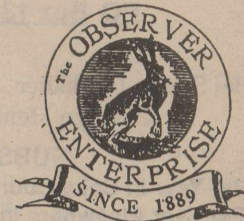


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TYC to expand juvenile facility in Coke County

The Texas Youth Commission (TYC) will expand its contract with the Coke County Juvenile Facility in Bronte by 48 beds, according to TYC Executive Director Steve Robinson.

The 104-bed Bronte facility opened in October 1994 after Wackenhut Corrections was awarded a contract to TYC to operate a secure correctional facility for female offenders. TYC pays Wackenhut for the care and rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents.

Driving the expansion is a growing delinquent population and the need to expand the number of secure beds statewide. Robinson said, "As part of the expansion plan, we are planning a programming change. We will move boys into the Bronte facility, and we will move the girls to other campuses and facilities across the state."

Architectural drawings for the expansion are complete, and the construction project could begin by the end of the month, said Don Houston, vice president of operations for Wackenhut Corrections Corp. "Our intent is to build two additional dorms, each with 24 single-occupancy rooms," he said. "We also will build five new classrooms and we will expand the kitchen and laundry." Houston said.

Houston said that the expansion of the Bronte program would create 30 or more jobs for the local economy.

"Everybody seems to be real pleased about the plans to expand," said Coke County Judge Jackie Walker. "The workers I have visited with at the Wackenhut facility seemed pleased about the changes. They think it will be easier to work with boys rather than the girls."

Paul Morelock, TYC director of contract and support programs, said a January 1 target date has been set for the completion of the transition, but the transformation could begin this summer.

TYC is examining several options for the placement of the female offenders. "We're looking at several plans now," Morelock said. "We're studying the girls, their ages, their offenses and their needs, so we can make the best deci-

sion we can on placement."

A group of female offenders was moved to TYC's Giddings State School last summer so the girls would have access to the agency's nationally-acclaimed Capital Offender Treatment Program and to specialized treatment for chemical dependency. Girls are a growing proportion of TYC's population. About one-in-ten youth committed to TYC are girls, and most have serious emotional disturbance issues that require specialized treatment.

Commitments to TYC continue to surpass projections. Last year, the TYC population increased by 29 percent. The greatest growth in TYC's population is in non-violent offenders. They accounted for 61 percent of the TYC population in fiscal year 1997, compared to 52 percent in fiscal year 1996.

TYC uses a system of state-owned institutions and private contract facilities like the one in Bronte for the rehabilitation of youth. State district judges send youth to TYC for offenses committed from ages 10 through 16. TYC can maintain care, custody and control of the youth until their 21st birthdays.

Some 4800 juveniles are under TYC jurisdiction at 14 state-owned institutions plus contract-care programs across Texas. Another 2600 youth are under parole supervision.

Class of 1938 reunion planned

The Robert Lee High School graduating class of 1938 has planned a class reunion for Saturday, May 23, 1998. The 1938 class asks citizens to contact those graduates living out of town. Drop in visitors are welcome to visit during the reunion which will be held at the Robert Lee School cafeteria from 2 pm to 4 pm.

BHA Laundry opens

The Bronte Housing Authority laundry is open 7 days a week from 7 am to 7 pm. It is located in the building behind the El Rancho restaurant.

The community room is scheduled to be open June 1, 1998.



Bronte's First Baptist Church deacons recently honored the widowed ladies in the church for the 12th straight year at this year's banquet for God's Special Women.

Cautions on outside burning

Coke County Commissioners have not enforced a non-burn ordinance for the County. The Commissioners feel the people of Coke County know we have not had any rain to speak of in 55 days and that they realize the dangers. The Court would like to remind you that a flipped cigarette could burn many acres of grassland. Without rain, the ranchers need every blade of grass that they have. Coke County residents also know they are being spared extra tax dollars by not having to fund a Fire Department. These men volunteer their time, money, and energy to protect us. We must help them by being careful of what we do. In essence, do not burn outside unless necessary and then have it protected.

Commission returning May 15

Friday, May 15th, the Masters Commission will be ministering at 7 pm at the River of Life Church, (in the historical Texas Theater) in beautiful downtown Bronte. All are welcome to be a part of the activities. For more information call 473-5901.

Bronte Spring Clean-up planned

The annual Spring Clean-Up has been set for the City of Bronte for May 16th thru May 22.

On Saturday, May 16, B.F.I. will make an extra run to pick up household items and other trash. The items need to be bundled or in bags or boxes.

Beginning on Monday, May 18, City employees will begin picking up tree limbs and lumber only. No paper or plastic will be picked up.

Items to be picked up must be placed curbside. Citizens are asked to have their tree limbs and lumber curbside no later than Monday morning. This will help city employees to work each street only once.

Free clinic offered

A free blood pressure and blood sugar health clinic will be held Friday, May 15 at the Tennyson Post Office. The clinic will be held from 8:30 am until 9:30 am and is sponsored by the North Runnels Home Health Agency. A similar clinic is held the third Friday of every month. It is free to anyone regardless of age or income.

For additional information, please contact the Tennyson Post Office at 473-6002.

Graduation issues slated

The Observer/Enterprise will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools later this month. The issue honoring the Bronte class is scheduled for May 22, with the issue honoring the Robert Lee seniors being the following week.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in these special editions, please call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.

Ladies' Days

Attention, Lady Golfers. We will be playing Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Come join the fun at Singing Winds Golf Course. For more information call 473-2156.

CCRTA meeting scheduled

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 18, 1998. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

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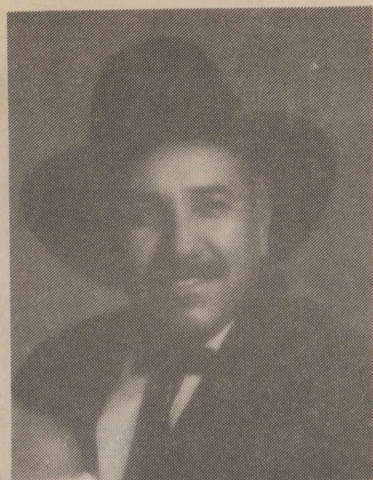
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Obituaries



Joe Lara

Lara

Joe Lara, 53 died on Friday, May 1, 1998 in Abilene, Texas. Mr. Lara was born September 12, 1944 in Robert Lee, Texas.

Mr. Lara was a 1962 graduate of Robert Lee High School and veteran of the United States Navy. He married Anna Marie Lopez in 1967 in Abilene. He worked for Pride Refinery for 16 years. In 1991, he opened the Green Valley Ranch north of Abilene. Since 1996, he has owned and operated the Triple "L" Concrete Systems. Mr. Lara was a member of the Robert Lee Bethel Baptist Mission and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 15045.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Maria Lara of Abilene; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe David and Mona Lara of Abilene; a daughter and son-in-law, Johnnie and Bobby Shuler of Avoca, Texas; his mother, Sara Lara of Robert Lee, Texas; four brothers, Luis Lara of Hobbs, New Mexico, Jimmy Lara of Archer City, Texas, Ynes Lara of Robert Lee, Texas, Luther Lara Jr. of Amarillo, Texas; seven sisters, Julia Garza, Janie Munoz and Christine Abalos, all of Robert Lee, Texas, Connie Espinosa of San Angelo, Texas, Vivian Flores of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mary Ochoa of San Angelo, Texas, Frances Garcia of Vernon, Texas; five grandchildren, L. Jose Shuler and Roberto Juan Shuler of Avoca, Texas, Joe Mikel Lara, James Matthew Luther Lara and Mykaela Marie Lara, all of Abilene, Texas.

Active pallbearers were Luis Lara, Jimmy Lara, Ynes Lara, Jim Barber, Tommy Abbott and Johnny Lopez.

Honorary pallbearers were Alberto Garza, Jimmy Munoz,

Lupe Espinosa, Manuel Abalos, Carlos Chacon, Johnny Ochoa and Ernest Ybarra.

Mr. Lara was preceded in death by his father, Luther Lara, Sr., in 1978.

Memorials should be sent to American Diabetes Association or become an organ donor.

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Death Notices

Payne

Mary Dean Cresap Payne died Monday, May 4, 1998 in Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Services were Friday in Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith. Burial followed in Potosi Cemetery.

She is survived by one son, Sammy, of Abilene. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and two infant daughters.

WTU awarded environmental excellence

West Texas Utilities, and its parent company, Central and South West Corporation (CSW), has been awarded the 1998 Texas Environmental Excellence Award by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). TNRCC recognized CSW earlier this week during a special luncheon in Austin attended by Gov. George W. Bush.

TNRCC presents the award annually in a variety of categories to honor individuals, organizations, schools and businesses that have created successful programs to protect and conserve the Texas environment. CSW's award was in the large business non-technical category for the corporation's renewable energy project in the Davis Mountains in West Texas.

Creech sisters reunion

The fifteenth annual Creech Sisters Reunion was held May 8-10, 1998 at the ranch home of Bobby and Jeffie Roberts of Robert Lee. Hosts and hostesses for the reunion were Floyd and Jessie (Creech) Harmon and their children, Howard and Lawana (Harmon) Perry; Wayne and Dorene (Harmon) Mashburn; Bobby and Jeffie (Harmon) Roberts; and niece, Barbara Harrison of Abilene. All three of the surviving Creech sisters were present, those being Jessie Harmon of Robert Lee, Prudence DuBas of Houston, and Madelle Griffith of Lubbock. They are daughters of the late Elias Brown and Prudie Ann (Dozier) Creech.

Other relatives and friends present were spouses - Floyd Harmon of Robert Lee and Jimmy Griffith of Lubbock. Lawana and Howard Perry of Carlsbad; Dorene and Wayne Mashburn of San Angelo; Jeffie and Bobby Roberts, Douglas, Denise, Kacee, and James Roberts, Marshall and Sheri Millican, all of Robert Lee; all family of Floyd and Jessie (Creech) Harmon. Barbara Harrison of Abilene; Scott Harrison of Ft. Worth; and Craig and Dwana Huelster of Verhalen and Heather Huelster of Alpine, family of the late Loreine (Jane Creech) Collins. Family of the late Mary Ruth (Creech) Atkins present were Pat and Prudie Conner, Paul and Molly Yeager all of Fort Stockton; Wesley and Earnestine (Teny) Stevens of Yoakum; Kenny, Nadine and Kacy Smith of Big Spring. Ross and Elizabeth (DuBas) Darrough of Austin, and Michael DuBas of Houston, children of Prudence DuBas. Jo Posey of Big Spring and Faye Rose of Bangs, daughters of the late Sidney Creech. Inez (Harmon) Hamm and Nola



The Creech Sisters Reunion was held May 9, 1998. Family members include (standing, from left) Floyd Harmon, Jimmy Griffith, (seated, from left) Jessie (Creech) Harmon, Prudence (Creech) DuBas, and Madelle (Dumpy Creech) Griffith.

Harmon of Robert Lee; and James and Blanche Harmon of Ft. Worth. The group was saddened by the loss of Jane (Creech) (Huelster) Collins, March 6, 1998.

The group enjoyed good food, lots of visiting, picture taking, and sightseeing. Saturday morning the group attended the Annual Paint Creek Cemetery workday and

meeting at Edith. Sunday morning they all joined hands around the breakfast table, while a short devotional, memorial, and prayer was led by Jimmy Griffith, Jessie Harmon and other family members. It was a beautiful Mother's Day because of the Love for God and each other. The next reunion will be held May, 1999, at the Roberts' Ranch.

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Commissioner's Court Actions

by Jackie Walker

The meeting was called to order May 11, 1998 with a pledge to the flag and prayer led by David Rawlings.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A treasurer's affidavit was approved as follows, as of April 30. Cash, \$787,570.53, prior month's cash, \$858,970.31, prior year's cash, \$890,171.19. Other assets, \$780,177.40, prior month's assets, \$780,177.40; prior year's assets, \$556,396.00.

Twenty men were present representing the local ranchers, regarding increased funding for the trapper. Court had received word that the state would be increasing the required funds from the county by \$4,800 a year. The Trappers Association has agreed to continue to fund the increase at 40%. The Court will take this all under consideration at budget time.

The Texas Commission on jail standards reported the jail in good standing.

Discussion followed on the Paint Creek bridge, Brother English road, and Sand road. Discussion was held regarding speed limit signs for county roads. Determination of speed limits on county roads will be put on a future agenda, after Commissioners have time to study the roads.

An update was given on the expansion of Wackenhut. There will be an additional 48 beds and the facility will change from girls to boys. The facility will be an Intermediate Sanction Facility which is a parole violator who is given a second chance. This is exactly like the facility at Brownwood. It was reported as very exciting news for the County as the payout will remain the same length of time, so in reality, Coke County will be receiving the additional space for no additional time. Hopefully this will also make working conditions better for the case workers, teachers, and everyone involved. Court will meet with Wackenhut within the next two to three weeks to work out the details. The project should be completed by mid September and transition completed by January.

A resolution regarding the Texas Rare Species Conservation Plan was approved.

The Bronte and Robert Lee EMS's both received \$1,438 from the SB102/EMS funds.

A letter from the Robert Lee State Bank was presented to the Commissioners regarding the need to be sure computers are updated to handle the year 2000.

The local match for Concho Valley Council of Governments transportation will remain the same.

Contract for Survey through Texas Department of Health was awarded to Heather and Pam Millican.

The bills were paid and court recessed until 10 am May 12th, at the Robert Lee Recreation Hall for the Texas Association of Counties Listening Post.

The Court was called back to order for the Listening Post. The County hosted about 30 people from Coke,



Tessie McMullan (center), a freshman at Bronte High School, was awarded the All-Around Cowgirl Saddle from the Texas High School Rodeo Association Region 10. Tessie qualified to compete at the State High School Rodeo Finals in Abilene, Texas, June 8-13, in barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, and goat tying. She won 1st in barrel racing, 2nd in goat tying and breakaway roping, and 7th in pole bending for the year in Region 10. Tessie also was awarded the Nikki Cook Memorial Rookie of the Year award. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cook of West, Texas, adult president of Region 10, presented Tessie with the Larry Coats hand-tooled saddle.

Runnels, Irion, Glasscock, Concho, Mitchell, and Tom Green County. The question and answer session was moderated by Sam Seal and Carry Boethel, of Texas Association of Counties. The meeting was very informative. Future Legislature items were reviewed and other problems regarding County Government. The meeting was adjourned.

WCC EMS memorials reported

The West Coke County EMS reported the following memorials received during the month of April.

Melba Heck

Jim and Geanette Skinner, O.B. Jacobs, C.W. Beasley, Paul and Joan Burns, Bill and Dianne Simpson; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bickley, Ben and Mary Bessent, Pauline and Paula Vaughan, J.F. McCabe, Jr., Jack and Nina Brewer, Maurice and Elna Duncan, Rosie and Garland Davis, Mrs. Floy Sawyer, Dale Fields, Alma Peck, Fred Lane Beaty, Weldon and Virginia Fikes

Opal Jacoby

Jim and Geanette Skinner, Ruth Beal, Rosie and Garland Davis, Mrs. Floy Sawyer, Roger and Della Alexander, Peggy Smith, Fred Lane Beaty, Jimmy Bickley

Genevieve Chesshir

Bobby and Sarah Green

Walter Paul

Jo Nell Yarbrough, Rosie and Garland Davis, Mrs. Floy Sawyer

William Palmer

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walker

Louella Davidson

Directors, Officers and Employees of First National Bank in Bronte, Ben and Mary Bessent, Pauline Vaughan Elizabeth Schneeman Ben and Mary Bessent Leonard "Cumbie" Ivey, Jr.

C.L. Sparks, Jackie Walker, Ed Hickman Family, Kenneth and Kay Lackey, Rosie and Garland Davis, Mrs. Floy Sawyer

Robert Vaughan

Anonymous

Naomi Meixner

Jo Nell Yarbrough

Senior citizens van schedule changed

The Robert Lee Thunderbird Van will not be making its Tuesday, May 19th trip to San Angelo.

The van has been re-scheduled to go Thursday, May 21st for the Senior Citizens Spring Fling.

Allbright Agency tops in sales

Norma Allbright and the Allbright Insurance Agency of HSV, who represent the Farmers Insurance Group, were the top agency in life, fire and commercial sales in 1997 for the Hot Springs and HSV area which includes Texarkana, Texas; Hope, Arkadelphia, Hot Springs to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Norma has been with Farmers Insurance Group for over 23 years, the last 5 in HSV. She is the daughter of Noah and Dorthey Pruitt of Bronte.



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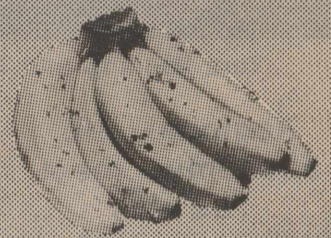
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Tara Bruning and Mrs. Patricia Ballew

Regional UIL academic meet results

April 24-25, 1998, the Robert Lee UIL Academic team participated in the Regional Meet. Four students represented Robert Lee High School in the contests. The representatives were Brandy Cunningham in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Daniel Cates - Spelling and Vocabulary; Becca Emert - News Writing; and Tara Bruning - Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, and News Writing.

Tara won the Feature Writing and News Writing which gained her the honors of participating in the State UIL Academic Meet in Austin, Texas. She also was the high

point individual winner at the District UIL meet.

Robert Lee is very proud of all of these students and the hard work and effort they have put into UIL this year. Mr. Garland Davis and Mrs. Patricia Ballew were the sponsors at the Regional Meet.

Bikers raise money for St. Jude's Hospital

Thirty-three bikers raised \$1607.70 on April 25 to help St. Jude's Hospital. Sponsors pledged to pay for each mile ridden in this bike-a-thon. Lorrie Martin, coordinator for the event, was very pleased with the amount raised this year. The big prize winner was Cara Eaton, who received a \$50 savings bond. Brody Dillard and Chase Roe won a

watergun for the most total miles ridden in the boys division. Sarah Philley and Kelsey Duncan both won a beanie baby for the girls division for most total miles.

Age category winners are as follows: 3-6 years old - Haden Dillard (13 miles); 7-9 years old - Kelsey Duncan, Brody Dillard, Sarah Philley, and Chase Roe (18 miles); 10-13 years old - Shannon Martin and Josh Conner (16 miles).

Prizes were awarded to many of these young people, but the biggest prize received was the joy in helping others.

AON, sponsor of the event, appreciates all that were involved.

Bruning wins medal at state UIL

Tara Bruning, a senior, represented the Robert Lee UIL Academic Team at the state meet May 8th and 9th, in Austin, Texas. Tara competed in two events against all Class A schools in the state of Texas. In the Feature Writing, she placed 7th overall and in the News Writing she earned a third place medal.

Tara and her sponsor, Mrs. Patricia Ballew, attended the Journalism Awards ceremony held in the LBJ Library on the University of Texas campus. Mr. Bobby Hawthorne, State UIL Journalism Director, presented Tara with her medal.

Robert Lee High School salutes Tara for her accomplishments at the State Meet.

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- Wednesday, May 20
Orange juice, cinnamon roll, cold cereal, milk
- Thursday, May 21
Orange juice, muffins, cold cereal, milk
- Friday, May 22
No school

Lunch

- Monday, May 18
Pizza, corn, applesauce, gingerbread, milk
- Tuesday, May 19
Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, pears, milk
- Wednesday, May 20
Barbecue on bun, potato wedges, pickles, peaches, milk
- Thursday, May 21
Corndogs with mustard, tator tots, fruit cocktail, ice cream, milk
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Coke County Library Story Hour graduates include (from left) Zachary Sanchez, Dawson Brisbin, Meagan Ross, Kimberly Roach, and Ashley Wheat. The ceremony was held at the library in Robert Lee May 12, 1998. The children will be attending Pre-K next fall.

Library has graduates

Coke County Story Hour commencement was held in the Gazebo May 12, 1998. Receiving certificates of accomplishment were Ashlie Wheat, Zachary Sanchez, and Dawson Brisbin. Also attending Story Hour was Justin Robertson. Meagan Ross and Kimberly Roach received certificates and wore graduation hats in honor of their moving on to public schools. Laura Pederson provided the certificates.

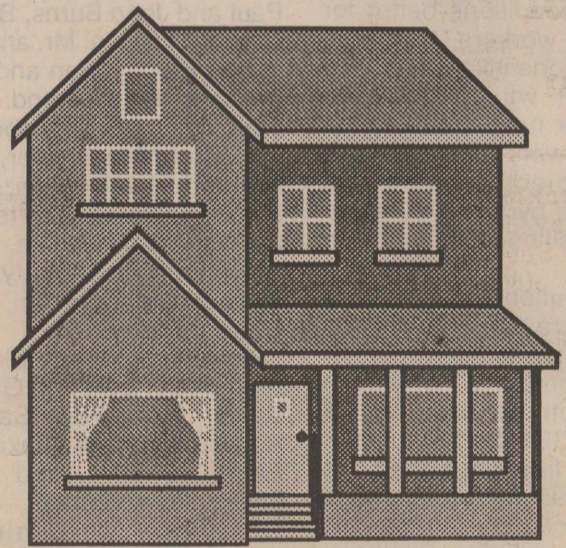
Although Story Hour commencement has been held at the library and at the Head Start program, there are new books available which will interest the pre-school set. *Naming the Cat, Thumbelina, Stomp, Stomp, The Character in the Book, Hi, and Dinosaurs Updated*, are a few of the picture/story books which pre-schoolers like.

Also available for mothers-with-kids-at-home are several activities books. *Amazing Sun Fun* gives solar facts and illustrates simple experiments with solar energy. "If you could drive a car 93 million miles to the sun, it would take 150 years to get there" is one of the facts. *Alphabet Art* has projects illustrating the writing of the alphabet. *I Saw a Purple Cow: Stuff and ideas that really work!* This project book gives instructions for racing boats, sock puppets, cornstarch clay, bubbles, and 100 other projects, each one a learning experience.

A young adult reading program for grades 7-12 is being planned for this summer as well as a summer reading "camp" for grades 1-6.

The book sale netted almost \$220 for the library carpet fund. Books are still available for sale through Wednesday, May 29th.

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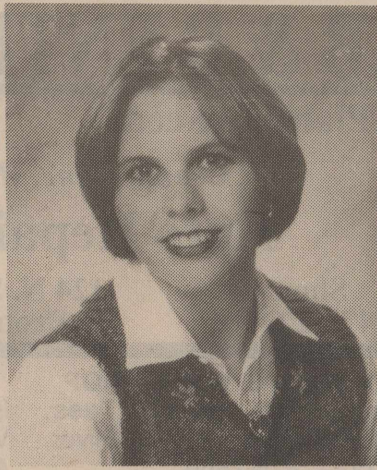


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Mackey to graduate with honors

Reagan Mackey, daughter of Tony and Debbie Mackey of Bronte and Don and Sherrie Walter of San Angelo is graduating #16 out of 675 students at Central High School. Besides being in the top 2% of her class, she is also graduating a Texas Scholar, in National Honor Society, Who's Who for three years, nominated for the National Science Merit Award, and selected an All-American Scholar. Upon graduation, Reagan will also have 15 college hours through the Central/ASU dual credit program and Advance Placement.



Reagan Mackey

Rehab Spring Trail Ride held

Approximately 270 people attended the Spring Trail Ride for Rehab held on Lambhead Ranch recently. Riders enjoyed the two days of beautiful scenery, great weather, and good fellowship. A sign posted in front of a camper pretty well summed up the tone of the weekend: "Slow--Adults at Play."

Rides included stops at several historic sites on the ranch. Saturday evening featured a barbecue dinner, a brief history of Lambhead presented by Kelly Gill, and an auction of donated items. Western singer Jean Prescott, accompanied by Gary Prescott and Kerry Grombacker, provided outstanding entertainment.

Retired Disciples of Christ minister George Randall of Breckenridge led a Sunday morning worship service, which was followed by a ride through the Reynolds Bend area of Lambhead Ranch.

Trail ride chairmen, Mac Sayles, Kelly Gill, and Thomas Hicks, were pleased with the success of the event, which brought in over \$16,600 to help provide services to patients at West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The fall trail ride is scheduled for the Pitchfork Ranch near Guthrie. For additional information about Rehab Trail Rides, contact John Thomas at (915) 793-3508.

Summer jobs for youth

The summer jobs for youth program which is sponsored by Representative Rob Junell, the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Concho Valley School-to-Work/Tech Prep Partnership are looking for area businesses or individuals who are willing to provide part-time summer employment for Coke County youth.

Youth between the ages of 14-21 are eligible for summer employment.

If you would like to be a part of the program, either providing employment or being employed, contact Marty Blair, Program Coordinator for Coke County, 473-5091.

Arts and crafts

The eighth annual Snyder Arts and Crafts Festival will be held May 16th and 17th in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art, limited edition prints and hand-crafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. This is no admission charge.

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

BISD board meeting held

The Board of Trustees of the Bronte Independent School District met at 7:30 pm, May 12, 1998, in the Board Room.

•The Board heard the reports from principals, Terry Marrs, Elementary and Rick Howell, Secondary. Plans for graduation were discussed. A report was given on the High School Academic Banquet.

•Certificates of Election were issued to the new Board Members, Kendall Gibbs and Andra Arrott, by the Board President, Steve Kelton.

•The Oaths of Office were administered and signed by Kendall Gibbs and Andra Arrott.

•The Board was realigned by nomination and motion as follows: Board President, Kendall Gibbs; Board Vice-President, Wayne Coalson; Secretary, Jolene Henderson.

•The Board heard the presentation by CADCO Architects.

•The Motion was made and passed to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 pm for the purpose of hearing the facility project presentation by CADCO Architects. The Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 pm prior to the public hearing.

•The Board considered the Facilities Upgrade, motion was made and passed to hire CADCO Architects-Engineers pending the outcome of fee structure.

•High School Computer Lab Upgrade was considered and approved.

•Mr. Richey, Superintendent, informed the Board of the resignation of Martha McDoniel, Special Education Director at CCJJC.

•The Superintendent report given by Alan Richey included the following items; Update on CCJJC and Alternative Campus Ratings, status on the Bus Bar, report on the Board/Site-Based Committee Retreat including a list of priorities - facilities, programs (reading and math), and elementary counselor, DEC Visit results, and the current vehicle situation.

•Board initiatives included discussion of cheerleading, pep squad and class honors.

•Motion was made and passed to approve the April 1998 bills.

•The Board was adjourned at 11:51 pm by the President. The next scheduled meeting will be May 26th at 6:30 pm.

Tomes places at state competition

George Tomes, a sophomore at Bronte High School, competed in the State UIL Academic contest on May 8, 1998. The contest was held on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. He won fifth in the A division of the Computer Science Test. Winning first place in both the district and regional contest qualified George for the State contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tomes, Jr. of Bronte.

Through participation at the State meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$11.4 million to approximately 10,315 Texas high school students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 530 new and renewed grants, valued at more than \$759,000. These academic scholarships have been funded by grants and donations from foundations and individuals. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships, and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.

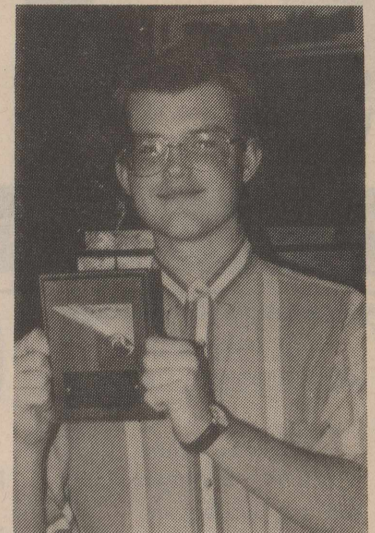
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George Tomes

Bronte School News TAAS/TEAMS Registration

Out-of-School examinee registration packets for the summer exit level TAAS and TEAMS tests are available at Bronte High School for individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test but have met all other graduation requirements. The TEAMS test is also available.

Registration packets are available at all high schools, district central offices, and regional education service centers.

Contact Mrs. McCutchen if you are interested in taking the test. Test registration packets must be received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5:00 pm, June 12, 1998.

Any person falling into this category is encouraged to come to the school to see Mrs. McCutchen and discuss their options on testing. The school number is 473-2511.

The test schedule is as follows for all Bronte High School exit level students in grades 11 and 12 who will be retaking the test only in the area(s) needed:

Tuesday, July 14-Writing; Wednesday, July 15-Math; and Thursday, July 16-Reading.

Students in high school will be contacted before school ends and during the summer.



School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, May 18

Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Apple Juice, Muffins, Milk

Tuesday, May 19

Sausage, Orange Juice, Pancake, Milk

Wednesday, May 20

Breakfast Pizza, Grape Juice, Muffins, Milk

Thursday, May 21

Cereal, Diced Pears, Biscuit, Milk

Lunch

Monday, May 18

Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Rolls, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars

Tuesday, May 19

Corn Dogs, French Fries, Pork & Beans, Milk, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wednesday, May 20

Soft Tacos w/Cheese, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Spanish Rice, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Apple Cobbler

Thursday, May 21

Ham & Cheese Submarine Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Red Grapes, Bun, Chips, Milk, Ice Cream Cups

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COKE COUNTY JUDGE
Jackie Walker

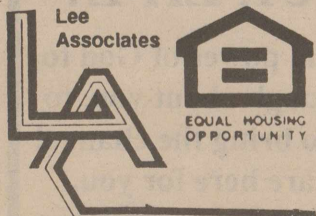
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Mary Grim

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE 72ND DISTRICT
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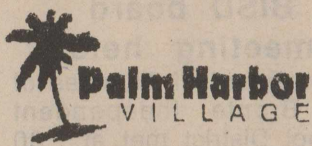
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41a-1tc

FOR SALE 4 bedroom 2 bath doublewide mobile home to be moved. 473-2131.
40b-tnc

FOR SALE OR RENT Fixer upper home, knotty pine den. 906 Childress, Robert Lee. Call Mr. Sage at 655-9141 office or 655-0370 residence.
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MISC

WANT TO BUY Old plow discs. Will pay \$2 each. Gregston Welding, Hwy 208 & 4th Street, Robert Lee.
40-2tc

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27B-tnc

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32b-tnc

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39-4tp

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29b-tnc

DRY CLEANING SERVICE at Merle Norman Studio, 7 East 6th, Robert Lee, 453-4642.
41a-1tc

WANTED Food, Craft, & Flea Market booths for Ft. Chadbourne Days, June 27th, Bronte. FMI, call 473-4821. Registration forms at City Hall.
41b-5tc

GRAZING LEASE wanted with or without hunting for approximately 25 cows. Call Tad Emert, 453-2471.
41-2tc

HELP WANTED

PRIMARY CARE ATTENDANTS needed for Robert Lee area. Contact Choice Homecare, Inc., Eldorado, Texas, 1-888-853-3683.
41-2tp

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41a-2tc

HELP WANTED CNAs needed for all shifts. Full time and part time. Competitive pay. Contact Sarah Lee, DON, Senior Citizens Nursing Home, Winters. Phone 754-4566.
36b-tnc

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE 1406 Chadbourne, Robert Lee. Saturday, 8-12.
41-1tp

GARAGE SALE 605 9th Street, Robert Lee. Gas range, 3 drawer chest set, lots of misc.
41-1tp

FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE Saturday, 8 am till ?. Exercise bike, stereo, bass boat, toys, children's clothes, household items, lots of miscellaneous. 516 Overland Trail, Robert Lee.
41-1tp

GARAGE SALE 406 18th, Robert Lee.
41-1tp

A + L = SALE 501 N. Franklin Street (by Burwick's) Bronte. Saturday, 8-4.
41b-1tc

GARAGE SALE 410 10th Street, Robert Lee, across from Dan's Grocery. Saturday, 8-?.
41-1tp

YARD SALE 409 8th Street, Robert Lee. Saturday, May 16, 8 until 4. A little bit of everything.
41-1tp

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THE BRONTE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS OF 1998

would like to thank all of those who were so supportive of their fund raisers. We appreciate the community support. Also, a special thanks to the businesses that have contributed to our causes. We would not have been able to be successful in our endeavors without all of your support.
41b-1tc

THE FAMILY OF LEONA THOMAS

wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for all prayers, memorials, and acts of kindness you have shown us during this time of sorrow. We wish to especially thank the Robert Lee Care Center staff for the loving care they gave, and the Hospice group for being there for us.

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bickley
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Rosco Thomas
41-1tp

NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRONTE ISD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, May 26, 1998, at 7:30 pm for the purpose of a facility project presentation by CADCO Architects. The public is invited to attend and give input on this important project.

41b-21c

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
Sealed proposals for **MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY** on various roads of the San Angelo District of Texas Department of Transportation will be received at the **Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside, Austin, Texas**, until **1 pm** on the following dates and then publicly opened and read.

June 2, 1998

6028-18-001, Tom Green County (Rural)

6027-46-001, Reagan/Irion Counties

6027-45-001, Crockett County

June 3, 1998

6028-15-001, Runnels County

6028-13-001, Sterling etc. Counties

6027-47-001, Sutton County

6029-94-001, Real/Edwards Counties

6029-90-001, Kimble etc. Counties

6029-96-001, Concho etc. Counties

Only prequalified contractors are eligible to bid.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBID MEETING FOR THESE PROJECTS.

Requests for proposals for the above mentioned contracts can be made in the office of Mr. Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., Director of Operations, 915/944-1501, Loop 306 & Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas. Mailing address is 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904. Plans and specifications must be requested through Austin Plan Rooms.

Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Usual rights reserved.

41a-21c

NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 4th day of May, 1998, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: White and Brown
Sex: Male
Age: Yearling
Size: 65 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: None

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: White
Sex: Female
Age: Kid
Size: 40 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: None

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Black and White
Sex: Female

Age: 2 Year Old
Size: 70 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: Crippled in hip

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Brown
Sex: Male
Age: Yearling
Size: 65 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: Left ear marked

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Black and White
Sex: Male
Age: Yearling
Size: 70 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: None

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Black
Sex: Female
Age: Yearling
Size: 50 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: Right ear marked

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Black
Sex: Female
Age: Yearling
Size: 50 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: Right ear marked

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Black with white spot on side
Sex: Female
Age: Yearling
Size: 60 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: Right ear marked

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Black
Sex: Female
Age: Kid
Size: 35 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: None

Kind of Animal: Goat
Breed: Spanish
Color: Black and White
Sex: Female
Age: 2 Year Old
Size: 70 lbs.
Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics: Right ear marked

and, on the 7th day of May, 1998, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Coke County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Coke County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 26th day of May, 1998, said estray will be sold at public auction at Producers Livestock Auction.

WITNESS my hand this 7th day of May, 1998.

Mike Harris
Sheriff of Coke County, Texas
41a-21c

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All these records are stored permanently by municipalities, counties, states and the Federal government. We all know this, but where each document is kept is frequently unknown.

The Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit consumer group, found there was little uniformity on where the records were available and the costs. In some states, birth records are kept by the city and in others by the county or state. To further complicate matters, often older records are held in different places than current ones. In addition, the addresses where the records are kept are changed quite often.

The consumer group found many people had difficulty in locating the records they needed. Often, it was necessary to make expensive long distance calls just to find out where to write, what information was required and how much money to send. For that reason CERC has been publishing a book entitled *Where to write worldwide for Vital Records* which contains a state-by-state listing of the addresses and telephone numbers of the archive where each record can be found, the cost of a copy of the document and sample form letters containing all the information needed to get these and other vital documents.

CERC has just released an updated 1996 edition. To receive a copy call 800-872-0121.

Conservation (EQIP) sign-up

The FSA office and the NRCS office are holding a joint sign-up for the EQIP program. Individuals interested in doing conservation work on their farms may make application now through May 29th. The program offers cost-share assistance up to 75% for conservation work over a 5 to 10 year period. Since most of Coke County is in a priority area this year it should improve our chances of getting more applications approved this year.

Anyone interested should come by or call either the FSA office (453-2751) or NRCS office (453-2623) as soon as possible.

Harmon-Sparks Reunion

The 59th Annual Harmon-Sparks Reunion will be held Saturday, June 6, 1998, in the large Rec Hall in Robert Lee. Pot luck dinner will be served about 12:30 pm. Friends and relatives are invited.

Allen honored with surprise

Nancy Bailey Allen was honored with a surprise celebration at the April 8, 1998, meeting of Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 Order of the Eastern Star. Thirty-four members from San Angelo, Sterling City, Bronte, Ballinger and Robert Lee came to help Nancy celebrate her 50 years as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Each member present wrote a note to Nancy which was placed in a scrapbook, and several members told about funny things they experienced with Nancy over the years. Jeffie Roberts, Worthy Matron, presented Nancy with her 50th year membership pin. A delicious meal and a cake in the shape and color of the Eastern Star was served. Easter decorations adorned the dining and meeting rooms. Beverly Sinclair served as hostess, assisted by several Robert Lee members.



Nancy Bailey Allen

Nancy (Nance) Bailey became a member of Bexar Chapter No. 616 in San Antonio, April 22, 1948. Her Masonic relation was her father, the late C.M. Nance. Nancy was Worthy Grand Matron of Texas in 1967-1968. Her husband, E.R. Bailey, died and years later she married the late Gerald Allen of Robert Lee. She became a dual member of Robert Lee Chapter No. 187 on May 10, 1979. Nancy and Gerald served as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Robert Lee Chapter in 1981-1982.

Bexar Chapter No. 616 in San Antonio honored Nancy Monday, May 11, 1998 with a dinner, program, and meeting. They presented her a 50 year pin and certificate from the Eastern Star Chapter. The invitation read *Celebrating with Nancy Bailey Allen*, birthday and Eastern Star 50th Anniversary. Another celebration in San Antonio was "Get-To-Gether" with Nancy Bailey Allen, past Grand Matron, to reminisce and share old time memories. This was held at the home of Mrs. Jane T. Warden Sunday, May 10, 1998.

Congratulations, Nancy, on your 50 years as an Eastern Star and "Happy Birthday" Friday, May 14, (1916).

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Preventing Heartworm Disease

With mosquito season quickly approaching, now is a good time to remind you to protect your pet. Mosquitos can carry heartworm, a disease which can slowly kill your dog. Heartworms are six to eight inches long and the size of spaghetti. You can imagine how several dozen of them would clog a dog's heart. Texas A & M veterinarian Dr. Deb Zoran says mosquitos act as carriers after feeding on infected dogs. Inside the mosquito, the heartworms develop into an infective stage. When the mosquito feeds on another animal, the heartworms infect that animal. The heartworms cannot be transmitted directly from dog to dog. Dr. Zoran says once a dog is infected it takes about six months for the baby heartworms to mature and migrate through the tissues to the heart. There are no symptoms until that point, and even then you may not notice a major change in your dog. Many will show nothing more than a lack of stamina. A working dog may not be able to run or work as hard. Some dogs develop a cough as the worms spill over into their lungs. At that point treatment is dangerous and expensive. That's why veterinarians stress prevention. There are many products on the market. Heartworm prevention is typically given once a month in the form of a chewable pill.

Volunteer college scheduled

Volunteer leaders interested in learning new skills and teaching methods still have time to enroll in Volunteer College, scheduled for June 12-14 at the Texas 4-H Center. Registrations must be postmarked by May 15.

"This is a great opportunity for volunteers to expand their knowledge in their particular area of interest and develop their own confidence in working with youth," said Cheryl Newberry, program and marketing specialist at the center.

General sessions will focus on youth development research and principles, teaching strategies and a volunteer's role in youth development programming. Concurrent sessions will focus on specific disciplines and project/interest areas.

"Volunteer College participants will be able to choose the seminars that best suit their needs," said Carroll Bonn, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H and youth development specialist.

For more information or to get complete session offerings and times, please call your local county Extension agent or the center at 800-432-8342.

The cost can range from \$40 to over \$100 a year depending on the size of the dog. It is recommended your dog be tested annually. Animals in the Gulf Coast climates need protection year round and it's suggested cats in those areas be put on preventative as well. Cats are not as susceptible to heartworm, but they can get it and it takes far fewer worms to kill a cat than it does to kill a dog.

Dove Awards

At the 29th annual Dove Awards for gospel music held recently in Nashville, Tennessee, Caedmon's Call won the award for Modern Rock-Alternative Album for their album "Caedmon's Call."

Caedmon's Call, a Christian folk band, has toured on both the east and west coasts since January and performed at a number of universities and churches in Texas as well.

Danielle and Cliff Young of Houston are members of the band. Danielle's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clark Glenn of Bronte.

Parent alert!

Recent research shows that most of human brain development takes place in the first three years of life. Children need many types of stimulation for their brains to develop fully.

For mental development, challenge your infant or toddler to think. Provide age appropriate toys. Teach them to count, match colors, recite the alphabet, learn nursery rhymes, and work puzzles. Most importantly, read to your children, even as infants, and show them the pictures as you read to them.

Create a stimulating environment that includes bright colors, various textures, and interesting sounds and smells.

Talk to your baby or toddler often, using complete sentences. Children are eager to learn and to understand. Tell them about their environment, situations, people, places. Don't worry about how much you think they understand.

Emotional development can be stimulated by showing how much you care and by providing a lot of love, concern, and care for your child.

Monitor your own stress and mental health. Find help if you feel overwhelmed. Your state of mind will affect your child's development. Shield children from stressful and violent environments. Cuddle, hug, kiss, and hold your infant or toddler. Children need a lot of affection many times a day.

Make sure your children have opportunities to run, stretch, skip, and jump to improve their physical development. Feed your children healthy foods such as fruits, vegetables, milk, cheese, fish, chicken, whole-grain breads, and cereals.

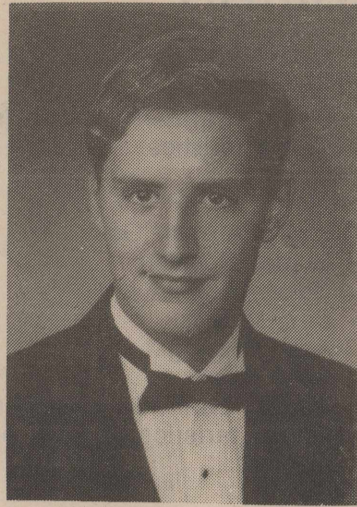
Do you owe SS money?

You may be a small fish in a large ocean, but if you owe Social Security money, the ocean just got smaller. This year, Social Security can withhold federal tax refunds to collect delinquent overpayment debts from former Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries. The agency has been able to withhold tax refunds to collect debts from Social Security beneficiaries since 1991, according to Fredi Franke, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas.

"Former Social Security or Supplement Security beneficiaries who owe a past-due debt because they received an overpayment of benefits should know that the Department of the Treasury is authorized to reduce or withhold your Federal tax refund to collect the delinquent debt," she stated.

Franke said letters had been sent out to debtors in October and November of last year warning them that failure to repay the debt could result in withholding their tax refunds, and giving them 60 days to repay the money or appeal the debt.

To make an appointment with a Social Security representative, call their toll free number 1-800-772-1213.



David Horak

Horak to attend Univ. of Notre Dame

David Horak, grandson of James Lammers and the late Jessie Lammers, will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall of 1998. David will graduate from C.D. Hylton High School in Woodbridge, Virginia this spring. He was the captain of the varsity swim team for two years where he holds 7 team records and is a member of the National Honor Society. David also qualified for United States Swimming Junior National Championships in Orlando in 1997 and in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1998. He was chosen the swimmer of the Year for Prince Williams

County by the Washington Post.

David was awarded a scholarship by the Notre Dame Alumni Association of Washington, D.C. He will major in governmental/international relations and will be a member of the varsity swim team.

Six-year driver licenses

Trips to driver license offices will become less frequent for Texans in coming years as the Texas Department of Public Safety extends license expiration dates.

Licenses will be valid longer, and the new system eventually should reduce lines in driver license offices.

"Eventually, all Texas driver licenses and identification cards will be good for six years instead of four," said DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas. "Since folks won't have to visit our driver license offices as often, we should have fewer people waiting in line on any given day."

Over the next four years, DPS will phase in the six-year system. During the transition period, renewal licenses will be issued for four, five or six years to evenly distribute renewals through the next cycle and to avoid crowds when those licenses expire. All original licenses and identification cards will be valid for six years.

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