

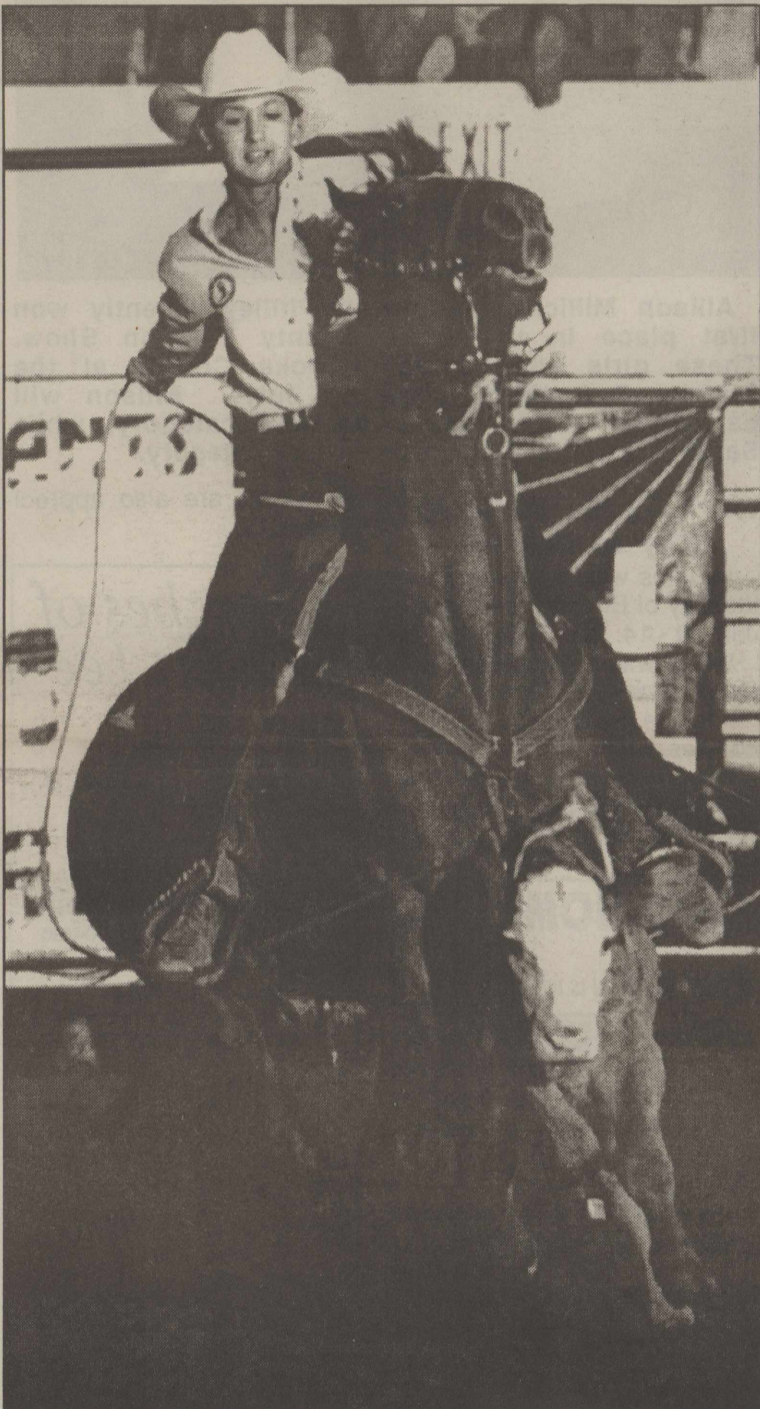
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Tessie McMullan, a senior at Bronte High School, is shown winning the Texas State High School Rodeo Breakaway title for 2000. Tessie has qualified for the national finals for the third consecutive year. She qualified in the breakaway roping and the pole bending events. This year the NHSRA Finals will be held in Springfield, Illinois.

Blackwell CISD Pre-K Enrollment

Blackwell CISD is conducting a survey to determine the number of Pre-Kindergarten students for the school year 2000-2001. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if:

A child is at least four (4) years old on or before September 1, 2000.

Unable to speak or comprehend the English Language.

Educationally disadvantaged (qualifies for the Free of Reduced Lunch Program).

Homeless.

If you have a child to be enrolled as a Pre-K student please notify Blackwell CISD by calling the school at 282-2311 on or before July 10, 2000.

RLISD School Board to name Superintendent

The Robert Lee ISD school board will have a special meeting on July 11, 2000 in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. to name the new Superintendent of Schools for Robert Lee ISD. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting to welcome the new Superintendent to Robert Lee.

S.O.A.R. Camp

The Mesquite Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will be hosting S.O.A.R. Camp in Bronte, July 10-14, at the Bronte Community Center. S.O.A.R., Summer Outreach And Recreation, is an extension of Sunshine Pals, a drug and alcohol prevention program taught during the school year. This camp is designed for children in the 1st through 6th grades.

Campers will go through 10 sessions of the curriculum on alcohol and drug abuse, self esteem, decision making, and much more. There will also be arts and crafts, games and many other activities. There is no charge for the camp and a hot lunch will be provided. The camp will go from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration may be taken at camp or you may call 453-9721 or 1-800-588-3967.

Robert Lee Continues Study of Firetruck purchase

The Robert Lee City Council will continue its study of the need to purchase a "City Pumper" fire truck at the regular July Council meeting. The Council is considering a request by the RLVFD to purchase a new truck which will meet the standards of the State Board of Insurance.

Without a truck capable of meeting the state requirements, the department is at risk of not being able to satisfy the requirements necessary to maintain the city's "key rate" for reasonable fire protection insurance. This would put the city patrons at risk for possible significant increased costs in their insurance premiums.

The purchase of the truck would be expensive, and would require the City to incur a significant loan to meet the financial burden. Two suggestions have been made as a means of meeting the debt. The city could assess a small surcharge to the monthly water bills; or, it could consider a tax increase. Grant assistance can be pursued; however availability does not seem favorable at this time.

A Public Meeting was held on this issue last week; however, it was not well-attended by the general public. The City Council is interested in hearing from the citizens on this very important issue.

Bluejean worship service slated

Beginning this Saturday night, at 6:00 p.m., a new "Bluejean" contemporary/praise service will be offered for the community by First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee. The "come as you are" worship service is designed for those who have to work on Sunday morning, or who are planning other activities. The worship service will be non-denominational in theology and contemporary/praise in worship style. A light family meal will be served each Saturday night at 5:30 p.m., followed by the worship service at 6:00 p.m.

According to the Rev. Jim Reeves, "We want to stress that this is a community worship service without emphasis on membership in any denomination. The emphasis will be on sharing the Gospel, music and fellowship. We also want to emphasize the casual approach to this service. People are urged to come dressed casually, and bluejeans are

welcome. There will be lots of music, of different styles, and very upbeat. I think people will really enjoy this worship experience."

Rev. Reeves also asks that anyone who is interested in organizing a praise band to call the church at 453-2417. The goal is to organize as soon as possible.

The new worship service is open to anyone, anywhere, and the hope is that people throughout the county will come and enjoy the new worship opportunity.

Notice of Meeting Adoption of Drought Contingency Plan

On July 13, 2000, the Bronte City Council will consider and adopt a Drought Contingency Plan. The Public is invited to attend the meeting and make their views known.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall, 114 South Washington, Bronte, Texas.



Troy Jordan (left) was inducted into the West Texas Music Hall of Fame in November of 1999. The award was presented by Robert Lee Mayor Garland Davis. Robert Lee residents were saddened to learn that Jordan died at his home on Monday, July 3, 2000. Funeral services are pending at Shaffer Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Penny

R. D. Penny, age 79, of Hallsville, Texas passed away Saturday July 1, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Lodge in Longview Texas. Masonic graveside services were at the Santa Anna Cemetery on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. James Ford officiating. Interment followed with Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Penny of Hallsville, Texas; one son, Robert Douglas of Longview, Texas; 5 granddaughters and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Gerald Penny.

Roberts

Ruby Roberts, 89, of Robert Lee died Thursday, June 29, 2000 in the Robert Lee Care Center.

Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2000, in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

Brice Family Attends Reunion at Winters

The annual Brice Reunion was held June 17 and 18, 2000 at the Winters Community Center with 139 in attendance.

Those attending were Earl Brice, Jack & Earline Moore, and Juanita Bradley of Bronte; Mary Snow of Carlsbad, N.M.; J.D. & Harriette Brice & granddaughter of Ennis; Dorene Schleyer of El Paso; Billy Brice of Sweetwater; Stephen Blakeney of Pflugerville; Nita & Nikki Stevens of Round Rock; Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Henley of Ingram;

Beth Brice, Eddie & Ann Bedrick, Georgia & Steve Collier, Luke & Tayna Bedrick, and Judy Snowden of Odessa; Patsy Roberson of Tuscola; Marvin & Faye Henager, Janie Potts & boys, Eddie & Vickie Watts & son, Gary Brice & family, Amy & Casey Bremlett of Belton; Leon & Maetta Brice, Gloria Smith & son, and Debbie Parker of Comanche; Horace & Odell McGinnis, Jr., Sherry & Greg Johnson & family, Scarlette & David Morgan & family of Mineral Wells; Iris Coffey, Frances Faglie, and Doc Bramble of Port Lavaca; Joyce Weidner, Carolyn Weidner & daughters, Karl & Brenda Braden & family, Sandi Camps & family, Eddie Weidner & family, Jimmy Martin & family, Leslie Brice & son, Stoney Weidner & family, Rusty Weidner, Rickey Weidner & family, Pam & Sara Gandy, Cody Weidner, Terry & Lynn Weidner, Rita & Ben Blakeney, and Shirley Strokes all of San Angelo; Gene Brice & Bessie Brice of Robert Lee; Terry Sanders, Bruce Sherrod, Diana Westbrook of Abilene; Kenneth & Cynthia Henager & girls of Moody; Dane & Leslie Moore & family, Tina Mitchell & family of Merkel; Jim Bob & Justin of Cisco; Loy Morris & Darlene Gower of Ballinger; Breanna & Bryce Webb of Coppell; Dwayne & Vonda Grun & girls of Moro Community; Anita Wood & Bob & Oleta Webb of Winters.

Visitors attending were Donna Faglie of Ballinger; Pat McGinnis & daughter, Tammy Flores, Eirea Murthy, Robert Barron & daughter and Justin Jenki of San Angelo; Martha Santellano, Joe & Sergio Garcia of Eldorado.

RLVFD News

Robert Lee Volunteer Firemen met on July 3rd for their regular meeting. Twelve

members were present including 3 new members. In the month of June, they got together for 2 meetings, 2 work nights, and 10 members were present at the town meeting.

Chief Rick Drennan reported that after the fire call of June 24th, truck 6 lost its transmission. After a call to the Forest Service, they brought a replacement truck on June 29th. The men have already removed some of the equipment, such as radio, lights and etc. The pump and water tank will be removed, in the near future, and put on the new truck.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson spoke of the problems with the siren. He has replaced the switch at the station and at the Care Center. The problem still exists. He contacted the phone company to see if the problem was in the lines. Every time the siren goes off, there are at least 3 or more firemen at the station before it can be confirmed that there is no fire. The firemen have to respond when it goes off in case it is a real fire.

Over the July 4th weekend, firemen patrolled the campgrounds, in truck 3, for the purpose of public awareness regarding fire safety. In talking to the campers they were told that it was appreciated. Patrolling gave the campers cause to stop and think.

It was voted and approved to put new tires on truck 3.

Firemen are still making the reflective 911 signs. Anyone interested in obtaining one should contact a fireman. Raffle tickets are available at City Hall for the handmade quilt.

There was a long discussion, regarding Basic Level Fire Certification, on how many classroom hours and field hours are needed and in what categories. Ed Zimmerman will give the training.

The meeting was adjourned and the men worked for 2 more hours removing some of the things they had put on truck 6.

There will be a work night Wednesday, July 12th and the next meeting will be on Monday, July 17th.



Allison Millican and Sarah Phillely recently won first place in the Coke County Fashion Show. These girls will represent Coke County at the District 7 Fashion Show in July. Allison will participate in the single garment category, while Sarah will participate in the dress category.

Work To Be Done for City of Bronte

Inmates will be working for the City of Bronte the week of July 10 - 14.

Work will be done at the Sewer Plant and Cemetery.

Anyone wanting to donate cookies, brownies, and drinks can contact Pat or Lori at the City Hall, 473.3501.

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8:45 pm, Thursday, July 12

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Thoughts on the Scripture

By Rev. Jim Reeves

Proverbs 12:16 "A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult."

Too much of today's violence comes about because someone looks at someone wrong or says the wrong thing or makes a gesture. Society has taught that we don't have to "take it" and places a value on "getting back." When Jesus taught us to turn the other cheek, it was as much for patience and to have time to think as it was out of love.

May God bless each one of you.
Brother Jim

the meals are also appreciated.

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Rev. Jim Reeves, 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

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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor

Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, 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

Robert Lee Baptist Church

PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th

(915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor

Sat. 6 pm

Victory Assembly of God

6th & Houston

(915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Stokes - Hambright Wedding

Courtney L. Stokes and James L. Hambright were married on June 10, 2000 at the Hotel Cactus in San Angelo, Texas.

John Driggers, Pastor of the Church of Christ in Bronte, and Deacon Ray Smith of St. Margaret's Catholic Church in San Angelo officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents Pam Stokes and Doug Stokes. Parents of the bride are Pam Stokes of San Angelo; and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stokes of Boerne. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hambright of Bronte.

Jennifer Pape of Castle Rock, Colorado, lifelong friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Helen Harris, sister of the bride, Cincinnati, Ohio; Casi Halfmann, College Station, Texas; Megan Thompson, Kansas, Mo.; Brandi Sparkman, San Marcos, Texas; Brianne Halfmann, Wall, Texas and Shyanne Halfmann, Wall, Texas.

Jr. bridesmaids were Chelsey Stokes, sister of the bride, Boerne, Texas and Patti Hammock, Florence, Texas. Flower girl was Julynn Clayton of Caldwell, Texas.

Best man was Todd Harrell, of San Angelo, Texas. Groomsmen were Mark Hambright, brother of the groom, Bronte, Texas; Jack Watkins, San Antonio, Texas; Joe Bousquet, San Antonio, Texas; Tim Rust, San Antonio, Texas; Dustin Scott, Stephenville, Texas and Brent Taylor, Abilene, Texas. Ring bearer was Conner Nelson, Marble Falls, Texas and ushers were Shawn Alizadeh, San Angelo, Texas; Sam Hobbs and Dusty Stokes of Florence, Texas.

Mrs. Hambright graduated from Bronte High School in 1996. She attended the University of Texas in San Antonio and Angelo State University and is currently attending Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. She is majoring in Mass Communication and Public Relations.

Mr. Hambright graduated from Bronte High School in 1995 and the Hallmark Institute of Aviation in San Antonio, Texas in 1996 with an Associated Degree in Aeromechanics. He is employed at Cessna Citation in San Antonio, Texas.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico the couple will make their home in Bulverde, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. James Hambright

Summer Computer Classes at Bronte ISD

There will be 2 computer classes offered this summer at the Bronte High School Computer Lab.

The first class will be Monday July 17, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Intermediate word-processing

This class will be covering word-processing features such as: Exploring Windows files, shortcut menus, saving & editing documents, formatting, creating labels, using WordArt, creating tables, using & importing graphics to your documents, and more!!!

There are only 8 openings available in this class. Call early to reserve your space!!!

The second class will be Tuesday, July 18, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Beginners PowerPoint presentation program

In this class you will learn to use Microsoft's PowerPoint to enhance any presentation. Learn to create backgrounds, pictures, text, animation, and other selected transitions to presentations. (If time-we can add some pizzazz to our presentation by adding sound--Bring your favorite CD's)

There are 10 openings available in this class. Call to reserve your space.

The cost of each class is \$30.

For more information or to enroll in the classes, call Lisa Gibbs at 473-5911.

Deric Brothers Joins Army

Deric L. Brothers has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Brothers will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training July 26, 2000.

He is the son of Vicki L. and Eric L. Brothers of Robert Lee, Texas.

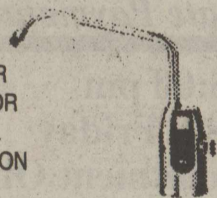
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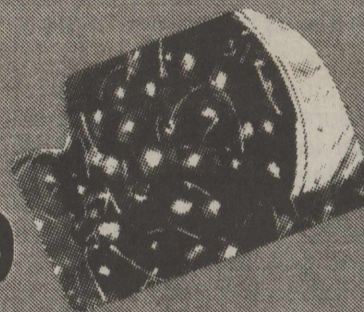
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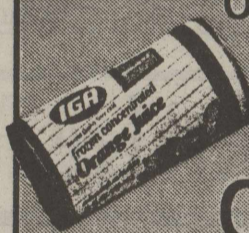


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Texas Rural Phone Service to Improve

Local telephone services for more than a quarter-million Texas phone customers, most of whom live in rural or small communities, will be upgraded under an order signed on Thursday by the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. agreed to buy 313,800 phone lines in 197 local exchanges scattered throughout west Texas, and the Texarkana area, from GTE Southwest. The sale is expected to close on September 1.

"I am delighted with the leadership Valor has shown to address the needs of Texas phone customers," said Commissioner Brett Perlman. "It's a real shot-in-the-arm for rural phone service."

In addition to maintaining at least the current level of service for customers, Valor plans to introduce the following improvements to its system when the sale is closed: upgrade central office facilities to provide Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) such as caller ID, call waiting, three-way calling, call forwarding, call return, call blocker and automatic redial; provide CLASS to all exchanges within 18 months; introduce High-Speed

Internet access or Digital Subscriber line (DSL) service to at least 10 exchanges within 18 months; deploy DSL

Dr. Dan Smith Retires From Angelo State University

Dr. W. O. "Dan" Smith, the son of Hazael Millican Smith and the late Owen Smith, has retired after twenty-six years on the faculty of Angelo State University.

Dr. Smith received degrees from Baylor University, The University of North Texas, and The University of Minnesota. He began his teaching career in 1961 in Arlington, Texas, and taught in the Arlington ISD nine years before moving to Minnesota to complete his doctorate. In Arlington he served two years as principal of the adult evening school and one year as principal of the secondary summer school program.

After two years in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Dr. Smith completed his doctorate and spent the summer of 1972 as a visiting professor at the University of Georgia. In the fall of 1972 he joined the faculty of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. In 1974 he accepted a position in the Business Administration Department at Angelo State University. He spent ten years as a teacher trainer for the Texas Marketing Education Program and then taught full time in marketing. From 1987 through 1995 he served as Head of the Business Administration Department. For the past four years Dr. Smith participated as a one-half time professor of Marketing in Angelo State University's modified retirement program. His retirement in May culminates a teaching career of thirty-nine years.

within 15 months to any exchange with at least 75 DSL requests from Valor subscribers requesting it; and guarantee Internet service to every local exchange within 18 months.

"Valor's commitment to quality rural service is in the public interest," said Commissioner Judy Walsh.

Valor has agreed to pay GTE \$942 million, slightly more than \$3,000 per access line.

"I'm very pleased Valor will be the third-largest local phone company in the state," noted PUC Chairman Pat Wood, III. Only Southwestern Bell and GTE surpass Valor's local customer base in Texas.

Valor has agreed to notify all customers of the opportunity to obtain DSL services and will also advise local community leaders. The company also will continue the current discount rate for providing broadband services to school libraries and hospitals.

All 320 GTE employees will keep their jobs at current salaries and receive comparable benefits. Valor also has committed to increase its work force by at least 10 percent within 18 months.

The PUC encourages competition and customer choice while ensuring electric and telephone operations, services and rates are fair and reasonable.



Zane Scott and Giovanna Barnett

Barnett, Scott Engagement

Zane Loyd Scott and Giovanna Marie Barnett have recently announced their engagement. The couple will be married on July 29, 2000, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church in Robert Lee. Giovanna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnett of Robert Lee. Giovanna is a 2000 graduate of Robert Lee High School and is employed by Little Fish Child Care Center in Bronte, Tx. Zane is the son of Elaine Saunders of Bronte and Merrit Scott of Midland. Zane is a 1997 graduate of Bronte High School and employed by the Bronte Pharmacy. Following the wedding ceremony, the couple will reside in Bronte, Tx.

Trails Hospitality Room in Abilene.

Richard D. Hembree and Peggy McShan were married June 25, 1950, in Ballinger. They have four children, Michelle Hembree Spinks of Midland, Dr. R. Dale Hembree of Abilene, Rob Hembree of Rochester, N.Y., and Shari Hembree of Austin. They also have three grandchildren.

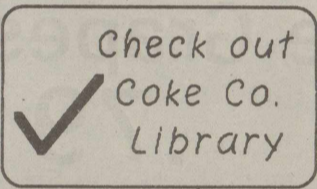
Mr. and Mrs. Hembree have lived in Houston, Odessa, Midland, Andrews and Anchorage, Alaska, and have been residents of Bronte since 1985. He is a veteran of World War II and retired from Exxon after 37 years of service. She retired as administrative officer with First City National Bank in Houston.

They are members of the First Baptist Church. He was a member of the Bronte Independent School District School Board and the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Lions Club. He is active in the Coke County Golf Association.

Hosts for the celebration were the couple's children and the grandchildren.

Hembrees Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Hembree celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 23, 2000, with a dinner and reception at the Oakwood



Beat The Heat, Read

The "Beat the Heat, Read" summer program at the Coke County Library has a new winner for a "Cool Reader" cup. Briley Bannert won this week's drawing. For each book returned, readers can add their names to the drawing for a stadium cup. There are two cups left. At the end of the summer program, all names will be added to a drawing for a final prize.

Readers can join the summer reading program any time. There are no contests. Just good books for quiet summer moments are available. Sketch paper and pencils and the *Giant I Can Draw Everything* book will be available for use in the library.

For those who have not yet been on vacation a website called MapBlast is now available (www.mapblast.com). The site gives accurate interactive maps and driving directions and information on services and products near addresses. Another web site designed for kids ages 8-13 is www.youthline-usa.com. This is a news site and weekly newspaper both entertaining and educational and has won a Parents Choice Award. Anyone seeking information on financial aid or career information can access www.students.gov for tips in this area.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; Friday, 8-12. Books may be returned in Bronte to the Main Street Mkt. The food-for-fines program is still in effect. Over-due fines can be paid with non-perishable food for the Food Closet.

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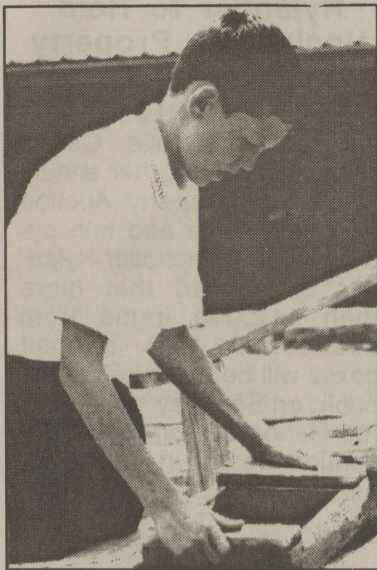
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Vincent McClelland is engrossed in looking at the stones appearing as the dirt is washed away.

Sixth Graders Explore Caverns

The Robert Lee sixth grade traveled to the Caverns of Sonora for an end-of-school adventure. Everyone was present to make the trip to Sonora. The class was accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Burns, and by George Grim.

The sixth graders toured the caverns and were interested in the beautiful formations. They also played in the great sluice on the park grounds. Students used wire baskets to wash away soil and sand from "precious" stones. The waterway was fun on a warm afternoon.

The class raised money for the trip by selling programs at home basketball games and by working in the concession stand.

Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. Burns reported that this class is made up of bright and enjoyable students. All of their elementary teachers wish them well in seventh grade.

Is your child graduating from high school? Time to take another look at your auto insurance

Congratulations! Your child has reached a milestone. Graduating from high school is one of the most important events in a person's life. It's also one of the best times for parents to shop for auto insurance. That's right - auto insurance. Your life is changing and chances are, you haven't kept up with making sure your auto insurance coverages and rates reflect your current situation.

Auto insurance premiums are determined by many variables including age, job, marital status and residence. Altering any of these can change the cost of your policy.

There are many variables that may change with a child graduating high school. If your child is going away to college, a change in their residence could significantly change the insurance rates you're getting with your current company.

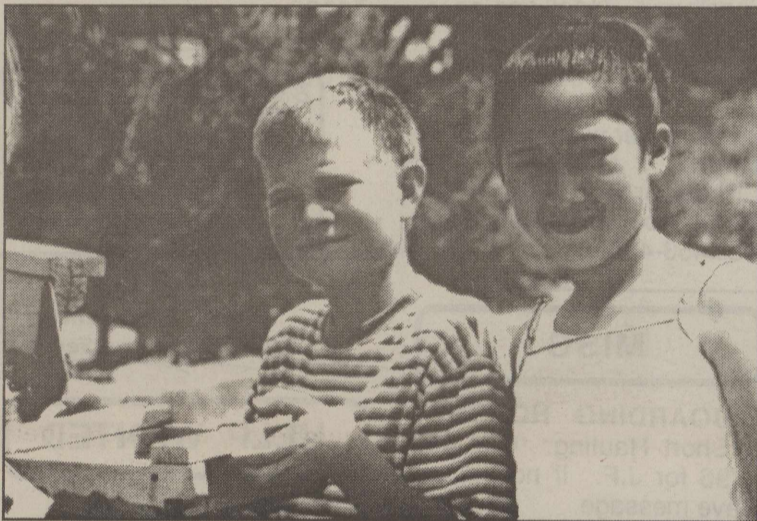
Because rates for identical coverage can vary dramatically based on each insurance company's claims experience, a few minutes spent shopping for auto insurance could save you hundreds of dollars each



Vanessa Saucedo, Cara Eaton, and Tiffany Bagwell help each other at the sluice.



Shannon Martin and Stephanie Trejo enjoy the sluice.



Clayton Austin and Analy Gallegos hold a basket used for washing away sand from stones at the sluice.

year. In fact, a recent countrywide study by Progressive Insurance showed that the difference between the highest and lowest rates available to the same consumer for identical coverages from different companies averaged \$522 every six months. It would not hurt to save extra money, especially for parents facing the added cost of college tuition.

"In addition to your lifestyle changing, insurance companies often change their rates," Willy Graves, President of Progressive County Mutual, said. "It's important that you periodically shop around to be sure your current auto insurance policy best reflects your needs."

Fortunately, shopping for auto insurance is no longer a difficult or a time-consuming task. There are many options available to consumers. You can get free estimates over

the phone at various 1-800 numbers, you can look up quotes on the Web or you can consult with an independent agent who can answer all the questions directly. And these services are usually accessible 24 hours a day.

Summer Computer Classes at Bronte ISD
Intermediate word-processing will be Monday, July 17, 2000, from 9 am - 3:30 pm. There are only 8 openings available for this class.
Beginners PowerPoint presentation program will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2000, from 9 am - 3:30 pm. There are 10 openings available for this class.
 Call early to reserve your space. The cost of each class is \$30.
 For more information or to enroll, call Lisa Gibbs at 473-5911.



Vanessa Saucedo, Analy Gallegos, Carolina Vera, and Stephanie Trejo enjoy the activities connected with the Sixth Grade visit to the Caverns of Sonora.



Lewis Hearn, Chris Torres, Branden Phillips at the Caverns of Sonora.



Lance Millican, Kyla Millican, and Josh Conner sluicing for stones at the Caverns of Sonora.

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Comptroller Rylander to Hold Unclaimed Property Auction in San Antonio

Texas Comptroller Carole Rylander is taking her annual Unclaimed Property Auction to San Antonio and into cyberspace. Comptroller Rylander announced that more than 112,000 items from abandoned safe deposit boxes will be auctioned to the public on Saturday, July 22, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

The items up for bid are valued at more than a half million dollars. The include: 95,381 coins/currency valued at \$76,268, 733 gold coins with an appraised value of \$69,068, 990 flatware/holloware items estimated to be worth \$16,268, 9,363 stamps/paper items valued at \$4,672, 179 wrist watches with an estimated value of \$15,272, 54 pocket watches appraised at \$15,675, 193 bracelets valued at \$8,956, 388 necklaces worth approximately \$30,197, 241 brooches with an estimated worth of \$31,687, 637 rings valued at \$100,807 and 1,228 loose stones worth an estimated \$107,839.

The most valuable item in the sale is a 3.2 carat loose diamond with an appraised value of \$25,000. There are more loose diamonds and gemstones and more gold coins in this year's Unclaimed Property Auction than in any previous sale.

The sale items come primarily from abandoned safe deposit boxes. After five years, banks turn the safe deposit box contents over to the Comptroller, who continues to hold the property for at least a year, and publishes the owners' names in newspapers and on the Internet.

"If the property owners turn up after the auction, they receive the proceeds from the sale of their property. In the meantime, money raised by the auction will be used to fund state programs, such as public education," Comptroller Rylander said.

The auction catalog may be viewed on the Comptroller's Web site at <www.window.state.tx.us>. Copies of the catalog may be obtained by mail at: Comptroller of Public Accounts, Attn: Auction Catalog, Rm. 232A, 200 E. 10th St., Austin, Tx 78701

The auction begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 Market St., in San Antonio. Bidders may preview the items at the convention center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 21.

Bidders who wish to participate in the auction online must pre-register before the sale. To pre-register, go to the Comptroller's Web site, <www.window.state.tx.us>, click on the link to auction-channel.com and enter your name, e-mail address, phone number, and a shipping address for your purchases. You will choose a password and receive a bidder identification number that you must use to bid during the auction.

Top Best Picks for Sizzling Summer Reading

From alien conquest and human rebellion in the year 3000 A.D. and a world fatefully controlled by computers to Wall St. under terrorist siege and a race against death in Academia and through the streets of New York, here are five top novels chosen by Dateline News Service book reviewer Linda Jerome for page-turning summer reading... or enjoyment any time of the year.

1) **Battlefield Earth** by L. Ron Hubbard

This compelling saga of alien conquest and human rebellion in the year 3000 A.D. was released as a movie in May 2000. The ruthless 1,000 year domination and pillaging of Earth by giant invaders from the planet Psychlo, under the scheming scrutiny of Terl, their villainous security guard, is challenged by an audacious leader, Jonnie Goodboy Tyler, and a handful of survivors. At over 1,000 action-and-character packed pages and voted the best science fiction novel of the 20th century by the American Book Readers Association, this novel is compelling, adventurous reading.

San Angelo's Writers' Club

It's two for one at the July 11 meeting of the San Angelo Writers' Club!

Ross McSwain, a life member of the club, is a retired journalist who does freelance writing as well as teaching a writing class at ASU. Ross attended the Western Writers of America Conference in Kerrville in June and will recap the main points from a series of panels on marketing, screenwriting, myths and legends and research.

Barbara Barton, also a long time club member, is a retired science and math teacher who developed a strong interest in history after her retirement. In addition to her contributions to Ranch and Rural Living magazine, Barbara's self published books include "Ruckus Along the Rivers", "Hang'em Up, Move'em Out", and "Cruising' The Concho Country", which is a kind of travel guide to towns and historical spots within a 50 mile radius around San Angelo.

Barbara will contribute to our series on Profiling with a general overview of the mechanics of interviewing. Topics will include: contact and set up, types of interviews, planning questions, the interview itself, and follow up.

Come join us! Tuesday, July 11th, 7:00 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd - 3355 West Beauregard - San Angelo (Behind HEB on Sherwood Way).

Regular Monthly Meeting: The second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd - 3355 West Beauregard - San Angelo (Behind HEB on Sherwood Way)

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2) **Hush Money** by Robert B. Parker

Another in the long line of well-crafted Spenser novels finds the hard-edged-but human-private eye with two cases at the same time. In the first, a high-minded university may be concealing a killer behind an academic veil of political correctness. In the second, Spenser comes to the aid of a stalker's victim, only to find himself the object of the victim's own dangerous affection.

3) **Tom Clancy's Net Force** created by Tom Clancy and Steve Pieczenik

A decade from now, computers control the world and to enforce the Net laws, Congress has created Net Force. When the director of Net Force is assassinated and the organized sabotage of great mainframe computers reflects devastation and death everywhere, the deputy Director is thrust into one of the most powerful, embattled and dangerous positions in the world.

4) **Worst Fears Realized** by Stuart Woods

Although not given to dwelling on the past, detective-turned lawyer, Stone Barrington finds himself rattling old skeletons when the people closest to him start dying and his fevered search for a brilliant, but vengefully twisted killer take him through a sea of old faces, and old and dangerous new loves, with time relentlessly running out.

5) **Black-Friday** by James Patterson

With New York City under siege by a secret militia group and Wall Street, the world's financial heart, in the cross hairs of the terrorist assault-the impossible task of stopping the unthinkable in the face of betrayal, conspiracy and retributive justice falls to a courageous federal agent and a powerful woman attorney.

So here are Linda Jerome's five top picks for this summer's exciting best in fascinating, can't-put-it-down fiction. All titles are New York Times bestsellers, available in paperback everywhere.

Termites, Termites Everywhere

Crickets, super roaches, fire ants, termites-they all are cited as problems across the state. In fact, 87 percent of Texans say they recognize insects at home, in their gardens and at work. At any given time, 45 percent of all structures in Texas are infested with termites. Dr. Roger Gold, a professor with the Department of Entomology at Texas A&M University, recently spoke at a continuing education program for Texas real estate licensees

sponsored by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

"The damage insects can do the structures is massive," says Gold. "From the framing of a house to 40 years later, insects are involved. A 40-year old structure has a 90 percent chance of being infested with termites if left unprotected."

For the first five years of a structure's life, conditions are low for termites to infest, mainly because of the resin in the wood. As the wood dries out, however, it becomes more susceptible to termites.

The National Pest Control Association estimates the eastern termite generates \$1.7 billion for the damage, repair and prevention industries. In Texas alone, the cost reaches \$350 million. Termites cause more damage than tornadoes, hurricanes and wind storms combined.

"The farther south you go, the more chance there is for termite infestations," says Gold. "They are subtropical creatures. Alaska is the only state that has not recorded a case of termites."

Termites, active year round in most parts of Texas, are commonly found in the coastal regions. But as landscaping materials, such as railroad ties, are being transported northward from the coast, termites are being moved along with them.

"Homeowners need to pay careful attention to the plantings around a house," says Gold. "It's also important to be aware of moisture problems. With the relatively high humidity of Texas, the chances for fungi are great and that can reduce the value and quality of the wood."

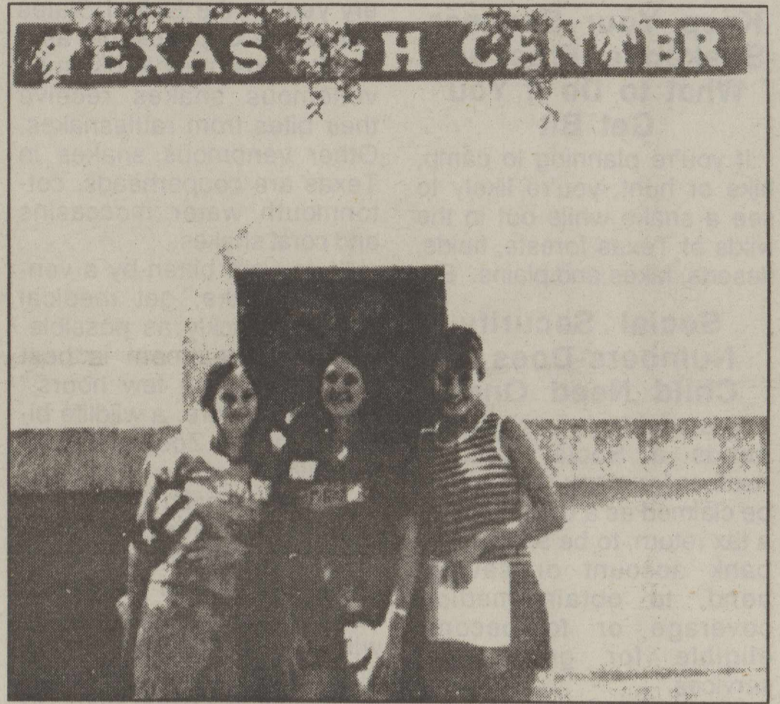
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April Cowart, Ashlee Millican and Erin Millican recently participated in the District 7 leadership lab held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Erin was elected as Information Officer for the District 7 2000 4-H Council.

Silver Spur Ball

Good music, good food and a good time...all for a good cause is on the agenda for the 10th annual Silver Spur Ball Friday, July 21 at San Angelo's Knights of Columbus Hall to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The evening's activities begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a buffet supper donated by Winn-Dixie Catering, a silent auction featuring retail and handcrafted items and a drawing for a hand-made quilt sewn by committee volunteers.

Guests can enjoy dancing to the music of Southern Image of Fredericksburg. The band has headlined the Texas Folklife Festival and Riverfest in San Antonio and has shared the stage with notables such as the original Texas Playboys and Asleep at the Wheel.

Tickets are \$30 per couple

and are available in advance at the Rehab Center and Winn-Dixie.

Underwriting for the Silver Spur Ball is donated in memory of Mark Lipsett by his mother, which allows the Center to receive all proceeds from ticket sales and auction items.

Hosts for the event are Doodle Dankworth, Norman and Linda Dierschke, Floyd and Dottie Frerich, Steven and Jennifer Hoelscher, Dennis Kasberg, Bob and Jean Ann LeGrand, Jo McCully, Pat and Ruby McDonald, Mark and Lou Ann Multer, Al and Clara Nell Waters, all of San Angelo.

Also, Preston and Pete Dudley of Mertzson, Bill and Mabel Freitag of Eldorado; J.D. and Becky Gould of Carlsbad and Benny and Sweetie Willberg of Paint Rock.

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Social Security Numbers-Does a Child Need One?

The answer is yes. A child needs a Social Security number for many reasons: to be claimed as a dependent on a tax return, to be shown on a bank account or savings bond, to obtain medical coverage or to become eligible for government services.

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Whenever you apply for a Social Security number for a child under age 18, you need to provide the parents' Social Security numbers. You can still apply for a number for the child and we'll still be able to assign the child a Social Security number without the parent's Social Security numbers if: the parent does not have a Social Security number, or the parent's Social Security number is not known.

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ery year in the United States thousands of people die as a result. Most people bitten by venomous snakes receive their bites from rattlesnakes. Other venomous snakes in Texas are copperheads, cottonmouth water moccasins and coral snakes.

"If you are bitten by a venomous snake, get medical care as quickly as possible. Antivenin treatment is best started within a few hours," said Guy Moore, a wildlife biologist at the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

If you may have been bitten by a venomous snake: Keep calm. Take deep breaths to relax yourself. Frantic activity will cause the venom to spread faster. Reduce movement of a bitten limb. Do not try to capture or kill the snake: it will probably just bite you again. If possible, keep the area of the bite lower than your heart. Remove jewelry, such as rings and watches, and tight-fitting clothes before the onset of swelling. Do not try to remove the venom yourself. Do not apply heat or cold to the bitten area. Do not apply home remedies to the bite. Do not use a tourniquet or constricting band around the bite. Do not use aspirin or related medications because they increase bleeding. Do not eat or drink, especially alcoholic beverages.

Get medical attention as soon as possible. Call 9-1-1, your local emergency number or the Texas Poison Center Network at 1-800-POISON-1 (1-800-764-7661). The Poison Control Center can tell you which medical centers carry the appropriate antivenin. If possible, provide emergency medical personnel with a description of the snake. If no emergency medical care is available, get to the nearest medical treatment facility. But keep calm, walk rather than run, drive safely rather than race.

Don't be fooled by the fact that there may not be any symptoms. "The bite of a coral snake in particular can be deceptive. Without exception, all snake bites should be seen by a doctor immediately," said Bradley Hicks, a TDH wildlife biologist. Coral snakes are brightly colored with bands of black, yellow and red. Some non-venomous snakes mimic the coloration to a degree, but the

coral snake is the only one with red bands next to yellow bands. Just remember the old saying, "Red and yellow, kill a fellow; red and black, venom lack."

There is no real reason to be scared of snakes: in fact, snakes help control insect, mice and rat populations. Most snakes are eager to avoid confrontations with anything larger than themselves and will quietly leave if given the opportunity. So exercise some precautions when out hiking, camping or hunting, and chances are you will be safe.

You can help prevent snake bites by: Being aware if the area you are in is inhabited by venomous snakes. Wearing high leather boots and long pants when in areas where there are snakes. Not reaching into areas where snakes may be resting if you cannot see it is safe. Snakes like to hang around logs and under leaves, waiting for mice, lizards and other small prey. Watching where you walk so that you don't accidentally step on a snake. Do not step over logs or rocks if you can-

not see the other side. Avoiding walking at night in areas where there are snakes. Not handling or harassing snakes. Most people are bitten while handling or trying to kill a venomous snake.

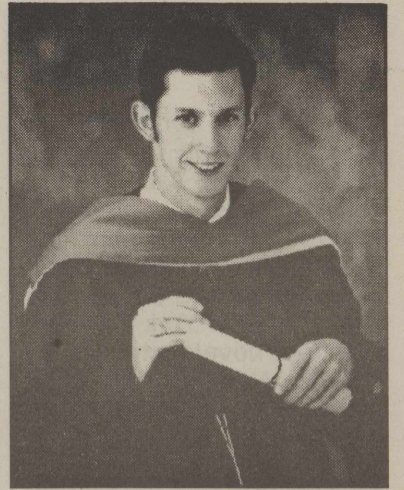
(For more information, contact Bradley Hicks, wildlife biologist, TDH Zoonosis Control Division, at 512-458-7255, or Shari Perrotta, TDH Communications Office, at 512-458-7400.)

A Call for Poems

Write a poem and win the \$1,000 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee, and nothing to buy.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB 126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com

"This is our big contest of the year," says Poetry Director Martha French. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their talent." The deadline for entering is July 27, 2000.



Jimmy Shane Millican

Millican Receives Master's Degree

Jimmy Shane Millican received his Master of Science degree in graduation ceremonies this spring at Tarleton State University. Mr. Millican maintained a grade point average in excess of 3.8 during his enrollment at Tarleton. Mr. Millican is the 24 year old son of Jim and Sharon Millican of Hamby, Texas and the grandson of David B. Millican and the late Evia Jo Millican of Silver, Texas and P. D. Burk and wife, Lola Burk of Lometa, Texas.

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