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## Attention Crafters

Bronte Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Downtown Christmas Craft Fair and now is the time for you to enter and sell your handcrafted articles. The Fair will be held on December 13 at 8 am. Fee for a 10'X10' square booth is \$15. The booths will be set up on the downtown sidewalks (you must supply your own set up). To enter your handcrafts call 473-2604, 473-2093, or pick up an entry form at Bronte City Hall or Shalon's Florals and Gifts.

## Santa Claus to visit Bronte

Be sure to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 13 at the Texas Theater Bronte. Children 12 years old or under can register to win a bicycle. You will be able to put your name into a drawing for a bicycle. A boy's and a girl's bicycle will be given away that afternoon before Santa and Mrs. Claus return to the North Pole.

## Letters from Santa

Make that little someone happy with a Letter from Santa Claus! The Bronte Chamber of Commerce is making this possible for you this year. All you have to do is send your child's information to them with a check or money order for \$4. The letter will be mailed to your child/grandchild at his/her home on December 15.

To request the form for your Letter from Santa, contact the Bronte Chamber of Commerce at 473-2604.

## RL School Reunion needs Chairperson

The RLHS reunion, classes of 1950-1970, is in need of a chairperson or persons, states Fran Lomas, organizer.

Fran reports that she will be unable to devote the time necessary for planning and organizing the next gathering which is to be held in 2009.

Organized in 1984 for the classes of 1958, '59 & '60, it has been held every five years, expanding the graduating classes.

Anyone interested in the chairpersonship should contact Fran immediately at flomas@wcc.net, subject: school reunion or at 325-453-2894.

## Flu shots available

Don't get the flu. Don't spread the flu. Get vaccinated! Flu shots will be available at the Coke County Courthouse, 13 East 7th Street, Robert Lee from 10 am - 3 pm on December 18.

## Santa to be in RL

Santa Claus will be on the front steps of the Coke County Courthouse on Thursday, December 18, at 3:30 pm. Children should bring their Christmas wish lists to give to Santa, and parents should be sure to bring a camera so they can get their child's picture.

## Christmas Greetings

### deadline set for December 19

It is time once again for Christmas greetings! The Observer/Enterprise would like to remind businesses and individuals wishing to place a Christmas Greeting in the newspaper to call or stop by and choose your greeting for the December 26 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Friday, December 19. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.

## Singing Winds to host golf tourney

There will be a 27-hole, 2 person, select shot, golf tournament on December 20, 2008, at the Singing Winds Golf Course in Bronte. Tee off time is set for 9 am. For more information, call 473-2156.

## Coke Co. Historical Commission meeting set for January 12

The Coke County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009, at the Coke County Library at 3 pm.

Volunteers are sorely needed for the newspaper project. A demonstration of the preparation needed to prepare the Observer/Enterprise to be microfilmed by the West Texas Collection at ASU will be held. The process is simple, but human power is needed to get the project done. Please mark Monday, January 12, on the calendar



**Open House Drawing Winner!** This year's winner in the '64 Study Club drawing for an oil painting by Olene Strickland was Robert Lee's own Johnetta Lawrence (center). The drawing was held during open house activities hosted by many RL businesses on Friday, December 5. Representing the '64 Study Club are Pat Gunnells (left) and Kathleen Wright (right). The Club uses these donations from ticket sales to fund several scholarships for college bound high school seniors.

and see how you can help preserve Coke County history.

Another project to be discussed is the stabilization project for the Old Jail. Ideas and human power for fund raisers are needed. The Old Jail has stood for 102 years and is a Coke County treasure. It's stabilization will make it last another 102 years. The Old Jail receives one or two visitors a day according to one of its neighbors. The building represents the pioneers of Coke County's proud and exciting past. Today's grandchildren and great grandchildren will be bringing their children to see the building.

Mark Monday, January 12, 2009, as the day to begin helping in a serious campaign to preserve what is most real about Coke County.

## Reservations for Coke County Rec Halls set

The first day to rent the following Coke County buildings for 2009 will be on Monday, January 5, at 7 am in the Judge's office in the Coke County Courthouse. Robert Lee large recreation hall, Robert Lee Senior building, Robert Lee Pavilion, Bronte large recreation hall, Bronte Senior building and Bronte Pavilion.

If you have any questions, please call the Judge's office at 453-2641.

## RL FUMC UMW History an approaching reality

The United Methodist Women of Robert Lee First United Methodist Church are offering a book of their history. The United Methodist Women in Mission, for sale immediately to all interested parties.

Authored by Ava Lou Davis from several primary sources and edited by Jamie Boren, the book chronicles the people, ministries, and events of the UMW of Robert Lee FUMC over its entire history from 1891 to today.

The history includes a list of the women who signed the Women's Society of Christian Service (predecessor of the UMW) charter in 1940.

This little history is an important addition not only to those who have been involved with the Robert Lee UMW over the years, but also to the history of this region of west Texas.

If you would like a copy or for more information contact: Jamie Bilbo Boren, PO Box 505, Robert Lee, TX 76945 (325) 453-2112; or Ava Lou Tubb Davis, PO Box 54, Robert Lee, TX 76945 (325) 453-2184.

## Winters to celebrate Streetscape Dedication

To celebrate the completion of the Winters Main Street sidewalk renovation project, a Streetscape Dedication will be Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 am downtown. Texas Department of Transportation officials, state legislators, city and county officials and other dignitaries have been asked to join the Winters community for a short ceremony and reception.

This is the conclusion of a beautification project that has taken over nine years to see realized. Winters was awarded a federal Transportation Enhancement Act grant in 1999 to completely renovate the sidewalks, install new street lighting and traffic signal light, provide landscaping with irrigation, and make Winters a more attractive city. TxDOT has been responsible for the design of the streetscape and supervision of the construction.

The Winters Chamber and Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation (WABIC) are sponsoring a "Shop Winters for Christmas" drawing for a Weber-Stephen gas barbeque grill (\$300 value). Shoppers can register each time they shop at participating Winters businesses.

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**Death Notices**

**Brunson**

Rance Brunson, 94, of San Angelo, passed away at his residence on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

Rance is survived by his daughter, Donna Brunson Daugherty and husband Alan (Bill) of San Angelo; his grandchildren, Mark Saunders of Bronte, Laurie Saunders of San Angelo and Heidel Daugherty of Spring; his great-grandchildren, Judd Toepfich and wife Brandi of Comanche, Bailey Saunders of Bronte and Gus Saunders of Bronte; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at Robert Massie Funeral Home on Monday December 8 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Masonic graveside services were held at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte on Tuesday, December 9 at 10 am, officiated by Loye Tankersley of Mertzton. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

**Martinez**

Frank "Pachi" Martinez, passed away on Saturday, December 6, 2008, at Baylor All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth.

A rosary was held at the funeral home at 6:30 pm Monday, December 8. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, December 9, at 10 am at St. James Catholic Church in Bronte. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Frank was survived by 2 sisters, Josie Robinson and Adelfa Gomez; 8 brothers, Sylvester, Tony H. Jr., Abel, Alfred, Alvaro, Adam, Arthur, and Louis Martinez; 12 nieces; 16 nephews, and numerous grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

**...Streetscape Dedication**  
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Registration for the drawing is underway and will continue until the drawing during the Streetscape Dedication on Sat., Dec. 13. You do not have to be present to win. Call the Winters Chamber at 754-5210 or WABIC at 754-4542 for further information.

**FSA accepting applications**

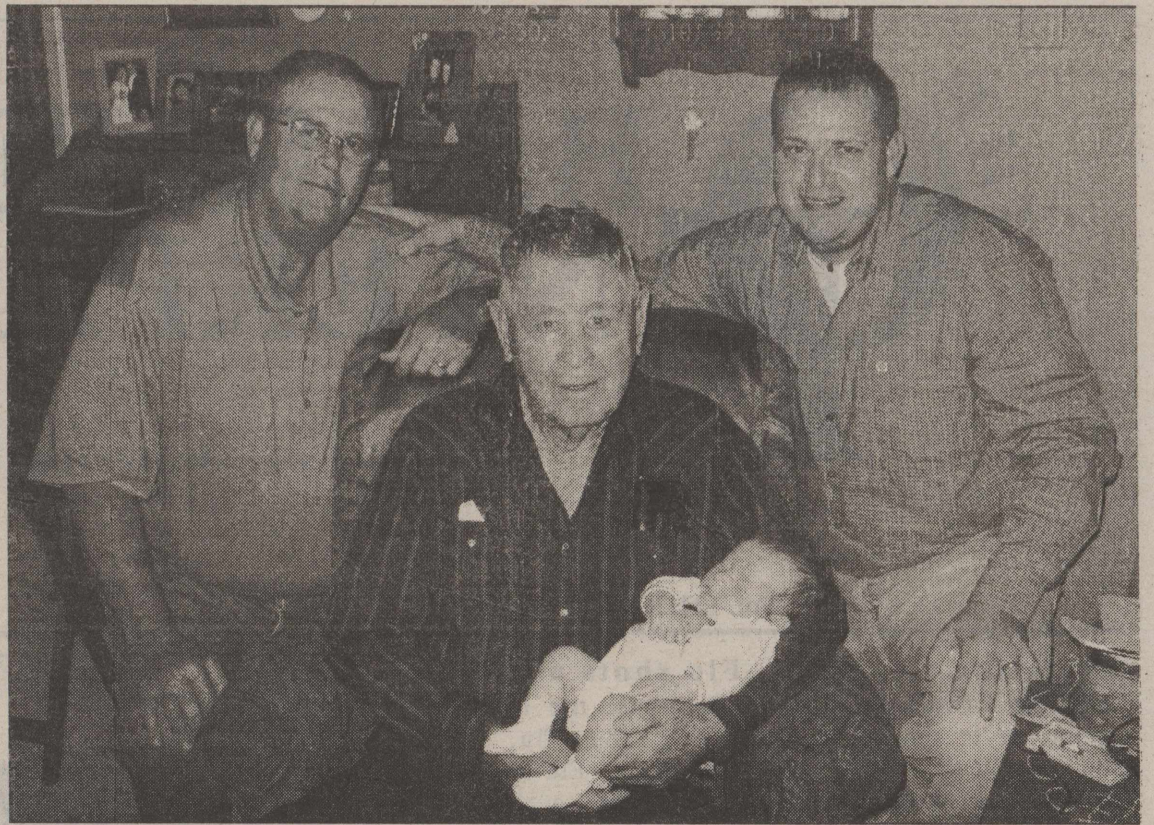
The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by high winds, hail, lightning, and a tornado on June 5, 2008 through June 17, 2008 and also caused by drought that occurred on January 1, 2008 and continuing.

Coke County has been named a contiguous county where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is June 10, 2009, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater.

**Jail endowment totals \$250,000**

The Coke County Historical Commission has over the past twenty years been working at maintaining the Coke County Jail, built in 1907, and occupied until the late 1960's. Members of the CCHC and



**Four Generations!** Four generations of the Blair family got together in Abilene on Thanksgiving Day, at the home of Cheryl and Jimmy Blair. Pictured above are (from left to right) grandfather Jimmy Blair, great-grandfather Curtis Blair of Robert Lee, 3-week old Jace Blair of Midland and father Jacob Blair also of Midland.

the county commissioners have had the jail reroofed and painted. The Old Jail has had some care, but it was built to last, and it has been only in the last ten years that deterioration has become serious.

With the completion of Bonita Cartrite's Old Coke County Jail and Sheriffs book, efforts at restoration had begun anew. In 2004, the documentation of the building and its history by Kara Dotter, graduate student in preservation studies at the University of Texas was completed. The Old Jail was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by virtue of Mrs. Cartrite's and Dotter's documentation as the US Interior Department deemed the building important to Coke County, Texas, and America and worthy of preservation.

The preservation of the building is now possible. Charles and Joy Blake who represent the Roberta Cole Johnson estate have

announced a \$250,000 endowment for the restoration of the building. A partial endowment has been placed in the Concho Valley RC&D Area Commission, a 501(c)(3) designate, to begin work on the building to eliminate further deterioration by the elements.

The remainder endowment is contingent upon the CCHC receiving an IRS 501(c)(3) designation. Work has begun to meet the requirements of this status. Coke County Historical Commission members are appointed by the county judge and commissioners court. Members include each commissioner and four citizens of the precincts which they represent. Those who have served in the past are being asked to serve again as they will bring experience and memory to the effort.

The Old Jail project will require a monitoring and documentation effort as well as an active support group of CCHC citizens. The Coke County Historical Commission has a newspaper preservation project underway and help is needed with that effort. The next meeting of the CCHC is Monday, January 12 at 3 pm in the Coke County Library. Attendance will be important as the group must approve an executive committee and articles of incorporation.

With the generous interest of the Blakes and the financial support of the Roberta Cole Johnson estate, the Old Coke County Jail will be here for another 102 years to testify to the rich history of Coke County and its lawmen, as well as a representative building that Southern Structural Steel designed and was built by craftsmen of the era - and built to last.

**Area Churches**

*Invite You to Worship*

**Bronte Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson • Bronte  
 (325) 473-3291  
 Preacher John V. Driggers  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm  
**Central Baptist Church**  
 324 S. Franklin • Bronte  
 (325) 473-4811  
 Dale Patterson, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm  
**Emmanuel Pentecostal**  
 PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2360  
 Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm  
**First Baptist Church**  
 424 S. Washington • Bronte  
 (325) 473-2331  
 Bro. Corey Cornutt, Pastor  
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,  
 10:55 am Worship,  
 6 pm Youth  
 and Worship  
 Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 Corner of Washington & Holmes  
 Bronte  
 (325) 473-3281  
 Rev. David Bailey, Pastor  
 Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 5:00 Youth  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2417  
 Rev. George Bradley, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School  
 10:50 am Worship  
 Wed. 6 pm Choir  
**Iglesia Bautista Bethel**  
 101 Houston • Robert Lee  
 (325) 763-9208 • 320-1354  
 Sun. 10 am • Worship  
 11 am & 6 pm • Service  
 Wed. 7 pm

**Southside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston  
 Robert Lee • (325) 453-2176  
 Frank J. Daniels, Preacher  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Worship  
**Northside Church of Christ**  
 PO Box 508 • 9th & Chadbourne  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 655-9784 or 453-2685  
 Portis Ribble, Minister  
 Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;  
 Wed. 6 pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
 601 W. 10th, Robert Lee  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sat. 6 pm

**Pecan Baptist**  
 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of  
 Robert Lee on Sterling City Hwy  
 (325) 453-2482  
 Jim Dominey, Pastor  
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship

**Robert Lee Baptist Church**  
 PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th  
 (325) 453-2724  
 Jason Martin, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11 am & 6 pm, Worship

Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting  
**Tennyson Baptist Church**  
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson  
 Joe Hodges, Pastor  
 (325) 473-2040  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
**Victory Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston  
 Robert Lee  
 (325) 453-2208  
 Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor  
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School  
 10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship  
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

**St. James Catholic Church**  
 215 N. Washington, Bronte  
 (325) 365-2687  
 Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor  
 Sun. 5 pm

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## Boykin honored with Farm Bureau Pioneer Award

The late Ben A. Boykin was honored by his fellow farmers and ranchers as the Texas Farm Bureau's District 6 Pioneer Award winner during the 75th annual meeting of the state's largest farm organization.

The award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to Farm Bureau and Texas agriculture.

Boykin was born and raised on a farm near Robert Lee in Coke County. He joined Coke County Farm Bureau, now Coke-Sterling CFB, in 1958 and served as president for five years.

Boykin was a World War II veteran, joining the U.S. Army in 1941 and serving in the military police in both Australia and the Philippines until 1945. He married a native Australian, Dawn, and their first child, Ben "Bennie" Charles, was born in Australia. After the war, Boykin returned to his Coke County farm and ranch and two years later his wife and son joined him. He and his wife also have three daughters, all born in Texas.

Boykin attended several state annual conventions. His son, Bennie, attended the first Citizenship Seminar, now the Youth Leadership Conference, and his daughter, Dawn Grace, participated in the Miss TFB contest.

He was a member of the Cattlemen's Association, the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and was listed in the Outstanding Farmer of America magazine.

Boykin was a member of First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee, a member of the Business Men's Bible Class, sang in the choir and was an actor in the local annual "Ole' Coke County, Home of the Rabbit Twisters" pageant for many years.

### Austin graduates Texas State

Mr. and Mrs. E.F. (Tuny) Glenn are pleased to

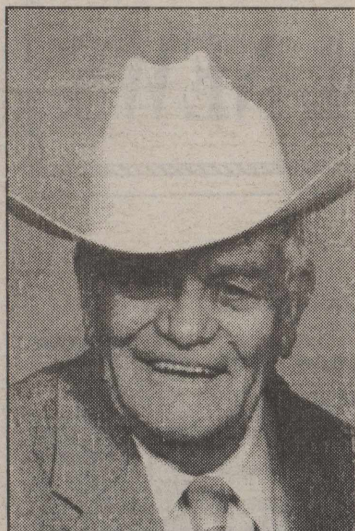
announce the graduation of their granddaughter, Anna Austin, from Texas State University in San Marcos. Anna is the daughter of Laura Austin of San Antonio.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. Not only did Anna work fulltime during her college years, she is graduating on the Dean's List.

### USDA to Conduct Request for Referendum on Pork Checkoff Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced recently that it will conduct a Request for Referendum Dec. 8, 2008, through Jan. 2, 2009, among eligible producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products. This process will determine if producers want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Checkoff Program. Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should submit a request.

USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum. The total number of producers and importers eligible to participate in the Request for Referendum is approximately 69,446; therefore, at least 10,417 eligible producers and importers must request a referendum. If necessary, the referendum will be conducted within one year after the results of the Request for Referendum are announced. If results of the Request for Referendum indicate that a referendum is not supported, a referendum would not be conducted.



Ben Boykin

Producers and importers who were engaged in pork production or in the importation of hogs, pigs, pork, or pork products between Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007, and were at least 18 years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible to participate.

For producers, the Request for Referendum will be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where their administrative farm records are maintained. For producers not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to participate will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Forms may be obtained at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms>.

In order to vote, Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, where applicable, such as a sales receipt, veterinary bill, feed bill, copies of grower contracts, cancelled check or proof of payment must be returned in person, by mail, or by facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office by the close of business Jan. 2, 2009. Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9,



**Big Buck!** This ten point buck was killed on Moore's Hat M Ranch, three miles from Blackwell, on November 22 by Kent Moore of Snyder.

2009. LS-54-1 and accompanying documentation, such as Customs Form 7501, can be returned in person, by mail or by facsimile. Forms returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Jan. 2, 2009, and received by Jan. 9, 2009. It is recommended that the form and supporting documentation be mailed via an express service.

Eligible producers may obtain form LS-54-1: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Request for Referendum from the Coke/Sterling County FSA office either in person, by mail or by facsimile. The Coke/Sterling County FSA office location and mailing address is: 214 East 7th St, P O Box 27 Robert Lee, Tx 76945; the phone number is: 325-453-2751 and the fax number is: 325-453-4686.

### Letter to the Editor

I don't know Mr. Clendennen but I appreciate his letters. It is a sad world we are in right now and no hope (I believe) for a better

one. We recently made a trip to Ft. Worth and it was a thrill to see so many American flags everywhere. Ranches with flags at their driveways. We drove off I-20 into all the towns now bypassed and flags were at every business no matter how small.

Some folks here can remember when we went out to the flag pole, at RLHS and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

In this country today, we are told you can't do that and can't say a little prayer, can't have a Manger scene in our yards in some states, but people who don't believe in God or any respect can display their hurtful signs.

God forbid, we wake up one day, like in countries during the beginning of Hitler's Regime, and are forbidden to fly our American flag as they did in countries other than Germany.

Maybe we take our freedom for granted, but it could be taken one day if we don't stand up for our rights, our servicemen and women, our country and our American flag.

Sincerely,  
Pat Watson

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December 14  
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Baptist  
Church  
Robert Lee, Texas



# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



**Field Trip!** The Robert Lee Elementary Pre-K, Kindergarten, and first grade classes took a trip on December 2 to the Concho Christmas Tree Farm in Christoval. Activities included "Dress the Farmer", tree planting, a hayride, reading a book about a Christmas tree, decorating Christmas trees, feeding llamas and alpacas, and seeing how wreaths are made. They also made s'mores after eating lunch outside. The children had a wonderful time!

## RL Robotics selling flash drives

Robert Lee ISD Robotics team is selling 1GB flash drives with the Robert Lee ISD logo. If you would like to purchase one, you may contact Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Service or Mrs. Roberts at 453-4555.

## ASU Announces Carr Scholarship

Angelo State University has posted the Carr Scholarship application online for graduating seniors at [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu). Eligibility includes that students must score at least 21 on the ACT test or a minimum of 970 on the SAT

## School Menu

### Breakfast

- Monday, December 15**  
Juice, biscuit & sausage, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, December 16**  
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, December 17**  
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Thursday, December 18**  
Juice, pancake & sausage on stick, cereal, milk
- Friday, December 19**  
Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

### Lunch

- Monday, December 15**  
Pizza, salad, corn, breadstick w/sauce, peaches, milk
- Tuesday, December 16**  
Chicken spaghetti, carrots, salad, roll, yogurt, milk
- Wednesday, December 17**  
Corndog, pork & beans, tator tots, chocolate pudding, milk
- Thursday, December 18**  
Chili, crackers, cheese, salad, orange, graham crackers, milk
- Friday, December 19**  
Chicken patty on bun, baked chips, pickles, salad, fruit cocktail, milk

test and be in the top 40% of their class. The priority deadline to apply is February 1, 2009. For more information, please call the financial aid office at ASU at 942-2246.

## RL elementary Christmas Play set

The elementary Christmas Play will be held on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 pm. The Robert Lee bands will follow with their Christmas selections.

## Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation has been established by their family.

The Scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale at the City Hall, 114 South Washington. Applications must be returned to the Bronte City Hall by January 16, 2009. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 20.

## RLJH teams travel to Water Valley

The Robert Lee Junior High teams traveled to Water Valley on December 8, 2008, to take on the Wildcat's JH in basketball. The "B" Girls came away with a 32-6 win, and were led in scoring by Jesse Sheets and Sydney Sheldon with 12 points each. Taylor Benton had 6, and Ashlie Tennison 2. The "A" Girls also came out on top by a score of 21-15. Leading the way for the Lady Dogies was Sara Lara with 8, followed by Jordan Gartman 7, Lubbock Roe 4, and

Bianca Huapilla 2. The Dogies came up a little short and fell to WV by a score of 22-26. Justin Gartman led the Dogies with 10, followed by Zachary Sanchez 7, Will Howard 3, and Zack Skinner 2.

The Junior High teams play Westbrook next on December 15 at home at 6 pm.

## Scholarship Opportunities

Al's Formal Wear is granting two (2) \$2,500.00 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available at all Al's Formal Wear stores until June 10, 2009. For store locations please call 1-877-730-TUX or go online to [www.alsformalwear.com](http://www.alsformalwear.com) for more information.

The Burger King Scholars Program is offering \$1,000.00 scholarships to all eligible high school seniors at [www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars). The access code is BKS. In order to apply, seniors must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher, be actively involved in community service activities, demonstrate financial need, and work part-time an average of 15 hours per week or 40 weeks per year.

## UT Admission deadline set

The University of Texas at Austin has posted January 15, 2009 as the deadline to apply for admission to the university. Applications may be filled out online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). For further information, please contact UT Admission's Department at (512) 475-7399.

## Seach for Miss Teen Coke County 2009

If you are single, and between the ages of 13 and 18, applications are now being accepted for the title of

2009 "Miss Teen Coke County"! Miss Teen Coke County will represent her area at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas April 11-13, 2008. The young woman selected as "Miss Teen Coke County" will become an ambassador from the --- Coke County --- area and receive an official title and sash!

Miss Teen Coke County 2008 was Erika Sheldon of Robert Lee, Texas.

The young lady crowned Miss Teen Texas will receive a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2009 Miss Teen International Pageant.

The American Heart Association is the official charity of the Miss Teen Texas International Pageant. In 2008, the International Pageants joined the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement and each state titleholder will champion heart disease as a national platform in addition to promoting their own platform throughout the year.

Go Red for Women captures the energy, passion, and intelligence of women, to work collectively to wipe out heart disease - the No. 1 killer of women. While 1-in-30 American women die of breast cancer, almost 1-in-3 will die from cardiovascular disease. Our passion is to unite women in this fight...even at an early age. Our involvement in the movement can help save lives. For more information go to [www.GoRedForWomen.org](http://www.GoRedForWomen.org).

The current reigning "2008" Miss Teen Texas is Hilary Elizondo of Corpus Christi, Texas. Hilary is a national spokesperson for DoSomething.org. As Miss Teen Texas, and in conjunction to DoSomething.org, she speaks to youth and teens about their power to make a difference. She looks to inspire a "generation of doers". DoSomething.org provide teens the tools and resources for youth to convert their ideas and energy into positive action ([www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org)).

Teen contestants will

compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition!!!)

Teenage ladies living or attending school in Coke County interested in applying should write for a bio. form: Miss\*Teen Texas International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78232, or call, e-mail, or visit our website for more information: 210.403.0589, [Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com](mailto:Kristin@TexasInternationalPageants.com), Website: [www.misstentexasinternational.com](http://www.misstentexasinternational.com).

## Counting on Colds

Parents can expect their preschoolers to come down with six to 10 colds between December and April, says Dr. Theresa Guilbert, associate professor of pediatrics at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. For most kids, that's good news - early colds may help strengthen the immune system.

But for youngsters with a family history of allergies and asthma, exposure to the common-cold viruses may lead to wheezing and severe coughing - which in turn indicate that the child is more likely to develop asthma in later life.

Guilbert is researching the links between colds and asthma to see if there is a causal relationship. Until the link is clarified, Guilbert says, parents of high-risk children may choose to keep susceptible kids away from potential contacts that may be infected. Otherwise, since the viruses are transmitted through the air or in droplets, the standard precautions - hand-washing, covering mouths, and cleaning surfaces - apply.

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### College financial aid night planned

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in the school library. The program, presented by a representative from the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center and Angelo State University will last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte ISD counselor, at (325) 473-2521.

### Bronte JV basketball update

The Bronte JV basketball team had a big week this past week, starting out in Menard on Tuesday where the young Yellowjackets hosted the young Longhorns. The Horns came out of Menard with a win and took that momentum to the Robert Lee JV Tournament where they faced Forsan in the opening round, came up with a win and faced Robert Lee in the finals. The young Longhorn team came

out with a win in the finals and brought home the 1st place prize of the Tournament.

On December 2, the Bronte JV defeated Menard by a score of 28-23. Individual scores: Charles 11, Barber 7, Baumann 5, Coalson 2, Perez 2, and Deller 1. Record 2-1.

Bronte JV defeated Forsan by a score of 43-35. Individual scores: Barber 11, Charles 10, Baumann 6, Scott 5, Perez 5, Coalson 4, and Deller 2. Record 3-1.

On December 6, the JV went on to defeat Robert Lee by a score of 35-24. Individual Scores: Perez 9, Baumann 6, Coalson 6, Barber 6, Charles 4, Scott 3, and Everheart 1. Record 4-1.

### Bronte Longhorns score more wins

On December 2, the Bronte Longhorns defeated Menard 53-26. Individual stats: Sam Rawlings 1, Lahne Burns 9, Rob Rosson, 2 pts., 5 rebounds, Jason Horton 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 24 pts., 6 rebounds, 5 steals, Heath Richey 2 pts., and Kerwin Rawls 13 pts., 4 assists, and 3 steals.

In the first game of the Bronte Tournament, the Longhorns defeated Ropesville by a score of 61-28. Individual stats: Sam Rawlings 6 pts., Lahne Burns 6 pts., 5 assists, Ty Mackey 2 pts., Reece Springer 3 pts., 6 rebounds, Rob Rosson 13 pts., 6 rebounds, Ernesto Castillas 2 pts., Jason Horton 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 11 pts., 3 steals, Heath Richey 11 pts., 8 rebounds, Kerwin Rawls 5 pts., 5 rebounds.

In the semi-final game, Bronte defeated Miles by a score of 53-33. Individual stats: Sam Rawlings 4 pts., Lahne Burns 7 pts., 5 rebounds, Ty Mackey 2 pts., Rob Rosson 10 pts., Ernesto Casillas 2 pts., Dakota Rawls 16 pts., 11 rebounds, 4 assists, Heath Richey 8 pts., 9 rebounds, Kerwin Rawls 4 pts., 5 rebounds, 5 assists, and 4 steals.

In the Championship game, Bronte defeated Eden by a score of 76-36. Individual stats: Sam Rawlings 2 pts., Lahne Burns 9 pts., Ty Mackey 4 pts., 4 assists, Reece Springer 3 pts., 6 rebounds, Rob Rosson 8 pts., 3 steals, Ernesto Casillas 12 pts., 7 rebounds, 6 assists, 7 steals, Jason Horton 9 pts., Dakota Rawls 6 pts., Heath Richey 6 pts., 5 rebounds, and Kerwin Rawls 17 pts., 7 assists.

### Scholarship Opportunities

High school seniors planning on attending Texas Tech who will major in advertising, electronic media, and communications, journalism or public relations may now apply for the Helen DeVitt Jones Mass Communications Scholarships for West Texas Students. Fifteen \$3,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students enrolling full-time. Preferences will be given to entering freshmen or community college transfer students from the West Texas area. To apply for this scholarship, please visit [www.depts.ttu.edu/masscom](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/masscom) or see the scholarship bulletin

# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



**Holiday Cheer!** Bronte High School National Honor Society members helped spread holiday cheer by a resident's door at the Bronte Health and Rehab Center. Members participating were (first row, left to right) Jessi England, Bill Miller, Shelbi Waller; (second row, left to right) Ariel Coalson, Reece Springer; (third row, left to right) Rob Rosson, Lahne Burns, Crawford James; (fourth row, left to right) Shannon Deller, Sam Rawlings, Jacob Scott and Chelsea Cook.

board at BHS for more information.

The Concho Valley Volleyball Association sponsors a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who plays volleyball. Senior girls may pick up an application off the scholarship bulletin board at Bronte High School. The deadline to apply is January 15, 2009.

The Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE) and its affiliated Texas Engineering Foundation (TEF) will award several scholarships to graduating Texas high school seniors planning on majoring in engineering. To be eligible to apply, students must be US citizens, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have scored at least a 600 in math, a 550 in critical reading and a 500 in writing on the SAT, or a 29 in math and a 25 in English on the ACT. Scholarship applications and more information is available in the counselor's office at BHS or online at [www.tspe.org](http://www.tspe.org). Applications are due by January 16, 2009.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will grant a scholarship to a graduating senior in the Big Country who has participated in activities or contests in the Livestock Department and to an individual who has participated in the Modern Living Mall Youth Department. Applications are available on the bulletin board at Bronte High School and must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest is offering scholarships to senior students who have had a serious childhood illness or injury or have a sibling who has had a serious childhood illness or injury which impacted the

family. Additional information and applications are online at [www.RMHsouthwest.com/scholarship.aspx](http://www.RMHsouthwest.com/scholarship.aspx) or contact Janice Flemmons at (806)-744-8877.

### BHS Explore Tests results available

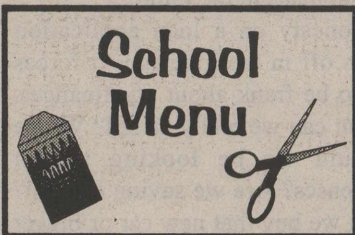
The 8th grade students at Bronte ISD have received a copy of their EXPLORE test results along with their testing booklet. The EXPLORE test is an aptitude test that measures strengths and weaknesses in the areas of math, reading, science and social studies. The test also includes an interest inventory of possible areas of career interests in the world of work.

The 10th grade students at BHS received the results of their PLAN aptitude test, which measures the four core subject areas. The students also received a copy of the test booklet. The test also provides the students with possible career fields the students may want to research or pursue based on the answers they provided in the interest inventory section. Both the EXPLORE and PLAN tests are created by

the ACT Corporation to assist students in preparation for the ACT test. Students and parents may visit [www.explorestudent.org](http://www.explorestudent.org) or [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org) for more information on these tests.

The 11th graders at BHS received the results of their PSAT test and test booklets back this week, also. The PSAT test is a practice SAT test that tests students in the areas of critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills. The PSAT score report also includes a section on how students can improve their skills. The PSAT test is created by the College Board and more information may be found at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

Students have received specific information about their test results and have been provided with special access codes that allow them to visit a special section on each of the web sites to search areas related to careers that may be of interest and students will have access to additional practice questions. If parents or guardians have any questions about the test results or need another copy of the test results, please call Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor at 473-2521.



## School Menu

### Breakfast

#### Monday, December 15

Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

#### Tuesday, December 16

Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted juice, syrup, milk

#### Wednesday, December 17

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

#### Thursday, December 18

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

#### Friday, December 19

Pop tart, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

### Lunch

#### Monday, December 15

Pizza, tossed salad, corn, sliced peaches, milk

#### Tuesday, December 16

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

#### Wednesday, December 17

Tacos with cheese, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, rosie applesauce, taco shells, milk

#### Thursday, December 18

Spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit cup, garlic toast, milk

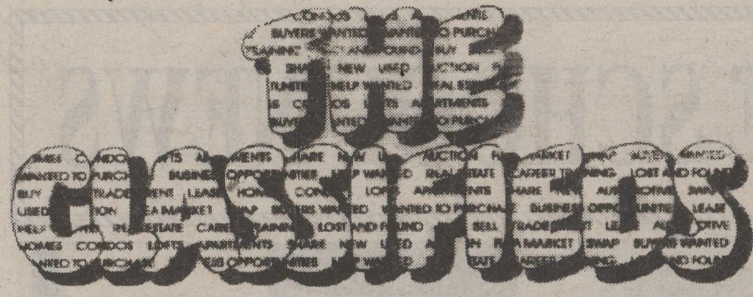
#### Friday, December 19

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**The Importance of Honesty on Loan Applications**

By Arkadi Kuhlmann  
 The American economy is unimaginably complicated, so it's not surprising that equally informed and honest experts have drastically different opinions on what caused the current crisis.

Pundits, policy makers, and the public do seem to agree, though, on at least one contributing factor -- dishonesty on mortgage applications. Many people bought homes they couldn't afford using loans they weren't qualified for. The ensuing foreclosures didn't just wreck the lives of mortgage holders -- it brought suffering to millions of other Americans in the form of collapsing financial firms and a hamstrung economy.

The take home message for individual Americans is one that I'm confident most folks already know: Always be completely honest on credit applications. There are countless ways to stretch the truth. The most widespread are padding one's income, overstating assets, hiding outstanding debts, and misrepresenting the source of the down payment or personal employment history.

These aren't heinous crimes. Everyone is tempted to fudge the numbers -- a little white lie might mean a home with a pool, or an upgrade to a V12 engine, or an extra thousand dollars of purchasing power on a credit card.

And brokers often have a financial incentive to encourage customers to take out loans beyond their means. The broker gets a higher commission, but doesn't bare the cost in the answers aren't always pleasant. But actually dealing with them is much healthier than lying to ourselves, our families, or our loan officer. Honesty forces us to operate within our means -- and shows exactly where we need to improve our finances if we really do want to make a big-time purchase on credit.

Arkadi Kuhlmann, the CEO of Savings, is president and CEO of ING DIRECT USA.

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**Letter to the Editor**  
**"We the People"**

By Jim Clendennen

The Global Warming scam has enabled the federal government to have another avenue of control and taxation that would directly affect West Texan agriculture. A U.S. Supreme Court Ruling in 2007 said that greenhouse gases emitted by belching and flatulence amounts to air pollution. According to an Associated Press Article by Bob Johnson, the Environmental Protection Agency has a new proposal.

A tax on ag producers with polluting animals. EPA spokesman said that the fee was proposed for operations that emit more than 100 tons of carbon emissions in a year and fall under the Federal Clean Air Act. An opponent of the proposal stated that "it would require farms or ranches with more than 25 dairy cows, 50 beef cattle or 200 hogs to pay an annual fee of about \$175 for each dairy cow, \$87.50 per head of beef cattle and \$20 for each hog. Now federal programs always expand. How long would it be before sheep and goats were added to the list of offenders. What about the wildlife that inhabit a rancher's land? It is not inconceivable that they too would be branded as polluters.

To anyone with common sense this is beyond the possibility of really happening. These ideas emanate from Washington D.C. where common sense rarely rears its head. President-elect Obama will not be opposed to such measures. He is in favor of a "Carbon Tax" and has publicly stated that he would bankrupt the American Coal industry. Why would he not do the same for American Agriculture? He is expected to raise the Ambassador to the United Nations to a Cabinet level position. The United Nations treaties of "Kyoto" and the "Law of the Sea" would mandate ridiculous actions like the "Livestock Emissions Tax". I am going to call my Congressman and Senators and tell them to fight these federal actions. What will you do?

**Bronte places two students in All-Region Band**

Geoffrey Ehl on tuba and Jonathan Dannheim on percussion won membership in the Region 7 All-Region Band in tryouts held last Saturday, December 6 at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. They competed against schools as large as Kennedale, Glen Rose and Alvarado. They will perform in a concert at McMurry University in Abilene on January 17. Jonathan also

made the All-Area band and will travel to Waco Robinson to try out for the All-State Band on January 10.

Nine Bronte Junior High students will try out in Brady for the West Zone district band. If they are successful in making the band, they will travel to Brownwood on Saturday and perform a concert at 5 pm at Brownwood High School.

**Our State's First "First Family"**

By U. S. Senator John Cornyn

When Texas became a state in 1845, its population was about 150,000, and its seat of government had shifted several times. Austin finally was chosen as the state capital, despite lingering fears that Mexican troops and Indians still posed a threat there.

The rough-hewn capital city numbered only 200

people, and years would pass before the present day Governor's Mansion and State Capital building were constructed. Nevertheless, a big job in a small town awaited the state's first Governor, James Pinckney Henderson.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of his birth. His story is incomplete without describing the accomplishments of the gifted "First Lady," Frances Cox Henderson. Together and individually, they played an important role in the birth and development of Texas statehood.

Their worlds had been far apart when they first met in Europe. Frances Cox was a 19-year-old Philadelphian studying in Paris. According to the Handbook of Texas, she had "learned to speak at least 18 languages, was proficient in mathematics, became an accomplished musician, and wrote and

translated short stories."

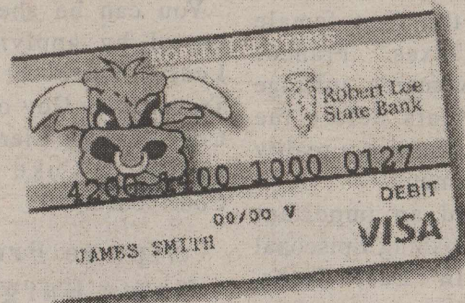
The future Texas Governor, a North Carolina native who had earned a law degree, was 10 years older. He came to Paris as Texas' envoy to France and England. Before turning 30, he had served the Republic of Texas as Attorney General and Secretary of State.

They married in London in 1839, and then headed to Texas, the state he had adopted in 1836. After practicing law in San Augustine, he was named a delegate to the Convention of

1845, where annexation and a state constitution were adopted. The following year he became Governor.

At this junction, the story of the First Family took an interesting turn. Frances, then 25, chose to stay in thriving San Augustine. The Hendersons had lived there five years, and this well-established East Texas town was a good place to raise their children. It had schools and universities, churches, a newspaper, hotels, other businesses, and fine homes.

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Equipped with education and experience abroad, she used her capabilities to the utmost. She studied law and maintained her husband's law practice when he was away on state business. Some have called her the first female lawyer in Texas. Frances supported women's suffrage nearly 80 years before the right to vote became a reality for Texas women.

She played an important part in establishing Episcopal churches in East Texas, contributing to San Augustine's reputation as "the birthplace of Protestant religion in Texas." Community children benefited from the speech and music education she gave them.

After his term as Governor, followed by a decade practicing law, James Pinckney Henderson was elected to fill an open U.S. Senate seat. He served less than a year before dying in office. Frances lived another 39 years. The young widow moved to France during the Civil War, eventually spending her final years with her daughter in New Jersey. She died there in 1897.

The Hendersons' education, experiences abroad and contributions to the new state made them, as some would say today, a "power couple." In their case, power was not just what they had learned and acquired, but how they used it for the advancement of Texas and the model of dedicated public service they

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**Tips to Prevent Home Burglaries During the Holidays**

Everyone looks forward to this time of year - including burglars. With people away, visiting friends, or just out of the house shopping, there are many good prospects for break-ins. Experts agree that it is a very vulnerable time for homeowners. "People are busy and distracted," said Ray Palermo, Director of Public Relations for Response Insurance. "As they race out the door, they are not thinking about what they leave behind." He offered a few precautions to help prevent homeowners from falling victim to thieves during this time of year.

- Examine the exterior of your house. Make sure all locked doors and windows have a tight fit when closed. Check to see if there is any "wiggle room" that could give a thief enough space to jimmy it open. Walk around your whole property to

ensure there is nothing that can be used to climb to upper floors. Look in your windows to make sure blinds are positioned to screen the interior view, but not closed completely. You may want to move any computers and TVs away from prying eyes. Never leave an "emergency key" hidden outside your house.

- Always leave your home in a secure state, regardless of the amount of time you expect to be away. A burglar watching your house is capable of taking what he wants in a few carefully planned moments.

- When you are away from the house, particularly for an extended period, be sure to make it look lived-in. Put timers on a few lights at varied times; put a timer on a radio set to a talk-radio station; install a dusk/dawn outside light or motion detector; ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and any circulars that might pile up on your doorstep; and stop delivery of newspapers or other mail.

- In many instances installing a home alarm system will give you protection, a sense of calm and even a discount on your homeowner's insurance.

- Walk around the interior of your home and inventory your major possessions. An easy way is to place valuables out on tables and videotape your house, room-to-room of all furniture, paintings and other possessions. Place the list, any photos/video you took, and perhaps the valuables themselves, in a safe, separate location.

- Tell a trusted neighbor on your block that you will be away. Activity or noise that might otherwise seem normal to them would be alarming if they knew you are away from home.

- Be sure your homeowner's

insurance coverage reflects any improvements or purchases that have increased the value of your home or its contents since you got your homeowner's policy. The only thing worse than losing

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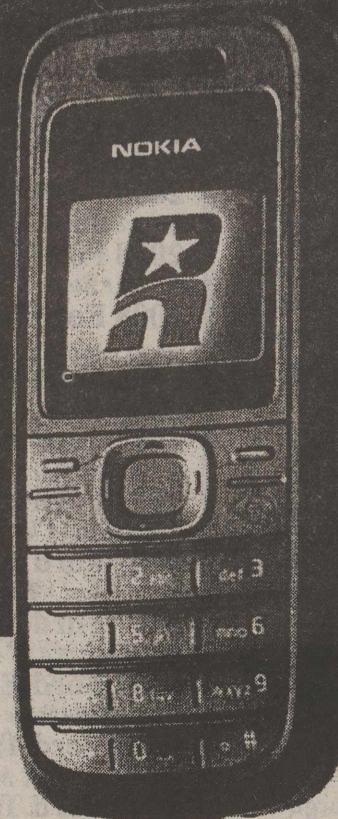
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