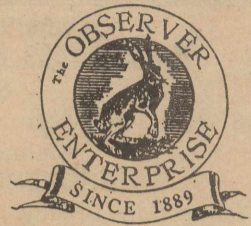


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## 57th annual County Stock Show starts today

The 57th Coke County Junior Livestock Show will begin with the Market Lambs at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 17, followed by Meat Goats, both of which will be judged by Rex Jones of San Angelo. The Market Swine Show judged by Keith Rowan of Knox City, will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, January 18. The Market Steer show will get underway at 11:00 am. The steers will be judged by Max Stapleton of Haskell. This year's show should afford some outstanding competition in all classes with the quality of animals being as high as any previous show.

As always, the barbecue prepared by Wayland Drennan, Gaylon Pitcock, Roy Tinkler and company will begin at 12:00 noon on

Saturday. The awards presentation and Premium Sale will begin at 2:00 pm on Saturday. Persons wanting to donate to the county show can contact one of this year's directors who include: Sharon Kelton - President; Shane Webb - Vice President; Robert Wink - Secretary; Tim Arrott, Ray Barnett, Kendall Gibbs, Jerry Graves, Jerry Parker, David Scott, Joe Sefcik, James Vaughn, Jeff Eubanks, Mike McCabe, Teddy Millican, Tim Millican, Wibby Millican, Joel Percifull, Darrel Pitcock, and Mark Riley.

The County Livestock Show affords the youth of Coke County an opportunity to exhibit their livestock projects which they have worked with for as long as 11 months in many cases. Besides being a worthwhile educational activ-

ity for these youth, it is also an important economic endeavor when you consider the animals purchased from county producers, feed purchased locally and premium sale money from the county and other areas. The total amounts of monies produced amounts to over \$100,000.00 per year that is circulated in Coke County.

The directors would like to invite everyone to come watch these young livestock producers exhibit their animals and reward them for their hard work and dedication.

### Judge announces Br. visit

Coke County Judge Jackie Walker has announced that she will be at the First National Bank in Bronte Wednesday, February 22 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Anyone having questions or concerns about county business is encouraged to come by and visit with Judge Walker. There are many things occurring in Coke County and the Judge would greatly appreciate the chance to receive your input on all county matters.



Many folks had a hard time deciding if they were in Texas or Canada Monday and Tuesday. Winter weather came to Coke County with a vengeance creating some hazardous driving conditions and making school children very happy as schools in the county were either delayed or canceled.

### Gospel singing slated

J.D. Taylor will be conducting a gospel singing at Pecan Baptist Church Sunday, January 19, 1997, from 2 to 4 pm.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### Coke County RTA to meet

Coke County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, January 20, 1997. The noon luncheon meeting will be held at the United Methodist Church in Bronte.

## Arctic cold chills county

Old Man Winter hit Coke County with an Arctic Blast this week. Monday morning county residents woke to a light blanket of snow; as the morning progressed the snow kept falling. While accumulation was not over 2 or 3 inches; the cold temperatures the county has seen the last week made for some nasty driving conditions. By mid-afternoon both Bronte and Robert Lee schools had dismissed early, as driving conditions were rapidly deteriorating. Temperatures dipped into the low 20s with a wind chill of -9 making a trip outside feel like a walk in Siberia.

Tuesday morning was much the same, but a light drizzle that had fallen overnight complicated the picture. Robert Lee schools were dismissed for the day and Bronte schools delayed classes until 10:00 am. Downtown Robert Lee looked like a winter wonderland with only a few daring souls venturing out until late in the day.

Residents saw the temperatures rise to a balmy 50 degrees Wednesday, but don't get the sunscreen yet. Forecasters are predicting another

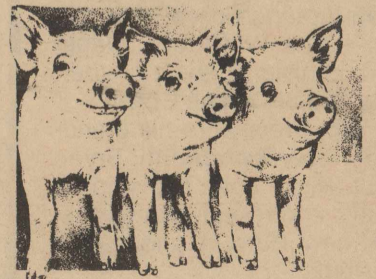
blast of cold weather just in time for the annual stock show Friday and Saturday.

### Square Dance lessons offered

The Happy Harts are planning again to begin square dance lessons in Robert Lee on Monday night, January 20, at 7:00 pm. The weather has not cooperated the last two Mondays, and we've had to cancel. We need to have two squares of beginners (16 dancers) to be able to continue the ten free lessons.

Our regular monthly square dance will be held on Saturday, January 18, at 8:00 pm at the Bronte Community Center.

We will dance at the Bronte Nursing Home on Thursday, January 23. Come out and join the fun.



## ECC tax rollback election set Saturday

Voters in East Coke County Hospital District will have the opportunity to go to the polls Saturday, January 18, 1997, and cast their ballot either for or against the proposed tax rollback. The special election is the result of a 268 signature petition demanding the chance to vote on this issue.

The controversy began when the ECCHD Board of Directors, consisting at that time of Royce Lee, Royce Fancher, Ed Cumbie, LeDrew Arrott, and Charles Sonnenberg, increased the tax rate from 36.4 cents per \$100 valuation to 68.3 cents per \$100 valuation. According to the Board, the purpose of the increase is to retire a debt of approximately \$255,000.

Numerous taxpayers in the District banded together as

"The Concerned Citizens of East Coke County" and circulated the petition asking for the rollback election. If the rollback is successful, the tax rate will fall to .379 per \$100 valuation.

These events have brought about considerable upheaval in the administrative staff of the Bronte Nursing Home and with the Board of Directors. In October, longtime administrator Pam Stokes, and Director of Nurses Augusta Lee resigned, along with Board President LeDrew Arrott. Due to being elected Coke County Commissioner Precinct 2, Royce Lee was forced to resign his position on the ECCHD Board.

Ed Cumbie was elected by the Board to serve as president, while Bob Lasswell and Ron Cooper were appointed to fill the other vacancies on the Board. Assistant Administrator Keith Fletcher served as acting administrator until L.O. Clark was brought in as interim

administrator. Kathy Chunn, RN/BSN was hired by the Board to serve as Director of Nurses.

Polling will take place from 7 am to 7 pm Saturday, January 18, 1997, at Bronte City Hall. All registered voters in East Coke County Hospital District are urged to participate in this election.

### SS rep to visit

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his January visit to Robert Lee and Bronte. He will be at the County Courthouse Conference Room in Robert Lee on Thursday, January 24, from 11:00 to 11:30. In Bronte, he will be at the City Hall Council Room, Thursday, January 23, from 1:30 to 2:00.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.





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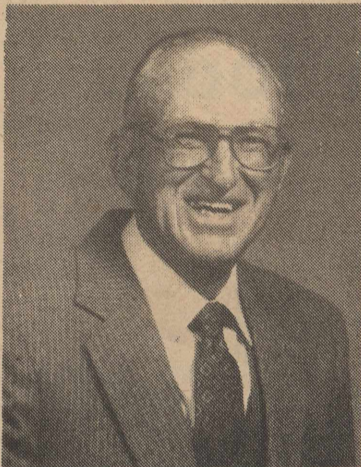
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**Obituaries**



**Post**

Perry Allen Post, 78, of Robert Lee, passed away at 7:45 pm Saturday, January 11, 1997, at his home.

Memorial service was held at 11:00 am Tuesday, January 14, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Brother Roy Epperon from Ballinger and Brother Garry Bivins from Bronte were officiants. Burial followed in Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Perry was born January 6, 1919, in Farmerville, Louisiana, to Henry Allen and Minnie Johnson Post. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Air Corps. He was employed by Sun Oil Company for 36 years and worked in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas during his employment. He retired in Robert Lee in 1984.

He married Maxine Ropond in Farmerville, Louisiana on March 21, 1942.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jack Post.

He is survived by his wife of the home and his children, Pansy and Clayton Bloodworth of Silver, Stanley and Anne Post of Columbus, Mississippi, and Mike and Kathy Post of Snyder. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Janice Smith of Austin, Clay Bloodworth of Robert Lee, Patty Schniers of Miles, Bryan Post of Columbus, Kelly Post of Columbus, Ricky Post of Snyder and Christopher Post of Snyder.

He is also survived by six great-grandchildren; one sister, Farris White of Logansport, Louisiana; and a brother, Jim Post of Corpus Christi.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Clay Bloodworth, Bryan Post, Ricky Post, Christopher Post, and great-grandsons, Matthew Burnett and Jacob Burnett.

Honorary pallbearers were members of his Sunday school class from Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity.

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**Euterpean Club holds meeting**

The Euterpean Club of Blackwell met December 19 at the Barrett Ranch. It was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

Myrle Thompson, president, conducted the business meeting. Lillie Burwick, secretary, read minutes from the last meeting.

Dona Sanderson told very interesting Christmas stories. Christmas gifts were exchanged by Secret Pals.

Hostesses for the meeting were Myrle Thompson, Linda Watts, and Dona Sanderson.

Other members attending were Jean Bell, Geneva Zafonotis, Rosie TenEyck, Sharon Taylor, Sue Sweet, Betty Cole, Margaret Stout, Esther Smith, Bea Murray, Juanita McRorey, Tommie Lucas, Mary Lee, Hulene Conradt, and Bobbie Varnadore.

The next meeting will be January 16, at the Methodist Church fellowship hall with a Taco Salad lunch.

**Commissioner's Court actions**

Commissioner's court was held Monday, January 13, 1997. The following actions took place.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag and prayer led by Royce Lee. Judge Walker, Commissioners Burns, Tidwell, Percifull and Lee, Attorney Arthur, Auditor Taylor, Sheriff Harris, Constable Fletcher and Clerk Ettie Hubbard were present.

Regarding equipment for Senior Centers, Judge Walker reported that she had found some computers in State Surplus Equipment and had made a request through the service. A refrigerator will also be requested.

The annual review of the Wackenhut contract was discussed. The court will make a quarterly review of the facility on the second Monday of February.

A discussion of abolishing the Constables position was addressed. The court rescinded prior action of a request to Hon. Rob Junell to abolish the position of Constables in Coke County through State vote. Attorney Lane Arthur found legislation where a request could be voted on by the state and also carry the county. Mr. Arthur will draft a letter to Mr. Junell and report back to the court for decision by the twenty-seventh of the month for action.

The Treasurer's Affidavit of \$523,08.73 cash and \$535,400.00 other assets was approved.

Grievance committee members were drawn and will be contacted, then approved by the court.

A motion was made and seconded to table the Historical Committee until all members could be contacted. The motion carried.

A motion was made not to furnish pickups for park caretakers. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to start advertisement for a Bronte Park Caretaker this week and to advertise for two weeks and

to start conducting interviews the second Monday of February, with employment commencing April 1, 1997. The motion was seconded and passed.

Centranet Services were reviewed and approved for the county phones.

Extension agents reports were approved as presented.

There was not a trappers report.

Airport operations and responsibilities were discussed.

Mr. Demere requested the closing of Walnut Road. Lane Arthur will do research regarding land owners and the process of closing. Public hearing for closure will be held February 25 at 1:00 pm.

Paul Burns was appointed Judge Pro-tem for 1997.

Private road work charges were discussed and tabled for further discussion.

The purchase of a sign making machine was tabled.

No private road work was presented at this time.

Bill were paid and the meeting adjourned.

**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a few comments on the East Coke County Hospital District, namely the Bronte Nursing Home.

Right now is the time to get out and make your opinion count. Regular voting will take place at Bronte City Hall January 18, 1997, from 7 am to 7 pm. Everyone has an opinion on what has been happening financially with the nursing home, as well as with previous management, including me. But right now, that is not what I want to write about. What I want to talk about is APATHY. That ugly demon that says, "let someone else do it." Well, someone else has done it! Less than 200 people voted to put everyone in this hospital district in debt for

approximately \$700,000. There are 1189 registered voters in this district. Why did we allow this to happen? I don't know about you, but I don't think we can afford this fellow "Apathy" any longer. He is costing us a fortune.

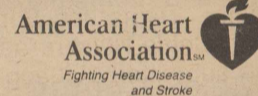
The current financial condition of the nursing home is not just the fault of the Board. It's OUR'S too. Those members were elected by us, the voting taxpayers, and it's up to us to make sure that they spend our money the way we think it should be spent. The only way to make sure that happens is to attend those board meetings so we can know what is going on. We have the opportunity now to tell the board how we feel about the current condition of the financial status of the nursing home. If you don't VOTE, then you don't have a right to say anything about the nursing home, one way or the other.

It's time to put the power back where it belongs, in the hands of the people and right here and now is the best place to start.

Thank you for the time,  
Virginia Brown

**Ballinger soccer registration**

Ballinger Area Soccer Association will hold their spring registration at Wal-Mart February 1 & 8. Practice starts February 24. The first game will be held March 1 with the last game to be held April 5. Final registration will be February 8. Forms will be mailed out February 21. For more information call Tom Sykes at 365-5309.



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**Death Notices**

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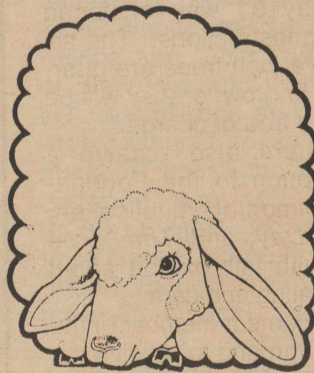
Gladys Oleta Baker, 93, of Bronte, died Monday, January 6, 1997, in an area hospital.

Service was at 2 pm Wednesday, January 8, at Tennyson Baptist Church with burial following in Mule Creek

Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include a son, Roy L. Baker of La Grange; a sister, Hazel B. Hendricks of Mission Hills, California; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Make plans now to attend the Coke County Livestock Show



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**Sunny Notes for the Coke County Seniors**

**Dominoes**

The Senior Center will open at 9 am Thursday, January 23, for dominoes. A pot luck lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Come on out and join the fun.

**Menu**

**Monday, Jan. 20**  
 Chicken Cacciatore, Egg Noodles, Zucchini w/Tomatoes, Hot Roll, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Baked Custard  
**Wednesday, Jan 22**  
 Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, White Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Hot Roll, Orange  
**Friday, Jan. 24**  
 Submarine Sandwich (Cheese, Bologna, & Ham On Bun), Pinto Beans, Macaroni Salad, Diced Pineapple

**WT ranchers named to board**

West Texas ranchers J. Mark McLaughlin of San Angelo and Janet Helm of Van Horn have been appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as members of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board.

The Secretary of Agriculture selects nationwide appointees from cattle producers and importers nominated by organizations representing beef, dairy, veal and importer interests. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association submitted McLaughlin and Helm as nominees. The newly-appointed producers will serve three-year terms beginning February 1, 1997.

TSCRA Director Jim Peters of Laredo was appointed for a one-year term to represent importers. Texans Paul Engler of Amarillo and Robert B. Hay of Trinity were also newly appointed to the board. Neil A. Hoff of Windthorst and Tommy Guerra of Roma were reappointed.

A breeder of registered and commercial Angus cattle, McLaughlin operates the Double M Ranch near Maryneal in Nolan County, Texas, and the Berrendo Ranch southeast of Christoval in Tom Green and Schleicher counties, Texas.

He was elected a TSCRA vice president in 1995. He was president of the Mohair Council of America from 1990 to 1993 and has served as vice president of the State Bar of Texas and as president of the University of Texas Law School Foundation.

Helm and her husband, Ron, raise commercial Angus cross cattle in Jeff Davis County, Texas. The Helms also run cattle on leased ranches in Culberson County, Texas, and Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. In 1995 Helm became a Myth Stopper, an official spokesperson of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. She is a member of TSCRA, the National Cattle-Women's Association, Trans Texas Heritage Association and Davis Mountains Trans



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and Mr. Bob Miears have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Miears of San Angelo, to Corby Kelso of San Angelo. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kelso of Bronte.

The wedding will be February 28, 1997, at Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Central High School. Her fiance graduated from Bronte High School and Tarleton State University.

**Mohair board to meet**

Members of the Texas Mohair Producers Board will discuss the need for an advisory committee and talk about the checkoff assessment and refunds when they meet in San Angelo on January 22. Board President James Leo Greer of Rocksprings said the session will be held at 10 am on Wednesday, January 22, at the Holiday Inn. The board meeting will precede the annual meeting of the Mohair Council of America which will begin at 9 am on Thursday, January 23, at the same hotel location.

Greer reports that the Mohair Board collected \$66,267.39 between June 1 and December 31, 1996. This amount came from the sale of 1,539,029 pounds of mohair during the same period. The board, reorganized in early 1996 to collect a voluntary checkoff in Texas, started collecting the 4 cents a pound assessment on June 1. Of the total amount collected in 1996, the board refunded \$7,101.72, or 11 percent.

In addition to its financial report, the board is expected to determine when an audit of its operations will be conducted.

The board operators under authority of the Texas Commodity Referendum Act that is supervised by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Also, the board will discuss promotion, education and research opportunities and possibly hear a report from the Texas Warehouse Association.

Greer said mohair producers and others interested in the mohair industry are invited to attend the board meeting.

**Free trees offered**

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1997.

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Golden Rain trees, 2 Washington Hawthorns, and 2 American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," Rosenow said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a ten dollar contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 1997.

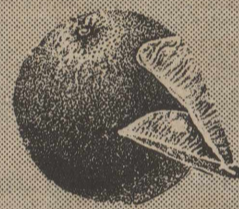
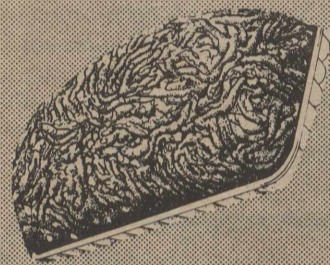
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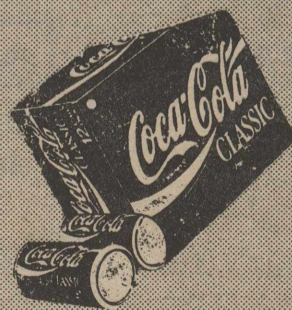
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# BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

## Longhorns hand out losses

The Longhorn Varsity basketball team recently handed out losses to two opposing teams.

The Horns posted a 63-46 victory against the Blackwell Hornets. High pointer for the game was Casey Gibbs with 15 points and 5 assists. Keith Treadaway had 13 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 assists. Kale Beck put in 9 points and brought down 5 rebounds. Michael Martinez added 9 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists with Michael Sallee putting in 8 points. Michael Blair had 4 points and 7 rebounds, Scott Graves had 4 points and Dustin Scott put in 1 point.

The Longhorns came in with a 63-53 win over Nueces Canyon. Keith Treadaway was high scorer with 27 points and 9 steals. Michael Martinez put in 15 points and 5 assists.

Casey Gibbs added 13 points with Michael Blair putting in 4 points and Michael Sallee 2 points. Kale Beck had 2 points, 5 rebounds, and 6 assists.

## Lady Horns post double wins

The Bronte Lady Longhorns recorded two victories last week to bring their season record to 13-6. Tuesday night, the Ladies traveled to Blackwell and came away with a 64-20 win. Kim Hall was high point earner for the evening with 16 points. Bonnie DeLaughter put in 10 with Courtney Arrott putting in 9. Brittany Barrett and Jodie Hilliard each added 8 points, while Natasha Carper had 7, Brandy Denton 3, Rolinda Sanchez 2, and Sommer Beck 1.

Friday night, the Lady Horns stayed at home to face Nueces Canyon. The Lady Horns defeated the Lady Panthers 86-29. Kim Hall again earned high scoring honors with 29 points. Jodie Hilliard contributed 23 points. Others scoring were Courtney Arrott with 12, Natasha Carper with 8, Brandy Denton and Sommer Beck with 6 each, and Brittany Barrett with 2.

## Shorthorns bring home wins

The Bronte Junior High boys basketball teams traveled to Sterling City Thursday, January 9 and came away victorious.

The 7th grade Shorthorns handed Sterling City a 32-15 loss. Steve Eldred put in twenty points to earn high point honors. Lorenzo DeLaGarza added 8 and Gene Butts 4.

The 8th grade Shorthorns came in with a 48-22 win. Ryan McCorkle was high scorer with 9 points, followed closely by Tim Green and Zeb Speary, each with 8 points, and Henry White with 7 points. Others scoring included Justin DeLaCorda, Anthony Gibbs, Brandon Gibbs, and Jason Stamper, all with 4 points.

## Students honored at luncheon

A number of Bronte junior high students were honored at a luncheon for achieving an A or A/B average for the first semester.

These students included: Katy Frazee, Gene Butts, Coby Carper, Steve Eldred, Christine Galvan, Chrissie Israel, Natasha Reed, Destiny White, Kevin Wooldridge, Michelle Owens, Morgan McCutchen, Lacy Schoenfield, Dalton Graves, James Green, Brooke McCutchen, Tessie McMullan, Crystal Moore, Jade Richards, Cara Sefcik, Michaela Arrott, Brandon Gibbs, Angela Harrell, Jesse McClure, Ryan McCorkle, Rosa Rodriguez, Josh Schoenfield, Kara Thompson, Henry White, Cassandra Parks, Eric Johnson, and Tim Green.

## Area students named to ASU Dean's List

Area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo were recently named to the Dean's List for the 1996 Fall semester.

Those listed include Cody J. Wilkinson, a Pre-medicine major from Blackwell; Susan Jane Cumbie, a Psychology major, Misty Golson, an Early Childhood major, Micah Ann Hoyt, an Undecided major, Misty Michelle Mackey, an Undecided major, Edwin Loren Thomas, a Computer Science major, Willis Casey Thorn, a Computer Science/Mathematics major, Robyn Thorn, a Communications/Psychology major, and Alisa A. Webb, an Early Childhood major, all of Bronte.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

## Sorosis Study Club meets

Bob Brewer, manager of both Rio Concho Retired Living Campuses in San Angelo, was the guest speaker when the Sorosis

Study Club met January 9, 1997, in the home of Dorris Sonnenberg.

Mr. Brewer spoke with enthusiasm about the options for retirement living that are provided by the seventeen member board and the staff of Rio Concho, Inc.

President Pat Lee conducted a business meeting following the program. She announced the District Spring meeting in Sterling City, March 22. Also, members agreed to continue their opposition of the ECCHD tax rollback.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Celia Bowden, Jean Fancher, Janet Wommack, Pat Lee, Mary Frances Glenn, Mildred Thomason, Earlene Moore, Diane Luckett, and Dorris Sonnenberg.

## Ensor named to honor roll

Michelle Gray Ensor of Bronte was named to the honor roll at Howard College and the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf for the Fall 1996 semester. The honor roll consists of students who are enrolled for a minimum of twelve college-level semester hours and whose grade-point average is 3.25 or above.

## School Board Recognition Month proclaimed

Whereas, the mission of the public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

Whereas, local school board members are committed to

children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

Whereas, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

Whereas, local school board members assure the assessment of students, school staff, and educational programs and are accountable to the community; and

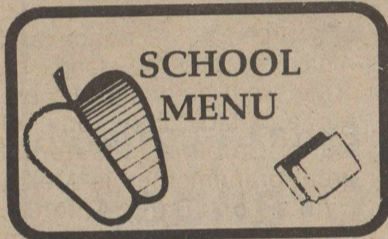
Whereas, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

Now, therefore, I, Martin Lee, Mayor, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Bronte School Board and proclaim the month of January, 1997, as

School Board Recognition Month in Bronte, Texas. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 14th day of January, 1997.

**It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all of the answers.**  
- James Thurber



### Breakfast

- Monday, Jan. 20**  
Oatmeal, Grape Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Milk
- Tuesday, Jan. 21**  
Breakfast Burrito, Orange Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk
- Thursday, Jan. 23**  
French Toast Stix, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Friday, Jan. 24**  
Scrambled Eggs, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk

### Lunch

- Monday, Jan. 20**  
Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk, Chocolate Pudding
- Tuesday, Jan. 21**  
Hot Dogs w/Chili & Cheese, Tator Tots, Apple Sauce, Bun, Milk, Blueberry Muffin Squares
- Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Diced Pears, Bread Sticks, Milk, Pink Panther Cake
- Thursday, Jan. 23**  
Oven Fried Chicken w/Gravy, Brown Rice, Sweet Corn, Sliced Peaches, Rolls, Milk, Sugar Cookies
- Friday, Jan. 24**  
Chick-Fil-Lay Sandwich, Pickle Chips, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Bun, Milk, Ice Cream Cup

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## An open letter to the Citizens of Bronte:

I should like to commend you for your farsightedness in having a nursing home locally.

It makes it possible for those who need long-term care to obtain it nearby. As most of you are aware, visiting, seeing, and talking with loved ones is very important to the residents well-being and peace of mind.

Since my appointment to the office of D.O.N. in October, this facility has strived to make this difficult transitional period of their lives as easy as possible.

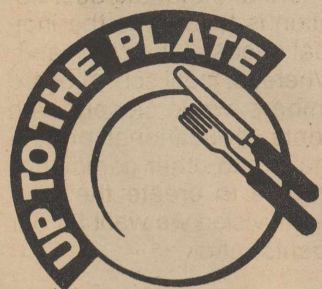
We face a challenge in making BNH even better than before!

It is an excellent nursing home, a great community asset and with enough time and working together, a vote AGAINST the election rollback will help us in meeting this goal.

Hopefully,  
Kathy Chunn, RN/B.S.N.  
D.O.N./Bronte Nursing Home

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One in a series of articles assessing producer-funded marketing efforts that help move beef from farm-to-fork.

## Beef Consumption on the Rise

Beef's share of meat eaten by consumers at home is on the increase, recent research shows. According to the NPD Group, beef's share of total meat case pounds rose from 38.3 percent in the first quarter of 1993 to 43.5 percent in the first quarter of 1996. Beef's share of total retail meat dollar sales also rose (see chart).

In contrast, pork's share of supermarket meat case dollars dropped to 18 percent from 21.8 percent three years earlier.

Persons who use beef frequently (more than three times per week) are also more plentiful today, the research shows, rising from 28.8 percent of the population in early 1993 to 34.7 percent in 1996. Meanwhile, light users of beef (less than one time per week) dropped from 42.6 percent in 1993 to 37 percent three years later.

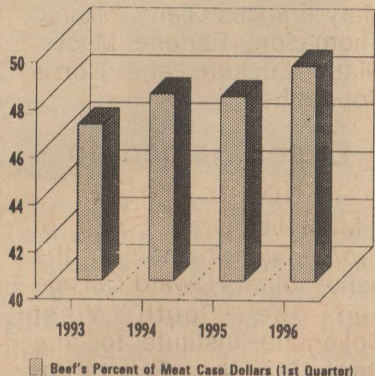
"Consumers are coming back to beef," said Roger Welder, a Victoria, Tex., producer and chair of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Advertising Subcommittee. "Obviously, the industry needs to continue to provide its customers with new and innovative ways of using the product in order to maintain strong demand at the meat case."

Among the industry's efforts to increase beef demand is its "Beef. It's What's For Dinner"® promotion campaign, which encourages consumers to prepare beef meals using serving ideas and recipes delivered in print, radio and television advertising, as well as in brochures handed out at the meat case. The campaign and the recipe distribution has resulted in consumers preparing three more beef meals in the 8-to-10-week period after they get industry-developed beef recipes.

Funded through a \$1-per-head assessment on cattle marketed, the promotion campaign is especially important now, when supplies of beef are high, said Welder. The survey shows that retail beef prices have been continuously dropping since 1993. In the first quarter of 1993, price was \$2.07, based on a weighted-by-cut average. This year, first quarter prices averaged \$1.88, a drop of 6 percent versus just a year ago.

Consumer demand for beef is addressed through programs conducted by NCBA, a consumer-driven, producer directed organization representing all segments of the beef cattle industry.

A Bigger Share For Beef



## Cold weather safety tips

Texas weather can be hot one day and cold the next. No matter what the weather is on any given day, 20 degrees or 90 degrees, all Texans need to be aware of natural gas safety practices.

Lone Star Gas also recommends you contact a certified heating and air conditioning contractor to check your heating equipment prior to the beginning of the heating season. To obtain the name of a Lone Star Gas Preferred Gas Dealer in your area, dial 1-800-460-3030. Additionally, Lone Star offers the following safety tips for the cold months ahead:

- If an appliance's pilot light goes out, turn off the gas at the appliance for several minutes before you attempt to re-light it. You should find instructions attached to the appliance.

- When re-lighting a pilot light, strike the match and hold it to the opening first. Then slowly turn on the gas.

- The pilot lights and main burners on all gas appliances should always blue. If the flame is yellow and red, call a certified heating and air conditioning contractor immediately.

- Use a gas appliance only for its intended purpose. An oven, for example, should not be used to heat a room.

And if you use a space heater in your home, the following guidelines should be observed:

- Clean space heaters before using; remove cobwebs, dust and dirt that may have accumulated during the warmer months.

- Be sure the space heater, if

it is vented, is operating properly.

- If the space heater doesn't have a vent or an oxygen cut-off switch, provide proper, outside ventilation such as a slightly open window.

- Check the air/gas mixture of your space heater's flame. Make sure it is blue, not red or yellow.

- Make sure the grille is intact and in place.

- Keep space heaters away from furniture, drapes, and other combustible materials.

Here are some other tips for year-round safety:

- Never store or use gasoline or any flammable liquids (such as paint, paint thinner, cleaning fluids, etc.) in the same room with any gas appliance.

- Never store combustibles near floor or wall furnace grilles.

- Never store rags, paper or other combustibles near any appliance with a pilot light or open flame.

- Have qualified service people install and maintain all gas appliances.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for the installation and operation of each appliance. If installing a gas water heater in the garage, place the water heater at least 18 inches off the floor.

- Before you dig in your yard, take precautions against disrupting underground gas lines by calling 1-800-344-8377 to have your gas line located.

- Contact your local plumber to make periodic inspections of gas lines in your home and gas lines on your property.

If you ever smell the odor of gas in your home, follow these three steps:

1. Do not switch anything electrical on or off, strike a

match or do anything that might cause a spark. And don't use your own telephone, as telephones use small amounts of electricity. 2. Have everyone evacuate the house immediately, leaving the doors open for ventilation. 3. Go to the nearest telephone and call Lone Star Gas Company. Wait until the cause of the odor is found before returning to your home.

Lone Star Gas emphasizes that by following a few simple safety rules, consumers can reduce the risks and enjoy the benefits of natural gas as a safe, effective energy resource. If residents have any concerns regarding these safety measures, or if there is a gas leak in your home or community, Lone Star Gas urges you to call them immediately at 1-800-817-8090.

## Look Who's New Ashton Blake Rolls

Blake and Candice Rolls of San Angelo proudly announce the birth of their son, Ashton Blake Rolls. He was born Friday, January 10, 1997, at 7:51 pm at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Ashton weighed in at 8 pounds, 1 1/2 ounce and measured 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vogel of North Carolina. Maternal great-grandmother is Melba Evans of San Antonio. Paternal grandparents are Paula Rolls of San Angelo, and Otis Rolls of Fairbanks, Alaska. Paternal great-grandparents are Marvin and Snookye Landers and Leslie and Edith Rolls, all of Bronte.

## Crunch your way to better abs

Abdominal exercising devices are all the rage, but you can get the same results working out on your living room floor.

"You're probably better off learning to do crunches - and variations of them - than you are using a device that may work one or two muscles," said Dr. John Cianca, an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Crunches, sit-ups and most of the abdominal exercisers work primarily the rectus abdominus, the uppermost layer of muscles in the center of the body.

Although no device or movement can exercise all four layers of muscle in the abdominal group, Cianca said crunches offer the greatest versatility.

"Some of the aerobic videos provide excellent instruction in crunches, crunch variations and other exercises that are tremendous for strengthening the abdomen," he said.

Strong abdominal muscles not only look good, they promote better stability of the mid-section, support and protect the spine and aid in breathing.

## ATTENTION VOTERS OF EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

On Saturday, January 18, 1997 you will have the opportunity to go to the polls and vote on a proposal to roll back the adopted tax rate for the Bronte Nursing Home

### STUDY THIS SAMPLE BALLOT

VOTE AGAINST

EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION  
 DATE: JANUARY 18, 1997  
 LA ELECCION ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DE DEL CONDADO DE EAST COKE  
 FECHA: el 18 de enero de 1997

**SAMPLE**  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
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Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (Ponga una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en la cual usted quiere votar.)

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VOTE AGAINST

We urge you to vote **AGAINST** the roll back. The directors of the ECCHD felt it was in the best interest of tax payers in the long term to adopt this increase in order to reduce indebtedness and stop interest payments. We support this effort.



# ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

## Lady Steers defeat Christoval

The Lady Steers traveled to Christoval Thursday, January 9, and gave their host a 62-34 loss. The Ladies were hitting on all cylinders in the win.

Jennifer Scott was high pointer for RL with 27. Shalon Waldrop tossed in 16 points, Bree Bolding 9, Brandi Brosh 4, Kannan Millican 4, and Kizzie Howell 2.

The Ladies took 3rd place in the Colorado City tournament over the Christmas break. They defeated Rotan 37-36, then lost to Merkel 42-49, and defeated Stanton 60-52 for the third place trophy.

Shalon Waldrop was named to the All-Tournament team.

Robert Lee's girls varsity squad record is 14-6 and they are averaging 52.6 points per game, while giving up only 41.1 points per game.

## RLJH Basketball

Robert Lee's junior high basketball teams took the floor for their first game after nearly a month off during the Christmas holidays, Thursday, January 9 in the home gym. The teams hosted the Water Valley junior high teams.

The "B" girls were up first for the evening and they handed the Water Valley "B" girls a sound 38-8 defeat. Amber Nichols was high pointer for RL with 12. Melissa Landeros scored 8, Amber Freeman 6, Leticia Olguin 4, Trichelle Gray, Kyla Long, R. Mill, and Bobbie Sparks 2 each.

The "B" boys were up next

and they had a little bad luck, dropping their game 11-13. Brady Bolding scored 7 and Casey Eubanks 4.

The "A" girls fared better in their match defeating Water Valley's "A" girls handily by a score of 34-5. Jodie Helwig hit for 8 points to take high point honors. Cayla Jeffrey, DeShira Dickey, and Whitney Millican each tossed in 6 points. Shanna Wojtek, Jennifer Hamilton, Dixie Simpson, and Erin Millican each tipped in 2.

The "A" boys rounded out the evening with a win, defeating Water Valley's "A" squad 35-20. Beau Boxell was high pointer with 17. Lewis Samaniego hit for 9, Beau Blair 4, Zeke Montgomery 3, and Clifton Bohannon 2.

## Local students make Dean's List

Area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the University.

Those listed include Tiffany A. Bruning, a Communications major, Brande Dlayne Burros, a Management major, Sarah A. Byrne, a History major, Susan A. English, an Animal Science major, Aaron K. Hood, an Undecided major, Wendy Jo McPeck, a Business major, Heather M. Millican, a Journalism major, Shanon L. Parks, a Business major, and Rachel Ann Pentecost, an Animal Science major, all from Robert Lee.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

## Personal

Visitors in the home of Bessie Brice for Christmas day were Shirley and Dany Strakos and Pam, Eddie Wayne, Aaron and Sarah Gandy, all of San Angelo; Judy and Harvey Snowden of Odessa, and Darlene, Eddie, and Christa Gower and Justin Wiley, all of Ballinger.

## Davis's celebrate 40th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Garland Davis of Lovington, New Mexico, and formerly of Robert Lee, were honored with a surprise 40th wedding anniversary dinner,

Friday, December 27, 1996, at Henry's Restaurant in San Angelo. Garland Davis and Rose Marie Sawyer were married December 26, 1956, at the Robert Lee Methodist Church.

Garland retired from the Texas Public School system after 35 years, spending time in Robert Lee, Medina, Austin, Ozona and Dripping Springs. They currently reside in Lovington, New Mexico, where Garland is serving in his second year as principal of Lea Elementary School.

Hosting the celebration were the couple's children and grandchildren: Glenn and Colleen Davis, Courtney, Curtis, and Cami of Cotulla, Texas, Gary and Carmel Davis of Plains, Texas, and Copie Davis of Austin, Texas.

Fifty-two family members and friends of the couple attended the celebration.

## Personal

Arthur Runion, of Robert Lee, remains hospitalized in San Angelo following bypass surgery last Thursday. Family members report the surgery went well for Arthur and he is expected to make a good recovery. At presstime, he was scheduled for release Wednesday, January 15.

## College Information Hotline slated

The toll-free College Information Hotline, will be available to all Texas residents on Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19, 1997, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Anyone in the state of Texas may telephone, toll-free 1-800-347-3475 and receive free information about any university or college, regarding college selection, admissions, testing and financial aid. The most up-to-date information regarding the application process, college majors, entrance requirements, financial aid, and meeting deadlines will also be available.

The hotline will be staffed by professionals from secondary guidance departments, and colleges and universities from across the state. Spanish speaking counselors will be available.

The Texas Association for



Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Lowry, of Ballinger, would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michelle Mae Lowry, to T.J. Roe. T. J. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Roe of Robert Lee. The wedding will take place Friday, February 14, 1997 at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger.

College Admission Counseling (TACAC), a non-profit association of professional educators, and the Greater East Texas Higher Education Authority will co-sponsor this event.

For more information, please contact Darin Scott, Media Coordinator at (512) 994-5740, or your local media representative (for West Texas - Callie Hearne at (915) 550-0459).

The American Heart Association estimates that stroke accounts for half of all patients hospitalized for acute neurological disease.

## Education? Retirement? Peace of Mind?

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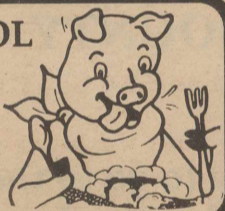
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## SCHOOL MENU



### Breakfast

- Monday, January 20**  
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Tuesday, January 21**  
Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Wednesday, January 22**  
Biscuits & Sausage w/gravy, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Thursday, January 23**  
Breakfast Bagel, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Friday, January 24**  
Cinnamon Roll, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

### Lunch

- Monday, January 20**  
Beef-Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Spice Cake, Pears, Milk.
- Tuesday, January 21**  
Lasagna, Seasoned Corn, Homemade Rolls, Applesauce, Milk.
- Wednesday, January 22**  
Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Tator Tots, Hushpuppies, Peaches, Cowboy Cookies, Milk.
- Thursday, January 23**  
Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
- Friday, January 24**  
Hotdogs w/Chili & Cheese, Potato Wedges, Fruit, Milk.

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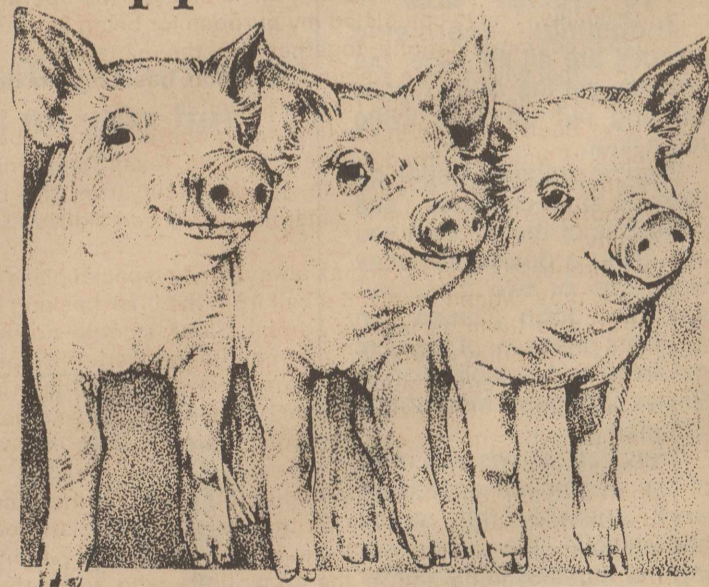
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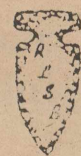
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## Support Our Youth



## Attend the 57th Annual Coke County Livestock Show



Robert Lee State Bank

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**Taylor designated as Key Leader**

Jerita Taylor from Bronte High School has been designated as a Key Leader in the Building a Presence for Science project administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) with funding from the Exxon Education Foundation. The goal of the program is to establish a Point of Contact for Science in every school building in the United States--some 105,000 schools. Texas, with over 8,000 schools, a solid educational infrastructure, and a multicultural student population, was selected by NSTA and Exxon to serve as the prototype state.

Approximately 250 individuals active in science education have been named as Key Leaders. Each Key Leader is responsible for 20-30 schools and works as a resource person directly with Points of Contact in each of these schools. Each Key Leader will attend and later conduct a professional development session on the National Science Education Standards (NSES), and other materials related to enhancing classroom science instruction. Reference will also be made to the current status of the state's framework for science.

In addition to a presentation kit containing copies of the NSES for each Point of Contact, a copy of the NSTA Pathways to the Science Standards publication, and informational materials and overhead masters on the Standards and science education reform, Key Leaders will also receive complimentary registration at the NSTA National Convention in New

Orleans, April 3-6. At that convention, there will be a special session for Building a Presence for Science Texas Key Leaders. A newsletter and an on-line web site will soon be established as communication networks for the Building a Presence for Science program participants.

Founded in 1944, the National Science Teachers Association is the world's largest organization dedicated to improving science education at all levels--preschool through college. The Association's current membership of more than 53,000 includes science teachers, science supervisors, administrators, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others actively involved in science education.

The Exxon Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization aiding education in the United States, was established by the Exxon Corporation in 1955 and is supported by the Corporation. Since its founding 41 years ago, the Exxon Education Foundation has given more than \$430 million in grants to a broad range of projects designed to improve education from kindergarten through university.

Working with NSTA and Exxon are the Science Teachers Association of Texas, the Texas Statewide Systemic Initiative, the 20 Education Service Centers, and the Texas Education Agency. Many other Texas-based education associations are cooperating as well.

**TO THE RESIDENTS OF EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:**

I was employed by the Trustees of this hospital district in 1971 to open and operate Bronte Nursing Home and again was employed in November of this year to analyze the operation of the facility. I have completed my purpose for being here. I have made recommendations, together with the management of the home, that will provide a sound operation, based on the present census of the facility, and resident revenue.

I have been involved in nursing home operations for about 28 years. I was appointed a Trustee by the Texas Department of Health soon after I retired in January 1990 from the Bivins Memorial Nursing Home in Amarillo - a 140 bed skilled nursing facility.

The Bronte Nursing Home has always had a special place in my heart; thus, when I received a call from the board asking me to return and fill in as interim administrator, I could not refuse them. Then they explained that conditions were not normal - financial challenges and resident count were needing immediate attention. But, I knew I could help in both these areas and I felt my wife and my church could spare me for a few weeks. They agreed.

Upon arrival I found new additions to the facility; the excellent standard of care I required as the start-up administrator was still being maintained and I was reunited with many friends at the nursing home and in the community who supported me when we started.

I see very bright potential for the Bronte Nursing Home. Being a not-for-profit and indigent care facility, resources have to be judiciously allocated on a day-to-day basis and the debt has to be retired.

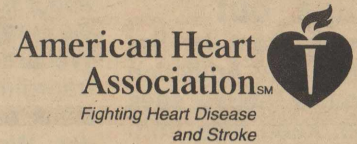
The approach to raise taxes until debt is retired, by the board, I support. I have been working with the staff to identify cost savings that will not impact resident care. We are working on a resident recruiting program to fill vacant rooms.

The quality of the facility will complement our recruiting to bring in new residents; the staff has bought into the cost reduction by bringing forward a cost savings list, and when the debt is retired, the Bronte Nursing Home can operate as it has in the past.

Thanks for asking me to help in this time of need, as Bronte Nursing Home, like I said above, is part of me and an integral part of the community. So let's all lend our support to get it back in good health.

L.O. Clark  
Interim Administrator  
Bronte Nursing Home

Pd. Political Adv.



**Help Your Heart Recipes**

*This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.*

**Italian Pot-Roast-Style Steak with Tomatoes**

*Manza Stufato*

- 1½ teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound sirloin or lean steak of choice, all visible fat removed, cut into serving-size pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed or minced
- 2 Italian plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
- Black pepper to taste
- Pinch of salt

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat and sear the steaks until they reach desired doneness, about 10 minutes for rare. Transfer the meat to a serving platter and cover with foil or a lid to keep warm. Set aside.

Add the garlic to the skillet and sauté over low heat until golden, about 2 minutes, being careful not to burn it. Add the rest of the ingredients except the meat. Cook over medium heat until the tomatoes are tender but still have texture, about 5 minutes. Return the meat to the skillet, along with any juices, and cook gently for a few minutes to combine flavors.

Transfer meat and sauce to the platter and serve immediately. Serves 4; 3 ounces per serving

**Nutrient Analysis per Serving**

157 kcal	Calories	60 mg	Cholesterol	1 gm	Saturated Fat
23 gm	Protein	49 mg	Sodium	0 gm	Polyunsaturated Fat
3 gm	Carbohydrate	5 gm	Total Fat	3 gm	Monounsaturated Fat

*Around the World Cookbook*, ©1996 by the American Heart Association. Reprinted with permission from Times Books, a division of Random House, Inc., New York.

**TO THE VOTERS OF THE EAST COKE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The Bronte Nursing Home has a debt of \$257,240.90 as of November 30, 1996. Interest on this debt is approximately \$1,300 each month if the principal is not reduced: thus, the interest cost is taken from maintenance and operations funds or is added to the principal.

The anticipated number of beds occupied has not been achieved.

What has happened in the past is history and we have to manage for the future. The debt is real and has to be paid. The standard of care has to be maintained for the benefit of residents, and to be a recruiting tool to fill empty beds.

The Board and Nursing Home management are dedicated to providing rooms with cost, quality and service dictating operational actions.

It is our intent and we hope you, the voter agrees, to get the debt paid off as soon as practical and initiate an aggressive resident recruiting program.

The approach taken was to raise taxes to reduce debt and stop interest accumulations. Also, formulate an aggressive recruiting plan to fill empty beds which will lower fixed costs per resident; then, review all variable cost for value added to resident care.

This effort will stop debt growth and will increase resident revenue to apply to fixed and variable cost. As in any business, action plans are goals and are not achieved in all cases; but you, the voter, can be assured that it will not fail because of lack of commitment by the Board and Nursing Home management.

Working together, **WE** can attain our goals and get taxes reduced while maintaining an excellent standard of care in the Bronte Nursing Home.

We ask you to support our approach by voting and to help in our resident recruiting by talking favorable to your friends and neighbors about the Bronte Nursing Home.

**UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL!**

Ed Cumbie, Royce Fancher, Bob Lasswell, Charles Sonnenberg, Ron Cooper

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**Studies show religion in, drugs out**

A new report from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse says religion can keep kids from using illegal drugs and alcohol. Two Brigham Young University professors say they have 20 years of research to back up such a claim.

"Something inherent to religious belief makes it effective in channeling youth away from cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs," and other delinquent activity, says Bruce A. Chadwick, a sociologist and director of the University's Center for Studies of the Family in Provo, Utah, now assisted by Brent L. Top of the school's religion faculty. The two researchers have delved further into the study of the religion-drug connection than perhaps any other American team.

And data compiled since the mid 1970s says there is a definite connection. But there's also a catch.

Public religious behaviors alone, like simple church attendance, caution Chadwick and Top, do not correlate with lower delinquency rates. Says Chadwick, "Most of the research on what I call 'the hellfire and damnation hypothesis' - you go to church and have it pounded in, so automatically you don't do delinquent things - that just doesn't hold; it's been rejected by the research over and over. This is where kids go to church just because Mom and Dad say 'you're going or you can't have the car this week,' or 'we won't give you an allowance.' So these kids go to church, they sit through the meetings, they do the motions but it is not a religious experience."

"Youth who experience spirituality," says Chadwick, "rather than just participate in public religious observances, are statistically more likely to avoid these behaviors - even when they live in a hostile environment or have delinquent friends."

In the course of 20 years, Chadwick and Top have identified three specific factors that make religion effective in keeping a youth from delinquent activity.

- Private religious behavior: personal prayer, scripture reading, fasting
- Personal spiritual experience: answers to prayers, feelings, etc.
- Social integration: acceptance by clergy and peers with similar values.

Comparing their data with another survey, the annual national report call "Monitoring the Future," Chadwick and Top found one group of teenagers repeatedly showing "a huge difference" from the national sample in their drug use profile. "A higher percentage of youth associated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," says Chadwick, "have never used drugs than from all the other denominations."

Chadwick admits that while that particular church has had exceptional results with its youth, the factors identified can be applied by others.

"One needs to help young people experience the fruits

of religious commitment," says Chadwick, "not just learn about it. It can be really simple: some small, warm feeling. We aren't talking about extraordinary things here, visions or lightning and thunder. We haven't had a kid yet who has told us he's had a vision or talked to an angel. Just a gentle nudge, that when they kneel down and say their prayers there's a sense of warmth there: 'this was a good experience, I feel good because I've done it.'"

Twenty years and thousands of kids later, Top and Chadwick say one other factor plays a critical role in keeping kids on the straight and sober road: proactive parenting.

"These experiences can be created in our own private laboratory," says Top, "at mama and daddy's knee. We should let our kids see how religious values help us to deal with the challenges of life in an everyday, practical way."

**Goodness Gracious It's Good!**

ANSWERS TO EVERYDAY COOKING QUESTIONS FROM THE MARTHA WHITE KITCHEN

**Q:** A lot of my quick casserole recipes call for cooked meats like chicken or ham. What can I use if I don't have any leftovers?

**A:** These days full-service grocery stores offer plenty of options. Many in-store delis roast whole chickens. Deli ham, beef, chicken breast and turkey can be purchased unsliced and cut according to your recipe directions. And for the ultimate convenience, canned or frozen chopped chicken, beef and ham are available. Easy Pickin' Chicken Pie is a Martha White Kitchen all-time favorite casserole that uses cooked chicken.

**EASY PICKIN' CHICKEN PIE**

3 cups diced cooked chicken  
1 (10-oz.) package frozen mixed vegetables

1 (10 3/4-oz.) can cream of celery soup, undiluted  
1 cup chicken broth  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 cup Martha White® Self-Rising Flour  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

Heat oven to 400°F. Grease a shallow 2-quart baking dish. Spread chicken and vegetables evenly in greased baking dish. In medium bowl, combine soup, broth and pepper. Pour evenly over chicken mixture. In small bowl, combine flour, milk and butter, stir until smooth. Pour batter over ingredients in baking dish. Bake at 400°F for 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes before serving.  
Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

Note: If using Martha White® All-purpose Flour, sift 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder and a scant 1/2 teaspoon salt with flour.

**Learn the ABCs of HMOs and PPOs.**

If you're shopping for health coverage and you don't know your HMOs from your PPOs, you're not alone. Consumers face a number of challenges that make assessing and comparing plans very difficult. That's why Shannon Health System has put together a booklet to provide the information you need to make the best health plan choice. "All You Have To Know To Choose The Right Health Plan" explains what HMOs and PPOs are, how they work and what to look for when choosing a health plan. It also explains the different types of insurance including Medicare, Medicaid, Disability, Hospital Indemnity and Long-term Care. Plus, it's free. Just call the number below and we'll send it to you. We'll also provide you with information on Shannon physicians and their participation in managed care plans when you call. Now, what ordinary hospital could offer you all this?

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### Ear infections common problem

A common childhood illness is a billion-dollar problem.

"Otitis media or inflammation of the middle ear is the chief reason parents take children to the doctor," said Dr. Ellen Friedman, head of pediatric otorhinolaryngology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "And winter is the peak season for these visits, although otitis media can occur at any time."

Middle ear infections strike more than 80 percent of children by age 3 an annual cost of more than \$1 billion, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Children ages 6 months to 3 years are especially at risk.

Friedman suggest parents watch for early indicators of this painful and potentially dangerous infection.

"At the first sign of fever, fussiness, tugging or rubbing of the ears, upper respiratory infection, nausea or vomiting, or any combination of these, parents should suspect middle ear infection," she said.

Middle ear infections occur when bacteria invades the middle ear causing inflammation. This results in a painful buildup of infected fluid behind the eardrum due to the blockage of the eustachian tube leading from the sinuses to the middle ear.

Untreated middle ear infections can result in serious complications such as a ruptured eardrum, meningitis, brain abscess, or even hearing loss. Early treatment may prevent such serious complications.

"Antibiotics are the main therapy although persistent cases may require special antibiotics or surgical drainage," Friedman said.

In more serious cases, ear tubes may be surgically inserted to help relieve fluid buildup and frequently occurring infections.

Although there is no fool-proof way to avoid middle ear infections, Friedman suggests that parents:

\*Avoid exposing children to passive smoke. Smoke can cause cilia, hair-like "fingers" in the inner ear that propel mucous to stop working.

\*Choose breastfeeding over bottlefeeding.

\*Avoid exposing children to colds, flu or other viruses, although this is often not easy or realistic.

\*Place their child in a smaller daycare facility, or avoid daycare settings if possible.

\*Make sure their child receives the full course of antibiotics. It's important to be checked for complete ear healing within four weeks or sooner if any symptoms persist.

"Parents should understand that middle ear infections are very common," Friedman said. "Many times they will go away on their own. However, it's important to know the symptoms and seek treatment if you are concerned."

### SS beneficiaries should report address change

If you're a Social Security beneficiary and you moved recently, be sure to notify the Social Security Administration

(SSA) as soon as possible. Failure to report their new address when they move is the most frequent reason beneficiaries do not receive their Social Security checks.

If your benefits are directly deposited into your bank account, you may not have remembered to notify SSA when you moved. But Social

Security needs your current address so you can receive agency notices about your benefits. And now you're approaching the time of year when it's particularly important that SSA has your correct address. For example, in January you will be mailed a Social Security Benefit Statement

(Form SSA-1099). You need this form to determine whether or not you will have to pay federal income tax on any Social Security benefits you received in 1996.

To report an address change, contact your local office or call SSA's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213,

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**CARD OF THANKS**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO** express our sincere gratitude for all the flowers, calls, and acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Kelly Nichols, Molly B's, the Pentecostal and Baptist Churches for the gracious use of their facilities, and to the ladies who prepared the meals. Your kindness truly touched our hearts.  
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**LOST**  
1 Black Brangus Bull Calf, 650-700 pounds. Strayed 1-2-97, 3 miles Northeast of Tennyson on Juniper Road. Martin Lee, 473-4881 or 655-6989.

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## ...Classifieds

9 am Monday, January 27, 1997, for the following:

1997 Pickup for the Sheriff's Department

- 1997 Model 1/2 ton extended cab pickup
- Exterior color: solid-color, decided on purchase
- Interior Color: decided on purchase

- Cloth covered 60/40 bench seats
- GVW Rating not less than 6,000
- Engine V8 not less than 4.6 liters

- HD/Engine cooling system
- Transmission, 4-speed Automatic Overdrive w/HD cooler

- Gauges: Voltmeter, Temperature, Oil Pressure

- Bed: Short Wide Bed
- Tires: 5 & wheels

- Steering: Power
- Bumper: Rear

- Air Conditioner, Factory Installed

- Alternator: Not less than 100 amps

- Battery: Heavy Duty
- Radio, AM/FM

- Dome Light
- Wipers, 2 speed, intermittent with washer

- Heater & Defroster
- Rearview mirrors - both sides

- State Inspection sticker - current

- Shocks: HD
- Power door locks

- 7-pin trailer wiring harness
- 4-wheel drive

- Cruise Control

The County has for trade-in one used 1989 Chevrolet 4 door sedan.

For further information, contact Mike Harris, Coke County Sheriff, Courthouse, Robert Lee, Texas. Coke County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject all bids.

Stover Taylor  
Coke County Auditor  
23a-2tc

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Pittencrieff America, Inc., PO Box 6129, Abilene, Texas 79608, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Gray Sand Formation, W. Ft. Chadbourne (Gray Sand) Unit Lease, Well Number 27. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles North of Bronte in the Fort Chadbourne, West Field, in Coke County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5,386 to 5,490 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within

fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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### Sleep is key to good grades

Students of all ages may be missing a key ingredient to good grades -- adequate sleep.

"Sleep is probably the most important period of the day for processing new information," said Dr. Bruce D. Perry, a child psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Missing sleep, Perry says, causes most of the day's experiences to be stored inefficiently in the brain. Lectures heard, chapters read, interactions with teachers are harder to remember if the brain is sleep deprived.

"Rather than cramming information for a test, students are better off studying in smaller chunks and getting enough rest to process the information properly," he said.

"Otherwise, you end up storing the information in short-term memory and forgetting it in a few weeks."

Sleep is critical for young students as well.

"Children have many new concepts to learn in school," he said. "A good night's sleep not only lets them process what they learned but also helps them be alert in class."

Students who are sleep deprived tend to be more irritable and have difficulty concentrating.

Perry feels that parents often underestimate the importance of sleep.

"Children are kept so busy with after-school and evening activities that sleep gets short-changed," he said. "This lack of adequate sleep robs children of some of their learning potential."

Perry recommends at least eight hours of sleep for adults and 10 or more hours of sleep for children.

"Sleep helps the brain organize new information, so literally, in the morning you wake up smarter than you were when you went to bed," he said.

### Cartilage-replacement surgery

Researchers have found a way to coax damaged cartilage into repairing itself.

The technique is part of cartilage-replacement surgery and represents the medical future for patients suffering from debilitating knee injuries.

"This operation is probably two to three years away from being performed throughout the country," said Dr. Walter Lowe, a clinical associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and one of the orthopedic surgeons participating in a long-term study of the surgery.

The procedure was pioneered by researchers in

Sweden.

It involves taking cartilage cells from a healthy part of a patient's injured knee. The cells are then sent to a laboratory, where new cells are grown. Finally, the new cultured cartilage cells are injected into the injured area of the knee.

"This could revolutionize the way we treat thousands of knee injuries each year," said Lowe. "It has the potential to make an injured knee as strong as it was before the injury."

Although Swedish researchers report positive results, Lowe said many American doctors still have questions and are waiting on research in this country before performing the surgery.

Currently, the options for treating knee injuries, particularly those involving anterior cruciate ligament tears with cartilage damage, are limited. Cartilage-replacement surgery would offer new hope to the 900,000 people who experience cartilage injuries each year.

Although the surgery has primarily been studied in patients with knee injuries, Lowe said it has the potential to repair shoulder and ankle injuries as well.

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# Vote FOR Tax Reduction

Vote at City Hall January 18, 1997, 7 am to 7 pm.

We urge all voters to vote FOR the tax reduction.

The East Coke County Hospital board is asking for a .68 tax rate for three years. A .68 tax rate will generate \$461,444.52 in one year, and \$1,384,333.50 in three years. A .379 tax rate will generate \$254,123.97 in one year, and \$762,371.91 in three years. We presently owe \$255,000.00. Most of our 1996 taxes are being paid in now.

In a recent meeting of the board, it was indicated that several measures are under way to cut unnecessary expense and adopt a new method of accounting to save money. This sounds encouraging. The board president also stated, before a TV audience, that "We are operating in the black."

High taxes are causing empty homes in our community. We cannot attract new people to our area if taxes are too high.

Did you ever hear of a taxing entity reducing taxes after they are once established?

Voters, think about the many people in our area with low incomes that cannot pay their bills now. Let's not vote them into more poverty. Many of these same people are the ones who helped make this community.

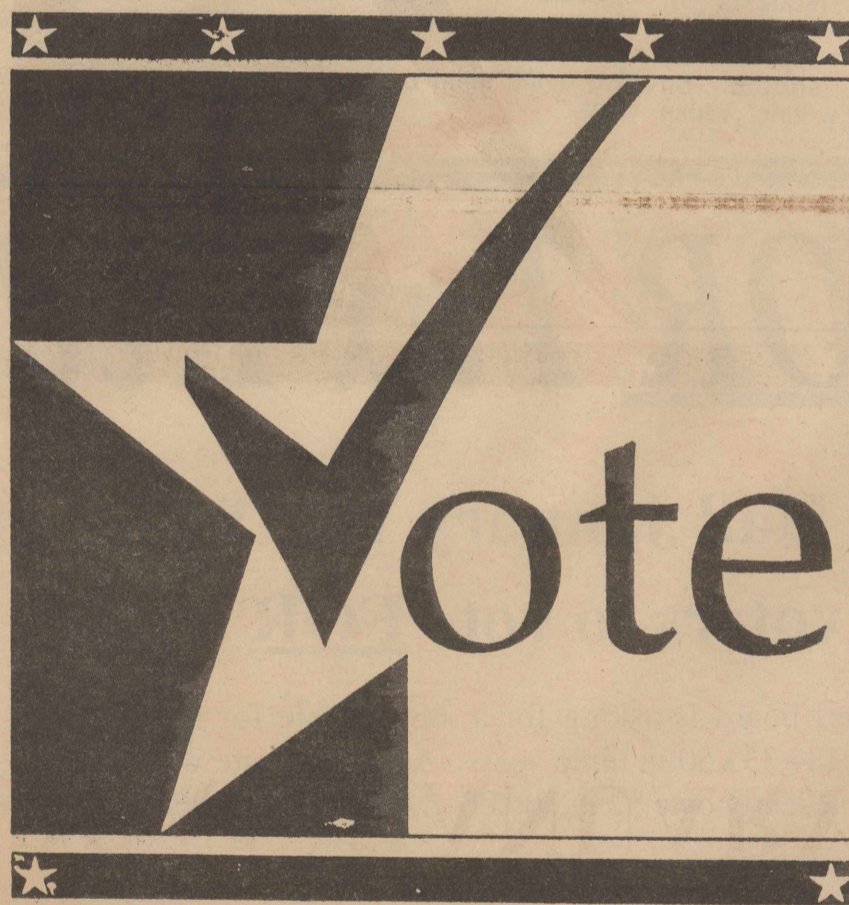
Contrary to statements made by the board, our nursing home will not close, no matter how the vote comes out.

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