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Two escape from Wackenhut

Two men escaped from the Wackenhut Coke County Juvenile Justice Center at approximately 9:30 pm Friday, March 26, 1999. The two adult males were nearing the end of their sentences, but were still under the supervision of the Texas Youth Commission when they went over the fence surrounding the compound.

The two men split up after the escape. One inmate was taken into custody at 10:59 pm by Coke County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Sailer near the creek behind the prison. The other headed into Bronte and stole a 1989 Ford Taurus from a home on Southwest Railroad Street. He was apprehended in Eastland County a little after midnight.

Coke County Sheriff Rick Styles coordinated the operation and Texas Department of Corrections assisted in the search by bringing in dogs.

Rabies Clinic Rescheduled

The 4-H Rabies Clinic has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 10, from 2 to 4 pm. It will be held at the county show barn. All pets 4 months of age or older should be vaccinated. A veterinarian will be in charge of the vaccinations

According to Coke County Deputy Sheriff Marshall Millican, the escapes are still under investigation by the Sheriff's Department and Wackenhut administration. However, at this time everything at the prison is secure.

Benefit roping slated

A team roping, sponsored by the Bronte High School Junior Class and benefiting both the Juniors and the Heather Lee Medical Fund, is slated for Saturday, April 3, 1999

The one-day roping will be held at the Coke County Arena in Bronte with books opening at 9 am and the roping beginning at 10 am.

The High Money Winner of the day will receive a deluxe, loaded 2-horse Trail Magic Trailer (retail \$4,750). With this as the main prize to shoot for, excellent ropers from all over this area will be in attendance.

There will be a large concession stand full of homemade food available.

At 2 pm, there will be Kids Boot Scramble. Winners in each of the divisions (5 & Unders - 6 to 11 years) will receive buckles.

For more information, call (915) 473-7009.



The Bronte High School Junior Class, along with BHS Principal Rick Howell and Class Sponsor Coach Lloyd, are shown with awards for the Easter Extravaganza Team Roping slated for Saturday, April 3rd, at the Coke County Arena in Bronte. The class is sponsoring the roping to benefit Heather Lee's Medical Fund and their class treasury. Awards to be presented at the roping include a deluxe two-horse trailer, two saddles, and 5 buckles.

Daniel to speak on Mount Margaret

Rev. Jimmy Daniel, Baptist Student Ministries Director at Angelo State University, will speak at the annual Sunrise Service on Mount Margaret at 7:20 am. Greg Anderson, a student at Angelo State, will direct the music with his guitar. He will be assisted by several other students.

At 7:20 am there will also be another service at Tennyson Baptist Church for those who do not climb the mountain. It will be led by Rev. Bryan Ross, pastor of the church. The music will be led by Bob Wilcox, music director of the Tennyson church. The service on the mountain has been going on for the past 67 years because of the great view of the sunrise. A free breakfast will be served at the church at 8:00 am for people who attend either of the services.

WCCCD plans Year 2000 meeting

The West Coke County Community Development will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 5 pm at the Courthouse. The program will be on the Year 2000. A representative from Robert Lee State Bank will present the program discussing issues regarding the Year 2000 date change.

The Year 2000 date change

store dates as two-digits instead of four-digit numbers. For example, the year 1982 is "82," which was fine until the year 2000 when "03" will be read as 1903 instead of 2003.

Two short videos will be shown and discussed. One covers consumers and what banks are doing to get ready. The other is very informative for businesses and how the Year 2000 date change can affect their business in relation to their suppliers, ac



One Hundred and Fifty younsters had a ball at the Coke County Easter Egg Hunt held at the Courthouse Tuesday, March 30. Businesses and individuals donated money or prizes for the 24 prize. eggs that were mixed in with hundreds of other house in Robert Lee will be eggs on the Courthouse lawn. Pictured above are closed on Good Friday, April some of the pre-school Easter Egg hunters on hand Tuesday.

There will be a 11:00 am service, but Sunday School will not be held.

Courthouse to be closed for holiday The Coke County Court-2, in observance of the Easter holiday.

can affect computer systems including software or computer chips. Many software programs and computer chips

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counts receivable, etc.

The public and especially local business owners are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

Don't forget to **Spring Forward!** Daylight Savings Time will begin in Texas and across the nation this Sunday, April 4, at 2:00 am. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour. It is also a good reminder to change the batteries in your' smoke detectors at this time. It could save your life.

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Death Notices

Sanders

Graveside services for Jimmy Dale Sanders, 41, of Lamesa, TX were held at 2 pm on Monday, March 29, 1999, with Rev. Clifton Igo, Pastor Emeritus of Second Baptist Church presiding. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Mr. Sanders died Thursday, March 25, 1999 at Covenant Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife Kim Sanders, Lamesa; parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ray Sanders, Lubbock; daughter Miranda Sanders of Lamesa; son Ryan Sanders of Lamesa; sister Linda Stalter of Shallowater; and six brothers, Jerry Sanders of Colorado; Terry Sanders, Dennis Sanders, Mike Sanders, and Gregg Sanders, all of Lubbock; and Robert Sanders of Robert Lee.

Lions Club paints nursing home

Eight members of the Bronte Evening Lions Club spent Saturday, March 20th painting several rooms at the Bronte Nursing Home. Those volunteers included Royce Fancher, Charles Sonnenberg, Gerald Sandusky, Bobby Duncan, Bob Ragsdale, Pete Percifull, Elton Moore, and R. T. Caperton.

Their services were appreciated by the residents and staff.

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- Upcoming -**Bryan's Barn Easter Display**

Bryan's Barn has a special Easter display now through the week after Easter. The "Empty Cross" lights glow to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Viewing hours are from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm each evening.

Gospel Singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, April 4th, from 2 to 4 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

County Court releases disposition

The Coke County Court has released the following case disposition as of March 25, 1999.

State of Texas vs. Bart Enlow Shipman, driving while intoxicated 1st, \$500 fine, court costs \$209.25, 10 days jail, probated 12 months, DWI school.

Welcome rain falls in

Coke County

All parts of Coke County received desperately needed rainfall last Saturday thanks to a slow moving area of low pressure. Reports ranged from 1" to almost 1 1/2".

Bronte Nursina Home to have **CNA** classes

The Bronte Nursing Home would like to announce CNA classes that will begin April 12. They will consist of 75 hours of training in a 12-15 day course. These classes will be available at no cost to chosen mature individuals who demonstrate an interest in providing care to the elderly and disabled.

Applicants must commit to attending all classes in order to receive their certification. After completion of 16 hours of classroom training, students will be given the opportunity to work in the facility performing skills they have mastered in class. They will be paid for time worked on the floor. Employment opportunities will be offered to the graduates based on staffing needs.

Anyone interested in attending these classes will need to contact Bronte Nursing Home. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Vonda Moore or Pat Thralls RN, DON, at 473-3621, between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Bronte City-Wide Garage Sale

Don't forget the city-wide garage sale in Bronte on May 1st. Sign up at City Hall by April 23rd. Suggested time for your sale is 8-4. Maps will be available on the day of the sale at the bank parking lot. This is being sponsored by the Bronte Chamber of Commerce.

RL Closings

City Hall at Robert Lee will be closed on good Friday, April 2. The City Landfill will also be closed this Saturday, April 3.

Fort Chadbourne announces plans to construct museum/visitors center

Upcoming

The Fort Chadbourne Foundation recently announced a 3.9 million-dollar plan to construct a museum/visitors center at Fort Chadbourne. The fort is a national historic site and a stop on the Texas Forts Trail. It is owned by Garland and Lana Richards and is located eleven miles north of Bronte on US Hwy 277.

The Richards established a non-profit charitable foundation to protect and revitalize the fort. In addition to constructing a museum/visitors center, the foundation plans to stabilize the existing ruins, restore portions of the fort and offer the fort as an educational resource through colleges, universities, and other schools. The foundation will provide scholarships and endowments for education purposes.

CCJJCC to meet

On Monday, April 5th at 6 pm at the Bronte City Hall, the **CCJJCC Advisory Council will** meet. This group coordinates the monthly birthday recognition for the young boys at the Correctional Facility. Volunteers in the community provide cupcakes on the 3rd Friday to honor those having a birthday that month. Those who have provided refreshments for the last three months were: Janet Hurley, Eula Verne Lee, Edith Rolls, Ettie Hubbard, Stover Taylor, Joyce Wilcox and Mary Percifull. We are in the process of recruiting a new group for the next three months. If you would like to volunteer your services, contact Janet Hurley or Mary Percifull. Since Wack-

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\$9,950

\$11,500

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enhut now houses 200 young men, we are in need of more volunteers. Our group will also be looking at other options on ways that those of us in the community might make a difference in their lives.

RL Spring Clean-Up

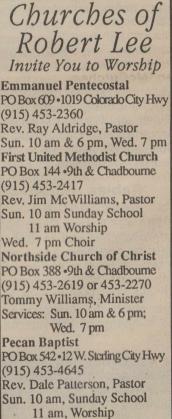
The Spring Clean-Up campaign for Robert Lee is underway. Sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trashaway Services, the clean-up effort will allow residents a chance to get rid of clutter around their homes and businesses.

Tuesday route will receive free curb side pickup on Saturday, April 10. Friday route will receive service on Saturday, April 24. Trucks will begin at 7 am.

All residents are asked to be available to assist loading items over 50 pounds. NO trailer loads, NO household trash, tires, batteries, or chemicals will be accepted.

FSA has new office hours

The FSA State Committee has established new office hours. Beginning April 11, 1999, the office will be open to the public from 8 am to 4:30 pm.



Southside Church of Christ PO Box 698 •8th & Houston (915) 453-2176 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher Sun. 10 am, Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Worship Victory Assembly of God PO Box 638 •6th & Houston (915) 453-2208 Rev. Loyd Thurman, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 11 am & 6 pm Worship Wed. 7 pm, Worship **Robert Lee Baptist Church** PO Box 493 •22 W. 11th (915) 453-2724 Rev. Garry Bivins, Pastor Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School 11 am & 7 pm, Worship Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting Our Lady of Guadalupe **Catholic Church** 601 W. 10th (915) 365-2687 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor Sat. 6 pm



Sponsored by: **City of Robert Lee & Trashaway Services**

A MANANA MANANA **FREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP**

Tuesday Route - 7:00 am Saturday - April 10 Friday Route - 7:00 am Saturday - April 24

*Please provide assistance loading any item over 50 pounds.

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Thomas, Petit engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Thomas announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura LeeAnn, to Joe Mac Petit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Petit of Seymour, Texas.

The bride-elect graduated from Bronte High School in 1995. She will graduate from Texas Tech in May of 1999 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and plans to teach secondary mathematics.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Sey-mour High School in 1991. He is employed by the Cowan Ranch in Seymour, Texas.

A July 17th wedding is planned at the Sylvester United Methodist Church in Sylvester, Texas.

RLVFD Memorials and **Donations**

The following are recent memorials and donations to the Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department.

Mary Preston

Jack and Nina Brewer Jesse English

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Copeland, Joyce Roach, George and Thelma Lomas, **Ruth Beal**

Bernice Mathers

Marilyn and Joe White **Thelma Preston**

Louise Walker, Mike and Fran Lomas, Joyce Roach, George and Thelma Lomas **Bob** Sorrels

Mike and Fran Lomas

Jim Rogers

Fred and Mary Williams Mac McCutchen

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George and Thelma Lomas **Dean Royall**

Skinner's Grocery and Station

Mary Ivey



Laura Thomas and Joe Mac Petit

and Lynn Holbrooks, Marshall and Sheri Millican, Jimmie and Frances Dunn, Joan Burns, and those who have donated through their water bills.

VA Town Hall meeting planned for Abilene

Jerry G. McRae, Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Waco, will hold a town hall meeting in Abilene on Monday, April 5, at the Sears Recreational Center at 2250 Ambler, beginning at 6:00 pm

The Waco Regional Office handles VA benefits claims for the northern half of Texas. The purpose of the town hall meeting is to provide an opportunity for Mr. McRae to meet with area veterans, share information, and hear their concerns pertaining to benefits and services. The meeting will include a question and answer period, as well as an update on Department of Veterans Affairs programs.

For more information, contact the Taylor County Veterans Service Office at (915) 674-1328.

DHS spends over \$1.5 million in **Coke County**

The state spent a total of \$1,654,226 last year for major welfare programs in Coke County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$141,794 were issued for the fiscal year which ended Au-gust 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$19,318. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-clients and issue the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$1,245,306 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$175,459 for Medicaid related services and \$72,349 for non-Medicaid related services." Ms. Evans said.



Dean Percifull and family, Jim and Lois Dunklin, Bobby and Joyce Walker, Jackie Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sparks Vera Jameson Amanda and Carroll Wilkes **Speedy Brasuell Bill Holubec Bill Higgins** Maurice and Elna Duncan **Donations**

Opal Short, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jackson, Robert Lee/Silver Lions Club, San Angelo Feed Yard, D-Bar Ranch & Livestock Ltd., J. R. Bolden, Rayburn and Anna Brazzel, James and Gladys Middleton, Bobby and Joyce Walker, Weldon and Virginia Fikes, Jim and Cathy Waltz, Gaylon and Debbie Childers, John and Iris Roberts, Ira and Maedell Welch, Wayne Cason, Life Barnard, M.D., Arby

THE KIDS OF COKE COU Say Thanks to Coke County **Businesses & Organizations.** You provided us with an Easter Egg Hunt that we will not soon forget. You make growing up in a rural county wonderful.

Silver/Robert Lee Lions Club • West Coke County **Community Development • Courthouse & Robert Lee City** Hall Employees • Ranchland • Bessent Chevrolet Molly B's • West Texas Utilities • Gideon's Robert Lee State Bank • Super H • Mountain Creek Lodge Ivey Motor • Key Feed • Ace Hardware Dan's Grocery • Cracker Barrel First National Bank in Bronte • El Ranchero



Steers take top spot at Sterling City

The Robert Lee Steers and Lady Steers participated in the Sterling City Track Meet on March 26, with the Steers winning the meet with 164 total points. Individual results are as follows:

Lady Steers 400 Relay - 3rd. D. Simpson, S. Wojtek, K. Matthews, D. Dickey, 54.58.

100 High Hurdles - 3rd. K. Osborn, 18.7.

400 Meter Dash - 4th. D. Dickey, 1:05.82.

200 Meter Dash - 4th. D. Simpson, 28.4.

Mile Relay - 5th. S. Wojtek, D. Simpson, J. Helwig, D. Dickey, 3:35.

800 Relay - 5th. K. Matthews, W. Millican, K. Osborn, S. Wojtek, 2:01.54.

Shot Put - 3rd. B. Sparks, 30'10 3/4"; 4th. L. Bohannon, 29' 10".

Discus - 3rd. W. Millican, 93'; 5th. B. Sparks, 85'

Long Jump - 3rd. D. Simpson, 15' 1/4"; 4th. J. Helwig, 14' 5 1/2"

Triple Jump - 3rd. D. Simpson, 31'11"; 4th. J. Helwig, 30'7". Steers

400 Relay - 4th. D. Cates, C. Rainwater, B. Bessent, R. Schultz, 46.07.

100 High Hurdles - 3rd. D. McCown, 16:23.

400 Meter Dash - 6th. C. Rainwater, 56.27. 300 Int. Hurdles - 2nd. D. Mc-Cown, 41.96. 200 Meter Dash - 6th. R. Schultz, 24.99.

3200 Meter Run - 1st. J. Gallegos, 10:51.35; 2nd. J. Wink, 11:23.

800 Meter Run - 5th. C. Eu-



Breakfast Monday, April 5 Holiday! Tuesday, April 6 Orange Juice, Blueberry Pancake w/Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk Wednesday, April 7 Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk Thursday, April 8 Orange Juice, Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly Friday, April 9 Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Milk Lunch Monday, April 5 Holiday! Tuesday, April 6 Pizza, Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk Wednesday, April 7 Chicken Fried Steak w/gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Peaches, Milk Thursday, April 8 Oven Fried Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, White Bread, Gingerbread, Milk Friday, April 9 Hamburgers, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Ice Cream, Milk

banks, 2:23.0. 1600 Meter Run - 1st. J. Gallegos, 5:03.03; 2nd. J. Wink,

5:12.61. Mile Relay - 5th. A. McCabe, B. Bessent, R. Schultz, C. Rainwater, 3:46.47. Shot Put - 1st. J. Edging, 55'5"; 6th. J. Kendall, 39'2". Discus - 1st. J. Edging, 156'1"; 2nd. J. Kendall, 132'; 5th. B. Boxell, 107'

High Jump - 1st. D. McCown, 6'; 3rd. A. McCabe, 5'8".

Long Jump - 3rd. D. McCown, 20'10"; 4th. A. McCabe, 19'1 1/2"

Triple Jump - 1st. D. McCown, 42'3"

Pole Vault - 1st. T. Bell, 12'6"; 2nd. D. Brothers, 11'; 3rd. C. Bohannon, 11'.

RL Junior High Boys take field events

at Bronte

The Robert Lee 7th and 8th grade boys both took wins at the rain-shortened Shorthorn Relays at Bronte on March 27. The 8th grade boys had a total of 73 points for their win, while the 7th grade boys totaled 58 points (totals were calculated after the field events, as the track events were cancelled due to rain). Individual statistics were as follows:

A Boys

Pole Vault - 1st. Pitcock, 8'6"; 2nd. Lott, 8'6", 3rd. Millican, 8'0".

Discus - 3rd. Riley, 111'5". Shot Put - 2nd. Riley, 35'1 1/2"; 4th. Edging, 32'11". Triple Jump - 3rd. Gallegos, 32'7 1/2"; 5th. Williams, 29'5 3/4"; 6th. Pitcock, 29'4 3/4". Long Jump - 3rd. Lott, 15'6";

5th. Gallegos, 14'8 1/4".

High Jump - 1st. Millican, 5'4"; 4th. Pitcock, 4'10". **B** Boys

Pole Vault - 1st. Taylor, 6'10". Discus - Eubanks, 78'3". Shot Put - Eubanks, 30'3 1/2"

Triple Jump - 1st. Abalos, 29'11 1/2"; 3rd. Taylor, 27'1". Long Jump - 2nd. Taylor, 13'2 1/2"; 5th. Arellano, 11'10".

High Jump - 1st. Abalos, 4'2". A Girls Discus - 4th. Brothers, 57'11"; 5th. Kendall, 54'5".

Shot Put - 4th. Brothers, 20'8".

Triple Jump - 1st. Brothers, 27'10"; 3rd. Soliz, 26'9"; 4th. Matthews, 26'8 1/2

Long Jump - 2nd. Soliz, 12'9 3/4"; 3rd. Middleton, 12'7 1/4"

High Jump - 4th. Soliz, 4'4"; 6th. Wallace, 4'0".

Helwig, Kendall named to THSCA **All-State Team**

Congratulations to Chad Helwig and Justin Kendall on being selected to the Texas High School Coaches' Association All-State Football Team.

This is truly a great achievement as well as an honor for you and your family, as well as your team, school, and community. Coach Poehls and the rest of the coaching staff would like to say Congratulations again on a job well done.

You are the type of student-athletes that we are looking for in our athletic programs at RLHS. Keep up the good work, Chad and Justin.

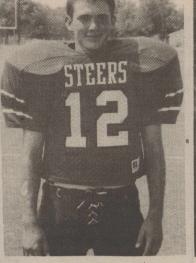
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Chad Helwig

District UIL Academic Meet participants told

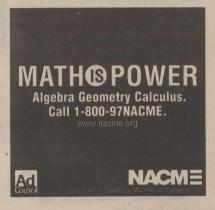
The Robert Lee UIL Academic Team attended the District UIL Meet in Eden on Saturday, March 27, 1999. The members who attended were: GiGi Barnett - Poetry; Nicky Service - Current Events; Christian de los Santos - 10th place, Science; Dan McCown - 1st place, Computer Applications; Justin 'Francis - 4th place, Computer Applications; Bobbie Sparks - 4th place, Number Sense and 9th place, Calculator Applications; Daniel Cates - 1st place, Spelling; Adam Cates - 12th place, Spelling; Mary Arellano - 13th place, Spelling (this group was second as a team in District Spelling); Adam Cates -7th place, Current Events; Mary Arellano - 2nd place, Number Sense; Jodee Helwig - (3rd in her, first round),



Justin Kendall

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The sponsors attending were Mrs. Winnie McPeek, Mrs. Beth Heard, Mr. Jerry Horn, and Mrs. Patricia Ballew. We are very proud of our students for their hard work and efforts. The students who will be advancing to the Regional UIL Meet on April 24th are Dan McCown, Daniel Cates, and Mary Arellano.







Closed Monday BREAKFAST BUFFET • Saturday • 8 am GOOD FRIDAY BUFFET Catfish **GOOD FRIDAY DINNER Trout Dinner or Ribeye Steak** EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET Fried Chicken & Ham **EASTER DINNER** Featuring Prime Rib & Baked Fish We appreciate the privilege to serve you, 500 Commerce • Robert Lee 453-2687

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Expel social promotion from Texas classrooms

by Robert Howden (Executive director of the National Federation of Independent Business/Texas, representing 32,000 small-business owners across the state.)

Imagine having your bookkeeper come to you to say she can't add up the books and you later learn she doesn't know how to total numbers on a calculator. Then your assistant wants to alphabetize your files...but by first names. This isn't a script from a bad comedy; it's real life for small business owners across Texas.

Texas employers are encountering a workforce that has breezed through a school system that passes students on to the next grade because it doesn't want to deal with the consequences of failure. Unfortunately, this has become part of our everyday psyche. We've even named the problem...social promotion. Now we are seeing the signs of a generation that can't perform the simplest of tasks after graduation.

However, there is some glimmer of hope in Austin as Gov. George W. Bush fulfills a promise he made to Texans during the past election. Gov. Bush recently unveiled his strategy for attacking social promotion while he visited an elementary school in Del Valle. He outlined a plan that would act as an early warning device to help students at an age when it's most effective.

The Bush program sets a standard of requiring students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills in third, fifth and eighth grades before they are promoted. Third graders would have to pass the TAAS reading test; fifth-graders, reading and math; eighth-graders, reading, writing and math. Students would get three tries, coupled with, remedial courses. An appeals process would also be established to allow a student to be promoted despite failing the TAAS three times - if the parent, teacher and principal agreed.

Fortunately, the Governor's plan has caught the attention of lawmakers in Austin. In fact, the state Senate recently unanimously passed a bill that incorporates most of the Bush plan. It also includes a clause that holds schools who promote students despite TAAS failure, accountable through the statewide system used to assess school performances. The bill now goes to the House.

The Texas Federation of Teachers recently found that 150,000 Texas students are promoted every year without passing their courses. That is a startling figure that has sure to have changed for the worse since the group conducted the research. Unfortunately, businesses have to adjust to these statistics by paying with time and money to retrain employees.

In a November 1998 survey of the 32,000 Texas small business owners who are members of the National Federation of Independent Business found that finding qualified workers ranked at the top of their list of barriers that block small business growth. In fact, nearly a third say the Legislature should act to ensure our state's long-term economic competitiveness.

That's exactly what Wanda Rhom, owner of Presto Printing in San Antonio, would like to see happen. As a former schoolteacher and now a small business owner, Wanda has uniquely experienced social promotion. She not only fears for the welfare of our children, but the fortitude of small businesses in adapting to a workforce tainted by social promotion. She believes the time and expense used to ignore the program could hinder further economic growth.

Gov. Bush is to be congratulated for championing this cause and recognizing its significance to the future of Texas. The Bush plan is not going to be an overnight cure-all, but it certainly gets the paperwork moving on the expulsion of social promotion from Texas classrooms.

Helwig named to receive Carr Scholarship

Chad Helwig of Robert Lee High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1999-2000.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 1999-2000, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries, are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent on their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$6,000 to \$24,000.

RL School Board meets in

regular session

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 23, 1999 at 6:30 pm in the high school library. Lonnie Bloodworth, trustee, was absent. The following business was conducted:

*Minutes of previous meetings were approved.

Monthly bills were paid.

*The district's participation in the National Take Our Daughter to Work program was approved, and the date set was June 10, 1999.

*New textbook adoptions for 1999-2000 was accepted.

*Votes were cast by individual members for the Education Service Center Region XV Board of Directors.

*The recommendations of Texas Association of School



Angela Dixie Puthoff (center), granddaughter of Sloan and Nela Mae Boone, is transferring her real estate office to Robert Lee. The grand opening is set for sometime in April and will be held at the Boone Estate in Robert Lee.

Boards policy review seminar were accepted and adopted.

*New construction was postponed, and funds were redirected to resolve the loss of revenue due to oil valuation loss.

*Motion to retain Ed Poehls as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach failed as result of a 3-3 vote.

*A revised list of certified personnel was accepted for employment for 1999-2000.

*Contract for Steve Osborn was extended, 5-1 for the 1999-2000 school year.

*The 1998-99 budget was amended.

*Principals and Superintendent gave their monthly reports.

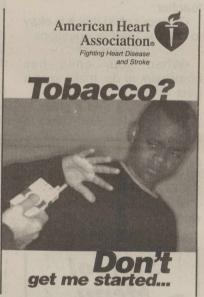
The next regular board meeting will be April 15, 1999. **RLISD Board meets**

in special session The Robert Lee ISD Board

of Trustees met in a special meeting on March 9, 1999. All members were present except Lonnie Bloodworth. The following business was conducted: *Eula Faye Blair was appointed election judge for the May 1 trustee election.

*Mrs. Blair will also serve as election judge to count early voting ballots for the May 1 election.

*Mr. Hood presented concerns over the financial situation of RLISD. He presented several options to consider for the 1999-2000 budget.





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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

How parents can help their children learn

When a test is to be given, parents can help by making sure their child:

 Gets plenty of sleep the night before the test.

•Has breakfast on the morning of the test.

·Goes to school on the day of the tests; and

•Knows you think he/she will do well on the test.

There are other things you can do to help your child learn at home.

in general

•Be interested. Ask what happened today in school.

 Ask to see your child's school papers.

•Talk with and listen to your child. Ask each other questions and share experiences.

·Visit stores, museums, festivals, etc., with your child and talk about them.

·Go to parent-teacher conferences.

·If you think a good education is important, let your child know that.

•Get to know your child's teacher.

 Tell your child that it is okay to ask the teacher questions. Homework

•When your child has homework to do, make sure it gets done.

•Plan a time and a place in your home for your child to study.

•Have your child sit at a table or desk with good light when he/she studies, not in front of the television.

·If your child never brings work home, find out why. Books



Breakfast Monday, April 5 Holiday! Tuesday, April 6 Cereal, Mixed Fruit, Teddy Grahams, Milk Wednesday, April 7 Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk Thursday, April 8 Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk Friday, April 9 French Toast Sticks, Sliced Pears, Pop Tart, Milk Lunch Monday, April 5 Holiday! Tuesday, April 6 Pizza, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Brownies, Milk Wednesday, April 7 Tacos w/cheese, Lettuce and Tomato, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Taco Shells, Jello, Milk Thursday, April 8 Chicken O's w/gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk Friday, April 9 Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, French Fries, Mixed Fruit, Bun, Ice Cream Cups, Milk

•Encourage your child to bring books home from school to read.

•Take your child to the public library.

•Ask your child to read aloud to you.

Television

.Know how long your child watches television. Don't be afraid to turn the set off sometimes!

.Know what your child watches on television. Discuss the programs together. (What was the show about? What are the characters' names? What happened first? How did the show end? What might have happened instead? Could it happen in real life?, etc.)

 Make dinner time a time to talk by not watching television.

Bronte Tennis

On Tuesday, March 30, Bronte High School played Miles in a tennis match. The results follow.

Boys Singles - Blackwell (Miles) defeated A. Blair Bronte) 6-1; N. Casares (Bronte) defeated Day (Miles) 6-5.

Girls Singles - Y. Bedell (Bronte) defeated McCartny (Miles) 6-0; Y. Bedell (Bronte) defeated Castilo (Miles) 6-0.

Boys Doubles - N. Glass/Blackwell (Miles) defeated H. White/Z. Speary (Bronte) 6-0; A. Gibbs/L. De-LaGarza (Bronte) defeated Dixon/K. Glass (Miles) 6-4; N. Glass/Blackwell (Miles) defeated A. Gibbs/L. DeLaGarza (Bronte) 6-1; A. Blair/N. Casares (Bronte) defeated Day/K. Glass (Miles) 6-3; A. Blair/N.Casares (Bronte) defeated Day/Dixon (Miles) 6-2.

Girls Doubles - Book/ Houston (Miles) defeated C. Israel/T. Riordon (Bronte) 6-1; E. Marrs/L. Schoenfield (Bronte) defeated Bastilo/ McCartny (Miles) 6-1; Book/Houston (Miles) defeated C. Israel/T. Riordon (Bronte) 6-1; L. Schoenfield/E. Marrs (Bronte) defeated Houston/Waldon (Miles) 7-5; Y. Bedell/E. Marrs (Bronte) defeated Castilo/ McCartny (Miles) 6-0.

Bronte Longhorn Track results

The Bronte Longhorns placed 3rd in the Sterling City Relays with 78 points. Following is how they placed in their events:

Shot Put - 3rd, Blake Mc-Kee, 45'9".

Discus - 4th, Blake McKee, 119'

Triple Jump - 4th, Jerrod McClure, 38'5"; 5th, Josh Schoenfield, 38'4 1/2"

High Jump - 2nd, Dustin Holland, 5'10"; 6th, Ryan Mc-Corkle, 5'6".

- 110 Hurdles 2nd, Dustin Holland, 16.10.
- 100 m. Dash 1st, Jerrod McClure, 11.60.

400 m. - 2nd, Josh Schoenfield, 55.4.

300 m. Hurdles - 6th, Steve Eldred, 45.51.

200 m. - 1st, Jerrod Mc-Clure, 23.4.

1600 m. Relay - 2nd, Wes Howell, Dustin Holland, Josh Schoenfield, Jerrod McClure, 3:38.

Bronte participates in **District UIL**

A group of Bronte students traveled to Eden Saturday, March 27, for the District 10-A UIL Academic Contest. Schools that participated in the contests were Bronte, Christoval, Cross Plains, Eden, Evant, Lometa, Menard, Miles, Robert Lee and Santa Anna.

The following Bronte students participated: Yvette Bedell - Ready Writing, Science; Anthony Flores -Current Events, Science; Christine Galvan - Headline Writing; Erin Marrs - Prose, Science; Amy Morgan -Spelling, Headline Writing; Elizabeth Morgan - Calculator, Math, Science; Brandon Poehls - Current Events, Science; Jade Richards - Number Sense, Science; and Cara Sefcik - Ready Writing, Math.

Students that placed high enough to advance to the Regional UIL Academic Contest in Abilene on April 23 and 24 are: Yvette Bedell - 1st, Ready Writing; Jade Richards - 3rd, Number, Sense; 1st, Science Over-All; Top Biol-ogy; and Top Physics. The Science Team, consisting of Jade Richards, Erin Marrs, Anthony Flores, and Elizabeth Morgan - Alt., tied for 1st place with Lometa.

Amy Morgan placed ninth in Spelling/Vocabulary and Eliz-



Bronte High School students participating at the District UIL Academic Meet in Eden Saturday, March 27, include (back row, from left) Yvette Bedell, Elizabeth Morgan, Amy Morgan, Anthony Flores, Brandon Poehls, Jade Richards, (middle row, from left) Christine Galvan, Erin Marrs, and Cara Sefcik. Mrs. Taylor (front) served as sponsor for the students.

All of the students performed well in their events even though they did not advance to Regional.

Bronte Shorthorn Track results

The Bronte Shorthorn Relays were limited to field events as the running events were canceled due to the weather.

The B division scored 52 points. Following is how they placed in their events:

Shot Put - 3rd, Josh Eubanks, 28'1"; 5th, Casey Mc-Kee, 24'8".

Discus - 4th, Josh Eubanks, 75'2"; 6th, Casey McKee, 62'5"

Triple Jump - 2nd, Garrett Fiveash, 28'; 4th, B.J. Hall, 26'3 1/2"; 5th, Chase Williams, 24'4 1/2"

Long Jump - 1st, Garrett Fiveash, 13'10 1/2"; 3rd, B.J. Hall, 12'4".

High Jump - 2nd, Tyson Baker, 4'2"; 6th, DJ Brittain, 3'10".

The A division scored 39 points. Their events and place are as follows:

Shot Put - 5th, James Graves, 29'1".

Discus - 2nd, Charley Bettis, 112'10"; 5th, Michael John-

son, 105'4".

Triple Jump - 1st, James Graves, 33'1 1/4"; 4th, Charley Bettis, 31'2".

Long Jump - 4th, James Graves, 15'1 1/2".

Moving Wall set for display at Early

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Early Chamber of Commerce, would like to announce a unique opportunity in Brown County. The Moving Wall, a 60% replica of the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall in Washington, DC, will be on display at Eastlawn Memorial Park in Early, Texas from March 30 through April 5. The replica stands approximately six feet tall and two hundred sixty-five feet in length. The Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall was built in honr of the 58,000 Americans who lost their lives in Vietnam.

The display is free of charge and open to the public twenty-four hours a day. Materials will be available at no cost to make rubbing of names, and volunteers will be available to assist in finding specific names. For more information contact the Early Chamber of Commerce at 800-646-8161.

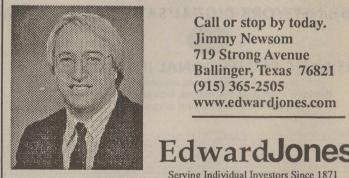


abeth Morgan placed seventh in Calculator, missing sixth place and a ribbon by one point.

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Bronte 4-H Club members (from left) Philip Rawlings, C. T. Loyd, Rebecca Rawlings, and Megan Gibbs recently picked up trash on Mesquite Drive and Kickapoo Road near the Kickapoo Creek crossings. All aluminum cans were donated to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department and East Coke County Ambulance Service. The cleanup was undertaken as a community service project.

Volunteer rescue squads & fire depts. eligible for grants

Texas volunteer rescue squads and fire departments will again be given a jump-start in their efforts to save lives as Prudential reopens its Helping Hearts Program, which helps volunteer-based emergency medical service (EMS) squads acquire portable cardiac defibrillators. Since the program's inception in 1994, Prudential has helped 114 of Texas' EMS squads with more than \$270,000 committed to the purchase of defibrillators.

The 1999 Prudential Helping Hearts Program provides grants of up to \$1,000 to qualifying volunteer rescue squads and fire departments in any state to help defray the cost of purchasing a defibrillator. Defibrillators, which administer jolts of electricity to "reset" the heart's natural rhythm, have been called one of the most important lifesaving inventions of the 20th century.

Each year, more than 250,000 Americans suffer sudden cardiac failure, according to the American Heart Association. Studies have shown that on-site defibrillation more than doubles a victim's chances of survival.

To be eligible for a Helping Hearts grant, volunteer EMS squads must meet state defibrillation training requirements and raise the rest of the cost of a defibrillator themselves. Applications will be considered on a first-come basis. Squads interested in applying should visit the Community Section of Prudential's web site at www.prudential.com or contact their nearest Prudential office for an application after March 1.

Prudential launched the Helping Hearts program on Valentines Day 1994 in New Jersey, and in 1996 expanded it to California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin. In 1997, the program went national. To date, nearly 1,900 volunteer rescue squads have qualified for more than \$4 million in grants, and many lives have been saved with machines purchased through the Helping Hearts program.

"Prudential has seen the difference volunteer ambulance crews are making with portable defibrillators," said Prudential Chairman and CEO Art Ryan. "We applaud their selfless dedication to serving their communities and are pleased to be able to assist them in their heroic efforts." The Observer/Enterprise Friday, April 2, 1999

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YEAR 2000 READINESS - A SERIOUS MATTER FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN BRONTE March 23, 1999

Our friends and customers are being bombarded with information about Year 2000. Some of the information is true, some is being manufactured by scam artists or people wishing to make money by broadcasting scary stories. Other information is strictly opinion given by people who are unqualified to speak. Let's talk about the real facts.

First of all, letting our customers know about the entire banking industry's progress in Year 2000 issues is a real priority. We take this whole thing very seriously. The First National Bank in Bronte has devoted many hours and quite a bit of money to the project. Our Board of Directors has designated senior management to handle all Year 2000 issues personally.

Secondly, our regulators have taken many steps to see that there will not be any disruption in service to banking customers. Every bank, including our own, has or will have contingency plans <u>that have been tested</u> so customers will have access to their money and will have accurate account information. Of course, your FDIC insurance coverage will not change.

Here are a few of the steps that we have taken to assure that our bank has no disruptions in service:

- 1. We searched our bank to find any device that might have a computer chip it. We listed all software programs that we use and talked to any companies that send us any type of data. We even checked out telephone systems, electrical systems, and heating/airconditioning systems.
- 2. We analyzed the importance of the devices, the software and the companies so that we could set priorities.
- 3. We secured information from all those device makers, software vendors, and companies to find out how their products stood on Year 2000.
- 4. We did our own testing of the computers and software that were most important to our bank operations. We are making sure that all products are tested by us or by others.
- 5. We replaced any product or computer that did not meet our standards.
- 6. Even though all of our computers and critical software passed our testing, we still made detailed plans to follow just in case we need them in Year 2000. We call this our "Contingency Plan."
- 7. We're in the process of testing our plans and "practicing" exactly what we will do if any problems occur. (Remember the fire drills they had in school??!!!) We want every employee to know what to do and when and how to do it - if needed. We've stocked up supplies and lined up workers. We will be ready!

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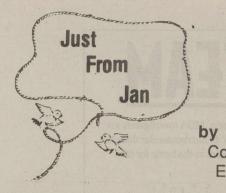
The Federal Reserve system will have plenty of money available if you need it. We've made plans for alternate energy sources so our computers car operate. We've checked out our customers that might have problems with <u>their</u> computers. We've checked out the Federal Reserve, the Federal Home Loan Bank, and other correspondent banks to be sure that they are on top of the Year 2000 issues as well.

BUT YOU NEED TO WATCH FOR A FOX IN THE HENHOUSE - - -

There are people in this world, waiting to prey on worried customers. Many are scam artists, using scare techniques to get you to let them "help" you keep your money safe so they can steal it. Others are burglars and thieves, waiting to rob you if they think you are keeping large sums of money hidden away. Be careful - - - The safest place for your money is not with a stranger.

We've let you know a little about all the work we have been doing to make sure that you will have access to your money and that accurate account information will be available. Our contingency plans are in place and we will continue to upgrade and refine them through 1999. So please, relax and enjoy the arrival of the new century.

, 1999 The Observer/Enterprise



Easter Eggs -Handle Them Safely

Eggs have long been a part of Easter feasts and spring festivals -- a good reason to ensure egg hunts remain fun and safe for children as well as adults.

Questions often arise concerning safety of Easter eggs

Senior Spring Fling set for San Angelo

The Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, the Concho Valley Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the City of San Angelo Senior Services Division are currently planning the Twelfth Annual Senior Spring Fling. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 1999 at the San Angelo Coliseum. The purpose of the event is to recognize the contributions of older adults throughout the Concho Valley and provide them with a wide array of valuable information about the many resources and services available to them in the Concho Valley.

May is celebrated as Older Texans/Older Americans Month. The United Nations General Assembly has also designated 1999 as International Year of Older Persons with five key focus areas: independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment, and dignity. These focus areas reflect the ultimate goal of the Senior Spring Fling, "Hollywood -- Honor the Past, Imagine the Future." "Hollywood -- Honor the Past" sets the stage for recognizing older adults as the "producers, directors, and stars" who built this nation through their ingenuity, hard work, and sacrifice. "Imagine the Future" recognizes the need to prepare the United States for the gift of longevity and to enhance life through future generations.

Plans for the day include lunch, entertainment, educational and informational booths, and much more. Health oriented organizations are urged to provide free health related services. Booth space is limited to the first 52 applications accepted. To receive an application to participate or for additional information, call the RSVP office at 223-6388 or come by the office at 3001 South Jackson. April 10 is the final day applications will be accepted.

by Jan Yanez Coke County Ext. Agent

and their consumption after the egg hunt. These guidelines can help consumers in selecting, storing, preparing, and handling of eggs before and after the hunt:

*When purchasing eggs, choose cartons that have no cracked eggs. Use eggs within four to five weeks after purchase.

*Keep fresh eggs stored in the original carton and in the coldest section of the refrigerator, never on the door where drafts can create fluctuation in temperature.

*Hard cooked eggs have a recommended maximum storage time of five to seven days. Plan to hard cook and color eggs only a day or two before the event. Plan to hard cook and color eggs safely, place eggs in a single layer in a pan. Add water to cover eggs at

West Texas Meat Goat Workshop

slated for C. City

An education event for both the veteran as well as the beginning meat goat breeder has been scheduled by the **Texas Agricultural Extension** Service in Colorado City for April 9, 1999. The program will begin with registration at 1:00 pm at the Mitchell County Ag Barn on Business I-20 West in Colorado City. The program will feature discussions and demonstrations that will inform participants about management practices that will improve the quality of their meat goats for both the commercial and show goat markets.

Speakers for the event will include: Dr. Frank Craddock -Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist, Andy Laughlin -Assistant Sheep & Goat Specialist, Dr. Alfred Vardeman, DVM, and Vance Christie -Mitchell County Extension Agent-Ag. This interactive workshop will include discussions on nutrition, health management, selection of breeding stock, selection of show wethers, introductions to the club goat project, and demonstrations on disbudding kids, trimming hooves, and injection sites and drenching. For more information contact Vance Christie at (915) 728-3111.

least one inch. Cover pan and bring to a rapid boil. Turn off heat or reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Let eggs remain in the pan for 15 to 20 minutes to assure doneness. When done, run cold water over eggs to cool quickly.

*Once eggs are hard cooked, store in the refrigerator. Don't leave at room temperature.

*If you plan to eat eggs that have been decorated, use only food coloring or specially made food grade egg dyes.

*Don't color or hid cracked eggs. The cracks allow contamination of eggs from an outside source such as dye or dirt.

*Consider hiding places carefully. Avoid places that may come into contact with pets or other animals, lawn chemicals or insects.

*Refrigerate eggs after hidden and found, if you plan to eat them. Follow the two hour rule. Eggs to be eaten should not remain out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.

*A good practice is to wash Easter eggs that have been in the hunt before eating them.

*Avoid handling eggs as much as possible. Each step in handling provides an opportunity for contamination.

Be sure and have a Safe Hunt this Easter!

Summer youth employment program to take applications

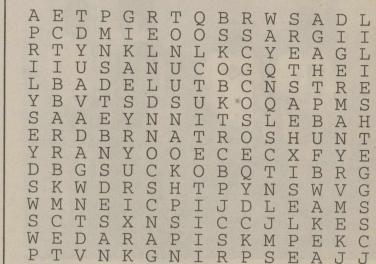
The Summer Youth Employment Program will be taking applications on April 12, 1999, from 3:30 pm until 8:00 pm at Robert Lee High School and at the Bronte High School Library. The summer employment program is sponsored by the Texas Workforce Center of the Concho Valley.

Students must be between the ages of 14-21, must be in school, and must meet criteria income and/or disability requirements. Those who do not meet this program's criteria will be referred to another program that does not have any qualifying criteria.

Students must bring one parent and/or legal guardian with proper paperwork. For more information contact Rosario Sanchez and 942-9167.

Euterpean Club meets at Blackwell

The Blackwell Euterpean Club met on March 18, 1999 in the Blackwell Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Members present were Sharon Taylor, Sue Dean, Dona Sanderson, Margaret



WORD SEARCHER

"EASTER"

Locate all the words listed below. They run in all directions; up, down, backward, forward and diagonally.

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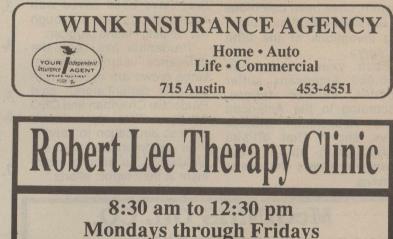
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tishaw of Bronte, and Joy Mc-Daniel of San Angelo, were their aunt Odesa Collins of Cisco, Texas and a cousin, Odesa's daughter Maedean Dodds of Brownwood, Texas. Odesa is the only living aunt the Lucketts have and no uncles.

The group gathered at Helen's home to visit. They had lunch at El Ranchero Restaurant. After lunch, the group gathered at Bill and Diane's home for pecan pie and coffee.

The group went out to "Box L Ranch" to tromp around and visited and took pictures.

Everyone agreed the day was very enjoyable.



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Electric choices for Texans

by Kathleen E. Magruder When you shop for clothes, groceries, or a new car, you compare prices and look for the best deal. Why shouldn't you be able to do the same thing when it comes to electricity? That's the thinking behind restructuring the Texas electric industry. When competition arrives, Texans will be able to shop for an electric provider the same way they shop for clothes, groceries, or cars.

Recently, state Sen. David Sibley (R-Waco) and state Rep. Steve Wolens (D-Dallas) introduced bills in the Legislature that would allow most Texans to begin choosing their electric provider in 2002. Those bills ensure that you will continue to receive safe, reliable, dependable service. Your current utility will continue to own and maintain the poles and wires that bring electricity to your home or business, but you will be able to choose your provider of electricity.

Here's why momentum is growing to change our state's \$18 billion-a-year electric industry. Although our electric

rates are near the national average, due to Texas' climate we use more power than most Americans. According to a U.S. Department of Energy study, the average annual bill for residential electric service in Texas is \$1,063, or 24 percent higher than the national average of \$859.

That's why Texans will benefit more than most Americans from restructuring our electric industry. When competition flourishes, consumers enjoy the benefits:

·Lower rates. Utilities currently charge whatever the Public Utility Commission will allow. When customers have a choice, they can select whoever will sell them electricity at the lowest price.

·Improved service. After restructuring, current local utilities will continue to maintain the poles and wires that deliver electricity to Texas homes and businesses and will charge a regulated rate for that service. At a minimum, service will be as dependable and reliable as it has been to this point. In fact, it should improve. In addition, competitive providers will develop and offer services tailored to Texans' specific needs - unlike the "one size fits all" service they

receive now. Customers should be able to choose "green" energy - electricity generated from renewable sources - or time-of-use rates which should help them to save money.

·Advanced technology. Competitive markets and competitive providers will use advanced technology to improve your service, lower prices and offer new products. Just as competition in telecommunications brought call waiting, call forwarding, and caller ID, competition in electricity will bring services consumers cannot even begin to imagine.

Currently, electric competition exists on the wholesale level, but for new electricity providers to serve your home, the way Texas regulates the industry must change. In the past four years, 18 states across the country have taken steps to provide retail choice to electricity users. They represent almost half the population of the U.S.

That's where the Texas legislature comes in. If you want to have a choice of electric provider, that's where you come in, too. Tell your state legislators (your representative and senator) you want to replace today's monopoly electric utilities with consumer choice. The power is in your hands

(Kathleen E. Magruder is the Vice President of State Government Affairs for the South-Central Region for Houstonbased Enron Corp., the world's leading integrated natural gas and electricity company.)

RLJV boys place second at Sterling

The Robert Lee JV Boys placed second with a total of 80 points at the Sterling City Track Meet on March 26, 1999. Individual placings are as follows: 400 Relay - 3rd S. Schiwart, T. Clendennen, J. Fluhmann,

and C. Bell, 52:00. 100 High Hurdles - 1st. J. Fluhmann, 18.75. 100 Meter Dash - 3rd. S. Schiwart, 12.56. 200 Meter Dash - 4th. S. Schiwart, 26.31. 3200 Meter Run - 3rd. S. Minjarez, 14:56.

800 Meter Run - 4th. T. Mc-Cabe, 3:10.

1600 Meter Run - 3rd, S. Minjarez, 5:56; 7th. T. Mc-Cabe, 6:33.

Shot Put - 4th. A. Cates, 34'10".

Discus - 6th. A. Cates, 88'; 7th. T. McCabe, 87'9". Long Jump - 2nd. S. Schiwart,

18'6" Pole Vault - 1st C. Bell, 10';

2nd. S. Schiwart, 9'6".

Prof says lowlevel exercise benefits helpful

Raking leaves and mowing the yard may be the most exercise many couch potatoes get, but it may be better than previously believed.

Recent studies show that even low to moderate exer-

significant drops in blood pressure and body fat and improved overall fitness. The study, conducted by the Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research, tracked the movements of 235 people over a 2year period and showed that a "lifestyle" program involving everyday activities was almost as beneficial as more intense exercise programs.'

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The message, says Dr. Jack Wilmore, head of health and kinesiology at Texas A&M University, is clear: Some exercise is better than none at

"Too many people do nothing. Raking leaves is better than just sitting," says Wilmore.

"The point is, exercise and motion are good for you. They have proven health benefits. There is no benefit at all by doing nothing."

Coke County Library News

Story Hour children made Easter rabbit bags after hearing the story, Come Alona, Daisy! which is about a little duck who didn't do exactly as its mother said.

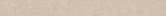
New children's books include The Itsy Bitsy Spider. One Duck Stuck, Cows in the Kitchen, and In the Driver's Seat.

On order and arriving soon: Bittersweet, Danielle Steele and We'll Meet Again, Mary Higgins Clark.

A representative of the Texas Workforce visited the library and left several brochures outlining the programs: employment resources, job preparation services, employment assessment services, and employer resources and information services. Their office is located at 233 South Oakes in San Angelo. Brochures are



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19_99 , for voting in a school trustee election, to elect two school board members
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de 19 99 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos (2) miembros .)
LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
High School Foyer 1323 Hamilton
Robert Lee Texas 76945
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Thursday, April 15, 1999 Shamrock Clinic of Robert Lee 722 South Washington

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-530-4143, extension 3235 or 3229 It's important

Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Women ages 40 or above should have annual screenings, because early detection is a key factor in successful treatment.

Medicare will pay for an annual mammogram for eligible women.

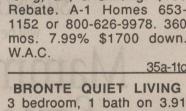


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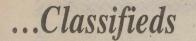
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A special Thank You to our family and friends for the concern of the loss of our Mother and Granny. We appreciate the prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, memorials, notes and food.

Also a special thanks to the nursing staff at Robert Lee Care Center for the loving care given her.

May God Bless You, The Family of Vera Jameson Maurice & Elna Duncan Nolan & Glenda Adams & Family **Cecil Jameson** Tooter & Rosanne Jameson & Family Bubba & Audrey Duncan & Family Ron & Marcia Devoll & Family 35-1tp



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I want to thank everyone for the visits, cards, food and most of all the prayers for me during my hospital stay and after I got home. A special thanks to Shell, Mary and Larry for the concern and great care they gave me on the way to the hospital. Robert Lee is such a good place to live because of all the beautiful people who care.

God Bless Each of You, Samantha Robertson 35-1tp

New Texas Youth Hotline initiated

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline recently, according to Hotline Director, Jay Smith.

"The Texas Youth Hotline and the agency's Texas Runaway Hotline are answered 24 hours a day and provide prevention services to callers who are in need of a caring voice and a listening ear,' Smith said. "Hotline counselors will talk with callers who face a variety of issues including family conflicts, delinquency, truancy, and abuse and neglect." ewide televi-

n 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 1

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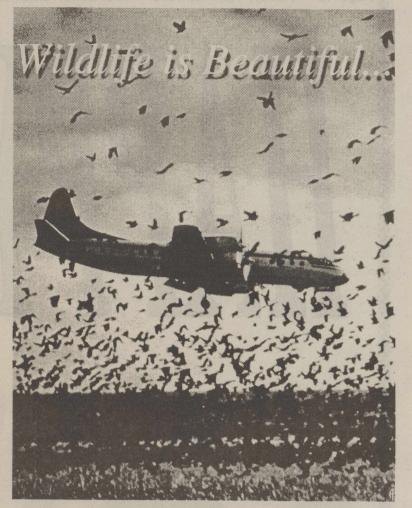
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sion and radio ads, billboards, movie theater ads and 50,000 pieces of public awareness materials for schools, social service agencies, law enforcement and youth-related organizations are aimed at bringing the troubled youth problem to wider public attention and to make youth and parents more aware of the services available. The tollfree number is 1-800-210-2278.

The Senate Interim Committee on Gangs and Juvenile Justice recommended increased outreach to improve accessibility to intervention and prevention services. Members of the committee include: Committee Chairman, Senator Royce West (Dallas); Senator Robert Duncan (Lubbock); Senator Chris Harris (Arlington); Senator Jon Lindsay (Houston); and Sena-tor Mike Moncrief (Fort Worth).

In response to the need for greater focus on juvenile prevention and intervention services, TDPRS has initiated the new Texas Youth Hotline. Hotline staff and volunteers will provide callers with crisis intervention, telephone advocacy and referrals to local community services.

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Ninth Annual Rural Land Outlook set

The Ninth Annual Outlook for Texas Rural Land Markets will be held April 23. Presentations will focus on the state of the economy, developments in agricultural policies and land markets, emerging legal issues in real estate, rural land buyers and sellers and the overall outlook for rural land markets.

The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University is sponsoring the event, in cooperation with the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and the Texas Chapter of the Realtor's Land Institute.

Richards, director of the Real Estate Center, Mark Dotzour. the Center's chief economist, Edward Smith, professor of agricultural economics at Texas A&M, and Judon Fam-brough, senior lecturer and at-409-845-9691

torney at the Center. Charles Gilliland, research economist for the Center, as well as representatives of the **Realtors' Land Institute's Land** Market Committee and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers also will speak.

Advance registration is required. The fee is \$85. The cost includes parking and lunch. All sessions will be held in the George Bush Presidential Conference Center.

Mandatory Continuing Education credit will be available for real estate licensees. Continuing Education Units (CEU) have been requested for other organizations.

To receive a copy of the schedule and a registration Speakers include Malcolm form, or to see if CEUs have been requested for a particular organization, contact Margaret Benedict, Real Estate Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, 77843-2115, or by phone at

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de 19_99 para votar en la Elección para eligiar dos administratores para servir tres termino

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

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