece of brassware, cooking and serving food in brassware is not recommended. Brass corrodes if uncoated, so tarnishing of brass would indicate that the metals are reactive.

Copper cookware is an excellent conductor of heat, especially good for top-of-the-range cooking. It is often preferred for cooking delicate sauces and foods that must be cooked at precisely controlled temperatures. Copper cookware is safe if it is lined with tin or steel. The inside of these lined pieces of cookware will be silver, rather than copper-colored.

Unlined copper cookware should not be used because the metal is relatively easily dissolved by some foods, causing the release of copper into food in amounts great enough to cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Ceramic ware is another type of cookware that has raised safety question concerns. Consumers should look for a label on decorative ceramic ware stating that the item is not for food use and that it may poison food. Earlier concerns were expressed by FDA about lead leaching from ceramic ware, particularly with mugs used for hot beverages. Hot acidic beverages such as coffee and tea cause the greatest leaching. This leaching of lead can be especially dangerous to pregnant women.

While most responsible manufacturers produce safe ceramic ware, consumers may want to avoid storing acidic beverages such as fruit juices and tea in lead-glazed pitchers.

Stenholm announces approval of CRC

Congressman Charles Stenholm recently announced that Crop Revenue Coverage (CRC) has been approved for sale to Texas wheat farmers by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). Texas is one of seven states in which CRC will be available for wheat farmers on a pilot project basis.

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Summer FUN SPECIALS

<p>CHARMIN WHITE OR ULTRA WHITE Bath Tissue \$2.99 12 ROLL PKG.</p>	<p>HI DRI Paper Towels 2 \$1 ROLLS FOR</p>	<p>REG. W/BLEACH OR FREE Ultra 2 Cheer Detergent \$4.99 87-92 OZ. BOX</p>	<p>ASSTD. Crisco Oil \$1.99 48 OZ. BTL.</p>
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<p>KLEENEX ASSORTED Facial Tissue 99¢ 70-175 CT. BOX</p>	<p>ASSORTED Folgers Coffee \$2.19 12-13 OZ. CAN</p>	<p>KELLOGG'S CEREAL Rice Krispies 2 \$5 15 OZ. BOXES FOR</p>	<p>JIF CRUNCHY, REG. OR LOWFAT CREAMY Peanut Butter \$1.79 18 OZ. JAR</p>
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Meat

FRESH PORK BUTT
Country Style Ribs
\$1.19 LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BOTTOM
Round Steak
\$1.29 LB.

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS
Eye of Round Steak
\$1.89 LB.

FRESH Ground Round	1.69	PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS SIRLOIN CUT Pork Chops	2.69
FRESH BUTT Pork Steak	1.39	SHURFINE Hot Dogs	69¢
TENDERIZED BEEF Cube Steak	2.19	WILSON REG. OR POLISH Smoked Sausage	1.89

Frozen and Dairy

DUTCH HOLLAND
Ice Cream
\$1.49
1/2 gal. ctn.

SHURSAVING FRENCH FRIED Potatoes
5 Lb. Bag **99¢**

SHURFINE Orange Juice
16 oz. can **\$1.19**

PATIO ASSTD. Burritos
8 5 OZ. PKGS. **\$3.00**

BANQUET ASSTD. PASTA FAVORITES OR Dinners
3-11 CT. **99¢**

TAI PAN ASSTD. Entrees
2 12-14.2 OZ. **\$5.00**

SHURSAVING Spread
32 oz. Bowl **89¢**

SHURFINE BUTTERMILK, BUTTER FLAVOR OR SWEET MILK Biscuits
5 7.5 OZ. 10 CT. **\$1.00**

SHURFINE HALFMOON MILD CHEDDAR, COLBY OR CHEDDAR Longhorn Cheese
16 OZ. **\$2.99**

FLORIDA NATURAL REG. OR HOMESTYLE Orange Juice
2 64 OZ. **\$5.00**

Produce

FLAME OR THOMPSON SEEDLESS
Grapes
89¢ LB.

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DOLE Salad Mix	1 LB. PKG.	99¢	SWEET & JUICY EXTRA LARGE Nectarines	1 LB.	\$1.29
NEW CROP TEXAS Yellow Squash	1 LB.	69¢	FRESH HOT Jalapenos	1 LB.	69¢
#1 RUSSET BAKING Potatoes	2 LBS.	89¢	DOLE FRENCH BLEND OR ITALIAN Salad Mix	10 OZ. PKG.	\$1.69



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'73 BASS BOAT,
70 HP Evinrude, 41 lb. thrust trolling motor, Eagle Fishfinder, works good, \$1500. Sparks Burdett, 453-2887.
45-tnc

2 LOTS FOR SALE
313 E. 3rd, Robert Lee. All hook-ups available. 366-6254, Odessa.
50-2tp

HOME FOR SALE
608 17th St. West, Robert Lee. \$29,000 cash. Must hurry. Realty One, 214-546-8218.
49-2tc

MUST SEE!
this 3 BR, 1 bath metal roof & siding and carport.
NEW LISTING:
3 BR, 2 bath, brick, lots of room, central H/A, fenced yard/carport.
CORNER LOT
with 2 mobile homes, covered patio and parking, ideal for the fisherman or hunter!
PRICE REDUCED
on this 2 BR, 2 bath home at Edith; built-in kitchen appliances, lots of amenities.
CALL NELL AT
JEWELL REAL ESTATE
658-7549
OR
453-4355
49-4tc

HOUSE FOR SALE
By owner. Brick, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2-car attached garage; central heating/air; ceiling fans; interior freshly painted; new carpet throughout; new ceramic tile floors in kitchen and bathrooms; new roof; fenced yard. Owner financing. 219 Zero St., Robert Lee. 453-2080.
48-tnc

BRONTE
Price Reduced - super nice 3 bdrm/2 bath home, ceiling fans, carport. \$29,500.
Very large home - 3 baths. Call for details.

ROBERT LEE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED
across street from school. 3 bedroom/ 1 1/2 bath. \$39,995
Retirement home with separate guest quarters. Immaculate, beautiful landscaping plus country living. Call for details.
Elaine Lee
453-2995



453-2226

FOR SALE
Oak Creek Lake 1979 14 x 52 Melody mobile home. Two bedroom, 1 bath, furnished. Tin roof covering mobile home and large concrete carport. Big dish satellite receiver. Nice - must see. \$39,500. Call 915-473-2003 or 806-745-1172.
49B-2tc

HILLCREST ADDITION
3 bedroom, 2 bath home in lovely location. Double carport, fenced backyard with pecan trees, dog run and out buildings. Priced in the \$40s!!!

3 BEDROOM 1 BATH HOME
on corner lot. Neat as a pin with white vinyl siding. Hardwood floors. Great starter home or rental **HILLCREST LOCATION.** \$20s!!!
BLACKWELL, TX
Convenient to Oak Creek Lake. 7 acres with 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage. Fenced and crossfenced. Priced in the \$30s!!!

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GOOD LOCATION TO START
family-owned business on road to lake. 3 bdrm., 2 bath farm house; station needs TLC, has possibilities. Only \$35,900 for both! Call Marla @ 653-4535 or 453-2834, realtor.

CONCHO REALTY
1886 Pecos, #4
San Angelo, TX 76901
Becky Clendennen
Marla Bloodworth
(915) 653-4535 Office
(915) 453-4748 Home
(915) 453-2834 Home
50a-1tc

3 BEDROOM HOUSE
in Bronte for sale. \$18,000.
For more information, call 473-2019.
45B-tnc

HOUSE FOR SALE
3BR, 1BA, storage building, double carport, large fenced back yard, corner lot close to school. Must see to appreciate. 453-2381.
49-tnc

GARAGE SALES

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Twin mattress and box springs, tools, clothes, dishes, toys, videos, miscellaneous furniture, etc. Saturday, Oak Creek Village, Blackwell, 9:00 am.
50-1tc

GARAGE SALE
113 West Barclay, Bronte, Friday & Saturday, July 19 & 20 9 am - ?
50B-1tc

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, July 20 - 8 am - 2 pm. Kid's clothes, Little Tykes toys, swing set, household items, nice baby bed with chest, lots more. 413 Key, Bronte.
50B-1tc

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, 8-? Corner 17th & Euell, Robert Lee. Household miscellaneous, toys, books, kitchen supplies.
50-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL to all the friends and family who did so much for us during my knee surgery. We appreciate the flowers, cards, phone calls, food, and visits and taking time to say a prayer. We needed each of them. God Bless & Keep each of you.
Nelvia & D.J. Walker
50-1tp

HELP WANTED

Delivery
WE NEED YOU!
TO DELIVER THE NEW GTE SAN ANGELO AND VICINITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY IN YOUR AREA
Earn up to \$8 per hour or more depending upon your speed of delivery. Must have a valid driver's license, a vehicle with a current license plate and have 4-8 daylight hours available. **FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 1-800-657-4113 MON-FRI 10:30 am-6:00 pm.**
50a-2tc

PART-TIME FILE CLERK/RECEPTIONIST NEEDED
24-32 hours per week. Apply at Wackenhut Corrections, Bronte.
50B-2tc

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN
for housekeeping positions at West Coke County Nursing Home. No experience necessary, will train. Hours, 8 am - 4 pm on a 4-on/2-off shift. Apply at reception desk and ask for Johnny Elam. EOE
49a-2tc

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
\$500/\$900 weekly potential. Process mortgage refunds in your area. Part or full time. Call 1-216-233-4209, EXT. 218 (24 hrs.)
49-4tp

CONSERVATION JOBS:
Wildlife positions \$16,000-\$35,000/yr. Clerical, Security, Game Warden, etc. No experience. For info. 219-769-8301, Ext. WTX 771; 8 am - 8 pm, Sun. - Fri.
47-4tp

"AVON" REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED!
\$100-\$1500+/MO, No door-to-door required. IND/SALES/REP, 800-236-0041.
47-4tp

MISC

TREES TOPPED, TREES TRIMMED,
pruned or removed. Call 453-2238 after 6:00.
50-4tp

ELECTRICIAN
Installation/Service
40 years experience
915-453-2909
Bobby Kemp

LAW OFFICE OF RUSSELL ASH
21 East Sixth, Robert Lee. First & third Fridays or by appointment. (800) 837-9996 or (915) 453-2809. (Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.)
45-8tp

WINDOW UNITS
Serviced & Repaired
Donnie's Appliance
915-453-2188

DEPENDABLE CHRISTIAN MOTHER
would like to clean 2-3 homes in Bronte. References available. Call Angie, 473-3600.
49B-3tc

PK'S TYPING SERVICE
Letters - resumes - term papers. Peggy Kemp, 453-2909.
49-2tp

FURNITURE RE-FINISHING & STRIPPING
473-6101, or send inquiries to PO Box 158, Bronte 76933.
50-2tp

MCDONALD
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Round Bales
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(915) 282-2208

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39B-tnc

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1-800-797-6039

"TEXAS BEST" DEFLOODING & CARPET CLEANING
Free estimates
San Angelo - 944-0010
Bronte - 473-6603

ATTENTION STRIPPER FISHERMEN
Live & Frozen Shad for sale. Come by 18th & Euell (rock house), Robert Lee or call 453-4794.

NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for 62.121 miles of thermoplastic pavement markings at various locations on US 277 and SH 70 covered by C 159-1-35, C 159-2-44, C 159-3-24, C 159-4-26, C 264-4-37, C 264-4-38, C 264-5-21, C 407-1-16 and C 407-2-13 in Tom Green, Schleicher, Coke, and Runnels County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm, August 13, 1996, and then publicly opened and read.
Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Angie Ortegon, District Traffic Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.
Usual rights reserved.
50a-2tc

BIDDER'S NOTICE
Robert Lee ISD is accepting bids on the following: Teacher's Supplies, Food Service Products, Athletic Supplies, Janitorial-Maintenance Supplies; Computer Supplies.
Specifications and bid documents may be obtained in the Superintendent's office, 1323 Hamilton, Robert Lee, Texas.
50a-2tc

...Classifieds

THE UPPER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

for the State of Texas is requesting proposals from qualified vendors to serve as a depository for the River Authority for a two-year period commencing no later than September 1, 1996 and ending August 31, 1998 or until a successor depository is named. RFP packets will be available on July 12, 1996. Contact Ellen Groth at 915-655-0565. Proposals are due by August 12, 1996, at 10:00 am.

49a-2tc

RED BARN BARBECUE will be closed for vacation July 18 - July 31. We will resume regular business hours August 1.

50B-1tc

BRONTE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will adopt a budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 44.004 of the Texas Code at a special meeting July 23, 1996, 7:00 pm in the board room.

49B-2tc

THE ROBERT LEE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture and Homemaking. Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Robert Lee High School.

It is the policy of the Robert Lee ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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Robert Lee Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For more information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX coordinator, Bill Hood, at Robert Lee ISD, Robert Lee, Texas, 453-4555, or the Section 504 coordinator, Bill Hood at Robert Lee ISD, Robert Lee, Texas, 453-4555.

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* Texas has more than 200,000 alligators.

ANIMAL SHELTER
Lost & found, small female Chihuahua cross. Call City Hall at 453-2831.
50a-1tc

Political Calendar

The Observer/Enterprise

has been authorized to make the following announcements for the political offices in Coke County.

Each candidate or the campaign treasurer has paid for his or her announcement. All political advertising, announcements, and printing is cash in advance.

COKE COUNTY SHERIFF
Mike Harris

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
Pat Percifull

COKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
Paul Burns

COKE COUNTY ATTORNEY
Lane Arthur

COKE COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2
William "Keith" Fletcher

Xeriscaping helps conserve water

Setting out flowers and other flora in the heat of summer is not such a hot idea, but you can use a Xeriscaping technique any time of the year to prepare your yard for planting - and save water. No matter what the season or where you live, reducing the turf area of your lawn can drastically cut your outdoor watering needs.

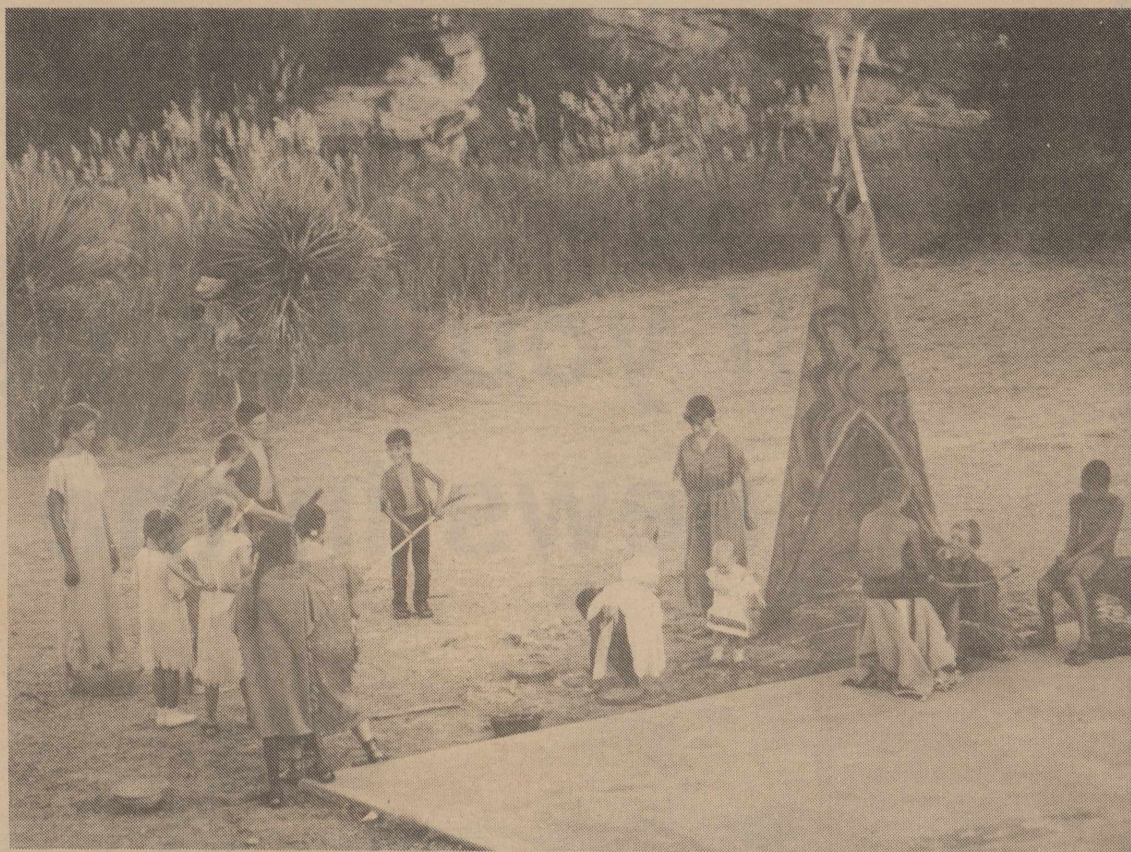
"The summer is a good time to plan for fall and spring planting," said Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission compost specialist Bill Carter. "By reducing the turf area of your lawn in the summer, you can cut back on watering almost immediately - which is especially important with the drought - and make way for native plants and mulches that are just as attractive as a thick, lush lawn."

It's estimated that half the water used by homeowners goes to the landscape. By implementing the following Xeriscaping technique, you can drastically reduce your outdoor watering needs and, once you're finished, spend more time enjoying the beauty of your lawn and less time mowing.

1. Scalp the area you want to Xeriscape by going over it with your mower on the lowest blade setting. Lop off what's left of the grass blades with a string edger. Throw the clippings into your compost pile.

2. Cover the scalped area with a layer of mature compost and another layer of manure.

3. Grab a stack of newspapers from your recycling bin and spread a layer about 15 pages thick onto the manure. This kills most grasses. Some hardy grasses like Bermuda



Indian children play under the watchful eye of their mothers during last year's pageant.

have to be rooted out. They can survive until the paper decomposes and grow through 8 or more inches of mulch. 4. Spread a healthy layer of mulch onto the newspaper. Avoid walking on it and puncturing the newspaper layer. 5. Relax for a month or so until the time is right to set out your plants. If you're not interested in planting, you can leave the area covered with mulch year-round. 6. When you're ready to plant in the fall or spring, pin-point the spots where you want your plants to go and scrape back the mulch to the newspaper layer. Be sure to select low water-demand plants. Native or adapted plants generally do better than those brought in from other areas. Most Texas nurseries can help you select plants native to your area. 7. Slice an "X" into the newspaper, dig an appropriately sized hole, and add water and the plant. 8. Return the soil to the plant base and add more water. For larger plants, shrubs and trees: >Mix the soil you removed with half that amount of compost. Use the mixture to fill in around the plant's roots or root ball. Dig any of the leftover mixture into the top 2 inches of soil surrounding the plant and add more water. To facilitate root growth, be sure to loosen the soil as far as the plant's "drip line" (the outer reach of its branches) and as deep as the plant's hole. >Replace the newspaper and mulch cover and add a raised ring of mulch that peaks just outside the drip line. Do not pile mulch against the plant's trunk or stem. 9. Water periodically according to your plant's needs. Whatever goes in the ground, you won't be watering near as much as you would a thirsty turf grass. 10. Enjoy lower water bills, less mowing and a beautifully Xeriscaped yard.

* The tallest ferris wheel in the western hemisphere is at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

Don't Be A Pain In The Boat - part 6

There are rules for boating and there are rules for recreational activities associated with boating. That includes skiing, one of the popular waterway sports. The rules also apply to some of the newer activities such as towering persons on kneeboards, wakeboards and innertubes. The laws applying to these activities include:

* Every vessel towing a person or persons on water skis, aquaplane or similar device must have an observer other than the operator 13 years of age or older or be equipped with a rearview mirror of a size no less than four inches across and four inches top to bottom.

* Towing a person or persons on waterskiing surfboards or similar devices is prohibited between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise - except for recognized tournaments, exhibitions or trials if adequate lighting is provided.

* A person being towed on water skis, aquaplane or other similar device by a vessel is considered an occupant of the vessel. Remember these safety tips while in tow:

* Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (life jacket).

* Have someone other than the driver act as a spotter. The driver should watch the lake.

* Always check your towline before each skier skis.

* Maintain a reasonable, safe speed at all times and keep an alert watch for other boats and watercraft. Review water skier hand signals:

* Thumbs up: speed up the boat.

* Thumbs down: slow down the boat.

* Slashing motion over the neck: cut motor/stop.

* Circle motion with arm over head: point in desired direction, turn the boat.

* Pat on the head: return to dock.

* OK signal with hand: speed and boat path OK or signals understood.

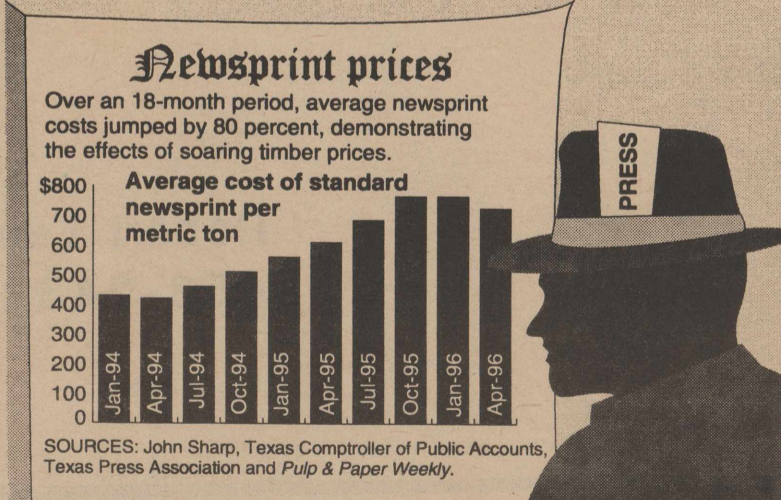


A stroke can change your life forever

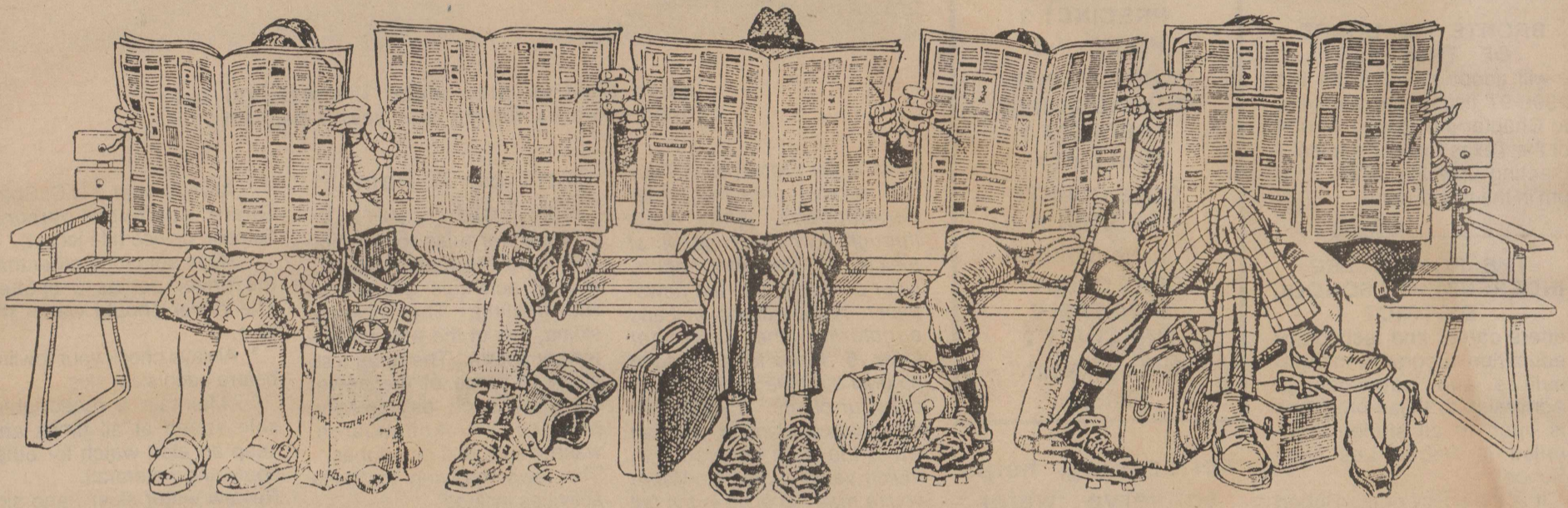
Keeping an eye on Texas

All the news affordable to print

Because of rising paper costs, many small weekly newspapers had to boost the portion of advertising in their papers to avoid job cuts, and even the *Houston Post*, when it folded in April 1995, cited higher newsprint costs as a major factor.



If you don't see your news in the paper...



It's because you forgot to turn it in!

Deadline is Tuesday afternoon at 5:00.

Robert Lee
453-2433

Bronte
473-2001