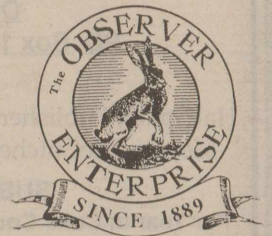


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## Voters urged to cast ballots in Saturday's local elections

Voters will go to the polls May 5 to fill vacancies on a number of local governing boards.

Three candidates will vie for two - 3 year terms on the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. Incumbent Terry Charles will be challenged by Doug Hoyt, and Joe Sefcik. Voters may cast their ballot at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, from 7 am to 7 pm.

The city of Robert Lee will be electing new city council members. Robert Lee has three council positions open. Incumbents Nita Stovall-Duncan, Johnny Carver, and

### Graduation issues slated

The *Observer/Enterprise* will publish the special editions dedicated to the Senior Classes of both Bronte and Robert Lee high schools during the latter part of May. The issue honoring the Robert Lee class is scheduled for May 18, with the issue honoring the Bronte class being the following week, May 25.

In the near future, representatives from our office will be calling on local businesses and individuals to sponsor these seniors. If you would like to honor a senior by sponsoring them in these special editions, please call our office in Robert Lee at 453-2433 or in Bronte at 473-2001.



Brooke McCutchen (left) will represent the Lady Longhorns and Dee Van Huss will represent the Lady Steers after earning a trip to the state golf tournament in Austin May 7 and 8.

Kenneth Green will face challenger Jim Reeves. Voters may cast their ballot at the Courthouse from 7 am to 7 pm.

East Coke County Hospital District will have two openings filled by the upcoming election. Filing for these openings were incumbents Jessie Sims and Donnie Thompson, joined by Jan Magness. Voters may cast their ballot at the Bronte City Hall, 114 South Washington, from 7 am to 7 pm.

### 9-1-1 silent heroes

Calltakers are a vital part of our emergency response team. Without the dedication and contributions of these men and women, the 9-1-1 program would not be a success.

The Commission on State Emergency Communication and the National Emergency Number Association, Texas Chapter of 9-1-1 held an Awards Luncheon for Telecommunicators across Texas on April 13, 2001 in Austin, Texas. The Concho Valley Council of Governments and Regional 9-1-1 were proud to be able to recognize four of our own dispatchers.

Silent Heroes are individuals whose exceptional professionalism in the field of emergency communication and their special contributions in their daily performance of their duties is an inspiration and example to others. In



Cleta Timmons (2nd from left) of West Coke County Nursing Home, was recognized as a 2001 Silent Hero by the State of Texas on April 13. Shown are (from left) CSEC Commission Judge Dorothy Morgan, Mrs. Timmons, Rosie Ortiz of the Reagan County Sheriff's Office in Big Lake, Pablo Talamantez of the Crockett County Sheriff's Office in Ozona, and State Representative Bill Carter.

recognition of their performance and exceptional attitude, Cleta Timmons, West Coke County Nursing Home, Robert Lee, Texas; Rosie Ortiz, Reagan County Sheriff's Office, Big Lake, Texas; Pablo Talamantez, Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Ozona, Texas; and Christina Lopez, Concho County Law Enforcement Center, Eden, Texas were recognized as Silent Heroes by Judge Dorothy Morgan, CSEC Commissioner and Bill Carter, State Representative.

### Economic development possibilities for RL

Economic Development was the topic discussed at two meetings on April 26. The meetings were arranged by the Robert Lee City Council with Troy Williamson, Director of the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification at UTPB in Odessa, to explore ways to up-grade the economic situation. Attendance at the two meetings was encouraging and appreciated by the Council.

The next step will be to form economic development committees to pursue the possibilities available. Mr. Williamson will prepare a list of possible partners based on the economic survey and comments of those in atten-

dance at the meetings. With this list and local commitment, some changes will begin to evolve.

Mr. Williamson discussed issues raised by the economic development survey. He strongly suggested there be an economic development plan that is goal specific. He stated that growth from within is more successful than seeking outside ventures. He advised against "smokestack chasing" in favor of promoting what is positive in the Robert Lee area. He stated that 90% of a town's growth will come from within and that local expansion means hiring local people.

In addressing the appearance of the town, Mr. Williamson said that the looks of a town is what sells the town and to find the ugly spots and fix them. Landscaping is one of the most inexpensive ways to beautify property. He said that beautification must be done constantly, but the rewards were worth the effort.

By shopping at home, the sales tax base is increased. Mr. Williamson said that as a former business owner, he appreciated his customers telling him what they wanted. If he couldn't supply what was needed, he could suggest another source. He said that home-folks give personal

service and chain stores don't.

Mr. Williamson said the economic development tax has proved to be helpful to many towns. The economic development 1/2 cent tax is being paid in other cities by people from Robert Lee, he pointed out.

Several people have prepared written suggestions as to improvements and ideas which would lead to economic development. The Council appreciates any such suggestions and will act upon them when at all possible.

### Mother's Day revival at Victory Assembly

A 4 Day Revival Crusade with Rev. Bernie Guebara of San Angelo will be starting Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, through Wednesday, May 16, at the Victory Assembly of God Church, 6th and Houston St. in Robert Lee. Sunday services will be at 10:45 am & 6:00 pm. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday services will be at 7:00 pm.

### Gospel singing Sunday

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, May 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

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 Library

**Don't miss County Library book sale**  
 The Coke County Library will have a book sale Friday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 o'clock and Saturday morning from 9:00 to 1:00 o'clock. Of course, if there are customers looking or buying, the sale will last until everybody goes home.

There are many hardback books which were sent to area libraries from Abilene to be used or sold as warranted. Non-fiction and fiction are both available in hardback and will sell for fifty cents each. Paperbacks will sell for 10 cents each. Donations are also welcomed and appreciated.

Among the books for sale will be cookbooks and children's books which are usually hard to find at a book sale.

The Library is preparing for the summer reading program. If anyone would like to provide a treat-of-the-week (individually wrapped candies or sweets) or a prize for the weekly drawing please contact the library at 453-2495.

Library hours are Tuesday, 8-12; Wednesday, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; and Friday, 8-

**RL Senior Citizen news**

The Robert Lee Seniors will be playing 80 (dominoes) at the Robert Lee Senior Citizen building the first Thursday of each month.

This month's date is May 3, starting at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Mothers Day Revival  
 Victory Assembly of God**



6th and Houston  
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Please join us for a  
 4 Day Revival Crusade  
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 Sunday Services 10:45 am &  
 6 pm.  
 Monday, Tuesday &  
 Wednesday services at 7 pm.

12. Books may be returned to the Main Street Market in Bronte as well as to the Library. Fines are accepted, but not charged.

**Death Notices**

**Rogers**

Elwerd Manard Rogers, 69, of Bullard and formerly of Wingate died at his residence. Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm, Saturday April 28, 2001 in the Wingate cemetery with Mark Edge officiating and burial under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

He is survived by 2 daughters; Gayvenda Reed and Kimberly Menchaca both of Midland; 4 brothers, Doug Rogers of College Station; Doyle Rogers of Crane; Lonnie Rogers of Athens; and Leo Rogers of Sweetwater; 1 sister, Mary Ann Proctor of Carlsbad; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Walls**

T.J. Walls, 66, of Forsan died Sunday, April 29, 2001, in a Midland hospital. Service was held at 10 am Wednesday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Walls of Forsan; son, Randy Walls of Carrollton; daughter, Teresa Ragland of Snyder; sisters, Helen Mathers of Robert Lee, Joy Spradlin and Lois Grey, both of Grand Prairie; and brothers, Thad Walls Jr. of Moseley, Va., Bob Walls of Andrews and Troy Walls of Colorado City.

**Bronte Health & Rehab Center news**  
 Eight residents of BHRC attended the 5th annual Mid-West Playdays held on April 21 at Angelo State University gym.

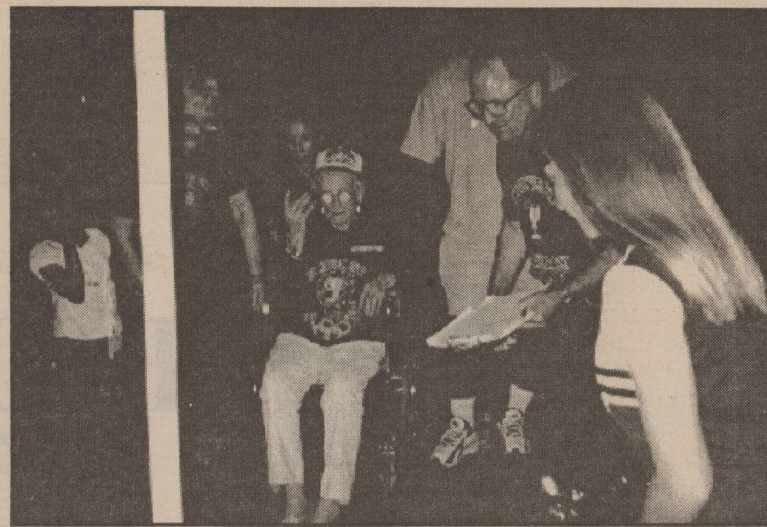
Helen Kirkland, Iona Sellers, Virda Chew, Margaret Lawdermilk, Edna Marie Ritchey, Virgil Ashley, Ruth Holland, and Maynard Rogers participated in bean bag toss, bucket toss, softball throw, basketball throw and wheelchair races. Edna and Margaret each won a bronze medal in their heats of the wheelchair race.

After the events were completed, everyone moved outdoors for a picnic - type meal.

Mid - West Playdays is an "Olympic styled" fun - filled day for residents of area nursing homes. Co-sponsored by the activity departments of nursing homes and Area Agency on the Aging. Other homes participating in addition to Bronte Health & Rehab Center were Baptist Memorial, Crockett Co. Care Center, Heritage House, Hill Country Care Center, Park Plaza, Regency House, Runnels Co. Rehab & Nursing Center, Schleicher Co. Medical Center, Sterling Co. Nursing Home, Heritage Oaks Estates & Riverside Healthcare and Rehab Center. Approximately 160 residents took part in the games.

The Angelo Angel linedancers from San Angelo, entertained residents on March 27th. This group of Senior ladies tour nursing homes to bring smiles to the faces of the residents. This group has made several trips to BHRC.

On April 19, Dallas Johnson, Kyle Long, Buck Duncan, Bobby Joe Jones and



Ruth Holland participates in the bucket toss at the Mid-West Playdays at Angelo State University April 21, 2001.

Don Sparks played and sang at BHRC. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful music and the variety that this group played.

Cathy Howell's 1st grade class made a trip to Bronte Health & Rehab Center on April 10th to distribute the "Bunny Cups" filled with treats to our residents. The children personally delivered the cups they had made, along with hugs and kisses to every resident. This brought lots of smiles to the faces of everyone.

On April 12th, the children from the Little Fish Daycare joined with the children and grandchildren of BHRC employees for a big Easter egg hunt. It didn't take long for the baskets to be overflowing with eggs. Much more time was required to hide the eggs than to find them!

Much talent was displayed by the Bronte 4-H youth in their coloring of Easter pictures presented to Bronte Health and Rehab for the residents' doors. The pictures were delivered by Jan Yanez, County Extension Agent.

The monthly birthday party

was held on April 28th to honor Alma Enis, Christine Myers and Noba Ware. Judy Driggers provided two cakes, ice cream & the paper goods for the party. Also bringing cakes were Martha Haller and Margie Parkinson. Judy also presented the ladies a gift and corsage for the occasion.

Some of the earliest Mother's Day celebrations on record can be traced back to ancient Greece. The celebrations were held in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. The Roman equivalent was a religious celebration known as Hilaria which lasted from March 15 to 18.

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 (915) 453-2417

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

**Northside Church of Christ**  
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 Tommy Williams, Minister  
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 Wed. 7 pm

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

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 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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 (915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • Robert Lee  
 (915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Proclamation**

Whereas;

**Noah Pruitt, Jr. and Dorthey Pruitt  
 celebrated their  
 50th Wedding Anniversary;  
 and**

Whereas, their life together has been one of service to God, Family, and our Community, we are pleased to join with their many good friends and relatives in extending our best wishes on this happy occasion; and

Now, therefore, I do proclaim the day of May 1, 2001, Noah and Dorthey Pruitt Family Day in our community, extending to them and their fine family on behalf of the City of Bronte our sincere congratulations on this 50th Anniversary, and our best wishes for many years of health and happiness in the years ahead.

Martin Lee,  
 Mayor  
 City of Bronte

Dated: April 15, 2001

**Pruitts celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. & Mrs. Noah Pruitt, Jr. recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The couple was married May 1, 1951 at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte with a double ring candle light ceremony. W. A. Reeves, pastor of the church, officiated the ceremony.

Attending the couple was Betty Scott, matron of honor and Billy Don Labenske, best man.

Loretha Wrinkle Knight accompanied by Maxine Labenske presented the traditional wedding music.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Scott. Mr. & Mrs. Noah Pruitt, Sr. were the parents of Noah Jr. Both families were early day pioneers being some of the first families to come to Coke County before the turn of the 20th century.

After W.W.II, Noah Jr. was co-owner of Pruitts Grocery store for 13 1/2 years. He retired as postmaster of Bronte with 33 years of government service, serving the people of Bronte and Coke County longer than any other postmaster.

Dorthey worked under Civil Service 35 years and retired as postmaster of Carlsbad.

They have lived in Bronte all their lives with the exception of during W.W.II.

They have one daughter, the love of their life, Norma Pruitt Allbright of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas and the joy of their life, grandson Brian Pruitt Allbright of Little Rock, Arkansas.

A celebration is planned for a later date.

**Farm safety camp sets priorities**

Parents - don't let a needless mishap end your child's summer abruptly in tragedy. Sign them up now for the Texas Farm Safety Day Camp set for 8:30 am - 4:00 pm on June 6, 2001, at the Angelo State University's MIR Center, located north of San Angelo. The event is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in partnership with Progressive Farmer Magazine. Because of the hands-on nature of the camp, space is limited to 125 youth, so pre-registration no later than May 30th is mandatory. Campers should be third graders and up. Those entering third grade in the fall are eligible.

Patricia Hohensee, Runnels County Extension family and consumer science agent and the camp's chief coordinator, said the key reason for having



Mr. and Mrs. Noah Pruitt, Jr.

the camp is simply to prevent injuries and save children's lives.

"As parents, we must always put the children first," stressed Hohensee. "Even for adults, safety is never a very glitzy topic. It's too often just shrugged off...until something bad happens. But it is so vital to our children's well-being that we must make it priority-one at all times. It only takes an instant of carelessness or ignorance to change a life forever, or sadly, to even end it."

Though this event's name has "farm" in the title, it is actually applicable to any youth, urban or rural, who is active outdoors. The camp will cover everything from lawnmower safety to firearm precautions. There is no other youth program available in this part of the state offering the array of safety topics that this camp will cover. It promises to be a fast-moving, fun day with plenty of action.

The program will open with a general session featuring Joe Speckles, Instructor, Texas State Technical College, Clyde, who will speak from personal knowledge on the importance of farm safety. The day's eight sessions will each be about 20 minutes long with a five-minute break between each session. There will also be a 15-minute break in the morning and again in the afternoon. A catered lunch will be served on-site.

The eight sessions and their presenters include: "Lawnmower/String Trimmer Safety," Larry Sullivan, extension Master Gardener, San Angelo; "Tractors and Equipment," John Lange, Porter Henderson Implement Co., Ballinger; "Firearm Safety,"

Harold Lemley, Tom Green County rancher; "Fire Extinguisher," Texas Forest Service; "SunSense/First Aid," Red Cross; "Weather," National Weather Service; "Chemical Safety," Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist, San Angelo; and "Tobacco Prevention," Marc Tucker, Assistant County Extension agent, Tom Green County.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 per child or \$20 flat fee for families with two or more children. Parents are encouraged to attend the opening and closing general sessions.

For further information and to pre-register, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office in Coke County at (915) 453-2461.

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All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.

George Washington

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# Robert Lee School News

## RLISD seeks board applicants

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees is seeking to fill two trustee vacancies by appointment. The vacancies were created by the recent resignations of Ray Aldridge and Harvey Wojtek. The board wants qualified applicants who are interested in one of the spots to notify the Superintendent's Office prior to the next regular board meeting on May 17. One position is a one-year unexpired term; the other is a two-year unexpired term. Both positions would have to stand for re-election in May of 2002.

To be eligible for appointment, an individual must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen
2. Be at least 18 years of age
3. Have not been adjudged to be mentally incompetent
4. Have not been convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned
5. Have been a resident of Texas for at least 12 months and of the Robert Lee ISD for at least 6 months prior to the day the appointment is made
6. Be a registered voter
7. Take an oath of office
8. Serve without compensation

Eligible individuals cannot hold any other office that would be legally incompatible with the office of trustee. In addition, applicants should understand that trustees are required to receive a specified number of hours of training per year. First-year board members must receive 16 hours of training plus a local orientation. Experienced

members must receive 8 hours per year plus a Legislative Update after each legislative session.

Interested individuals who wish their name to be considered for appointment should contact Superintendent Weldon Koepf at his office at 1323 Hamilton Street or by phone at 453-4555. They will need to provide their name, physical address of residence, voter registration number, and whether they want to be considered for the one-year or two-year position.

## RLISD Board hires teachers

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 pm. The board voted to fill two vacant positions created by resignation or retirement. Bradley Roberts was employed as Band Director and Becky Harris as a science teacher for the 2001-2002 school year. Mr. Roberts has been assistant band director with Winters ISD for the past two years. Mrs. Harris has taught at Miles, Bridgeport, Coleman and Bronte and for the past two years has been director of the Southwest Key Rehabilitation facility near San Angelo.

The board also adopted the 2001-2002 school calendar as recommended by the RLISD Site-Based Decision-making Committee. Teachers will report for duty on August 10 and the first day of student classes will be August 15. The last day of classes will be May 23 and high school graduation will be May 24.

Trustees discussed making appointments to fill the two board vacancies recently created by resignations. It was decided to ask any qualified individuals who are interested in filling the spots to notify the RLISD superintendent's office prior to the next board meeting on May 17.

In other action, board members approved renewal of the district's property and casualty insurance coverage and approved an increased stipend for the yearbook sponsor. Also approved was the renewal of the contract with Interquest Detection Canines for 2001-2002. The company will do periodic searches of school facilities to detect the presence of illegal drugs, alcohol, firearms, explosives, and other contraband materials.

Elementary Principal Janet Wallace and High School Principal Lindsey Wallace reported to the board on recent attendance, student activities and other matters. Superintendent Weldon Koepf reported on the Small Schools Cooperative and Site-Based Decision-making Committee activities. He also reported on school-related activities in the legislature.

The meeting was adjourned after a brief closed session regarding personnel matters and voting to hire the two new teachers.

## Young writer Lindsey Roe published

Good writing skills are an essential ingredient in the recipe for success, and teachers at Robert Lee ISD are striving to ensure that their students are equipped with these important skills.

As part of a total program to prepare students in language arts, local teachers have taken advantage of a nationwide publication that is devoted to the betterment of literary skills.

The High School Writer is a monthly classroom teaching magazine developed to provide a "real audience" for students and to thereby foster the desire among young people to learn good reading and writing skills. The magazine consists of works written by students and includes fiction as well as non-fiction, essays, and poetry.

The High School Writer is published by Writer Publications of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, which received more than 30,000 manuscripts from all over the U.S. during the 2000-2001 school year. Over 3,000 pieces were selected by the editorial staff and published in nine monthly issues during the year. Writer publications has just completed its sixteenth year of providing publishing opportunities for young writers.

"The teachers you have at Robert Lee ISD obviously consider reading and writing a necessity for their students," commented Writer Publications' publisher, Teresa Ivanca.

Published students received special recognition for their accomplishment and were presented Certificates of Literary Merit by local school officials. The list of nationwide award recipients included Lindsey Roe, from Robert Lee ISD, in the January, February issues.

## Letter to the Editor

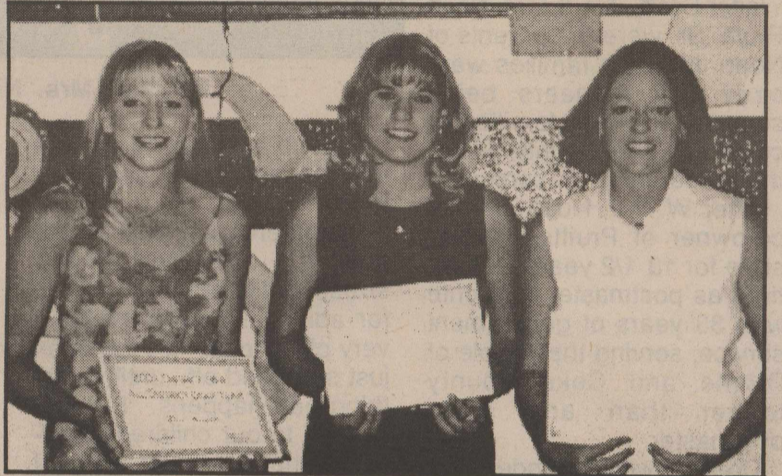
Re: The large monetary deficit which our Robert Lee school will incur again for the year 2000-2001.

An Indian proverb says, "The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives."

Name withheld by request



Robert Lee High School Seniors Garrett Brown and Dixie Simpson were awarded the Steer and Lady Steer awards at the Athletic Banquet May 1.



Robert Lee Lady Steers named to the All District Golf Team included (from left) Dixie Simpson, Whitney Millican and Dee Van Huss.

## Region II-A golf tournament results

The Bronte boys placed 5th in team results with scores of 344-324-668. Of Robert Lee, Salomon Saucedo had scores of 89-74-163. The State Tournament will be held on May 7th and 8th.

Out of 16 teams, the Robert Lee girls team placed 3rd with scores of 365-378-743. For the girls individually, McCutchen of Bronte placed 1st with scores of 76-72-148; Van Huss of Robert Lee placed 4th with scores of 83-87-170; Millican of Robert Lee placed 10th with scores of 91-90-181. McCutchen and Van Huss qualified for the State Tournament. Robert Lee girls individual scores are as follows: Dee Van Huss - 83-87-170; Whitney Millican - 91-90-181; Dixie Simpson - 96-99-195; Shanna Wojtek - 95-111-206; Amber Brosh - 104-102-206.

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## Steers regional track results

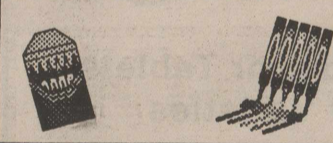
The Robert Lee Steers participated in the Regional track meet in Abilene last weekend.

Stewart Millican was 3rd in the pole vault with a vault of 14 feet. Clifton Bohannon placed 5th with a vault of 13 feet.

Anson Lott was 4th in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.95.

Good job Steers!

## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

#### Monday, May 7

Orange juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

#### Tuesday, May 8

Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

#### Wednesday, May 9

Orange juice, muffin, cereal, milk

#### Thursday, May 10

Orange juice, blueberry pancake w/sausage on stick, cereal, milk

#### Friday, May 11

Bad weather day

### Lunch

#### Monday, May 7

Fish w/tarter sauce, macaroni & cheese, black eyed peas, hush puppies, fruit cocktail, milk

#### Tuesday, May 8

Rib-b-ques, potato salad, red beans, white bread, cowboy cookies, milk

#### Wednesday, May 9

Spaghetti, salad, carrots, rolls, pineapple, milk

#### Thursday, May 10

Hamburgers, lettuce & tomatoes, pickles, tator tots, chocolate pudding, milk

#### Friday, May 11

Bad weather day

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**Keeping the internet safe**

by John Cornyn  
 Attorney General of Texas  
 Q: While my daughter was in a chat room on the Internet, she was contacted by someone who made some inappropriate suggestions to her. She told us, and we have reported the person to the moderator. But there has to be something more we can do. Who investigates things like this?

A: The Internet is a wonderful resource that allows people to do so much. Unfortunately, some people use it to commit despicable acts. I commend your daughter for reporting this encounter to you.

As Attorney General, I have made it a priority to ensure that the Internet is a safe place for people to shop, do research, and communicate with each other. On September 21, 2000, I formed the Texas Internet Bureau, which will focus on Internet - and computer - related crimes. Funded by a grant from the Governor's office, the Internet Bureau is staffed by specially trained prosecutors and investigators who assist local law enforcement agencies in fighting computer - related crimes.

In addition to accepting and investigating reports from citizens about cyber - crime, the Internet Bureau focuses on:

**\*Child Pornography:** Internet Bureau staff work with local, state, and federal authorities to investigate and prosecute crimes involving online child pornography.

**\*Computer Hacking:** Staff investigate incidents of breach of computer security.

**\*Children's Privacy:** The federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) seeks to protect the privacy of children online. The Internet Bureau monitors Web sites and takes enforcement actions against those that are not in compliance with the Act.

We have had several successes since the formation of the Internet Bureau. In each case, we worked with local prosecutors to apprehend and charge people who were using the Internet to commit illegal acts.

In the first case, we assisted the Dallas Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with the arrest of a man who allegedly hacked into his former employer's computer system to distribute child pornography via the Internet. The suspect has been charged with possession and promotion of child pornography and breaching computer security. Both crimes are third degree felony violations.

The North Texas Regional Computer Forensics Lab assisted in a raid of the suspect's house and will conduct the examination of the digital evidence.

Our strong working relationship with the Dallas Task Force demonstrates the commitment we have to assisting local law enforcement agencies to put a halt to this kind of activity over the Internet.

In another case, the Internet Bureau worked with the Austin Police Department to arrest a man who is accused of

soliciting a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old girl. The "14-year-old," actually an investigator from the Internet Bureau, had made contact with the accused in an Internet chat room. Even though the investigator clearly stated that she was a minor, the suspect exchanged several explicit e-mails in a "private" chat room, including one enticing the minor to meet him at a hotel room.

When officials arrested the accused, a Grand Prairie public school teacher, at an Austin hotel, they found pornographic materials and other sexual paraphernalia. The suspect has been charged with criminal solicitation of a minor, a third degree felony.

You can report questionable Internet activities to the Texas Internet Bureau through our Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us). The Internet Bureau section of our site has an online reporting form. To report possible illegal activities, or if you believe that someone could be in danger, contact your local law enforcement agency for assistance.

**Back in the good ole days**

sent in by Bill Cox  
**Laundry day**

Although cooking was a problem, wash day was a bigger one. A long bench in the shade of the salt cedar trees which lined the backyard fence was mama's wash bench. On it were three large tubs - one for rubbing, one for rinsing, and the other for bluing (bleaching done by adding bluing to water) and oh, how white those table cloths and sheets were that mama hung on the line.

Papa or one of the boys would build a fire under the big old black iron wash pot, fill it with rain water from the rain barrel, which stood at the corner of the house and caught the rain water when it rained. When the water would begin to boil, mama would have home-made soap to shave into it. When the soap melted, in went the sheets, pillow cases, tablecloths and other white household articles, all of which had previously soaked in cold water. Sometimes mama would use buttermilk to remove certain stains. She would stir the clothes gently in the pots as they were boiling. She removed them to the rinse tub and finally into the last rinse water, all having been rung out by hand. Mama was most particular as to how clothes were hung on the line, and to this day, I can't get away from her training. She always said people judge you by the ap-



The Robert Lee Lady Steers placed 3rd at the regional golf tournament. They include (from left) Dixie Simpson, Dee Van Huss, Amber Brosh, Shanna Wojtek and Whitney Millican.

pearance of your wash on the line.

These were days before perma press and some of the washing had to be starched. The night before ironing day, it had to be sprinkled with warm water, rolled and packed, ready for ironing. Then came ironing day - huge irons (sad irons as they were called and rightly named, for they certainly made you sad to have to handle the things) were placed on the cook stove and heated. Mama did the special pieces such as tablecloths, nice dresses and the men's white shirts. Myra was next in line at the ironing; then Mable, who was always busy folding the garments while she was ironing, and little ole me was last after the stove was cold and the irons were barely warm and I had to iron Papa's heavy underwear. I got a distaste for ironing at an early age. Mama was most happy when patent arrived on the scene. They had detachable handles which meant that you didn't have to keep the iron handle wrapped to avoid burning your hand.

(Taken from my youngest Cox aunt's Memoirs - the 13th of 13 children. The farm was on the Concho at what in my youth was called 6 mile crossing east of Angelo).

**Check your earnings record**

Fredi Franki  
 Social Security Manager  
 San Angelo, Tx

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**RL Lady Steers compete at area, regional track meets**

Two Lady Steers competed recently at the Area Track Meet in Winters, qualifying for the regional meet at Abilene.

Bobbie Sparks placed 2nd in the Shot Put with a 35' 7" toss. Dixie Simpson placed 3rd in the 800 Meters with a 2:31.25, and 1st in the 200 Meters, with a time of 27.16.

The Regional Track Meet was held on the ACU Campus at Abilene, Texas, and these two qualifiers posted the following results:

Bobbie Sparks placed 5th in the Shot Put, while Dixie Simpson placed 4th in the 800 Meters, with a time of 2:30.73.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

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# Bronte School News

## Lady Longhorns Regional track results

Congratulations to the Bronte Girls track team for their accomplishments at the Regional track meet in Abilene, Friday & Saturday, April 27 - 28, 2001.

Individual and team results as follows:

- Long jump - 1st - Codi Monsey - 17' 1/2"
- 400 M dash - 5th - Codi Monsey - 63.44
- 100 M dash - 7th - Kanah Coalson - 13.56
- 400 M relay - 5th - Tasha Reed, Kala Arrott, Kanah Coalson, Codi Monsey - 52.96
- 800 M relay - 6th - Tasha Reed, Kanah Coalson, Stormy White, Kala Arrott - 1:52.31

Congratulations to Codi Monsey for qualifying for the State Track Meet. She will compete in the long jump on Friday, May 15th, 2001 at 12:00 pm. Good luck.

## Bronte parenting workshops

Misty Dillon of the Tom Green County Juvenile Justice Center will present workshops on parenting skills on May 10 & May 17 at 6:30 pm in the Bronte ISD cafeteria. Topics will include communication, positive discipline, positive self-esteem and anger management. All workshops are free plus childcare and refreshments will be provided. Come and join us!



### Breakfast

- Monday, May 7**  
Breakfast burrito, apple sauce, biscuit, milk
- Tuesday, May 8**  
Sausage, grape juice, pancakes, milk
- Wednesday, May 9**  
Scrambled eggs, hash-browns, toast, milk
- Thursday, May 10**  
Pancake & sausage on a stick, peaches, cinnamon toast, milk
- Friday, May 11**  
Cereal, mixed fruit, biscuit, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, May 7**  
Fish sticks, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit, rolls, milk, chocolate milk
- Tuesday, May 8**  
Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, sweet corn, bread sticks, milk, spice cake
- Wednesday, May 9**  
Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, tator tots, baked beans, milk, apple crisp
- Thursday, May 10**  
Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, jello with mixed fruit
- Friday, May 11**  
Hot dogs, chili & cheese, French fries, ranch style beans, bun, milk, sugar cookies

## Longhorn band wins at Corpus Christi

On Friday, April 27th, the Bronte High School band traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas to compete for a rating at the Buccaneer Classic Music Festival. The band arrived at the Emerald Beach Holiday Inn on the beach at 7:30 pm and enjoyed the hotel swimming pool and game area.

Saturday morning, the band performed at the Del Mar Jr. College auditorium. The band was judged on "The Valley Forge March" by John Edmundson and "Model Song and Dance" by Elliot Del Borgo. The band scored a Division II for an excellent rating.

After spending the rest of the morning and all afternoon at the beach, the band attended the awards ceremony at the Del Mar Jr. College auditorium. The band seniors, Cara Sefcik, Elizabeth Morgan and Rosa Rodriguez accepted the trophy on stage at the awards ceremony.

The Saturday night activities included a D.J./Bar-b-Que dinner dance on the U.S.S. Lexington.

It is also important to note that our volleyball/band girls were awesome, when they were thrashing the high school students from other schools at the beach volleyball games all afternoon.

## Try the ACT

College-bound Texas high school students have a choice when taking their college entrance exam, and increasingly their counselors are encouraging them to consider the ACT Assessment.

"As long as I've been in counseling, there's been a myth that not every college will accept the ACT," says Carolyn Greer, director for student support services at Katy Independent School District. "Every college in Texas will take it."

College admissions exams don't measure the same thing, and Greer believes that since the ACT is a curriculum-based test, covering reading, English, math and science reasoning, it is "a better test to get an understanding of a student's skills." She explains, "If you've done well in courses, and taken a college prep approach to school, you should do well on the ACT."

Since the test scores show a student's achievement, that information can be used to help the student strengthen academic skills in preparation for college. Greer says score information can be used, for example, to indicate whether a student needs to take a remedial course in a subject area.

Jan Scheiding, head counselor at Taft High School in San Antonio, also like the curriculum-based test. "I like to see a broad range of subjects tested for admission to college," she said. "I did a study and looked at a five-year period. Our students overall seemed to do better on the

ACT. "I think the ACT is student-friendly," Scheiding says. "The form is comfortable because it measures what students have learned, and it's non-threatening. And there's no penalty for guessing. I don't encourage guessing, but sometimes it's necessary on a test."

Some students in Texas, including those at Taft High school, get a preview of the ACT Assessment when they take EXPLORE and PLAN tests, usually in their eighth grade and sophomore years, respectively. Both tests are very similar to the ACT Assessment, but they measure skills at lower grade levels. The ACT is taken by juniors and seniors.

Scheiding says counselors use the test information to help guide students. In addition to academic information, the tests provide students with career planning information based on their interests.

"Since EXPLORE, PLAN and the ACT are developed as a program, we're able to follow the student's progress, make recommendations for future courses and suggest careers to investigate," she says. "Also, the earlier tests are good predictors of how students will do on the ACT."

For more information on the ACT Assessment, talk to your high school counselor or visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

## Help your child breathe easier

According to the American Association for Respiratory Care, the majority of children who are hospitalized are admitted with some form of respiratory tract illness. Such problems range from colds and flu to asthma, allergies, pneumonia, bronchitis, bronchiolitis, and cystic fibrosis. So in terms of your child's good health, the respiratory system is very important. We understand when children suffer from colds, flu, or allergies, parents suffer right along with them. These tips from the AARC can make both you and your child more comfortable the next time you encounter one of these illnesses.

1. A child with cold or flu



Cathy Howell's kindergarten class from Bronte ISD brought Easter Bunny cups filled with goodies for each resident at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

should drink plenty of fluids to reduce respiratory discomfort. Dehydration tends to make respiratory secretions (mucus) thicker, drier, and therefore much more difficult to expel. Extra fluids will help keep secretions thinner and easier to cough up.

2. Efforts should be made to keep the nasal passages clear of excess secretions, but colds and flus also cause nasal membranes to swell, narrowing the air passages. This makes breathing more difficult, and it takes more energy to breathe through smaller airways. This is one reason we tire so quickly when we are sick. A sick child often won't want to eat, but to help alleviate that lack of energy, be sure your child continues to get proper nourishment.

3. If your child has allergies, be sure to replace your air conditioner filter often. Also, some air conditioners have special filters available that can cut down on the presence of allergens in your home's air.

4. Common irritants for allergies include dust, cold air, shag carpeting, fur, feathers, pets and stuffed animals. Be aware of any of these that trigger your child's allergies so you can either remove the offending object or replace it with an allergy-friendly alternative.

5. Check the contents labels of stuffed animals if your child has severe allergies.

Stuffed toys can be filled with everything from crushed nuts to feathers to moldy fiber; for the highly allergic child you can opt to buy hypoallergenic stuffed animals.

6. Secondhand smoke can have a serious effect on the respiratory health of children. One study shows that children up to two years old whose parents smoke suffer twice the rate of bronchitis and pneumonia as children of nonsmokers.

Provided by the American Association for Respiratory Care. [www.aarc.org](http://www.aarc.org) \* 972-243-2272.


## San Angelo Writer's Club

The speaker at the May 8 meeting of the San Angelo Writer's Club will be Barbara Barton. Barbara is a writer of local history. Her latest book, "Den of Outlaws", the history of a gang of Knickerbocker outlaws came out last December. She has also had 60 to 70 articles published in magazines such as Ranch and Rural Living.

Don't miss this meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 pm, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd - 3355 West Beauregard, San Angelo (Behind HEB on Sherwood Way).

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Minutes count in an emergency, and what people do before EMS arrives makes a significant difference to an injured or ill person, according to Kathy Perkins, chief of the Bureau of Emergency Management at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

When you call 9-1-1, Perkins said "you access the emergency care system and its personnel, available by telephone everywhere in Texas 24 hours a day. But until a trained team arrives, there are things people can do to help."

Recognizing an emergency is the first step in getting assistance for an ill or injured person. Most people consider auto crashes, severe chest pains, obvious broken bones and serious burns to be emergencies. But not all emergency situations are so apparent. Call 9-1-1 immediately if any of these conditions are present.

- \*Serious bleeding;
- \*Unconsciousness;
- \*Neck or spine injuries;
- \*Signs of a heart attack including uncomfortable pressure or fullness in the chest or chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating or shortness of breath;
- \*Unexplained paralysis;
- \*Burns;
- \*No indication of breathing;
- \*Choking;
- Broken bones; or
- \*Head, chest or abdominal injuries

Common sense and knowing the victim also are important to assessing an emergency. "Factors such as stressful events, a pre-existing medical condition or abnormal behavior may signal that a person is in an emergency situation," Perkins said.

How you make the 9-1-1 call also is important. Stay calm or have someone else make the call. Give the 9-1-1 dispatcher any information requested. This information usually includes the address or location of the emergency, your name and the telephone number at your location, name of the injured or ill person and information about the illness or injury.

Stay on the phone with the dispatcher until you are told to hang up. Send someone to wait near the street or in the parking lot to direct the ambulance to the victim.

Do not move the injured or ill person unless the person is in immediate danger. Do not allow the person to eat or drink anything or to smoke. Keep the person calm and still.

"While we can be proud of the emergency medical services in Texas," Perkins said, "prevention is still the best way to avoid needing help." Safe, healthy lifestyle habits include:

- \*Wearing seat belts and buckling children into child safety seats;
- \*Being sure that all children 12 and under ride in the back

- seat;
- \*Driving at safe speeds;
- \*Avoiding alcohol and drug use while driving;
- \*Keeping immunizations current;
- \*Eating right and exercising regularly;
- \*Keeping guns and poisons locked in a safe place.

To receive a copy of TDH's brochure "When Minutes Count: A Citizen's Guide to Medical Emergencies," contact the TDH Bureau of Emergency Management at 1100 W. 49th St., Austin 78756, or call 512-834-6700.

(For more information call Kathy Perkins, TDH Bureau of Emergency Management, at 512-834-6700; or Emily Palmer, TDH Office of Communications, at 512-458-7400.)

**Bestsellers for springtime reading**

All titles have been New York Times bestsellers and are available in paperback at bookstores everywhere.

1. Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health, by L. Ron Hubbard: The top bestselling self-help book of the century, with more than 18 million copies sold in 52 languages, this landmark study of the human mind provides a breakthrough technology for eliminating life-disabling trace memories of painful past experiences.

2. A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson: After living abroad for 20 years, the author, joined by a friend, decides to acquaint himself with his native country by walking more than 800 miles of the Appalachian Trail that runs between Georgia and Maine, and brings away a striking, intimate portrait of the heart of one of America's last great wilderness and a plea for the need to preserve it.

3. The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger: A harrowing, true account of an unnamed storm of mountainous proportions and hurricane fury - generating waves 10 stories high and winds of 120 miles per hour - that bludgeons the North Atlantic off Newfoundland and Nova Scotia in the final days of October 1991, and carries a commercial fishing boat out of Gloucester, MA, and its six-man crew into its deadly center.

4. Under the Tuscan Sun, by Frances Mayes: When an American poet and teacher buys and restores an abandoned villa in Italy's Tuscan countryside, she finds herself embarked on a journey of keen personal discovery, new simplicities, and lasting insights.

5. Into Thin Air by Jon



The O. E. S. hosted the April Birthday Party at Robert Lee Care Center.



Celebrating April birthdays at Robert Lee Care Center were (from left) John Maxwell, Cotton Timmons, Veda King, Inez Flores, Wilda Collins, and Lila Cope.

Drakauer: As he reached the 29,028 - foot of Mt. Everest on May 10, 1996, and then begins his descent amid the first, tenuous hint of a sudden change in the weather, the author of this graphically detailed, personal chronicle knows there are climbers still moving up toward the peak - but cannot know the terrible fate that awaits other members of his team that day.

Here, then, are five non-fiction books on a broad spectrum of subjects - from wide-ranging self-help technology to preserving an endangered national resource - recommended by Terry MacDonald for a memorable reading experience.

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley  
Coke County Agent

**Pesticide handling and safety**

Pesticides are an important tool for producing a safe, abundant and affordable food and fiber supply. The Texas Department of Agriculture is the lead state agency for regulating pesticides and investigates complaints of alleged pesticide misuse.

Reading and following label instructions provide the foundation for safe pesticide use. Pesticides should be in their original container with the label attached.

Pesticides must be labeled for their intended use. This includes the targeted pest as well as the crop and location.

Using pesticides for other than their labeled use is illegal and can harm people, animals and the environment.

**Animal Pest Control:** Farmers and ranchers, and even homeowners in urban areas, have a legitimate need to control predators. Common animal predators include coyotes, foxes, raccoons, hogs, birds and feral dogs.

There are legal, safe and, in some cases, non-poisonous ways to protect livestock and crops. The method should be selected based on what works best for the problem and the location. There is no "one size fits all" solution for controlling animal pests.

These options do not extend to controlling domestic dogs and cats that may pose a problem. There are no pesticides labeled for use to eliminate domestic animal problems.

Pest control companies or government agencies such as the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service can provide information and assistance.

Extension has publications available on the internet about wildlife control [txnat.tamu.edu/ranchref/predator/pred.htm](http://txnat.tamu.edu/ranchref/predator/pred.htm).

**Illegal Baits:** Most pesticide applicators follow the law. But TDA has pursued several cases of people placing pesticides in meat, grain or even sandwiches to try to control animal pests.

The indiscriminate placing of such baits is illegal and has resulted in the death of wildlife, farm animals and domestic dogs and cats.

People have also become ill from handling baits. Sometimes only a small amount of a pesticide ingested or absorbed through the skin can cause serious injury or death.

**Use Caution**

\*If you suspect you have encountered an illegal pesticide bait or an animal that has consumed one, be careful. Contact appropriate medical or veterinary personnel. Call your TDA regional office or local law enforcement office.

\*Do not attempt to remove the bait unless you are trained in how to handle pesticides safely. If you can, cover the bait or quarantine the area.

\*If you believe your pet or

livestock have consumed a pesticide, use caution in handling the animal or attempting to remove the bait from its mouth. Saliva may contain toxins.

\*Secondary exposure such as an animal eating one killed by pesticides or a person handling a sick animal can cause health problems.

**Be a Good Neighbor:** Problems often arise in small communities or where urban areas have expanded into farming or ranching regions. Homeowners should realize domestic dogs and cats can be a nuisance or hazard to certain agricultural operations.

Even if the law does not require dogs and cats to be confined, your pets will be safer and cause fewer problems if they are kept at home. Children should also be supervised in areas where baits-legal or not-may be placed.

**Applicator Behavior:** Applicators have a responsibility to practice good stewardship and follow all applicable laws. Illegal or irresponsible pesticide use can cause a pesticide to be removed from the list of tools available for agricultural production.

\*Pesticides should be stored and disposed of properly to prevent theft or accidental exposure.

\*Providing restricted-use pesticides to someone not licensed with TDA is illegal.

\*Pesticide applicators should consider all people or animals that may have access to an application site and practice the appropriate degree of caution if there is any chance that people or animals may come in contact with the pesticide.

\*Label directions should be read thoroughly, and caution warnings should always be followed.

**Enforcement:** TDA has the authority to file administrative, civil or criminal charges against anyone who misuses pesticides. This authority also extends to general-use pesticides, those that can be bought by the general public. TDA penalty options include:

\*Administrative penalties up to \$4,000.00 per incident

\*Civil penalties up to \$25,000.00

\*Class A, B, C misdemeanors

\*Third-degree felony 2-10 years imprisonment and up to a \$10,000.00 fine

TDA may also refer the incident to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and local law authorities. Punishment can range from fines, to loss of licenses, to loss of property, to jail time.

A species does not have to be endangered or threatened to be protected. Animal cruelty charges can be filed by local law enforcement. Penalties may be assessed and enforced under more than one law.

**How to File a Complaint:** To report pesticide

exposure or misuse, contact the nearest TDA regional office or TDA Austin office at 1-800-TELL-TDA.

For TDA to take enforcement action, a pesticide complaint case must be supported by evidence. Evidence of misuse may no longer be present after a period of time. Persons who suspect misuse should contact TDA as soon as possible.

**Sorosis club meeting**

The Sorosis Club of Bronte met with Swan Archinal. Her dad, Dub Hagler, of Oak Creek Lake, gave an entertaining program about wood carving. He displayed some of his wood carvings and the tools he uses. The members were impressed with the quality of his work and the program he presented.

After the program, the First Vice-President, Peggy Hembree opened the business meeting. Fund raising projects were discussed. Celia Bowden showed some brochures about candles. There was a great deal of discussion and it was decided to

table the discussion until the next meeting. At that time Swan Archinal will bring some information regarding a miracle fiber cleaning cloth to the meeting.

The spring State Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (TFWC) will be May 2 - 5 in San Angelo. Our club will help with table decorations.

Shirley Kennedy, the Heart of Texas District President of TFWC will be our guest at our May meeting. Mary Glenn will be the hostess. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Swan Archinal,  
Reporter

**Abilene resident publishes novel**

Abilene resident Hillyer Ives creates an adventurous fantasy for young adults in his newly published book, Wizard for Hire (available from 1stBooks Library).

Ives is a backpacker, a mountain climber, traveler, and a member of the Nature Conservancy. As a member of the National Speleological Society, he was awarded the national Fellow award, served as national convention chair-

man, and was editor and writer of the Texas Caver for several years. His fiction works include young adult science fiction, fantasy, horror, and adventure.

"We are pleased to offer Hillyer Ives' book through the 1stBooks Library," says President Tim Jacobs. "It has a fresh, insightful story to tell, and we believe it's well worth the reader's attention."

**Personal**

Joan Davis and her sister and brother-in-law, Billie and Dobb Wallace of Ft. Worth, used the long Easter weekend holiday to visit several sites in East Texas. The Wallaces have a hunting lease near Groveton, bordering the Davey Crockett National Forest. They stayed in the cabin overnight.

Near Alto, they visited the Caddoan Mounds State Historical Park. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department oversees the park, believed by archeologists to have been used for burials and religious ceremonies around 800 A.D. by the Caddo Indians.

From Alto, through Rusk and Palestine, the trio followed the Dogwood trail back to Ft. Worth on Easter Sunday.

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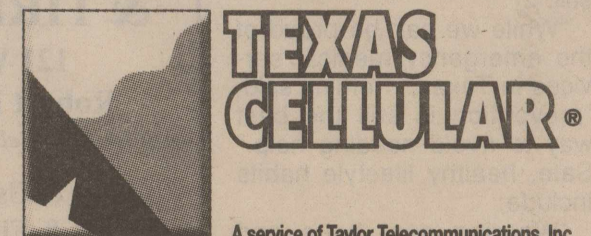
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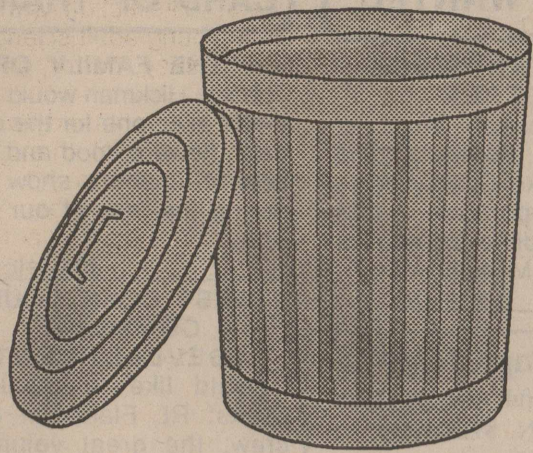
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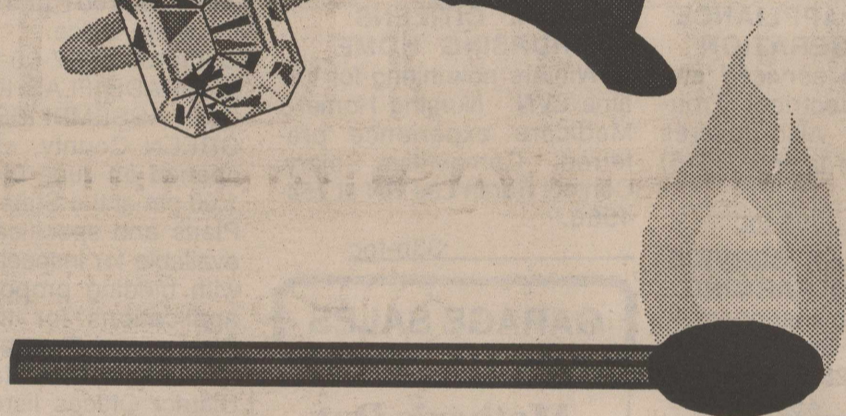
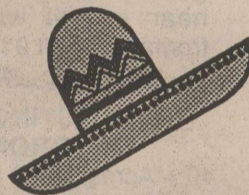
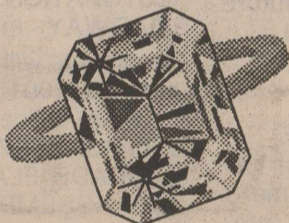
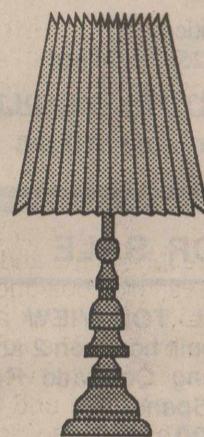
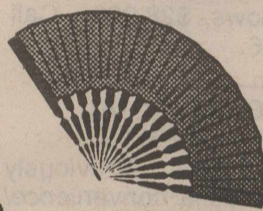
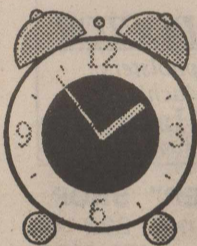
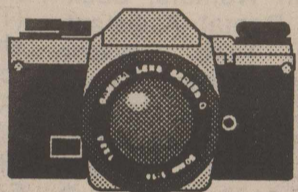
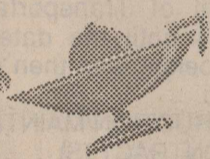


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If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't jump with them. I'd be at the bottom to catch them.  
Anonymous  
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**Hiring CNA's**

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Contact Rhonda or Larry  
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32a-tnc

**SR. CITIZENS NURSING HOME**  
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**GARAGE SALES**

**Mother's Day Bake Sale**

Friday, May 11, 2001 • 9 am  
Robert Lee State Bank  
All proceeds go to the Robert Lee Teams of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

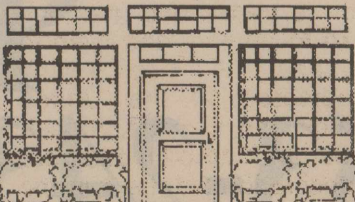
**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

301 S. Washington, Bronte. Fri. & Sat. Plants, furniture, good children's & adult clothes, small rock tumbler, books, TV, guns & much more.  
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**GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, May 5. 406 West 11th, Robert Lee. Tiller, tools, a/c, household misc. 3 cars.  
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**Garage Sale**  
Downtown Robert Lee  
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**THE FAMILY OF**  
Johnnie Hickman would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, flowers, food and many acts of kindness show to us during the loss of our loved one.  
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**WEST COKE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

would like to thank the cooks: RL Flanagan & his crew, the great volunteers who helped, and all those that donated goods, food and their time. A special thanks to all who came and ate with us.  
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**NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)**  
District: San Angelo  
Contract 0375-05-055 for RESTORATION OF EXISTING ROADWAY in EDWARDS County, etc will be opened on June 06, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 0907-00-053 for UPGRADE FLASHING BEACON ASSEMBLIES in TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on June 05, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDot Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 3486

State Office  
Construction Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
District Office (s)  
San Angelo District  
District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The East Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors hereby gives notice of election May 5, 2001, for the purpose of electing two Directors for a two year term.  
The polling place shall be

**NOTICES**

City Hall, 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas and will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on the day of the election

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**AVISO DE ELECTION**

El Consejo de Administracion del Condado Este Coke Hospital da aviso a su election que dara principio en Mayo 5, 2001, con el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores por dos (2) anos termino.

Las casillas estan en el City Hall, 114 S. Washington St., Bronte, Texas, estaran abiertas de las 7:00 am esta 7:00 pm el dia de las elecciones

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**Wildlife meeting slated in Snyder**

A wildlife program, "Sustainable Wildlife Management" hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, Garza, and Kent County Extension Offices and sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA - National Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, 2001 at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, 10 miles north of U.S. Highway 84 on County Road 2128, from 8:30 am until 4:10 pm. This meeting is planned to help area landowners and managers to further develop their wildlife management skills toward profitable wildlife enterprises.

The first part of the program will begin at 8:00 on the evening of May 8 where Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department stationed in Scurry County, will conduct a spotlight deer survey on the Wagon Wheel Ranch to help area managers learn how to estimate their deer populations.

Leading off the program on Wednesday, May 9 at 9:00 am, will be Tamara Trail, Director of Education and Special Events for the Texas Wildlife Association headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, who will discuss the function of the Texas Wildlife Association and the benefits of membership to those interested in wildlife. Following Tamara will be Rory Burroughs with Krooked River Outfitters who will present Techniques to Enhance Wildlife Habitat. After a break, Duane Lucia, Conservation Scientist with Texas Parks & Wildlife, will discuss how to live with feral hogs, a growing problem in our area. Kent Mills, with Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., Snyder, Texas, will finish the morning session with a talk on some practical feeding programs for deer.

After a steak dinner at the Rusty Spur Cafe, Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, Texas will cover the topic of determining the proper deer harvest for your country. Dr. Dale Rollins, Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo, Texas will then discuss how to manage your quail har-

vest to maintain a viable population on your ranch. Finishing out the afternoon session will be a talk from Roy Wilson, of Texas Best Outfitters, on how to improve the dove hunting opportunities in this area, and Mike Graham, a wildlife biologist near Del Rio, Texas will give his insights on selection and location of deer blinds and feeders to enhance your hunting success.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in wildlife management. The fee for this Wildlife Meeting is \$20.00 for those who pre-register by May 2nd. For those who wish to sign up at the door, the fee will be \$30.00. All proceeds in excess of the costs of the meeting will go toward a scholarship fund for area youths who attend either the Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigade, youth wildlife and leadership camps sponsored by the Extension Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife, National Resource Conservation Service, and private and university volunteers. To pre-register, call your local county agent, or Greg Greuben, County Extension Agent - Agriculture for Scurry County at 915-573-5423.

**Disease -resistant bull cloned**

In a groundbreaking procedure, researchers at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University successfully cloned what is believed to be the first animal specifically cloned for disease resistance. The month - old calf, named 86 (2) was cloned using cells that were frozen for 15 years, representing the longest time ever that genetic material has been maintained by cryopreservation, thawed and then successfully used in cloning.

The calf, named 86 (2) due to his exponential genetic potential, was born three years after the death of Bull 86, his genetic donor.

After testing hundreds of cattle, Bull 86, was found to be naturally disease - resistant to brucellosis, and under laboratory conditions resistant to tuberculosis, and salmonellosis - all serious diseases in veterinary and human health. Until Bull 86 was no longer able to breed, he was extensively studied as part of a breeding research program conducted by Drs. Garry Adams and Joe Templeton from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES).

In 1985, cells from the tip of Bull 86's ear were frozen for future genetic study. Fifteen years later, Drs. Taeyoung Shin and Mark Westhusin, also from the College of Veterinary Medicine and TAES, were able to clone Bull 86. A DNA analysis showed that Bull 86 (2) is a genetic clone of Bull 86.

Brucellosis, tuberculosis and salmonellosis are infectious bacterial diseases that can be transmitted from one herd to another and even to humans. Although nearly eradicated in the United States and Canada, brucellosis and tuberculosis are widespread elsewhere in the world and could find their way back into U.S. herds.



Some of the earliest Mother's Day celebrations on record can be traced back to ancient Greece. The celebrations were held in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. The Roman equivalent was a religious celebration known as Hilaria which lasted from March 15 to 18.

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# RECENT ACTIVITIES FROM THE BRONTE HEALTH & REHAB CENTER



Madge Robinson (from left), Virda Chew, Halley Allison and Josie Craig enjoyed watching the egg hunters at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.



The Angelo Angels (line dancers) recently entertained residents of Bronte Health & Rehab Center.



Bronte Health & Rehab Center staff attended the Mid-West Playdays April 21. They included (from left) Mary Beth Drennan, Activity Director, Mary Ann Choat, Administrator, Eric Dumas, Nurse Tech, Linda Wojtek, LRA, Rosalia Sanchez, Nurse Tech, Eddie Delaney, LVN, and Les Rolls, President of the BHRC Auxiliary.



Children from Little Fish Day Care joined children and grandchildren of Bronte Health and Rehab employees for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Center.



Ruth Holland receives a kiss from one of Cathy Howell's kindergarteners as they distributed Easter Bunny cups to the residents of Bronte Health & Rehab Center.



Manuela Eubanks assists Neoma Cauble with her Easter Bunny cup delivered by the Bronte Kindergarten class.