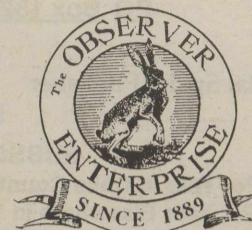


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## County teams earn district titles

### Lady Steers capture District 20-A crown

The Robert Lee Lady Steers won the District 20-A Crown by defeating the Roscoe Plowgirls 40-33 last Tuesday night, here at the Robert Lee gym. The Lady Steers trailed at the half 12-20, but outscored their opponent 20-9 in the final stanza to take the 40-33 victory: Free throw shooting played a major role in the outcome with the Lady Steers connecting on 16 of 19 from the charity stripe. DeShira Dickey led the Lady Steers with ten points, connecting on all six of her free throw attempts. Whitney Millican led the team with nine rebounds to go with seven points. Jodee Helwig had eight points; Shanna Wojtek with seven points; Kizre Matthews with six points; and Dixie Simpson with two points. It is the Lady Steers second year in a row to win the District title and they move into the Bi-District round against Blackwell, Tuesday, February 15 with the winner of that game facing Borden County in the Area round on February 18 at 7:00 pm, temporarily set to play at Sweetwater High School gym.

In a practice game held at McMurry College, the Lady Steers lost to the 15th ranked team in the state, Lipan, by a

### Van Huss advances to Dallas

Brandon Van Huss, a senior at Robert Lee High School attended Model Search USA in Abilene. He was picked to go to Dallas and compete against 1,700 other co-ed models.

He went to Dallas on Friday, Feb. 11 and attended a modeling workshop on Saturday, Feb. 12. Out of 1,700 contestants Brandon was called back by three model agencies. NMK in New York, New York, City Models in San Francisco, California, and Baileys Model Management in Orlando, Florida. Brandon can choose out of the three agencies who he wants to model with.

He is the son of Terri Hayes of Robert Lee and Lynn Van Huss of Midland. He is also the brother of Dee Van Huss and Kayla Medrano.

Brandon is employed by Red Lobster in San Angelo.

score of 62-39. A slow start by the Lady Steers, as they trailed 10-26 at the end of the first period, led to their downfall. Dickey once again was a perfect four of four from the line and finished with sixteen points. Helwig had twelve points; Wojtek with five points; Amber Freeman, Whitney Millican, and Dixie Simpson each adding two points.

### Bronte Longhorns defeat Miles for District Champs

The Bronte Longhorns have won the district title with a 19-5 overall record and 7-1 in district competition. The Longhorns defeated Miles by a score of 87-41 on February 8.

Brandon Gibbs led the team with fifteen points; seven rebounds, Steve Eldred with fourteen points; five rebounds, five assists, three steals, Tim Green with twelve points; five rebounds; six assists; three steals, Henry White with ten points, Andy Blair with eight points; seven rebounds, Ryan McCorkle with six points; four assists, Josh Schoenfield with six points; five rebounds, Zeb Speary with four assists, Anthony Gibbs with three points; four assists, and Charlie Bettis with two points.

### Coke County Courthouse set to close

The Coke County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 21, in observance of George Washington's birthday. Regular business will resume on Tuesday.



Brandon Van Huss



The Robert Lee Lady Steers won the Bi-District Championship game against the Blackwell Lady Hornets Tuesday evening, February 15. The Lady Steers will face Borden County for the Area Championship Friday night (tonight) at 7 pm in Sweetwater. The Lady Steers are coached by Wayne Alexander. The Lady Steers team members are (back, from left) Deshira Dickey, Jodee Helwig, Jennifer Alexander, Dixie Simpson, (front, from left) Amber Freeman, Jennifer Hamilton, Whitney Millican, Kizre Matthews, and Shanna Wojtek.

### Bronte ISD School Board election set for May

Bronte ISD School Board Election is set for May 6, 2000. Three full three-year positions to be filled in election: Incumbents are: Wayne Coalson, Bob Frazee, and Jeff Schoenfield.

One one-year unexpired term: Incumbent - Terry Charles.

First day to apply for place on ballot is February 21. Last day to file is March 22, 2000.

### Educational Program set for Thursday

The general public is cordially invited to attend a short educational program on hospice benefits and services. The program is set for Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center.

The program will be presented by Mark Busenlehner, R.N., Professional Relation Coordinator, and Vista Care Family Hospice.

Refreshments will be served by Bronte Health and Rehab Center Auxiliary.

### O/E delivered at new time

The *Observer/Enterprise* is now arriving at the post office and other locations in Bronte at approximately 3:30 pm on Thursdays. Please note this change in delivery time.

### RLISD School Board election filing date set

Robert Lee ISD announces that Monday, February 21, 2000, is the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the 2000 school board election which will be held Saturday, May 6, 2000. The deadline for filing is Wednesday, March 22, 2000 at 5:00 pm.

Applications can be obtained at the Superintendent's office at Robert Lee ISD. Applications must be returned by the deadline. Three places on the board are available. These places are currently held by Lonnie Bloodworth, Sally Gloria, and Dianne Simpson.

### Coke County Retired Teachers Association

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, February 21, 2000. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

### Robert Lee City Hall closes for President's Day

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2000 to observe President's Day. Office will reopen Tuesday.

### Runnels Baptist Association set to meet

The Runnels Baptist Association will meet Sunday, February 20, at First Baptist Church, in Winters for a music festival.

The music festival will begin at 4:00 pm. Dale Ellis, Association Music Director, will be in charge of the program.

The Executive Board and W. M. U. will not meet. A meal will follow the music festival.

### Hot line is set up for insurance inquiries

The Texas Health & Human Services Commission has established a toll-free hot line to accept inquiries about the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other insurance options for children's insurance.

By calling the hot line, families of uninsured children can access information about health coverage through Medicaid and the Texas Health Kids Corporation. They also can leave their name and address so that a joint application or CHIP, Texas Health Kids and Medicaid can be mailed to them as soon as it becomes available.

The number is (800) 647-6558.

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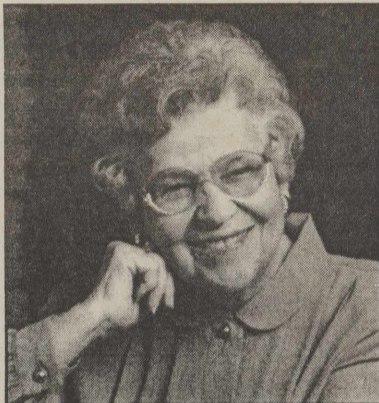
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**Obituaries**



**Murray**

Bea Murray, age 81, died Thursday, February 10, 2000 in Amarillo, Texas. Services were at 2:30 pm Sunday, February 13, 2000 at First Baptist Church in Blackwell, Texas. Rev. Jackie Gestes officiated. Local arrangements were made by Brooks Funeral Directors. Burial was at the Blackwell Cemetery in Blackwell, Texas.

Bea Murray was born on May 16, 1918 to Arch and Earnie Baldwin Harris of Wister, Oklahoma. She graduated from Big Spring High School. She married Curtis William (Bill) Murray on February 10, 1940 in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1993. They lived in Midland from 1941-1973 and then moved to Blackwell. During the past year, she had been a resident at the Conner House in Canyon. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Blackwell and Omega Coterie and Euterpean Ladies Clubs in Blackwell.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Kay Baker from Canyon, Texas; two sons, Bill Murray, Jr. from Jakarta, Indonesia; Jim Murray from Vernon, Texas; seven grandchildren, Emily Bullard from Grapevine, Texas; Scott

Murray, Houston, Texas; Melissa Bryant, Hurst, Texas; Jennifer Stewart, Amarillo, Texas; Rachal Murray, Houston, Texas; Amy Murray, Vernon, Texas; and Emily Murray, Jakarta, Indonesia, and three great grandchildren.

Memorials can be sent to First Baptist Church in Blackwell P.O. Box 416 Blackwell, TX 79506 or Blackwell Cemetery c/o Hulene Magness P.O. Box 416 Blackwell, TX 79506. 29a-1tc

**USDA approves TDA's request to graze Texas CRP land**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the requests for 18 counties for emergency grazing of land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. The emergency request to graze is through April 30, 2000. This is waiver for grazing only and does not include haying of CRP acreage.

The approved counties, which account for 386,107 acres of CRP land, include Callahan, Coke, Concho, Fisher, Foard, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, McCulloch, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Sterling, Stonewall, Taylor, Wilbarger and Young.

"With drought conditions depleting grazing and hay supplies, this waiver not only gives livestock producers additional forage, but provides much needed access to water resources on these acres," Combs said. "This is a beginning step in helping Texas livestock producers, but additional assistance is needed from USDA so producers can

continue to operate."

In December, USDA denied requests for emergency grazing of CRP land in 10 counties. Combs, Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rep. Charlie Stenholm and the state office of FSA wrote and contacted Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and requested that USDA grant these requests as well as any additional requests to graze to provide forage and water for livestock.

Only livestock operations located within an approved county are eligible for emergency grazing of CRP acreage. CRP participants who do not own livestock may rent or lease the grazing privilege to an eligible livestock producer in an approved county. CRP participants must file a request with their USDA-FSA office and obtain approval before grazing begins or prior to renting or leasing the CRP acreage.

Producers who graze their CRP acreage must leave at least 25 percent of each field or adjacent field uncut for wildlife habitat, or graze all of the acreage at no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. In addition, CRP payments will be reduced by 10 percent of the per acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed in fiscal year 2000.

Combs reminds livestock producers who need hay or are looking for pastures to lease that they can obtain information on available sources both in and out of Texas through TDA's Hay and Grazing Hotline. The Hay and Grazing Hotline list is on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "Producer" section, or producers can obtain a supplier's list by calling toll-free 1-877-429-1998. A list of hay transporters is located on the Texas Motor Transportation

Association's website at www.tmta.com or a transporters list can be requested by calling TMTA at 1-800-727-7135. For livestock producers needing to haul water, the TMTA list also has water transporters.

**Sorosis Club meets**

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte met at 7:30 pm, February 10, 2000, in the home of Earline Moore.

Members of the club were very honored to have as their guests twelve UIL oral readers from fourth, fifth and sixth grades of Bronte Elementary School, and their sponsor, Cathy Howell, who is a kindergarten teacher in the school.

Fourth graders who read were Savannah Martinez, Gus Saunders, Emily Austin, and Cody Wallace. Fifth graders were Logan Rawls, Katie Cooper, Rebekah Beauchamp, and Jonathan Marrs. Sixth graders were Cheyenne Webb, C.T. Lloyd, Megan Gibbs, and Lillian McMullan. All of the readers performed well and were a delight to the club members. Each student received a box of Valentine candy.

In the business meeting that followed, President Wommack announced the Spring Convention would be March 18 in Comanche, and that annual dues had been increased to \$20. Also, that Sorosis Club members had volunteered to help with the recent school Book Fair. It was reported that \$2,000 in books were sold which netted the Elementary School Library \$800 in books.

The club is pleased to welcome new member Sherrie Soele.

Lovely Valentine refreshments were served by hostess Earline Moore to Sherrie Soele, Dorris Sonnenberg, Mary Glenn, Diane Luckett, Doris Sims, Jean Fancher, Celia Bowden, Janet Wommack, Pat Lee, Fredna Moore and Mary Frances Glenn.

**Coke County Library**

Sometimes "freebies" that come to the Coke County Library are worth opening the unrequested envelope. A big name motel chain has sent the 2000 Travelers' Guide and Road Atlas with road maps as well as many city maps. A copy of the story of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas is surprisingly interesting. Application blanks for the Peace Corps have been received. A video tape of the Medicare organization and how to use it is now available. A sample of "The Commuters Library Audio Bible" from Computers Library is an example of a set of each book of the Bible on tape. Coming soon to the library will be a set of Internal Revenue forms which can be machine copied for patron's use.

Almanac information for this week shows that February 16, 1883 was the day that the Ladies Home Journal began publication; the Parent Teacher Association was founded in 1898; and February 17 is the birthday of Michael Jordan who was born in 1963.

The food-for-fines program is still in effect. If an overdue book is accompanied by a non-perishable food item, there is no fine assessed. A basket is available for the food and volunteers will pick up the food and take it to the First Methodist Church where the food bank is temporarily housed.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday 1-5; and Friday 8-12. Books may be turned in to the Main Street Market in Bronte.

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PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
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Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

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(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270

Tommy Williams, Minister  
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;  
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PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy  
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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Southside Church of Christ**  
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(915) 453-2176

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
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Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor  
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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**Thoughts on the Scripture**

*By Rev. Jim Reeves*

*1 John 3:18 "My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action."*

In this week of Valentine's, we might ask ourselves, "What is true love?" One definition of true love is giving of ourselves for the benefit of others. Christ gave of himself, even to the point of giving His life, for the benefit of others, so that others might live. We can talk about Christian love all day, but it is in the giving of ourselves for the benefit of others that we truly express Christian love.

May God continue to bless each one of you.  
Brother Jim

**Merle Norman  
Cosmetic Studio  
celebrates "Gold  
Medallion" Grand  
Opening**

The independently owned Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio located at 7 E. 6th St., Robert Lee, Texas has been awarded "Gold Medallion" status by the Los Angeles-based Merle Norman Cosmetics, Inc.

On hand to help celebrate the grand opening of the "Gold Medallion" Studio were Coke County Judge Jackie Walker, Owner Suzann Johnson, Mayor Garland Davis, and Debbie McCabe.

"We are very proud of our recent recognition, which is consistent with the reputation we have built for unsurpassed personal service in the second year that we have been operating here in the community," says owner Suzann Johnson.

Merle Norman Cosmetics created the Gold Medallion Studio Program in response to recent retailing and consumer trends that place a higher value on customer service. It identifies studios that meet consumer expectations of personal service, knowledgeable beauty advisors and a pleasing atmosphere.

**ASU Nursing  
Department receives  
state & national re-  
accreditations**

The Nursing Department at Angelo State University has been re-accredited by both the Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

Dr. Edward Russell, head of the ASU Nursing Department, announced the re-accreditation after receiving official notification from both organizations.

The BNE regulates professional nursing practice and accredits nursing programs in Texas. The NLNAC is the principal organization responsible for the specialized accreditation of all nursing programs in the United States.

Based on evaluation site visits conducted last fall by the accrediting agencies, the Nursing Department received the maximum re-accreditation period of eight years for the associate of applied science



Merle Norman Cosmetics had their official grand opening Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14th. Local officials were on hand for the ribbon cutting celebration. Suzann Johnson (2nd from left) cuts the ribbon held by (from left) Coke County Judge Jackie Walker, Garland Davis, Mayor of Robert Lee, and Debbie McCabe.

and the bachelor of science degree programs. The new medical-surgical clinical nurse specialist master's degree program also received the maximum accreditation period for a new program. The accreditation includes the new on-line bachelor of science degree program that allows associate degree nurses to complete their BSN from their personal computers via the Internet.

Russell said, "The Nursing Department has been accredited since its inception 31 years ago, and this reaffirmation of continuing accreditation is a strong marker of excellence for our nursing programs."

"These re-accreditations," he said, "demonstrate the ongoing commitment of the nursing faculty and university administration to our mission of educating quality professional nurses and clinical specialists to provide excellent care to their patients and clients."

Information about ASU's nursing programs can be requested by calling (915)942-2224. Accreditation information can be obtained from the National League for Nursing

Accrediting Commission at (212) 363-5555.

**Czech Heritage  
Society**

The Concho Valley Czech Heritage Society of Texas for Runnels, Concho, and Tom Green Counties will host its first quarterly meeting of 2000 on Sunday, February 20th at 2:30 pm at the Rowena SPJST Lodge Hall #49.

The program for the meeting will be presented by David Blazek who will speak on famous rifles made in early Czechoslovakia. Members are asked to bring finger foods, chip & dips or a dessert for a light lunch after the meeting. The afternoon will be concluded with a game of Bingo. Members and guests are asked to bring a small prize to be handed out during the games.

Meetings are open to all who are interested in Czech Heritage, culture and early Czech immigrants. We invite you to come and join us for fun and fellowship. For directions to meeting or for additional information about the Concho Valley Czech Heritage Society, please call Louis Kokes at (915) 651-7994 or email skrab@gte.net.

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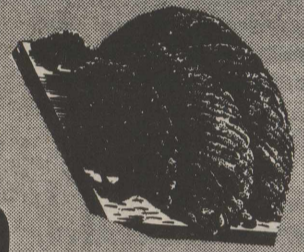
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Note of Thanks*

to all of you for making our grand opening a success. We had a great turn-out & a wonderful time. And a special thanks to Ivey Ford, C & H Hardware, Robert Lee State Bank, Molly B's, James Royall, Debbie Wilkes, Bruce & Linda Carole Deere for the beautiful plants, and to Lynn Green and her guitar. A very special thank you to Noel & Quincie Gregston for our sign.

Sincerely,  
**Diane & the Chuckwagon Bunch**

# Bronte School News

## Bronte vs. Meadow

Bronte Longhorns played against Meadow for a practice game and lost by a score of 49-71.

Brandon Gibbs and Ryan McCorkle led the Horns with eleven points, followed by Henry White with ten points; six rebounds, Jerrod McClure with seven points, Zeb Speary, Josh Shoenfield, and Charlie Bettis each with two points, and Tim Green had five assists.

## Bronte JV boys vs. Miles

The Bronte JV boys played against Miles on February 8 and lost by one point. The final score was 36-37.

Clayton Acker led the Longhorns with eleven points. Randy Johnson with nine points; Joel Webb with six points; Harley Hall with five points; James Graves with three points; and Jeremy Silva with two points.

## Bronte JV girls vs. Miles

On February 8 Bronte JV girls played Miles and won by a score of 48-12.

Lindsay Springer led the team with eleven points; four rebounds; five steals; three assists, Kelly Cooper with nine points, five steals, Stormy White with eight points, five steals, Heather Richey with six points, six rebounds, three steals, Chrissie Counts with six points, Kyla McGinnis with four points,

Kayla Hilliard and Joe'l Sefcik with two points each, Tiffany Riordan with three rebounds and five steals. Jenna Herold had a good game defensively.

The JV girls finished a great season at 9-10.

## Kelton makes Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1999 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 12 hours.

Among those recognized were: Stephen Shea Kelton from Bronte who is a Junior at Texas A&M.

## Bronte ISD Board of Trustees meet

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session February 10, 2000, at 7:00 pm. David Scott was absent from the meeting.

The Principals' reports included student activities and UIL activities.

The following early release dates were approved by the Board:

March 9 - Junior High Track Meet

April 7 - High School District Track

April 20 - High School Area Track

May 19 - Field Day

May 25 - Last Day of School

The Board approved the Academics 2000 Shared Services Agreement.

The Bronte ISD School Board Evaluation was considered. Motion was made and passed to approve the Board Code of Conduct/Operating Guidelines.

The training credits for School Board members was reviewed and recorded.

A school Board Election was called for and ordered on May 6, 2000, to elect three trustees for full three-year terms and one trustee for a one-year unexpired term.

Motion was made and approved to change the regular Board Meeting in March to the 7th.

The Board considered the evaluations of the Campus Administrators, Rick Howell, Secondary, Terry Marrs, Elementary, and Byron Griffin, CCJJC. Motion was made and approved to extend the contracts of Rick Howell and Terry Marrs to include the 2001-2002 school year. Motion was made and approved to offer Byron Griffin a two-year contract.

Motion was made and approved to hire Natalie Kohutek as PE teacher at CCJJC.

The Superintendent's Report was given by Alan Richey and included the following: update on facilities, discussion of School Board/Site Based Retreat, and discussion of Auction, May 6th. Mr. Richey also informed the Board that Drivers Education would not be offered this year due to the lack of an instructor.

The Board reviewed correspondence from TASB on new requirements for open meetings.

Motion was made and passed to pay the January 2000 bills.

The Board was adjourned at 11:10 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 7, 2000, at 7:00 pm.

## College daze set Feb. 26 for prospective ASU students

Angelo State University will host "College Daze" for prospective ASU students and their parents Saturday, Feb. 26.

"College Daze is an opportunity for prospective students and their parents to learn in one day what ASU has to offer," said College Daze coordinator Katy Williams.

College Daze will begin with registration at 9:30 am in the ASU Physical Education Building, followed by a welcome at 10 am when faculty and ASU students will greet prospective students and their parents as well as offer information about academic programs and student life.

Campus tours given by student volunteers are scheduled at 10:30 am and will conclude in the Food Service Center with a free lunch. At noon students and their families may attend the ASU Expo in the Physical Education Building for information on financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships and campus activities. Representatives from each field of study at ASU as well as from various student organizations will also be available to answer questions.

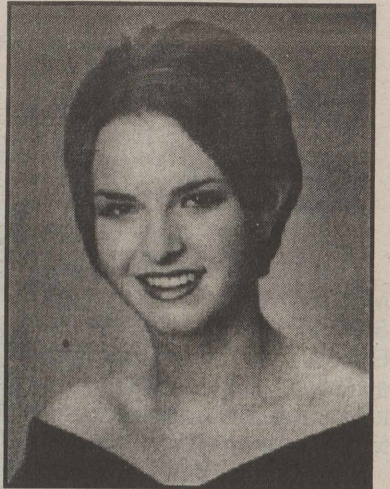
At 1:30 pm an information session will be presented for students interested in ASU pre-professional programs, including pre-medicine, pre-law and pre-health professions. At 2 pm College Daze participants will have the opportunity to see a Planetarium show, tour the ASU Management, Instruction and Research Center, or attend information sessions. The information sessions will cover selecting a major, financial aid and ways to get involved on campus. Music scholarship auditions are also scheduled for 2 pm in the Carr Education-Fine Arts Building.

Guests who attend College Daze will receive complimentary tickets to the ASU vs. Midwestern State University basketball games beginning at 6 pm.

"Before you make the choice in any big investment

such as higher education, you need to see how you're going to fit in at the particular college," Williams said. "Most colleges out there offer a good education program, but atmosphere is a key element in college life. "You should know what you're getting into," Williams said. "Get a feel for the campus, and see if it will feel like home to you."

For more information on College Daze, contact the Office of Admissions at 915-942-2058 or 1-800-946-8627. The academic year's final College Daze program is scheduled for April 8.



Elisabeth Beauchamp

## Beauchamp named to President's List

Elisabeth Sonya Beauchamp, a sophomore at the University of North Texas in Denton, was placed on the President's List for the 1999 Fall semester. Only students who have earned a grade point average of 4.0 on a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester were accorded this distinction. Sonya, who is an Elementary Education major, has consistently been placed on the President's List or Dean's List since beginning her university studies.

Sonya is the daughter of Sheila Beauchamp of Bronte and granddaughter of James Chambers and the late Katy Chambers of Tennyson. She has two younger sisters, Khanni and Rebekah, who attend Bronte ISD and one older sister, Heather, a junior at Angelo State University.

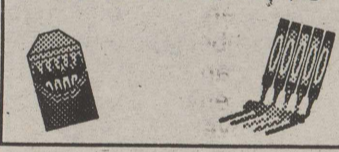
## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated by The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon.

Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Riverside, CA, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Champaign, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Atchison, KS, Georgetown, KY, Northfield, MN, Raleigh, NC, Boiling Springs, NC, Rochester, NY, North Canton, OH, Farmville, VA.

College Basketball Scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form call (704) 372-8610 anytime.

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

#### Monday, Feb. 21

Cereal, Apple Sauce, Pop Tart, Milk

#### Tuesday, Feb. 22

Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancake, Milk

#### Wednesday, Feb. 23

French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Teddy Grams, Milk

#### Thursday, Feb. 24

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Grape Juice, Toast, Milk

#### Friday, Feb. 25

Breakfast Burrito, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, Feb. 21

Fish Sticks, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Mixed Fruit, Rolls, Milk

#### Tuesday, Feb. 22

Hot Dogs, Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Bun, Pink Panther Cake, Milk

#### Wednesday, Feb. 23

Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef & Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Corn Bread, Jello, Milk

#### Thursday, Feb. 24

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# Reflections of the Past



Leon Gregston

## A soldier's letter home

(Editor's Note:)

The following letter was written to his parents by Leon Gregston approximately seventeen days prior to the end of his tour of duty in Vietnam in April of 1966. Following his

military service, Leon spent most of his career as an electrician in the Houston area. He passed away this past fall at the age of 56. His parents are the late John Gregston and Babe Gregston of Robert Lee.

Hi! Shore do wish things would slow down around here and get back to normal. I've never wanted to see two weeks and four days pass quick before now in my life. At least this infernal sand has quit blowing so bad - it's rained two times a day for a week.

I was off work for five days for the operation. When we were hit on the 12th, I was spending my second or third night in the dispensary. I counted 9-15 rounds in our immediate area - one of them injuring people in the EM club about a block from me. I wasn't dreaming when shrapnel raked the wall of the room we

were in. Five or six men were evacuated to Saigon that night and one more (who died) the next morning. There were sure some sights in there that night. One boy got shot in the rear, so you know what he was doing! There were several points of interest that weren't in the papers - one of them being about 90% of the rounds thrown didn't go off. We'd have been "blowed off'n the map."

Got a letter from Noel when he was in Hong Kong and one from Saigon. Get this! Yesterday I was down at Front Beach lookin' through my 135 mm telescopic lens and happened to see a destroyer escort with 325 on the bow! To shorten the whole story, I watched her pull out to rescue a jet pilot that had to ditch in the ocean. But one of our "Hueys" beat them there Heh - Heh! I phoned the Naval

Observation Center and found out that the USS Lowe had been in about a week and would be in for another month. At least that's what they told me. Oh well.

Mom, cross your fingers 'cause your baby boy is a comin' home. In 17 days. I

thought I could put up with anything for the few days left after I saw Noel, but everything is happening - even lost one of my contacts. A right one this time. Good thing I had an extra.

Your Lonesome Son  
Leon



## COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

### Chances of a Wheat Crop?

What is the number one question being asked? Does this wheat have a chance of making grain? For 90 percent of the planted wheat acreage the plant stand is erratic at best. The likelihood of this wheat crop making enough grain to justify harvesting is poor. My justification for such a statement is:

**1. Late maturity:** Late emerged wheat will mature later subjecting the wheat to higher temperatures and drought stress during grain fill. Disease organisms will usually be present at higher levels during the latter part of the growing season, causing more risk to the maturing crop from wheat leaf rust and/or stem rust.

**2. Poor Root System Development:** Seedlings which emerge in December and January have a weak, shallow root system. The root system will not have the potential for moisture and nutrient uptake that wheat planted in the optimum time frame would. Hot, dry conditions at flowering and during grain fill would result in a significant yield reduction.

**3. Tiller numbers:** Wheat grows very slowly at low temperatures and is essentially dormant below 40 degrees. Late emergence dates subjects the wheat to cooler temperatures which results in very few tillers being produced prior to winter dormancy. Higher seeding rates are commonly used to offset this reduction in tillering, but the lack of rain hampered emergence and resulted in low number of tillers surviving until spring.

**4. Phosphorus Inefficiency:** Phosphorus availability is low in cold soils. P moves by diffusion from the soil solution to the root surface, and diffusion rates are inversely related to soil temperature. Root system expansion is slower in cold soils which results in lower phosphorus uptake by the plant. Phosphorus is an important nutrient in the development of the root system and ultimately a healthy plant.

**5. Vernalization:** Winter wheat undergoes two impor-

tant physiological changes in the fall. The processes that bring about these changes are known as vernalization and cold acclimation. Vernalization is required before heading will take place the next spring. If seeding takes place after the optimum date, vernalization will be affected and maturity delayed. Cold acclimation is necessary before plants can survive the low temperatures of winter. Vernalization and cold acclimation require growth when minimum morning and maximum afternoon soil temperatures are below 45 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit, respectively. Winter wheats require a number of chilling hours to stimulate the formation of reproductive growth. These chilling hours are usually considered those above freezing but below the temperature at which wheat growth goes dormant from the cold (between 40 and 32 degrees). Wheat varieties vary somewhat with respect to vernalization requirements. Late planting reduces vernalization on wheats, which may be significant, particularly in southern growing areas of District 7. Optimum planting dates for wheat grown for grain production in our area of between October 15 and November 15. Yield reductions can be expected when wheat emergence occurs after November 20, however, weather conditions will be a major influence to the extent of the reduction.

**6. Reduced Plant Vigor:** Four to five weeks growth at temperatures higher than those required for vernalization and cold acclimation is necessary to ensure that plants have sufficient energy reserves available for a quick start in the spring. Seeding when maximum afternoon soil temperature is approximately 64 degrees Fahrenheit usually allows sufficient time for this growth and development to take place. Seeding later, when temperatures were lower, resulted in delayed germination, slow plant emergence and a reduced rate of subsequent plant growth. This usually translates into a higher risk of winterkill, lower yield and delayed maturity.

I think you can tell by the reasons given that the likelihood of this crop being harvested for grain is low. A producer would probably be trading dollars by the time the harvest was complete. It will cost about seven to nine bushels of grain to pay for the harvest cost and hauling. I'm not sure that most of our late emerging acreage will produce 10 bushels.

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# Robert Lee School News

## RLJV girls defeat Roscoe

On February 8 the JV girls played Roscoe and won by a score of 38-28 in two overtime periods.

Bobbie Sparks led the team with fifteen points, followed by Christina Middleton with nine points; Amanda Kuhl, Misti Brothers, and Kindra Matthews each with four points; and Krystal Soliz with two points.

The Robert Lee JV girls finished the basketball season with a 14-7 record.

## Money for College

There is a new grant program that can help high school graduates pay for college. The program is called the TEXAS Grant. TEXAS stands for "Toward Excellence, Access & Success."

Some people call it "free" money; but, of course, there are things you must do to qualify for a grant. To receive a TEXAS Grant, you must:

- Be a Texas resident,
- Graduate from a public or accredited private high school in Texas no earlier than fall 1998,

- Complete the Recommended, the Advanced, or the Distinguished Achievement High School Program,

- Apply for financial aid and demonstrate financial need,

- Enroll at least 3/4 time in a college or university, in an undergraduate degree or certificate program, and

- Maintain a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while in college.

The state of Texas wants you to graduate from high school and college. Taking at least the recommended high school curriculum will help ensure you are prepared for college courses.

By learning good skills and graduating from college, you will help our state become even better. With your help, Texas will have a well-educated workforce and continue to be a state we are proud of.

The amount you receive will vary. The TEXAS grant will pay your tuition and fees at a public college or university in Texas. This year (1999-2000), the TEXAS grants will be approximately \$1,200 per semester for public university students; \$470 per semester for community college students; and \$700 per semester for technical college students, based on enrollment of 12 hours per semester. If you attend a private, non-profit institution, your award will be based on tuition and fee costs at public universities.

You can continue to get money while you are in college.

If you stay in college and continue to meet the requirements, you may receive TEXAS Grant awards for up to 150 semester credit hours or for six years, whichever comes first.

You can apply. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) when

you are a senior. This is how your "financial need" is determined. Get a FAFSA from your high school counselor or the financial aid office of the college or university you plan to attend. If you have access to the Internet, you can fill it out online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA should be submitted as soon as possible after January 1 of the year you will be going to college.

Steps to Success:  
Study hard and stay in high school;

Complete the Recommended, Distinguished Achievement, or Advanced High School Program;

Graduate from high school; Complete and submit the FAFSA to determine your financial need;

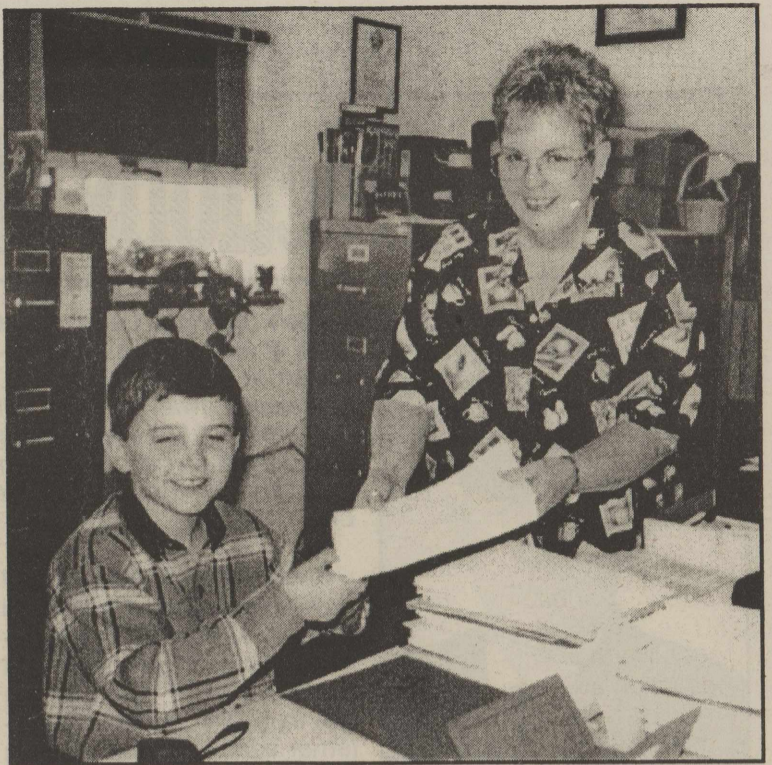
Apply to and be accepted by the college or university of your choice;

Study hard and graduate from college;

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-- Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina



Jathan Williams is assisted by Mrs. Shook during his special time as Robert Lee Elementary Principal of the Day.

## Robert Lee Elementary student serves as Principal of the Day

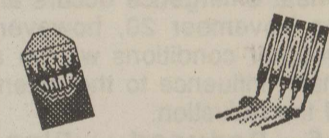
Hopefully, February 11, 2000, will be a day that Jathan Williams remembers for a long time. Prior to that day, Jathan had read books, taken AR tests, and earned enough AR points to become Principal of the Day. Mrs. Shook, RLES school secretary, helped him get organized at the beginning of the day. Jathan delivered many AR prizes. His big task of the day was in the area of public relations. Jathan and Mrs. Wallace visited several local businesses to explain the Science Spectrum programs that will be coming to RLES in April and May. The RLES students have been collecting pennies, soup can labels, and Box Tops for Education to raise the money

to pay for these educational programs. Jathan thought it was a good idea to give local businesses the opportunity to make a donation to this cause. Several businesses did give donations. In fact, Jathan returned to the campus with \$240.00. He gave Mrs. Shook a list of businesses that he didn't get to visit. Those businesses will be receiving a letter, which explains the Science Spectrum very soon. Congratulations, Jathan.

**"Hawaii is a unique state. It is a small state. It is a state that is by itself. It is different from the other 49 states. Well, all states are different, but it's got a particularly unique situation."**

-- Dan Quayle, US Vice-President

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

**Monday, Feb. 21**  
Orange Juice, Donut, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 22**  
Orange Juice, Breakfast Burrito, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
Orange Juice, Muffin, Sausage, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza, Cold Cereal, Milk

**Friday, Feb. 25**  
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Milk

### Lunch

**Monday, Feb. 21**  
Ribs, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Rolls, Applesauce, Milk

**Tuesday, Feb. 22**  
Stew, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pickles, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**  
Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Cole Slaw, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

**Thursday, Feb. 24**  
Steak fingers w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Pears, Milk

**Friday, Feb. 25**  
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# Political Profiles

## Gaylon Pitcock

Gaylon Pitcock was born January 10, 1948 in San Angelo, Texas to T.E. and Winifred Gartman Pitcock. He grew up in Sanco and attended Robert Lee Public Schools. Gaylon graduated from Robert Lee High School in May of 1967. He then continued his education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

In June of 1969 Gaylon married Kaye Roberts of Robert Lee. They lived in Lubbock, Texas through December of 1969 and attended Texas Tech. The couple returned to Robert Lee at that time and has lived nine miles southwest of Robert Lee for 30 years. Kaye is employed as Director of Nutrition for Regency House of San Angelo. They have two sons Blake, 25 years old, and Korey, 21. Blake lives in Lubbock, and is a senior at Texas Tech and a candidate for December 2000 graduation with a degree in

Ag Science. Blake is employed by United Supermarkets as a meat cutter. Korey lives in San Angelo and is employed at Jim Bass Ford Collision Center. Gaylon and Kaye also have two granddaughters, Keaton, seven and Kanyon, four.

Gaylon retired from GTE in March of 1999 with 29 years of service. He has always been involved in farming and ranching. He currently is serving on the Board of Directors for the Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau. He is a member of Robert Lee Baptist Church where he also serves as a deacon.

Gaylon is also a member of Hayrick Lodge #696. He is a volunteer for the Hunters Barbecue each fall and the Appreciation Barbecue for the Coke County 4-H and FFA Stock Show every year.

Gaylon served nine years as



Gaylon Pitcock

a member on the Robert Lee Independent School Board of Trustees. He has also served as a director for Coke County Water Supply.

"As a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct 3, I urge each of you as a registered voter to go the polls on March 14, and vote."

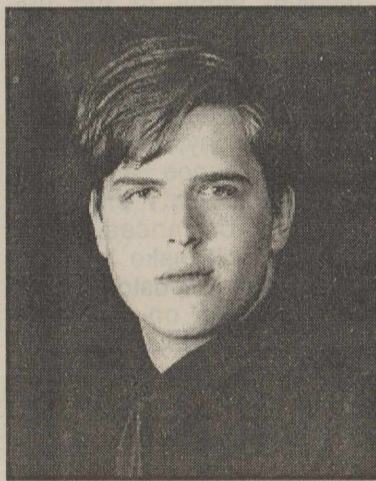
## Lauren "Drake" Arthur

Hello, my name is Lauren "Drake" Arthur. I moved to Robert Lee five years ago and enjoy the quality of the people and lifestyle here. I am currently seeking election to the position of Precinct 1 Constable in Robert Lee. Since I am seeking a career in law enforcement I feel this is an excellent job for me.

I believe that I am qualified for this position since I have spent much of my life in and out of the court room in the company of my father, Lane Arthur, who was Coke County Attorney until his death in November of 1999. I am certified in Crisis Intervention,

C.P.R., First Aid, and Disaster Assessment. I gained my experience in serving civil subpoenas in the offices of Arthur & Arthur Attorneys.

Currently, I am attending Angelo State University as a science major. I am Assistant Scout Master with our local Boy Scouts, working closely in conjunction with County Commissioner Pat Percifull, who is the Scout Master. I attained the rank of Eagle Scout with team 555 in Lubbock, TX and have considerable training in both desert and Arctic survival. I am looking forward to serving the community of Robert Lee as Coke County Constable.



Lauren "Drake" Arthur

Some claim the tradition of exchanging valentines on February 14 can be traced back to the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer.

## Kenneth Rasco

I graduated from Hobbs High School by Rotan, Texas and Howard Payne College with a BS degree.

My wife Nancy, and I have two daughters, Karen and Kendra, and a son Kirby.

Karen lives at Garden City and Kendra lives at Bedford.

Kirby lives in Denton with his wife Jennifer and son Cole.

I served two years in the Military. Seventeen months of that in Germany as a Military Police.

I taught school for 33 years and the last 25 years at Robert Lee, then I retired.

I am a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

I have served as a Constable for the last eight years and would appreciate



Kenneth Rasco

your vote for the next four years.

I will do my best to serve my community to the best of my ability.

## Charles Stenholm

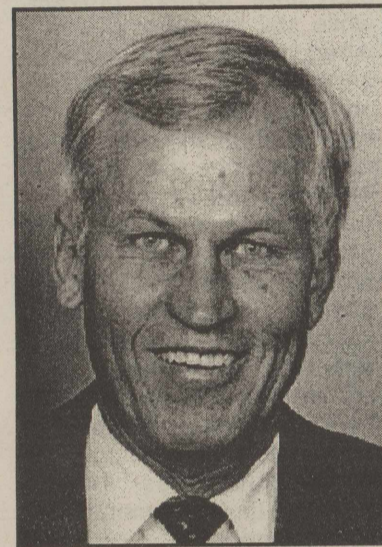
Congressman Charlie Stenholm announces that he will be a candidate for reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In making his announcement, Stenholm cited several accomplishments of the past year in Congress, including passage of legislation to correct the unintended consequences to health care providers included in the Balanced Budget Amendment. "Passing the Balanced Budget Amendment was one of the most important legislative accomplishments of my career. However, we never intended for the BBA to impact health care providers as it did and I am glad to have had a hand in correcting this measure.

Stenholm serves as Ranking Member on the House Agriculture Committee. In this important position, he has a great deal of influence on all agriculture legislation and programs, including the issues of community development and infrastructure. "This makes it possible for me to do so much for my district and for American agriculture. But we still have a lot to do and I look forward to utilizing my seniority to accomplish those goals."

Stenholm also pointed toward accomplishments regarding the oil and gas industry. "I think we have made a lot of positive progress, but we still have a long way to go. However, I think that the relationships that we have built between steel and agriculture and the oil and gas industry will continue to be positive over the next few years."

However, Stenholm spent much of his time speaking about issues of importance to future generations. "My two



Charles Stenholm

reasons for running are my grandsons Cole and Chase," said Stenholm. "There are tremendous issues of great importance that will impact their future. I don't want them to look back and say, 'If only my granddad had done what he knew in his heart he should have done, we wouldn't be in this mess today.'"

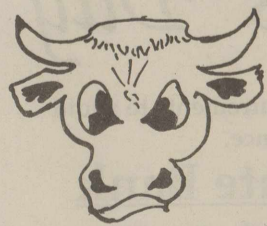
In particular, he noted Social Security legislation filed by he and Republican Jim Kolbe of Arizona. "Our bill is the only one with both Democrat and Republican support," noted Stenholm, who went on to add, "Social Security reform is one the most pressing issues that faces us today. If we want to preserve this program for our children and grandchildren, then we have to develop a consensus between our political parties."

"As a father and grandfather, I want to make the future brighter for every child in every family that I represent," said Stenholm. "The most important thing that I can do as your Congressman is to make this country a better place for our sons and daughters."

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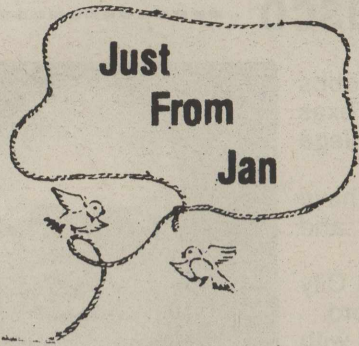
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"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those files and death and stuff."

-- Mariah Carey



by Jan Yanez  
Coke County  
Ext. Agent

**Wardrobe care for casual wear**

When business attire was more formal, caring for that wardrobe was fairly straightforward. Suits and tailored dresses went off to the cleaners and returned crisply pressed and ready to wear. But with the advent of casual wear for the office, clothing that is suitable for business is usually suitable for the washing machine. The challenge is to take advantage of the time and money savings these easy-care clothes provide, while still maintaining a polished, professional appearance. To help consumers accomplish this, here are some tips on shopping and caring for a wardrobe that shines in the workplace.

A suitable work wardrobe begins with items that are appropriate to the particular situation. For example, what is acceptable in an advertising agency may not be a good choice in the investment banking industry. Check with the employer regarding company guidelines before investing time and money in a new wardrobe.

To maximize wardrobe dollars, look for separates that will coordinate with several different outfits. When shopping, check garment care labels. If the garment must be dry-cleaned or requires extensive ironing, the time and money spent on maintenance can defeat the point of casual wear. In general, synthetic blends and micro fibers are good choices, particularly for the basics, because they are easy to care for. Wrinkle-free khaki pants and skirts, permanent press shirts and blouses, and washable silks are all good choices. Save the high-maintenance fabrics, such as finely woven cotton, linen, peau do soie, suede, raw silk and beaded or embroidered fabrics, for special, seldom-worn items.

Making wise purchases is the first step to a wardrobe that works; maintaining it is the second step. Review the care labels while sorting soiled clothes by color, by water temperature, by dirtiness and by type of wash cycle. Separate wash loads will be required depending on the type of bleach used (chlorine or non-chlorine), the water temperature (some garments are cold-water-wash only) and the wash cycle setting. Permanent press fabrics should be laundered on the permanent press setting. This setting, which has a cold water rinse cycle, was developed after it was discovered that wrinkles will set if permanent press fabrics are spun while hot. Garments marked "hand-wash only" can be machine laundered on the "hand-wash" or "delicate" cycle. The low agitation on

these settings replicates the gentle motion of hand washing.

Avoid over-drying clothes. Too much heat causes excess wear and tear, intensifies static buildup and is not energy efficient. To keep wrinkles from setting remove clothes from the dryer as soon as the buzzer sounds and hang them up.

Certain types of stains are common hazards in the workplace. Prompt and proper treatment will prolong the life of the garment. Ink stains are a frequent occurrence. Be aware that some ink may be impossible to remove. Try a pre-wash stain remover, following the manufacturer's directions. To remove adhesive tape or rubber cement stains, apply ice or cold water to the hardened surface; scrape with a dull knife, saturate with a pre-wash stain remover, then launder. To remove coffee, tea or soft drink stains, sponge or soak the stain in cool water. Pre-treat with a pre-wash stain remover, liquid laundry detergent or a paste of granular laundry detergent and water. Launder using chlorine bleach, if safe for the fabric, or oxygen bleach. Most cosmetic stains can be removed by pre-treating with a pre-wash stain remover, liquid laundry detergent, a paste of granular detergent and water or by rubbing with bar soap; launder.

A pre-wash stain remover is a fairly universal aid to removing stains. For this reason, it's a good idea to pack a stain stick in the suitcase for business trips. Using it promptly will keep stains from setting until the garment comes home for cleaning. A lint brush to help keep clothes fuzz-free is another good idea, both for travel and in the office.

**Superstars to perform at 2000 Houston Rodeo**

Fans can look forward to a spectacular lineup of entertainers unlike any ever heard before in the Astrodome during the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Friday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, March 5. The diverse group of headliners selected to perform on the Astrodome stage includes country music Hall of Famers, rising country superstars, hot Latin artists, pop icons, R&B stars and Tejano sensations.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials recently unveiled the lineup of 24 stars that includes award-winning musical acts, so award-winning that when measured by Grammy Awards alone, they have collectively garnered 34 awards and have been nominated for 12 more in 2000.

The parade of music industry stars at the 68th Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will begin with the timeless country sounds of Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard at a 7 pm performance on Friday, Feb. 18. On Saturday, Feb. 19, chart-topping Lonestar will take the stage for a matinee appearance at 11 am, and one of 10 Houston Rodeo newcomers, Jo Dee Messina, will excite the crowd for the 7 pm evening performance. LeAnn Rimes lends her musical talent to the first Sunday twilight performance on Feb. 20 at 4 pm.

Reunited by the "Power to Change," The Judds start the week, Monday, Feb. 21, with a performance at 7 pm. Continuing with 7 pm weekday performances, Alan Jackson will make his ninth consecutive Houston Rodeo performance on Tuesday, Feb. 22, while Houston Rodeo newcomers Boyz II Men will perform on Wednesday, Feb. 23. A sensation at last year's rodeo, Enrique Iglesias will be back to thrill the crowd during the Thursday, Feb. 24 performance. Music industry icon Tony Bennett will make his Houston Rodeo debut on Friday, Feb. 25.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, the Show celebrates Black Heritage Day with a matinee performance at 11 am featuring Smokey Robinson. A double dose of country is in

store for fans at the Saturday, Feb. 26, 7 pm performance with entertainers Sammy Kershaw and SheDAISY. Go Tejano Day will be celebrated Sunday, Feb. 27, with two new Houston Rodeo performers at 4 pm - Los Tucanes de Tijuana and A.B. Quintanilla y Los Kumbia Kings.

On Monday, Feb. 28, another week of 7 pm performances kicks off with country music stars Clint Black and Steve Wariner. Rod Stewart will make his first Houston Rodeo performance on Tuesday, Feb. 29, while Brooks & Dunn will mark their ninth year at the Houston Rodeo with a performance on Wednesday, March 1. The Thursday, March 2 performance will feature the ever-popular Reba McEntire. The weekday performances conclude with the Steve Miller Band making their Astrodome premiere on Friday, March 3.

The final weekend wraps up with the distinctive sounds of Texas musicians. The Saturday, March 4, matinee at 11 am will feature Robert Earl Keen on the Astrodome stage for the first time, and Houston native Kenny Rogers will take the spotlight for the evening performance at 7 pm. For the second year in a row, Clay Walker will play the final performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with a twilight show at 4 pm on Sunday, March 5.

In addition to the musical attractions, Reliant Energy is teaming up with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo again this year to provide an exciting and emotionally stirring presentation of video, lights, lasers and pyrotechnics titled, "The Power of Heroes." Reliant Energy also will provide "PowerVision," which allows Astrodome spectators to see close-up action of the rodeo and concert entertainers on six large, high-brightness, high-resolution video display boards that are hung

from the center of the Astrodome, greatly enhancing the overall viewing experience. PowerVision also will be included in the Show's main cattle judging and at an outdoor location.

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**Mrs. Texas Pageant slated for May**



JDY Productions has announced plans for the 2000 Mrs. Texas United States Pageant to be held May 11 and 12 at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. A preliminary to the Mrs. United States Pageant, the winner will represent our state at the national pageant in Las Vegas this July. The 1999 winner, Melissa Seyer who represented Houston in the state pageant, went on to become 4th runner-up at the national competition.

Contestants must be married, a United States citizen, and at least 21 years of age. There is no upper age limit and there is no talent requirement. Many winners have never entered a pageant before and no experience is required. The ladies will be judged in personal interview, evening gown presentation and swimsuit.

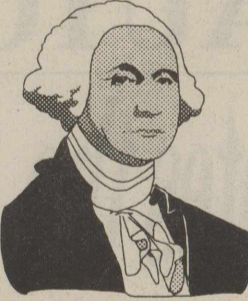
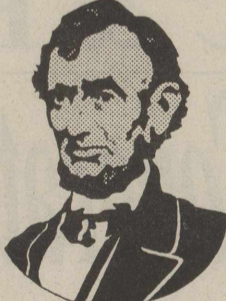
The state competition is being conducted by JDY Productions. Complete information is available by contacting David Aguilar or Gary Young at 214-339-4788 or writing to them at 2910 East Perryton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75224.

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*Also, thanks to the 4-H & FFA mothers who worked in the concession stand & James Hood for announcing during the show and sale.*



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Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28.

We urge all people to attend the Church of their choice. We invite anyone interested in Bible study to join us on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:15 to 9:30 at 202 South Randall, in Bronte. We will study God's Word and how to apply it in our daily lives.

Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through me. John 14:6

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29b-2tc

**GARAGE SALES**

**GARAGE SALE**  
1005 N. Chadbourne. Sat. 8-1. Lots of clothes and misc. Robert Lee.

29a-1tp

**HUGE GARAGE SALE**  
Fri. & Sat. Feb. 18th & 19th. Portable dryer, built in range and hood, some furniture, clothes, quilts, bedspreads, stained glass items, heaters, dishes, misc. and much, much more. 602 S. Washington - Bronte.

29b-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**

**WE WOULD LIKE**  
to offer our sincere thanks to each of you for your many acts of kindness during our recent loss. The flowers, food, cards, and memorials were all deeply appreciated. The phone calls, kind words, and prayers meant the world to us. A special thanks to Hospice of San Angelo and to the kind folks of Grand Court - Your support was truly a blessing.

The Alfred Harmon Family  
29a-1tc

**I WISH TO THANK**  
every one for being so nice to me while I have been sick. A special thanks to Elmer and Janet Hurley who brought me food and a very special thanks  
(cont'd. next page)

**CARD OF THANKS**

to Dale Keele who was so nice to run around for me. I will always feel grateful to them.

T.H. Franklin  
Bronte, TX  
29b-1tp

**NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Housing Authority will hold a PUBLIC MEETING on May 3, 2000 at 3:30 pm at 710 Bishop, Robert Lee Housing Authority Offices, to receive comments on the Annual and 5 Year Plan for the Robert Lee Housing Authority. All documents are on display at the office of the Robert Lee Housing Authority, 710 Bishop Street Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm.

29a-1tc

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KATY B. CHAMBERS, DECEASED, IN CAUSE NO. 1567, COUNTY COURT, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS.**

Notice is hereby given that on February 15, 2000, original Letters Testamentary were issued to James A. Chambers in this Estate. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented and addressed to James A. Chambers, Independent Executor of the Estate of Katy B. Chambers, Deceased, c/o

Massey, Balentine, Edwards & Psencik, P.C., P.O. Drawer 2809, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

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**Free poetry contest open to Coke County**

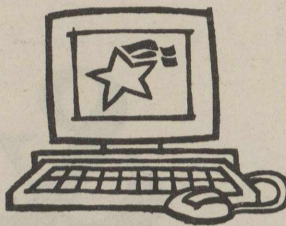
The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Coke County area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is April 30, 2000. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Howard Ely, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Ely.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19908, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 30, 2000. You may also enter online at [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com).

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

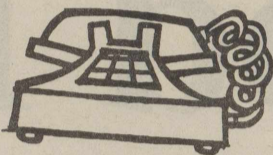
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**Sensible eating plan, not fad diet, produces long-term weight loss**

What do hula hoops, bell-bottom pants and pet rocks have in common? They are fads - short lived customs, styles, objects or activities with no staying power.

Diets also can fall in and out of favor. They initially look appealing and might promise rapid results, but most are difficult to maintain because they are so restrictive.

"As with any fad, these diets are only short-term solutions to the problems of weight control and obesity," said Dr. Mark S. Gilger, a gastroenterologist and nutrition specialist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"Most fad diets, such as the cabbage soup diet, overemphasize a particular food or food group," he said. "This violates one of the tenets of good nutrition - eating a balanced diet."

Gilger said the concept that some type of superfood exists is yet another myth.

"Misleading claims have been further perpetuated on the Internet where anyone, regardless of nutrition or medical credentials, can make unproven health claims," he said.

Fad diets are typically monotonous and restrictive, which violates a second principle of good nutrition - eating should be enjoyable.

"By taking the fun out of eating, the diet becomes boring and is usually impossible to stay on for any length of time," Gilger said.

Another problem with fad diets is that they typically claim dramatic and rapid weight loss. Most are based on a principle of low carbohydrates, high protein and low to normal fat. According to Gilger, who is also an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, such diets have the potential for dire consequences and are best performed under the careful guidance of an experienced dietitian-and-physician team.

Perhaps the greatest shortcoming of fad diets is the lack of any behavioral modifications, exercise or lifestyle changes.

"Losing excess weight and keeping it off requires a change in lifestyle," said Gilger, noting that although there is no defined research, girls in early adolescence seem most susceptible to fad diets.

"Parents can set a good example by eating and serving moderate-calorie, well-balanced meals, engaging in regular exercise and scheduling at least one meal a day as a family," he said. "Talk to your teens and be willing to call a fad diet just that - a fad - with no real lasting effect."

Gilger added that, while a balanced, appropriate weight-control program combined with exercise and behavioral therapy may not lead to rapid rewards, it does lead to a lifetime of better health.

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