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Saluting the Robert Lee High School Class of 2001

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-nine Robert Lee High School seniors will be held Friday, May 25, 2001, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

The invocation will be given by Matthew Messer. Class Salutatorian Mary Arellano will then address the graduates, followed by Valedictorian Amber Freeman. Patricia Ballew is the guest speaker for this year's ceremony.

The Senior Slide Show is next on the program, followed by the Presentation of the Class of 2000 by Lindsey Wallace and awarding of diplomas. DeShira Dickey will then lead the benediction to conclude the evening's ceremonies.

This year's class members include Maria Anita Arellano, Lane Wheeler Arledge, Stephanie Renee Balderas, Linda Barrera, Robert Noah Barrett, Curtis Daniel Bell, Beaugan Adam Blair, Clifton Daniel Booger Bohannon, Latisha Kae Michelle Bohannon, Beau E. Boxell, Garrett Ray Brown, Tiffany Anne Copeland, DeShira Lynn Dickey, Justin Lee Fluhmann, Amber Michelle Freeman, Juan J. Gallegos, Jennifer Renee Hamilton, Gina Michelle Hernandez, Fernando Ray Landeros, Kelly Ann Lockstedt, Matthew Waide Messer, Erin Elizabeth Millican, Favian A. Minjarez, Zekiel Allen Montgomery, Chase Bryant Rainwater,

Lewis Samaniego, Dixie Dianne Simpson, Matthew W. Tinkler, and Cassandra Dee Van Huss.

Ushers for the evening will include Jamie Chesshir, Shanna Wojtek, Charles Abalos, and Taylor Clendennen.

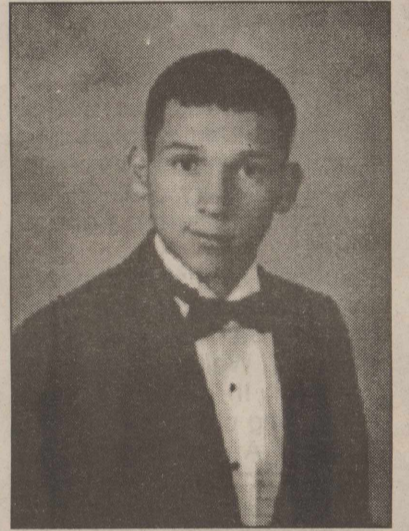
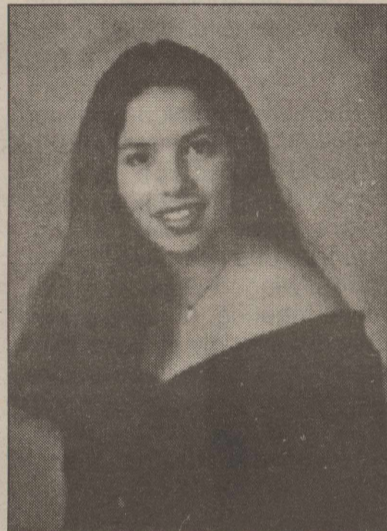
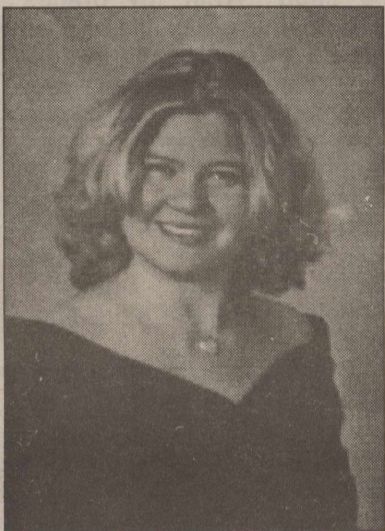
Twenty-four RLJH graduates honored

Formal commencement exercises for twenty-four Robert Lee Junior High School eighth graders will be held Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 8 pm in the Robert Lee School Auditorium.

The invocation will be given by Brittany Soliz. Class Salutatorian Jake McCabe will address the graduates, followed by Valedictorian Lindsey Roe.

Lindsey Wallace will present the class to the audience of friends, family members, students and faculty. The graduates will then receive their diplomas. The benediction will be given by Shelby Sailer.

This year's class members include Wade Brooks Arledge, Cody Scott Bridges, Robert Allen Briones, Veronica Celia Cerritos, Mark Anthony Colon, Stacey Lea Denton, Kayli Jo Dickey, Bridgett Jean Kellett, Rebecca Lynn Lockstedt, Mark Anthony Martinez, Jake Truitt McCabe, Cisco Ray Moreno, Andrew Wayne Mulkey, Yolanda Olguin



Robert Lee High School honor graduates for 2001 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 99.83 average is Amber Freeman (left), daughter of Teresa Romine and Sam Freeman. The Salutatorian with a 99.566 average is Mary Arellano (center), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Arellano. High Ranking Boy with a 92.89 average is James Gallegos (right). James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Gallegos.

Rodriguez, Clarissa Dawn Peel, Robert Lee Raney, Julie Rebecca Riley, Lindsey Nicole Roe, Shelby Paul Sailer, Michele Garcia Sanchez, Omar Saucedo, Brittany Diane Soliz, Ruben Casey Torres, and Ashley Don Womack.

Ushers for the evening will be Josh Conner, Lance Millican, Cara Eaton, and Kyla Millican.

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.

CC retired teachers to meet

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, May 21, 2001. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the home of Jerry and Bette McCutchen, Humble Road, just west of Bronte.

3rd Annual Trail Drive set for Bronte

The 3rd Annual Benefit Trail Drive, sponsored by the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department, is scheduled for May 26, 27, and 28. Bring your horse or wagon and team and ride the hills of Coke County a full day Saturday and Sunday, with a short ride Monday for those interested.

On Saturday night, live band "Double Shot" will be playing in the pavillion for your dancing and listening pleasure. The dance will begin at 9:00 pm and go until 1:00 am.

All proceeds for the trail ride and the dance go to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department. For more information contact Harold McCutchen at 473-5201 or Bruce Sonnenberg at 473-4441.

BISD announces important upcoming school dates

The Bronte Independent School District has released the following dates and times concerning graduation ceremonies and letting out for the summer:

The Bronte High School Baccalaureate is set for 7:00 pm May 20th in the school auditorium.

The 8th Grade Promotion will be held May 24th at 7:00 pm in the school auditorium.

Senior Graduation will be held May 25th at 8:00 pm in the school auditorium.

On May 23 and 24, school will dismiss at 12:30 pm each day, with May 24 being the last day of school.

Time to spray

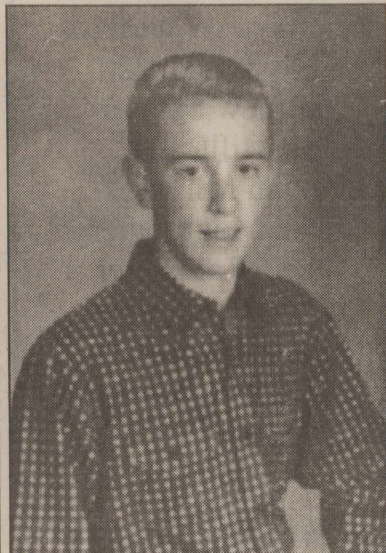
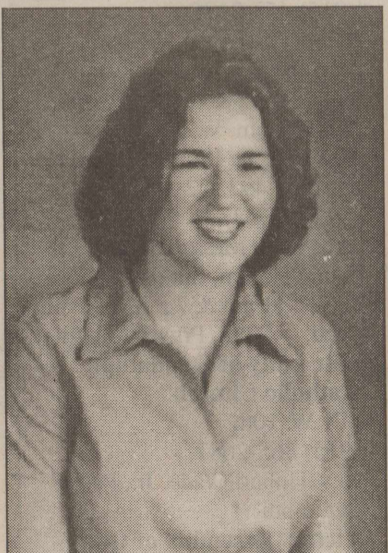
According to area horticulturists, time is nearing for the control of the pecan nut casebearers. Optimum spray dates will be from May 16-23. Observations around the area show a large egg lay of the pecan pests, and control measures should be warranted. For information contact the Coke County Extension office at 453-2461.

4-H horse show entries due

4-H members wanting to go to the District 4-H Horse Show need to contact the County Extension office. Deadline for entries is May 30, 2001. Entries and additional information are available at the Coke County Extension office.

Gibbs scores hole-in-one

Brandon Gibbs scored his second hole-in-one on May 9, 2001. He aced the 135 yard hole number 1 at the Singing Winds Course in Bronte. The hole-in-one was witnessed by Zeb Speary and Ryan McCorkle.



Robert Lee Junior High School honor graduates for 2001 have been announced. The Valedictorian with a 97.8 average is Lindsey Roe (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Roe. The Salutatorian with a 97.5 average is Jake McCabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCabe.



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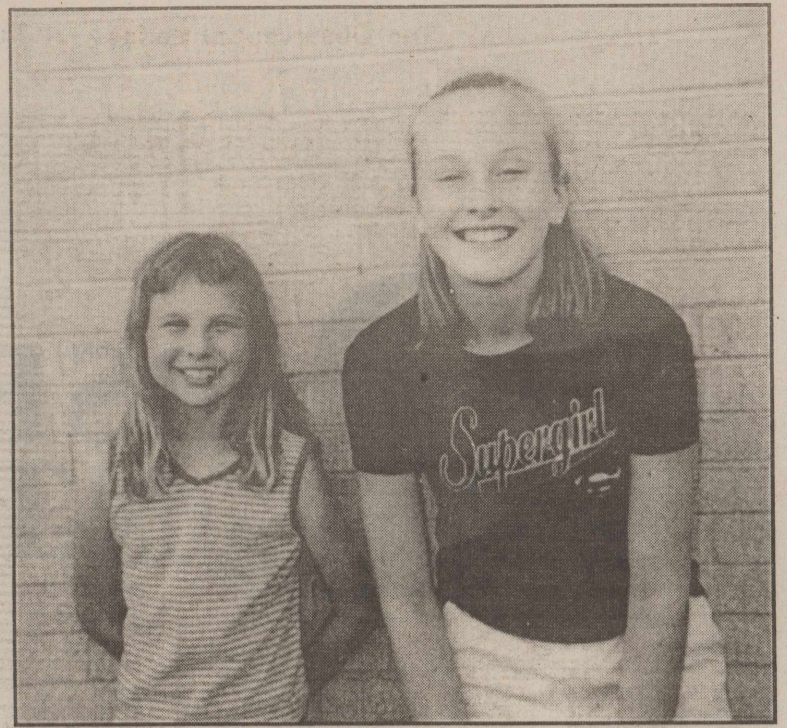
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 Library

Books added to county library
 Mark Lowry's Live Long and Die Laughing has been added to the Coke County Library collection. As a member of the Gaither Vocal Band he performs over 100 concerts a year. Some of the chapters include "The Spitting Preacher," "Mediocrity Is Its Own Reward," "Hair and Old Age," "How I Weaseled My Way into the Gaither Vocal Band." The book is 170 pages of down-to-earth stories that are funny and inspiring.

Also John Bytheway's What I Wish I'd Known in High School has been donated to the library. The sub-title is "The Stuff You Don't Hear in Class..." One of the chapters is titled "What my braces taught me about life." The quote on that page reads, "Don't let life discourage you; everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was." Another chapter is titled "How to get opportunity to knock you over," with the quote by Lily Tomlin, "I always wanted to be somebody. I guess I should have been more specific."

The summer reading program will begin Tuesday, May 29th. There will be the treat-of-the-week to enjoy every day and for each book returned, readers can add their name to the drawing for a book each week. Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4; Thursdays, 1-5 and Fridays, 8-12. Books may be returned to the Main St. Market in Bronte.



Emilee Yanez (left) and Cara Eaton were among those who represented Coke County at the District 7 4-H Round-Up.

Death Notices

Thetford

The Honorable Walter W. "Bud" Thetford went home to be with the Lord, Sunday night after suffering a massive stroke ten days earlier.

Services were held at 3:00 pm Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church of Robert Lee. Burial followed in Paint Creek Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Judge Thetford is survived by his wife, Madeleine Thetford of San Angelo; three children, Walter W. "Terry" Thetford, III of San Angelo, Linda King of Spicewood and Douglas A. Thetford of San Angelo; a sister, Opal May Vest of Hatch, New Mexico; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and ten nieces and nephews.

64 Study Club meets for annual salad dinner

Members of the "64" Study Club met for their annual salad dinner May 8, 2001. The meeting was held in the Robert Lee Methodist Church. This was the final

meeting for the 2000-2001 club year.

President Beth Prather presided at the meeting. Nita Duncan, program chairman, told of town meetings with the intent of encouraging tourism and arousing interest in community development.

The 25th anniversary of the Robert Lee Ole Coke County Pageant will be July 26, 27, & 28.

Each year the club presents a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of the Robert Lee High School. This year's recipient will be announced at a later date.

Following the short business meeting, 28 members enjoyed a lovely salad dinner made complete with desserts.

Hostesses for the evening were Ava Lou Davis, Peggy Davis, Beth Prather, and Grace Ditmore.

National Nurses Week

On May 8th at 2:00 pm, Coke County Juvenile Justice Center of Bronte honored the nursing staff with a reception in recognition of National Nurses Week. The nurses were served cake and punch. Each nurse was given a bud vase with a pink carnation and a pin clip.

COKE COUNTY KICKAPOO WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1	
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2000	
Revenues	
Tax Revenues (See Note 2F)	\$1,434
Interest Income	1,741
Total Revenues	\$3,175
Expenditures	
Directors' Fees	\$475
Clerk Expense	600
Election Expense	0
Office Rent	300
Office Expense	39
Meeting Expense	78
Audit Expense	450
Bond	67
Tax Collection	72
Dam Maintenance	0
Inspection Expense	36
Miscellaneous	199
Total Expenditures	\$2,316
Excess Revenues	\$859
Fund Balance, January 1, 2000	\$44,411
Fund Balance, December 31, 2000	\$45,270

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Class of 2001

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|----------------------|---------------------|
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| Linda Barrera | * Fernando Landeros |
| Robert Barrett | * Kelly Lockstedt |
| * Curtis Bell | * Matthew Messer |
| * Beau Blair | * Erin Millican |
| * Clifton Bohannon | * Favian Minjarez |
| * Latisha Bohannon | Zeke Montgomery |
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| * Garrett Brown | * Lewis Samaniego |
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| * Amber Freeman | |

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Ballew graduates from Sul Ross

On May 12, 2001, Bill Ballew graduated from Sul Ross State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management. Bill's major was Wildlife Biology with a minor in Biology. He was named a Presidential Scholar for two years, and was on the Dean's List every semester.

Family and friends joining him at the graduation were: Evelyn Ballew; David Roberts; Jimmy, Jamie, J'Wayne, Laura Lee, and Beth Ballew; Robert and Anita Boynton; Jimmy, Brenda, Becca, Kasey, and Zack Skinner; Douglas, Denise, and Kacey Roberts; Glen and Beth Heard; Tricia and Bret Ballew.

After the graduation, the group adjourned to The Outback for a celebration lunch.

Locals receive degrees from ASU

Angelo State University presented degrees to 440 students on Friday evening, May 11, in San Angelo Coliseum for the 2001 Spring semester.

Among those recipients from Coke County were Susan A. English of Robert Lee who graduated with a B.S.; magna cum laude; Andra Hubbard of Bronte, a B.S.; and Paul N. Williams, Jr. of Bronte, who received his M.B.A.

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 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Worship

Wed. 7 pm Choir

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

Tommy Williams, Minister
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 Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
 PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
 (915) 453-2176

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

Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
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Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
 Sat. 6 pm

Victory Assembly of God
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 (915) 453-2208

Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting



The Paducah High School Journalism Team placed first at the State UIL Journalism Meet. Individual placings included (from left) D. J. Ferguson, senior, 1st in Headline Writing, Haley Utter, junior, 5th Editorial Writing, and James Swan, senior, 3rd in News Writing. The team is coached by Kevin Ratliff (right). D. J. (Darsey) is the daughter of John & Linda Ferguson of Paducah and the granddaughter of Mr. Joe Brazier of Robert Lee.

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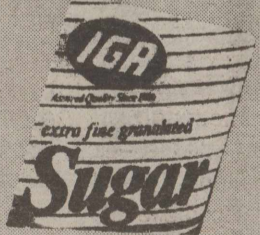
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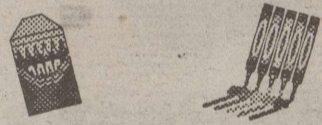


The Bronte Elementary Gifted and Talented students recently traveled to San Antonio for a two-day field trip. The students visited the San Antonio Zoo, Tower of the Americas, Imax Theatre, Alamo, Witte Museum, and the River Walk. These students included Freddy Soele, Sam Rawlings, Philip Rawlings, Gus Saunders, Eric Hendricksen, Jonathan Marrs, Chelsea Cook, Jessi England, Logan Rawls, Casey Harris, Emily Austin, Estephanie Flores, Savannah Martinez, Katie Cooper, Lauhren White, and Rebekah Beauchamp.

Faculty - senior softball game

Come support the Seniors May 23rd as they take on the Bronte ISD faculty in the 2001 Faculty-Senior softball game. The National Honor Society is hosting a food drive for the Coke County Food Closet, so don't forget to bring your canned goods! Game time is set for 8:30.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

- Monday, May 21**
Breakfast burrito, grape juice, biscuit, milk
- Tuesday, May 22**
Sausage, orange juice, pancake, milk
- Wednesday, May 23**
Scrambled eggs, hash-browns, toast, milk
- Thursday, May 24**
Cereal, apple juice, biscuit, milk
- Friday, May 25**
Teacher inservice
- Lunch**
- Monday, May 21**
Beef chalupa, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, milk, chocolate chip cookies
- Tuesday, May 22**
Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, bun, milk, brownies
- Wednesday, May 23**
Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, milk, peach cobbler
- Thursday, May 24**
Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, milk, peanut butter cookies
- Friday, May 25**
Teacher inservice



Pvt 2 Jerrod McClure

McClure completes basic training

On April 20th, 2001, Pvt. 2 Jerrod Coby McClure completed basic training & AJT training at Ft Benning, GA. Jerrod was a member of Delta

Company 1/50 2nd platoon. During his cycle, Jerrod qualified expert with his M16, hitting 39 of 40 targets, as well as qualifying expert with grenades. Jerrod also scored 335 points of a possible 300 on the extended scale for his physical fitness test. Of the 225 soldiers assigned to Delta Company, Jerrod received the top marksmanship award, was 4th overall in PT scores, and also received the Army Achievement medal for being selected as the top graduate for Delta Company 1/50. Jerrod will continue his enlistment at Ft. Carson Colorado in Colorado Springs, Colorado beginning May 31, 2001.

Attending the graduation ceremony were Cody McClure, Jesse McClure, Steve and Karla Clark, Callan, Reid and Conner.

The debt we owe to the play of imagination is incalculable.



The Bronte Independent School District Board of Trustees awarded a plaque to Andra Arrott for her 18 years of service to the Bronte Schools and the Board of Trustees. Alan Richey, Superintendent, presented the award.

BISD Board of Trustees meet

The Board of Trustees of the Bronte Independent School District met in regular session May 8, 2001, at 8:00 pm. Jeff Schoenfield was absent from the meeting.

The votes from the May 5, 2001, school board trustee election were canvassed and a tabulation prepared listing the number of votes each candidate received. Certificates of election were issued to Terry Charles and Doug Hoyt who will serve full three-year terms. Terry Charles and Doug Hoyt took the oath of office.

The board presented a plaque to Andra Arrott for her 18 years of service to the Bronte schools and the board of trustees.

The board was realigned as follows: Wayne Coalson - President; David Scott - Vice-President; and Jolene Henderson - Secretary.

Richard Rodgers of CADCO presented plans for the girls dressing rooms and elementary addition. Cost estimates and bid packets were discussed.

Rick Howell, secondary principal, and Terry Marrs, elementary principal, gave their reports to the board which included activities, dates and enrollment.

The school calendar for 2001-2002 was approved.

Motion was made and approved to have a special meeting of the board on May 25th at 7:00 pm.

Discussion was held and motion approved to open a position for a high school of-

fice assistant.

Alan Richey, superintendent, gave his report which included the legislative update, update on employee health insurance, the Energy Management Program and the outdoor and landscaping needs of the district.

Correspondence included the Summer Leadership Conference.

Motion was made and approved to pay the April 2001 bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm by the president.

The next meeting will be a special meeting May 25th at 7:00 pm.

Adult art fest

On Saturday, May 19, the Bronte High School art department will open its doors to the adult public for an art festival day. The event will start at 1:00 pm and go until 5:00 pm. The festival is for adults to come to the art department and try their hand at several different areas of art. Among the different opportunities for artistic adventure will be clay and the potter's wheel, drawing, painting, silkscreen t-shirts, and metal art. Bronte High School art teacher Ron Cooper, said that he hopes the adult community will enjoy being a part of the art program at Bronte High School for one day. The event is free for adults of all ages and participants can take their creations with them when they are finished. Students are welcome to come and watch, but the creation of art is for the adults on this date.

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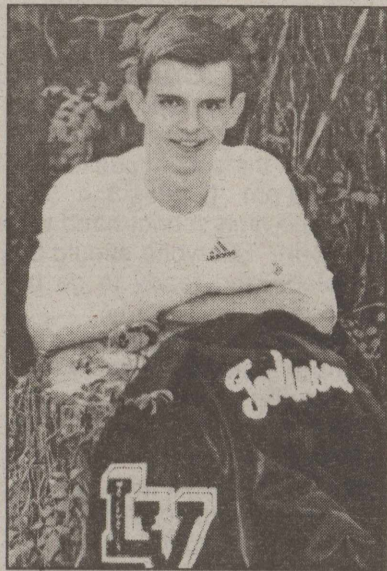
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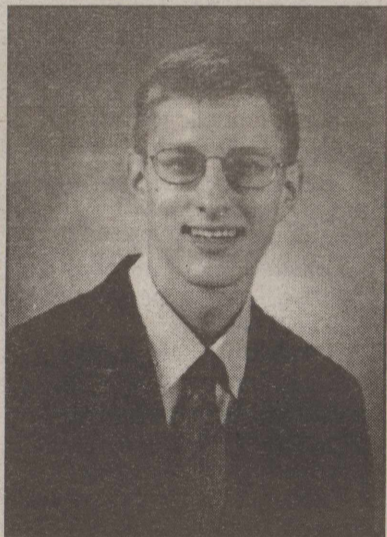
**Andrew Ryan Tomlinson
Tomlinson graduates
from LVHS**

Andrew Ryan Tomlinson, son of Warren Tomlinson and the late Dorcas Tomlinson, will graduate from Lake View High School on May 25, 2001. He is salutatorian of his class with a GPA of 101.67.

Andrew was a state qualifier in UIL Math and Science, attended Boys State in Austin and has served as Vice President of the Student Council.

Andrew plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in chemical engineering. He has received a 4 year scholarship from the Terry Foundation of Houston, Tx.

Andrew is the grandson of Opal Tomlinson of San Angelo and the late Beal Tomlinson, and he is the nephew of LeDrew and Bobbie Arrott.



Warren Andrew Taylor

**Taylor awarded
scholarship**

Warren Taylor of Lowell, Arkansas has been awarded a Chancellor's Scholarship to study at the University of Arkansas.

Chancellor's Scholarships are among the University's most prestigious awards, providing up to \$8,000 per year

towards tuition, fees and room and board to top students from Arkansas and the nation.

Chancellor's Scholars represent the top 5% of students throughout the United States, often being recruited by the country's top-tier institutions. These students have excelled in the classroom and have distinguished themselves as leaders in their schools and communities. They have earned among the highest scores on college entrance exams, and many of them have achieved National Merit or National Achievement finalist or semifinalist status.

Warren's parents are Jim and Ellen Taylor of Lowell, Arkansas. His grandparents are Charles and Ruth Austin Taylor of Marshfield, Missouri and Gene and Wilma Southwick of Guthrie, Oklahoma. His great grandmother is Lila Austin Cope of Robert Lee.

BISD receives grant

Superintendent Alan Richey is proud to announce to the community of Bronte that the school district has been awarded a TIF (Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund) grant. Bronte ISD received a grant award of \$100,000 for the high school and elementary 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.

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

**Parkinsons
celebrate 47th
wedding anniversary**

Bill and Margie Parkinson celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary May 15, 2001 with an anniversary party at Bronte Health & Rehab Center.

Bill Parkinson and Margie Kinsey were married May 15, 1954 in Christoval. They have nine children, Charlie Leach of San Angelo, Fran Reid of Burleson, Luther Leach of Plano, Donnie Leach of Converse, Sue Leach of Odessa, Wade Parkinson (deceased), Adaline Elrod of San Angelo, Dorothy Eudy of Cisco, Sonny Parkinson of Chico, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson have lived in Odessa, Ozona and San Angelo since their wedding. He was a truck driver for 44 years, retiring from Enterprise Transportation in 1984. She is a homemaker. They are members of the Tennyson Baptist Church in Tennyson, Tx.

Hosts for the celebration were Adaline Elrod and the Bronte Health and Rehab Center staff.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parkinson

**Fireman's benefit
tournament results told**

The Fireman's Benefit Tournament was held at Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte on Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from the tournament go to the Bronte Volunteer Fire Department.

The results from the tournament are as follows:

- Championship Flight**
1. Ryan McCorkle, Brandon Gibbs; 2. Hammond, Stinson; 3. Hodge, Vincent.
First Flight
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Robert Lee School Auditorium

Sunday, May 20, 2001

8 pm

Processional Pat Stephens

Invocation Matthew Messer

Presentation of Speaker Weldon Koepf

Superintendent, Robert Lee ISD

Address Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr.

Pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Benediction DeShira Dickey

Recessional Pat Stephens

MOTTO

We've walked so far together,

We've grown so very close -

But yesterday became today and we are on

the verge of tomorrow,

Where we must go alone to find the dreams we all dreamed of - together.

Robert Lee High School Senior Class of 2001

Maria Anita Arellano

Lane Wheeler Arledge

Stephanie Renee Balderas

Linda Barrera

Robert Noah Barrett

Curtis Daniel Bell

Beaugan Adam Blair

Clifton Daniel Booger Bohannon

Latisha Kae Michelle Bohannon

Beau E. Boxell

Garrett Ray Brown

Tiffany Anne Copeland

DeShira Lynn Dickey

Justin Lee Fluhmann

Amber Michelle Freeman

Juan J. Gallegos

Jennifer Rene Hamilton

Gina Michelle Hernandez

Fernando Ray Landeros

Kelly Ann Lockstedt

Matthew Waide Messer

Erin Elizabeth Millican

Favian A. Minjarez

Zekiel Allen Montgomery

Chase Bryant Rainwater

Lewis Samaniego

Dixie Dianne Simpson

Matthew W. Tinkler

Cassandra Dee Van Huss

Ushers

Jamie Chesshir

Shanna Wojtek

Charles Abalos

Taylor Clendennen

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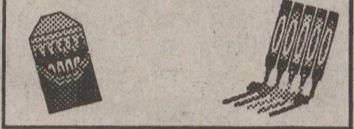
Steer Spring Band Concert

On Monday, May 21, 2001, the Spring Concert will take place in the school auditorium at 7:00 pm. Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and the high school band will perform. Everyone should be in place and ready to go by 6:55 pm.

Please remember the school dress code while preparing for the concert. Please remember to use proper manners while in the auditorium. Don't talk during a concert (listen to the music) and while a group is performing, no one should be going in and out of the auditorium. Remember, this applies to everyone.

The students have worked hard for this final concert. Performance is a part of the music grade. So please make arrangements to attend.

SCHOOL MENU



Breakfast

Monday, May 21

Orange juice, breakfast pizza, cereal, milk

Tuesday, May 22

Orange juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Wednesday, May 23

Orange juice, biscuit, sausage, cereal, milk

Thursday, May 24

(Last day of school)

Orange juice, donut, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, May 21

Pizza, applesauce, corn, teddy grahams, milk

Tuesday, May 22

Chicken O's, macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, May 23

Beef, bean, cheese burrito, salad, tator tots, fruit, milk

Thursday, May 24

(Last day of school)

Corn dogs w/mustard, French fries, peaches, ice cream, milk

Awards assembly slated for Robert Lee students

On Thursday, May 24, Robert Lee Elementary School will hold the annual Awards Assembly in the auditorium at 8:30 am. Parents of students in kindergarten through sixth grade as well as friends and relatives are invited to attend. At 10:00 am, Robert Lee Junior High students will participate in an Awards Assembly. Robert Lee High School students will be recognized in an Awards Assembly beginning at 11:00

am. Teachers and school officials encourage parents and community members to attend these activities specifically designed to applaud the accomplishments of the Robert Lee ISD students. For additional information concerning these assemblies, please call 453-4555 or 453-4556.

Look Who's New Kyle Thomas Hinnard

John and Lynn Hinnard of Virginia Beach, Virginia are delighted with the birth May 8

of their first child, a son, Kyle Thomas. He arrived at a nearby hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia weighing 6 lb. 10 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

John, who is with the U.S. Navy, is on submarine duty off the coast of Spain and is due back home on May 24. His son was impatient and did not wait for his dad's arrival.

Kyle's grandparents are Thelma Jo Hinnard of Robert Lee and Donn and Jeannette Sexton of Orlando, Florida. His great-grandparents are Wilson and Lucile Bryan of Robert Lee and Aurore Roman of Orlando.

The Sextons and Mrs. Roman are visiting Lynn and the new baby at this time.

RL golf results

Dee Van Huss finished an outstanding high school career by finishing tied for 11th medalist at the state tournament in Austin, last week. Dee shot a 95 - 88 for a 183 total. Mindy McDowell of Baird won the medalist honors shooting a 80 - 77 for a 157 total.

In the team competition, Baird won their 5th straight title with a 716 total. Booker was 2nd with a 737 and Throckmorton was 3rd with 746 total.

Dee played in the state tournament three of her four years in high school, playing on one state championship team in 1998.

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I have attended Robert Lee ISD for eleven years, and I have achieved my goal of valedictorian with a GPA of 99.83. I have been awarded the Carr Scholarship from Angelo State University, and I plan to attend ASU in the fall. While at ASU, I will be working toward a degree in Human Resource Management.

GAYLON & KAYE PITCOCK

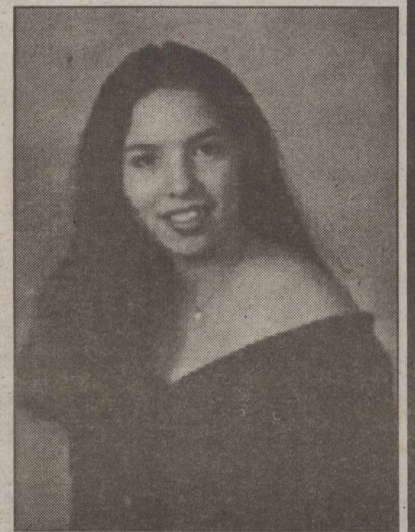


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Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tomas Arellano



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I am the daughter of Tomas and Rosa Arellano. I have attended Robert Lee ISD for the past thirteen years. I have accomplished the goal of becoming the Salutatorian of my graduating class with the GPA of 99.566. I plan to attend ASU in the fall. I will be working toward a Mathematics degree in secondary education.

SKINNERS GROCERY

COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Garden/landscape checklist

Vegetables

Check your tomato plants regularly for signs of aphids. These tiny insects feed on new, tender shoots and are often found at the tips of new tomato plant branches. Congregating in large masses, these insects can damage your plants if they are not sprayed with insecticidal soap as soon as you see them. This is a good time to start watching for spider mites on your tomato plants. Leaf yellowing is an indicator of their presence. The oldest leaves on the plants, located nearest the ground, are usually the first to be attacked. When spider mites are present, you may also see tiny "webs" on the plants or black specks on the undersides of leaves. These pests should be sprayed right away with neem or insecticidal soap. You may need to re-treat infested plants several times as directed on the label to completely rid your plants of spider mites. It will be worth your effort to do so, however, as these tiny creatures can easily kill entire tomato plants in a relatively short amount of time.

Try not to wet the foliage of your cucumber, squash and melon plants when you water them. This will help to prevent the fungal diseases that so often attack the leaves of these plants. Spacing these plants the distances recommended on the seed packages will also help to prevent fungal diseases by allowing air to move among the plants, drying the morning dew and blowing away fungal spores. If fungal diseases like powdery mildew appear on the leaves of your plants, be sure to read the labels of the fungicides you are considering to make sure they may be used on food plants.

Trees, Shrubs and Vines

Make sure you have plenty of blooming shrubs in your landscape. That way, you not

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
Robert Lee School Auditorium
Friday, May 25, 2001
8 pm

<p><i>Processional</i> Pat Stephens</p> <p><i>Invocation</i> Matthew Messer</p> <p><i>Salutatory Address</i> Mary Arellano</p> <p><i>Valedictory Address</i> Amber Freeman</p> <p><i>Speaker</i> Patricia Ballew</p>	<p><i>Maria Anita Arellano</i></p> <p><i>Lane Wheeler Arledge</i></p> <p><i>Stephanie Renee Balderas</i></p> <p><i>Linda Barrera</i></p> <p><i>Robert Noah Barrett</i></p> <p><i>Curtis Daniel Bell</i></p> <p><i>Beaugan Adam Blair</i></p> <p><i>Clifton Daniel Booger</i></p> <p><i>Bohannon</i></p> <p><i>Latisha Kae Michelle</i></p> <p><i>Bohannon</i></p> <p><i>Beau E. Boxell</i></p> <p><i>Garrett Ray Brown</i></p> <p><i>Tiffany Anne Copeland</i></p> <p><i>DeShira Lynn Dickey</i></p> <p><i>Justin Lee Fluhmann</i></p>
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SENIOR SLIDE SHOW

<p><i>Presentation of Class</i> Lindsey Wallace</p> <p><i>Awarding of Diplomas</i></p> <p><i>Benediction</i> DeShira Dickey</p> <p><i>Recessional</i> Pat Stephens</p>	<p><i>Amber Michelle Freeman</i></p> <p><i>Juan J. Gallegos</i></p> <p><i>Jennifer Rene Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Gina Michelle Hernandez</i></p> <p><i>Fernando Ray Landeros</i></p> <p><i>Kelly Ann Lockstedt</i></p> <p><i>Matthew Waide Messer</i></p> <p><i>Erin Elizabeth Millican</i></p> <p><i>Favian A. Minjarez</i></p> <p><i>Zekiel Allen Montgomery</i></p> <p><i>Chase Bryant Rainwater</i></p> <p><i>Lewis Samaniego</i></p> <p><i>Dixie Dianne Simpson</i></p> <p><i>Matthew W. Tinkler</i></p> <p><i>Cassandra Dee Van Huss</i></p>
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MOTTO

*We've walked so far together,
We've grown so very close -
But yesterday became today and we are on
the verge of tomorrow,
Where we must go alone to find the dreams we all
dreamed of - together.*

Ushers

<p><i>Jamie Chesshir</i></p> <p><i>Shanna Wojtek</i></p>	<p><i>Charles Abalos</i></p> <p><i>Taylor Clendennen</i></p>
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only have flowers outside, but enough so that some branches can be cut and brought indoors for a floral show. Mock orange, (also known as philadelphus) is easily grown, producing masses of fragrant, white blossoms. It is capable of reaching 7 or 8 feet in height.

If the leaves on your crepe myrtles develop a soot - like covering on them, it usually means they are growing in an overly shady spot. Most crepe myrtles growing in full sun rarely develop a fungal disease, but those in the shade are often beset by them.

Do not worry if you see galls on the leaves or twigs of your trees. These ball - like structures are created by insects, but do little long - term dam-

age to the trees they are formed on. If they really bother you, they can be picked off by hand, but most galls are nothing to spend time on.

If scale insects show up this time of year on your woody plants, avoid spraying them with dormant oil, as this may damage the plants. Instead, apply the lighter weight horticultural oil, reading all label directions before use. Depending on the concentration of scale insects, you may need to re-treat your plants to eliminate these pests.

Lawns

Preventing problems, rather than trying to fix them after they appear is really the key to a good - looking lawn. Keeping your lawn healthy and thick will help it to choke out weeds and resist insects and diseases. If you did not feed your grass with a balanced fertilizer in April, now is the

time to do so. Be sure to follow all label directions, as too much fertilizer can burn, rather than green - up your grass. This is also the time to establish a good watering pattern for your lawn. Deep, less frequent watering will encourage your lawn to send roots deeper into the ground, increasing their drought and heat tolerance.

When weeds appear in your lawn, dig them out by hand as soon as you see them. If they get too far ahead of you and you must spray them, try using Image if you have a Bermuda or St. Augustine lawn. This weed control product does not get rid of the weeds overnight, but it is very effective and easily ap-

plied with a pump - up sprayer. Completely read and follow all label directions prior to spraying.

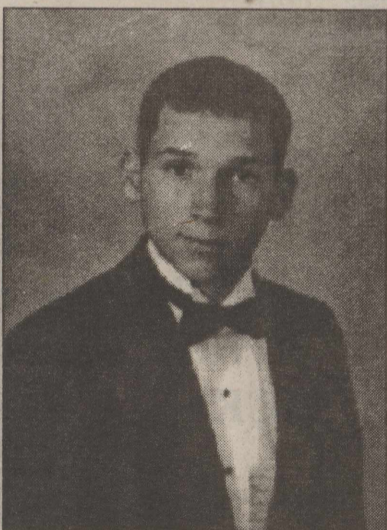
Let your grass clippings fall back on your lawn as you mow, rather than bagging them and throwing them away. By letting them fall back onto your lawn, your clippings will actually help your lawn, rather than hurt it. Just be sure to cut your lawn on a regular basis so the clippings are not so large that they remain in piles all over your lawn. If these piles do appear, simply run back over them a second time with your mower so they are chopped up into smaller pieces, allowing them to sift through the grass towards the soil.

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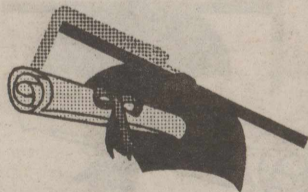
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Beta Club 2,3,4; Beta Club Officer 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Football 1,3; Homecoming King 4; Most Likely to Succeed 4; FFA 1; All District Honorable Mention Point Guard 3; Spanish Club 2,3,4; PALS 4; FCA 3; Letterman 2; Spanish Club Officer 3,4.

I have attended Robert Lee ISD for the past nine years and have achieved "Highest Ranking Boy" with a 92.89 GPA. I will be attending Angelo State University in the fall where I am still undecided on a major.

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We Love You, Erin!

**WILBERN & CHARLOTTE
MILLICAN**

Robert Lee Junior High School Commencement

Thursday, May 24, 2001
8 pm • Auditorium

Processional	Gayle Bolding
Invocation	Brittany Soliz
Salutatory	Jake McCabe
Valedictory	Lindsey Roe
Presentation of Class.....	Lindsey Wallace
Presentation of Diplomas	
Benediction	Shelby Sailer
Recessional	Gayle Bolding

MOTTO

*The key to happiness is having dreams -
the key to success is making them come true.*

Eighth Grade Class of 2001

Wade Brooks Arledge	Andrew Wayne Mulkey
Cody Scott Bridges	Yolanda Olguin Rodriguez
Robert Allen Briones	Clarissa Dawn Peel
Veronica Celia Cerritos	Robert Lee Raney
Mark Anthony Colon	Julie Rebecca Riley
Stacey Lea Denton	Lindsey Nicole Roe
Kayli Jo Dickey	Shelby Paul Sailer
Bridgett Jean Kellett	Michele Garcia Sanchez
Rebecca Lynn Lockstedt	Omar Saucedo
Mark Anthony Martinez	Brittany Diane Soliz
Jake Truitt McCabe	Ruben Casey Torres
Cisco Ray Moreno	Ashley Don Womack

Sponsors Clint Askins, Vicki Neace, Debra Teters
Class Colors Baby Blue & Silver
Class Flower Daisy

Ushers: Josh Conner Cara Eaton
Lance Millican Kyla Millican

National bicycle month

As the weather turns warm and the days grow longer, there is more of an attraction to outside activities. And bicycle riding is a favorite of many.

In recognition of National Bicycle Month in May, the Texas Coalition of Vehicle Choice (TX-CVC) is urging everyone to remember a few easy tips to help riders of all ages ride safe this season.

*Always remember to wear your helmet (it's the law in some states) - and you never know when your thrill could turn into a spill.

*Ride so that cars can see you and you can see them. This is made easier by wearing reflective clothing and using reflectors on your bike.

*Follow the rules of the road. Bicyclists are required by law to abide by the same rules that cars follow. Ride with traffic, stop at all stop signs, signal when turning, and always travel single file.

*Where possible, use the bike path rather than public streets.

*Never wear headphones while riding - they impair your ability to hear traffic and those around you.


*Watch for obstacles in your path - especially in wet weather when roads become slick and unpredictable.

Drivers too need to be alert for bicyclists around them - especially youngsters who may be inexperienced riders. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 70 percent of car - bicycle crashes occur at driveways or intersections.

"With the number of people outside during warmer months, and the carefree attitude that summer activities encourage, it is that much more important to be alert to those around you," TX-CVC Coordinator Toni Barcellona said. "Be especially vigilant around younger children who are not as familiar with the rules of the road."

By following these simple tips, your ride will be safer - and more fun.

Just From Jan



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

message is clear. It's important to buckle up on every trip, not just for a week, but all year long. In Texas in 1995, 2,186 front seat occupants lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes. Of that number, 1,183 were unrestrained. In that same year, about 54% of the 16-20 year-olds that died in crashes were not wearing safety belts. If these young people had buckled up, 164 people might still be alive today.

Buckling up not only saves lives, but also helps prevent serious injuries, many of which can cause permanent disability. In 1995, 266,859 persons across the U.S. were injured because they were not buckled up.

The holdouts use arguments like, "I'm a good driver. Why should I buckle up?" The fact is, many other drivers

aren't careful. And a blown tire, failed brakes or poor road conditions can cause even "good" drivers to have a crash. Why take a chance when it only takes a couple of seconds to protect against the unexpected?

Remember, when you are driving, you are in command. Don't let your friends or family get away with excuses like, "I don't need to buckle up around town." It's the short trips, at low speeds, that lead to the greatest number of crashes. About 75 percent of all crashes occur within 25 miles of home. Forty percent of fatal crashes occur on roads with posted speed limits of 45 miles per hour or less. Even a panic stop can seriously injure unbelted passengers.

Some people say, "I'm afraid of being trapped by the belt. I'd rather be thrown clear." Contrary to what is shown on television, less than one-half of one percent of injury-producing crashes involve fire or

submersion where entrapment could be a factor. Safety belts keep you conscious, uninjured, and in place, which is especially important if your vehicle has an air bag. The belt keeps you in place so the air bag can do its best job of protecting you from harm.

If you have an air bag, why buckle up? Air bags offer only supplemental protection in frontal crashes. This means if you are involved in a side, rear, roll-over, or any other non-frontal collision, the air bag will not inflate. The safety belt is your primary means of protection.

Graduation is a special milestone, one filled with adventure and promise. Don't let yourself or someone close to you forget to buckle up. It could cost more than you think.

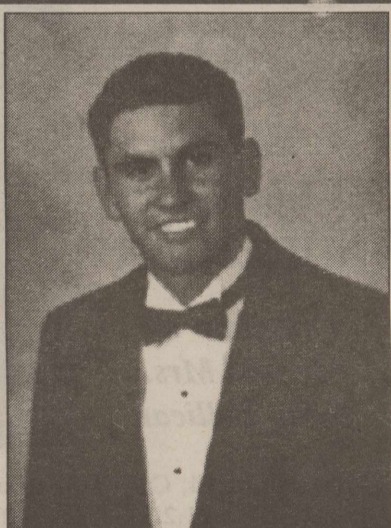
Buckle up America
This is a special message to graduating seniors, their families, and friends. With graduation just around the corner, the best way for you to make sure your celebration and future are happy ones is to buckle up on every trip.
The "Buckle Up America"

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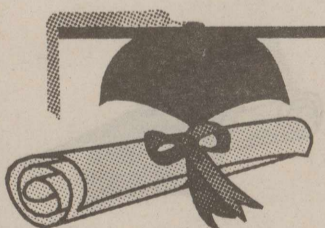
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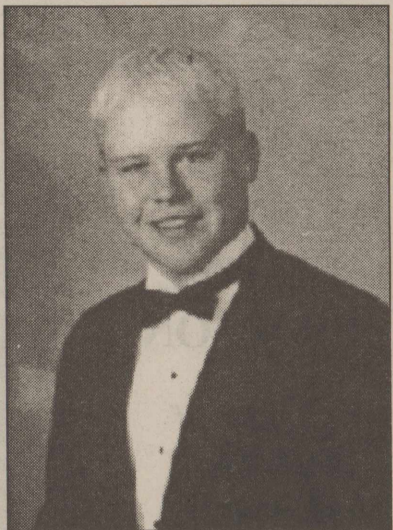


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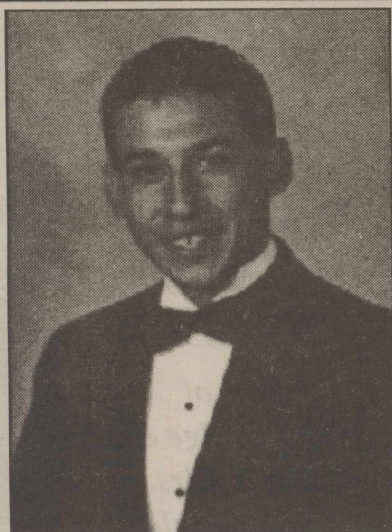
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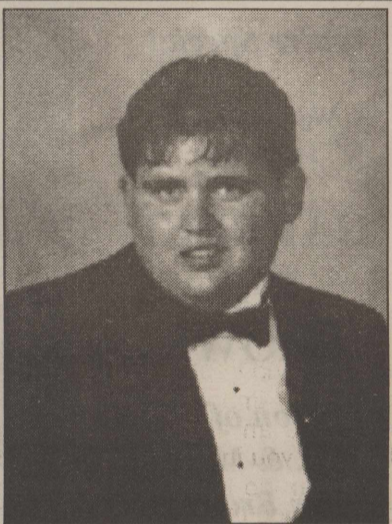
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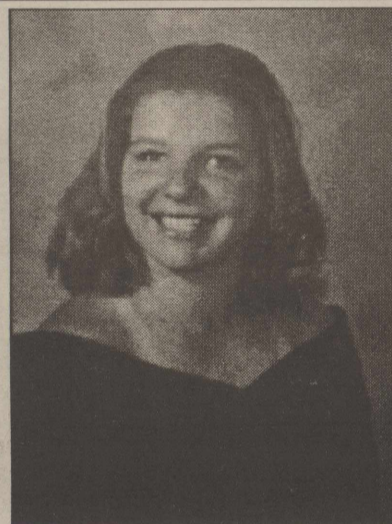
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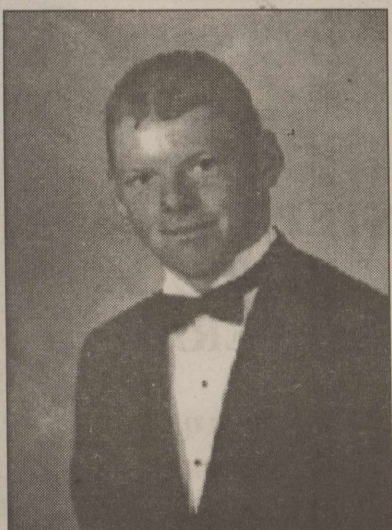
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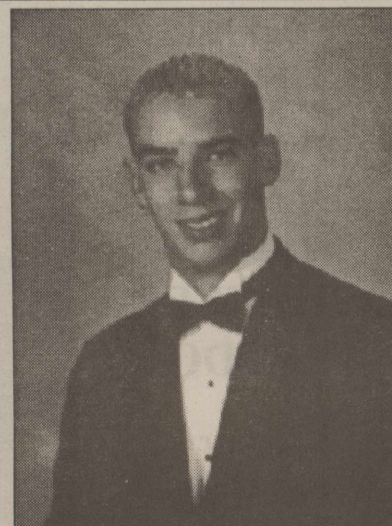
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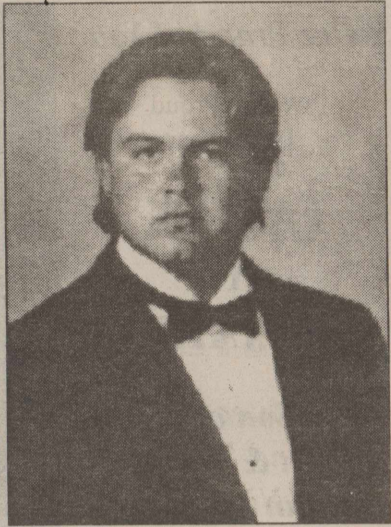


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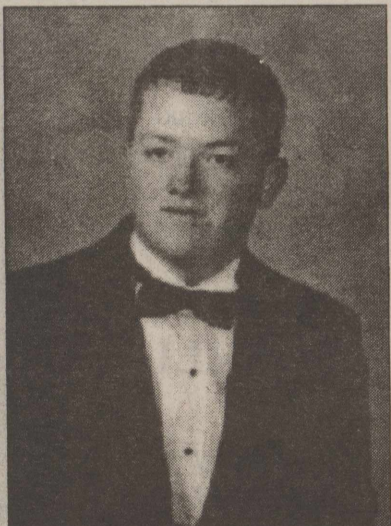
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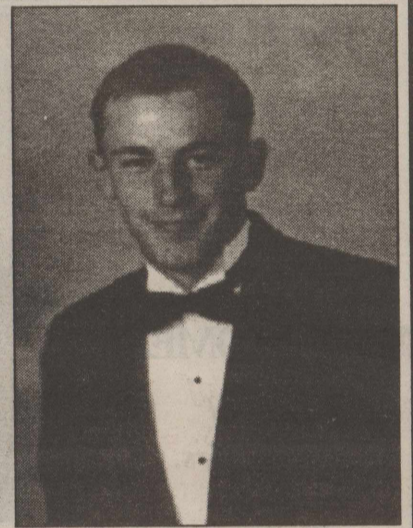
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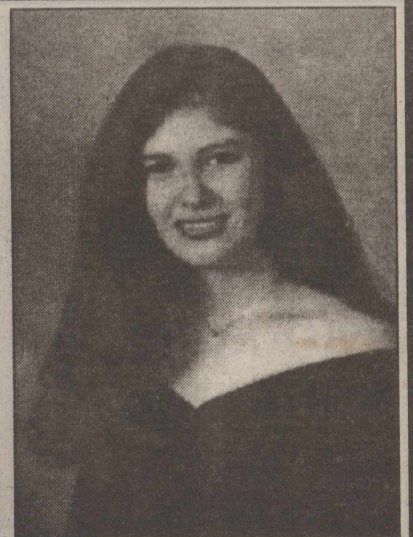
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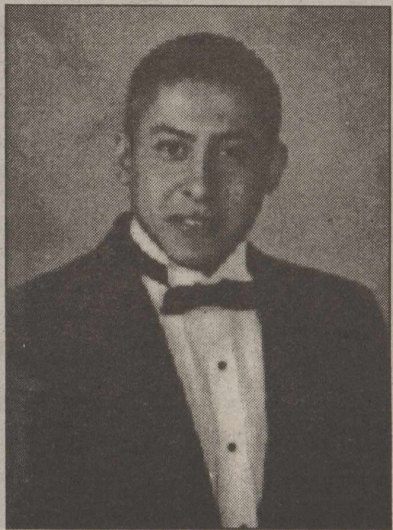
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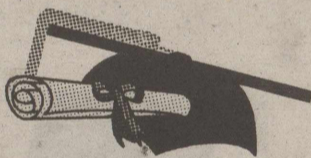
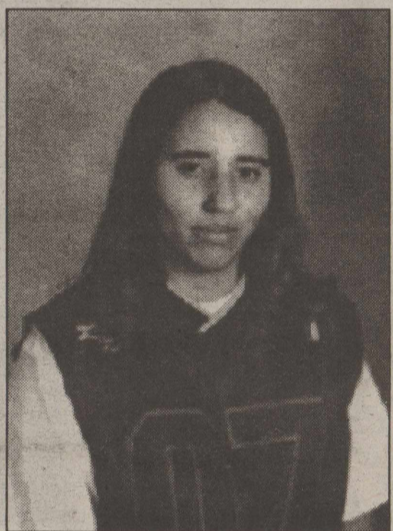
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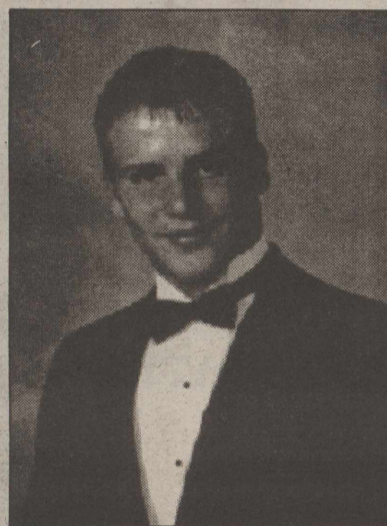
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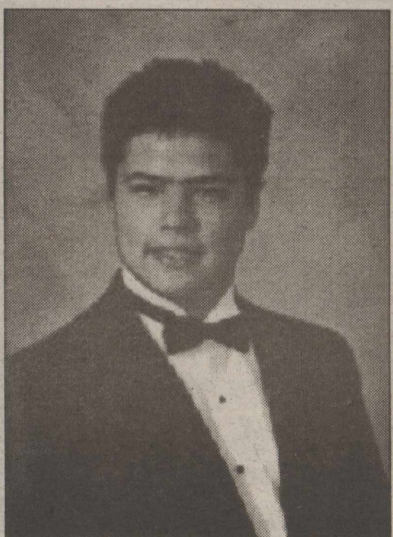
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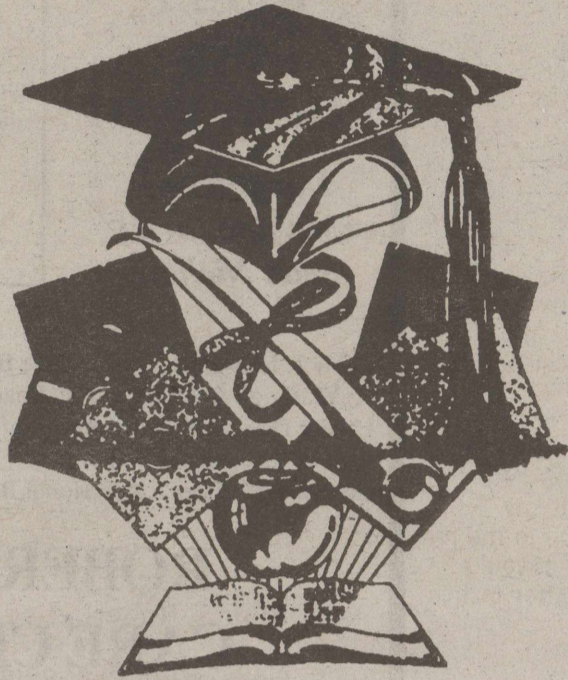


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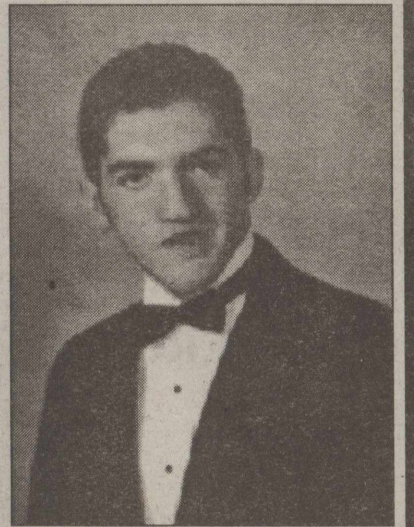


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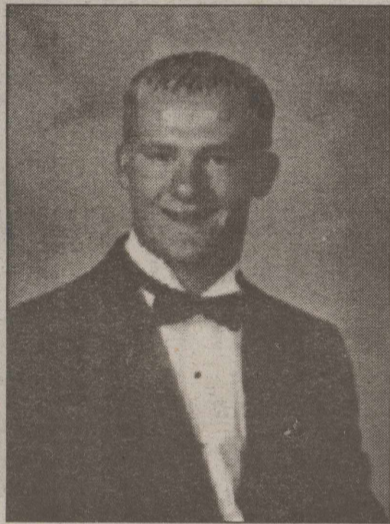
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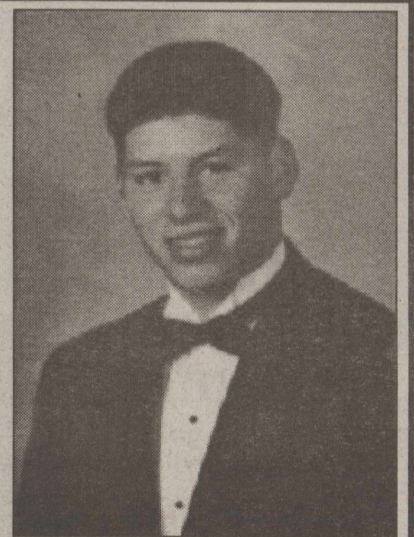
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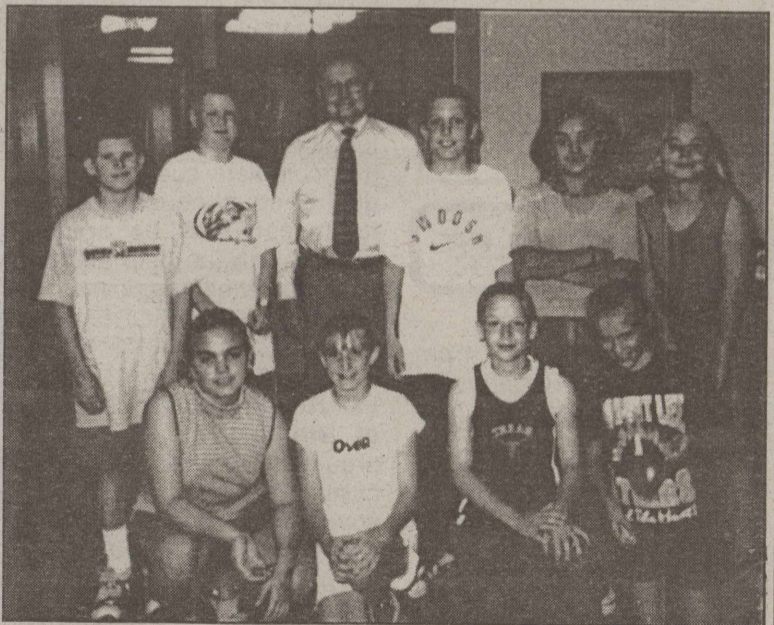
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On May 3, Bill Allen, Robert Lee State Bank President, presented the Robert Lee Elementary Kindergarten and 1st grade class with two gold \$1 coins as a show of support for the students who participated in the Accelerated Readers program.



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Bill Allen, Robert Lee State Bank President, presented the Robert Lee Elementary 5th grade class with two gold \$1 coins as a show of support for the students who participated in the Accelerated Readers program.

Letter to the Editor

2701 South 40
Abilene, TX 79605

Dear Editor;

On Wednesday, May 9, 2001, I traveled from Abilene to Sterling City, going through Bronte, Robert Lee, and Edith enroute there. I visited with three of my cousins, Clinton Hodges, Freda Mae Brooks, and Leora Barrett. On the way back, I stopped and copied the marker dealing with Edith, Texas.

I married Edith Dusek on December 17, 1945, at Lowake, Texas, and she died here in Abilene on April 3, 2001. I coached at Water Valley from 1946 to 1950. We moved here in 1962.

You may or may not want to publish anything about my first trip from Robert Lee to Sterling City. But my Edith has meant so much to me for over 55 years that it would be nice to remember her in this way.

Sincerely,
Elvin Mathis

How to help a relationship

Although people in a romantic relationship typically seek to understand the truth about each other's thoughts and feelings, there are occasions when the truth can carry a very big price, says Jeff Simpson, a Texas A&M University psychologist.

Knowing when to pay this price and when to avoid paying it can make or break a relationship, adds Simpson, who studies interpersonal attraction and social interaction.

Through his work with couples and "empathic accuracy" - how well partners read each other's thoughts and feelings - Simpson has found successful couples choose when to accurately infer each other's thoughts.

"For a long time, there has been an assumption that the more a person is in tune with their partner's thoughts and feelings, the better off that relationship will be," he says. "What we've found is that there are certain contexts in which this assumption is untrue."

Simpson describes these contexts as "relationship danger zones" - specific areas that have the potential to be disruptive to the relationship by revealing thoughts and



Bill Allen, Robert Lee State Bank President, presents Mrs. Duncan's Robert Lee Elementary 2nd grade class with two gold \$1 coins as a show of support for the students who participated in the Accelerated Readers program.



Bill Allen, Robert Lee State Bank President, presents Mrs. Horn's Robert Lee Elementary 2nd grade class with two gold \$1 coins as a show of support for the students who participated in the Accelerated Readers program.

feelings harbored by a person's partner the person may find troubling.

He adds that most relationships have at least one or two of these specific topics. The potentially distressing infor-

mation categorized as the danger zone is typically information related to the past that does not directly apply to the relationship, and there can't be anything done about it, Simpson notes.

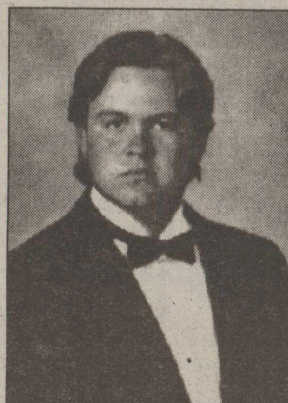
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Helen Mathers
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ORDINANCE #336
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #177 BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN INTERSECTION AT WHICH STOP SIGNS WILL BE PLACED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRONTE, TEXAS, that Section 8, Schedule I of Ordinance #177 is amended by adding thereto the following intersection:

North Jefferson at West Jackson

Facing North and South
PASSED AND APPROVED
THIS 10th DAY OF MAY,
2001.

APPROVED: Martin Lee
Mayor

ATTEST: Pat Martindale
City Secretary
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WHEREAS Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS The anniversary of this National Fair Housing Law, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Bronte, do proclaim May as Fair Housing Month in the City of Bronte, and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

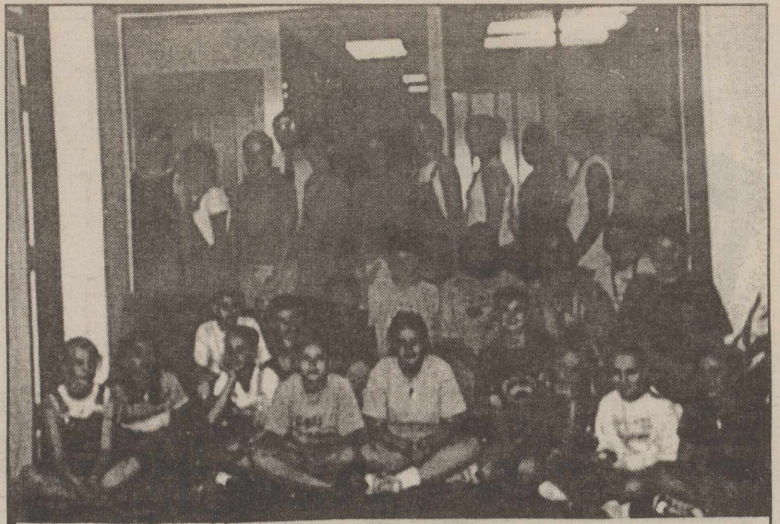
IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have affixed our signatures and seal on this the 10th day of May, 2001.

Martin Lee
Mayor, City of Bronte

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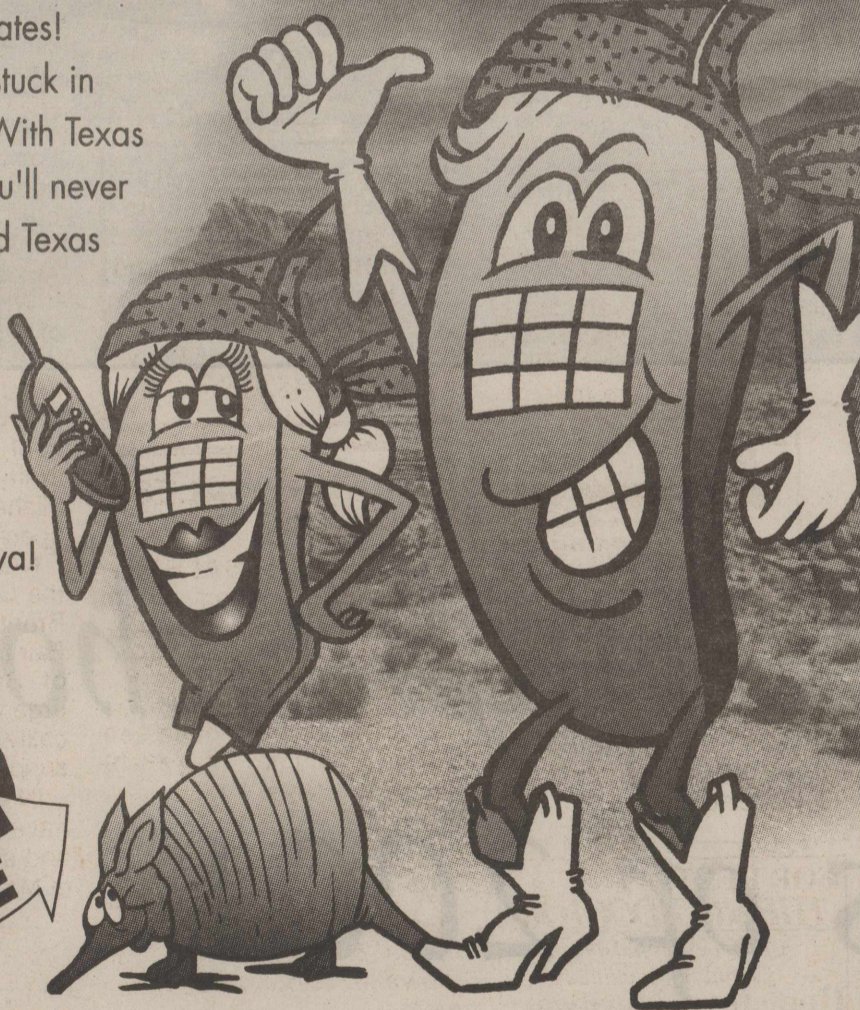
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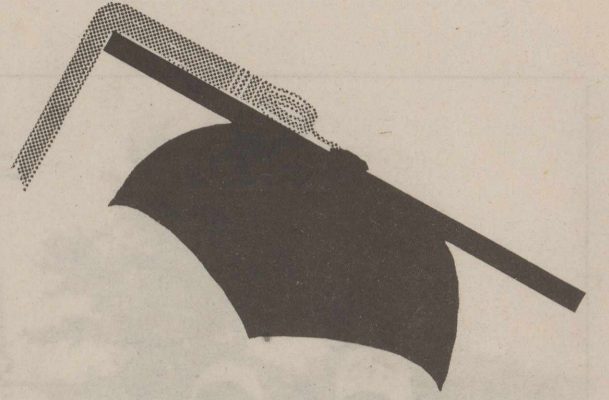
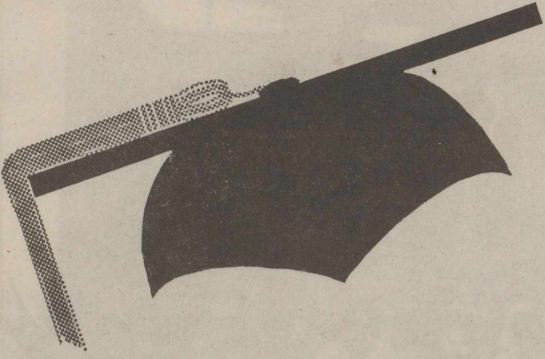
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1997 Grand Marquis LS <i>White/Tan Leather</i>	\$13,495
2000 Grand Marquis LS <i>Light Blue/Gray Leather • 15,000 Miles</i>	\$17,995
1995 Buick Riviera <i>Red/Red Leather • 42,000 Miles</i>	\$12,995
2000 Windstar LX <i>Program Car • Green • 16,000 Miles</i>	\$17,995
2000 Mustang <i>15,000 Miles</i>	\$14,995
1995 Town Car Signature Edition <i>White/Red Leather</i>	\$11,995
1997 Ford F-150 Supercab <i>Teal • V8 • Automatic</i>	\$11,995

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