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Fort Chadbourne Day festival slated this Saturday in Bronte

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is planning a day full of fun for all ages. Various activities have been planned throughout the day at the Bronte Park.

The activities will begin with the Fort Chadbourne Days Fun Run. There will be a kids 1/2 mile run followed by a 5k run. Registration will begin at 7:30am until 8:00am at the Bronte Track Field. The races will begin on Brunson Street. The races will begin immediately following registration. Kids will run for free with awards given to all participants. The entry fee for the 5k will be \$6. T-shirts will be given to all paid participants. Awards will be given to the overall male and female finishers in the 5k, and to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd male and female finishers in the following categories: 0-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40 and up. For more information or to pre-register contact Gloria Allen at 473-3038.

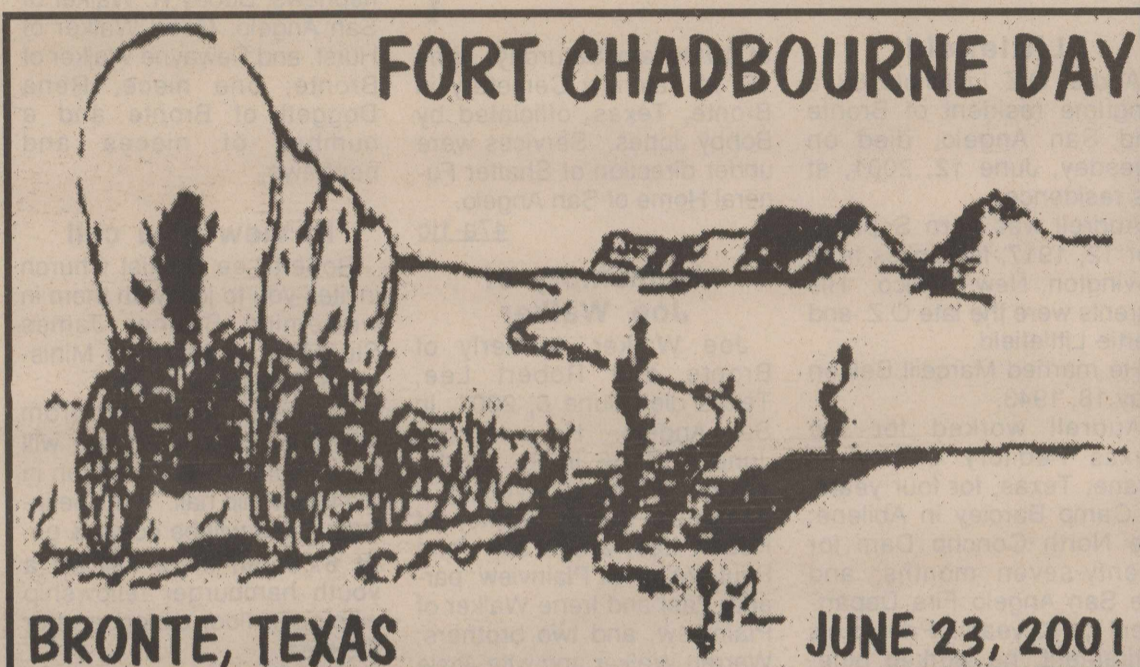
Food and activity booths are expected and will be set up around the pavilion. There will also be a children's area which will include activities for the

children to enjoy. Booth space is still available and is open to any individual or group. Booths will open at 11:30am. For more information contact Susan Graves at 473-7521.

There will be a parade which will begin at 10:30am. Participants will begin lining up at 10:00am at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Deadline to enter is June 19, 2001. For more information contact Gloria Allen at 473-3038.

If you have what it takes to be a "Survivor", then you need to enter the Survival Tournament. The lone survivor will walk away with a special prize. For more information contact Brian Arrott at (915) 365-4553.

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is selling tickets for a chance to win a 43 inch RCA television and a chance at four \$25 cash drawings. The tickets are \$10 each and only 200 will be sold. The television can be seen at the First National Bank in Bronte. Tickets can be purchased at the Bronte Bank, Shalon's, Hometown Hardware, Main



Street Market or by contacting the following chamber members: Gloria Allen at 473-3038, Susan Graves at 473-7521 or Brian Arrott at 365-4553. The drawing will be held at the pavilion at 2:00pm on June 23. You don't have to be present to win.

Tours to Fort Chadbourne will be at 2:30pm and 4:00pm. Buses will depart from the Bronte Pavilion and return about 90 minutes later. Tour guide at Fort Chadbourne will be Cory Robinson.

The Fort Chadbourne Relics will be available for viewing at the pavilion from 11:30am to 3:00pm.

The Coke County Roping Club will be sponsoring a ranch rodeo. The rodeo is scheduled to begin at 6:00pm at the Bronte Roping Arena. The rodeo is open to the first twelve teams. The Lions Club will be selling bar-b-que. There will be no admission fee. The roping club invites everyone to come out and enjoy the evening. For more information contact Roger Graves at 473-6901.

The day's activities will conclude with a dance at the pavilion from 9:00pm - 12:00am. For more information contact Brian Arrott at 365-4553.

The Bronte Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to bring a lawn chair and plan to enjoy the day!

Fellowship in the park

On June 30, there will be Fellowship in the park which is a time for Christians and their friends to enjoy a good meal and togetherness. This fellowship has been arranged by Wayne and Patsy Cason and their helpers. R.S.V.P. 453-2256.

Correction to last week's Observer

The City of Robert Lee, in an effort to help conserve water through the summer months, is asking for your cooperation in water conservation.

During the dates June 15 through September 30, please refrain from all outdoor watering from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm daily.

First Baptist Church of Bronte to hold VBS

First Baptist Church of Bronte at 424 S. Washington will hold its annual Vacation Bible School, June 24 - June 28 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm each evening. The week will be filled with exciting Bible stories, crafts, fun music, refreshments and recreation for all Truth Trackers. The expedition is open to all children beginning with those 4 years old through those who have just completed the 6th grade.

Vacation Bible School will conclude Thursday night with a Family Fun Night. At this time, all parents and friends are invited to come see what the children have learned and join them for some fun games and refreshments.

This week of fun and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, call 473-2331 or 473-5661.

Robert Lee UMC to hold VBS

Robert Lee United Methodist Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School Tuesday, June 26 through Friday, June 29. Each day's activities will begin at 9:00 am and last until 11:30 am. This year's theme is "Way To Go, Good Neighbor Tours." All ages from Preschool through teenagers are invited. Registration will be on Monday, June 25 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon at the fellowship hall of the church, on the corner of 9th and Chadbourne Streets in Robert Lee.



Nature Tourism was the topic of discussion at a community meeting at Robert Lee City Hall Tuesday, June 19. Shown discussing a birding brochure are (from left) local committee member Melanie Lacy, Judy Fort of the Texas Department of Agriculture, Coke County Librarian Beth Prather and Mike Krueger, a biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

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Obituaries

Littlefield

Audrell O.Z. Littlefield, 83, a longtime resident of Bronte and San Angelo, died on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, at his residence.

Audrell was born September 12, 1917, fifty miles from Lovington, New Mexico. His parents were the late O.Z. and Bertie Littlefield.

He married Marceill Bell on May 18, 1943.

Audrell worked for the Texas Peditory Control in Crane, Texas, for four years; at Camp Barclay in Abilene; the North Concho Dam for twenty-seven months; and the San Angelo Fire Department for 23 years. Prior to his retirement, he worked nineteen years for Wilbourn Anderson. He bought the family farm in Bronte, where he raised cattle.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Marceill on August 3, 1987; two sons; Willard Wayne "Spunky" Littlefield and Robert Randall Littlefield; a sister, Violet Self; and a brother, Elgin Littlefield.

Audrell is survived by four children, Zoe E. Marshall and husband Ken of Florida, Audrell Monroe "Jr." Littlefield and wife, Carolyn of San Angelo; Violet "Jeannie" Littlefield of San Angelo; and DeLores "Dee" Ferguson and husband, David of Ballinger.

He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, Sharon Zertucha, Connie McCulla, Theresa Abers, Dorothy Willis, Rosa Sims, Johnny Reid, Zoe Anna Parker, Ranae Mantz, Lynn Richeler, Audrey Kaffman, Tina Lange, Butch Ferguson, Lisa New, Michael Ferguson, Trina Donaldson, Marsha Jones, Lee Littlefield, Monroe Littlefield, Tammy Littlefield, Shawn Littlefield and Becky Littlefield; one sister Peggy Phillips; and numerous great grandchildren; and numerous great great grandchildren; and special friends, Opal Hoffman and Margie Searcy.

Graveside service was held

at 10:00 am Saturday, June 16, at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte, Texas, officiated by Bobby Jones. Services were under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of San Angelo.

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**In memory of
Joe Walker**

Joe Walker, formerly of Bronte and Robert Lee, Texas died June 6, 2001, in San Angelo. He was born June 4, 1956 in Ft. Worth, Texas. He is survived by a daughter, Sarah Walker of Robert Lee, and a son John Paul Walker of Plainview; parents Paul and Irene Walker of Plainview, and two brothers; Warren Walker and wife Josie of Plainview, Lloyd Walker and wife Audrey of San Angelo, Texas. Three nieces; LeAnn Walker of Arlington, Callie Mead of Bronte, and Melissa Walker of San Angelo.

Joe graduated from Plainview High School in 1974 and joined the Army in 1975.

In 1978, he returned to Plainview where he lived and worked for many years. He was actively involved in the Jaycees and eventually served them as president. He worked at Tommy Lewis Industries where he helped mentally retarded patients gain meaningful employment. In 1991, he graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a bachelor's degree and then he moved to Bronte soon afterwards. In Bronte he helped with the E.M.S. while he worked at Wackenhut Correctional facility as a counselor. While he lived in Robert Lee, he volunteered to help the E.M.S. and served on the board for the West Coke County Hospital.

For those who thought kindly of Joe, we thank you. For those who spoke a kind word to Joe, we thank you. For those who sent flowers, or a card of sympathy, or brought food, we thank you. We pray that one day we might be able to return the same kindness.

**...Obituaries
(continued)**

We loved Joe and we will miss him.

Lloyd Walker
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**Death
Notices**

Culpepper

Lydia Keeney Culpepper, 92, of Bronte, died Saturday, June 16, 2001, at a local care center. Services were held at 10:00 am Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at Central Baptist Church. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include three nephews, Buddy R. Walker of San Angelo, Gene Walker of Hurst, and Dwayne Walker of Bronte; one niece, Rena Doggett of Bronte and a number of nieces and nephews.

In view of a call

Robert Lee Baptist Church invites you to join with them in welcoming Brother James Sturgeon as their new Minister of Music and Youth.

Saturday, the 23rd from 10:30 to 11:30 am there will be a church wide reception in the fellowship hall. It will be informal and will be come & go. At 6:00 pm there will be a youth hamburger fellowship with open floor dialogue after the meal.

On Sunday, the 24th, at 9:45 am, Brother Sturgeon will lead the Youth Sunday School followed by the Worship service in music ministry.

Brother James is 28 years old, married 4 years to Terri and has 3 children. He comes with experience in both youth and music ministry, having served in several Baptist churches. He is currently serving as a security officer at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Hill to open for
local band**

Macy Hill, local Robert Lee resident, will be the opening act of the Christian group "Mercy Me" on Sunday, July 1, at the Snyder Coliseum in Snyder, Texas. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm. You may purchase tickets at the door or by calling 453-4630.

**Summer Rec
Team to visit RL**

The 2001 Summer Recreation Team of the First Baptist Church of Midland will be offering a free day camp June 24 - July 1, 2001. The camp is held from 9 am - 12 noon at the Coke County Park in Robert Lee. Youth Activities include a Pizza Pigout on June 24 and an Overflow on June 27, both at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Worship services are slated for 7 pm June 24 and 11 am on July 1 at Robert Lee Baptist Church.

**Coke County Food
Pantry News**

The Coke County food pantry, Casa De Hope, continues to need the support of residents of both Bronte and Robert Lee, according to Rev. Jim Reeves, Ministerial Alliance Chair. In the four weeks of May, the pantry served 226 adults and 62 children under the age of 12, with 159 sacks of food distributed. With school being out, the pantry is feeling a greater demand. The pantry, which is open from 3:00 to 5:30 each Thursday, is also now affiliated with the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank, which broadens the availability of food items. Donations of non-perishable food items continue to be appreciated, as well as monetary donations, which can be made to the Food Pantry Fund at Robert Lee State Bank.

**Tax Reform course
to be held**

Jim Woodruff, the local Edward Jones investment representative, will host a course titled "Tax Reform 2001", at 1:00 pm Thursday, June 28th, at his office on 719 Strong Avenue in Ballinger. This program, broadcast via Edward Jones' satellite system, will be produced by the firm's Professional Education Network exclusively for the area CPAs and attorneys. "This program will review the new tax plan recently passed by Congress," says Woodruff. Course topics include; marginal gift taxes; education incentives; pension reform; and much more. This program is eligible for three CPE hours for CPAs and accountants. Although this program is not approved for CLE credit for attorneys, legal

professionals will still gain valuable information that can be applied to their practices and shared with their clients. The enrollment fee is \$50, which includes admission for one person and all course materials. Reservations are required. For more information or to register for this program, please contact Woodruff's office at 365-2505.

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**Smith joins Army
under Delayed
Entry Program**

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

Smith will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training.

She is the daughter of Dennis and Barbara Smith of Robert Lee.

*Churches of
Robert Lee*

Invite You to Worship

Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
(915) 453-2360

Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2417

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

Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
(915) 453-2619 or 453-2270
Tommy Williams, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 6 pm;
Wed. 7 pm

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

Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

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

Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(915) 453-2724

Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**Our Lady of Guadalupe
Catholic Church**
601 W. 10th
(915) 365-2687

Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • Robert Lee
(915) 453-2208

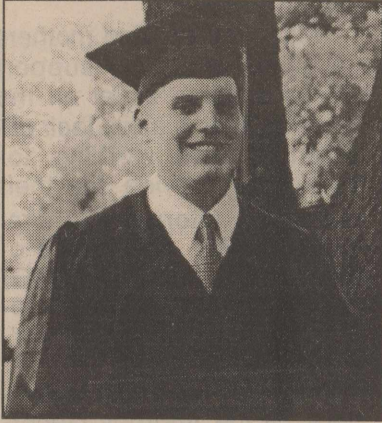
Rev. Erma Johnson, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Books available at Main Street Market.



Keith Alan Treadaway, son of Linda Farrington of Bronte and Stephen Treadaway of San Angelo, graduated from Southwest Texas State University May 12, 2001. He majored in Finance with an emphasis in Financial Planning. Keith's grandparents are Floyd and Shirley Farrington of Bronte and Short and Ruth Treadaway of Miles.

Turn Around Downtown

Texas Midwest Community Network executive director Nicki Harle met with several business owners and interested citizens on Thursday, June 14, 2001, in Robert Lee City Hall.

The meeting was prompted by the recent economic development survey, the report from Troy Williamson of UTPB, and a group of interest citizens.

Ideas emerging from the discussion and prioritized by a numbering system included (1) signage to draw traffic off highways to business district, (2) downtown cleanup for welcoming atmosphere, (3) storefront "look" designed for continuity in appearance, (4) owner cooperation, (5) clean up alleys, (6) plant trees and flowers, (7) recruit diversified businesses downtown, (8) fill vacant buildings, (9) attractive trash receptacles, (10) downtown festivities.

The deterioration of the downtown area affects the property value of all of Robert Lee. By keeping this area attractive and active, everyone will benefit. Home buyers look at issues beyond their own lot. Deterioration of any public place-downtown, parks, town entrances will discourage visitors and potential property buyers. Market value will go down accordingly.

Anyone interested in becoming active in the Turn Around Downtown Association should call City Hall at 453-2831 to be notified of the next meeting.

Check out the Bronte website

Bronte now has a website online. The address is www.brontetxs.com.

"...Thank you for caring so much and not treating us like paperwork, but like people."



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RLISD adds two to board

Two new members have been added to the Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees. At its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 14, Mark Riley and Jim Gray were sworn in as new members. Mr. Riley had been appointed at the May board meeting and Mr. Gray's appointment was approved just prior to his swearing in. Mr. Gray's appointment filled the position left vacant when the board accepted the

Local student makes dean's list

Tracy Millican made the Dean's List at Texas Tech University in Lubbock for the Spring semester with a 3.7 grade point average. In order to make the list, a full time student must maintain a 3.4 grade point average. Tracy will be student teaching in the Lubbock area during the fall semester.

Her parents are Wibby & Kelly Millican of Robert Lee. Grandparents are Wilbern and Charlotte Millican of Robert Lee.

Track and recreation camp

Fourth grade through high school boys, girls, and parents, the third annual track and recreation camp will be held this summer at Bobcat Stadium during the week of July 16-20 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. This will be the most exciting year yet. Besides learning about different track events such as high jumping and running relays each day will be filled with different obstacle course and prizes. Water balloon competitions and daily prize drawings will conclude each day with a track and recreational meet being held on Friday. Sign up early because space is limited. For entry fee or more information, contact Michael Bohensky in San Angelo at (915) 482-9307.

resignation of C.V. Eaton. Rev. Jim Reeves, who also was appointed at the May meeting, conveyed his regrets to the board and declined the appointment. He stated that he wished to be involved with school and community affairs but feared that there might be conflicts with his ministerial duties. After the two appointments made Thursday, one vacant position remains to be filled.

In other business, the board approved a recommendation of the Elementary Site-Based Decision Making Committee to fill an elementary teaching position vacated when third grade teacher Kathy McCown transferred to the high school to teach business computer applications. The position will be filled at a later meeting when the administration will bring a specific hiring recommendation. Trustees also approved the recommendation to hire Kelly Beuschel as science teacher/yearbook advisor. Mrs. Beuschel has recently married and is moving to the area from Alabama.

Board members also accepted the bid by Robert Lee State Bank to serve as depository for district funds for the next two years. Jerry Horn, district technology coordinator, reported on the district's network user safety policy.

Supt. Weldon Koepf reported the districts spring TAAS test scores were excellent and should qualify the district for an Exemplary rating again this year. The official ratings will not be released by the Texas Education Agency until mid-August. Mr. Koepf also reported on new enactments from the recently ended legislative session. He also reported on recent communications from the TEA that approved the district's 1999-2000 Financial Audit and the District's administrative cost ratio.

Before adjournment the next regular board meeting was set for July 26.

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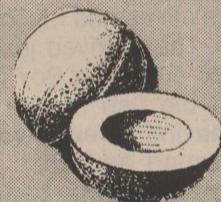
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Ripe

Cantaloupe
Each .99



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\$4.99



Selected Varieties

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

With Jim Woodruff of EdwardJones

Take Advantage of Tax Advantages

You may be aware that if you filed a 2000 tax return this past April, the federal government late this summer will send you a tax rebate check equivalent to 5 percent of your 2000 taxable income, up to \$300 for an individual and \$600 for a couple filing jointly.

But these rebate checks are just the beginning. The Tax Relief Act of 2001 includes provisions that could impact your financial security, from college savings to retirement planning.

The act provides many tax benefits to individuals, including:

- education savings incentives
- tax rate reductions
- increased IRA contribution limits
- increased contribution limits on 401(k)s and other employer-sponsored retirement plans
- increased child tax credit
- marriage penalty relief
- reduced estate tax rates

Retirement Planning

For the first time since 1981, the contribution limit to an individual retirement account (IRA) is changing.

Personal

Sid and Ginger Eubanks from Natchitoches, Louisiana, recently visited their parents, Sid and Johnnie Eubanks and Helen Murtishaw and other relatives and friends.

They arrived just in time to go out to the Box L Ranch for a big fish fry the gang was having. Dewey was the fisherman and chef. Everyone brought red beans, potato salad, cantaloupe, deviled eggs, onions, hushpuppies, ice tea and cokes. Also lemon cake and chocolate cake to go with the freezer of homemade ice cream.

Those enjoying the evening were Joy and A.J. McDaniel from San Angelo; their grandson, Matthew Plowman from Lubbock; Dale and Cindy Lockett and Stormy from Abilene; Ginger Eubanks from Natchitoches, Louisiana; Jim and Lois Dunklin from Robert Lee; Helen Murtishaw, Dewey Lockett and Joey from Bronte.

The high winds Bronte had a few days before Sid and Ginger came in had broken and left hanging a few big limbs in mesquite trees in Helen's yard. Sid and Ginger cut them out, hauled the limbs to Eubanks' place out in the country and put them in a place to help stop a wash.

Sid and Ginger had to get back home to check on their things as they were told they had 4 inches of rain while they were gone. Also it was time to get back to work on their jobs.

The largest hamburger ever made weighed in at 5,520 pounds and was barbecued at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds in Seymour, Wisconsin, in 1989.

Beginning in 2002, you can make a \$3,000 contribution (up from \$2,000) to your Roth or traditional IRA. That figure will increase incrementally until 2008, when the annual IRA contribution will be \$5,000. After 2008, IRA contributions will be adjusted in \$500 increments annually for inflation.

And if you are at least 50 years old, you may be able to make catch-up contributions to your IRA. Increasing your contributions means more security during retirement. An eligible married couple could contribute \$7,000 in 2002.

The new legislation also will increase the contribution limits on your 401(k) and other employer-sponsored retirement plans.

College Savings

Education IRAs have a new name - Coverdell education savings accounts - and a new annual contribution limit of \$2,000, up from \$500. By maximizing your annual contribution, you'll make that college savings fund grow faster.

Qualified state tuition plans or 529 plans have become very popular, and that popularity just may grow. Earnings are not taxed as they accumulate and significant amounts can be contributed. And as a result of this new legislation, earnings that were previously taxed can be withdrawn tax-free to pay for higher education expenses beginning in 2002.

Small Business Owners

Another provision in this sweeping legislation is the incentives given to small business owners looking to start company-sponsored retirement plans for their employees. Business owners with 100 or fewer employees can receive a tax credit of up to \$500 - during each of the plan's first three years - when establishing a new qualified retirement plan in 2002.

Additionally, the \$1.35 billion tax-cut bill offers an increase in the child credit, provides marriage penalty relief, eliminates the death tax by 2010, and provides for both short and long-term economic growth.

To briefly recap, this new legislation helps Americans plan better for today and tomorrow. So remember to take advantage of all the available tax incentives this new plan offers.

BISD board of trustees meet

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, June 14, 2001, 8:00 pm. All members were present.

Rick Howell, Secondary Principal, reported to the board on his Secondary Principals' Conference.

Motion was made and passed to approve the Ed Flex Waiver for 2001-2002.

Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from GM/Southwest for Stu-

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to send a special note of appreciation to some wonderful people. I had sent a letter to Joan Davis, a close friend of mine, outlining the problems concerning the lack of everyday school supplies in the local schools here in Bosnia. Joan subsequently passed this information on to Lori Martin. With both of these wonderful people working together, word spread fast. On my return to the States on leave last month, I found that they accumulated 168 kilos, approximately 369 pounds, of school supplies that had been donated from Robert Lee ISD. There were out-dated textbooks, drawing boards, chalk, markers and many other items too numerous to mention. The schoolchildren also donated notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, etc. at the end of the school year.

Joan, Lori, the Robert Lee school district and its school children have performed incredibly in donating the supplies that will be used in the small village of Vinac. They have no idea how much they will have helped numerous third and fourth grade children learn in this emerging democracy. In addition, they have, by way of giving, shown that there are people that care about their situation. Although I cannot show you the faces of these children when they received these supplies, let me assure you that their looks and tears were more eloquent than I could ever be.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the many people, especially Joan and Lori, which made all this possible. This experience has made my mission to Bosnia more gratifying. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Jeff Barnes

Advisor to International Police Task Force, United Nations Mission in Bosnia

dent Insurance for the School Year 2001-2002.

Motion was made and passed to approve Bronte ISD Breakfast in the Classroom for 2001-2002.

Motion was made and passed to approve the Engagement Letter for the 2000-2001 Audit with Burl Lowery, CPA.

Approval was given for a One-Year Interlocal Agreement for Workers' Comp Insurance with Claims Administrative Services.

Motion was made and passed to hire Kandace Arrott as an elementary classroom teacher. Motion was made and passed to hire David Bedford as teacher/coach.

The superintendent, Alan Richey, gave his report to the board which included financial updates, dates for bidding process on girl's dressing room facilities and renovations, update on school vehicles, and summer projects. The superintendent's office will be closed the week of July 4th.

Board Correspondence included board continuing training August 4 at the ESC Region XV and the School Board Convention September 21-24.

Motion was made and passed to pay the May 2001 bills.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 12, 2001, 6:30 pm for a Budget Workshop and 8:00 pm for the regular meeting.

Cornyn praises fathers for paying child support

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn recently praised the fathers of Texas for their dedication to their children including non-custodial fathers who pay child support. Ninety percent of the Office of the Attorney General's child support cases involve non-custodial fathers ordered to pay support to custodial mothers. In three percent of cases, non-custodial mothers are ordered to pay support to custodial fathers. Seven percent of the cases involve children living with another relative or in foster care with both

parents ordered to pay child support.

"Many fathers and mothers involved in child support cases deserve a pat on the back for setting aside their differences and working together to provide for their children," Attorney General Cornyn said. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) handles 1.1 million child support cases involving 1.7 million children.

In the last two years, collections by the Attorney General's Child Support Division have increased from \$757 million in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 1998 to \$1.029 billion in SFY 2000 - a 36 percent increase. The \$161 million increase from SFY 1999 to SFY 2000 is the largest dollar increase in collections in the history of the Texas program. The OAG expects to have another record setting year in SFY 2001 ending August 31.

"We want to work with non-custodial parents who want to do the right thing for their children, but might need some help. So we have developed innovative programs to help poor non-custodial parents be better providers for their children," Attorney General Cornyn said.

A non-custodial parent's failure to pay may be due to reasons other than hard-hearted neglect of a child. Many non-custodial parents are struggling to feed themselves. Sixty-two percent of non-custodial parents earn less than \$20,000 per year. Non-custodial parents wanting to support their children, but without the means to do so, are referred to employment programs run by the Texas Workforce Commission and counseling and support groups provided by the Texas Fragile Families Initiative and other community organizations. The OAG also distributes \$625,000 in federal funding annually to local government and community-based organizations providing non-custodial parents with services to increase access and visitation with their children.

Until 1796, the state of Tennessee was called Franklin.



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RL Elementary assembly

On Thursday, May 24, Robert Lee Elementary School held the annual End of School Awards Assembly. Principal Janet Wallace began the assembly by introducing the Principal of the Day, Anna Rojas. To earn this honor and responsibility, Anna had accumulated 400 Accelerated Reader points. Anna led the audience in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Beth Prather, Coke County Librarian, spoke briefly about the upcoming summer reading program at the library. She encouraged everyone to spend time reading this summer. The Physical Education Awards given by Gayle Bolding followed Mrs. Prather's presentation. The next award mentioned was the 600 Minute Reading Recognition. Linda Burns was responsible for organizing this effort this year. A new recognition for this year's assembly was the Random Acts of Kindness award. Katie Drennan was responsible for getting nominations from the teachers for this award. Kindergarten students were presented certificates by Anna Rojas. Then Anna proceeded to present the awards for each grade level. Judy Shook assisted Anna by calling out the names of the students. One of the highest awards given is the Honor Roll award. To earn this award, a student must be on the A Honor Roll for each of the six weeks grading periods of the school year. The final award presented at the assembly was the Presidential Award. This is an award given to sixth graders. It is based on academic excellence and citizenship. Mrs. Wallace concluded the assembly by thanking the parents, grandparents, and community friends for coming to the assembly and for supporting the efforts of the students throughout the school year.

Robert Lee Elementary Awards Assembly 2001

P.E. Awards 2001

Basketball - Sarah Philley's "Stars"
Brettnie Reed, Julie Samaniego, Jessica Long, Melissa Martinez, Chelsea Conner
Volleyball - Tony Lara and Will Parker's "Wuz-up"

Jonathan Pagan, Brody Dillard, Ray Rector, Rosa Rojas, Cody Denton, Ashley Hopson
Jump Rope for Heart

Sara Jones collected \$125.00

Students who read 600 minutes and became members of the Read to Succeed 600 Minute Club

A club designed to encourage students to discover the joys of reading. The school is happy to report that 11 teachers and 73 students took advantage of the club's offer to read for 600 minutes. They were rewarded with fun and with tickets to Six Flags for more fun.

Kindergarten - Mrs. Gibbs
Zachary Sanchez, Zach Skinner

First Grade - Mrs. Payne
Matthew Corona, Chad Martin, Dianna Vera

Second Grade - Mrs. Duncan & Mrs. Horn

Tiffany Rogers, Kacee Roberts, Heidi Austin, Paul Pineda, Haden Dillard, Jake Cotter, Logan Philley, Garrett Rogers, Foster Allen, Anita Saucedo, Travis Sailer, Amanda Mendoza, Diego Saucedo, Tanner Brickey, Meagan Ross, Joe Estrada, Cody Taylor, Sarah Walker, Jared Long, Robbie Gonzales
Third Grade - Mrs. Devoll & Mrs. McCown

Sarah Jones, Emilee Yanez, Catie Anyon, Emily Arellano, Sarah Coppedge

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Bessent & Mrs. Roberts

Jasmine Gloria, Mason Ross, Olga Perez, Meagan Robinson, Kaden Duncan, Gaby Saucedo, Morgan Hill, Holly Austin

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Byrne

Allison Millican, Kasie Skinner, Anna Rojas, Molly Burns, Briana Longoria, Chase Roe, Ashley Hopson, Brody Dillard, Andrea Pineda, Taylor Percifull, Ray Rector, Cameron Hodge, Cody Denton, Melissa Martinez

Sixth Grade - Mrs. McCabe & Mrs. Burns

Jaden Alexander, Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Cara Cavness, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Tony Lara, Casey Nesbit, Becca Skinner, Robin Taylor, Eleasar Vera, Cody McCabe, Nicole Fields, Jessica Long, Brettnie Reed, Kelsy Duncan, Chelle Wright, Ashleigh Rogers, Kori Logan, Sarah Philley, Rosa Rojas

Randon Acts of Kindness

New award this year. Established to correlate with our emphasis on treating others the way we want to be treated and also goal-setting.

Andrew Graft, Kelsy Duncan, Briana Longoria, Kacee Roberts, Jesse Braswell, Cody Denton, Sarah Jones, Cody Taylor, Emilee Yanez, Stetson Nesbit, Will Howard, Kevin Honse, Chelsea Connor, Colton Reed, Garrett Rogers - (represented the school at the area RAK luncheon)

Kindergarten Graduates The Class of 2013

Grady Barnett, Randy Barnett, Faylin Bell, Dawson Brisbin, Quinton Coppedge, Jordan Gartman, Justin Gartman, Melissa Graft, Copper Hinderliter, Dusty Howard, Makenna Netting, Zachary Sanchez, Jonah Saucedo, Kevin Saucedo, Zach Skinner, Nathan Taft, Ashlie Wheat, Laredo Williamson

Perfect Attendance

Grady Barnett, Jordan Gartman, Makenna Netting

First Grade - Mrs. Payne

Accelerated Reading
Linsey Arellano, Raquel Rojas

Academic Excellence

Luisa Carrera, Chad Martin, Raquel Rojas

Perfect Attendance

Samantha Fernandez

Second Grade - Mrs. Duncan & Mrs. Horn

Most Improved Students

Joe Estrada, Anita Saucedo

Citizenship

Ginny Caston

Met Accelerated Reading Goal all Year

Foster Allen, Heidi Austin, Tanner Brickey, J.P. Conner, Jake Cotter, Haden Dillard, Robbie Gonzales, Jared Long, Amanda Mendoza, Paul Pineda, Logan Philley, Skyler Rainwater, Kacee Roberts, Garrett Rogers, Tiffany Rogers, Joshua Rowoldt, Meagan Ross, Travis Sailer, Diego Saucedo, Cody Taylor, Sarah Walker

Academic Excellence

Heidi Austin, Haden Dillard, Robbie Gonzales, Kacee Roberts, Travis Sailer, Cody Taylor

Perfect Attendance

Haden Dillard, Joe Estrada, Amanda Mendoza, Garrett Rogers, Travis Sailer, Cody Taylor, Sarah Walker

Third grade Mrs. Devoll & Mrs. McCown

Most Improved Students

Blake Millican, Miguel Perez

Citizenship

Nancy Landeros, Blake Millican, Olivia Trejo

Accelerated Reading

Catie Anyon, Emily Arellano, Cody Brosh, Mollie Hinderliter, Miguel Perez, Emilee Yanez

Academic Excellence

Spelling - Emily Arellano
Reading - Briana Brisbin
Math - Cody Brosh, Cayetano Carrera

Science - Sarah Coppedge, Tanner Hanigan, Ivan Landeros

Reading & Spelling - Sarah Jones

Social Studies - Terry McDonald, Jacob Moreno, Olivia Trejo

Perfect Attendance

Tanner Hanigan

TAAS Academic Recognition

Reading - Catie Anyon, Cayetano Carrera, Stetson Nesbit, Emilee Yanez
Mathematics - Cody Brosh

Fourth grade

Most Improved Students

Joshua Gallegos, Cori Torres

Citizenship

Kimberly Cardenas, Rebecca Saucedo

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Morgan Hill, Kaden Duncan, Caleb Millican, Jimmy Womack, Cody Williamson, Holly Austin, Norma Rojas

Academic Excellence

English - Mason Ross

Spelling - Caleb Millican

Reading - Kaden Duncan

Math - Morgan Hill

Science - Garrett Blair

Social Studies - Kaden Duncan

Fifth grade - Mrs. Byrne

Most Improved Student

Melissa Martinez

Citizenship

Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

Accelerated Reading

Molly Burns, Brody Dillard, Ashley Hopson, Allison Millican, Taylor Percifull, Ray Rector, Chase Roe, Bannon Roe, Anna Rojas, Kasie Skinner

Academic Excellence

Reading - Allison Millican

Spelling - Andrea Pineda

Language Arts/Writing - Briana Longoria

Social Studies & Math - Chase Roe

Science - Molly Burns

Computers - Kasie Skinner

Perfect Attendance

Jesse Braswell, Brody Dillard, Allison Millican, Chase Roe, Kasie Skinner

TAAS Academic Recognition

Reading & Math - Molly Burns, Cody Denton, Ashley Hopson, Allison Millican, Kasie Skinner

Reading - Cameron Hodge, Briana Longoria, Anna Rojas

Math - Taylor Percifull

Sixth grade - Mrs. Burns & Mrs. McCabe

Citizenship - Dixie Johnson, Brettnie Reed

Accelerated Reading

Nicole Barnett, Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Kelsy Duncan, Nicole Fields, Cody McCabe, Sarah Philley, Brettnie Reed, Ashleigh Rogers, Rosalinda Rojas, Rebecca Skinner

Academic Excellence

Reading - Cody McCabe

Computers - Casey Nesbit

Science - Johnathan Pagan

Math - Ashleigh Rogers

Perfect Attendance

Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Kevin Honse, Dixie Johnson, Tony Munoz, Rebecca Skinner

TAAS Academic Recognition

Reading & Math - Nicole Barnett, Jordan Brown, Brian Eubanks, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Brettnie Reed, Ashleigh Rogers, Julianne Samaniego

Reading - Cara Cavness, Nicole Fields, Dixie Johnson, Jessica Long, Johnathan Pagan, Will Parker

Math - Ciay Antilley, Katie Bessent, Kelsy Duncan, Sarah Philley, Rosalinda Rojas, Eleasar Vera

Honor Roll Each Six Weeks

3rd grade

Emilee Arellano, Stetson Nesbit

4th grade

Kaden Duncan, Morgan Hill, Mason Ross

5th grade

Allison Millican, Chase Roe

6th grade

Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Kelsy Duncan, Brian Eubanks, Dixie Johnson, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Sarah Philley, Brettnie Reed, Ashleigh Rogers, Rosalinda Rojas, Rebecca Skinner

Presidential Awards

Katie Bessent, Jordan Brown, Kelsy Duncan, Cody McCabe, Casey Nesbit, Sarah Philley, Brettnie Reed, Ashleigh Rogers, Becca Skinner

Singing Winds

Golf results

On June 16, a 27 hole 2 man select shot tournament was held at Singing Winds golf course in Bronte. The results are as follows.

Championship flight: 1st - Hodge, Vincent; 2nd - Carter, Danksworth; 3rd - Hammonds, Stinson; 4th - Millett, Pugh.

1st Flight: 1st - Pugh, Guelker; 2nd - Henshaw, Lewis; 3rd - Blair, Watkins; 4th - Caudle, Caudle.

2nd Flight: 1st - Aguirre, Aguirre; 2nd - England, Guawain; 3rd - Barta, Bozarth; 4th - Mertz, Seals.

The next 2 man select shot is scheduled for July 21 at 9:00.

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June 24 Pizza Pigout at RLBC after evening service	June 24 7 pm at RLBC
June 27 Overflow at RLBC at 7 pm	July 1 11 am at RLBC

Student loan interest rates hit record low

The Department of Education (ED) recently announced that interest rates on federal student loans will drop to 5.99 percent from the current 8.19 percent. The new rate, which goes into effect July 1, is the lowest in the 35-year history of the federal student loan program.

Federal student loans are awarded on a variable interest rate set each July. The new rates, based on a Treasury bill auction held May 29, will remain in effect until June 30, 2002.

Students who are already paying back their student loans could benefit the most from the new rates by consolidating loans taken out over the course of their education. Through consolidation, the borrower agrees to combine outstanding balances at a new, fixed interest rate.

Students who have recently graduated and are in the six-months grace period for Stafford loan repayment could lock-in an interest rate as low as 5.39 percent if they are willing to consolidate their loans.

"While there are advantages and disadvantages, loan consolidation can be a very powerful repayment tool for parents and students," said Sheila Dunlap, assistant vice president for default prevention at Texas Guaranteed (TG).

Dunlap encourages borrowers to call TG, their lender, or school financial aid office to determine if consolidation would be a beneficial option.

If a borrower is willing to consolidate his or her federal student loans, the federal government estimates savings of \$136 for every \$1,000

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson Secretary

The fire department held its second meeting of June on the 18th, at the fire station. Captain Keith Eubanks presided with six members present.

The minutes were approved as read. Dispatcher Bud Thompson reported that he took the 911 radio to San Angelo and it now has the fire department frequency on it. It will make it better, as the 911 operator can call the fire department by radio, as well as by telephone. The members will hear the first call and can be on the way to the station in less time.

There were 3 fire calls reported last week. The first call was a gas leak at 158 and 3rd street. The firemen stayed on duty for 1 1/2 hours waiting for the gas company to arrive and repair the natural gas leak.

The second call was a motor vehicle accident in which the men used the Jaws of Life to extricate the driver of the rollover.

The third call was a good intent alarm. It turned out to be static electricity discharging from a CB antenna because of the thunder and lightning storm that passed through town.

The generator arrived for truck 6 and after the meeting was adjourned, the men installed it.

The next fire meeting is scheduled for July 2nd.

owed by student is a standard 10-year repayment plan.

Parents who have borrowed through the federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) program will also benefit from lower interest rates. Rates for PLUS loans will drop to 6.79 percent from 8.99 percent. Because PLUS loans are owed immediately, parents will see the effects of the new rates whether they are borrowing for the first time this fall or are already paying loans previously granted by the government. PLUS loans are eligible for consolidation, allowing parents to lock in a lower rate for the remaining life of the loan.

For students who take out a

federal loan for the coming school year, the effects of lower interest may be less direct.

Since the federal government pays the interest on subsidized Stafford loans while a student is in school, borrowers who've qualified for these loans probably won't notice the lower rates. However, students with unsubsidized federal Stafford loans have the option to pay the interest or capitalize it while they are in school. The interest rates on both subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans will vary annually throughout the life of the loan, unless the borrower elects to consolidate.

"Whether you're in school or already paying back your student loans," said Dunlap, "the new rates only increase the value of a college education - an investment that already carries a high return."

More information about consolidating student loans or about financing a college education is available at www.tgslc.org or by calling TG at 800-338-4752.

TG is a public, nonprofit corporation that enables access to higher education for millions of families and students across the country through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). Its vision is to be the premier source of information, financing, and assistance to help all families and students realize their educational and career dreams. Additional information about TG can be found online at www.tgslc.org. This press release can be downloaded from www.tgslc.org/tgslc/newsroom/.

News at AEP

American Electric Power's (AEP) electric operating companies in Texas will increase by a total of \$500,000 the amount contributed to low-income assistance programs in 2001. This increases the total amount contributed to these programs by West Texas Utilities (WTU) Central Power and

Light (CPL) and Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) to nearly \$1 million.

AEP announced the contribution increase in conjunction with statewide initiative launched by The Association of Electric Companies of Texas (AECT). AECT has announced the Texas Heat Relief Initiative to help consumers stay cool this summer while minimizing their electricity consumption.

The Texas Heat Relief Initiative outlines strategies for all consumers and particularly low-income, senior citizens and hard-to-reach customers of Texas' investor-owned utilities to reduce their electricity consumption without harming their well-being or safety.

WTU, CPL and SWEPCO already work with community action agencies throughout AEP's Texas service territory by providing bill payment assistance to qualifying low-income customers. The Neighbor to Neighbor program is funded by customer donations that are matched dollar for dollar up to specified funding levels at each of the AEP Texas Companies.

WTU and SWEPCO each contribute \$100,000 to the program while CPL currently contributes \$250,000. The additional \$500,000 will be available to all three companies as the need arises.

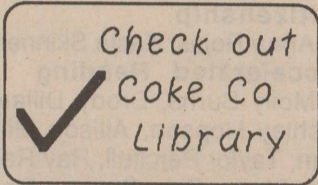
AEP also has committed \$2 million to low-income energy efficiency programs. One of these, The HomeSavers Program provides weatherization and conservation measures installed in homes of qualifying low-income customers. The program, which began in 1998, provides customers with added insulation, weather-stripping, replace-

ment of window unit air conditioners, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and compact fluorescent lighting. The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and its affiliated community action agencies throughout AEP service areas administers the HomeSavers Program.

"We are pleased to be a part of this statewide initiative," said Greg Blair, WTU general manager of Community Services. "These activities are in addition to the other energy efficiency outreach programs that we initiate each year. Customers will be hearing more about those programs in the coming weeks."

American Electric Power is a multinational energy company based in Columbus, Ohio. AEP owns and operates more than 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity, making it America's largest generator of electricity. The company is also a leading wholesale energy marketer and trader, ranking second in the U.S. in electricity volume with a growing presence in natural gas. AEP provides retail electricity to more than 7 million customers worldwide and has holdings in the U.S. and select international markets. Wholly owned subsidiaries are involved in power engineering and construction services, energy management and telecommunications.

June 2 was chosen to be the date of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 because meteorologists said it was the most consistently sunny day of the year. You guessed it - it rained.



Summer reading program

The winner of the Coke County Library's summer reading program drawing for Lee Ames' book, Draw 50 Animals, Friday, June 15, was Catie Anyon. Each Friday a name is drawn to see who will win a drawing book. For every book returned, readers may enter the drawing once for each book. Drawings are on Fridays. The drawings will continue through July.

The display of the flags in downtown Robert Lee made for a patriotic scene. Flag Day commemorates the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia, of a resolution making the Stars and Stripes the flag of the United States. Flag Day is not a legal holiday except in Pennsylvania. It is celebrated by presidential proclamation. In 1877 everyone was requested to fly the flag on June 14 to commemorate the 100th anniversary.

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

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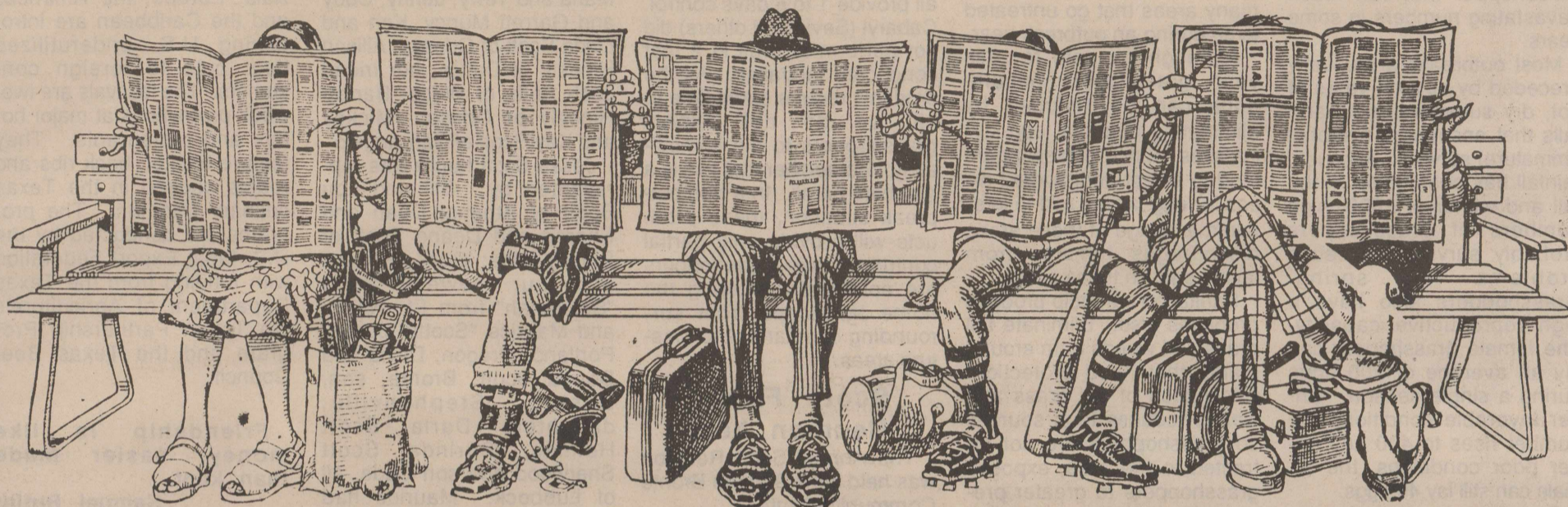
> Items to be picked up are to be placed curbside no later than 10 pm Friday, June 29th.

> Tree limbs must be no longer than 5 ft. lengths and must be bundled.

> Batteries, tires and appliances containing freon* will not be picked up.

* For more information regarding disposal of appliances that contain freon, contact City Hall, 473-3501.

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COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Grasshoppers are coming

Grasshopper calls have already started in 2001. Although approximately 150 species of grasshoppers are known to exist in the state, the following five species probably cause 90 percent of the damage to crops and landscapes: differential grasshoppers, red-legged grasshoppers, migratory grasshoppers, two-striped grasshoppers and the Packard grasshopper. The lubber or "jumbo" grasshopper is a large, flightless grasshopper that can reach devastating numbers in some years.

Most outbreaks are usually preceded by several years of hot, dry summers and warm falls that encourage nymphal (immature) survival. Although, rainfall has been better in the fall and winter of 2000, high numbers of grasshoppers probably survived to cause problems this spring. Grasshoppers also have a high reproductive capacity. The female grasshopper can lay an average of 200 eggs during a single season. Under favorable conditions the number rises to 400 and under poor conditions, the female can still lay 40 eggs.

Grasshoppers have incomplete metamorphosis (egg, nymph and adult). Young grasshoppers referred to as nymphs, resemble adults but are smaller and have wing pads instead of wings. Adult

lubber grasshopper wings are under-developed and so cannot fly. However, they have greatly enlarged hind-legs (even compared to other grasshoppers) and are strong jumpers.

Control of grasshoppers takes an integrated approach that when implemented can reduce the impact of these pests. The problems in control that occur in outbreak years are usually due to overwhelming numbers and not to the failure of the control tactics. Other control problems involve the expense in having to treat large areas and the many areas that go untreated even during an outbreak year.

Although too late for this year, grasshopper populations can be reduced by eliminating potential egg-laying sites. Since grasshoppers tend to select undisturbed areas for egg-laying, mid-to late-summer tillage of these areas discourages females from laying eggs in these sites.

Sanitation can help produce problems also. Eliminate tall grass and weeds from around plants that need protection. Elimination of tall grass and weeds reduces food sources so grasshoppers are not attracted to the area, exposes grasshoppers to greater predation by birds and insects, such as ground beetles and clean areas are less attractive as egg-laying sites.

One on-chemical tactic that is often overlooked by homeowners is the use of floating

row covers. These covers can be used to protect vegetables, flower gardens, small fruit trees and other small, valuable areas from grasshoppers. The lightweight fabrics let sunlight and moisture in while protecting plants from insects. These products can be ordered by local nursery/garden stores.

Traditional insecticidal control has expanded with the introduction of the pyrethroid products. Products containing bifenthrin (Ortho Ready to Use Home Defense and others), permethrin (Pro Tech Sniper Yard and Garden Concentrate, Spectracide Bug Stop, Eliminator Home Pest Insect Control and others), cyfluthrin (Bayer Advanced Garden Lawn and Garden Multi Insect Killer) as well as traditional products like diazinon and acephate (Orthene) all provide 1 to 5 days control. Cabaryl (Sevin and others) did not perform as well in a test conducted in Dallas. All the products require some time to kill so do not expect grasshoppers to die immediately. Remember that this is a numbers game. In a true outbreak situation, these products will provide only partial control as new grasshoppers are continually entering the home landscape from surrounding farmland and pasture areas.

Scott Family Reunion held

The Annual Scott Reunion was held June 9 at the Bronte Community Center.

The following families of Joseph Lee and Margaret Ann Rodgers Scott were represented:

Joe Ed & Wilma Scott were the oldest generation present, he being the last surviving direct descendant. Three of his four children were present: Brenda and husband Steve Hines, Merritt, and DeWitt Scott. Also present were Shane and Tina Hines Sanders of Water Valley.

Walter and Faye Scott were represented by their children: Dorthey and Noah Pruitt, Jr., of Bronte. If it weren't for the James Weaver Scott family, we might have had a poor count. He had Bette and husband Charles Wood of Roscoe; Carey and Teresia, Cherie, Alicia and Laurel Scott, and a friend, all of Midland; Lana and Jerry, Mandi and Randel Muncy, and Leslie Muncy Rothe, all of Keller; also from Roscoe were Marla and Terry, Jenny, Cody and Garrett Muncy, Ken and Linda Scott of Odessa; Allison Hinesly of Dallas, her friend Josh Sultz of Waco; Barrett Hinesly of Odessa; Mickey and Kay Scott of San Angelo.

Jesse Scott family was represented by: Bill and Lou Scott of Athens; Dean and Sharon and Deano Scott of Stephenville; Gary, Yvonne and our newest Scott "Savannah" from Ft. Worth; and Maurice "Scotty" Jones, Portland, Oregon; David and Donna Scott, Bronte, son, Dustin, Stephenville; daughters Darla Scott Holmes, Dorinda Scott Sherwood and son Cade, all of Lubbock. Maurice had

friends from Fredricksburg.

Lizzie, Ralph, LeRoy, and Daniel Scott had no family members present.

Bernice Scott Coalson had one representing her, Wayne Coalson. Cecil Coalson was under the weather and could not attend.

Other distant Scott cousins present were Jim and Letha Scott of Dallas and his cousin Neal and Carol Scott from Wichita Falls.

Linda Scott's parents Cecil and Doris Parsons of Odessa, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with us.

Other special friends were Rebecca Johnson of San Angelo; Nancy Johnson of Lawton, Oklahoma; Jimmy and Irene Hardy, Sandra Hardy McGrew, all of Snyder; John Rosser of Arlington; and Annie Rosser of Brownwood.

Texas beef festivals

Texas Beef Festivals in Asia, Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean are introducing U.S. underutilized beef cuts to foreign consumers. The festivals are two-week promotions at major hotels and restaurants. They feature brisket, back ribs and roasts cooked in the Texas culinary tradition. The programs are conducted by the U.S. Meat Export Federation with funding from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Go Texan Partnership Program and the Texas Beef Council.

Friendship is like money, easier made than kept.

Samuel Butler

"You don't have to sit on a cactus to learn how to jump."

All that Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia counts on co-op power for her home and business. She belongs to a Smart Choice cooperative. What's "Smart Choice?" We're a coalition of Texas co-ops committed to making the right decision on electric deregulation.

Deregulation is a thorny issue and no one has a crystal ball to view its impact. Like many other Texas cooperatives, Smart Choice co-ops believe the wisest course is to "wait and see." Before deciding, Smart Choice co-ops want to know if deregulation has raised or lowered rates for other Texas power customers, particularly in rural areas.

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Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to car dealers at rock-bottom prices - allowing dealers to re-sell them for retail value. But bargain-seekers can take heart: This week, Mitchell Toyota Kia is going to change that.

This Wednesday, June 20th through Saturday, June 23rd, Mitchell Toyota Kia will offer 91 bank repossessed, lease return and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values, and pass the savings on to their customers.

"These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), auctions, and other sources," Mike Griffin of Mitchell Toyota Kia said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. And if that means selling these vehicles for up to

thousands below normal values, then that's what we'll do."

Every bank repossessed and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just a \$59 possession fee* then start making payments. Payments start

tomers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Griffin said, "We'll have over \$4 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers should bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery.

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this Wednesday through Saturday at Mitchell Toyota Kia. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Griffin.

After the \$59 SuperSale ends at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23rd, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 653-2302. Mitchell Toyota Kia is located at 1500 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

"This is the opportunity San Angelo area bargain hunters have been waiting for! Customers may never see savings like this again."

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as low as \$79 per month.* "It's that simple," said Mr. Griffin. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Griffin added.

Extra sales and finance staff will be on hand to assure cus-

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Diabetes the silent killer

It is a disease that has no cure, and there are 15.7 million people in the United States who have it. Each day approximately 2,200 people are diagnosed with this disease.

The disease is diabetes and it is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States, and the physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to be aware of the warning signs.

There are two major type of diabetes: Type 1 occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches, and other food into energy. Type II, referred to as non-insulin dependent, occurs when the body does not make enough, or properly use, insulin. Type II diabetes is the most common form of the disease, accounting for 90 to 95 percent of diabetes cases. The cause of diabetes is unknown, although obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.

As the U.S. population becomes increasingly overweight, researchers expect Type II diabetes to appear more frequently in younger children.

Type II diabetes commonly occurs in children who are:

- *Overweight: as many as 80 percent may be overweight at the time of diagnosis;
- *Older than 10 years of age and are in middle to late puberty, although cases of Type II diabetes in children as young as four years old have been documented;
- *Have a family history of Type II diabetes;
- *Are a member of a certain racial/ethnic group, specifically African Americans, Hispanics, or Native Americans.

Obesity, a contributing factor to diabetes, is on the rise in the United States and is blamed for the high number of children with diabetes. In the United States about 14 percent of children age 6 to 11 and 12 percent of adolescents age 12 to 17 are overweight. Obesity is not only caused by poor eating habits, but also by the sedate lifestyle that children are leading. Too often, they entertain themselves in front of a television or computer instead of engaging in some form of physical activity.

People with Type II diabetes often have no symptoms at the onset of the disease although the following symptoms have been attributed to people with diabetes:

- *Increased thirst and hunger;
- *Increased urination;
- *Weight loss in spite of increased appetite;
- *Fatigue;
- *Nausea;
- *Vomiting;
- *Frequent infections, especially bladder, vaginal, and skin;
- *Blurred vision;
- *Breath odor;
- *Impotence in men;
- *Cessation of menses in women;
- *Bleeding gums;
- *Ear noise or buzzing;
- *Diarrhea;
- *Depression;
- *Confusion or Irritability;
- *Cuts and bruises that are slow to heal;
- *Tingling and numbness in the hands or feet.

School nurses are helping to identify early warning signs of diabetes. According to Dr. Stanley Fisch, a Harlingen pediatrician, "The Texas Department of Health has a program called ANTES which allows school nurses to look for

early signs of diabetes much like they test school children's spines for scoliosis." By identifying early warning signs, more children are getting early treatment for a dangerous disease before it gets out of hand.

Parents need to stress good eating habits to their children. It is never too early to set them on the course of eating nutritious foods low in sugar, fat, and high in fiber. Instead of watching TV or playing on the computer, parents should also encourage their children to be physically active and play outside.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Boost chances of staying healthy

Getting your "upper" blood pressure number below 140 can boost your chances of staying healthy. Many older people don't know that a high

"upper" number can put them at risk for heart disease, heart attack, or a stroke, with resulting disability. But, blood pressure above 140 mm Hg can be treated and lowered cheaply and effectively.

Blood pressure is typically recorded as two numbers - the systolic pressure over the diastolic pressure. A high top number and a normal bottom number of a blood pressure reading is called isolated systolic hypertension (ISH). Treatment and prevention of this condition are essential because left alone, high systolic pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure, dementia, kidney damage, and blindness.

"The good news is that ISH can be controlled in older adults and perhaps even prevented by taking steps early to prevent the rise of blood pressure with age," says Dr. Andre J. Premen, director of Cardiovascular Aging at the National Institute on Aging (NIA). "By taking control, older people can add meaningful life to their years by remaining independent and staying out of hospitals and nursing homes."

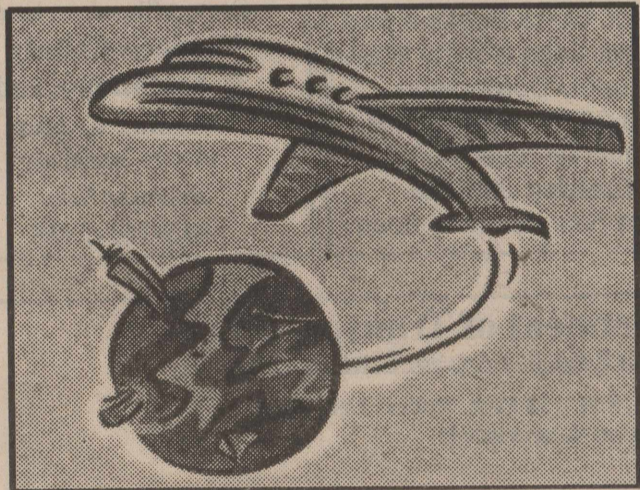
Hypertension therapy may begin with lifestyle changes, and older people often re-

spond to modest salt reduction and weight loss. If the target blood pressure is not achieved, then medicine is necessary. A low - cost and well - tolerated drug - a diuretic (water pill) - is effective. Based on clinical trial findings, this drug is recommended as the first line of treatment for high blood pressure in older adults.

The NIA, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) leads the Federal effort supporting and conducting research on aging, age - related disease, and social and behavioral needs of older people. Part of NIA's research involves ways to prevent frailty and reduce disability with age. For more information about health and aging, visit the NIA website at <http://www.nih.gov/nia>. Information on controlling blood pressure and the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) eating plan is available from the National High Blood Pressure Education Program, a program of NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. The website address is <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>.

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Location: Robert Lee Maint. Section, S.H. 158 East, Robert Lee, Texas
Job Title: Assistant Maintenance Section Supervisor II
Job Vacancy Number: 000654
Closing Date: 06/29/01 at 5:00 pm
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NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bronte ISD is accepting proposals on a 2002 Chevrolet Suburban. Contact the Superintendent's Office for specifications. 915-473-2511 or Fax - 915-473-2313. Proposals will be opened on July 10, 2001, at 2:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office, 210 South Jefferson, Bronte, Texas. Bronte ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the East Coke County Hospital District will have a Budget Hearing for the 2001/2002 budget on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at 6:00 pm in the conference room of the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. The public is invited to attend.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To all the fine folks, businesses, and other entities in Bronte, Coke County and throughout the great state of Texas: In accordance with custom, I am informing you that I will no longer be responsible for any debt incurred by one Kimberly Hartman.

June 18, 2001
Blane Braswell
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo
Contract 0069-03-040 for WIDENING OF A NON-FREWAY FACILITY in STERLING County will be opened on July 11, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.
Contract 0069-03-049 for WIDENING OF A NON-FREWAY FACILITY in STERLING County will be opened on July 10, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.
Contract 0907-11-004 for LANDSCAPE ESTABLISHMENT in STERLING County will be opened on July 11, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along

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

State Office - Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.

District Office - San Angelo District - District Engineer, 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904. Phone 915-944-1501.

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

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CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo
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Medicare the right way

Dorcas R. Hardy

It is the one health care program most American seniors have relied upon for the better part of 35 years. Though vitally important, Medicare is inflexible, incomplete and out - modeled. The bureaucratic, government - run program has failed to keep pace with changes in health care or the population.

To make matters worse, starting in 2010, 77 million baby boomers will begin entering the Medicare program and the number of beneficiaries will double over the next 30 years. Medicare in its current form cannot handle this immense demographic shift and still keep its promise to current and future beneficiaries.

Simply adding new bene-

fits, such as eyeglasses, hearing aids and prescription drugs to the program will not solve the problem.

While health care has changed over the past three decades, so too have our expectations of what benefits are necessary. Only comprehensive modernization of Medicare will provide retirees with access to new benefits.

When Medicare was first envisioned, health care consisted primarily of acute care (hospitalization). It is no surprise that the need for hospitalization has decreased due to the availability of modern prescription drugs, something Medicare does not yet cover. Although two - thirds of America's seniors have some access to prescription drugs, one - third of the over 40 million beneficiaries do not, and they need some level of coverage for their medicines.

Since tacking on a new drug benefit to Medicare would be a short - term fix to Medicare's problems, we are left with two options. Either sit back, do nothing and watch the program fail to serve seniors and eventually face bankruptcy; or comprehensively reform Medicare to fiscally strengthen the program, improve the level of service and provide access to prescription drugs.

Comprehensive reform is the obvious answer.

Senators John Breau (D-LA) and Bill Frist (R-TN) have pioneered the effort to reform the Medicare program. They model their proposal after recommendations from the National Bipartisan Commission on Medicare Reform, and the market - based health plan (FEHBP: Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan) enjoyed by more than 10 million federal employees and retirees and Members of Congress and their families.

This year Senators Breau and Frist have proposed the bipartisan Medicare Preserva-

tion and Improvement Act of 2001 (S.357) that, so far, is the best proposal on Capitol Hill. It offers a means of strengthening and improving today's Medicare system to ensure solvency and availability while providing prescription drug benefits and offering seniors more and better health care choices.

Such a plan would produce a strong Medicare program and provide incentives for seniors to choose efficient health care plans and providers. Seniors who are satisfied with their current Medicare coverage could keep the coverage they have; the new program would provide a guarantee that, if their needs changes, they could opt in to a new plan. No senior would be without coverage.

Senators Breau and Frist have begun a dialogue that can lead to a market - based reform of Medicare that will guarantee seniors and disabled Americans the choices they want, the prescriptions they need and the high quality health care they deserve. This is a giant step in the right direction.

Dorcas R. Hardy served as Commissioner of Social Security under President Reagan. Readers may contact her at: Suite 1630, 1320 North Veitch St. Arlington, VA 22201.

Although he is regularly asked to do so, God does not take sides in American politics.

Sen. George Mitchell

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Child labor safety

Some jobs are too dangerous for workers under the age of 18. Therefore, they are restricted or prohibited by state and federal law. To help employers and workers comply with the laws, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) are offering easy-to-read materials on child labor safety. As part of the Spring into Safety campaign TWC and DOL are distributing child labor "bookmarks" to public libraries and high schools statewide to inform young workers about their rights and protections under state and federal child labor laws.

This year's campaign focuses on child labor requirements, coupled with farm safety for those children who can legally work in the agricultural field.

Some 67 young people, age 17 and under, are killed on the job in the United States each year, according to DOL's Bureau of Labor Statistics and more than 210,000 14-to-17-year-olds are injured, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

In Texas, more than 450 employer violations were cited last year, according to TWC statistics. "Giving teens the opportunity to work, learn responsibility and gain a work ethic is an extremely important element of our society," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "But it's even more important to be sure this is done safely. I encourage teens, employers and parents to become familiar with workplace laws applicable to teens so that our youth are as safe as possible in the workplace."

"Find out where your teens are working and what their jobs are," said T.P. O'Mahoney, Commissioner Representing Labor. "Let them know it's ok to say no to dangerous work."

Parents also need to know which jobs are prohibited.

"Teens contribute to the workforce, which is an enriching experience for both employers and teens," said Ron Lehman, Commissioner Representing Employers. "Teens are an important segment of our labor force, and employers can best utilize this growing pool of talent by providing a safe work environment."

Prohibited jobs:

Seventeen hazardous non-farm jobs, as determined by the secretary of labor, are prohibited to teens under 18 years old. Generally teens may not work at jobs that involve:

*Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (Absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)

- *Roofing operations*
- *Excavating operations*
- *Power-driven wood-working machines*
- *Power-driven bakery machines
- *Power-driven paper-products machines*
- *Power-driven hoisting equipment
- *Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines*

Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears

*Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)

*Manufacturing brick, tile and related products

*Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations

*Logging and saw-milling

*Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation

*Manufacturing or storing explosives

*Limited exemptions are provided for apprentices and trainees under specified standards.

Hourly limitations

*Teens 18 or older may perform any job, whether hazardous or not for unlimited hours, in accordance with minimum wage and overtime requirements.

*Teens 16 and 17 years old may perform any job that's not hazardous, for an unlimited number of hours.

*Teens 14 and 15 years old may work outside of school hours in jobs that are not hazardous or in mining or manufacturing:

- three hours on a school day
- 18 hours in a school week
- eight hours on a non-school day
- 40 hours on a non-school week

Teens may work between 7 am and 7 pm, except from June 1 through Labor Day when their work hours may be extended to 9 pm.

To find out which jobs are restricted or prohibited, or to get other details on child labor laws: call DOL at (800) 959-3652, or visit <http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/welcome.html> or call TWC's Labor Law division at (800) 832-9243 or (512) 837-9559, or visit www.texasworkforce.org (employer or worker services).

Pet talk

You may enjoy flying the friendly skies, but they could be a nightmare for your pet.

Travel for a pet, as with people, can be a pleasant experience or a miserable time. Some precautions and some tips can help both the pet and the owner, says Dr. Dawn Boothe, a veterinarian at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Rule number one, Boothe says, is to make sure the pet is healthy to begin with. That means having all necessary vaccinations and a medical checkup before a trip is made.

"If a dog or cat is sick, traveling is not going to be much fun for it," Boothe says, "so it's best to have the animal checked out before a trip."

Another good reason to see a veterinarian before traveling: identification.

All pets should have some form of identification on them. In recent years, microchips have been developed that contain necessary information such as the owner's name and address, the veterinarian of the animal, key telephone numbers and other vital data. The chip is inserted under the animal's skin and can literally be a lifesaver if the animal gets separated from its owner, she says.

The veterinarian can also pass along health certificates to the owner, which many ho-

tels and countries require before receiving an animal. Also, most airlines require up-to-date health information before they will transport any animal, she adds.

Don't ever dial area code 809

This one is being distributed all over the US. This is pretty scary - especially given the way they try to get you to call. Be sure you read this & pass it on to all your friends and family so they don't get scammed.

MAJOR SCAM: Don't respond to Emails, phone calls, or web pages which tell you to call an "809" Phone Number. This is a very important issue of Scam Busters because it alerts you to a scam that is spreading "extremely" quickly - can easily cost you \$24100 or more, and is difficult to avoid unless you are aware of it. This scam has also been identified by the National Fraud Information Center and is costing victims a lot of money. There are lots of different permutations of this scam, but, **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**

You will receive a message on your answering machine or

your pager, which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. The reason you're asked to call varies. It can be to receive information about a family member who has been ill, to tell you someone has been arrested, died, to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls. If you call from the US, you will apparently be charged \$2425 per - minute. You'll get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you get your phone bill, you'll often be charged more than \$24,100.00.

WHY IT WORKS: The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (The Bahamas). The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call" number, similar to 900 numbers in the US. Since 809 is not in the US, it is not covered by US regulations of 900 numbers, which require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a pay-

per-call number. There is also no requirement that the company provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged. Further, whereas many U.S. phones have 900 number blocking will not prevent calls to the 809 area code. We recommend that no matter how you get the message, if you are asked to call a number with an 809 area code that you don't recognize, don't investigate further and just disregard the message. Be wary of email or calls asking you to call an 809 area code number. It's important to prevent becoming a victim of this scam, since trying to fight the charges afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the call. If you complain, both you local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

Please tell your friends, family and colleagues to be aware of this scam.

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