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## Three named to 1A All-West Texas Team

The *San Angelo Standard-Times* released its annual Class 1A All-West Texas football team selections last week. Three Coke County athletes were placed on the prestigious squad. Placed on the team were two Bronte Longhorns, Michael Martinez and Trey Holland, both senior ballplayers.

Martinez was named to the All-West team as a defensive back, making five interceptions during the season. Making a strong contribution to the Longhorns' defensive corp, he was a unanimous All-District 7-1A team choice.

Holland was also a unanimous pick for the All-District team, as an offensive lineman.

### Luncheon slated

Retired Highway employees are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 12, at Zentner's Restaurant, 2715 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

The purpose of this luncheon is for retirees of the Texas Highway Department, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, and Texas Department of Transportation to get together to visit and renew friendships. Spouses are invited to attend the luncheon.

At 6'3" and 210 lbs., the lineman was able to spring Longhorn backs for good gains during the '97 season as well as quarterback protection.

### Senior Eli Boxell was the CC Commissioners court actions listed

The Coke County Commissioners Court was held December 22, 1997.

The pledge to the flag and prayer, led by Commissioner James Tidwell, opened the session.

The minutes were approved as presented.

The Extension Activity Report was approved.

The Treasurer reported the following as of November 30, 1997: Cash - \$454,524.99, Other Assets - \$619,725.00; Last Year Cash - \$463,420.29, Other Assets - \$535,400.00.

County Sales Tax was discussed and a public hearing was set for January 26, 1998, at 6:30 pm.

There were no private road work requests.

The Runnels/Coke County lines were discussed, but no action was taken.

The Trapper's Report was approved.

The bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned.

one choice from the Robert Lee Steers as punter for the second consecutive year. He averaged 37.8 yards per punt on 34 tries. He was an honorable mention pick on the APSE All-State team.

Dale Keeling of Irion County was the choice for the Coach of the Year honors, leading his team to the District 7-1A championship. The Hornets advanced to the Class 1A bi-district playoffs where they were eliminated by Cross Plains. Irion County enjoyed a very successful season, going 9-2 for the year.

### CC Stock Show slated

The Coke County Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17, 1998, at the Sterling Lindsey Memorial Exhibit Building in Robert Lee.

The Market Lamb and Meat Goat shows will begin Friday at 5 pm. The Market Swine Show will begin at 8:30 am Saturday, followed by the Market Steer Show at 11 am. The Buyers Appreciation Barbecue will be served beginning at 12 noon Saturday. The Premium Sale is slated to begin at 2 pm.

### RL Post Office to close Saturdays

Due to budget constraints, the postal service has discontinued window service on Saturdays at the Robert Lee Post Office.

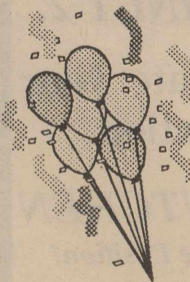
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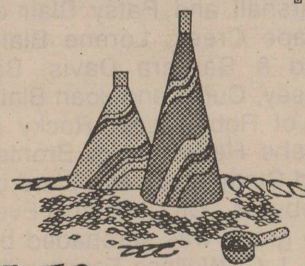
Coke County almost had a white Christmas this year. Snow flurries flirted with us Christmas Day, but measurable amounts did not start to accumulate until sometime after midnight. When all was said and done, snow amounts in the county ranged from 1-6 inches.



Stacie Conley, 10 year old daughter of Mike and Debbie Conley of San Angelo, took this 9 point buck near San Angelo. It had a 20" spread and was her second buck.



# Happy New Year



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**Ag forum slated  
for Jan. 12**

Risks in agriculture and how the industry adapts to them will be examined during the Texas Agricultural Forum January 12 in Waco.

Producers, agricultural commodity and business leaders, and government officials will take part in the annual conference to be held in the Bosque Room of the Waco Convention Center in conjunction with the Blackland Income Growth (BIG) conference. The convention center is at the corner of Washington Street and South University Parks Drive.

Among the speakers will be US Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford; Dr. Luther Tweeten, Anderson Professor of Agricultural Economics at The Ohio State University, and H.D. Cleberg, president and chief executive officer of Farmland Industries. Candidates for state agriculture commissioner, Republican Susan Combs and Democrat Pete Patterson, also will speak.

"Those attending the forum will be provided ample time to discuss the important issues with each of the speakers," said Dr. Edward G. Smith, forum coordinator. Smith is the Distinguished Roy B. Davis Professor of Agricultural Cooperation at Texas A&M University and marketing and policy specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The Agricultural Forum has no formal membership," Smith said. "Anyone with a desire to discuss the major issues facing our food and fiber system is welcome."

The conference begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4:45 p.m.

J.B. Cooper Jr., Roscoe farmer and forum chairman, will moderate.

Stenholm, ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, will report on federal policies and legislation affecting agriculture and seek opinions of forum participants. Combs and Patterson will present their positions on the challenges and roles for the Texas Department of Agriculture and its commissioner.

Tweeten and Cleberg, who heads the nation's largest agricultural cooperative, will provide their perspectives on risks facing today's agriculture industry and how the industry is responding. The Texas perspective will be presented by Dr. Ken Stokes, Extension Service economist at Dallas and regional coordinator for risk management education.



**COUNTRY AGENTS  
NEWS**

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

**After-Drought  
Tax Strategies**

If you sold animals this year because of a shortage of grazing, water or other effects of the drought, payment of income tax on the taxable gain from those sales may be postponed.

Postponement of taxes payable can come under two separate tax law provisions. Both apply only to drought-related sales of livestock in excess of a producer's normal business practice in a year.

1) A producer's election to postpone gain by purchasing replacement livestock within two years applies to breeding, dairy or draft animals.

2) Election to postpone reporting taxable gain until the subsequent year applies to all classes of livestock, including animals that eventually will be finished for slaughter.

The replacement livestock purchased within the two-year period must be used for the same purpose as the animals that were sold. A producer won't qualify for postponement by replacing dairy cows with beef cows.

In addition, a producer must show that drought caused the sale of more livestock than otherwise would have been sold. Only the sales in excess of normal yearly sales will qualify for the deferral provisions.

A producer's election to defer payment of tax on sales gain by purchasing replacement livestock is made by not reporting the deferred gain on this year's tax return, and by attaching a statement to the return showing all the details of the involuntary sales. Those details should include:

\*Evidence of existence of the drought conditions that forced the sales.

\*A computation of the amount of gain realized on the sales.

\*The number and kind of livestock sold.

\*The number of livestock of each kind that would have been sold under usual business practices.

Deferring Taxes On Sale Proceeds

To qualify for deferring taxes on sales proceeds of any kind of livestock until the subsequent year, a producer must show the animals normally would have been sold in the next year.

Also, a drought that caused an area to be a disaster area must have caused sale of the animals.

A producer's election must be made by the due date of the tax return, including any extension, for the tax year in which the drought-affected sale occurred. The election can be made by attaching a statement to the return that includes:

\*A declaration that the taxpayer is making an election under IRS Code Selection 451(c).

\*Evidence of the existence of drought conditions that forced the early sale of livestock.

\*The total number of animals sold in each of the three preceding years.

\*The number of animals that would have been sold in the taxable year under normal business practices.

\*The total number of animals sold and the number sold because of drought during the taxable year.

\*A computation of the amount of income to be deferred.

**Obituaries**

**Jones**

Joyce Valentine Haynie Jones, 76, of Blackwell died Tuesday, December 23, 1997, at her residence.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Friday, December 26, 1997, at Blackwell First Baptist Church with Brother John Driggers and the Reverend Jackie Justice officiating. Burial followed in the Blackwell Cemetery with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Bronte.

Mrs. Jones was born February 14, 1921, in Sanger, Texas. She was a longtime resident of Midland, Texas,

and had retired to Oak Creek Lake in 1977. Past Madam President of the Eagles Club Ladies Auxiliary Post 2982 in Midland, she was a member and past president of Omega Coterie Club in Blackwell and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, James C. Jones of Blackwell; three children, John R. Jones and wife, Gwen, of St. Charles, Missouri, Clif Hogue and husband, Tommy, of Blackwell and Paula Lawrence and her husband, Ira, also of Blackwell; five grandchildren, Kayla Capps of Midland, Clif Jones of Lake Dallas, Shelly Simmons of Denton, James Lawrence of Big Spring and Karla Hogue of Navasota; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jones also is survived by two sisters, Mary Nel Armstrong of Sanger and Laura Jane Owen of Argyle.  
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**District  
meeting held**

The Bronte Family Community and Education club recently hosted the District 7 FCE training meeting on December 15 at the Robert Lee Rec Hall.

Fifty-four people from across District 7 attended this meeting. Virginia Rutter, District FCE advisor, was the guest speaker. The day was filled with business, activity planning and brain storming in preparation for the District Meeting to be held in March in San Saba County.

FCE Chairman Marie Arrott and Vice Chairman Juanita Bradley represented Coke County. Others attending from Coke County were Jan Yanez and Linda Eaton.

**Death  
Notices**

**Shephard**

David Michael Shephard, 49, of Blackwell died Wednesday, December 24, 1997, in an Abilene hospital.

Service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 27, 1997, at Blackwell Baptist Church with burial in Blackwell Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Shephard of Blackwell; a son, David Michael Shephard II of Lubbock; two daughters, Kimberlie Hailey of Midland and Alice Shephard of Dallas; two stepsons, Dawayne Balaire of Pecos and Leslie James Balaire of Grand Rapids, Michigan; a sister, Patti Scott of Van Horn, and eight grandchildren.

**Personal**

Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday visitors in the home of John and Irma Blair were: Keith, Amy, and Hannah Blair, of Medina; Troy & Gwen Templin of Austin; Jeremy Templin of Jefferson City, Missouri; Terri Johnston and Lillian Templin of San Angelo; Marshall and Patsy Blair of Grape Creek; Lorene Blair, Add & Barbara Davis, Bill Casey, Curtis and Joan Blair, all of Robert Lee; Rocky & Phebe Heffernan of Bronte; and Cindy and Kacy Ward of Cleburne. On Christmas Eve, the group was serenaded by the J. C. Wallace Family with beautiful Christmas carols.

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Bill, Valarie,  
Kayli & Will Howard*

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FOR CHRISTMAS  
CARDS!**

### Secret Behind Higher Test Scores

Every year high school juniors and seniors spend a stressful Saturday morning or two taking a college entrance examination (the ACT or the SAT), followed by an anxious four to six weeks as they await the results, convinced that that test score alone will determine their collegiate futures.

Aside from time spent with the testing company's preparation materials, or perhaps money spent on a "professional" test preparation seminar, many students feel that they are powerless to affect their test scores - that some students are just "smarter" or "better test takers." In truth, you can do a great deal to affect your scores, it costs nothing, and requires a minimal investment of additional time. You can best determine the outcome of your test, NOT by "cramming" for the exam the week or month before, but instead by simply making the right CHOICES, again and again.

The right curriculum choices act as building blocks, each providing a better foundation for the next year's classes. That's really why some high school courses are identified as "college prep: they provide the needed foundation (preparation) for success in college. Remember that test scores aren't the only criteria for college admissions - schools are far more interested in your total high school record, which includes not only the grades you earned, but the curriculum CHOICES you made, which reflect the seriousness of your desire to attend college. Students who choose the courses that will challenge them in high school and prepare them for college are motivated - it only follows that they are also the students who receive the highest test scores.

For example, ACT defines "core curriculum" as: four years of English, three years of (academic) mathematics, three years of social studies, and three years of natural sciences. Last year, the average ACT composite for U.S. students with "core or more" curriculum was a 22.1; those students with "less than core" curriculum averaged a 19.3 almost three points less on a scale score of 1-36.

Taking the appropriate courses helps ensure higher test scores. However, that's not the real reward for registering for the right classes. Taking a college preparatory curriculum not only makes that Saturday morning a lot easier for you, it also lays the foundation for a more successful, less stressful college career, and that's a payoff that shouldn't be kept secret from anyone!



Bronte Nursing Home December birthday honorees were Edith Hipp (pictured), Edna Owens, and Margaret White. The party was held December 19 and was sponsored by the WMA ladies from Central Baptist Church. The WMA ladies also provided the entertainment.

### Ross honored with shower

A wedding shower brunch honored Mrs. Gina Luna Ross, wife of Chris Ross, on Saturday, December 6. The brunch was held at the home of the couple at 217 West 11th Street, in Robert Lee.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Kathy Perez, Toni Rainwater, Sue Ann Nesbit, Sherry Bryant, Sally Gloria, Kim Townsend, Judy Shook, Mary Rodriguez, Elena Sanchez, Mary Beth Drennan, Debbie Wilkes, Pasquala Sanchez, Robin Honse, and Sharon Bloodworth.

### Shower honors Wallis, Hughes

Bobbie Wallis, bride-elect of Dant Hughes, was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, December 14. The Robert Lee Baptist Church was the site for the shower.

Kei Antilley, Bobbie Fluhmann, Stacy Kelton, Melba Mauldin, Wanda Oleksiuk, Kaye Pitcock, and Jana Smith were hostesses for the event.

### Road trip food tips offered

Organizing for a road trip can be a hassle, but choosing what to eat on the road shouldn't be.

Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, Texas Agricultural Extension Service associate professor and nutrition specialist, said one of the easiest ways to cut down on traveling stress is to plan meals ahead of time.

Van Laanen says food safety should be a concern for travelers. Therefore, perishable items like milk, processed meats and cheeses need to be packed in an ice chest along with opened containers of mustard or mayonnaise.

Van Laanen does not recommend traveling for more than two hours with large quantities of hot food. Even when ordering food from a restaurant, plan to eat immediately.

Van Laanen says fatty foods have a direct effect on energy levels and recommends eating light while on the road.

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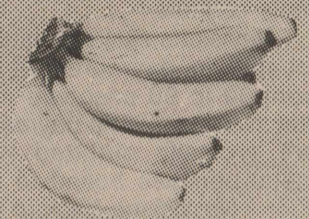
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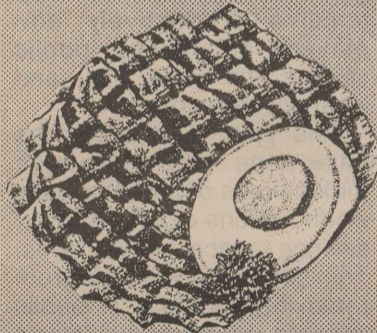
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**Prison "Myths" Persist**

The Texas prison system is unique in many important ways, but it still attracts certain "myths" that inmates might wish were true and taxpayers hope aren't true.

**TV AND AC**

At the top of the myth list is air conditioning and television--and more particularly, color television. Yes, prisoners do watch TV and, yes, it is color TV. But it does not come at taxpayer expense.

All TV sets are purchased with the inmates' own money because they are purchased with the profits from the inmate commissaries, the in-prison stores where inmates can buy snack foods, toiletry items and approved magazines and books.

Once the TV is in the prison, only the basic networks, sports and educational channels are permitted, and what's viewed is regulated by the guards who keep the remote controls.

Televisions sets are usually located in dayrooms where from 60 to 90 prisoners may watch one set. The dayrooms are typically outfitted with metal benches bolted to the floor. No kicking back in the old recliner!

And when watching TV in the heat of Texas summers, prisoners don't enjoy the luxury of air conditioning. Texas prisons have heat but they are not air conditioned. Summer daytime temperatures can soar into the 90s in the cell blocks and much of that daytime heating lingers during the overnight hours.

The prisons have forced air systems that keep inside air moving and fresh air coming in. That is a health measure as prisons stay on constant alert for airborne contagious diseases when so many people are housed so densely, particularly in humid areas.

Prison administrators look on the TV sets as the least expensive form of occupying prisoners' time and keeping them out of mischief during off hours.

**WAKE UP--EARLY!**

The mention of "off hours" brings up the myth about prisoners sitting on their duffs all day. Not in Texas!

Most citizens are surprised to learn that in Texas prisons, the day starts with wake-up call at 3:30 a.m. Breakfast starts at 4:30 a.m. and work starts about 6 a.m.

Work? Yes, every able-bodied inmate in the Texas prison systems works a full day's job every day. No other state prison system can make that statement. And in Texas, not one prisoner is paid one dime for working--and again, no other state system can say that.

**LOTS OF WORK--AND NO PAY**

The largest majority of Texas inmates work in prison support jobs--cooking, cleaning, laundry and maintenance of the system's 107 prison units. Texas prisons have won national acclaim for their cleanliness, the product of constant elbow-grease by inmate crews! With the system as large as it is, many prison support functions must run 24 hours a day.

About 10,000 inmates work

in the system's agriculture jobs which last year produced almost \$50 million worth of edible crops, livestock and cotton for the prison system on 139,000 acres of farm and ranch land.

(Prison units which don't have enough land to be in the agricultural program still produce several million pounds of fresh vegetables each year to donate to local food banks for the needy.)

About 8,000 inmates work in the prison industries program, a system of 46 factories that last year produced \$100 million worth of products--all inmate and guard clothing, mattresses, cleaning supplies and equipment, furniture, stainless steel, school bus and dump truck repair, license tags, highway signs and microfilming for state agencies, just to name a few.

Prison industry products are sold to other state agencies, cities, counties and school districts.

Inmates work in many states but what is different about the Texas system is that no inmate is paid a penny for their work. Work is the basis for all privileges in Texas prisons.

**NO WORK, NO PLAY**

An inmate who refuses to work loses all privileges. He is put on "cell restriction," meaning he is moved to a two-man cell where he stays 24 hours a day. He cannot watch TV, he cannot go to the commissary, he cannot go to the recreation yard and his meals are shoved through a slot in the door so he doesn't even get a trip to the mess hall. Any personal property he owns, such as family pictures or a radio, are taken away.

Only a small percentage of inmates refuse to work. It seems that 30 days of "cell restriction" makes most inmates change their mind.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

As the prison population has grown so much so quickly, a new form of work has been developed to keep inmates productively employed--community public service jobs for the state and local governments.

This year, Texas inmates have done more than three million hours of public projects worth millions of dollars in tax savings to local governments. The service jobs range from removing asbestos in public schools to cleaning storm damage from creeks and rivers to building homes for Habitat for Humanity. Again, there is no pay for this work.

While other states make headlines for using inmate chain gangs, Texas has had

inmates cleaning highways and state parks for years. But Texas inmates aren't chained because prison officials say, "if an inmate is so dangerous you have to chain him, then he shouldn't be out on a work gang, and besides, you can't get any good work done in chains."

**SICK CALL**

Under a new law passed in 1997, any inmate who has any money in his inmate trust account must pay \$3 when he asks to see a prison doctor. This "co-pay" system is expected to bring in nearly \$1 million a year to help offset the cost of prison health care. However, no inmate will be denied medical attention for lack of money and the \$3 co-payment is not charged on emergencies, follow-up calls and sick call complaints handled by medical staff.

All prison medicine is handled as a managed health care program operated by a consortium of the University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the University of Houston College Pharmacy.

Prison officials estimate that the managed health care system is 20 percent cheaper than having the prison system itself provide medical services.

**CLOSE SHAVES, BUT NO CLOSE CALLS**

Even a casual observer could spot one major difference between Texas inmates and prisoners in most other states. Just look at 'em!

All Texas men inmates are required to have very short haircuts and no facial hair. No free world clothing is allowed; all inmates dress in prison-made white uniforms.

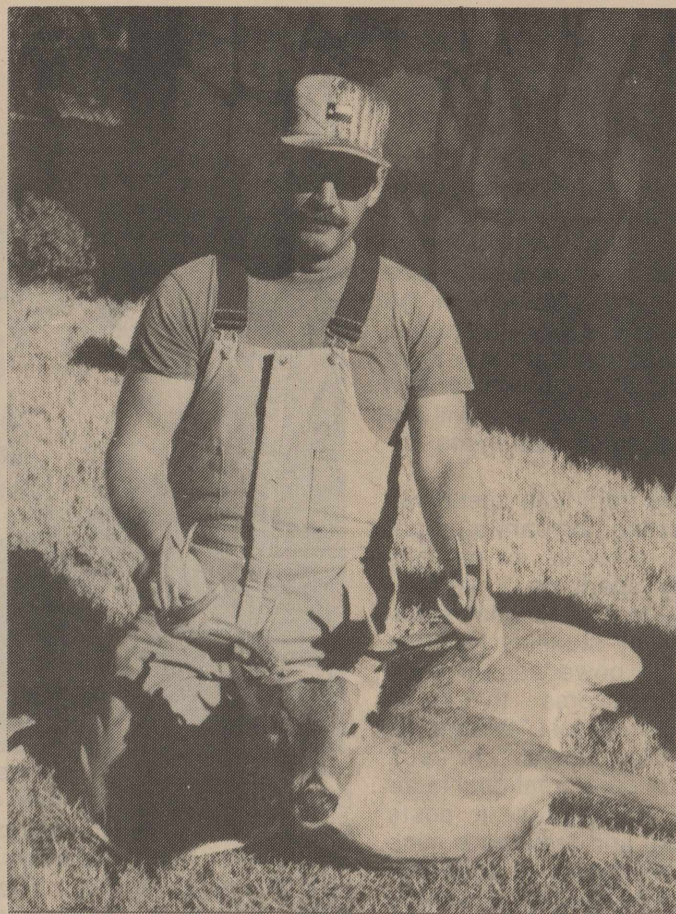
The Texas prison system has the most restrictive inmate telephone policy in the nation. A prisoner with good behavior is allowed one 5-minute phone call every 90 days. Calls are monitored and may be made only to approved individuals.

**CHOW TIME**

Even though the prison system raises fine beef cattle (a winner in last year's Houston livestock show), prisoners don't eat steak.

Prison-raised cattle are sold at auction, usually in cow-calf combinations, and the proceeds are used to buy packer beef trimmings which are made into ground beef at the prison's own packing houses. A variety of ground beef dishes form the heart of the prison menus.

Even though the prison system has more than 250,000 hens, they are used only for egg production as the



Jim Wallace of Buda took this nice 10 point buck Thanksgiving weekend just south of Robert Lee. The buck sported an inside antler spread of 17 3/4 inches.

prison has found it more efficient to buy chicken meat on the market.

The system raises and serves its own pork products.

**SCHOOL BELLS**

Any inmate coming into prison with less than a seventh grade education is required to attend in-prison school and work toward a GED, because the Texas Legislature and prison administrators believe that education is a major factor in rehabilitation.

Inmates with better than seventh grade education's can go to school and finish their GED if they earn that privilege through good behavior and satisfactory performance in their prison job.

The prison system's Windham School District is unique as the nation's only fully accredited school system within a prison. Currently more than 60,000 inmates are working on academic courses

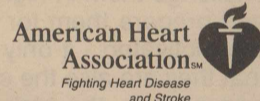
and 16,000 on vocational courses. Windham awards about 9,000 GEDs and 8,000 Vocational Certificates a year.

**AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM**

The Texas prison system, with 141,000 inmates, is second in size only to the California system and both systems are larger than any other penal systems in the Free World.

Texans can be proud that their state prison system operating costs are fully 27 percent less than the national average.

Even so, even at \$39.50 per day per inmate, the total bill is \$1 billion a year to run the state's 107 prison units.



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**RLISD Board actions reported**

The Robert Lee ISD school board met in regular session on December 16, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. The following business was conducted:

- Minutes of prior meeting was approved
- Bills were paid
- TASB Localized Update 57 was approved
- Local policy concerning charter campuses and programs was adopted
- TEA Report Card 1996-97 was discussed
- A cooperative agreement between LaPorte ISD and Robert Lee ISD concerning the Texas Statewide Medicaid Administrative Claim (MAC) Program was approved
- Construction projects were tabled until a later date
- Personnel concerns were discussed
- Mr. Gardner and Mr. Wallace each gave a report concerning their respective campus
- Mr. Hood gave a general report concerning activities of the district.

The Board called a Special meeting for January 7, 1998, at 6:30 p.m., for specific discussion of construction needs. Due to conflicts, the next regular board meeting will be held on January 14, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The following documents, 1997-98 District Improvement Plan, 1996-97 Academic Excellence Indicator System and the TEA School Report Card 1996-97, can be reviewed by the public in the following locations at Robert Lee ISD: Superintendent's office, High School library, Elementary School library. The public is encouraged to review these documents.

**School Menu**



**Robert Lee Menu Breakfast**

- Monday, January 5** Teacher's Workday
- Tuesday, January 6** Orange Juice, apple fritters, cold cereal, milk
- Wednesday, January 7** Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, cold cereal, milk
- Thursday, January 8** Orange Juice, breakfast pizza, milk
- Friday, January 9** Orange Juice, biscuits, sausage, gravy, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, January 5** Teacher's Workday
- Tuesday, January 6** Pizza, corn, applesauce, gingerbread, milk
- Wednesday, January 7** Barbecue ribs, macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls, fruit cocktail, milk
- Thursday, January 8** Ham, red beans, potato salad, cornbread, peaches, milk
- Friday, January 9** Sloppy Joes, pickles, potato patty, pears, milk

At least 1,490 people died in the April 15, 1912, sinking of the Titanic; only about 100 were women.

**Ballinger Postmaster promoted**

The United States Postal Service announced the promotion of Elizabeth Fentress to Postmaster in Woodward Oklahoma, effective January 3, 1998. Elizabeth started her postal career as a Pool & Relief Clerk in the San Angelo Post Office in November of 1986. She was promoted to Supervisor of Mails in 1988, and then to the Superintendent of Postal Operations in 1990. In 1991, she was assigned as the Officer-In-Charge of the Junction Post Office.

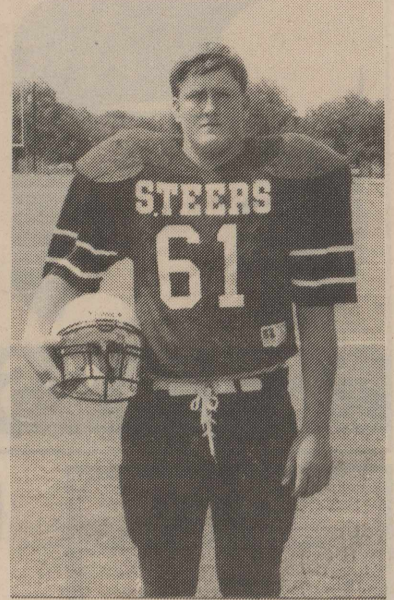
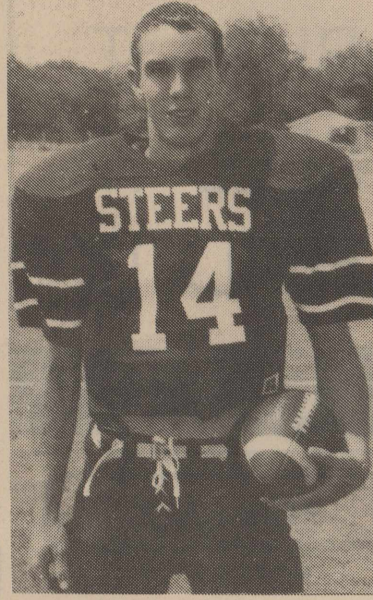
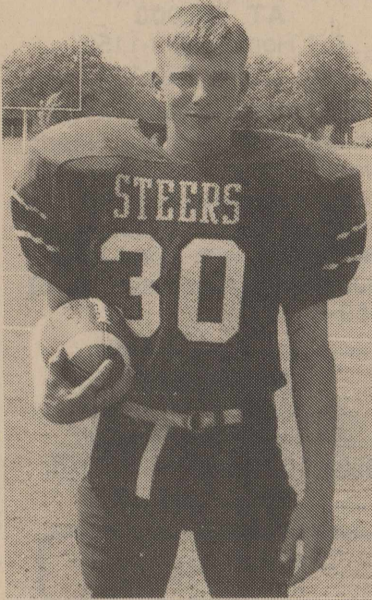
In September of 1992, Elizabeth was assigned as the Officer-In-Charge of the Ballinger Post Office and subsequently promoted to the Postmaster's position there in February of 1993. Throughout her career, Elizabeth has been assigned a variety of details and has served the Fort Worth District on numerous audit and inspection teams. She also serves as a training instructor, a facilitator, and a MBTI instructor for the Fort Worth District, positions she plans to continue as a part of the Oklahoma City District.

Elizabeth has been an active member of the Ballinger community serving as a Board member for the Rotary Club, and is currently the vice-president of the Carnegie Library Board of Directors. She also served as a member of the Districtwide Education Improvement Committee as the parent representative for the Ballinger Independent School District. She is active in the Chamber of Commerce, Women's Club, and past board member for the Ballinger Little League, as well as various other civic clubs and organizations.

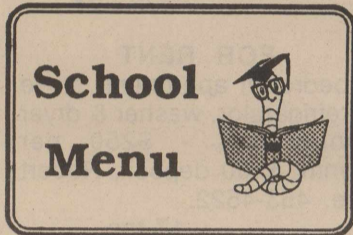
**Personal**

John and Irma Blair enjoyed Christmas Eve lunch with the Marshall Blair family of Grape Creek. On Christmas Day, they had lunch with Rocky & Phebe Heffernan of Bronte. The group was joined by Van, Stacey, Evan, Andra and Jesse Braswell of McCamey and Add and Barbara Davis of Robert Lee. On Saturday, December 27, John and Irma joined the Coveter family at the home of Grady and Dian Coulter at Oak Creek Lake for a Christmas party.

In January 1959, Alaska became the 49th state to enter the Union. The state flag was designed by 13 year old Benny Benson.



Will Simpson, Eli Boxell, and Jeremy Edging have been honored by the Associated Press Editors. These three young men were in the select group of those chosen to the Class A All State high school football team. All three received Honorable Mention. Linebacker Will Simpson and defensive lineman Jeremy Edging are juniors at Robert Lee High School. Eli Boxell is a RLHS senior and received his honor as a punter.

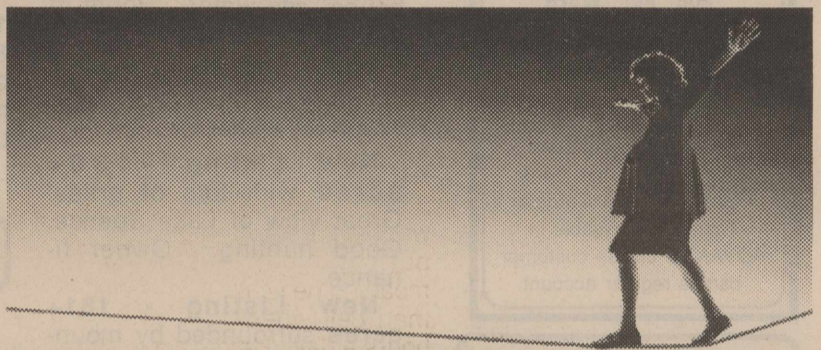


**Bronte ISD Meal Menus Breakfast**

- Monday, January 5** Cereal, Pineapple Tidbits, Biscuit, Milk
- Tuesday, January 6** Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Grape Juice, Sliced Apple, Milk
- Wednesday, January 7** Scrambled eggs, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Thursday, January 8** Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk
- Friday, January 9** Breakfast Burrito, Sliced Peaches, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

**Lunch**

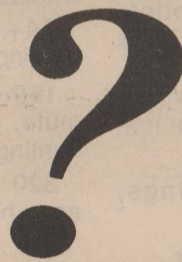
- Monday, January 5** Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars
- Tuesday, January 6** Burrito w/Cheese, Tossed Salad, Tator Tots, Milk, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Wednesday, January 7** Fried Chicken w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Peach Cobbler
- Thursday, January 8** Soft Taco w/Cheese, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Pink Panther Cake
- Friday, January 9** Cheese Burger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Pork & Beans, Bun, Milk, Juice Bars



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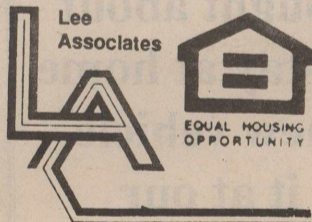
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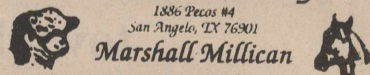
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**MISC**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**ATTENTION**

The Tom Green County Community Action Council Head Start Program is now accepting applications for the following positions at **COKE COUNTY HEAD START CENTER:**

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**Texas Works program announced**

Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) Commissioner Eric M. Boat has announced the start of TEXAS WORKS, a new statewide initiative to help thousands of current and potential welfare recipients move into the workplace. Bost made the announcement at a DHS field office that serves thousands of Dallas' poorest residents.

"TEXAS WORKS is an initiative that we hope will bury once and for all the old culture of welfare dependency in our state, 11 Commissioner Bost said. "Starting this week in hundreds of DHS field offices, every able-bodied adult will hear a clear and strong message. The message is work is always better than welfare. The message is we want each person to be self-sufficient so they can enjoy the pride that comes from supporting their own family. The message is we at DHS will do all we can, to help families become self-sufficient, but adults must also take the initiative to help themselves," he added.

Under TEXAS WORKS, DHS is opening Resource Rooms in most of the agency's 500 field offices. The rooms contain computers with Internet access to job listings, job search and interview technique tips, lists of available child care and transportation, and even the names of organizations that provide work clothes.

DHS field staff, now known as Texas Works advisors, will also change the focus of their work from merely determining eligibility to helping adults overcome barriers to employment. The agency's 15,000 employees will also be encouraged to coordinate with a wide assortment of community groups to provide support for welfare recipients seeking work. Examples of local groups already cooperating with DHS to help welfare recipients include:

P. People Attempting to Help - a Tyler-based coalition of churches, which provides temporary help such as clothing, transportation, and emergency funds to low-income families; and

I. Impact Literacy Council - a collaboration between DHS and residents in the rural farming communities of Floyd County near Lubbock. Council volunteers provide free literacy and GED classes, training on interviewing skills, and English language classes for children and adults.

"TEXAS WORKS is the first of several steps we will take to help needy families break their dependency on public assistance programs. It is our hope that the long term benefit of TEXAS WORKS will be felt by at least two generations," Bost said. "I want the children of current welfare recipients to see their parents going to work each day and realize that getting an education and a job is the real key to success. I want the adults to know the pride and esteem that comes from earning a paycheck. And I want every Texan to know that the old welfare system is dead once and for all," he added.

### TCADA issues heroin warning to Texas families

Law enforcement officials, emergency rooms and substance abuse treatment centers report a disturbing increase in use of heroin in Texas over the past four years, according to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Heroin use can be fatal. In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, 12 young people have died of heroin overdoses in the past 12 months, most of them under the age of 20 and most of them in the affluent community of Plano, north of Dallas. The youngest victim was 13 years-old.

"Heroin is readily available in Texas and it is extremely addictive," said Dr. Jane Maxwell, who heads TCADA's research branch. Maxwell said the higher purity of heroin being sold on the streets today adds to the dangers of overdosing and fatalities.

Other areas of the state have not reported the high level of heroin overdose deaths seen among teenagers in Plano. But with heroin availability and use increasing statewide, TCADA officials said they fear North Texas trends could spread elsewhere. TCADA officials said parents and teenagers need to know that.

"Heroin purity is deliberately being increased and prices cut worldwide by international drug dealers trying to win new customers. Trends monitored in Australia, Europe, and nations formerly part of the Soviet Union are being seen in Texas today.

"Dealers are deliberately targeting young people in suburban neighborhoods.

"New, young customers are ignorant of the highly addictive nature of heroin, believing incorrectly that users who snort or sniff the drug instead of using needles will not become addicted.

Maxwell, who serves on the Community Epidemiology

Work Group for the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said: "The drug is no longer just being sold to the traditional heroin addicts. It is now being targeted to younger and younger users."

"Only three overdose deaths were reported in Collin County (north of Dallas) in 1996," Maxwell said. "But during the first nine months of this year, a total of 16 overdose deaths involving heroin or morphine use by teenagers and adults were reported in Collin County."

Texas traditionally has been the market for Mexican Brown and Black Tar heroin, sold to middle-aged addicts in urban centers. Purer, stronger forms of heroin from Colombia and Asia are sold on the East and West Coasts.

"It now appears that purity of Mexican heroin is being improved to compete with the quality of South American and Asian heroin," Maxwell said. "Street-level heroin is much stronger than it has ever been. This is frightening."

Heroin ranks third after alcohol and crack cocaine as the problem most frequently cited by adult clients admitted to substance abuse treatment programs funded by TCADA. The percentage of heroin clients is increasing significantly.

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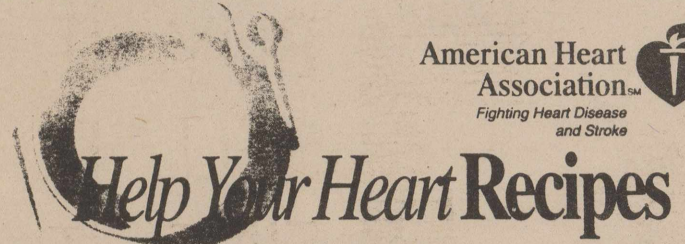
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#### Meat Loaf

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1/4 cup plain dry bread crumbs	1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
1/4 cup nonfat milk	1/4 teaspoon ground sage
Egg substitute equivalent to 1 egg, or 1 egg	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)	1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/2 pound ground skinless chicken breast	4 medium potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1/4 cup finely chopped green onions (2 to 3)	4 medium carrots, cut into 1/2-inch slices
1/4 cup finely chopped celery	1 medium onion, cut into 8 wedges
	Vegetable oil spray
	2 tablespoons barbecue sauce

Preheat oven to 350° F. In a medium bowl, combine bread crumbs, milk, and egg substitute. Add beef, chicken, green onions, celery, oregano, sage, salt, and pepper. Mix well.

In a shallow baking dish or pan, pat meat mixture into a 7x3x2-inch loaf. Arrange vegetables around loaf. Spray vegetables with vegetable oil spray.

Bake, uncovered, for 1 hour, stirring vegetables once. When meat is almost done and vegetables are almost tender, warm sauce.

Pat meat loaf and vegetables with a paper towel to remove any grease. Transfer to a serving plate. Spoon barbecue sauce over meat loaf. Serves 4.

#### Nutrient Analysis per Serving

377 kcal	Calories	64 mg	Cholesterol	2 gm	Saturated Fat
31 gm	Protein	414 mg	Sodium	1 gm	Polyunsaturated Fat
48 gm	Carbohydrate	6 gm	Total Fat	2 gm	Monounsaturated Fat

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- any special dietary rules you observe
- any treatments you are receiving from other practitioners
- whether you are pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant

##### Your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist needs to tell you:

- what the prescribed medicine is called
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- what side effects the medicine may produce
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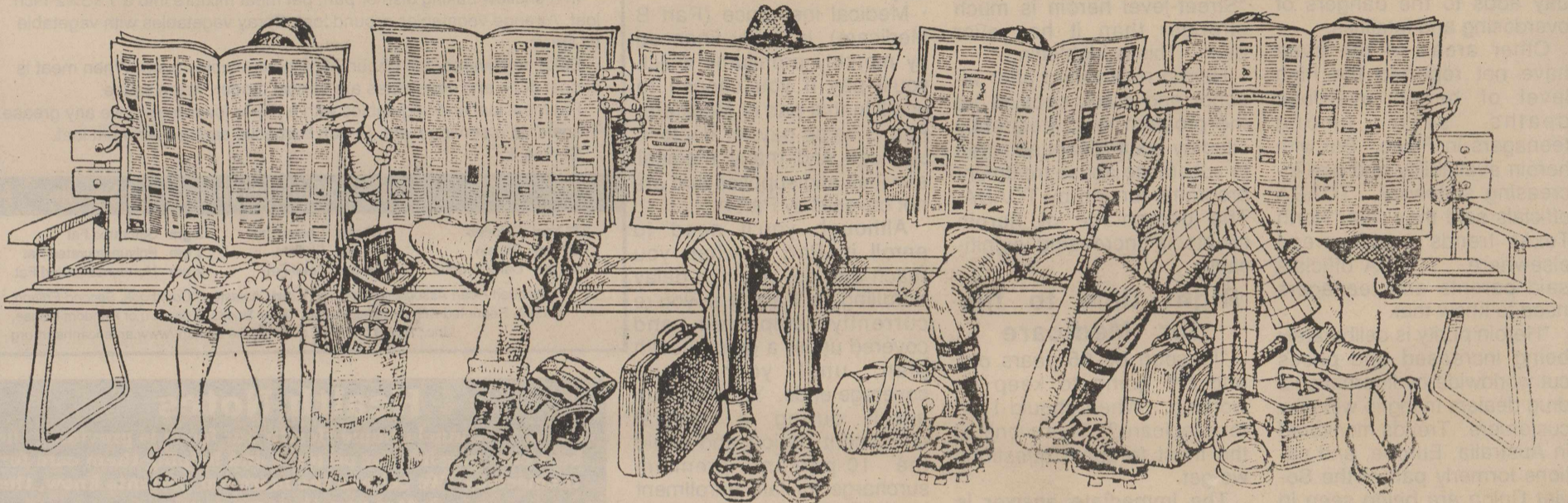
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