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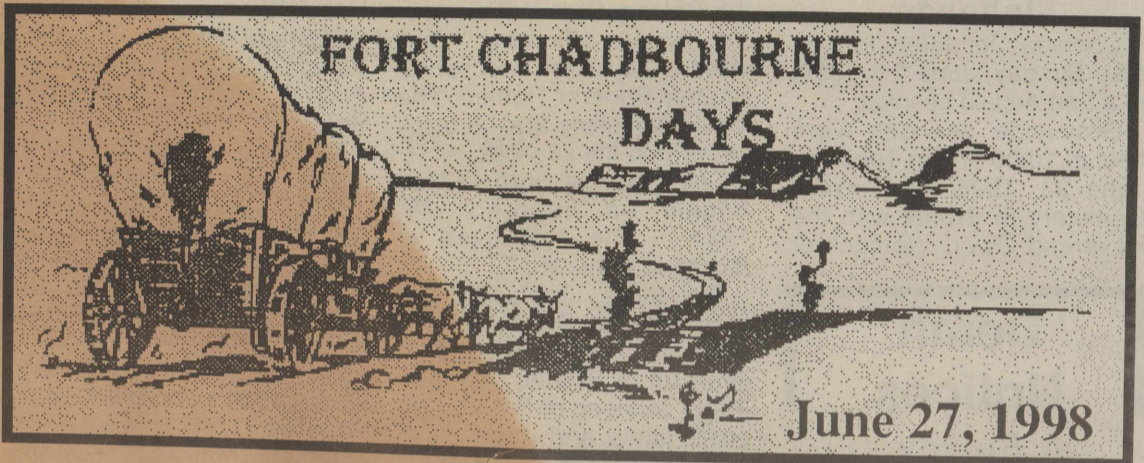
Friday, June 27, 1998

Fort Chadbourne Days slated

Fort Chadbourne Days for 1998 are here. The trail riders have been on the trail for three days and they are ready for a hefty meal. West Texas Rehab will have a chuck wagon in the Bronte Park and serve a barbecue meal for \$8.00; the whole town is invited. Come out and get acquainted with some of these men and women who enjoy nature and have traveled miles just to ride in the open pastures of Coke County. During the meal, western type entertainment will be provided. Bobby Blaylock and Roger Graves will be in charge of the Friday night's entertainment.

U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm and State Representative Rob Junell will be in the parade. These men will be available after the parade to answer questions that you might have concerning any pending bills or other concerns that you might have.

This year we have two new features. Lum Lasswell will have his Fort Chadbourne train and townsite open to the public and Bon Spoons has a Fort Chadbourne Museum open for the public to view. Both displays will be at the home of these gentlemen. Garland Richards has put his Fort Chadbourne artifacts on



1998 Texas Farm Bureau Talent Find Contest

The Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau has scheduled a Talent Find Contest for August 15, 1998. Contestants

must be between the ages of 16-19 as of September 1, 1998 and be a member of Texas Farm Bureau. The winner will receive \$100 cash and advance to the District contest in October where the winner is awarded a \$1000 College Scholarship. Texas Farm Bureau will pay mileage or public transportation, meals and (2) evenings lodging expenses for each district winner and one parental escort to the TFB State Convention in Lubbock on November 28-29. The first runner-up at the State level will receive a \$1,500 College Scholarship, and the winner will receive a \$2,000 College Scholarship. If you are interested in the TFB Talent Find Contest, please call or come by the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau Office in Robert Lee and pick up your entry form today. The entry deadline is July 31, 1998.

Robert Lee City Hall to be closed

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed Friday, July 3, 1998, in observance of the July 4th holiday. The landfill will be closed Saturday, July 4, 1998. Residents are reminded that the discharge of fireworks are prohibited in the city limits.

Pageant Association to meet

The Coke County Pageant Association will meet on Thursday, July 2, 1998 at 7 pm at Mountain Creek Amphitheatre. All interested area residents are encouraged to attend.

BFI reminds residents of monthly pick ups

Residents of Bronte are reminded that BFI will pick up furniture and appliances. One large item per household will be picked up each month. Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners must have the Freon professionally removed or have the compressor removed.

Residents are encouraged to use this service when needed. There is no extra charge.

Dumping along county roads is illegal and costs taxpayers to keep the roads cleaned up. Extra law officers have been hired to determine who is illegally dumping trash on the county roads. Violators will be prosecuted.

Br. Rabies Clinic

Bronte FFA will hold its annual rabies clinic at the Bronte High School Ag Shop, on Wednesday, July 1, 1998, from 4:30 pm until 6 pm in the afternoon. Everyone is encouraged to get all shots for their pets at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jimmy Smith at the Pioneer Vet Clinic, (915) 754-5487.

Mountain Creek tournament

The Mountain Creek Golf Club will hold a 2-person, 27 hole SS/AS/LB golf tournament on June 27, 1998, beginning at 9:00 am. For more information, contact Jesse Flores, Club House Manager, at 453-2317.

Bronte ISD to meet with contractors

The Bronte ISD Building Committee for the High School Alterations and Additions Project will meet with

CADCO Architects-Engineers on June 30, 1998, at 10:00 am. The public is invited to attend.

Commissioners' Court held

The Coke County Commissioner's Court was held June 22, 1998 and the following actions were taken.

- Meeting was called to order with pledge to the flag and prayer led by Judge Walker.

- Minutes approved as presented.

- Under open forum Ms. Hubbard informed the Court of new rules regarding appointment of Election Judges. Action will be taken on this in July.

- Carl Beal addressed the Court regarding lack of repairs and signs in Pct. 2 around Ross Road and Rocky Pt. Road.

- County was addressed by the Texas County and District Retirement System. An increase in the County portion will be required to continue the same plan.

- Emergency repair to the Courthouse roof was declared by the Court. Court to advertise for bids to repair the roof.

- Sheriff Harris reported to the Court his desire to keep the van that was confiscated to transfer inmates back and forth and for county travel to conferences etc. Court requested cost of work needing done to van first.

- Tabled approval of County Road Certification until next meeting.

- Approved local match statement for Van operations in Coke County with the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

- Discussed budgeting for disposal of illegal dumped trash.

- Approved payment of bills.
- Worked on budget.
- Adjourned.

Saturday, June 27, 1998, will feature the craft and food booths and then the parade will begin at 10:00 am. The parade route is the same as in parades in the past, starting at the nursing home and ending at the depot. Helicopters, horses, Harley's will be on display around the depot after the parade. The Happy Harts Square Dancers will dance for the pleasure of the crowd.

an auction will be held. There will be many items to be auctioned. Chamber directors are busy gathering items for the event. Stay for lunch at the food booths and wait for the auction! Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!

At 7:00 pm the Ranch Rodeo will begin in the Bronte Rodeo Arena. There is something for everyone. So come out and enjoy the day!!

Tomes accepted to academy

George Tomes III of Bronte has been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science for the 1998 fall semester. He is the son of George and Cynthia Tomes.

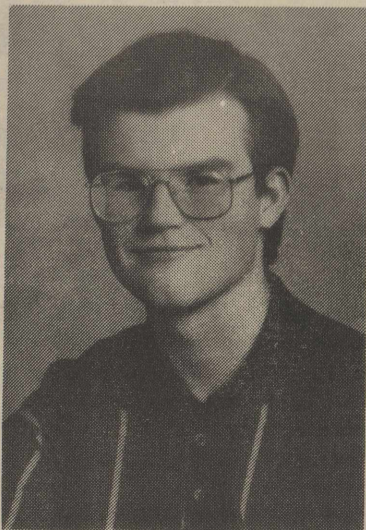
TAMS is a two-year residential program at the University of North Texas that allows talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore years of college while earning their high school diplomas. Students enroll in the academy following their sophomore year in high school, live in a UNT residence hall and attend UNT classes with college students.

TAMS celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Today, TAMS has more than 1,100 alumni, many of whom now have finished their bachelor's degrees at UNT, Stanford, Yale and other top universities. These bright young minds are taking their places among the country's foremost researchers, engineers, teachers and physicians.

Tomes recently completed his sophomore year in the Bronte ISD. He should be ready for his junior year of

college when he graduates from TAMS in 2000.

The academy admits up to 200 new students each year. Selection is based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, academic records from seventh through 10th grades, an academy mathematics diagnostic test, a student essay, demonstrated interest in science and mathematics, teacher recommendations, a personal interview, and parental support and commitment.



George Tomes III

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Obituaries

Johnson

Chelsea Jo Johnson, 14, died Sunday, June 21, 1998, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 23, 1998, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte with the Reverend David Womack of

the Calvary Baptist Church of San Angelo officiating. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home. The family requested that no black be worn to the services.

Chelsea was born in San Angelo on February 28, 1984. She had lived in Bronte all of her life.

Survivors include her grandmother, Dixie Johnson of Bronte; one sister, Calli Jo Johnson of Bronte; one aunt Paula Johnson of Bronte; two great aunts and uncles, Pat and Allen Bishop of Winters and Betty and Jimmy Criswell of Miles. Chelsea is also survived by many special friends.

Chelsea's caregivers acted as her honorary pallbearers. They were as follows: Roselle Hall, Margaret Alderman, Jim Oden, and Roberta Wilcox.

Death Notices

Spivey

Leona Alma Spivey, 83, of Bronte died Friday, June 19, 1998, in the Bronte Nursing Home.

Graveside service was held at 2:00 pm Sunday, June 21, 1998 in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Shaffer

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Larry & Diane Spivey of Blackwell; five brothers, R.W. Bowman of San Angelo, Virgil Bowman of Ballinger, Melvin Bowman of Hearne, Ben Bowman of Ballinger, and W.C. Bowman; two sisters, Alta Lawdermilk of Ballinger and Dorene Edborg of San Angelo; two sisters-in-law, Quanita Bowman of Ballinger and Sophie Spivey of San Angelo; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am interested in locating a relative of mine whom I met for the first time at the funeral of Pauline Coalson in Robert Lee. He just happened to be in town visiting his relatives and came to Pauline's funeral where I assisted with the service.

His name is Joel McLaughlin and was living in Stanhope, Iowa, but has moved and I cannot locate his address. I was wondering if anyone in Robert Lee knows how to contact him. I would appreciate hearing from them. I am working on the McLaughlin Family Tree. My parents were Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin who are buried in the Hylton Cemetery near Blackwell.

Thank you for anything you might be able to do to help me contact some of his relatives in Robert Lee.

Sincerely yours,
John McLaughlin
114 Linda Lane
Heath, TX 75032

Sterling City Class of 1928 meets

The seventy years since twenty-three seniors graduated from Sterling City High School seem, to the eight survivors, to have flown by. On Saturday, June 20, 1998, four of the six surviving girls and one of the two boys celebrated with their annual reunion at Bryan's Barn two miles west of Robert Lee.

The "Big 70th" was observed with the usual catered fish dinner with all the trimmings. A very special cake with icing in class colors featured the dates, "1928-1998", and the names of all the current classmates, including names of widows of deceased boys.

Those attending were: Hazel (Edwards) Beam, Fernandina Beach, Florida; Wanda (Collins) Becker, San Angelo; Lucile (McWhorter) Bryan, Robert Lee; and Edwina (Bynum) Cope and W.Y. Benge, both of Sterling City.

Visitors were: Eloise Davis (wife of deceased class member), Coahoma, Ala. B. Davidson, Wanda's sister, San Angelo; and Wilson Bryan, co-host.

Absent class members were: Helen (Wade) Drake, Washington; Evelyn (Stamps) Murray, Houston; and Audie Peays, Woodland, California.

Widows of former classmates not attending: Mrs. Ross Welch (France), San Antonio, and Mrs. Wayne Munn (Emily), San Angelo.

Fifty years after graduation

in 1978, the class asked each pupil to write a resume of his or her life as it had been lived since 1928 to compare it to what the class prophecy had foretold at the graduation exercise. Miss Johnnie Wyerts, class sponsor, also a survivor, was invited to add her thoughts to the book published. She wrote in part: "No other class could measure up to the standards of that class....To realize how unique this class is one must look at their accomplishments during the last fifty years. All are successful in fields of business, education, ministry, ranching, law, military service, construction, medicine, homemaking, literature and art. As parents, they have produced outstanding leaders in many fields."

The '28 class was influential in the organization of Sterling City Alumni Association which has been responsible for keeping school-wide reunions alive for many years. "SCHS Spirit" has made the town memorable over a large area.

One of the joys of the 1928 group is that they still have two teachers living. Miss Gladys Roach taught history and, like numerous other pretty young ladies who went there to teach, she met and married a local eligible bachelor, Pat Kellis, son of Bill Kellis, editor of Sterling City News Record (which is still being published). Mrs. Kellis now lives in Humboldt, Arizona, where she taught many years. Her community honored her with a birthday party last July when she became 100 years old.



Blackwell CISD recently applied for and received a grant from TASB Loss Control for the sum of \$3,000. The money is to be used for safety equipment in the lunchroom and maintenance area. TASB representative Dell Harrington (left) presents Superintendent Lane Jackson with the check. Jackson stated that the majority of the money will go toward work boots, kitchen mats, safety glasses and back belts.

Mrs. Lois (Leach) Young was Home Economics teacher in '28. Several girls were in her class, but none of the boys. Mrs. Young is now in Meadow Creek Nursing Center in San Angelo.

After their good meal, there was time for picture taking, visiting, remembering, and laughing until "the kids" became aware that the afternoon was nearly spent. Since none of the oldsters drive after dark, it was time to get on the road in that 100°F temperature!

Everyone had enjoyed the dozen yellow rosebuds sent by Audie Peays (in memory of

some. So, after gathering roses, purses and plastic baggies with leftover fish for supper, the class members went their separate ways agreeing to meet "same place, same reason, same time - the third Saturday in June, 1999!"

Recycling is alternative

The Citizens' Recycling Collection Center and San Angelo Friends of the Environment are offering help to rural residents through various recycling programs.

A recent drought-spawned emergency ban on outdoor waste disposal more dif-

ficult for some residents, said Sharon Skrabanek, director of the recycling center.

Skrabanek pointed out that glass jars and bottles, tin or steel cans and magazines and catalogs can quickly fill burn barrels.

In addition, newspapers and feed sacks, which are often disposed of by burning, can quickly accumulate.

All of the above items can be recycled at the collection center, she said.

The center is located at 925 Knickerbocker Road. For additional information call 659-0722.

FORT CHADBOURNE DAYS

June 27, 1998

Arts & Crafts Booths

Food Booths

Saturday at the Depot in Beautiful Downtown Bronte

West Texas Rehab

Chuckwagon Barbecue

Friday evening at Bronte City Park • Tickets \$8 each.

Parade

10 am Saturday • Beginning at Bronte Nursing Home & ending at Depot.

Auction

1 pm Saturday • At the Gazebo in Downtown Bronte

Ranch Rodeo

7 pm Saturday • Bronte Rodeo Arena

Lippert and Treadaway exchange vows

Lindsay Lippert of San Angelo and Jayson Treadaway of Bronte, were married May 23, 1998, at Holy Angels Catholic Church with Deacon Ray Smith officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Trojcek of San Angelo. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Stephen Treadaway of San Angelo and Mrs. Linda Arrott of Bronte.

Maid of honor was Hayley Lippert of San Angelo, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Carren Callison of San Angelo, bride's friend from college; and Chrissie Counts of Bronte, sister of the groom. Flower girl was Afton Treadaway of San Angelo, sister of the groom.

Best man was Stanley Treadaway of San Angelo, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Keith Treadaway of San Marcos, brother of the groom; and Brad Greebon of San Angelo, friend of the groom. Ring bearer was Josh Treadaway, of San Angelo, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Gregg Greebon of Carlsbad, friend of the groom; Jatou Treadaway of San Angelo, cousin of the groom; and Jeff Vogler of Tucson, Arizona, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of San Angelo Central High School and received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Angelo State University. She is employed by Robert Lee Independent School District.



Mr. and Mrs. Jayson Treadaway

youth collection. Young adults are also finding good reading in other areas of the library. Remember there is a treat-a-week for all students and adults too, if they want a treat.

The answer to the burning question "Why do whips make a cracking sound when snapped" is that w

cream and cookies for the 4th of July at the facility. In August the CCJJCC purchases watermelon for the facility.

We continue to need your support. As the facility grows we will need more volunteers and donations.

Historic Ballinger

speed of more than 700 miles per hour when snapped, breaking the sound barrier. What you are hearing is a mini sonic boom.

Heaven's Jubilee perform at Juvenile Facility

On Saturday, June 20, 1998, the Southern Gospel Ministries group, Heaven's Jubilee, witnessed to the young girls at the Coke County Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte. The members of the group are Marcy Grun, Dwayne Grun, DeWayne Bush, Jim Bob Haley, and Jerry Beard. These young men are excellent musicians as well as vocalists.

The Coke County Juvenile Justice Community Council, which is made up of volunteers in the community, provided the afternoon of positive outreach to the young girls as well as some of the Wackenhut staff and volunteers in attendance.

The Eastern Star members in Bronte will provide ice

activities

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce recently announced they will be hosting the 9th Annual Fireworks Display and free watermelon feed at the City Lake Park, Saturday, June 27, 1998.

Barbecue burgers, chips, and soft drinks will be available for purchase with free watermelon slices being served at 8 p.m.

Fireworks begin promptly at 9:25 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the fun.

Depot Daze trade days are scheduled for the last weekend of each month through September with June 27-28 being the next trade days scheduled. Arts and crafts, flea market goods, and numerous other items will be under the trees adjacent to the railway in downtown Ballinger behind Santa Fe Depot.

You may contact the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce for additional information.

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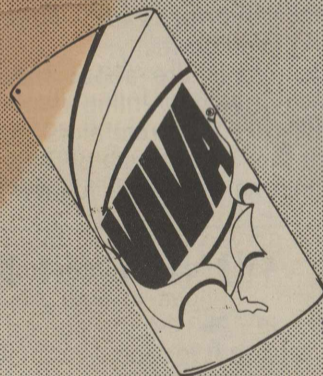
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AON ends and begins year

AON Service Club ended the year with their annual Founder's Day celebration. Many members and husbands enjoyed food and fellowship at Little Mexico Restaurant in San Angelo on June 3, 1998. Special awards were given to Girl of the Year, Denise Roberts, who served the group as president, and Program of the Year, Sheri Millican. Perfect attendance awards were presented to Linda Eaton, Denise Roberts, and Cynthia Dillard. The final event of the evening was revealing Secret Sisters. Each member guessed who their secret sister was and then was given their gift by the real one. This was a very fun and relaxing evening for everyone!

A Model Meeting was held at the home of Tammy Roe on June 15, 1998, to begin the new calendar year for the group. Four new members were welcomed. They are Robin Sparks, Robin Williams, Nita Rowley, and Janet Wallace. New officers were elected and began their duties. Leading AON will be President: Kim Phillely; Vice President: Elena Sanchez; Secretary: Nita Gaye Williams; Treasurer: Brenda Gray. The next meeting will be July 13 at the home of Denise Roberts, with Linda Eaton and Elena Sanchez serving as co-hostess. Cathy Hendry will give the program.

RLHS graduates of '49 meet

June 13 & 14 in Robert Lee. Nine members of the class were present. Tiny Hurley Whitworth came from Junction, Esther Allen Jones & Walter were here from San Angelo. Janie Higgins & John L. Bruton were here from Midland. Others present live in and around Robert Lee. They were Janet Dean Baker & Bobby, Bill & Eula Faye Smith Blair, Nelia Boykin Walker and D.J., Roy & Jennie Lee Tinkler, and Bonita Childress Copeland and Les. Dolores McCabe was present Saturday afternoon. Her late husband, Fred McCabe, Jr. was also a member of class.

Pete Petros & wife Kay were here from Bangs. Pete joined the school faculty in January of 1949. He went with the senior class as sponsor on their memorable senior trip.

The group enjoyed hamburgers cooked by Les and Bobby. Saturday evening the class visited 'til late evening. They met again at 1 pm on Sunday for lunch at the Ranchland Restaurant. There was lots of remembering and some tentative plans made for the 50 year celebration.

Preventable traffic deaths continue

Though most Texans know that seat belts save lives and despite a state law requiring their use, most Texans killed in car crashes were not buckled up.

Only about 40% of the 3,215 drivers and vehicle occupants killed on Texas roads in 1996 were buckled up, according to the Texas Department of Safety. During the first 10 months of 1997, a total of 2,408 persons were killed and of those, about 44% were buckled up. Included among the deaths over this combined 22-month period are 127 deaths of children under age 5; only about 39% of these children were restrained.

During Buckle Up Texas/Buckle Up America Week in May, Texas Governor George Bush issued a proclamation in Texas promoting the use of seat belts and child restraints as the way to save many lives and prevent injuries. "I urge all Texans to buckle up and make sure their children are properly restrained in their cars," Governor Bush said in the proclamation. "Together we can reduce injuries and save precious lives."

For seat belts and child restraints to be effective, they have to not only be used, but used properly. The latest observational studies conducted in Texas show that one out of four Texans still do not buckle up, and restraint use is even

lower. The 1997 Texas Transportation restraint-use study of 14 Texas cities showed that 74.9% of drivers and front-seat occupants were buckled up, and only 63% of children under age 5 were restrained. Incorrect usage of child restraints is very high; as many as 9 out of 10 child safety seats are not installed correctly and/or not being used correctly.

Seat belts are about 45% effective in preventing crash fatalities. Child restraints reduce the risk of death by 71% for infants and 54% for tod-

dlers. Seat belts help prevent crash fatalities by:

- Preventing ejection from the vehicle
- Contacting the body at the strongest parts of its structure (hip and shoulder bones)
- Spreading crash forces over a wide area of the body
- Allowing the body to more slowly ride down the crash

Studies also show a strong connection between parent and child restraint use. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released results from a multi-state study this year that showed restraint use for young children was over 80% when their parents were buckled up too. But when parents were not buckled up, the corresponding restraint use for their children ranged from 11 to 56%.

New national goals have been established that call for 85% nationwide restraint use by the year 2000 and 90% restraint use by 2005. Initiatives are under way to help emphasize the message that seat belts save lives and increase seat belt use in Texas, including:

- The Texas Department of Health (TDH) Safe Riders Program offers new educational materials that promote the correct use of seat belts. These full-color, bilingual posters are easy-to-understand photo guides portraying common misuses of seat belts and their corresponding corrected uses. Earlier this year, brochures and posters were developed along similar lines regarding correct use of chi-

ldren's seats. These and other educational materials may be ordered from the Safe Riders Program at 1-800-252-8255.

The Texas seat belt law is a primary law, meaning an officer can stop the vehicle and issue a citation to a violator solely because of non-restraint use. In many states, seat belt laws are secondary laws, and citations can only be issued if another infraction has occurred. For Texas violators under age 15, the driver is cited; otherwise, the violator receives the citation.



A Millican family fishing trip on June 13th netted this 40+ pound yellow cat. Shown with the big fish they caught while using goldfish as bait are (from left) Lance, Waldon, and Ashlee. They also reeled in many good channel catfish during their outing on the Colorado River.

Art show scheduled in Stamford

The Stamford Art Foundation has announced that its twenty-fifth annual Art Show and Sale will be dedicated to highly acclaimed western artist, Tom Ryan. Ryan has roots in Stamford and was instrumental in the founding of the Stamford Art Foundation

West Texas Rehabilitation Center for a quarter of a century.

This year's art preview, sale, and dinner is set for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, on the eve of the world famous Texas Cowboy Reunion. The John Selmon Memorial Gallery on the rodeo grounds houses the multi-media art exhibit which will feature the best works of thirty-two top western

artists, including Ryan. in 1974. He is a member and past president of the Cowboy Artists of America and served as Art Director for the Stamford Art Foundation's first show which has benefited the

For additional information, call Pat Clayton at West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene at (915) 793-3507.

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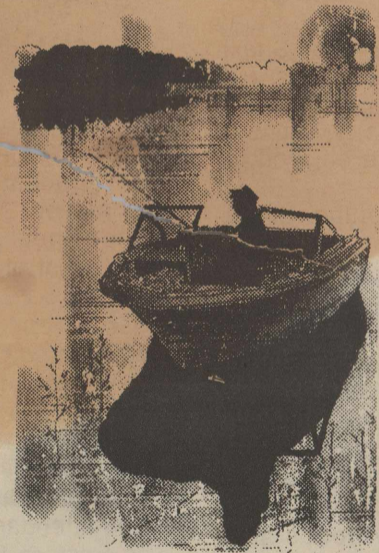
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Brunson Family holds reunion

Descendants of Dave & Bessie Brunson gathered this year at Hords Creek Park, May 30, 31 & June 1, 1998. Host & hostesses of the event were the Bobby Vaughn Family.

A great time was enjoyed by 38 relatives, 9 children & 5 visitors. Rance Brunson from Mertzon, the last remaining child of Dane & Bessie, attended with his daughter & son-in-law, Donna & Bill Daugherty, their children & grandchildren, Laurie from Dallas, Mark & Cindy Saunders, Bailey & Gus from Bronte.

Descendants of the other children of Dave & Bessie attending were Fate Brunson, children and grandchild - Felma Jayce & Arliegh King; Jim & Nancy Brunson, all of El Indio, Texas. Jim's granddaughter Shawna Brunson of Brownwood. Modena Brunson Williamson children, grandchildren & great grandchildren were: Buster Williamson, Marion Jay & Pat Williamson of Dripping Springs, Texas. Debbie & Larry Rohan, Ian & Molly from San Antonio, Texas. Ethel Brunson Cole, children & grandchildren, great grandchildren were: Ronnie and Joyce Cole of Eagle Pass, Texas, Terria Green, Nathan & Breana of Olney, Texas, Rhonda Cole, Angel & Travis of Houston, Texas. Gary & Terry Cole of Albuquerque, N.M. Sheila Cole of San Angelo, Texas. Hiedel Brunson's son, William Rance of Bronte, Texas. Edith Brunson Vaughn children,

grandchildren & great grandchildren and great great grandchildren were Bobby Joe and Marlene Vaughn, James and Janel Vaughn of Bronte, Teresa and Stacy Ogle, Shandy and Dalton of Ballinger, Texas. Jolene & Jay Henderson & Brittany Barrett of Bronte & Jonie Barrett of Aledo, Texas.

Guests attending were: Marvin & Snookie Landers of Bronte, their daughter Paula Rolls of San Angelo; Sheila Cole also had 2 guests with her from San Angelo, Texas.

Good food, lots of visiting, & reminiscing were enjoyed for 3 days.

Saturday evening horse-shoe and washer pitching contests were hot competition with encouragement from the cheering section. That night was time for some good toe-tapping music and dancing.

Sunday was the main day with business meeting and our "Auction" of homemade crafts, canned goods, and memorabilia. The auctioneer was kept busy with hotly contested bids. Each year there are outstanding crafts, needlework, furniture, crafts & delicious canned vegetables. There are always some cherished memorabilia of our ancestors that has a special desire for someone.

After the late noon meal, it was time to relax. Some went swimming & boating, others took family group pictures. While some had to gather up belongings and kids to return home for work on Monday.

Monday was the closing day for this year's reunion with good-bye's and well wishes

for everyone until next year. Many requested that we meet again at Hords Creek due to nice facilities and being centrally located to everyone. This decision will be decided by the new officers, Ronnie Cole and Felma King and Jim Brunson.

RLISD holds board meeting

The Robert Lee ISD School Board met in regular session on June 18, 1998, in the High School Library. All members were present. The following business was conducted.

- Minutes and bills were approved.
- A proposal from Ron's Plumbing was approved for natural gas line renovation.
- A proposal from Abbott Floor Company was accepted for reconditioning the gym floor.
- George Grim gave a report concerning the summer maintenance work schedule.
- Kerry and Frankie Gartman were employed for the 1998-99 school year as math teacher/coach and special education teacher respectively.
- Nita Rowley, counselor, gave a report on high school curriculum. The report was approved.
- The board voted to remain with Texas Association for School Boards for unemployment compensation insurance.
- Lunch and breakfast prices will remain the same as 1997-98.
- Spring TAAS results were distributed and discussed.
- Local update 58 of TASB

Policy Service was approved.
 • Election laws were discussed.
 • Principals and Superintendent reports were given.
 The next regular scheduled board meeting will be held July 16, 1998. The public is invited.

Honor students named at Baylor University

For the 1998 spring session at Baylor University, 1,697 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

One student for Robert Lee was named. Meagan R. Hill earned her place on the Dean's List at Baylor University.

Gardner to attend conference

Tara Gardner, a junior at Robert Lee High School, will be one of the 300 Texas delegates attending the 1998 Future Homemakers of America National Leadership Meeting, July 4-9, 1998, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Representing more than 27,000 members of the Texas Association, she will be

Supermarkets help ensure tender beef

More frequent enjoyment of tender beef, the goal of every meat-loving consumer, may be just a question of asking your grocer.

Recent research by Texas A&M University on the tenderness of seven popular retail cuts showed that five of them improved through planned aging by the supermarket. That means consumers who have had a problem with tough beef can ask supermarket meat managers to purchase only properly aged beef to ensure optimum tenderness.

"Aging refers to holding beef at refrigerated temperatures for an extended period of time," said Jeff Savell PhD, section leader of the meat science section at Texas A&M. "The process allows natural enzymatic reactions to take place that maximize the tenderness of beef. In other words, aging makes beef better."

The A&M study showed that cuts with the name round in them, ribeyes, T-bones and

steak cuts reach optimum tenderness after 12 to 14 days of aging. Aging is done either in the packing plant (dry aging) or after the cuts have been vacuum-packaged (wet aging). Either process has similar results.

Previous studies have shown that beef gets from the packer to the retail meat case in an average of 17 days. That means some beef already has proper aging. However, other beef gets to the retail case in as few as three days. That's far too early for the enzymatic reactions that induce tenderness to occur.

"A customer who has high expectations about tenderness," Savell said, "generally will need a cut that has been aged."

among approximately 4,900 delegates throughout the nation attending the four day conference.

The youth developed meeting theme, "Unmask Your Potential" will be carried out as members are encouraged to unmask the talents that lie within each of them by exploring career options, addressing their community needs, and focusing on family relations. During general sessions, youth sessions, and group events, members will be given the opportunity to learn how to unmask the potential within themselves through active involvement in FHA/HERO programs, especially the new national program, Career Connection.

Activities include STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) Events (competitive events), inspiring motivational speakers, updates on national programs, election of the 1998-99 national officers, officer training and a themed celebration of the conclusion of the meeting.



Tara Gardner

Texas members will develop a plan of action for the state and implement it when returning to school in the fall. Students will also participate in competitive events during the week, as well as, share success stories from Texas chapters. Seventy-one students from Texas will participate in the STAR Events during the week and others will share success stories from Texas chapters.

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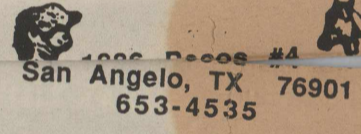
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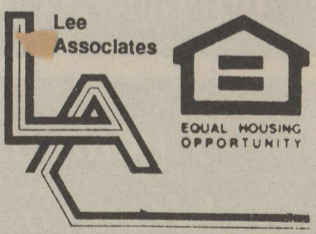
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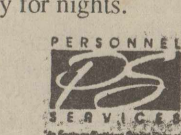


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Olivia and Matthew Basquez

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NOTICES

NOTICE

As of June 23, 1998, I will not be responsible for anyone's debts or charges other than my own.

J. F. McCabe

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NOTICE

Bronte ISD is accepting bids on disposal of school property including: 20 complete computer systems, 486SX Processors, 8 Mg RAM, 1 Mg Hard Drive. Systems complete with monitor, keyboard, and mouse.

Deadline for bids will be July 3, 1998, at 3 pm. Contact the Superintendent's office at (915) 473-2511 for more information.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RALPH MONROE ROBERTS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RALPH MONROE ROBERTS were issued on June 23, 1998, in Cause No. 1532 pending in the County Court of Coke County, Texas, to: BONNIE ROSE OWENS ROBERTS

The residence of such Executor is Coke County, Texas. The mailing address for the Executor is: BONNIE ROSE OWENS ROBERTS, C/O ARTHUR & ARTHUR, PO BOX 970, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS 76945.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED June 23, 1998.

LANE ARTHUR

Attorney for the Estate

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CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for **JOINT & CRACK SEALING** on various roads of the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm on the following date and then publicly opened and read.

July 7, 1998

6029-38-001,

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THERE WILL NOT BE A PREBID MEETING FOR THIS PROJECT.

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 Plans Rooms.

Minority owned businesses are encouraged to bid.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 0.430 km to rehabilitate bridge and approaches on FM 2059 at the Pecan Creek Bridge covered by AR 2467-1-10 in Coke County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm, July 8, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location

and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Donald Peterson, Area Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT AMENDMENT

West Texas Utilities Company, PO Box 841, Abilene, Texas 79604, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a permit amendment to Permit No. 00997 in order to revise effluent limitations for total suspended solids for Outfall

City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas. The effluent is discharged to Oak Creek Reservoir; thence to Oak Creek; thence to the Colorado River below E. V. Spence Reservoir in Segment No. 1426 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use of Oak Creek Reservoir is a presumed high aquatic life use. The designated uses for Segment No. 1426 are high aquatic life use, contact recreation, and public water supply.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

The Executive Director will issue the permit unless a written hearing request is filed with 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice. To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the applicant and the permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you would be adversely affected by the granting of the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the Chief Clerk's Office, **Mail Code 105**, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Written public comments may also be submitted to the Chief Clerk's Office during the notice period. For information concerning technical aspects of the permit, contact Stephen M. Ligon at (512) 239-4527, Wastewater

Permits Section, **Mail Code 148**, the same address. For information concerning hearing procedures or citizen participation, contact Blas Coy, Public Interest Counsel, **Mail Code 103**, the same address. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040.

Issued: June 17, 1998
Eugenia K. Brumm, Ph.D.
Chief Clerk
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Tarleton State University names A Honor Roll

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 1998 semester has been released at Tarleton State University, and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students honored during the spring semester which ended in May.

Debra A. Drennan, from Robert Lee, was named to both the A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Watering during drought conditions

For our area, water is probably the most limiting nutrient that is required for green lawns and gardens. With the drought conditions we have been experiencing lately, this is becoming more true than usual. To get your garden and lawn off to a good start this spring, there are several tips on efficient watering that need to be considered.

When watering your lawns, especially if you are using Robert Lee water, it is important to give it a deep soaking watering rather than short frequent watering with

New mohair carpet concept introduced

Floor coverings are big business and the mohair industry wants a share of this lucrative market.

Earlier this year, Mohair Council of America officials attended the annual "Surface Show" in Las Vegas to learn more about the carpet and floor coverings industry.

"We did not fully understand the carpet market, and it was an eye-opener for us," said council executive director Zane Willard. He and council president Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home visited with representatives in Las Vegas. As a result, the council contacted 45 firms making floor coverings of natural fibers to interest them in using mohair and received 10 responses.

"It takes a big investment to introduce a new carpet concept," Willard said.

The council has been working with technologist Gerald Morrison of Dalton, Georgia, who makes carpet-manufacturing equipment. His expertise, along with new interest Atelier Carpets Inc. of Atlanta, could put another type of mohair carpet into the marketplace by early 1999.

According to carpet industry officials, 10 markets in the United States sell 80% of the high-end carpet. These markets include Dallas-Houston-Austin, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., Miami, Philadelphia and Atlanta.

The council is in the process of working out an arrangement with the Atlanta firm to participate in the introduction of loop mohair carpet to the market.

"This firm has unique marketing abilities," Willard said. "They have experienced excellent growth the last several years, and we believe they have an impact."

Initially, the firm will introduce six styles of carpet in 10 colors. Samples will be supplied to interior designers in folding books that have contrasting colors and designs.

"You have to be the main attraction in order to make an impact in the marketplace," Willard said.

sprinklers. The reason for this is to leach the salt content into the soil formation and not have it collecting over time in the top of the soil profile whereby the salt accumulation could damage the grass or garden. The soil should be wet from 4-6 inches deep for effective moisture retention. Water only when the top 1-2 inches of soil becomes dry as over watering can be just as detrimental to lawns as not having enough water. This is due to water logging which can cause suffocation of the grass due to lack of oxygen in the soil.

To water your garden for a good start up, again give the soil a deep soaking by running water down the furrows instead of light frequent sprinklings which can leave the salt residue on the plants.

Fertilizer for your lawn can also be very important especially during dry conditions.

The proper rate of fertilizer to apply can only be determined precisely after a soil test has been run on your lawn. Applying more fertilizer than needed will cause a need for additional water and will cause excessive mowing. There is a new lawn fertility test that is inexpensive and can be obtained in the County Extension office at the courthouse. Fertilizing lawns should be

done in late April or early May. Hopefully we have had some rain this time, but if we are still dry, it is recommended to split the fertilizer applications into two separate times. About half of the fertilizer should be applied and watered in sufficiently and wait two weeks to a month and then apply the rest. A general rule of thumb for fertilizer is to apply 3-4 pounds of actual nitrogen for 1,000 square feet of lawn area.

For additional information on lawn care or gardens, contact the Coke County Agricultural Extension Service at 453-2461.

Social Security Board of Trustees announce Social Security solvent until 2032

Due in large measure to a growing economy, reduced unemployment and low inflation, Social Security's long-range projections have improved over the past year, the Social Security Board of Trustees reported in their 1998 annual report.

Although sustained high economic growth over the past year pushed back the depletion of the Social Security trust funds assets to 2032 rather than 2029 as forecast in last year's report, the Trustees continued to urge timely action to address long-range deficits.

"These outcomes are a direct result of the enactment of the Balanced Budget Act and the recent strong performance of the economy," Treasury Secretary Robert E.

Rubin said.

"Today's report confirms that the Social Security long-term financing problem is one of manageable proportions," Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner of Social Security, said. "Although there is no immediate financial crisis, the time to act is now in order to prevent a crisis from ever occurring."

President Clinton has called for this year to be a year of national dialogue and has asked all Americans to get involved. In December, the President will convene a bipartisan White House Conference on Social Security and begin bipartisan negotiations with congressional leaders early next year.

"The President believes that this year of public discussion is essential to shaping a Social Security program for the future that provides a foundation of protection for all Americans and inspires public confidence," Apfel said.

The Trustees reported that income from payroll taxes will become insufficient to meet all Social Security obligation in 2013, a year later than forecast in last year's report. At that time it will be necessary to

begin using interest income to the trust funds. Beginning in 2021, it will be necessary to redeem trust fund assets to pay benefits until 2032 when the trust fund reserves will be exhausted and income going into the trust funds will provide money to pay only three-fourths of benefits. Over the 75 year long-range forecast, the Trustees predicted the shortfall to be 2.19% of taxable payroll rather than 2.23% as estimated last year.

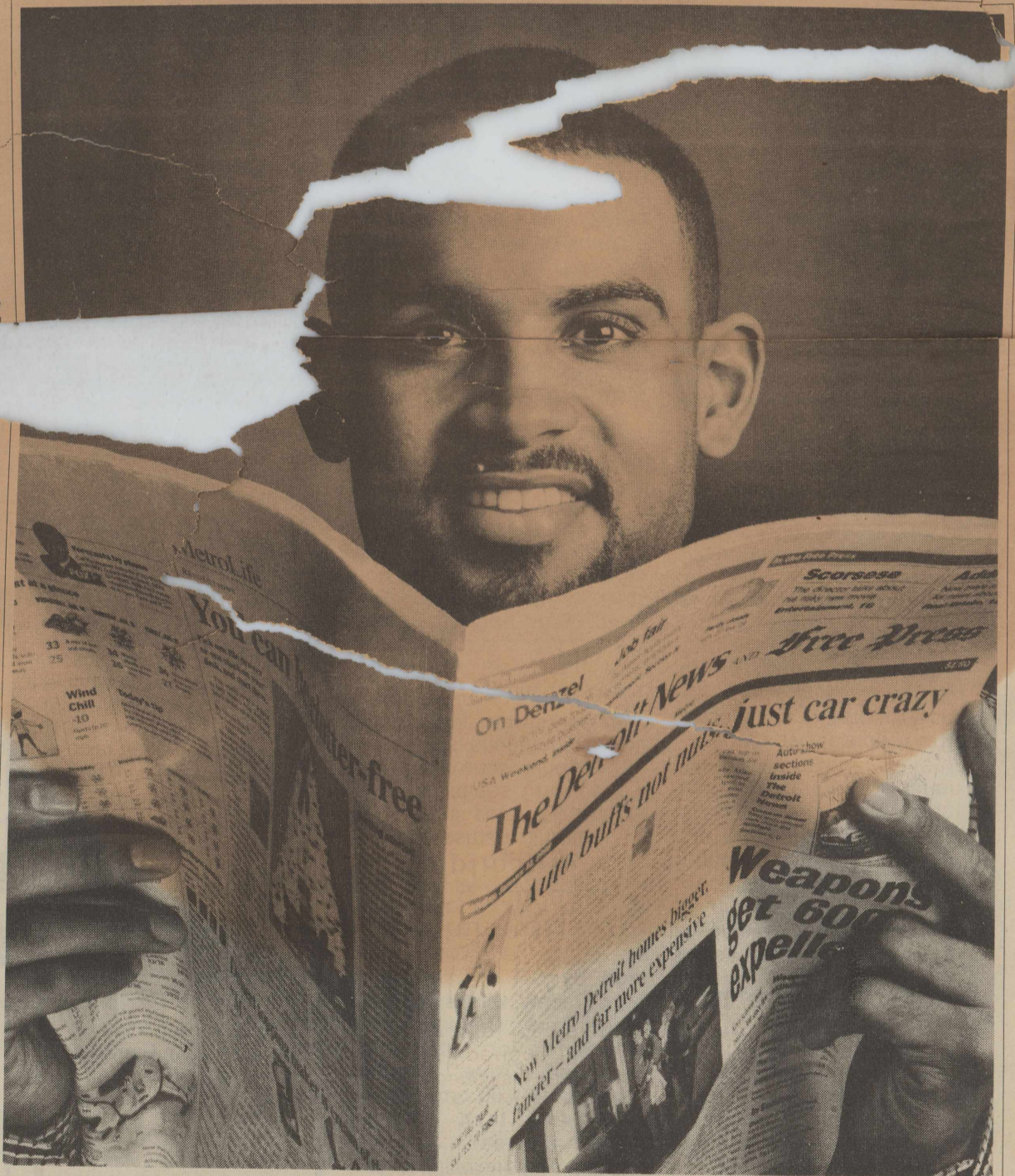
"The health of both the Social Security and Medicare trust funds is important for the millions of Americans who depend on benefits. The longer solvency period is due primarily to legislative changes.

Stenholm seeking academy applicants

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is currently accepting applications from young men and women who are interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 22nd birthday, by July 1, 1999, and must have graduated from high school by that date. Competitive applicants will be in the top 15% of their class and have SAT scores about 550 Verbal and 600 Math, or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math. Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, the Military Academy at West Point, NY, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY and who wish to serve as a commissioned officer are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in Congressman Stenholm's Washington office. Any individuals wishing additional information should call (202) 225-8119 or write to 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.



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Grant Hill, basketball player

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