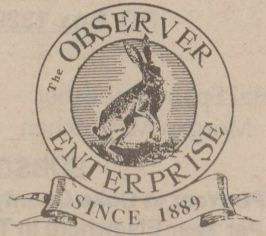


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Voters elect incumbents over challengers in May 5 elections

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

Three candidates vied for two - 3 year terms on the Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees. Incumbent Terry Charles with 92 votes and Doug Hoyt with 87 votes defeated Joe Sefcik, 67 votes.

Paint Creek cemetery clean-up

The annual Mother's Day weekend cemetery working will be held at Paint Creek Cemetery near Edith on Saturday, May 12. Everyone with an interest in the community cemetery is urged to bring a few tools and meet there. Donations for upkeep are also gratefully accepted and can be mailed to: Paint Creek Cemetery, PO Box 374, Robert Lee, Texas 76945.

The city of Robert Lee re-elected incumbents Nita Stovall-Duncan, 67 votes, Johnny Carver, 62 votes, and Kenneth Green, 48 votes, as city council members. Challenger Jim Reeves received 46 votes.

East Coke County Hospital District had two openings filled by the election. Incumbents Jessie Sims, 75 votes, and Donnie Thompson, 107 votes, defeated Jan Magness, 36 votes.

Runnels Baptist Association

Runnels Baptist Association will meet May 14 at First Baptist Church, Miles, Texas.

The Mission emphasis program will begin at 7:00 pm. Roy Epperson, Director of Missions, will be in charge of the program. The public is invited to attend.

Happy Mother's Day



Sunday

May 13, 2001



Rev. and Mrs. Bernie Guebara

Rev. Bernie Guebara will be leading the 4 Day Revival Crusade at Victory Assembly of God. The Revival begins Mothers Day, May 13, and continues through Wednesday, May 16. Services on Sunday are at 10:45 am and 6 pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services are scheduled for 7 pm. The Victory Assembly of God is located at 6th and Houston in Robert Lee.

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.

Spring gobbler hunting season to end

Spring gobbler hunting season will conclude on Sunday, May 13 in much of the state, including Coke County. According to a good number of out-of-town hunters, the season has been exceptional in the area. Not many young toms were taken but mature birds were, and still are plentiful.

Rio Grande turkeys have held their own the last two years or more, despite the harsh conditions in our region. They are a tough species, much more so than Eastern turkeys.

The spring rains and a lower heat index should prove to create ideal conditions for turkey nesting and hatches, and add some numbers to the core turkey population. After

chicks leave the nest, they must have cover, small grasses and seeds, and available water to survive.

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.

Bronte All-Sports Banquet

Bronte All-Sports Banquet will be held Monday, May 14 at the high school. The catered meal will begin at 6:00 in the cafeteria. Awards will begin at approximately 7:00 in the auditorium.

The theme for the banquet is Remember the Longhorns. High school athletes and all

Longhorn and Lady Longhorn fans are encouraged to attend this special occasion celebrating their success. It's been a great year for all the Longhorns and now it's our community's turn to honor them. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Bronte music department to hold Spring Concert

On Thursday, May 17th, the Bronte ISD music department will have its annual Spring Concert. It will begin at 7 pm in the school auditorium. The 4th grade class will begin the concert with their recorders followed by the 5th grade beginning band, jr. high band and the high school Longhorn concert band. Awards will be presented. We are asking parents to bring cakes and baked goods for our annual cake sale/auction. Between performing bands, we will be auctioning 10 of the prize winning homemade cakes.

Riverstage

BB King will appear at the RiverStage on Friday, May 11, 2001. Gates will be open at 5:30 pm and concert starts at 7:00 pm. There is reserved seating and general admission.

Call (915) 653-6793 for information and reservations.

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Obituaries

Clark

Christine Self Clark, 72, of Bronte went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 5, 2001.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 8, at the First Baptist Church of Bronte with the Reverend Morris Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She was born July 13, 1928, to Charles and Ellie Self and raised in Dublin, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy James Clark.

Christine is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Karla Clark; her daughter and son-in-law, Marian and Paul Gohman; six grandsons; three sisters, Lucretia and S.L. Trice, Patsy Rogers, and Charlene Howell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be given to First Baptist Church, Bronte, Texas. The family would like to thank all who have helped

Praise in the Park set for May 19

The 1st Annual Praise in the Park is set for Saturday, May 19, at the County Park in Robert Lee. Sponsored by the Ministries with One Accord, the event kicks off with a Youth Rally at 2:00 pm, a meal from 5:00 until 7:00 pm, followed by evening praise and worship from 7:00 until 10:00.

Local talent plus special guests from San Angelo, Brownwood, and Odessa will assist in these services. For more information, please contact Jeanette Walker at 453-4786.

and shown love and concern to Christine during this difficult time.

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Camp Goodenough

Camp Goodenough 2001 is a basketball camp for girls held at the Hardin Simmons University Mabee Complex. Day camp will be for K-6th grade; Overnight A - 3rd - 8th grade; and Overnight B - 6th - 12th grade.

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WCC Ambulance emergency runs for April

4-01-01, 12:25 am, medical transport
4-01-01, 6:00 pm, medical transport
4-03-01, 4:05 pm, no transport
4-07-01, 5:47 am, medical transport
4-07-01, 7:27 pm, air med
4-16-01, 4:30 pm, medical transport
4-17-01, 7:00 am, medical transport
4-19-01, 6:20 pm, medical transport
4-19-01, 10:30 pm, medical transport
4-22-01, 12:03 am, no run
4-26-01, 5:35 pm, medical transport
4-27-01, 3:28 pm, no transport

Retired teachers attend conference

District XV of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) held its Spring Leadership Training Conference in



Jamie Boren (right), Coke County Retired Teachers Association member, presents the Robert Lee Elementary Librarian Carolyn Koepf (left) and Robert Lee High School Librarian June Gulley with books for their respective libraries.

Coleman, on May 1, 2001. The purpose of the conference was to update members on business that was transacted during the 48th Annual TRTA State Convention, that was held in Austin on April 11-14, 2001, and to train local unit officers for the upcoming 2001-2002 year. Keynote speaker for the Leadership Conference was Dr. Kenneth Laycock, past President TRTA.

Founded in 1953, TRTA is the largest association in Texas that works exclusively for public school and higher education retirees, and is composed of over 45,000 members who continue to be involved in local public school education and the continued well being of their communities. In the last eleven years members of TRTA have contributed nearly 60 million hours of volunteer service in the communities in Texas. In addition, during the last three years, local units throughout

the state have participated in a statewide TRTA project - "Children's Book Project". Working through various local channels TRTA has placed over 38,000 books in the hands of individual Texas children. These books - for children to take home as their own personal property - were given to those who otherwise might not have a book to call their own. With this project retired public school and higher education personnel,

Books presented to local schools

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association has presented books to the elementary and high school libraries of Robert Lee and Bronte. The books, entitled Texas, are presented in honor of the present teachers and staffs of the two schools. Bette McCutchen, CCRTA member of Bronte, was chairman of the book selection/purchase committee.

even in retirement, are proud to continue to be a part of the education of Texas children.

Attending the conference from the Coke County RTA were: Wanda & C.B. Barbee, Bettye Smith, and Janet Wommack.

The Coke County RTA meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the First Baptist Church in Bronte at 12 noon. For additional information call C.B. Barbee at 473-3261.

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Wed. 7 pm Choir

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Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
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11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Robert Lee High School Cheerleaders for 2001-2002 include (back row, from left) Misti Brothers - RLHS mascot, Stomper, Shelby Roe, Jennifer Alexander, Whitney Millican, head cheerleader, Rachelle Mills, (front row, from left) Kizre Matthews, and Kindra Matthews.

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Robert Lee School News



Robert Lee Elementary School 2nd Graders finished their Cinco de Mayo celebration with a pinata party.

RLISD receives TIF grant

High-tech, dot com, world wide web, and surfing the net are just a few phrases that can be associated with the technology revolution and have become staples in the daily lives of many Texans. With the assistance of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, a state agency that provides technology funding for Texas public schools, new opportunities to participate in the ever-progressing technology of today are now possible. Students across the state are able to reap the benefits of technology in education. Using TIF grants, schools are introducing students to modern technology, including high-speed internet access

and distance learning. Robert Lee ISD received a grant award of \$50,000.00 for both campuses. This funding will be used to develop new, and expand current, technology infrastructure to provide students with the technology they need to prepare for the digital era.

The TIF Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools was designed to fund up-to-date hardware and connectivity equipment, high-speed workstations, internet access, and/or distance learning equipment so that students may take classes from another school district and/or an institution of higher education. Additionally, grant funds will be used for technology staff development, including hardware and software training, network training, methodology training, and base level technology training. These grant projects officially begin May 15, 2001.

In an effort to provide equitable funding for Texas public schools, TIF collaborated with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by coordinating the release of the PS9 grant award announcement with the Technology Integration in Education (TIE5) announcement. Prior to this release, staff members from both TIF and TEA met to discuss the

functionality and purpose of each grant program. As a result, Texas public school districts will be able to leverage funds from both funding sources thus allowing schools to expand and increase technology capacity.

"Students are the future of Texas," said Jerry Horn, the Project Director for this grant. "Today, students are gaining the opportunity to use modern technology for researching via the internet, word processing, and learning. We, as educators, want our students to succeed and become more marketable because of the education that they received while in school here. Thanks to TIF, the opportunity to fund this equipment and infrastructure is a reality."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, TIF has awarded approximately \$592 million in grants to its four constituent groups - public schools, libraries, institutions of higher education, and public, not-for-profit health-care facilities. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a ten-year period.

For more information, contact TIF at (512) 344-4300 or 888-533-(TIFB) 8432. Addi-



Qualifying for the State FCCLA meeting were (from bottom) Jodee Helwig, Jennifer Nesbit, Ashlee Millican, Nicole Sanchez, Shelby Roe, Krystal Soliz, Kindra Johnson, and sponsors Elena Sanchez and Sheri Millican.

tional information, including the lists of all grantees and future grant opportunities, is available at <http://www.tifb.state.tx.us>.

Youngsters of Little League can survive undercoaching a lot better than overcoaching.
Willie Mays

SCHOOL MENU

- Breakfast**
Monday, May 14
 Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk
Tuesday, May 15
 Orange juice, breakfast burrito, cereal, milk
Wednesday, May 16
 Orange juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk
Thursday, May 17
 Orange juice, French toast, sausage, cereal, milk
Friday, May 18
 Orange juice, cinnamon roll, cereal, milk

- Lunch**
Monday, May 14
 Frito pie, corn, tator tots, apple crisp, milk
Tuesday, May 15
 Oven fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, English peas, white bread, pears, milk
Wednesday, May 16
 BBQ beef on bun, pickles, French fries, ranch beans, cake, milk
Thursday, May 17
 Lasagna, lettuce/tomato, green beans, rolls, fruit cocktail, milk
Friday, May 18
 Hot dogs w/chili & cheese, potato patty, peaches, go gurt, milk

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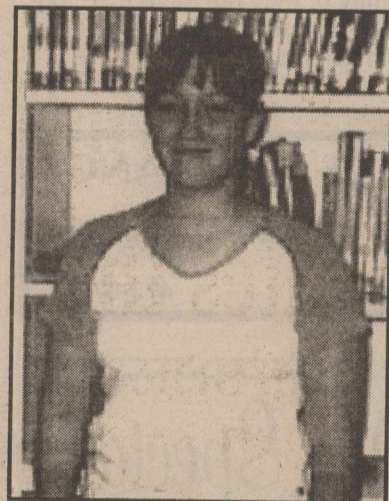
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Nicole Sanchez receives first place for illustrated talk at the Region II FCCLA meeting.



Traveling to the Region II FCCLA meeting were (front row, from left) Colby Eubanks, Stewart Millican, Sammy Minjarez, Robert Sailer, (back row, from left) Kindra Johnson, Jodee Helwig, Krystal Soliz, Shelby Roe, and Nicole Sanchez.



Becca Skinner, daughter of Jimmy and Brenda Skinner, has reached the top level in the Accelerated Reading Program at Robert Lee Elementary School. She has read 3 books from a list of classic literature and has accumulated 135 points.

FCCLA reports current activities

On March 3 and 4, the Robert Lee Family, Career and Community Leaders of America participated in the Region II FCCLA meeting held in Wichita Falls, Texas. On Friday, Nicole Sanchez competed in a STAR Event. It was announced Saturday that she won first place. Shelby Roe ran for a Region office, and received Region II Corresponding Secretary. Kindra Johnson was a voting delegate. Stewart Millican, Colby Eubanks, Sammy Minjarez, and Krystal Soliz were door monitors, runners, and timekeepers. Jodee Helwig and Mrs. Sheri Millican stayed in the STAR Event Headquarters all evening. On Saturday, we enjoyed the speaker Toody Byrd. She shared some very interesting stories. Saturday afternoon the STAR Event winners were announced and Nicole Sanchez

won first place and got to compete on the State level. Then we had the installation of the new officers. Shelby Roe took over her position and Jodee Helwig gave her office to the new officer. Audrey Devoll, Jodee's mom, went as a sponsor.

On April 19 through the 21, the FCCLA Chapter attended the FCCLA State Convention in Houston, Texas. Thursday and Friday the STAR Event competitions were taking place. Nicole Sanchez competed in her STAR Event and placed 5th overall. Jodee Helwig served on the nominating committee and helped place the new state officers in their office. Kindra Johnson served as a voting delegate during the business meeting. Shelby Roe, Region II Vice President of Corresponding Secretary, had duties at the lunch on Saturday. Ashlee Millican and Krystal Soliz served as door monitors, timekeepers, and runners for Mrs. Millican. Mrs. Millican was chairing a STAR Event on Friday. The group heard some great speakers and really enjoyed meeting new people. This was the first FCCLA State meeting in all of History. Elena Sanchez, Nicole's mom, went as a sponsor. This was a great time for everyone!

Know the facts about skin cancer

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. One out of every five people in the US will develop skin cancer during their lifetime. Melanoma is one of the most common cancers in people less than 30 years of age.

Because we live in a southern state where the sun is stronger, the number of skin cancers diagnosed is higher than in most states. This year an estimated 3,400 Texans will be diagnosed with the most deadly form of skin cancer - malignant melanoma.

There are two types of UV rays, UVA and UVB, both are harmful to your skin and eyes. Exposure to UV radiation through sunlight or tanning booths increases the risk of all skin cancers.

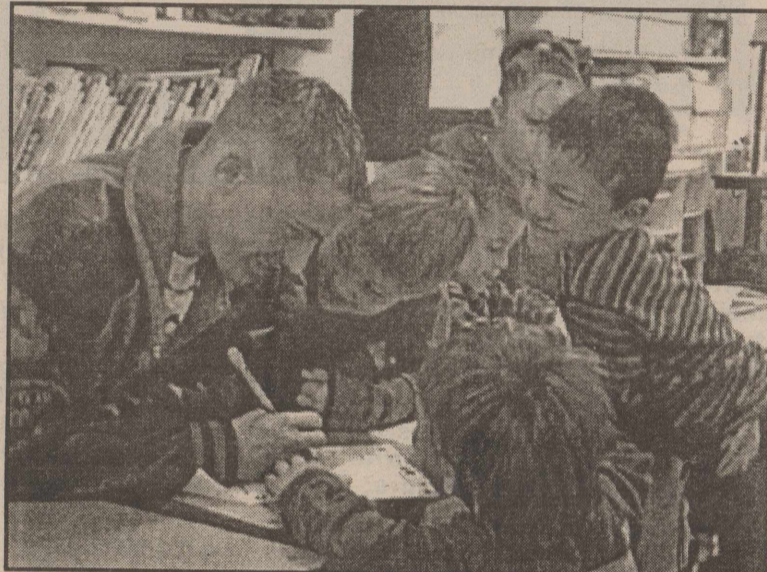
Besides skin cancer, the sun's UV radiation also increases the risk of cataracts and certain other eye problems, and can suppress the immune system.

People with a lot of moles or who have moles that are large have an increased risk of malignant melanoma. Risk of malignant melanoma is greater if there is a family history (mother, father, brother, sister, child) of the disease.

People that have been treated with medicines that suppress the immune system may also have an increased risk of melanoma. Certain medications can make your



Participating in the Robert Lee Big Brother/Big Sister Program are (from left) Molli Hinderliter, Angelica Andrade, Emilee Yanez, Justina Gloria, Sarah Jones, Shelby Roe, and Olivia Trejo.



Garrett Brown (left) assists Dawson Brisbin, Grady Barnett, Jennifer Nesbit, Jonah Saucedo and Zach Skinner through the RLHS Big Brother/Big Sister Program.

skin more sensitive to sun damage.

Exposure to certain chemicals, such as arsenic and coal tars, or to high dose x-ray treatments have been associated with skin cancers.

Sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher is necessary even on cloudy days when 70-80% of the harmful rays can go through cloud cover.

The sun's rays can burn in up to 3 feet of water and can reflect off sand, water, concrete and similar surfaces.

Both basal and squamous cell cancers are typically found on exposed parts of the body such as the face, neck, forearms and scalp. Malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, may be found on skin that is always covered.

Malignant melanoma, like basal cell and squamous cell cancers, is almost always cur-

able in its early stages. Melanoma is much more likely than basal or squamous cell cancer to spread to other parts of the body. Melanoma is found more frequently in adults but can develop in the childhood or teenage years.

African - Americans and other dark - skinned people usually get skin cancer on the lighter (less pigmented) areas of their body such as palms, soles of their feet and fingernails.

Self - exams of the skin are recommended every one to three months. Any suspicious skin problems should be checked by a dermatologist.

For more facts on skin cancer and how to reduce your risk call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org or www2.cancer.org/skinGuide/index.html.

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Bronte School News



Trey Tomes of Bronte received the Holland Scholarship in Chemistry and Physics at the 2nd annual Holland School of Sciences and Mathematics Banquet and Awards Program April 17, 2001. Trey is a physics and math major, minoring in chemistry at Hardin-Simmons University. He is involved in a freshman Bible study and works as a math tutor and computer lab monitor for the math department. Trey plans to continue working in his education toward a Ph.D. upon graduation, eventually entering into a field of physics research or elementary teaching. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tomes of Bronte. Trey is shown with (from left) Dr. Scotty Holland and Mrs. Jacquie Holland, scholarship donors; Trey, and Dr. Michelle Dose of Hardin-Simmons.

Morgan named winner of scholarship

The Scholarships for Military Children program was initiated



- SCHOOL MENU**
- Breakfast**
Monday, May 14
 Breakfast pizza, apple juice, biscuit, milk
Tuesday, May 15
 Sliced ham, hashbrowns, biscuit, milk
Wednesday, May 16
 French toast sticks, grape juice, biscuit, milk
Thursday, May 17
 Scrambled eggs, orange juice, biscuit, milk
Friday, May 18
 Cereal, apple sauce, blueberry muffin, milk
- Lunch**
Monday, May 14
 Chicken strips with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk, banana pudding
Tuesday, May 15
 Grilled cheese sandwich, beef & vegetable soup, carrot sticks, corn bread, milk, pink panther cake
Wednesday, May 16
 Soft tacos with cheese, refried beans, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomato, flour tortilla, milk, ice cream cups
Thursday, May 17
 Lasagna, sweet corn, tossed salad, bread sticks, milk, jello
Friday, May 18
 Sub sandwiches, ham & cheese, lettuce, tomato, pickle, orange slices, bun, chips, milk, rice krispie bars

last fall to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college-enrolled students at over 280 commissaries worldwide. At least one \$1,500 award per commissary location was planned for the first year, but eager students turned in more than 5,000 applications and sponsor donations amounted to well over \$500,000. "The response from students and sponsors was fantastic," said Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) Director, Air Force Major General Robert J. Courter, Jr. "Through the generosity of our trading partners, additional scholarships are available for other high quality applicants. As a result, a total of 391 scholarships are being awarded for the fall of 2001."

The winner of a Scholarship for Military Children at the Goodfellow Commissary is Elizabeth Morgan of Bronte, Texas, the daughter of Ret. E-7 Manley and Kathleen Morgan. A soon-to-be graduate of Bronte High School, she is planning to attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

The scholarship will be awarded during the Bronte High School Graduation Ceremony. The student will receive a certificate in honor of her selection as a Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholar. The scholarship business partner/sponsor at Goodfellow Commissary is General Mills Sales Inc. A representative of the sponsoring company is planning to attend the scholarship award ceremony.

Scholarship funds will not be sent to students until mid-summer, since many high school students have not yet decided which college or uni-

versity they will attend in the fall.

McMullan named national rodeo athlete of the month

Tessie McMullan, a senior at Bronte High School, was recently selected as the Professional's Choice Air Ride May Female Student Athlete of the Month by the National High School Rodeo Association. The Professional's Choice Air Ride Athlete of the Month recognition program is designed to recognize exemplary National High School Rodeo Association members who are well-rounded students and are active in their communities.

Professional's Choice is very honored to be involved with the outstanding young people of the National High School Rodeo Association as a national sponsor and to have the opportunity to make this valuable Athlete of the Month recognition program available for deserving young people across the U.S. and Canada like Tessie McMullan," explains Julie Walls, Marketing Manager for Professional's Choice Equine Sports Medicine Products of Spring Valley, California.

Monthly boy's and girl's winners will receive a new Professional's Choice's scientifically-tested Air Ride western show saddle pad and will be featured in the NHSRA Times, the official publication of the National High School Rodeo Association and on the NHSRA's official web site at www.nhsra.org. From the monthly winners, both a boy's and girl's national winner for the year will be selected and awarded \$1,000 scholarships



Tessie McMullan

each at the annual National High School Finals Rodeo slated for July 23-29 in Springfield, Illinois this summer. Monthly male and female Athlete of the Month winners are selected based on academic and leadership qualities. These qualities include involvement in extra-curricular activities, volunteerism, five and ten year goals, as well as other related accomplishments. In addition, each applicant is required to write an essay and submit a letter of recommendation.

Pet Talk

It's been a question for decades: Do animals have ESP?

It's hard to answer because it's never been proven in hu-

mans that such a thing as ESP (extra sensory perception) exists, says Dr. Bonnie Beaver, an expert in animal behavior at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

It's been suspected ESP exists in humans, but not unequivocally proven. The same could be said for the animal world, Beaver says. Some people suspect animals have ESP, but there's no concrete evidence to say it's so.

"A lot of the unusual phenomena that deals with animal ESP can be explained as something else," Beaver says. "Humans and animals may or may not have ESP, but the scientific proof is still not there yet."

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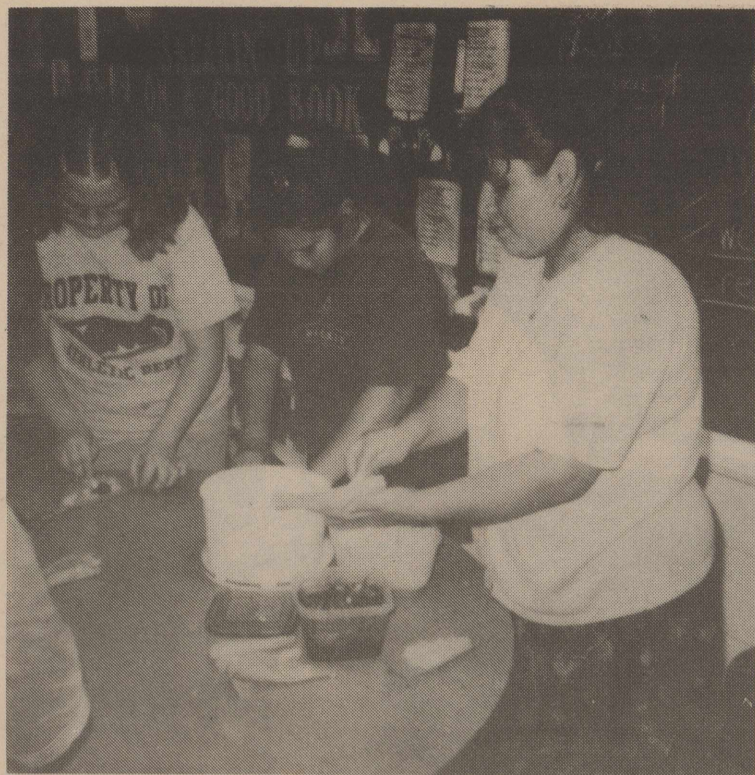
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Teresa Pena is demonstrating how to make tamales to Casey Harris and Brittany Owens. The girls are students in the Bronte 5th grade.

Bronte 5th graders celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Pat Lee's fifth grade class celebrated Cinco de Mayo with several activities, beginning with the tamale demonstration.

Next, the class enjoyed a Spanish sing-song with Mr. Merriman, high school Spanish teacher and one of his classes. Then a delicious Spanish meal was served to the class and several of the parents. Siesta time was next, and Mr. Marrs read a Mexican folktale to the class. Mr. Marrs also helped as the students hit the piñata, which ended the day's activities. Everyone enjoyed the day and learned more about the Mexican culture in a fun way.

Arrests/charges filed April 2001

Mario Martinez, attempted murder - revocation of probation, 04-05-01

Daniel Ray DeLaCerde, consumption of alcohol by minor - 3rd, 04-06-01

Robert William Blythe, driving while intoxicated - 1st, 04-07-01

Kelly Ann Lockstedt, minor in possession of alcohol, 04-07-01

Chase Bryant Rainwater, minor in possession of alcohol, 04-07-01

Dane Lay Powell, driving while intoxicated - 1st, 04-08-01

Reynaldo Aguilar, driving while intoxicated, violation of parole, 04-19-01

Jose Colon Jr., driving while license suspended, capias pro fine, 04-20-01

Jose Colon Jr., possession of alcohol by minor - 3rd offense, capias pro fine, 04-20-01

Terri Jean Ellis, DWI - 1st, 04-20-01

Charles Lee Hess, unauthorized use of vehicle, 04-23-01

Fernando Landeros, minor in possession of alcohol - 3rd enhanced, 04-27-01

Fernando Landeros, theft class C, 04-30-01

Joey Marvin Kellett, theft class C, 04-30-01

Juveniles Handled Through Sheriff's Office

1 female age 16 - curfew violation, 04-08-01

County Court

Dispositions April 18, 2001

The State of Texas vs: Michael Lee Blessing
Charge: driving while intoxicated - 1st
Plea: \$1,000 fine, \$235.25 court cost, 30 days jail probated 12 months, DWI school within 180 days

The State of Texas vs: Heather Leann Dove
Charge: false report to a peace officer
Plea: 15 days jail, credit for time served, court cost \$210.25

The State of Texas vs: Lorenzo Cabrera Fuentes
Charge: assault causes bodily injury
Plea: \$400 fine, \$235.25 court cost, 30 days jail, probated for 24 months

The State of Texas vs: Santos Sierra Reyes
Charge: evading arrest or detention
Plea: \$300 fine, court cost \$210.25

The State of Texas vs: Harry Albert Nielson
Charge: theft by check
Plea: \$300 fine, \$280.25 court cost, restitution \$113.04, 7 days jail probated 12 months

The State of Texas vs: Travis Wade Gee
Charge: criminal trespass
Plea: \$300 fine, \$210.25 court cost

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4-H winners head to state contest

This past weekend, fourteen Coke County 4-H members participated in the District 7 4-H Roundup along with more than 500 4-H members from across the 23 county District 7. Roundup consists of 38 various contests designed to test the skills of 4-H members. Most of the contests involve presenting a method demonstration or illustrated talk to a panel of judges on various topics.

Coke County 4-H members were very successful in their various contests. In the senior division, which are 4-H members 14 years of age or older, Nicole Sanchez placed first in Fashion Show Construction and also first in Promote 4-H demonstration; Erin Millican and Ashlee Millican places second in senior Pork; Shelby Roe placed second in Foods and Nutrition; Lindsey Roe placed fourth in Public Speaking; and Kindra Johnson placed fifth in the vocal category of Share the Fun. Nicole, Erin, Ashlee and Shelby all qualified for State 4-H Roundup to be held at Texas A&M University during the second week in June against other 4-H members from all across the State. In the junior division Cara Eaton placed second in Pork demonstration; Briana Brisbin and Emilee Yanez placed fourth in Horse demonstration; Cody Denton and Taylor Percifull placed second in Natural Resources; Clay Antilley and Katie Bessent placed third in Sheep and Goats; and Stacey Denton placed sixth in Horticulture.

Also last week, the junior livestock judging teams participated in the District Livestock judging contest. Members included Clay Antilley, Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Kyla Millican, Briana Brisbin, Emilee Yanez, Allison Millican and Blake Millican. Kelsy Duncan placed eighth high in swine judging.

All of these county 4-H members should be commended on their participation and accomplishments in the various District 4-H contests.



Winners at the recent District 7 4-H Roundup Demonstration Contest are (back row, from left) Clay Antilley, Lindsey Roe, Katie Bessent, Stacey Denton, and Kindra Johnson; (front row, from left) Briana Brisbin, Taylor Percifull, and Cody Denton. Not pictured are Cara Eaton and Emilee Yanez.



Qualifying for the State 4-H Roundup Contest to be held this summer at Texas A&M University are (l to r) Coke County 4-H members Nicole Sanchez, Ashlee Millican, Shelby Roe, and Erin Millican.

Hester - Myrick cousins reunion

The Hester - Myrick Cousins Reunion was held on Saturday, May 5, at Rose Park Activity Center in Abilene.

The cousins enjoyed a pleasant day of visiting, going over scrapbooks and picture albums, and having lunch from favorite dishes brought by family members.

Attending the gathering were Mona Casey, Roy Max Hester, Nadine Davis, and Maurice and Jo Nell

Yarbrough, all of Abilene; Sondra Hester and Joan Davis of Robert Lee; Hayes and Betty Prince of Snyder; Glenn and Carol Whittington of Granbury; Kenneth and Nita Hester of San Angelo; Weldon and Betty Hester of Weatherford; Jesse and Hazel Bigbee and Albert and Billie Hughes, all of Baird; Roger and Tresa Matlock of Crowley; Connie Henry and Billie Wallace, both of Ft. Worth; Lyndon and Janet Yarbrough of Carrollton; and Danny and Glendora Myrick of Abilene.

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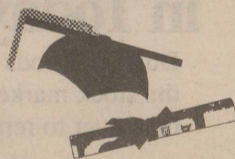
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Prayer to the Virgin Mary
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Robert Lee Care Center residents and staff brought home 17 fish from their fishing trip to Lake Spence.



Gladys Slaton landed this fish during the Robert Lee Care Center fishing excursion.

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Library

Gearing up for summer reading program

The recent Coke County Book Sale netted approximately \$150.00 through sales and donations. The library appreciates the people who purchase books, donate books and money, and support the library.

At one time during the sale the lightning flashed, the thunder boomed, the winds blew, the rains came, the paperback books flew through the air, the plastic chairs skidded down the sidewalk, the book carts rolled into the parking lot and the librarian's glasses blew off her head. All this could have spelled disaster, but for some knights in wet armor who rescued the books, hauled in the tables,

dried off the books, and then stayed to find some books to enjoy. Some days are worth getting up for.

The library is gearing up for the summer reading program. Students who read during the summer don't lose the learning edge they need for their next year in school. The library will have drawings each week for a book. For every book turned in, readers will be able to have a chance to win. Five books turned in, five chances to win. There will be a grand prize at the end of the summer program.

There are many teachers who read for pleasure during the summer. The library reminds the teachers that they will be able to enjoy a treat-of-the-week, but will not be eligible for the drawings.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursday, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-23. Books may be returned to the Main St. Market in Bronte. Library fines are not charged but are accepted and appreciated.

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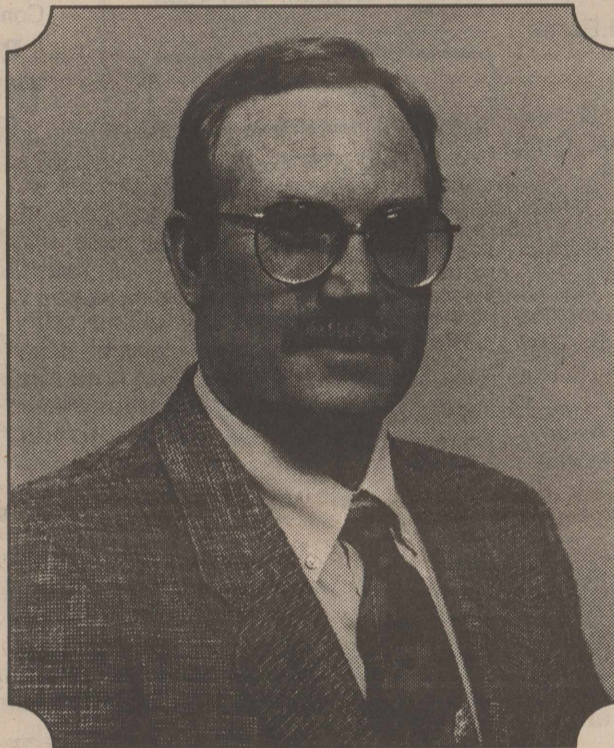
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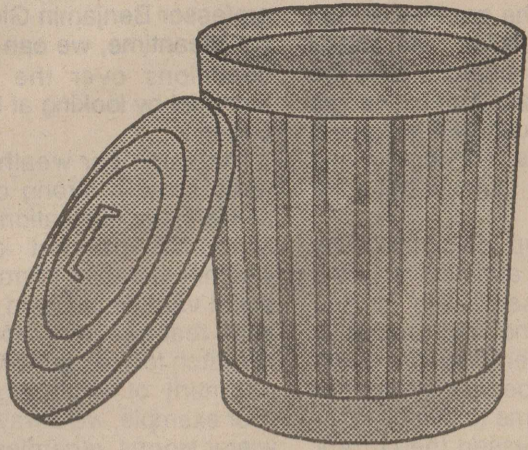
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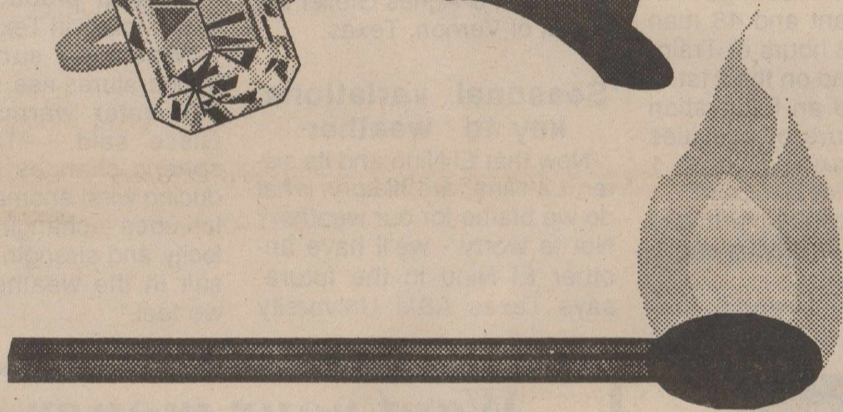
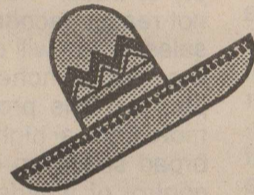
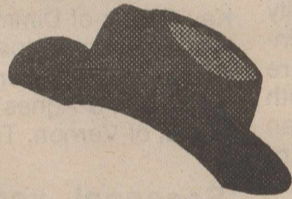
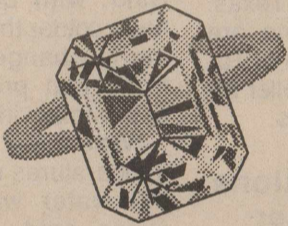
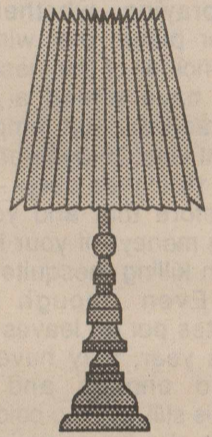
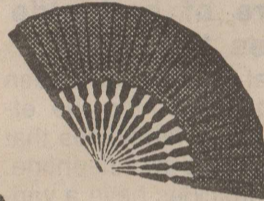
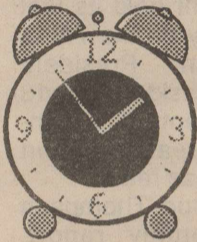
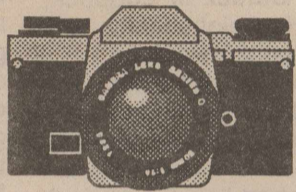
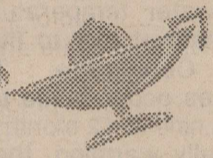
Beef offers nutritional benefits

Texas Dietetic Association members told more than a million Texans during National Nutrition Month in March that ordinary foods like beef offer extraordinary nutritional benefits. Working with the \$1 beef checkoff program, the dietitians received media training on how to present their messages. They then reached consumers through major Texas media with facts about beef and conjugated linoleic acid (CLA), a compound that prevents cancer and heart disease. The dietitians' information impacted more than 1.1 million Texans. A radio public service announcement generated by the beef checkoff program reached an additional 5.8 million Texans.

The word cabbage comes from the Latin word "caput" which means head.

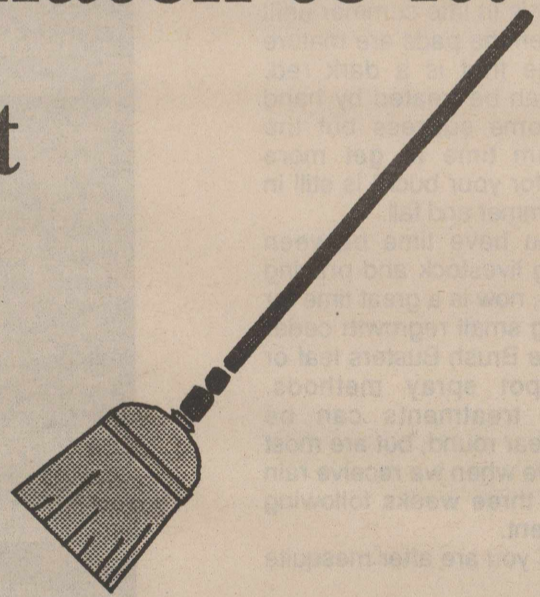


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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Brush control

Whoa! Not so fast. Sure, we have had some warm weather lately with the temperatures in the 90's, but it's still too early to leaf spray mesquite and prickly pear. Even with the Brush Busters individual plant treatment which has become so popular the last couple of years, the ground is still too cold and the plants are not fully developed to obtain adequate control of mesquite and prickly pear.

I have been getting several calls on controlling brush species now that the mesquites have put out early, but we must not forget that all important "window of opportunity" that can make or break a brush control project. For leaf spraying, whether by hand or plane, that window starts once all of the mesquite leaves have turned a dark green, and the soil temperature is at least 75 degrees at a foot to 18 inches deep - any time before that and you're wasting money - if you're interested in killing mesquite that is. Even though our mesquites put on leaves earlier this year, they have not matured enough and the ground is still way too cold.

Now is also the worst time to treat prickly pear with herbicides, because the plants are moving carbohydrates upward to produce new pads and flowers. Herbicides applied too early won't be carried down the plant into the root system, a necessary step for good pear control.

The best time to treat pear aerially is in late summer until fall when the pads are mature and the fruit is a dark red. Pear can be treated by hand with some success but the optimum time to get more "bang for your buck" is still in late summer and fall.

If you have time between feeding livestock and praying for rain, now is a great time for treating small regrowth cedar with the Brush Busters leaf or soil spot spray methods. These treatments can be used year round, but are most effective when we receive rain two to three weeks following treatment.

So, if you are after mesquite

and prickly pear, better wait until the time is right or you may well be throwing good money out the window, and I'm sure it won't be the window of opportunity either.

If you wait until the time is right, using the Brush Busters treatment for pear and mesquite can obtain excellent results. We have had several demonstration plots around this area the last several years and have obtained almost complete control of small mesquite, cedar and pear.

For further information on brush control, especially the Brush Busters techniques, call the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

Beware of herbicide sales by phone

Several inquiries have been received concerning the effectiveness of herbicides that are being sold by telephone. These herbicides have a variety of trade names that are not readily recognizable. The salesperson will contact farmers and ranchers by telephone. The product is promoted as a highly effective, broad spectrum herbicide for control of weeds and brush. The salesperson promises a quick and long-lasting kill of the unwanted plants. The herbicide or herbicides in the product vary. However, it often contains 2, 4-D and may contain bromacil, mecoprop (MCP), dichlorprop (2, 4-DP) and petroleum distillates. The percentages of the her-

bicides in the mixture vary. Often the petroleum distillates may make up more than 96 percent of the mixture. The cost per gallon of the herbicide mixture is high (\$50 to \$90 per gallon). In some cases, equivalent results may be obtained by using diesel fuel oil without herbicide.

These herbicides have an EPA-approved label. Thus, farmers and ranchers should be encouraged to ask the salesperson to send a copy of the label that lists the active ingredients before they agree to purchase the herbicide.

The telephone salespeople are persistent. Farmers and ranchers should be in a position to make informed decisions about purchasing herbicides. Thus, they should be strongly encouraged to ask for a label to examine before they agree to buy the herbicide.

RLVFD News

by Marian Thompson

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department held its first meeting of May on the 7th at the fire station. President Larry Martin presided with 13 members present. The minutes and the treasury report were approved as read.

Dispatcher Bud Thompson gave the monthly report. There was 1 fire call in the city with 13 men reporting and involved 3 1/4 hours. There were 2 regular meetings with 24 men present and 48 man hours. 66 1/2 hours of Training Classes and on the 21st of April they had an Excavation Class, 71 hours of activities including 1 landing zone; 1 motor vehicle accident; 1 stand by at a control burn; and 1 stand by while Bronte was at a fire.

Chief Rick Drennan reported we were turned down

for one of the grants that had been applied for. He stated that we can expect a busy fire season. Last month we got some rain but now it is dry and the tall grass is drying out and it won't take much to get a fire started.

The group discussed the MVA at 208 and 158, where a pickup missed the curve, went airborne and landed in the shed after totaling a Cadillac. 8 members of the fire department came to help.

They discussed the current fund raisers, which are the reflective 911 house signs, the Cajun Clean All Cleaning Cloth and the rummage sale. For more information on these items, talk to any fireman.

The meeting was adjourned and the group worked on the trucks.

Monday, May 14th will be the next Training Class and the 21st will be the next meeting.

Look Who's New Lanam Jack Millican

Lanam was born at 3:15 pm, May 1, 2001, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. He weighed 8 lbs. & 2 oz. and was 20 1/2" long.

His proud parents are Pammy & Jill Millican of Dimmitt, Texas. His grandparents are Wilbern & Charlotte Millican of Robert Lee & Ronnie & Kay Gfeller of Dimmitt, Texas. His great grandparents are Bob & Thalia Fulkerson of Tullia, Texas, & Agnes Gfeller Albrandt of Vernon, Texas.

Seasonal variations key to weather

Now that El Nino and its sister, La Nina, are history, what do we blame for our weather? Not to worry - we'll have another El Nino in the future, says Texas A&M University

professor Benjamin Giese. In the meantime, we can predict conditions over the long-term just by looking at the calendar.

"Although our weather patterns show a strong correlation with the fluctuations of El Nino, 75 percent of our weather is due to normal seasonal variations," said Giese, who teaches and conducts research for Texas A&M's Department of Oceanography. "For example, we always have winter storms, regardless of El Nino."

"El Nino does exert a strong influence on patterns of precipitation and temperature in Texas, with colder, wetter winters and warmer drier summers in years when an El Nino is present," he observed. "But these effects still account for only 25 percent of our weather variance in any given year."

El Nino is the name of the current that warms the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean off the coast of South America. The water there is usually cold, but El Nino raises surface water temperatures a maximum of four to five degrees Centigrade. These changes occur in the tropics over a nine to 12 month cycle, gradually warming, then returning to normal again. La Nina is the opposite of El Nino, with ocean temperatures colder than usual, resulting in changes in wind patterns that produce warmer, drier winters in Texas.

"When the surface water temperatures rise, the air over the water warms up too," Giese said. "Then atmospheric changes occur, producing wind anomalies at high latitudes - changing wind velocity and strength - which result in the weather changes we feel."

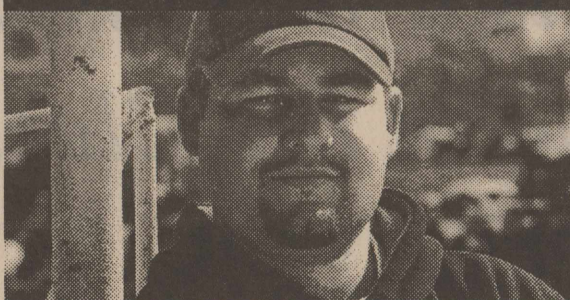
"Walk tall and keep your head up, unless you're in a cow pasture."

If you're short of milk, you can always borrow some from Ernie Tapia. He's got lots. He and his family have been Texas dairy farmers since 1986. The electric milking machines at the Tapia's three barns milk 4,000 cows to produce more than 200,000 pounds of milk - a day.

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