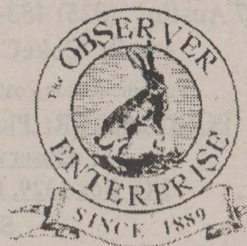


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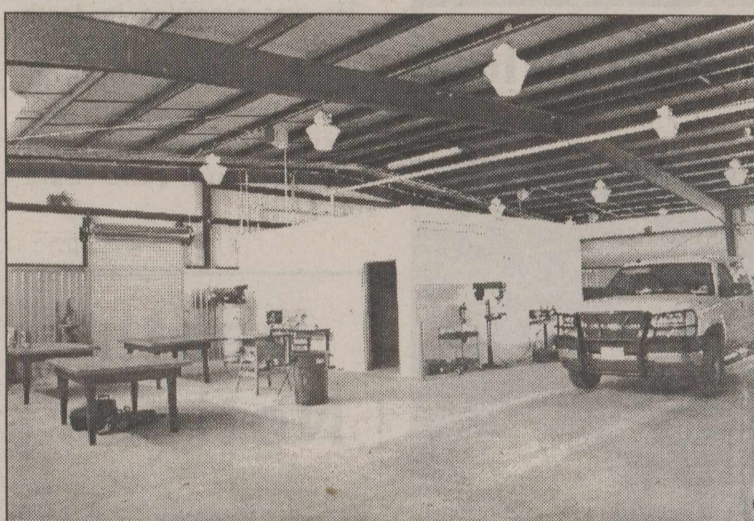
Robert Lee Christmas celebrations set for today

The opening of the Christmas season in Robert Lee is today, December 7. A number of local offices and businesses hold open house to serve refreshments and celebrate the season with their valued customers and friends.

The Coke County Courthouse will have an open house from 8 am to 1 pm. Robert Lee State Bank is having their open house from 9 am to 3 pm and Ivey Motor Company, Inc. will celebrate from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Other businesses and offices participating with open house celebrations include Robert Lee City Hall, This 'N That Shop, C & H Hardware, Especially For You, Mountain Creek Mercantile, Amazing Hair Salon and Gifts, Rock Solid Communications, Coke-Sterling Farm Bureau, Super H Grocery and Designs By Toni. The Coke County Library will also host an open house. At 10 am the winner for the painting by Tom Orsak, sponsored by the 64 Study Club, will be drawn.



J.T. Henry Agricultural Center! FFA students at Bronte have been attending classes for just over a month in the new J. T. Henry Agricultural Center adjacent to the BISD campus. According to Vo-Ag instructor Jay Henderson, the new center is an 80' X 80' steel structure with a 25' overhang on the south side of the building. The building is complete with classroom facilities, as well as a woodworking and metal shop. The facility also features a meat processing center with a walk-in cooler and freezer. Formal dedication ceremonies for the debt free center are set for sometime just before Christmas. The new facility is named for long-time Bronte Agriculture instructor J. T. Henry.



Christmas Dinner for Bronte Senior Citizens slated

The Bronte Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting a Christmas Dinner, Thursday, December 13 at 11:30 am at the Bronte Senior Citizen Center. All seniors are invited to come and enjoy a wonderful Christmas dinner - turkey, ham, dressing, and all the other good food. This has become an annual event for the Eastern Star to host. Please mark your calendars and plan to go Thursday, December 13.

Singing Winds to host tourney

There will be a 27 hole, two person golf tournament on December 15, 2007, at the Singing Winds Golf Course, Bronte, Texas.

For more information, please call (325) 473-2156.

Audubon Count set for December 15

The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, December 15. Anyone who wishes to help with the count is asked to call 453-4488 or City Hall at 453-2831 for information.

Caliche Loop Bird and Wildlife Association in Robert Lee assists the annual count. Any local assistance will be appreciated.

Ft. Chadbourne Christmas Social slated for Dec. 15

Fort Chadbourne Foundation will once again host an 1850's Christmas Social, on Saturday, December 15, from 5:30 pm to 9 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission fee. The Fort will be aglow with lights and activities. Refreshments will be served by women dressed in 1850's attire, along with live reenactments of Christmas in an Officers' Quarters, cavalry, night time cannon fire, buggy rides, hay rides, and of course we can't forget Santa who will be arriving for the kids at 6 pm. The barracks has warm fires, and if it's a cold evening there are fire pits on the parade grounds for everyone to stay warm. There will be door prizes, and if you want to stock up on some goodies for Christmas, there will also be a bake sale.

The local kids' artwork will be on display, and winners of the coloring contest from each grade will be announced. There will be plenty of games, prizes, and refreshments for the children.

The Ice House Brass Quintet from San Angelo, who was a huge hit last year, will again be set up on the front porch playing period and Christmas music.

Everyone from Coke County and the surrounding area is invited to attend. There is no charge for this festive evening. Over 300 folks attended last year, and we hope this year even

more will come and join us for this very unique and fun Frontier Christmas Social.

Fort Chadbourne is located 10 miles north of Bronte on Highway 277. For more information call 325) 743-2555.

RLVFD to host silent auction and open house

By Mark Sides, Chief
Bring the family, tour the station, see the equipment, and meet your neighbors.

The Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department will hold a silent-auction fundraiser during the open house on Monday, December 17, from 6:30 pm until 9 pm.

Items up for bid include gift cards from Academy Sports and Outdoors, and Big 5 Sporting Goods, a 5 gallon propane tank with free initial fill from Askins Propane and a copy of A Texas Christmas from This 'N That Shop.

Firefighters will be on hand to provide valuable information on fire safety and fire prevention.

Hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, water, and soft drinks will be served during the open house. Custom made, reflective, 911 address signs will be available for purchase.

Adopt-An-Angel Program underway

The Adopt-An-Angel Program sponsored by the Bronte Health and Rehab Center has begun. The Angel Tree is set up in the chapel at BHRC. If you would like to adopt an angel, go by BHRC and pick an angel and bring back a gift wrapped package for that angel by Monday, December 17.

Visit our area
businesses during their

Holiday Open
House

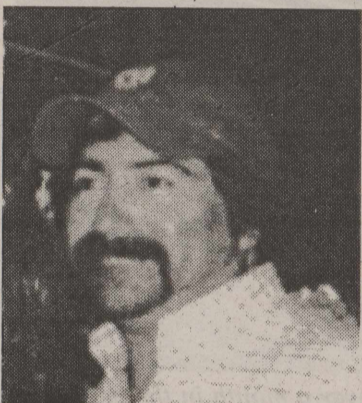
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Obituaries



Torres

Joe Lewis Torres, 41, of Robert Lee, Texas, passed away peacefully in his home, Sunday, December 2, 2007. Viewing was from noon to 8 pm on December 5, 2007, at Shaffer Funeral Home, Robert Lee, Texas. Graveside service was held Thursday, December 6, 2007, at 2 pm at the Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery in Robert Lee, Texas. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Ashley Torres of Nacogdoches, Texas; sons, Garrett and Jayton Torres of Robert Lee, Texas; parents, Julian and Juanita Torres; brother and wife, Johnny and Kay Torres; sister and husband, Yolanda and Saul Saucedo; brother and wife, Julian and Isela Torres; sister and husband, Rosa and Joe Longoria, all of Robert Lee, Texas; sister and husband, Dora and Richie Bain; sister and husband, Mary Lou and Efrain Garcia of San Angelo, Texas. He is also survived by his fifteen nieces and nephews and many close friends and family.

MOUNTAIN CREEK MERCANTILE
 1/4 mile east of Robert Lee
 453-2731
Menu
 Monday, Dec. 10
 Meatloaf
 Tuesday, Dec. 11
 Sausage & Sauerkraut
 Wednesday, Dec. 12
 Pot Roast
 Thursday, Dec. 13
 Chicken & Noodles
 Friday, Dec. 14
 Smothered Steak
 Also Daily Sandwich
 & Soup Specials

He was preceded in death by his brother, Hilberto Torres; grandparents, Esmerijildo Hernandez and Maria Salomon; and Tiodordo and Julia Lara Torres.

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Death Notices

Clark

Royce Dean Clark, 76, died Wednesday, November 28, 2007, in Bronte, Texas. Services were held at Central Baptist Church in Bronte, at 2 pm, with burial following at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Royce is survived by his sons, David Clark of Winters and Michael Clark of Abilene, his daughters Janice Schmidt of Big Spring, Donna Alcorn of Sterling City, and Linda Clark of Winters.

Letter to Robert Lee

(SFC Gloria L. Jackson sent in this letter to Pat Gunnels, for the purpose of thanking the community for all their support.)

Robert Lee Texas Community,

Words can't begin to express how grateful I am for the support that you all have shown me and the soldiers in my unit. I wanted to send a card but decided on this Operation Iraqi Freedom memento instead. I know it's

not much but I won't forget what you all have done for us and I want you to have something to remember me, Any Soldier "SFC Gloria L. Jackson". Thanks once again for the sacrifice that you all are making by supporting "soldiers".

SFC Gloria L. Jackson
 Oct. 2007

(If you are interested in seeing the lovely memento that SFC Jackson sent to the community of Robert Lee for our support, contact Pat Gunnels.)

Christmas

Greetings set for December 21

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 21 issue.

Deadline for this year's greetings is Tuesday, December 18. For more information or to place an ad, contact the office at 453-2433.



Look Who's New!

Jaxson Lee Marquard

Ryan and Shelly (Sims) Marquard of Monument, Colorado, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jaxson Lee. He arrived November 12, 2007, at 7:22 am at Swedish Medical Center, weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his older sister, Madyson.

Jaxson is the grandson of Ron and Beverly Sims of Bronte, Randy Marquard of Denver, Colorado, and Carl and Barbara Bouslough of Oregon, Wisconsin. Great-grandparents include Ira Lee Craig of Bronte, Beverly and Walter Zelewski of Plover, Wisconsin, and Clara Marquard of Stevens Point, Wisconsin.



9 Point Buck! Jael Williams, daughter of Paul and Susan Williams of Bronte, shot this 9 point buck on her parents' place in Runnels County, Thursday evening, November 29.

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. Morris Johnson, 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
 11 am Worship
 Wed. 7 pm Choir

Iglesia Bautista Bethel
 101 Houston • Robert Lee
 (325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
 Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
 Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
 & 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

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

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and 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 City Hall by January 11, 2008. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 16.

Open Casting Call For Major Hollywood Family Film

Francine Maisler Casting is conducting a statewide casting search for spirited, interesting, rural boys (ages 10 to 14) to be considered for leading roles in an upcoming major Hollywood family movie to be filmed in Texas.

There will be an open casting call held on Saturday, December 15, 2007, in Brownwood, Texas, at the Brownwood Coliseum, 500 E. Baker from 11am to 3pm. For driving directions, lodging, and dining information, please call the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce at 325-646-9535 or visit their website at www.brownwoodchamber.org.

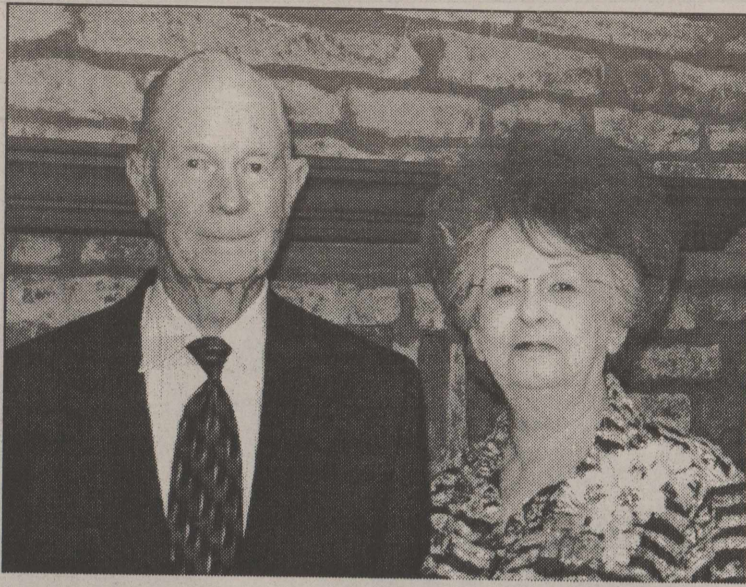
The casting call will consist of a brief talk with a member of the casting team and possibly an interview on camera. All participants should bring a non-returnable photo. Interested parties may call the Information Line at (512) 637-9782, though no appointment is necessary.

While acting experience is not necessary, the production will provide compensation on the scale of professional actors. Filmmakers are specifically looking for children with old-fashioned qualities in small town environments.

As Bob Hudgins, the Director of the Texas Film Commission, has said, "This story is set in Texas, and the Primrose team is determined to cast this part in Texas. This could be a rare opportunity for a young Texan to land a lead role in a major film, and I appreciate Primrose's dedication to making that happen."

While details of the project are being kept confidential during the casting process, the filmmakers have been nominated for Academy Awards and have produced numerous films that are considered to be critically acclaimed around the world.

"The filmmakers are



Ragsdales Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary! Robert and Beverly Ragsdale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2007. A family gathering hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren at Zentner's Daughter in San Angelo was held Sunday, December 2.

Robert Ragsdale and Beverly Floyd married on December 2, 1957, in Abilene, Texas. Over the years the couple has lived at Ft. Chadbourne Humble Camp; Overton, Texas; Fort Stockton, Texas; and Bronte. Both are members of the First United Methodist Church in Bronte. Robert worked 29 years and retired from Exxon. Beverly was employed and retired from Ethicon in San Angelo.

Robert and Beverly have two children and four grandchildren; Joe Bob and wife, Paige Ragsdale and children Lacy and Ashby live in Sonora, Texas, and Jana and husband Jeff Brisbin and children Briana and Dawson live in Robert Lee, Texas.

known to us and are well-respected both nationally and internationally," Hudgins said. "I assure you that this is a professional, legitimate film project, and one that I expect we'll all be proud of."

The role calls for a boy who is confident, lively and thoughtful. This statewide search has been taking place since September of 2006 and will be completed by February of 2008. Filming will commence in March.

Francine Maisler Casting has cast films such as "Spider-Man", "Miami Vice" and "As Good As It Gets."

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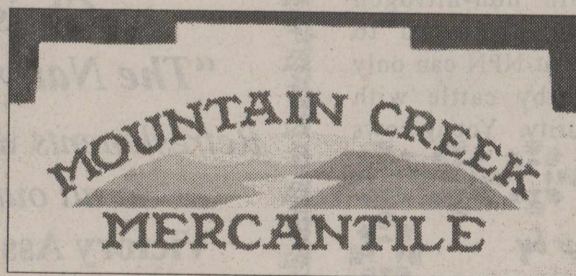
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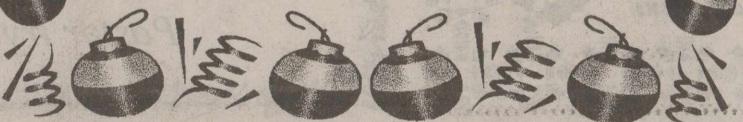
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

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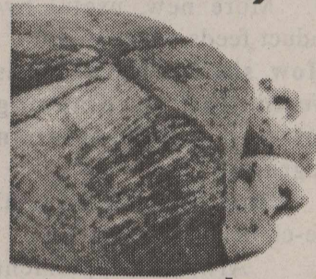
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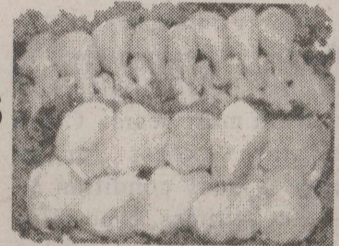
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COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

By Tommy Antilley
Cooperative Extension Agent

Beef Cow Nutritional Supplementation

Some things never seem to change, and this is certainly true in beef cattle production. Even though a lot has changed in the last 20 or 25 years, beef cows still need the same nutrients they always have, vitamins, minerals, protein, and energy. In general, we can say the following about these four classes of nutrients under typical grazing conditions:

1. Minerals, especially phosphorous and salt, but also magnesium and several trace minerals, are practically always deficient in most perennial pastures and native ranges. The only exception is when plants first start new growth.

2. Protein is periodically deficient. A shortage can occur at almost any time, but is almost certain during winter dormancy and, in most years, late summer.

3. Energy is occasionally deficient. Fortunately, it also is periodically in surplus in most years. Cows can store excess forage energy as body condition or fat. But at times, especially during drought or under overstocked conditions, stored body reserves are depleted.

4. Vitamins are rarely deficient under most grazing regimes. During extended periods of drought, lack of vitamin A can be a problem.

What has changed in the last 20 to 25 years is that we know more about specific nutritional needs. Also, we have more choices and better products to meet these needs. What do we mean?

1. Good high phosphorous minerals (8% to 15%) are widely available. Not so common are minerals adequate in magnesium, copper, zinc, manganese, and selenium. Check your mineral.

2. We now know that various forms of protein are required for ruminants such as cattle. You've probably heard of bypass or ungradable protein sources. However, this seems to be of less concern in cow herd nutrition than stocker or feedlot programs.

3. There is no question that the average cow is now larger and higher producing, so nutritional requirements are higher. Recommended minimum protein levels are now greater to insure efficient rumen function.

4. There are limits in feeding high starch supplements to cows on range, pasture, or hay. Excess starch reduces efficiency of forage

consumption and utilization. Poor results usually occur from feeding more than 3 to 4 pounds a day of a feed based on corn, milo, etc., including most breeder cubes.

5. More new, useful by-product feeds are available.

How should we use this information in planning beef cow supplementation programs?

1. Provide good mineral free-choice year round.

2. Always supplement protein when needed. This will use forage most efficiently and help keep cows in good body condition most economically. It is easier to maintain body condition than restore it.

3. Don't be afraid of good by-products like soybean hulls, wheat midds, rice bran, and others.

4. If we provide minerals and protein when needed, and don't overstock, then supplemental energy can be minimized. Supplementing high levels of energy is usually biologically and economically inefficient. But if grass is short and energy is needed, either supply it or reduce animal numbers. Otherwise, reproduction and performance will be unacceptable low. You can't starve a profit out of cows.

Types of Livestock Supplement

In dry, low quality conditions during the winter, it is extremely important to maintain your livestock's condition before they begin to lose weight. Besides hurting your weaning weights on the present calf with lower milking rates, body condition of cattle now can have a tremendous effect on how soon they will breed back, if at all, and how large a calf they will wean next year. Your decisions on supplemental feeding this winter can have either positive or devastating effects on your operation for the next 14-18 months. Trying to play catch-up after calving or cows begin to lose weight, is next to impossible economically, if not biologically. It is like the old commercial, "You can either pay a little now or pay a lot later."



ASU Meat Judging Team! Angelo State University recently attended the International Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest held on November 11. The contest was hosted by Tyson Fresh Foods in Dakota City, Nebraska. The 2007 Angelo State University Meat Judging Team members include Michele Sanchez from Robert Lee (far left), Henry Dissler of Del Rio, Kaie Lee of Pecos, Jennie Canon of Pecos, Kari Hudspeth of Blanket and Coach Kirk Braden.

In supplementing your livestock, it is important to remember that protein can be stored by animals, therefore protein supplements can be fed only two or three times a week. On the other hand, if energy is the limiting factor, livestock cannot store energy, therefore it must be supplemented every day. Also, if available forage is of poor quality, there is a misconception that cattle will just eat more, but in reality, if quality of grass is poor and low in digestibility, it takes longer for the rumen to digest the forage, forcing the animal to actually eat less per day, compounding the problem of low nutrient intake.

When buying supplemental feed, determine the cost by actual pounds of protein and nutrients found in the feed. Sometimes the so called "bargain cubes" if figured on pounds of actual protein, are not really a bargain at all. Feeds containing some source of non-nitrogen protein (usually urea) are not totally utilized by the animal. If you are buying feed containing this unnatural protein source and they only utilize about 75-80% of the protein, your 20% feed is only furnishing about 15-16%. A lot of producers are using tubs now that contain non-nitrogen protein and you need to remember that NPN can only be utilized by cattle with rumen maturity. Young cows

and calves will not utilize this type of protein. If your tubs are all natural protein, you are okay. To get the needed amounts of protein in the animal you must actually feed more of this type of feed, increasing the cost.

ACT and SAT test deadlines set

Bronte High School students interested in taking the February 9, 2008 ACT test must register by January 4, 2008, in order to avoid late fees. Students may register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up an application in the high school counselor's office. The cost of the ACT test is \$30 or \$44.50 if a

student registers for the ACT Plus Writing test. If someone is unsure which test to sign up for, please consult the high school counselor.

Students interested in taking the January 26, 2008 SAT Reasoning Test must register before December 26 in order to avoid late fees. The cost of the SAT Reasoning Test is \$43 and includes a required writing portion. Registration may be done online at www.collegeboard.com or you may pick up a registration packet in the counselor's office.

Fee waivers are available to junior and senior students who qualify for free or reduced lunches.

*Welcome to our
2nd Annual
Christmas Open House*

Victory Assembly of God
6th & Houston • Robert Lee

Wednesday, December 19
6 pm - 9 pm

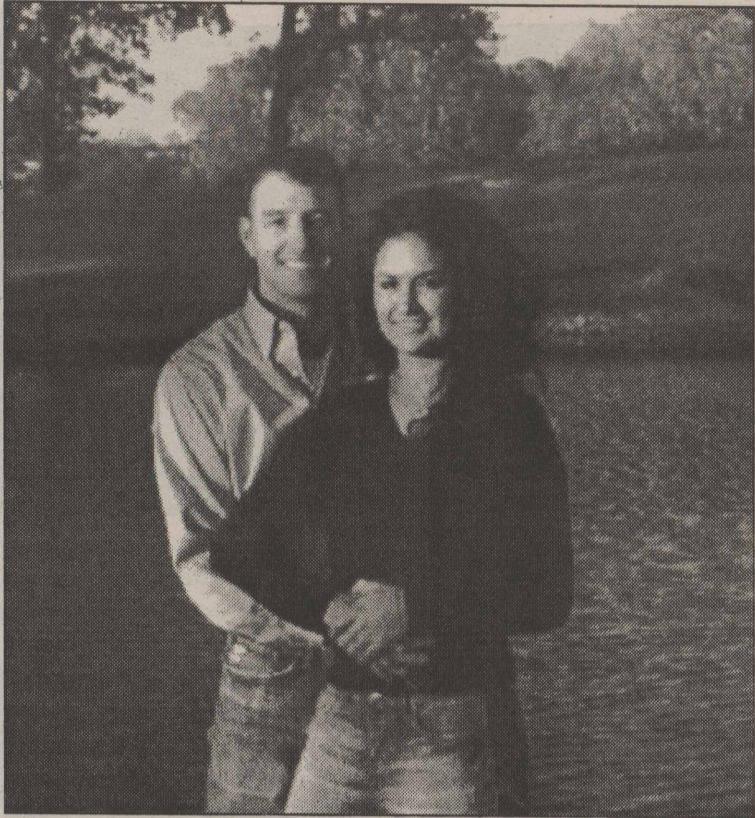
*We will be showing the
Christmas movie
"The Nativity Story" at 7 pm*

*Refreshments will be served and a gift
to all our special visitors*

**Victory Assembly wishes all of
Robert Lee a very Merry
Christmas!**

See You There!
Pastor Irving Smith

*Everyone is invited to stop by
Designs By Toni
on Friday, December 7
during the Robert Lee Christmas
Open House Celebrations*



McMullan-Doyle engagement announced! David and Mary McMullan of Bronte are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tessie, to Blake Doyle, son of Bill and Jackie Doyle of Flandreau, South Dakota. Tessie and Blake are both graduates of Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Tessie is a credit analyst for Southwest Securities, FSB in Granbury, Texas, and Blake is a ROW agent for EOG Resources. A March wedding is planned.

Call or see Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor for more information. Please keep in mind that the ACT and SAT tests will be offered several times throughout the spring semester. The next time the ACT test will be offered at Bronte High School will be in April and June. Free study guides are available in the counselor's office. The high school library has practice test preparation books available to students. The ACT and SAT websites also have free practice items available online.

Many scholarships offered to local students

The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will award scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year to students, who are relatives of Texas retired teachers or school personnel, pursuing education degrees at Texas universities. Applications may be downloaded from the TRTF website at www.trtf.org. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1, 2008.

Burger King has begun taking applications for their Scholars program. There are up to 700 \$1,000.00 scholarships available. Applications may be accessed at www.bk.com/scholars.

Criteria for the scholarship include:

- maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- work part time an average of 15 hours per week for 40 weeks per year
- be actively involved in community service activities
- demonstrate financial need
- plan to enroll in an accredited two/four year college, university, or technical school



Michele Sanchez

have a GPA of at least a 2.5 on a 4-point scale and have taken the ACT or SAT test. The deadline to apply is January 14, 2008.

Many more scholarships are available at www.collegeguidanceconsultants.com. Bronte High School seniors have been provided with the username and password to access this site but if you need them, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte High School counselor at 473-2521.

Sanchez receives "Spirit" Award

Michele Sanchez, a graduate of Robert Lee High School, was awarded the Rachel Hamilton Memorial "Spirit" Award. This award was established to honor a member of each team selected by their peers whose winning approach exemplifies Rachel's love of meats judging and makes them the teammate they all want to have. The award is made possible by gifts to the Rachel Hamilton Memorial fund of the American Meat Science Association Educational Foundation and the American Meat Science Student Association. Michele is a senior animal business/communications major at Angelo State University. She is the daughter of Rickey and Elena Sanchez of Robert Lee.

BJH/BHS Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks 12th Grade

A Honor Roll
Emily Austin, Stephanie Flores, Casey Harris, Holly Huskerson, Terrah Macon, Savannah Martinez, Paul McConnell, Gus Saunders, Cody Wallace

AB Honor Roll
John Basquez, Kyler Lee, Marcy McMorris, Emilie McMullan

Beth Sanchez 11th Grade

A Honor Roll
Lahne Burns, Ariel Coalson, Shannon Dellar, Jessi England

AB Honor Roll
Geoffrey Ehl, Ty Mackey, Will Macon, Sam Rawlings, Reece Springer

10th Grade

A Honor Roll
Emily Fiveash, Bill Miller, Rob Rosson, Jacob Scott

AB Honor Roll
Ernesto Casillas, Chelsea Cook, Fernando Fraune, Louie Martinez, Chelsea Meek, Jose Perez, Kim Womack

9th Grade

A Honor Roll
Benny Fuentez, Chase Harris, Dakota Rawls, Heath Richey

AB Honor Roll
Cheyenne Boyd, Ginny Caston, Terron Charles, Rachael Deller, Skyler Ellis-York, Brandon Fountain, Ali Franco, Arlis McMullan, Kim Nixon, Kerwin Rawls, Kelsey Sedden

8th Grade

A Honor Roll
Shelby Amendt, Lauren Burns, Mackenzie Gibbs, Kim Lee, Kaleb Parks, Jill Scott

AB Honor Roll
Katie Austin, John Dellar, Kassie Fillman, Amy Godinez, Leah Jones, Harley Wallace

7th Grade

A Honor Roll
Brooke Bedford, Kaitlyn Braswell, Jael Williams

AB Honor Roll
Mikayla Fraune, Carson James, Kyle Kelton, Erica Puentez, Caleb Rosson

Bronte Elementary Awards

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First Grade

Met Reading Goal

Tanner Braswell, Makaylah DelaCerde, Jacob Eubanks, Brooklyn Jones, Cassidy McWright, Raegen Moore, Kimberly Ogle, Damian Puentez, Kaylee Puentez, Kaci Queen, Jayden Speary

Super Citizen

Nathan Arthur, Makaylah DelaCerde, Jacob Eubanks, Cassidy McWright, Skyleigh Minjarez, Raegen Moore, Kimberly Ogle, Savina Ornelaz, Jayden Speary

Perfect Attendance

Nathan Arthur, Nita Betts, Makaylah DelaCerde, Jacob Eubanks, Brooklyn Jones, Alyssa Lyon, Hailey McKinney, Raegen Moore, Kimberly Ogle, Savina Ornelaz, Damian Puentez, Kaylee Puentez, Jr. Guia

Jackson's Second Grade Met Reading Goal

Analyn Bohensky, Mercedes DelaCerde, Emmanuel Casillas, Cambrey Lange, Colton King, Tiara Watson, Hanna McKinney

Super Longhorn

Analyn Bohensky, Mercedes DelaCerde

Perfect Attendance

Hanna McKinney, Tiara Watson, Kristen Stilley, Danny Pullen, Joshua Fuentez, Mercedes DelaCerde, Analyn Bohensky

A Honor Roll

Analyn Bohensky, Mercedes DelaCerde, Joshua Fuentez

AB Honor Roll

Emmanuel Casillas, Cambrey Lange, Mason Keeney, Hanna McKinney, Tiara Watson

Rawls' Second Grade

Met Reading Goal

Alyssa Balderas, Vincent Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Aaron Cervenka, Darby Duncan, Collin Moore, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez, Chelsea Trussell

Super Longhorn

Alyssa Balderas, Jaqui Davila, Darby Duncan, Melissa Perez, Shawn Puentez, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres

Perfect Attendance

Alyssa Balderas, Aaron Cervenka, Collin Moore, Shawn Puentez, Baily Torres, Kaily Torres, Chelsea Trussell

A Honor Roll

Alyssa Balderas, Vincent Basquez, Tanner Bedford, Darby Duncan, Chelsea Trussell

AB Honor Roll

Nicole Carnell, Aaron Cervenka, Jaqui Davila, Sierra O'Brien, Melissa Perez

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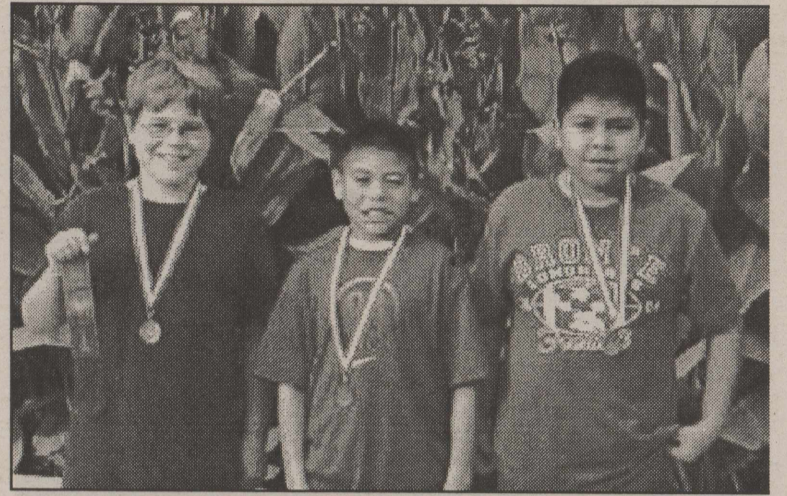
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Music Memory Team!
The Bronte Elementary Music Memory team (left photo) placed third at the UIL meet in Garden City on November 14. Team members include (back row, left to right) Tristin Minjarez, Austin Parker, Justin Reed, Carson Kelso, Chris James, (front row, left to right) Jerica Davis, Sarah Sanchez, Whitney Boyd, Emily Whitehurst and Destiny Lyon.



Number Sense Team! The Bronte Elementary Number Sense team placed third at the UIL meet in Garden City. Team members include (from left to right) Lance Burns, Joshua Puentez and Oscar Pena.



Writers! These Bronte Elementary girls placed very well at the UIL meet in Garden City. Analyn Bohensky (far left) placed first in Creative Writing, while Payton Cutting (middle) and Brittany Bedford tied for third place in Ready Writing.

...Bronte Awards

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Lloyd's Third Grade

Super Citizen

Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Alejandro Rosales, Zachary Rosales

Perfect Attendance

Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Harley Cerda, Alex Guia, Darin Munsey

A Honor Roll

Emily Barnett, Brittany Bedford, Whitney Boyd, Alejandro Rosales

AB Honor Roll

Harley Cerda, Alex Guia, Ryan Jones, Carson Kelso, Katlyn Reeves, Zachary Rosales, Chase Wynne

Wilson's Third Grade

Super Citizen

Emily Whitehurst, Ismael Cecilio, Hannah Brackeen, Destiny Lyon, Justin Reed, Tristan Sullivan

Perfect Attendance

Ismael Cecilio, Hannah Brackeen, Harley Cerda, Evan Ferguson, Destiny Lyon, Tristan Sullivan

A Honor Roll

Hannah Brackeen, Destiny Lyon, Justin Reed, Emily Whitehurst

AB Honor Roll

Reighlyn Baken, Ismael Cecilio, Harley Cerda, Evan Ferguson, Tristan Sullivan

Bearden's Fourth Grade

Perfect Attendance

Hailey Bennett, Thomas Deller, Cambri Kelso, Austin Parker, Kellie Thorn, Kevin Charles, Rankin Deronde, Emmerly McCullough, Sarah Sanchez, Ean Ward, Payton Cutting, Ashlee Irwin, Tucker McMullan, Brittany Sutton

AB Honor Roll

Kevin Charles, Jerica Davis, Thomas Deller, Rankin Deronde, Chris James, Tucker McMullan, Sarah Sanchez, Kellie Thorn

Coalson's Fifth Grade

Perfect Attendance

Savannah Arthur, Marley Braswell, Charissa Caston, Heriberto Cecilio, Stacia Emfinger, Carlos Fuentes, Kourtney Kelton, Kolby Lee, Joshua Means

A Honor Roll

Marley Braswell

AB Honor Roll

Charissa Caston, Stacia Emfinger, Kolby Lee, Jensen Reed

Lee's Fifth Grade

Perfect Attendance

Jessica Arthur, Amber Betts, Crystal Bilbrey, Lance Burns, Maria Franco, Dalton Ogle, Oscar Pena, Joshua Puentez, Dakota Pullen, Addison Rosson, Moriah Royall

A Honor Roll

Lance Burns

AB Honor Roll

Jessica Arthur, Crystal Bilbrey, Maria Franco, Joshua Puentez, Dakota Pullen, Addison Rosson

Sixth Grade

Perfect Attendance

Fred Arthur, Rebecca Dugan, Stetsen Emfinger, Cecil Flores, Ty Lee, Johnathan Moore, Shanyia Parker, Marisa Sanchez, Candice Sutton, Megan Yackley

A Honor Roll

Ty Lee, Megan Yackley

AB Honor Roll

Tammie Halfacre, Coby Malone, Shanyia Parker, Courtney Wyatt

Bronte Shorthorn

"A" Team results

On November 26, the Bronte Shorthorn "A" team played against Menard with a final score of Bronte 51, Menard 17. Scoring for the Shorthorns were Johnny Reyes 8, Creed Coalson 6, John Deller 2, Conner Clark 4, Jordan Baumann 6, Austin Brackeen 2, Kaleb Parks 2, Beau Grigg 10, and Caleb Rosson 11.

The Junior High "A" Boys grabbed another win on Monday night against Menard. They set the tone of the game early with the press and outscored Menard 23 to 8 in the first half alone. They again showed a lot of quickness of the court, which is a great asset for this group of guys! We're very proud of the effort. They will be playing at Bronte Monday, December 3 against Sterling City.

Bronte Shorthorn

"B" Team results

On November 26, the Bronte Shorthorn "B" team played against Menard with a final score of Bronte 27, Menard 17. Scoring for the Shorthorns were Mason Hoyt 6, Thoren Charles 6, Ethan

Seddin 12, Randon Eubanks 1, and Nathan Fillman 2.

Another great job by the Junior High Boys "B" team on Monday night against Menard. The guys did a good job of moving the ball up the court and put themselves in a position to score. They have continued to improve and it's still early in the season. They, again, did a good job defensively and held Menard to 17 points, especially in the 4th quarter when Menard scored only twice.

Bronte Tournament results

The Longhorns played in the basketball tournament at Bronte.

The first game the Longhorns played was against Winters with a final score of Bronte 54, Winters 25. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 8 pts; Paul McConnell 4 pts; Gus Saunders 2 pts, 3 steals; CJ McClure 8 pts; Sam Rawlings 1 pt, 4 steals; Lahne Burns 9 pts, 5 steals; Rob Rosson 6 pts, 3 assists; Dakota Rawls 6 pts, 6 rebs, 5 steals; Heath Richey 8 pts; and Kerwin Rawls 2 pts, 3

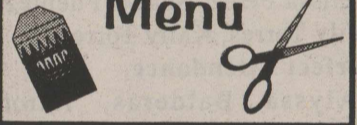
assists.

The next game that Bronte played was against Highland with a final score of Bronte 43, Highland 35. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 9 pts, 3 steals, 3 assists; Paul McConnell 3 pts; Gus Saunders 1 pt; CJ McClure 3 pts; Sam Rawlings 2 pts; Lahne Burns 1 pt, 3 steals; Rob Rosson 1 pt; Dakota Rawls 13 pts, 7 rebs; Heath Richey 3 pts; and Kerwin Rawls 7 pts.

The third game in the tournament for the Longhorns was against Veribest with a final score of Bronte 31, Veribest 22. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 7 pts; Paul McConnell 2 pts, 5 rebs; CJ McClure 2 pts, 6 rebs; Dakota Rawls 7 pts, 8 rebs; Heath Richey 4 pts; and Kerwin Rawls 8 pts.

The championship game was between Bronte and Eden with a final score of Bronte 35, Eden 39. Scoring for Bronte were Brett Wills 2 pts, 3 steals; Paul McConnell 4 pts; Cody Wallace 2 pts; Lahne Burns 4 pts; Rob Rosson 2 pts; Dakota Rawls 7 pts, 6 rebs; Heath Richey 4 pts, 4 rebs; and Kerwin Rawls 10 pts, 3 steals.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 10

Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Sausage roll, juice, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

Thursday, Dec. 13

Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, juice, milk

Friday, Dec. 14

Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Dec. 10

Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green peas, roll, rosie apple sauce, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Frito pie, chili, cheese, tossed salad, corn, sliced peaches, corn chips, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Nacho Grande, refried beans, lettuce, tomato, assorted fruit, nacho chips, milk

Thursday, Dec. 13

Sliced turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, roll, milk

Friday, Dec. 14

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, pink panther cake, milk

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Bronte JV basketball results

The Bronte JV boys basketball team played against Veribest with a final score of Bronte 44, Veribest 30. Scoring for Bronte were White 17, Horton 9, Mackey 6, Casillas 4, Harris 4, Martinez 2, Everheart 2. Record 1 - 1.

Bronte JV played against Forsan with a final score of Bronte 33, Forsan 34. Scoring for Bronte were Horton 9, Casillas 5, Mackey 6, Scott 3, Charles 3, Perez 3, Martinez 2, White 2. Record 1 - 2.

Bronte JV played once again against Sterling City with a final score of Bronte 39, Sterling City 41. Scoring for Bronte were Horton 10, Casillas 2, Mackey 6, Scott 9, Perez 1, Martinez 7, White 4. Record 1 - 3.

Bronte Longhorn basketball results

Bronte played against Veribest with a final score of Bronte 51, Veribest 33. Scoring for the Longhorns were Brett Wills 12 pts, 8 rebs, 4 assists; Paul McConnell 8pts; Gus Saunders 4 assists; CJ McClure 1pt; Lahne Burns 2 pts, 3 assists, 2 steals; Dakota Rawls 16 pts, 8 rebs; Heath Richey 5 pts, and Kerwin Rawls 7pts, 4 steals.

Bronte Lady Shorthorn basketball results

The "A" Girls are now 4-0, beating Garden City 33-14, Water Valley 26-16, Menard 43-10, and Sterling City 43-24. Points scored are as follows.

Garden City game - Katie Austin 10, Jill Scott 8, Kimber Lee 4, Brenda Perez 4, Lauren Burns 4, Leticia Pena 2, Mackenzie Gibbs 2, Leah Jones 1.

Water Valley game - Gibbs 9, Kimber Lee 7, Jill Scott 4, Burns 2, Perez 2, Austin 2.

Menard game - Austin 10, Gibbs 9, Harley Wallace 7, Lee 5, Jill Scott 4, Perez 4, Brianna Harper 2, Pena 2.

Sterling City game - Gibbs 12, Lee 11, Wallace 10, Burns 3, Scott 2, Perez 2, Pena 2, Austin 1.

The "B" are also 3-0 to start the 2007 season, defeating Garden City 14-4, Water Valley 29-5, and Menard 45-12. Points scored are as follows.

Garden City game - Paige Royall 6, Kaitlyn Braswell 5, Jael Williams 5.

Water Valley game - Braswell 8, Erika Puentez 6, Brooke Bedford 6, Royall 4, Michelle Rhodes 2, Cindy Davilla 2.

Menard game - Braswell 24, Puentez 6, Bedford 5, Williams 4, Rhodes 4

Congratulations Lady Shorthorns and Good Luck on your future games.

Make a holiday shopping game plan for kids

By Jason Alderman

Are you stumped for ideas on what to get your children for holiday gifts? Join the club. When I was a kid, my folks had far fewer gift choices for me: board games, a bicycle, or maybe the dreaded long underwear. Today, doing a search for "toys" on Amazon.com reveals more than 400,000 listings.

Now that I'm a parent, I understand why my parents and grandparents wanted at least some of our gifts to be "educational." The trick is to find toys or games that impart knowledge and that won't get tossed under the bed because they're boring.

Here are a few ideas for games for all ages that can teach your kids the value of money, the importance of saving, and planning for the future - and amazingly, they're fun too. Some are high-tech, some are more old-fashioned and many are actually free:

The Game of Life. This classic board game is designed for ages nine and up. Players navigate life's twists and turns, learning how various life events, education and career decisions impact their earnings potential, ability to buy a house, retirement planning and so on.

The new Twists & Turns Edition uses an electronic "LIFEPod" to store players' financial data and progress through the game. The game rewards players for earning "life points" - a mixture of wealth accumulation and life experiences - while pursuing life goals along four different paths: Live It (adventure), Love It (family), Learn It (college) and Earn It (career).

Stagecoach Island. If your high school or college-age

kids enjoy multi-player video games, have them check out this online virtual world created by Wells Fargo. On Stagecoach Island they can explore the island and its hidden secrets, connect with friends and learn smart money-management skills. After registering for free at www.stagecoachisland.com, players earn virtual money they can "spend" on the island by answering questions about banking and personal finances.

The Stock Market Game. This game teaches students from fourth grade to college how investments work. Teachers can register at www.smgww.org for classroom materials correlated to national and state standards for math, social studies and other curricula. Starting with a \$100,000 virtual cash account, competing student teams use real Internet research and news updates to create the best-performing stock portfolios in a live trading simulation.

Financial Football. Your family's sports nuts will like Financial Football, an online, interactive game developed by Visa and the National Football League. The game combines the structure and rules of the NFL with financial education questions of varying difficulty. Playing against the clock, teams gain

yards and score points for answering questions correctly, and lose yardage for wrong answers. Parents, teachers and kids can play the free game, order a free CD-Rom or download the cell phone version by going to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/football.

H.I.P. Pocket Change. For elementary school kids, check out the U.S. Mint's H.I.P. (History in Your Pocket) Change website (www.usmint.gov/kids).

Designed to generate interest in coins and U.S. history, the site features interactive games, stories, puzzles, cartoons and many other activities. Teachers can also download free lesson plans and other classroom resources.

No matter how you do it, sharing your financial wisdom is one of the greatest gifts you can give your children - you might as well make it fun in the bargain.

Ten Things Parents Can Do To Keep Teen Drivers Safe

Getting the keys to the family car - or better still, a car of their own - can be one of the biggest things in the lives of most teenagers. For their parents, however, it can be a source of worry.

There are many things parents of teen drivers can do to improve their teens' safety

behind the wheel. "Parents can have a tremendous impact on their teens' safety," said Robert L. Darbelnet, President and CEO of AAA, which has created a list of ten things parents can do to help keep teen drivers safe:

* Know and understand your teen - Not all teens are ready to drive at the same age. Teenagers mature, develop emotionally and become responsible at varying rates, which parents need to gauge as they determine when their teen is ready to drive.

* Be a positive and responsible role model - Teenagers learn from their parents' behavior. Research has found that, when using collisions and traffic tickets as criteria, parents of teens involved in crashes were more likely to have poor driving records than parents of collision-free teens.

* Choose a quality driving school - Driving is a risky activity for teens and warrants professional instruction. Driving schools that feature cutting-edge curriculums, high degrees of interaction and professionally-trained instructors are suggested. Parents can consult their local AAA club for potential local recommendations.

* Practice might not make perfect, but it can make for better teen drivers.

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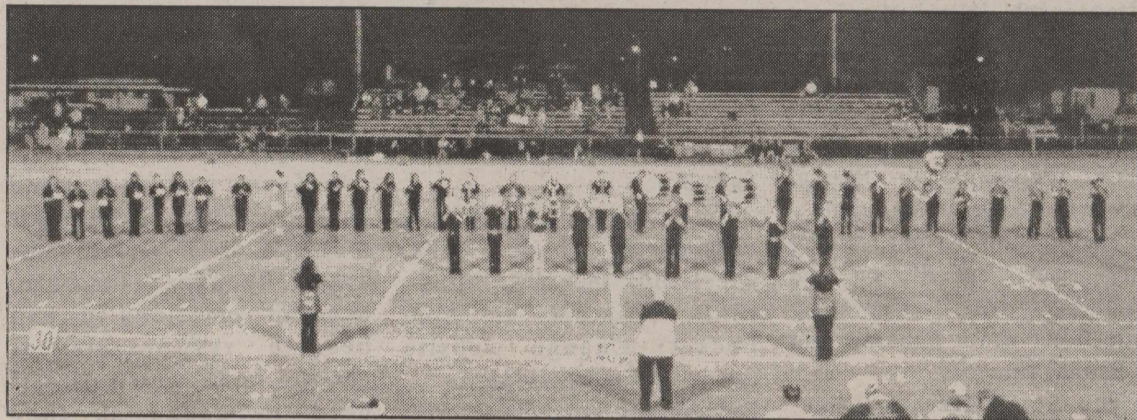
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



RL Bands to present concert! *The Robert Lee High School Band, fourth grade recorder class, fifth and sixth grade band with the kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade classes will present a concert and play on December 20, beginning at 6:30 pm. Band Director Mike Brady will conduct the bands and Sterling Myers will conduct the elementary students. Brady said, "These students have really worked hard and I think you will really enjoy watching and listening to these students perform." The kindergarten students will perform first, then Mrs. Myers will direct the first through third grade in a Christmas play. The fourth grade will perform next, followed by the fifth and sixth grade and ending with the Stompin' Steer Band. Everyone should come out and support these fine students.*

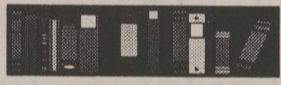
RL JV Boys basketball results

On November 27, the boys JV team played against Winters, with a final score of Robert Lee 28 and Winters 16. Scoring for Robert Lee were KW Roe 5, Michael Rodriguez 9, Stetson Nesbit 4, Haden Dillard 8, Garrett Blair 2.

RL JV Girls basketball results

On November 27, the Lady Steers JV team played against Winters, with a final score of Robert Lee 27 and Winters 32. Scoring for Robert Lee were Erika Sheldon 6, Alexis Garren 4, Connie Saucedo 11, Jodi Sheldon 1, Skyler Rainwater 5.

School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, Dec. 10
Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Pancakes & sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Biscuit, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, Dec. 13
Muffin, cereal, juice, milk

Friday, Dec. 14
Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Dec. 10
Corndog, tator tots, pork & beans, pineapple/orange salad, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Chicken nuggets, baked potato, green beans, bread, orange, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Pizza, salad, corn, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Thursday, Dec. 13
Salisbury steak, mac & cheese, green peas, roll, apricots, milk

Friday, Dec. 14
Chicken patty on bun, pickles, baked chips, carrot sticks, peaches, milk

Robert Lee JV Tournament results

On November 29 and December 1, the JV Steers and JV Lady Steers hosted a tournament.

The Robert Lee JV boys played against Miles, Forsan, and Sterling City, with these final scores. Robert Lee 39, Miles 18. Scoring for Robert Lee were KW Roe 4, Michael Rodriguez 12, Stetson Nesbit 19, Haden Dillard 2, and Garrett Blair 2. Robert Lee 23, Sterling City 22. Scoring for Robert Lee were KW Roe 4, Michael Rodriguez 6, Stetson Nesbit 4, Haden Dillard 7, and Garrett Blair 2. The last JV boys game was played on Saturday, December 1 against Forsan with the final score of Robert Lee 24, Sterling City 28. Scoring for Robert Lee were KW Roe 5, Michael Rodriguez 4, Stetson Nesbit 8, Haden Dillard 4, and Garrett Blair 3.

The Robert Lee JV boys placed second in the tournament with an overall record of 3 - 1.

The Robert Lee JV girls played against Miles, Forsan, and Bronte. The first JV Lady Steer game's final score was Robert Lee 33, Miles 19. Scoring for Robert Lee were Erika Sheldon 1, Alexis Garren 6, Connie Saucedo 3, Jodi Sheldon 12, Skyler Rainwater 4, and Briana Brisbin 7. The second JV Lady Steer game's final score

was Robert Lee 29, Forsan 35. Scoring for Robert Lee were Erika Sheldon 3, Connie Saucedo 9, Skyler Rainwater 7, and Briana Brisbin 10. The last game in the tournament was played on Saturday, December 1 against Bronte with the final score of Robert Lee 30, Bronte 20. Scoring for the JV Lady Steers were Erika Sheldon 7, Connie Saucedo 19, Kacee Roberts 2, and Briana Brisbin 2.

The next game for the Lady Steers JV team will be at the Sterling City Tournament against Menard at 10:30 am Thursday, December 6.

Lady Steer basketball results

On November 27, the Lady Steers played against Winters, with a final score of Robert Lee 36 and Winters 74. Scoring for Robert Lee were Olga Perez 5, Kasie Skinner 4, Arrin Minjarez 3, Molli Hinderliter 7, Molly Burns 9, Megan Percifull 1, Mandy Mendoza 1, and Sarah Walker 6.

Lady Steer Tournament results

The Lady Steers played in the Irion County Tournament at Irion County on November 29 and December 1.

The first game the Lady Steers played was against Water Valley with a final score of Robert Lee 34, Water Valley 36. Scoring for Robert Lee were Olga Perez 5, Arrin Minjarez 23, Molly Burns 3, Megan Percifull 2,

and Mandy Mendoza 3.

The next game that Robert Lee played was against Irion County with a final score of Robert Lee 34, Irion County

73. Scoring for Robert Lee were Olga Perez 2, Kasie Skinner 10, Arrin Minjarez 9, Molli Hinderliter 3, Molly Burns 4, Megan Percifull 1, and Sarah Walker 2.

The last game in the tournament for the Lady Steers was on Saturday, December 1, against the Eldorado with a final score of Robert Lee 28, Eldorado 33. Scoring for Robert Lee were Olga Perez 3, Kasie Skinner 3, Arrin Minjarez 12, Molli Hinderliter 4, Molly Burns 1, Mandy Mendoza 3, and Sarah Walker 2.

The next Lady Steer game will be at the Miles Tournament in Miles. The schedule follows.

- Robert Lee vs Eden at 1 pm, December 6
- Robert Lee vs Bangs at 1 pm, December 7
- Robert Lee vs Cornerstone at 10 am, December 8
- Robert Lee vs. Miles at 4 pm, December 8

Steer basketball results

On November 27, the Steers played against Winters, with a final score of Robert Lee 55 and Winters 25. Scoring for Robert Lee were Josh Gallegos 7, Taylor Percifull 8, Logan Philley 8, Justin Hewitt 2, Jeremy Martinez 5, Cameron Hodge 8, Brody Dillard 11, and Cody Brosh 6.

Steer Tournament results

The Steers played in the Irion County Tournament at Irion County on November 29, 30, and December 1.

The first game the Steers played was against Irion County with a final score of Robert Lee 71, Irion County 11. Scoring for Robert Lee were Josh Gallegos 8, Taylor

Percifull 8, Logan Philley 4, Justin Hewitt 4, Jeremy Martinez 14, Cameron Hodge 8, Brody Dillard 18, and Cody Brosh 5.

The next game that Robert Lee played was on November 30 against Ozona with a final score of Robert Lee 24, Ozona 43. Scoring for Robert Lee were Josh Gallegos 5, Taylor Percifull 7, Logan Philley 3, Cameron Hodge 4, Brody Dillard 3, and Cody Brosh 2.

The last game in the tournament for the Steers was on Saturday, December 1, against Central Soph. with a final score of Robert Lee 54, Central 29. Scoring for Robert Lee were Josh Gallegos 10, Taylor Percifull 10, Logan Philley 16, Justin Hewitt 2, Jeremy Martinez 4, Cameron Hodge 2, Brody Dillard 7, and Cody Brosh 2.

The Steers finished third in the Irion County Tournament. Josh Gallegos was named to the all-tournament team. The Steers overall record is 3-1.

Dogie basketball results

On November 19, the Dogies played against Sterling City with a final score of Dogies 12, Sterling City 33. Scoring for the Dogies were Justin Gartman 8, Zach Skinner 2, and Zachary Sanchez 2.

On November 26, the Dogies played against Garden City with a final score of Dogies 24, Garden City 37. Scoring for the Dogies were Justin Gartman 7, Tyler Henderson 2, Cooper Hinderliter 12, and Sean Hildebrand 3.

Lady Steers defeat Miles Lady Bulldogs

The Lady Steers JV and Varsity teams played against Miles on Tuesday, December 4. The JV team played first and the final score were Robert Lee 20, Miles 19. Scoring for Robert Lee were Alexis Gavin 3, Jodi Sheldon 6, Kacee Roberts 2, Skyler Rainwater 7, and Briana Brisbin 2.

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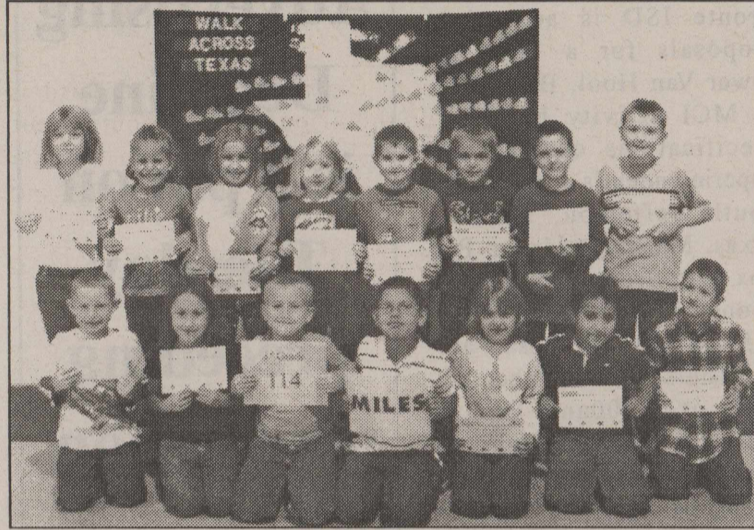
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Kindergarten! The Robert Lee Elementary Kindergarten class walked a total of 94.25 miles. Class members include Sydney Hayes, Clayton Montgomery, Shae Guerra, Steve Oleksiuk, Ethan Brashear, Jonathan Hoyt, Jay Service, Kadin Ward, Andrew Martin, Jaycee Johnson, Kaleb Gregston, Tara McCormick, Shaelyn Ellsworth and Kole Leal.



Third Grade! The Robert Lee Elementary Third Grade class walked a total of 118 miles. Class members include M'Lynn Leatherwood, Anna Huapilla, Nicole Jones, Kandace Skipworth, Chesney Minjarez, Gabriel Abalos, Casey Scruggs, Trace Oleksiuk, James Wyatt, Kegan Bell, Matthew Curry, Mason Sabrusula, Ryan Martin, Kaden Hayes and Mallorie Chancellor.



First Grade! The Robert Lee Elementary First Grade class walked a total of 114 miles. Class members include Bubba Bohannon, Courtney Brown, Kaden Austin, Corbin Drennan, Savannah Mills, Caleb Ward, Oscar Ramirez, Chelsea Wyatt, Autumn Ramon, Madison Hall, Jose Reyes, Josh Jackson, Zachary Brown, Kelby Clawson, Garrett Knight and Desirree Roe.



Fourth Grade! The Robert Lee Elementary Fourth Grade class walked a total of 145 miles. Class members include Jordan Bowser, Ryan Paterson, Bruce Buddin, Jake Jackson, Kaleb Torres, Ricky Williams, Karlee Roach, Julia Madrid, Sandra Hubbard, Justice Saucedo, Myrka Rangel, Brady Clawson, Jesus Landeros, Hayden O'Neil, Blaine Yanez, Madison Wright, Hunter Hamrick, Kodi Drennan, Bailey Hooten, and Rani Coppedge.



Second Grade! The Robert Lee Elementary Second Grade class walked a total of 179.5 miles. Class members include Tristan Ellsworth, Jorge Mendoza, Margo Mendoza, Christopher Tankersley, Joshua Gregston, Rachel Russell, Kiara Burns, Ryann Harless, Adam Minjarez, Daniel Mendoza, Elana Gloria, Issac Hodges, Cesar Rangel, Kourtney Roach, Samantha Roe, Mariah Munoz, Hailey Padgett, William Coppedge, Elexis Sanchez, Jessica Wheat, Kelsey Benson, Meghan Bohannon, Jayce Bower, Bethany Coppedge and Julian Torres.

The Lady Steers Varsity team then played Miles with a final score of Robert Lee 53, Miles 55. Scoring for Robert Lee were Kasie Skinner 9, Arrin Minjarez 14, Molli Hinderliter 7, Molly Burns 6, Megan Percifull 4, Sarah Walker 5, and Connie Saucedo 8.

...Teen Drivers

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As an important supplement to formal driver education, supervised driving sessions with parents provide teens with opportunities to enhance learning, reinforce proper techniques and skills, and receive constructive feedback from the people that care most

about their safety.

- * Keep teen drivers free of teen passengers and off the road at night - Research indicates that a teen driver's chances of crashing increase with each additional teen passenger. Know who is driving with your teen at all times. Teen crash rates spike at night, with most crashes happening between 9 p.m. and midnight.

- * Encourage teens to get enough sleep - Teens need about nine hours of sleep nightly, but many fall short. Lack of sleep can negatively affect vision, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and judgment.

- * Eliminate distractions - Cell phones and text messaging can be hazardous. With surveys reporting widespread use of distracting technology by teen drivers, more than one-third of states ban cell phone use by new teen drivers. Parents should make it a strict rule in their households.

- * Create a parent-teen driving agreement - Written rules, conditions, restrictions and consequences of teens' driving establish driving as a privilege, and not to be taken lightly. Look to state graduated driver licensing programs as the minimum. Parents should establish rules and consequences that they and their teens agree upon that extend beyond state laws. If the teen breaks a family driving rule, consequences should be enforced and the situation should be used as an opportunity for learning. Proper driving should be encouraged and rewarded with additional liberties. AAA offers parent-teen driving agreements at www.aaa.com/publicaffairs.

- * Set a time for weekly discussion and review - Parental involvement and communication is critical in the prevention of teen-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. Designate a time

each week to address concerns (both parent and teen), review the teen's driving performance and chart the progression towards established goals.

- * Make smart vehicle choice decisions for teens -

Walk Across Texas! Robert Lee Elementary PE students from Mrs. Gayle Bolding and student coach Cooper Thornhill classes participated in the Walk Across Texas program, which was presented by Coke County FCS agent Jan Yanez. Students tracked their mileage for a five week period of time. It is estimated that more than half of children in Texas are overweight. The Walk Across Texas program encourages physical activity for all ages. Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade participated in this program. These students walked a total of 648 miles across Texas. Class members and their totals are listed below each photo. The student who logged the most mileage was 3rd grader, Kaden Hayes with 10.75 miles. Students were awarded certificates from Walk Across Texas upon completion of the program.

As the family member most likely to crash, a teen should drive the safest vehicle the family owns. Things to consider are vehicle type (sedans are generally safer than sports cars, SUVs and pickup trucks), size (larger vehicles fare better in crashes than smaller vehicles) and safety technology (front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes and stability control systems).

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Genesis 1:27
So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

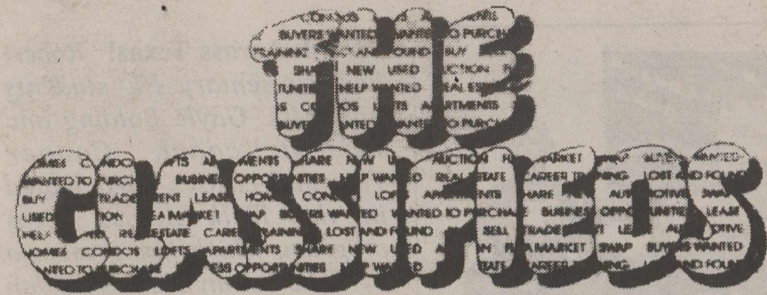
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We've attempted to answer that pivotal question in the following pages, our first ever ranking of America's Best High Schools. Using a formula produced in collaboration with School Evaluation Services, a K-12 data research and analysis business run by Standard & Poor's, we put high schools in 40 states through a three-step analysis. First, we measured how each school's students performed on state tests, adjusting for student circumstances. We next evaluated how well each school's disadvantaged students did. Finally, we looked at whether the school was successful in providing college-level coursework.

The 100 schools that did the best in this analysis earned gold medals. The next 405 schools were awarded silver medals, and an additional 1,086 schools earned bronze.

Like any good photograph, the details of the data gathered for this project reveal a number of fascinating stories. Most notable is the variety among the schools that have earned the highest honor. Our first-place winner, Thomas Jefferson High School in suburban Washington, D.C., picks its students from the children of the nation's leaders. Yet just 10 slots lower, Hidalgo High School on the border of Texas and Mexico has found success educating a student body comprising the children of challenged immigrants. And in Boston, the nation's oldest school carries on an exemplary tradition while a new charter school explores innovations such as housing tutors in dormitories on the third floor of its building.

A good high school can open worlds of opportunity for its students.

Robert Lee was selected out of 18,000 public schools to be recognized on the "America's Best High Schools" list. Robert Lee High School earned a Bronze Medal winners either do not offer AP, or do not achieve a college readiness index of at least 20, but successfully meet other two key performance indicator criteria.

Out of 18,000 public

schools, there were only 1,591 medals and Robert Lee High School was one of them. Next time you see a RLISD employee, give them a handshake! They deserve it!

Healthy advice for living with diabetes

More Americans than ever before are living with diabetes and need to be careful to treat themselves well to prevent complications from the disease. According to the American Diabetes Association, 20.8 million children and adults have diabetes, and another 54 million people have pre-diabetes.

Routine self-checks and active lifestyles can help keep those living with diabetes healthy and happy.

"Learning to manage your diabetes is something that takes personal commitment, but it's worth your time and effort," said Mary Jane Osmick, M.D., medical director at LifeMasters, a national provider of disease management programs and services.

Indeed, diabetes can result in heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness or lower limb amputation.

"Once you learn to better manage your blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight by keeping them in the right ranges, you can decrease your risk of diabetes complications," stressed Osmick.

Taking control of diabetes means following these basic guidelines:

Manage your blood glucose level: Uncontrolled blood glucose (the amount of sugar circulating in your blood) can damage your eyes, kidneys, nerves, the circulation in your feet, and even your heart. Learn to regularly test your blood glucose at home.

There is another blood test called an A1c that is a critical marker of longer term blood glucose control. The A1c gives a view of your blood glucose level over 3

months. Get an A1c at least twice a year, or more if your doctor orders it.

Stop smoking: Diabetes adds to your risk of blood vessel disease (for instance, heart attack and stroke). Smoking adds to these already increased risks of diabetes.

Care for your feet: Diabetes can affect the blood vessels and nerves in your feet. This can lead to loss of feeling and make you prone to infection. Check your feet daily for sores, cuts, blisters or ingrown toenails. If you see any changes in the skin or nails, let your doctor know right away. Keep your feet protected with clean socks and always wear shoes. If you soak your feet in a bath, be sure to test the water temperature before soaking to avoid inadvertent scalding of your skin.

Follow a healthy diet and manage your weight. Your healthcare provider can recommend a diet to balance your food intake with your insulin and oral diabetes medications. Pick foods that are high in fiber, minerals and vitamins, such as vegetables and fruits. Ask your doctor about which, and how much fruit to eat, since all fruits have sugar in them, which will increase blood sugar if you eat too much. Add whole grains and non-fat dairy to your diet. The key to healthy eating and weight control is balancing what you eat with the calories you burn in activity.

Control your cholesterol and blood lipids: Since diabetes makes you prone to blood vessel disease, it is important to control your cholesterol and blood lipids. Learn your numbers and how to improve them. Eating a low-fat, balanced carbohydrate (starch and sugar) diet will help control your blood lipids. Many people with diabetes will have to take a medication to control their blood lipids. Ask your doctor if your blood lipids are at the goals set by the American

Diabetes Association.

Get an annual dilated eye exam: Diabetes can affect the blood vessels in your eyes. Visit an eye doctor at least once a year to get a dilated eye exam. Remember, if you ever experience a change in vision, call your eye doctor immediately.

Ask your doctor if you should be taking aspirin every day. Aspirin has been shown to protect against the risks of heart attack, which occurs commonly in people with diabetes.

Stay active. Staying active on a regular basis can help control both your weight and your blood sugar levels. Work with your doctor or nutritionist to help prevent low blood glucose during exercise. Always carry a snack with you during exercise in case you experience low blood glucose. Also, drink plenty of water.

Practice good skin-care habits. High-glucose levels tend to cause dry skin and make you less able to fend off bacteria that often enter through the skin. Keep your skin clean and dry and avoid

using very hot water when bathing. Keep your skin moisturized, especially during the colder winter months. If you notice a break or cut in your skin, clean and dry the area and keep it covered until it is fully healed.

Manage your stress, since stress can alter your blood glucose levels.

The best defense to prevent diabetes or keep it from becoming worse, is to stay informed. Learn about diabetes complication warnings signs and how to take better care of yourself. Work with your doctor to understand the many ways that diabetes can affect your body and take active steps to lower each risk.

Make a yearly plan with your doctor to get all the required tests, and then track the results and improve them over time.

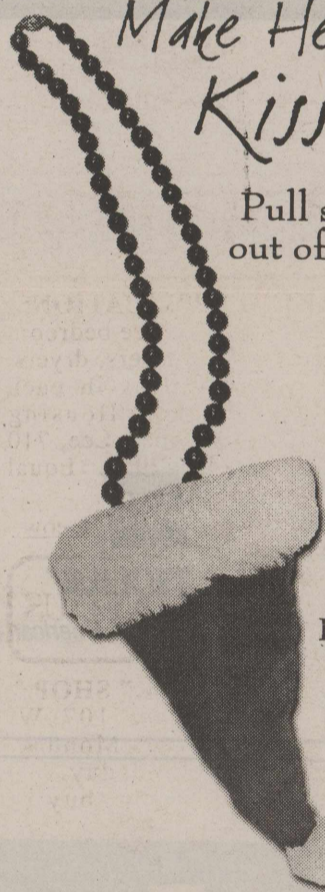
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Shopping online is a great way to buy holiday gifts or birthday presents. But savvy shoppers should beware of scammers who will take your money but never deliver, or worse, steal credit card numbers.

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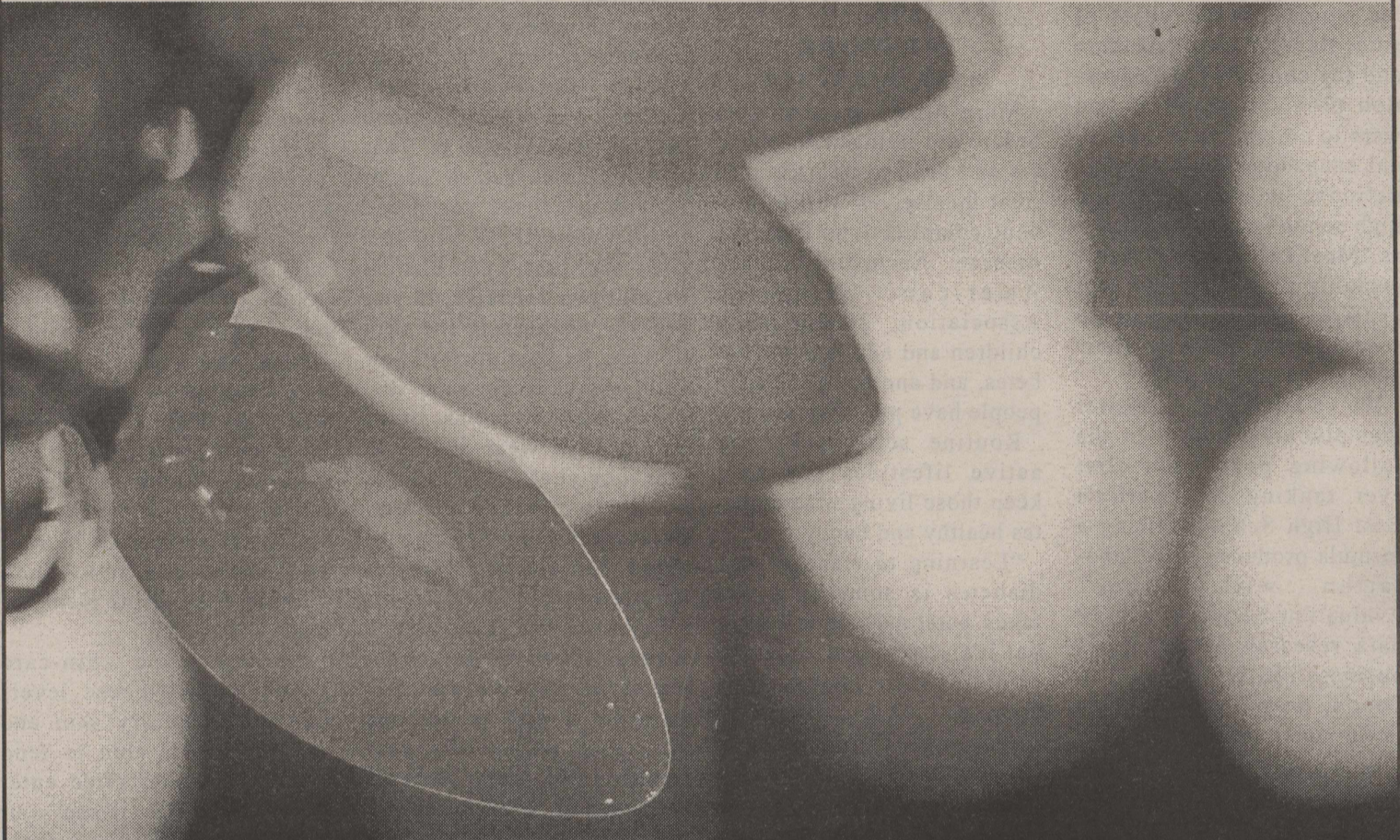
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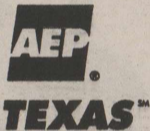
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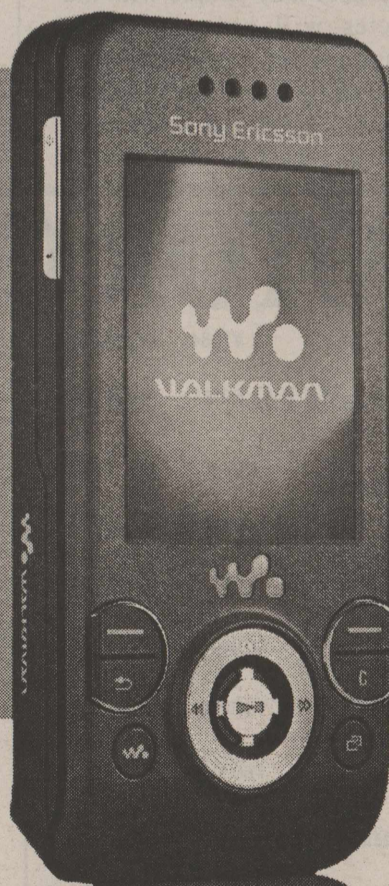
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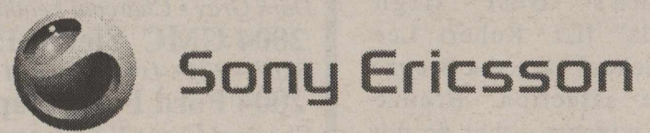
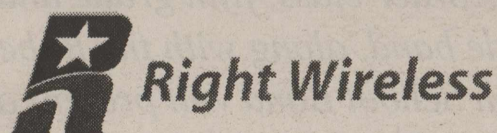
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