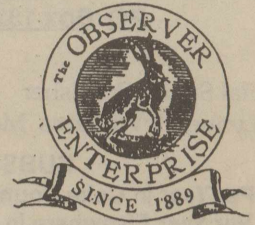


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Early voting begins April 14

Early voting in the local elections scheduled for May 1st begins Wednesday, April 14, 1999, and will continue until Tuesday, April 27, 1999.

In the City of Robert Lee election, the Mayor's office and three council seats will be up for the voters' decisions. Mayor Kelly Nichols has resigned, effective May 1, 1999. On the council, the two-year terms of Kim Hodge, Nita Stovall-Duncan, and Beth Prather are expiring. Nita Stovall-Duncan, John Carver and Kenneth Green have filed for seats on the council. Garland Davis has filed for the mayor's position. Since there are no opposed races, the council has cancelled the election.

Two two-year council terms

Bronte Chamber of Commerce to hold special meeting

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce will hold a special called meeting on April 6, 1999 at 7:30 pm in the Bronte ISD cafeteria. They will be discussing plans for the Fort Chadbourne Days and other needs or concerns. Anyone interested in having input on all aspects of the chamber's planning for upcoming events, is urged to attend. If you cannot attend, you may write or call any Chamber Director.

Head Start registration for 1999-2000 year

Coke County Head Start will be holding registration on April 20th from 12 until 4 at 820 Commerce in Robert Lee. It is required that the child be three years old by September 1st in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring copies of the following: Proof of Income (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 1998 W-2/1040 filed tax form, AFDC Benefits), Birth Certificate, Social Security Card for the child, up to date Immunization Record, and Medicaid, AFDC, and TANF case numbers if applicable to register your child for the program. Please call Cynthia Hill at 453-2536 or come by 820 Commerce if you have any questions.

will be on the ballot in the Bronte City Council election. The terms of Gerald Sandusky and Pete Percifull are expiring. Both of these gentlemen have filed for re-election. The council will consider cancelling the election since there are no opposed races.

Early voting for the Bronte Independent School Board Trustees will be held in the Superintendent's office from 8 am to 4 pm weekdays. The terms of Jolene Henderson and David Scott are expiring on the BISD Board of Trustees. Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Scott have filed for re-election. They will be joined on the ballot by Connie Tounget.

Early voting for the Robert Lee Independent School Board Trustees will be held in the Coke County Clerk's office in the Coke County Courthouse from 8 am to 5 pm weekdays. There will be two vacancies on the Robert Lee Independent School District Board of Directors to be filled in the upcoming election. The three-year terms of Bill Burns and Harvey Wojtek are expiring. Harvey Wojtek has filed for re-election and will be joined on the ballot by JoNell Blair and C. V. Eaton.

Early voting for the West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors will be held in the Coke County Clerk's office in the Coke County Courthouse from 8 am to 5 pm weekdays. The two-year terms of Directors Dwayne Vincent and Mary Bessent are expiring. Mrs. Bessent, Judy Williams and Doug Wilkes have filed for placings on the ballot.

The seats currently held by Ron Cooper and Charles Sonnenberg on the East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors will be up for election May 1st. Donnie Thompson and Jesse Sims have filed for these seats. With only two filings for the two seats, the Directors have cancelled the election.

Incumbents Wayne McCabe - Precinct 1, Wayne King - Precinct 2, and Joe Ash - Member At Large have filed to retain their seats on the Coke County Underground Water District Board of Directors. The election has been cancelled.

Benefit roping is huge success

The Easter Extravaganza team roping, sponsored by the Bronte High School Junior Class and benefiting both the Juniors and the Heather Lee Medical Fund, was held Saturday, April 3, 1999. The roping was highly successful and surprised more than just the coordinators with the number of ropers entering and also with who showed up to rope. Country music icon George Strait, along with his son, entered the first roping of the day. George also signed autographs and posed for photos with some of the locals while in Coke County.

The roping was held at the Coke County Arena in Bronte with books opening at 9 am and the roping beginning at 10 am. There were 455 teams in the first roping, 672 teams in the second roping and 160 teams in the third roping for a total of 1287 teams. Averaging 88 steers per hour, the roping ended at 11:30 am Sunday.

The High Money Winner of the day, Kinney Harrell of Brady, received a deluxe, loaded 2-horse Trail Magic Trailer (retail \$4,750). Kenny also took home the buckle for winning the first roping.

Shelley Granzin of Miles took home the saddle for 2nd High Money Winner of the day and the buckle for winning the second roping. Walker Wallace of Sonora was the winner of the buckle in the final roping.

Photos and complete results will be included in next week's issue of the Observer/Enterprise.

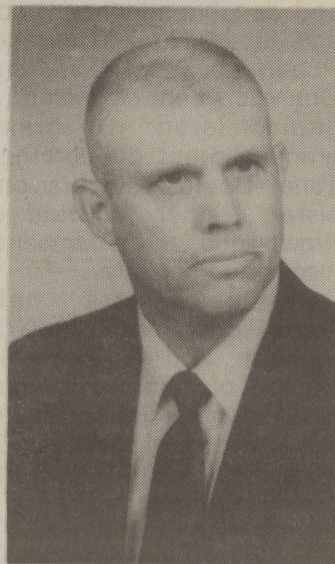
RL Spring Clean-Up

The Spring Clean-Up campaign for Robert Lee is underway. Sponsored by the City of Robert Lee and Trash-away 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.

Poehls retires from coaching



Coach Ed Poehls

After thirty-three years, the dean of West Texas coaches is throwing in the towel. Robert Lee head football coach Ed Poehls will retire at the end of this school year, marking the end of an era at Robert Lee.

In the volatile, unstable profession of coaching, Ed Poehls has been a constant positive force in the lives of Robert Lee athletes for the past twenty years. Prior to that, he coached at Blackwell for thirteen years.

When we contacted Ed this week to get his thoughts on his coaching tenure at Robert Lee, he expressed the following: "I have appreciated my twenty years here at Robert Lee. I wouldn't have done it any differently -- this is where I wanted to be."

Over the years Poehls has much to be proud of: a 158-

81-7 record as head football coach and a 76-41-5 mark at Robert Lee, which included a 12-1-1 state semi-finals run in 1993; plus seven out of nine years in the basketball playoffs when he was head basketball coach; and two golf teams which advanced to the state contest and took second place both years.

These are statistics that anyone would be proud of, but when most of us think of Coach Ed Poehls, they will remember something even more important - his positive influence on our young men and women athletes.

On many occasions we have received many letters at the newspaper and other comments at athletic events, all concerning the department of our student athletes. When someone bothers to write a letter to the newspaper describing just how exemplary your athletes acted while they were eating in their establishment on a road trip, or while they were in the visitor's locker room, that is something we can all be proud of.

Some of us think that this may be the most positive and significant effect of Coach Poehls on the student athletes of Robert Lee. We wish him only the best in his retirement.

Free movies at Texas Theater

The historical Texas Theater in Bronte is now showing free movies on Saturday nights beginning at 7:30 pm, hosted by River of Life Ministries. Admission is free, and a short children's feature will be shown before the main feature.

A Thief In The Night is the feature movie for Saturday, April 10. This will be the first in a series of four dramatic presentations dealing with the end times.

A worship service will be held Sunday nights at 6:30 pm. April 11th and 18th a video prayer seminar from C. Peter Wagner will be presented following the worship service.

River of Life ministries welcomes any and all to participate in these activities. For more information, call 473-5901 or 473-7302.

BNH offers hearing tests

Lynn Kerbow, of Lone Star Hearing Aids in San Angelo, will be giving hearing tests at the Bronte Nursing Home on April 22nd. These tests will be free to the residents and all people of the community. He will also clean and check hearing aids at no charge.

Anyone interested in having their hearing tested should call Bronte Nursing Home at 473-3621 for an appointment.

The nursing home also offers eye exams by Dr. Stockwell of Mobile Eye Care. He will be at the nursing home in August. Please watch the paper for further information.

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Obituaries

Deere

B.F. Deere, 86, of Brownwood, died Monday, April 5, 1999 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 29, 1912, in Fluvanna, Texas. He married Mary B. Guthrie in December of 1936, and moved to Brownwood in 1953. They lived in Robert Lee from 1990 to 1995. Mary preceded him in death on November 24, 1996.

B.F. retired from the Exxon wholesale warehouse, where he was a tank wagon salesman. He was a member of the 4th and Stewart St. Church of

Bronte Nursing 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.

Christ, where he was an elder for many years.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Mike Hayes of Lake Brownwood; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Linda-Carole Deere of Robert Lee, and Doug and Ora Mae Deere of Bedford; 8 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Toney Deere of Kilgore; one sister, Esther McBride of Brownwood; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, April 7, 1999, at the 4th and Stewart St. Church of Christ with Paul McClung officiating. Interment was in Greenleaf Cemetery.

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Coke County Library News

The Coke County Library filed its annual report with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The report shows a collection of approximately 8,076 books and serials with approximately 800 paperbacks and 25 audio-visual materials. There were 5,394 books checked out from September '97 to October '98. Approximately 3,338 library visits were made during the year.

The library circulation of materials reflects a county full of readers.

Story Hour graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27 in the Mini-Park at 10 am. Certificates and snacks will be provided for all 3-5 year-old children who participated in the library story hours.

Mrs. Bettye Smith of Oak Creek Lake is volunteering Tuesday mornings in the library. She is presently working on fiction inventory. She is an asset to her community and a bearer of cinnamon rolls.

Death Notices

Long

Pearle Long, 87, died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, in Ft. Stockton.

Services were held Friday, March 26, at Goldthwaite First Baptist Church with burial in Big Valley Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Minter of Fort Stockton; a son, Sidney Long of Robert Lee; a brother, Billy Hale of Goldthwaite; five sisters, Vera Mae Murchison of Buchanan Dam, Dora Dean Knowles, Anna Gene Moreland and Ruth Dumas, all of Goldthwaite, and Ina B. Booth of Sinton; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Bethune

Landon Bethune, 69, formerly of San Angelo, died Sunday, April 4, 1999, at this residence in Robert Lee.

Graveside service was held Wednesday, April 7, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include three sons, Wesley Barbee, James Bethune and Oscar Bethune; three daughters, Barbara Barbee, Lynn Roberts and Debbie Stewart; two brothers, Joe Bethune and Marvin Bethune; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Oliver

Kathryn 'Kate' Oliver, 86, died Saturday, April 3, 1999, at Bronte Nursing Home.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 7, 1999, at Pine River Valley Cemetery Chapel in Bayfield Colorado. Local arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

She is survived by her sons, Alfred Oliver of Bronte and Charles Oliver of Bayfield; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Higgins

William 'Bill' Higgins, age 73, of Abilene died Thursday, March 25, 1999, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service was held Saturday, March 27, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Kenneth Green of the Northside Church of Christ officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Victoria Higgins of Abilene; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Lela and Francis Smith and Cora and Wallace Terry, all of San Angelo, and Janie and John Bruton of Midland; one brother and sister-in-law, L.E. and Chrys Higgins of Robert Lee; one sister-in-law, Kayo Higgins of Robert Lee; four stepdaughters; one stepson; one step-granddaughter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Ditmore

Effie Samantha Ditmore, 98, of Bronte died Thursday, April 1, 1999, in Bronte Nursing Home.

Services were held Saturday, April 3, at the Northside Church of Christ in Robert Lee with burial in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Loyd Hudman of San Angelo; a brother, David Lowrance of San Angelo; a sister, Alta Stovall of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nance

Dorothy Faye Nance, 67, of Sundown, died Friday, April 2, 1999, in a Lubbock hospital.

Services were held Monday, April 5, at Fairview Baptist Church with burial in Sundown Cemetery. Arrangements were by George C. Price Funeral Directors.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Nance of Sun-

down; a son, Bradley Nance of Dennim, La.; four daughters, Gayla Sanders and Charlotte Crain, both of Robert Lee, and Barbara Waygood of Carlsbad, N.M., and Sandra Collins of Sundown; a brother, L.E. Luttrull of Canton; a sister, Helen Bradford of Early; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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.

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.

Churches of Robert Lee

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Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

Rev. Jim McWilliams, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
(915) 453-4645

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am, Worship

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

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Spring turkey season opens

Spring turkey season opened in Coke County Saturday, April 3, and will continue through May 9. Bag limit for the popular hunting is four per license year and gobblers only. Weapon of choice has always been a shotgun but lots of bowhunters are now trying the challenge of taking the wily birds.

Although many of us have hunted for years from a cedar bush on a known feeding route, turkey hunting has gone to a more high tech (and lucrative) method. All manner of camouflage clothing, decoys, and calls are available for, presumably, higher success rates.

Hens and gobblers are bunched separate now and the breeding season has begun. According to biologists, the last two years' production was way down in numbers, although surveys of mature birds indicate good hunting. Recent rains have quickly brought weeds and grasses back for feeding. More than twice as many Texas turkeys are harvested in the spring.

Spring turkey hunting has been the fastest growing hunting sport in the 1990's, statistics say. It is exciting to see nature's plan unfold as toms exhibit aggressive, strutting and drumming for hens and establish themselves over the jakes.

One word of caution for a safe season: know your target before shooting. With camo and calling too, you might mistake a hunter for a turkey. A few years ago, a hunter was wounded in Coke County as he squatted on a ridge, dressed in black and dark knee-high socks with a red stripe around the top.

Business renditions due

Businesses and property owners are reminded of the April 15th deadline to file their annual property tax renditions to ensure that the value of their property is fairly assessed for their local property tax bills. State law requires business owners and operators to submit an annual report to their county appraisal district listing any taxable property that the business owned or managed as of January 1, 1999.

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Property owners who render are in a better position to exercise their rights as taxpayers. They ensure that the appraisal district has their correct address so they receive notices of any actions that affect their property or tax bills. If the tax collector cannot deliver a tax bill because of an incorrect or old address, the property owner is not only responsible for paying the taxes, but also for any late payment penalties that may be due.

Filing a rendition and stating their opinion of their properties' value can also be advantageous to owners of other types of properties, such as homes, land, etc.

A property owner may request additional time to file a rendition or report from the chief appraiser, who may grant an extension through April

30th. The owner must demonstrate good cause for an extension to be granted.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the owner should render in each appraisal district office. One appraisal district may appraise a property for county tax purposes, while a neighboring appraisal district may appraise the property for school taxes if the school district is in both counties.

Taxpayers may contact the Coke County Appraisal District office for the rendition forms, in the Courthouse, 2nd Floor West, in Robert Lee, or call 453-4528. The forms are also available from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division by calling 1-800-252-9121.

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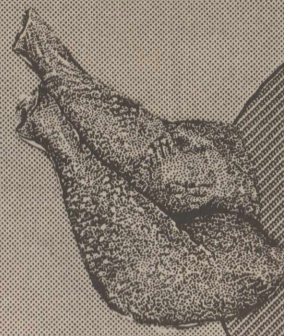


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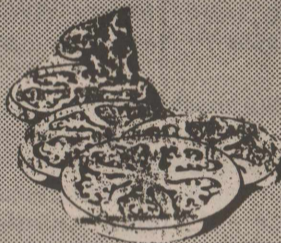
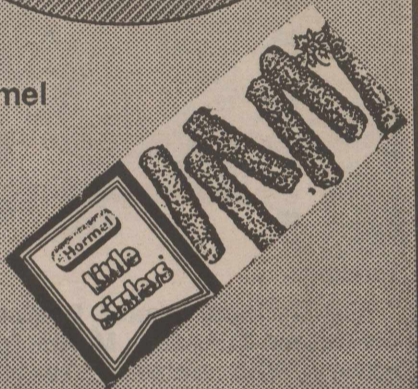
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



The National Honor Society of Bronte High School held its annual induction ceremony Tuesday, March 9, 1999. The ceremony was held in the high school library with parents, teachers, and guests in attendance. New members inducted were (front row, from left) Tamara Sedden, Brandy Denton, Jerrod McClure, (back row, from left) Gale Porter, Wes Howell, and Andy Blair.

Share a historic moment with foreign student

As we enter the turn of the century and move towards the millennium, Youth Exchange Service (YES) an international not-for-profit organization, is inviting volunteer families to share their homes, their hearts and their culture with young foreign students seeking to study in the U.S. this fall.

"Because we can better understand ourselves when we are able to understand others, our program of hosting foreign students helps to sow the seeds of democracy," said Leonardo Flores, Jr., President of the Youth Exchange Service. What better way to enter a new century than by sharing the new year 2000 experience with a young student from another country? According to Flores, the 25-year-old organization

has successfully placed more than 10,000 foreign students in homes here and around the country as a way of promoting peace of understanding around the world. "In effect, by living with an American host family, the foreign student becomes an ambassador to his country and upon return to his native land serves as an informal ambassador from us to his own country." This year's program is most unusual, offering both the student and the host a once in a lifetime opportunity. The school year begins in August and ends in May/June, giving the host family and their student the chance to have the historical experience of entering the year 2000 together!

Students selected to participate in this program are carefully screened. They range in age from 15 to 18, and they come from Europe, Asia and South America. They are care-

fully selected for language ability, maturity, personal accomplishments and moral values. They provide insights into their country of origin. The YES program will provide local arrangements with local high schools, counseling, and medical insurance. The students have their own spending money. The host family provides room and board. The host may claim a \$50 per month tax deduction for each month they provide room and board to the student. To find out how you can participate, call 1-800-848-2121 or fax your request to 949-955-0232.

One-Act Play Dinner Theatre

Bronte High School will hold its annual dinner theatre on Friday, April 9, 1999, at 7 pm in the school's auditorium. This year's play is *What I Did Last Summer* by A.R. Gurney. It's the story of a teenage boy's summer in 1945 and his struggle to become a man. The show will begin at 7 pm, and the buffet dinner will take place at 7:45 pm.

Tickets may be purchased from any play member, the high school office, or at the door. Please come support the youth of our community as well as enjoy a wonderful show and meal.

Bronte Project Graduation to host roping

Bronte Project Graduation will host an open break away roping and an open team roping on Saturday, April 24th at the Wheeler Ranch Arena near Tennyson.

For more information, contact David Scott at 473-2951, Mike Harris at 473-2203 or Kerwin Denton at 743-6621.

Race to the millennium

The clock is ticking and before we know it, the new millennium will be here. United Blood Services invites all donors to join us in the "Race to the Millennium."

This promotion runs throughout 1999. Eligible donors will have the opportunity to participate in one drawing each quarter and a grand prize drawing at the end of the year, for a total of five drawings. Each drawing is for a different prize. The first quarter ended March 31st.

Albert Lee Jackson of Bronte was drawn as the lucky winner of a portable color TV. The second quarter drawing will be on June 30th for a 19" color TV with a built-in VCR.

If you would like more information about the "Race to the Millennium" or blood donation, please call 653-1307 or 1-800-756-0024.

Bronte Longhorn Track results

The Bronte varsity boys participated in the Cotton Patch Relays at Wall recently. Individual statistics were as follows:

- 110 Hurdles - 2nd, Dustin Holland, 15.18.
- 300 Hurdles - 5th, Steve Eldred, 43.9.
- 200m - 2nd, Jerrod McClure, 23.2.
- 1600m Relay - 5th, Wes Howell, Josh Schoenfield, Dustin Holland, Jerrod McClure, 3:40.
- Shot Put - 3rd, Blake McKee, 45'9".



Breakfast

- Monday, April 12**
Cereal, Grape Juice, Biscuit, Milk
- Tuesday, April 13**
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Blueberry Muffins, Milk
- Wednesday, April 14**
Pancake & Sausage on a Stick, Apple Juice, Donut, Milk
- Thursday, April 15**
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuit, Milk
- Friday, April 16**
Breakfast Burrito, Mixed Fruit, Pop Tart, Milk

Lunch

- Monday, April 12**
Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Sweet Corn, Bread Sticks, Milk, Banana Pudding
- Tuesday, April 13**
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef & Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Corn Bread, Milk, Pink Panther Cake
- Wednesday, April 14**
Corn Dogs, Mixed Fruit, Tator Tots, Macaroni & Cheese, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars
- Thursday, April 15**
Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Cherry Cobbler
- Friday, April 16**
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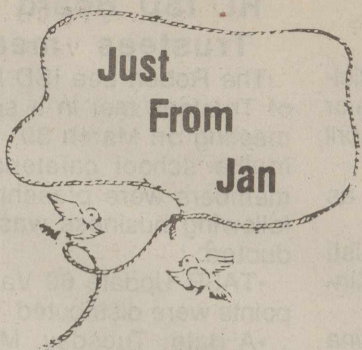
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by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Eggs in the diet

Eggs are a highly nutritious food containing high quality protein. Needed for growth and repair of body tissue, protein is used by every cell of

ECC Ambulance Service lists contributions

The East Coke County Ambulance Service reports the following contributions received in March, 1999.

Memorials

- Alyene Arthur**
Charlie Belle Bagwell
- Tom Rawlings**
Larry & Merle Kelso
- Helen Lee**
Charlie Belle Bagwell
- Betty Jean Gideon**
Larry & Dana Robinson

the body. Eggs are rich in iron needed by all cells, especially red blood cells. Red blood cells carry oxygen from the air you breathe through the blood vessels to all cells of the body. Eggs are also rich in phosphorus, an essential constituent of bones and teeth, and contain other minerals in small amounts.

Eggs contain a number of vitamins. Vitamin A, which is needed for growth, seeing in the dark and preventing infection. Vitamin D, which is needed for strong bones and teeth. Vitamin B helps keep nerves and skin in good condition. Vitamin E is also found in eggs, which helps prevent oxidation.

Eggs are one of many foods that contribute to a well balanced diet. Eggs are considered to be found in the meat

group. Two to three servings are recommended daily for the meat group. One egg is considered a serving.

Eggs serve several functions in food preparation:

- Leavening - the cellular structure of some sponge type cakes results largely from the ability of egg whites to form a foam when beaten; baking expands air bubbles, coagulates egg protein and helps set dough in a state of permanent lightness.
- Emulsifying - one of the most interesting properties of eggs is the ability to emulsify or cause a liquid, to mix with a fat.
- Thickening - egg protein coagulates during heating and causes thickening as needed in baked and soft custards, cream fillings and sauces.
- Clarifying - egg whites can absorb particles that cloud soups and coffee.
- Binding - eggs exert a binding action in cakes, meat and croquettes.
- Coating - whole eggs may be used to coat meats and vegetables for breading; egg whites are used to coat certain breads and cookies for a shiny look.



Emily Ensor, daughter of Marvin and Karen Ensor of Seminole, exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb at the 50th Annual San Antonio Livestock Show.

Emily Ensor exhibits Grand Champion Lamb

Emily Ensor, daughter of Marvin and Karen Ensor of Seminole, exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb at the 50th Annual San Antonio Livestock Show held February 14-20, 1999. Emily is the granddaughter of Wayne and Sandra Arrott of Tennyson, and J. Lee and Delma Ensor, formerly of Bronte, currently residing in Jericho Springs, Missouri.

southdown breed champions for Grand Champion Overall. The San Antonio Show had over 1300 entries in the lamb show.

A record for the San Antonio Lamb Auction was set when Ensor's Grand Champion Lamb sold for \$45,000, as they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Emily is a Senior at Seminole High School and plans to attend Texas Tech University upon graduation.

Emily's 143 pound medium wool lamb won the heavy weight class, which consisted of 202 entries, prior to competing for the breed champion award. After winning the medium wool division, her lamb competed against the finewool, finewool cross, and

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION administratores)

To the Registered Voters of Bronte I.S.D., Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Bronte I.S.D. Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 1, 19 99, for voting in a School Trustee election, to Elect two (2) for full -three-year terms

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de mayo de 19 99 para votar en la Elección para eligir dos administratores para servir tres termino

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

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Bronte I.S.D. Superintendent's Office
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 (date)
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el miércoles, 14 de abril, 1999 (fecha)

and ending on April 27, 1999 (date)
(y terminando el 27 de abril, 1999 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha) Hours (Horas)

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(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

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April 23, 1999
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 11 day of February, 19 99.

(Emitada este día 11 de febrero, 19 99.)

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

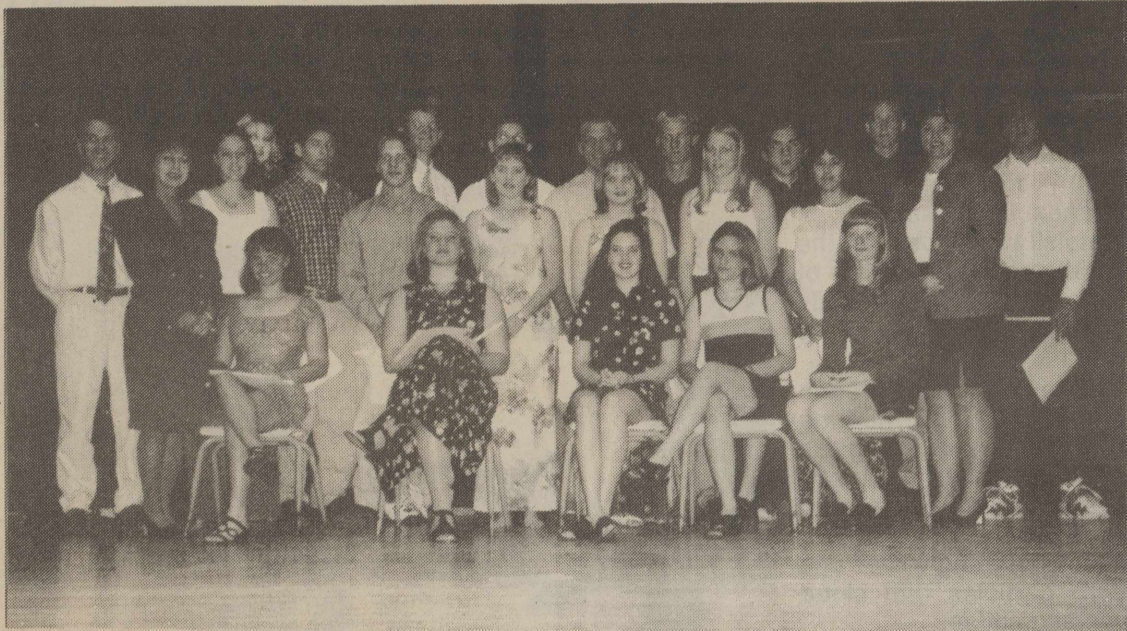
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



The Robert Lee High School Chapter of the National Beta Club inducted its new members Wednesday, March 3.

New Beta Club members inducted

The Robert Lee High School Chapter of the National Beta Club inducted its new members on Wednesday, March 3. Beta Club invites students who have demonstrated academic diligence and a willingness to serve others to become members.

The following students were initiated into Beta Club at the ceremony:

Seniors: Jenny Grace, Melissa Sanders, and Whitney Montgomery.

Juniors: Ashley Townsend, Kelli Osborn, Sammy Schiwart, and Deric Brothers.

Sophomores: Amber Freeman, Jennifer Hamilton, DeShira Dickey, Dee Van Huss, Lewis Samaniego, Cur-

tis Bell, Tiffany Copeland, Dixie Simpson, Mary Arellano, Robert Barrett, Justin Fluhmann, Chase Rainwater, James Gallegos, Clifton Bohannon and Erin Millican.

The 1998-99 Beta Club officers are Holly Copeland - president, Joel Gallegos - vice president, Macy Hill - secretary, Justin Kendall - treasurer, and Dan McCown - parliamentarian.

Sponsors for the organization are Vicki Neace and Nita Rowley.

Junior High boys track results

The junior high boys placed 3rd with 132 points at the Christoval track meet on March 5, 1999. Individual results were as follows:

High Jump - 1st, Stewart Millican, 5'0"; 2nd, Travis Pitcock, 5'0".

Pole Vault - 1st, Stewart Millican, 11'0"; 2nd, Travis Pitcock, 10'0"; 3rd, Anson Lott, 9'0".

2400m Run - 1st, Jaziel Gallegos, 9:02.46.

300m Hurdles - 1st, Anson Lott, 49.02.

1600m Run - 1st, Travis Taylor, 5:56.83.

800m Run - 2nd, Jaziel Gallegos, 2:35.30.

100m Dash - 2nd, Stewart Millican, 12.81; 6th, Billy Williams, 13.49.

200m Dash - 2nd, Stewart Millican, 26.95.

400m Relay - 3rd, Billy Williams, Travis Pitcock, Cooper Riley, Michael Brickey, 55.79.

1600m Relay - 3rd, Travis Pitcock, Jaziel Gallegos, Anson Lott, Stewart Millican, 4:20.79.

Shot Put - 4th, Cooper Riley, 34'6".

Discus - 4th, Cooper Riley, 109'4".

Triple Jump - 5th, Jaziel Gallegos, 31'1.25".

Long Jump - 6th, Anson Lott, 15'8".

Jr. High Girls track results

The Junior High girls participated in the Christoval Junior High Track Meet held on April 1, 1999.

Individual results were as follows:

Triple Jump - 3rd, Misti Brothers, 28'3 1/2"; 5th, Kindra Matthews, 27'5 3/4"

Long Jump - 4th, Christina Middleton, 12'11".

Discus - 5th, Jennifer Nesbit; 6th, Misti Brothers.

400m Relay - 4th, Matthews, Kendall, Middleton, Wallace, 59.52.

800m Run - 4th, Monica Rodriguez, 2:57.16.

100m Hurdles - 1st, Misti Brothers, 17.35.

800m Relay - 6th, Matthews, Lott, Middleton, Wallace, 2:07.23.

400m Dash - 6th, Nicole Sanchez, 74.31.

1600m Run - 3rd, Monica Rodriguez, 6:53.55.

1600m Relay - 4th, Brothers, Middleton, Wallace, Sanchez, 5:13.55.

RL ISD Board of Trustees meet

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on March 30, 1999, in the school cafeteria. All members were present. The following business was conducted:

•TASB Update 60 Vantage points were distributed.

•A date; Tuesday, May 4, 1999, 6:30 pm, was set to canvas results of May 1, 1999 trustee election.

•The varsity Boys Basketball coach position was approved for taking applications.

•Coach Edward Poehls, Athletic Director, resigned his position. His resignation was approved.

Steers and Lady Steers win

Both the Steers and the Lady Steers brought home wins from the Christoval Track Meet held on April 1, 1999. The boys scored 181 points and the girls scored 157 points.

Full results will be in next week's paper.

RL ISD announces TODTWD date

The Take our Daughters to Work Day (TODTWD) program is promoted annually nationwide by the Ms. Foundation for Women. This day provides an opportunity for school districts to extend plans for career investigation activities. Nationally, the TODTWD is the fourth Thursday in April each year. Because this date is immediately before the spring administration of the TAAS, local school districts have been given the option of selecting an alternate date. Robert Lee ISD has selected Thursday, June 10, 1999, as the recognized date for TODTWD. We do encourage parents and students to participate in this worthwhile activity.

First Aid Safety Course offered

The American Red Cross will be conducting a dual course study in basic first aid and infant/child/adult CPR on Saturday, April 10th, at 9 am in the Blackwell School Cafeteria. This is a nine hour course and will include instruction on many first aid procedures, such as choking, drowning, bleeding, fractures, etc., and also cardio-pulmonary resuscitation for infants, children and adults.

For more information, contact Sharilyn Parr at 915-743-2164 or 915-282-2901, or Lane Jackson at 915-282-2311.

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, April 12

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk

Tuesday, April 13

Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Cold Cereal, Milk

Wednesday, April 14

Orange Juice, Blueberry Pancake wrapped around Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk

Thursday, April 15

Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk

Friday, April 16

Orange Juice, French Toast, Sausage Patty, Milk

Lunch

Monday, April 12

Nachos, Corn, Chili Beans, Cowboy Cookies, Milk

Tuesday, April 13

Chicken O's, Macaroni & Cheese, English Peas, Rolls, Pears, Milk

Wednesday, April 14

Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Carrots, White Bread, Peaches, Milk

Thursday, April 15

Turkey with Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Friday, April 16

Ham & Cheese Subs, Potato Wedges, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Pears, Milk

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Red Canyon Gun Club holds monthly match

Red Canyon Gun Club held their monthly silhouette hunter pistol match on Sunday, April 4th. Kenneth Green of Robert Lee proved that a good score can be shot in strong gusting winds, which seemed to affect all shooters but Kenneth. With most shooters' scores much under their average, Kenneth shot close to his average to take the high overall trophy in the first match, which was a small bore course. Linda Randel of Big Spring was second, and Richard Johnson was third.

Class winners were AAA 1st - Doug Randel of Big Spring; AA 1st - Linda Randel of Big Spring; A 1st - David Autry of Robert Lee; A 2nd - Keith Autry of Robert Lee; Junior Class High - Kyle Mayfield of Veribest.

In the second match, which was hunter pistol big bore, Richard Johnson put it together and took the high overall trophy. Second place was Doug Randel, and third was Linda Randel.

Class winners were AA 1st - Doug Randel; AA 2nd - David Autry; A 1st - Linda Randel;

and A 2nd - Keith Autry.

Two new shooters who have posted very good scores are David Autry and his 16 year old son Keith. They are well on their way to shooting top scores in silhouette pistol competition.

In an added feature, Sub Jr. shooter Kyle Mayfield, beat out his grandpa, Ken Green, for the Green family bragging rights. Kyle tied Kenneth in the match, so it was decided to have a sudden death shoot off and, you guessed it, Kyle beat out his granddad for the honors. Good shooting, Kyle.

Working while retired? Know when to report earnings

Even though a recent law eliminated annual earnings reports for most beneficiaries who work, there are still some circumstances under which you must report your earnings while receiving Social Security retirement or survivors benefits, according to Fredi Franki, Social Security Manager in San Angelo.

"Usually, Social Security gets that information from the earnings your employer reports on your W-2 and from

your self-employment earnings reported on your income tax return," Franki said. "However, there are some circumstances under which you are responsible for reporting the earnings. You need to report earnings to Social Security after the end of the year only if:

- You're eligible for the monthly earnings test and you earned less than the monthly earnings limits (in that case, we need to know so we can pay you benefits for that month).

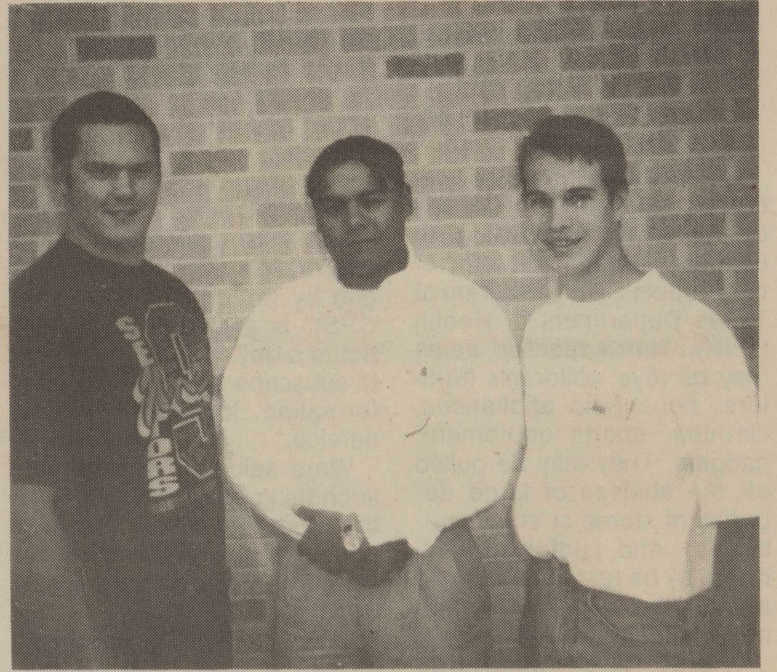
- Some, or all, of the earnings shown on your W-2 were not earned in the year reported.

- Your W-2 shows employer-reported wages that you will include on a self-employment tax return.

- You filed a self-employment tax return, but you did not perform any services in your business or you file your tax return on a fiscal year basis.

- You are a farmer and you get federal agricultural program payments or you have income from carry-over crops.

- Social Security withheld some benefits but you had no earnings for the year.



The Robert Lee High School Ag Mechanics team travelled to the Stephenville Invitational contest last weekend where they placed 9th overall. Ross Schultz (right) was 3rd High Individual. Other team members are Justin Kendall (left) and Bill Torres. This team, along with the Livestock Judging team, will travel to Lubbock this weekend for the Area contest at Texas Tech.

A different rule applies to disabled beneficiaries who work; they must report all earnings and earnings over \$500 are considered an indication that they are no longer disabled. For disabled recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) who work, benefits decrease as their earnings increase.

If you have questions about reporting requirements, call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 or call or visit your local Social Security office. Information on reporting requirements also is available at this Internet address: www.ssa.gov.

RLVFD News

by Marian Thompson

The Fire Department held its first meeting of the month on April 5th at City Hall. There were nine members present. President Keith Eubanks presided. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Beginning with the meeting on the 19th, the time will be changed to 7 pm.

Chief Rick Drennan reported that they received the papers from the Forest Service on the truck they received from them in December.

They discussed the Oak Creek fire, where Keith, Rick and Bud assisted the Blackwell, Bronte and Sweetwater departments. Bud Thompson, Dispatcher, reported that for the first quarter a total of 17 calls were received, with 8 city, 7 county, and 2 others.

This year the trucks have rolled on two smoke reports, which turned out to be control burns. The firemen have to leave their jobs and drive the trucks, burning gas, to find a control burn. All it would take is a phone call to advise someone of a planned burn.

There was a discussion regarding the fire sirens not being operable, and the need to have them repaired as storm season is approaching.

There was a discussion about rescue trucks and what equipment other departments have, and how they are working out.

The meeting was adjourned to the fire station to do repairs and some painting.

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.

Spring Chicken Affair to be held in San Angelo

For the seventeenth consecutive year, brightly colored tents will dot San Angelo's skyline, a couple of dozen fryers will bubble up with the batter of 9,300 pieces of chicken and lively musical entertainment will fill the air.

The occasion is the annual Spring Chicken Affair to be held from 11 am to 2 pm, Sunday, April 18 at 3451 Knickerbocker Road (behind San Angelo National Bank) to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center. As always, the event will feature an old-fashioned, Sunday-after-church chicken dinner with all the trimmings and hand-clapping music provided by a seven-member band called Blacktop Betty and The Misdemeanors.

Sponsors of the benefit are HEB Food-Drugs, San Angelo Restaurant Association and San Angelo National Bank.

Though each year's version of the Spring Chicken Affair is special, the 1999 event will have the distinction of being the one at which cumulative proceeds to Rehab will cross the \$300,000 mark. Said WTRC President Jim Pethis of that achievement: "It's taken a lot of fried chicken and a host of good friends to accomplish this. All of us at Rehab are grateful to everyone responsible - sponsors, volunteers, and event patrons."

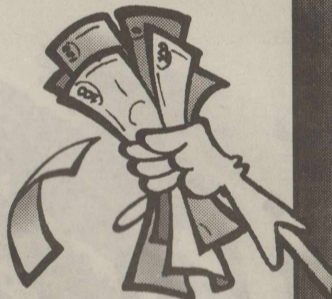
Pethis extended a special invitation to Rehab friends throughout the Concho Valley to make the short drive into San Angelo to join the fun and fellowship that's become as much a feature of the occasion as the excellent food.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Rehab Center, HEB or San Angelo National Bank. They will also be available at the event.

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Recalled products still in use are continuing danger

Recalled. At least one item gets that tag just about every work day of the year, according to Charles Branton, director of the Product Safety Program at Texas Department of Health (TDH). These recalled items may be toys, children's furniture, household appliances, clothing, sports equipment, gadgets. They may be pulled off the shelves of large department stores or small boutiques. And, unfortunately, they may be resold - again and again - in thrift stores, flea markets, garage sales.

"These are hazardous products," Branton said. "People, especially children, have been injured or killed using them. But they keep resurfacing."

TDH works with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to handle about 300 recalls of defective or dangerous products each year. Branton said that consumers can learn about a recall from:

- The retailer who originally sold the item
- Notices carried by the media
- The Internet at www.tdh.state.tx.us
- A subscription to the CPSC Fax-on-Demand Service and
- The manufacturer directly by mail.

"Those registration cards that come with a new product are an important way for manufacturers to keep track of buyers and let them know about a recall," Branton said.

More difficult to track are recalled items after they have been in use - and possibly given away or resold. TDH's product safety inspectors work with resale and thrift shop owners and managers to keep them informed about items that are dangerous and have been recalled.

"A lot of small resale shops do not get the information on

recalled products directly from the manufacturer," said Mike Ward, chief of TDH's Compliance and Field Operations Branch.

"During the annual TDH/CPSC Recall Round-Up, we let them know they can get information over the Internet and by fax. Information from CPSC is available by fax 24 hours a day. People just need to subscribe to get this free information. It's a very timely service."

Ward said that there is no such thing as an old recall. "If the product is still in use and has not been modified to meet safety standards, it is still dangerous."

Everything from playpens, infant car seats and ride-on battery-powered toy cars to toasters, lamps, cedar chests and bunk beds have been recalled. Hazards include such things as falls, strangulation, fires and burns, entrapment and suffocation. Some problems are just a nuisance. Others are deadly.

Some recalled items can be repaired according to instructions supplied by the manufacturer. Others need to be returned to the place of purchase or the manufacturer. Consumers should stop using all recalled items immediately.

Branton suggested that consumers check toys, furniture and other household appliances and equipment for safety hazards. "You may not remember a specific recall, but you may suspect that an item is not working correctly or may be causing problems. That's when people should stop using the items. We hope through education that we can get these products both off store shelves and out of homes," he said.

Both TDH and CPSC have complete data on items that have been recalled. Information includes date of recall, name of firm and product with the item's model number, specific problems and suggested remedies.

For assistance in identifying recalled products or to report

an unsafe consumer product or product-related injury, contact the TDH Product Safety Program at 512-834-6773 or visit the TDH web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us under Toy/Child Product Safety.

Information also is available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC web site at www.cpsc.gov or by fax 24 hours a day by subscription. Fax-on-Demand Service may be ordered by calling 301-504-0051. Information for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8720. Consumers also can report product hazards to info@cpsc.gov. For a list of major recalls, send a postcard to Recall List, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

Safety checklist from the Texas Dept. of Health

If an item is recalled, consumers should stop using it immediately and return it to the store where it was purchased for either repair or replacement. People also should check household products and children's items for hazards. Some safety tips include the following:

- Playpens**
 - Look for newer models with the top rails that automatically lock.
 - Never leave an infant in a playpen with the sides down. The infant may roll into space between the mattress and mesh side and suffocate.
 - Check to see that the mesh has a small weave of

less than 1/4 inch openings and that it has no tears, holes or loose threads.

- A wooden playpen should have slats spaced no more than 2 3/8 inches apart.

Infant carriers

- Be sure all latches are secure and do not come loose.
- Always use restraining straps.
- Watch the child carefully,

Letter lauds 911 dispatchers

The following letter was received by the Concho Valley Council of Governments concerning 911 dispatchers, from Governor George W. Bush.

Greetings: Congratulations as you celebrate National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This April 11-17 event provides a great opportunity for Texans to recognize the important work performed by the "unseen first responders" of 911 calls.

Every day, telecommunicators in our state answer thousands of emergency calls, obtain information from often desperate people and dispatch the appropriate emergency services. Your experience, patience and skill have saved countless lives and valuable property. I commend you for your commitment to helping others and your dedication to your work. People like you make Texas a beacon state.

Laura and I join our fellow Texans in thanking you for a job well done. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
George W. Bush

even when the child is strapped in.

Bunk beds

- Choose bunk beds that have guardrails on all sides which are screwed, bolted or otherwise firmly attached to the bed structure.

- Spacing between the bed frame and bottom of guardrails should be less than 3 1/2 inches.

- Guardrails that extend at least 5 inches above the mattress surface help prevent a child from rolling off.

- Be sure that a ladder secured to the frame will not slip.

Toy chest

- Avoid any toy chest or other container with a hinged lid that can fall easily.

- Be sure the chest does not have a latch that might trap a child inside.

Halogen torchiere floor lamps

- Use a glass or wire guard to shield the bulb at the top of the lamp.

- Use a halogen bulb of 300 watts or less.

- Never place the lamp near curtains, other cloth window treatments or bedding.

- Never drape clothes over the lamp.

- Never leave the lamp on when you leave a room or are not at home.

Skywarn team watches over RL

The Skywarn team was on duty Friday night, watching the skies over Robert Lee. There was a line of severe thunderstorms headed this way. The line split and went over and under Coke County. However, the men were on alert until 3 am.

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Joan & Nadine Davis visit Hawaii

Nadine and Joan Davis fulfilled a longtime wish recently when they spent a week in Hawaii. Their lasting impression of the islands was that surely no place on earth can equal the tropical paradise for beauty, climate, and feel. Six million tourists each year must agree; they keep coming and many even acquire homes there. Although each of the islands is different, they are breath-taking in their own way.

Thousands of species of trees, shrubs, flowers, and herbs exist in profusion due to fertile, lava-rich soil and as much as 300 inches of rainfall per year. Coastlines and beaches differ from many other tropical islands - aquamarine blue water for about 100 yards out, then turning to a deeper sapphire blue. Black lava rocks and outcroppings out in the water form dangerous reefs but make many of the beach sands gray to black. A pounding surf and undertows keep swimmers and small boats inside the reefs. Booming tides and waves have eroded roads and beaches so that repair work is

ongoing.

The Davises landed at Honolulu International Airport on Oahu and spent their entire trip at The Outrigger Hotel on Waikiki with Diamond Head crater about a quarter of a mile down the beach. Though the hotel was beautiful with many connected activities, the travelers tried to see as much of the islands as they could. They saw Pearl Harbor; Hilo Hattie's, a famous store which stocks all kinds of island merchandise and contains a clothing factory (they will hem your muu-muu while you wait); Chinatown; Dole Pineapple Cannery; Maui Divers of Hawaii, who harvest deep coral, a dangerous occupation; Iolani Palace; and several gardens.

Day 3 found the tourists flying to the Big Island of Hawaii and caught a helicopter flight over lava flows of Mauna Loa, one of the only two live, erupting volcanoes in the world. The crater began overflowing down to the sea in 1983 and still continues. It wiped out about 200 buildings, a rain forest, and part of a macadamia nut plantation. The Davises rented a car and drove to a number of sights

before taking the flight back to Oahu.

A Hawaiian luau on Paradise Cove was also on the agenda. The pig for the feast had been filled with hot lava rocks, wrapped in wet banana leaves and roasted in a hole in the ground, covered by coals. A show by native dancers followed and included their thrilling fire knife dance.

Early the next morning, the couple flew (17 minutes) to Maui, rented a car and drove to Lahaina Harbor where they boarded a two-decker excursion boat for a 1/2 day of whale watching. The whales bring their young calves from Alaska to breed in the warm Pacific water during the spring months and will return north during the summer. Humpback whales are endangered but the boat maneuvered close enough for a look at a large number of cows and calves. Maritime law does not permit pursuing or harassment of the mammals.

Friday was spent seeing local sights and shopping from open-air trolleys. All day fares were \$18, a bargain considering cab fare.

Small variances in day and



Nadine Davis of Abilene (left) and Joan Davis of Robert Lee arrive in Honolulu, Hawaii, on March 14 following an 8-hour non-stop flight from D/FW.

night and winter and summer temperatures are taken advantage of with two growing seasons a year. For some crops, the islands get too much rain but it's perfect for pineapples, coconuts, papayas, sugar cane, avocados, coffee, macadamia nuts and bananas. Cut flowers are a 25 million dollar a year crop.

The north side of Oahu was one of the most beautiful areas the Davises saw. A large tour bus to that rural area was wonderful, passing through gardens; plantations; sheer lush cliffs; high misty mountains; and the North Shore which is world famous to big time surfers with 20-30 foot waves.

Hawaii has a lot going for it besides the scenery - no snakes (important to West Texans); the cleanest you can imagine, absolutely no trash; low crime rate; no pollution; rainwater usage, no additives ever.

Island natives are very proud of their royal heritage,

ending with the death of the last member of the reigning family in 1917. Iolani Palace served as Steve McGarrett's headquarters on "Hawaii Five-O," signifying the year, 1950, that Hawaii gained statehood.

A number of films and TV series were filmed in beautiful Hawaii including "Gilligan's Island;" "Karate Kid II;" "Magnum, P.I.;" "Jake and the Fatman;" "From Here to Eternity;" and now officials have clinched "Baywatch's" move to Oahu's North Shore this fall from Los Angeles.

The Davises said Aloha to Hawaii on Saturday. It sure is hot and dry here, isn't it?

NOTICE OF General ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION General)

To the Registered Voters of West Coke County Hospital District
(A los votantes registrados del West Coke County Hospital District Texas;)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 1, 19 99, for voting in a Director election, to elect two directors

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de Mayo de 19 99 para votar en la Elección para elegir dos (2) miembros.)

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

Coke County Courthouse
13 East 7th
Robert Lee, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Coke County Clerk's Office Coke County Courthouse Robert Lee Texas 76945

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 14 1999 (date)

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 14 de Abril 1999 (fecha)

and ending on April 27 1999 (date)

(y terminando el 27 Abril 1999 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)

Hours (Horas)

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Mary Grim

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

Coke County Courthouse
(Address) (Dirección)

Robert Lee Texas 76945
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 23 1999 23 de Abril 1999

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 22nd day of March, 19 99

(Emitada este día 22 de Maro, 19 99.)

Mary Bissant

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

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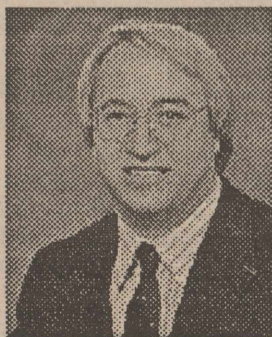
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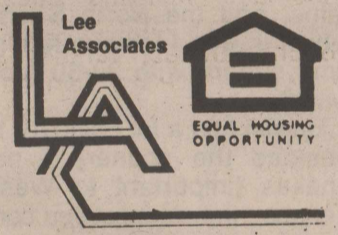
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Project No. BC-7-206-2459 for the Construction of an Addition to a Maintenance Office, SH 158 East, Robert Lee, Texas. BID DATE: May 6, 1999 - 2:30 PM at 200 E. Riverside Dr. Room 101, Austin, Texas.

ESTIMATED COST: \$50,000.00. Plans and Specifications will be furnished without charge to the prime contractor. Pick up plans from Dennis W. Wilde, P.E., San Angelo TxDOT, 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, TX 76906, Phone 915-947-9210, FAX 915-947-9292.

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PRE-BID CONFERENCE: None Scheduled

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRONTE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Bronte is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant request is \$175,000 for water and sewer system improvements in Bronte. The application is available for review at the City Hall during regular business hours.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas
To: LINDA GREGSTON, Respondent

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of HARVEY LEON GREGSTON, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Coke County, Texas, 51st Judicial District, on the 5th day of April, 1999, against LINDA GREGSTON, Respondent, numbered 3869, and entitled 'IN THE MATTER OF HARVEY LEON GREGSTON AND LINDA GREGSTON.' The suit requests a dissolution of the marriage by divorce.

"The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

"Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas, this the 5th day of April, 1999.

Clerk of the District Court of Coke County, Texas
By: Sharon Lee, Deputy."

36a-1tc

Death of honey bee population prompts drastic measures

About 90 percent of the wild honey bees have died and managed hives have declined by 50 percent - signaling trouble for Texas produce and wildflowers this spring.

The disappearance of honey bees - the major pollinator of flowering plants - could greatly reduce production of some 90 Texas crops causing economic losses and shortages of fruits and vegetables, industry officials say.

But a cooperative effort by state and federal agencies joined by local beekeepers and commodity groups hopes to turn the situation around with research and education. They've written a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Honey Bee Protection and Management Initiative calling for \$1.4 million over the next two years from the Texas Legislature.

"The goal of the program is to ensure that the goods and services provided by the activities of honey bees are protected and enhanced for the benefit of Texas citizens and our agriculture enterprise," said Dr. Ray Frisbie, head of Texas A&M University's entomology department.

Honeybees have died off in Texas - as well as much of the rest of the nation - due to an invasion of varroa mites, a tiny species that feeds on the blood of honey bees. That deadly parasite comes on the heels of an infestation in 1984 of tracheal mites followed by the invasion of Africanized honey bees and the dumping of Chinese honey on the U.S. market.

"As a result of these events, the number of commercial resident honey bee colonies has dropped in Texas from about 200,000 in 1985 to less than 100,000 today," Frisbie explained.

Control of the mites in hives managed by beekeepers has proven difficult, according to Dr. Rodney Holloway, Texas Agricultural Extension Service pesticide assessment specialist.

"Few chemical pesticides

are effective against the mites and yet harmless to honey bees and safe for humans," Holloway said.

The scientists and beekeepers seeking the initiative say research is needed to find ways to control the mites, the single most important problem facing beekeepers.

"The value of pollination of these cultivated crops by managed colonies of bees is estimated to be \$487 million," said Dr. John Thomas, Texas Beekeepers Association executive secretary.

In addition to commercial crops, researchers say that wild honey bees are vital to nature because the pollination of flowering plants provides food and habitat for wildlife and vegetative cover for forests and rangeland. Many home garden fruits and vegetables require pollination to produce as well.

"Most of us take for granted the ecological service that honey bees provide as pollinators," said Dr. Robert Coulson, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist.

"However, the demise of feral (wild) honey bee colonies eliminates the principal purveyor of this critical service. It is not clear whether other species of insects can substitute for honey bees and provide pollination of flowering plants in our natural landscapes."

If the initiative is funded, scientists want to look at the reasons why wild honey bees are not as abundant in as many places any more and define what that means for the pollination of both commercial crops and wild flowering plants. Among the studies would be one looking at the interaction and impact of Africanized honey bees on both managed and wild domestic honey bees.

Two other research components would document and evaluate native pollinators other than honey bees and would develop a computerized spatial information management system for beekeepers.

The initiative's partners stress that telling people about the research results will

be a vital part in helping to bring back a healthy population of honey bees in the state.

"With the invasion of Africanized honey bees and parasitic mites, beekeeping in Texas has been subjected to more change in the last 10 years than the past 100 years," said Holloway. "These 'new' problems have changed beekeeping management practices and driven some beekeepers out of business. In short supply are local honeys, and bees for pollination contracts and wild flower pollination."

Results from these findings, the cooperative group notes, would be conveyed to beekeepers, wildflower enthusiasts, gardeners and the general public through educational materials and programs developed under the initiative.

Spring City Arts & Crafts Show

The tenth annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show will be held April 10-11 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring. More than 160 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will fill both floors with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer for the two-day event, said the upcoming show would feature a number of newcomers. "First-time exhibitors will offer items such as handpainted clothing, wreaths, jackets, handmade bags and accessories, denim shirts, pottery, ribbon candles, functional stoneware pottery, animal caricatures, angel and western jewelry, magnets, and original clothing," Prather said.

Also new are those with mesquite wood bowls, candle holders and boxes, pine needle baskets, handpainted clocks, trash cans, clothes hampers, birdhouses, birdfeeders, yard ornaments, swags, bath accessories, metal art, original paintings, dried floral arrangements, etched glass, handpainted jewelry, gift cans, metal sculpture, wind chimes, quilts, nail art, jewelry and food items.

Returning exhibitors will offer a variety of items ranging from finished furniture to miniatures. Also back are those with Southwest artifacts, toile painting, country wood crafts, pottery, fireplace screens, floral wreaths, weather stations, barnwood furniture and frames, wood dolls, seasonal decorations, trash bins, floor lamps, rustic birdhouses, candy, soup and dip mixes, and cake candles.

Others will offer jewelry, grandmother shirts, jar can-

dles, votives, ceramics, brass jewelry, beef jerky, stained glass, calligraphy, glass lamps, scented oils, Emu oil, peanut brittle, note cards, clothing, scroll saw art, religious carvings, baby quilts, quilted wall hangings, short sets, hair accessories, mail box covers, fountains, decorated shirts and floral swags.

Rounding out the list will be those with soft sculpture, ornate birdhouses, kitchen crafts, belt buckles, toys and games, silver jewelry, weather stations, floral arrangements, corner cabinets, bookcases, sports rack holders, cap holders, cross stitch stands, decorated windows and crosses, unfinished furniture, and address frames.

BNH celebrates Easter with hunt

On Thursday, April 1, Bronte Nursing Home celebrated Easter with a community Easter egg hunt which included BNH residents, Busy B Day Care, and area children.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance with candy and eggs for all.

It was hard to tell who had more fun - the residents or the children.

Last chance for Mrs. Robert Lee

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant has issued a last call for Robert Lee to find a candidate to compete for the title of Mrs. Texas 1999. Unless someone steps forward within the next two weeks, it appears the area will go unrepresented.

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant is a statewide event that honors the state's loveliest married women and sends a Texas representative to the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant which will take place in Hawaii in the Fall. According to Tana Herrington, Director, "We have had a number of inquiries from women in the area, but as of today, none has followed through." There is still time for a contestant to step forward, but she will have to act quickly. Says Herrington, "I must have the completed application in hand by April 20, 1999." Contestants will have a few more weeks to prepare as the pageant will take place June 4-6, 1999, at the Marriott Greenspoint Hotel in Houston.

According to Herrington, Mrs. Texas contestants do not necessarily fit any particular mold. "Our participants represent an incredible variety of backgrounds, lifestyles and personal interest." The competition includes evening gown, swimsuit and interview competitions.

Married women interested are urged to contact Tana Herrington at (602) 563-4216.

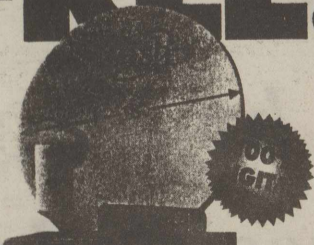
Pre-Cooked briskets capturing Texas palates

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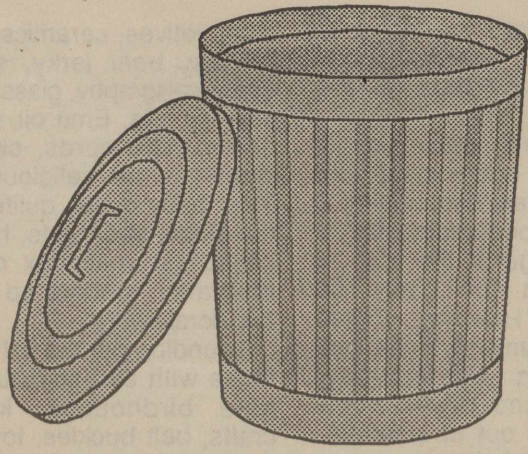
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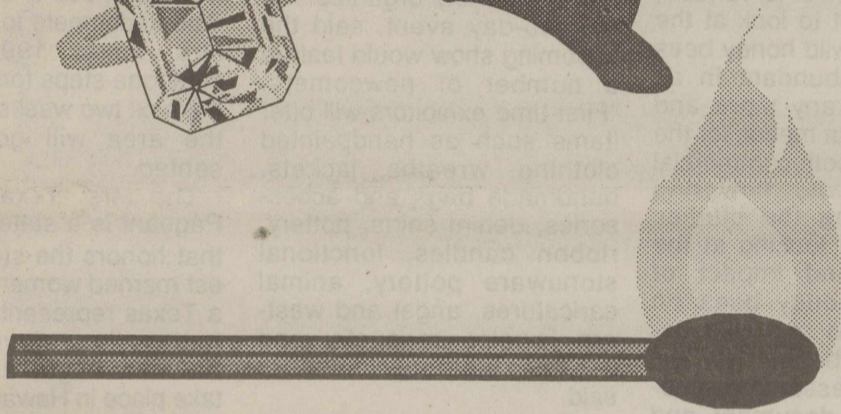
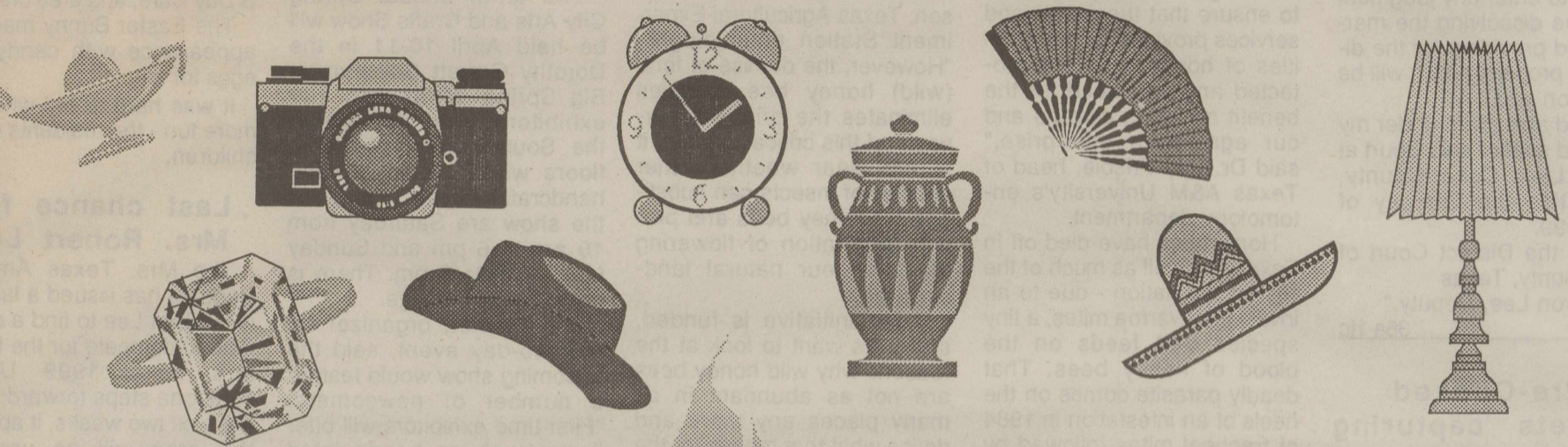
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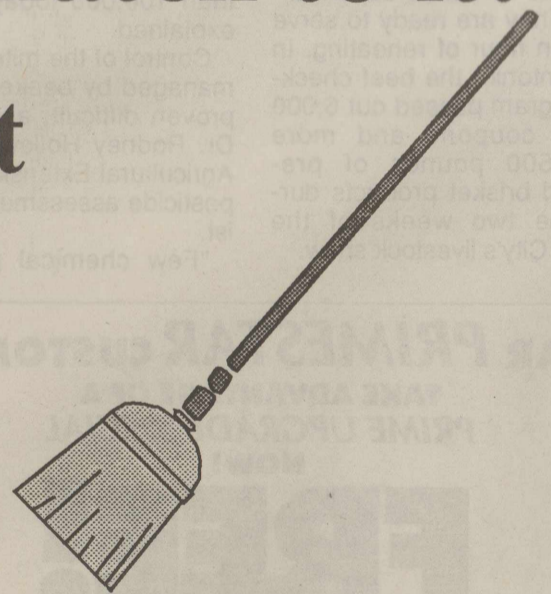


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