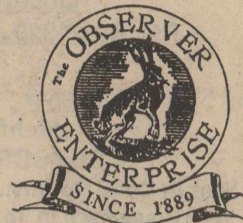


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Trial proceeds on change of venue

The Coke County courthouse in Robert Lee was a beehive of activity on Monday. Parking places were at a premium except street-side. Two hundred county residents who received jury summons for the second murder trial for Daniel Balderas Reyes streamed through hallways into the second-floor courtroom. Jury selection was concluded late Monday afternoon when 4 women and 8 men were impaneled for the

City of Bronte election

The City of Bronte began accepting applications on February 17 for a place on the ballot for the May 3 election. Two city council member positions will be filled.

The terms of Pete Percifull and Gerald Sandusky will be expiring.

Applications for a place on the ballot may be picked up at the City Hall during regular business hours. The last day to file for a position is March 19, 1997.

Sheep dog trial set for March 1

The Coke County Sheep Dog Trial has been slated for Saturday, March 1, 1997. The trial will be held 4.3 miles south of Bronte on Highway 277. The location can be reached by turning east on Ratliff Road, continuing 1.4 miles past dead end sign to first plowed field on west side of the road.

Ivan Weir of Ozona will be the judge for the trial. Top handlers from all over the state and nation are expected to attend. Classes will include open, open ranch, nursery, and ranch. All events are open to all breeds.

The trial has been approved by Texas Sheep Dog Association. The events are scheduled to begin at 8 am. Wayne King Beefmasters and Bill and Dwala Casey, Cedar Hill Ranch, are assisting in the trial.

This trial date has been set to replace the trial originally scheduled for January 8 and postponed due to weather conditions.

For more information about the day's events, contact Russell Johnson at 473-2003.

retrial.

Reyes' first trial ended in a mistrial when jurors did not reach a unanimous decision. A change of venue motion moved the proceedings from Tom Green County to Robert Lee.

Reyes, 29, of San Angelo is accused of the beating death of Ollie Lee Green during an alleged robbery attempt in June, 1996. Green's body was found in the yard of his San Angelo home.

Trial proceedings could continue through the week.

RL City Council Election

The City of Robert Lee began taking applications for a place on the May 3 ballot for three city council member positions February 17.

The terms of Beth Prather, Kim Hodge, and Kenneth Green will be expiring.

Anyone wishing to file for a place on the ballot may pick up an application at Robert Lee City Hall during regular business hours. The deadline to file for a position is March 19, 1997.

Bronte COC Banquet set for March 1

Bronte Chamber of Commerce will have its annual chamber banquet Saturday, March 1, 1997, at the Bronte Community Center. Steve Stephens will be the guest speaker and the Ballet Azteca Folklorica Dancers will furnish the entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased from any chamber director or will be available at the door. A mixer will start at 6 pm and dinner will be served at 7 pm.

BNH to host open house

An open house will be held at Bronte Nursing Home Sunday, March 2, 1997, from 3 to 4 pm.

Families of the residents of the facility will be honored and the public will have the opportunity to become better acquainted with Ms. Jeanene Andrews, interim administrator.

The public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

The first trial lasted for three days before the mistrial was declared. Both sides have a number of witnesses and the defendant could take the stand as he did before.

Judge Barbara Walther is hearing the retrial while Steve Lupton, 51st District Attorney, is prosecuting the case. Reyes is being defended by attorney Adam Morriss.

WCCCD meeting rescheduled

WCCCD was not able to meet Tuesday, February 18 due to the basketball playoffs. The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, March 3rd at 5:15 pm. Please mark your calendar and try to attend this very important meeting.

EMT training class to begin March 13

Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo, Area K Regional Advisory Council on Trauma, and the East Coke County Ambulance Service will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician Basic Program in Bronte. The EMT-B program will begin Thursday, March 13, 1997, and last through July 1, 1997.

This program will include all necessary knowledge and skills leading to Texas Department of Health certification. The program will be held in the Bronte First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 10 pm.

Enrollment is limited to the first twenty students. For more information, contact the Columbia EMS-LINE at (915) 947-6181.

Little League registration

Coke County Little League registration sessions will be held March 4 and 5. Sessions will be held at Bronte and Robert Lee fields from 5 to 6:30 pm.

Players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. Parents are requested to accompany their child if possible.

There will be a meeting of the Little League Association at the Western Gas meeting room March 5 at 7:30 pm.

Lady Steers placed on All-District Team

Robert Lee Lady Steers claimed the Bi-District title earlier this month and finished the season with 20-10 record, 4-2 in district. The team had three players placed on the All-District team and one named to the honorable mention list.

Two seniors for the Ladies were placed on the All-District team, Shalon Waldrop a 6'1" senior, averaged 19.9 points per game, 7.3 rebounds, and 2.5 assists. Jennifer Scott a 6' senior, scored an average 12.2 points for the Lady Steers, averaged 6.1 rebounds and 5 assists. Bree Bolding, a 6' junior, tipped in an average of 10.6 points per game and had 6.4 rebounds per game. Shalon had an average of 53.7% from the floor and her free throw average was 63.1%. Jennifer's field goal percentage was 57.7% and she had a 63.6% average shooting from the line. Bree's percentage was 52.7% from the floor and 68.7% for free throws.

Senior Kannan Millican was placed on the Honorable Mention team.

As a team the Ladies scored 54.4 points per game while holding their opponents to an average of 44.3 points. In district play the Ladies scored 49 points to their opponent's 47 points.

The Ladies will have 1 starter and 5 lettermen returning to the line-up next season.

Coach Langley expressed his appreciation not only to the players but also to the parents and community members who supported the team this season. He stated that the senior members of the team will be missed as will their contribution to the basketball program.

BISD election

Bronte ISD began taking applications February 17, 1997 for three positions on the school board. The election will be held May 3, 1997.

The positions of Jeff Schoenfield, Ben Hambricht, and Wayne Coalson will be expiring.

Applications for a place on the ballot may be picked up at the Superintendent's office from 8 am to 4 pm weekdays. The last day to file for a position is March 19, 1997.



Kim Hall

Lady Longhorns named to All District team

Kim Hall was selected as this year's District 26-A Most Valuable Player. Kim, a 5'9" Senior, averaged 20.4 points, 8 rebounds, 3.6 steals, and 3.3 assists per game.

Also selected to the All District Team were Jodie Hilliard, a 5'6" Senior, who averaged 7.4 points per game, and Courtney Arrott, a 5'5" Junior, who averaged 8.6 points per game.

Making the Honorable Mention team were Brittany Barrett, a 5'7" Sophomore, and Natasha Carper, a 5'10" Sophomore.

The Lady Longhorns finished their season with a 19-10 record, winning District and Bi-District titles. The Ladies are looking forward to another great season next year as they return seven lettermen from this year's Varsity squad.

Red Cross training sessions slated.

The American Red Cross will be offering CPR for the Professional Rescuer classes this month. The course is designed for professional rescuers such as nurses, police, and firefighters. This would also be a good time for lifeguards to renew their certification. Review classes are available.

They are also offering a Community First Aid and Safety class March 3-5 from 6-10 pm. This includes CPR and First Aid for adults, children, and infants.

The American Red Cross has opened up registration for the following aquatic courses: Water Safety Instructor; Lifeguarding Today; Lifeguard Instructor; and Head Guard.

Space is limited in all of these classes and early registration is encouraged. For more information, call 658-4409.

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Death Notices

Lara

Alvin M. Lara, 74, of Robert Lee, died Sunday, February 23, 1997 at his residence.

Graveside service was at 2 pm Tuesday, February 25 in Robert Lee Hispanic Cemetery. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Lara of Robert Lee; two sons, Alvin Lara, Jr. and Henry Lara, both of Abilene; two daughters, Virginia Lara and Mary Ann Valles, both of Abilene; a sister, Pauline Balderas of Robert Lee; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Jameson

Cornie Jameson passed from this life in San Angelo,

Texas February 13, 1997 at the age of 80.

Graveside service was held Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 pm in McKenzieville Cemetery in Silver. Calvin Warpula of Johnson Street Church of Christ was officiant.

Cornie is survived by two sons, Larry and Barbara Jameson of Silver and Glyn Jameson and fiancée, Nita Raley, of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Jonathan and Misty Jameson of San Antonio; Tiffany and Jeff Smith of Lubbock; Jarod Jameson of Austin; and Brent Jameson of Abilene; one sister and brother-in-law, Adell and Jay Thompson of Loraine; many nieces and nephews as well as a host of friends.

...Upcoming

Coke County Roping Club sets Sunday meeting

Coke County Roping Club is scheduled to meet Sunday, March 2, 1997, at 3 pm in the home of Mark and Cindy Saunders, Hwy 277 South, in Bronte.

Officers will be elected and decisions will be made regarding scheduling, etc., for the remainder of 1997. All members and interested parties are strongly urged to attend. For more information, contact Roger Graves at 473-6901.

SA Genealogical Society to meet

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 N. Main, San Angelo.

Speaker will be Dr. Varren "Buddy" Parker, Physics Professor at Angelo State University, who will give a program on computers in Genealogy.

Meetings of the society are conducted the first Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. All are invited to a free Beginner's Genealogy Class, taught by Bob Park, preceding each meeting at 6:30 pm.

For more information, call Peg Gordon at 949-8870.

Bronte FBC Youth slates lunch

Everyone is invited to come to a spaghetti lunch Sunday, March 2, 1997, at 12 noon at Bronte First Baptist Church.

Donations for the lunch will help toward expenses the youth will incur when they attend the Spring Break Seminar in Fort Worth.

Tennyson gathering set

The Tennyson Community Gathering is set for Saturday, March 1, 1997. A pot luck supper will begin at 6:30 pm.

CCJJCC to meet

CCJJCC members will meet Monday, March 3 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church in Bronte. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Gospel Singing slated for March 2

The regular monthly community gospel singing will be held Sunday, March 2, 1997, from 2 to 4 pm at the Central Baptist Church in Bronte. Everyone in the area is invited to come and enjoy this fellowship time together.

The peanut butter & jelly sandwich is the most popular sandwich that kids carry to school.

Commissioners' Court actions

Coke County Commissioners' Court was held Monday, February 24, 1997. The fol-

Elder Law: A Growing Field

by Attorney General Dan Morales

The legal profession has seen the emergence of a new specialty in the private sector which is the practice of Elder Law. Elder Law differs from traditional legal specialties in which the lawyer focuses on one body of law (taxes, insurance, criminal law, etc.). Instead, the practice of elder law covers all potential specialties that affect one particular group of people -- senior citizens -- many of whom live on a fixed income.

If you are a senior Texan, or if you are concerned about an elderly friend or family member, perhaps you have considered hiring an attorney. The following information may help you to decide whether an elder law specialist would be right for you.

Why is this new field growing?

In part, the growth mirrors changes in our population. According to the US Census Bureau, 33 million Americans are now over age 65, or roughly 13 percent of the nation's population. The fastest growing segment of this group are those over age 85. According to a report by the US Senate Committee on Aging, nearly half of all senior citizens will spend time in a nursing home. While many of these stays are brief, such as for recovery after surgery, many others involve long-term residence.

The field of elder law covers a wide and growing range of topics. In addition to their traditional work in probate, wills, and trust and estate planning, elder law specialists are now involved in such diverse areas as:

- *planning for disability or incapacity through living wills, livings trusts, and durable power of attorney documents.
- *establishing eligibility for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits.
- *long-term care, including patients' rights, quality of care, and long-term care insurance.
- *elder fraud and abuse.
- *grandparents' visitation rights.
- *age discrimination at work.
- *housing problems (mortgages, housing discrimination, etc.).
- *conservatorships and guardianships.
- *retirement and pension benefits.

Planning for the future

Senior citizens share common concerns: quality of life and control over their affairs as they grow older, the threat of serious illness and steep medical bills, maintaining an adequate income, and safeguarding the interests of loved ones. Unfortunately, most of us cannot know which of these concerns will be the biggest challenge we face in old age. Many elder law attorneys report that clients come to them during times of crisis. It is wise to plan as far ahead as possible before the need arises.

lowing actions were taken.

Meeting was opened with a pledge to the flag and prayer led by James Tidwell.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Kevin McMahaon with West Texas Utilities gave an update on the Coalition for Affordable Power.

Jeff Barnes presented the advantages of having the Internet and doing grant searches. Kristi Roe reported on the current legislation and how the Internet would be useful. Court approved one connection to the Internet.

Kristi Roe reported on the tax collections for 1997. Base tax collections are at 94.16%.

Court tabled the communication regarding the tax notice of Alfred B. Forest.

Court reviewed the applications for the Bronte caretaker position and decided to interview each applicant. The applicants will be interviewed March 10 at 9:30 am.

Court will request caretaker to go ahead and move to allow repairs to the house before new employee moves in. Work will begin soon.

Application for Texas Community Development Program was discussed and court will select an application in March.

Wackenhut has deposited to the escrow account \$51,763.50. This is the \$24000 for two years plus 6.9% interest.

Sign machine was tabled. Court reviewed signs needed and how many. Signs will be purchased unless a sign machine is purchased, then they will be made.

Crow Nest Gas Plant was given permission for three road crossings.

Texas Department of Transportation certified the

road mileage for Coke County at 294.

Extension Agent's activity report was discussed and approved.

Request was made for the court to address a county-wide curfew. Court decided against it at this time.

Request was made for the court to address the sale and use of fireworks. Court decided against any action regarding this.

Court reviewed the inter-local agreement list and will add any more that they are aware of. County attorney will review the agreements and update the court as to any action needed.

Precinct 3 requested a line item transfer of funds. Transfer was approved.

Bills were paid and meeting was adjourned.

In 1978, Dallas business tycoon William Clements became the first Republican governor of Texas since Restoration. He also earned a special place in Texas history by becoming only the second governor to serve two non-consecutive terms.

Clements was defeated by Democrat Mark White in 1982, but returned in 1986 to beat White and win a second term as governor. The only previous governor to achieve such a feat was Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson, who was elected to two two-year terms in 1924 and 1932 as a surrogate for her husband, James E. "Pa" Ferguson, who was no longer qualified to be governor after being impeached in 1917.

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Come hear Edward P. Myers explain the biblical doctrine of angels. Dr. Myers is now serving as Director of Bible and Christian doctrine in the College of Bible and Religion at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

Carltons celebrate 50th anniversary

Russell and Annie Lois Carlton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary February 28. They have three children, Wayne Carlton of Dallas, Linda BeVier of Mansfield, and Kit Carlton of Wingate. The couple has four grandchildren.

The Carltons were married February 28, 1947, in San Angelo, Texas. She is the former Annie Lois Borders of Maverick. They have lived and operated a farming and ranching operation in Runnels County since 1953. He is a veteran of World War II. She works part-time for the Texas Crop Reporting Service and is his full-time business partner and homemaker.

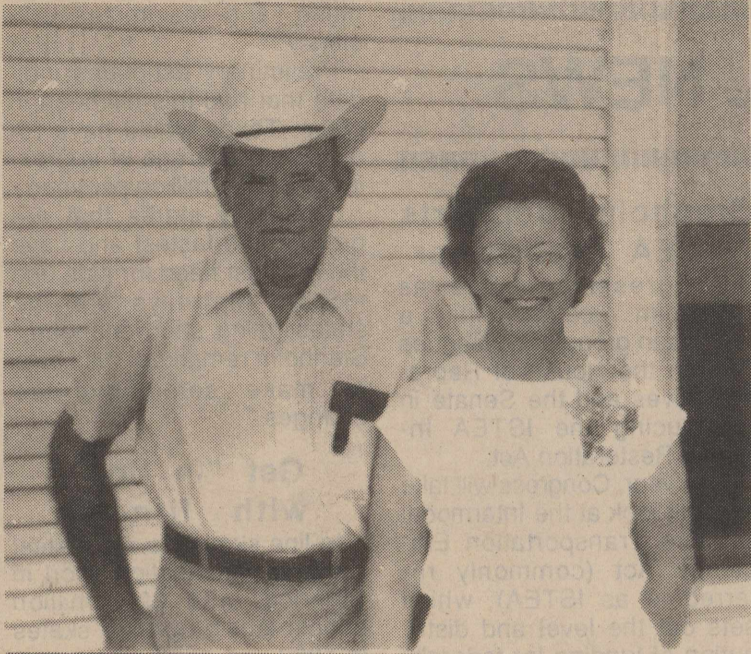
They were born and raised in Maverick and returned to work the family farm after their marriage following World War II.

TSGRA meets to discuss funding in wake of checkoff failure

Approximately 150 members and directors of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association met January 30 at the Sonora Experiment Station to discuss different ways of funding Association activities in view of the apparent failure of the national sheep and wool checkoff.

There was a great deal of discussion on the pros and cons of voluntary dues versus funds provided by a state checkoff. The voluntary dues of .014 cents per pound of wool and mohair provide unrestricted funds which can be used in the legislative arena. Funds raised by a state checkoff could only be used for research, education, and promotion. With declining sheep and goat numbers, dues from wool and mohair for 1995-96 dropped 54% from the amount collected in 1994-95, and collections for the first seven months of 1996-97 total 41% of the previous year's dues collections. Although TSGRA membership has remained fairly constant for the last 30 years, declining production has brought a heavy decrease in tonnage, and thus, in dues.

Historically, dues have been paid to the Association on wool or mohair sales. However, those attending the meeting suggested that the officers look into other funding options, including expanding membership, increasing minimum dues and possibly collecting dues on meat animal sales. Additional funds could also come from a checkoff program. The group ultimately voted to expand the voluntary dues program through an intensive membership drive and immediately



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carlton

begin looking into a mandatory statewide checkoff program with a refund provision to fund research, education, and promotion of wool, lamb, and goat meat on the state level.

The group also heard a report from AH (Chico) Denis, president of Ranchers' Lamb of Texas. Denis said the plant should be fully operational in June or early July, and he encouraged Texas producers to send their lambs to slaughter at the new plant. Bill Tullos, chairman of the TSGRA Tax and Labor Committee, reported on tax issues that will come before the current session of the Texas Legislature. A resolution was approved requesting that the exemption for agriculture within the Property Tax Code be maintained and asking that the exemption from sales taxes of goods used in the production of agriculture products be continued. The resolution also supported efforts to lower ad valorem taxes to ensure that agriculture pays its fair share but is not excessively taxed.

Other resolutions supported the budgets of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Experiment Station, Texas Forest Service, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab, Texas Animal Damage Control Service and Texas Tech University's appropriations for agricultural research. Additional resolutions asked that the bobcat be added to the list of predators which can be taken with the Livestock Protective Collar and supported the Fire Ant Research and Management Plan. A resolution of sympathy was

passed for Jacque McClure, former president of the Women's Auxiliary of the TSGRA, who passed away in December.

County court dispositions

Coke County Court was in session February 13 & 18, 1997 with Judge Jackie Walker presiding. The following dispositions were handed down.

February 13

The State of Texas vs. Gary Bilbrey, Jr. - Charge: driving while intoxicated - motion to revoke probation; 90 days jail time, \$500 fine, court cost \$210.

The State of Texas vs. Gary Bilbrey, Jr. - Charge: escape; 180 days jail time, \$500 fine, court cost \$155. February 18

The State of Texas vs. Raynaldo Maldonado - Charge: driving while intoxicated; fine: \$700, jail time: 180 days probated, court cost \$218.

The State of Texas vs. Tony Perez - Charge: theft: property by check; fine: \$100, restitution \$42.74, court cost \$160.

The State of Texas vs. Jose Luis Ramos - Charge: driving while license suspended, fine: \$200, court cost \$160, credit given for 3 days jail time.

The State of Texas vs. Eva Montano - Charge: Theft by check; fine \$50, court cost \$160, restitution \$45.94.

The State of Texas vs. Ray Don Wright Foster - Charge: Driving while intoxicated; fine: \$500, jail time 90 days probated 24 months, court cost \$210.

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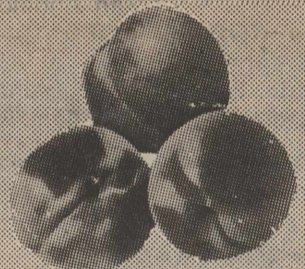


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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

News from the Bronte Bands

The Bronte Elementary Band will depart Saturday morning, March 1, at 7:30 am to perform at the Ballinger Junior Music Festival. The festival is being held in the Ballinger High School auditorium.

The band will perform the "First Concert Parade March" and "Symphony No. 9" by Beethoven. This will be the band's first performance of the year. Each member of the band will also perform a solo for a rating. If the student scores a Division I or II rating, they will receive a medal for their efforts.

Please come out to Ballinger that day and support the Elementary band students.

The Longhorn Concert Band and the Elementary Band will perform Tuesday night, March 4, 1997, at the annual Formal Winter Concert. The concert is slated to be held in the Bronte High School gym and will begin at 7 pm.

Both bands will perform selections they will take to various band competitions this year. Admission is free. Please support the Longhorn music program by attending this concert.

Tomes receives top honors

Stephen Tomes, a 4th grade student at Bronte Elementary and son of

George and Cynthia Tomes, received a Division One rating at the Angelo State University Solo and Ensemble festival for string instruments.

Stephen performed "Minuet" by Bach and "The Happy Farmer" on the violin. Receiving a Division One rating at the festival qualifies Stephen to compete at the state level at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in May.

Bronte ISD and the Bronte community is proud of Stephen for this great accomplishment.

Br. student recognized

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1996 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 student credit hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Nicholas Arrott of Bronte, a business administration major, was among those recognized.

Nicholas is the son of Susan Williams and Nick Arrott. His grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ed Cumbie and Mr. & Mrs. LeDrew Arrott, all of Bronte.

College search do's and don'ts

Before applying to any selective college, John Lind, vice president for enrollment management at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, says college-bound students should consider these college search do's and don'ts:

1) Do begin well ahead of time. Make a point to keep a calendar of all application deadlines, since they vary from school to school. Then work toward completing applications well in advance.

2) Do carefully assess your needs. It is important for you to understand what type of environment is best suited to you.

3) Do apply to schools you would be willing to attend. A "safety" school is no good if you really would not go there anyway.

4) Do visit as many schools that interest you as possible. A campus visit is an important time to establish a "feel" for a campus.

5) Don't assume that where your parents went or your friends are going is necessarily a good place for you.

6) Do understand that your college application is a presentation of you. Be sure it is accurate, complete and timely.

7) Do view your college search as a long-term investment decision.

8) Do have fun in the process!

Stenholm supports ISTEA Sweetener

Congressman Charles Stenholm recently joined a bipartisan group of colleagues in both the House of Representatives and the Senate in introducing the ISTEA Integrity Restoration Act.

This year, Congress will take another look at the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (commonly referred to as ISTEA), which sets out the level and distribution of funding for federally funded transportation projects. The bill supported by Stenholm would make fundamental changes to the current formula distribution system, allowing Texas a greater return on its tax dollars. The bill also calls for a more flexible highway program which grants greater discretion to state and local officials to set transportation priorities.

"Texans deserve to get back more of what they pay in gas tax receipts," Stenholm explained. "We have a golden opportunity this year to bring greater fairness to the distribution of projects across the country and at the same time give more authority to state and local officials."

This bill responds to a resolution recently adopted by the Southern Governors' Association which called for enactment of a new highway program that "provides greater equity in the allocation of funds to southern states." Nearly all of the southern states are "donor states" which receive a smaller percentage of highway funding back from Washington than they contribute.

"The current highway program is based on a system which President Dwight Eisenhower proposed," Stenholm said. "It worked well for the needs of our country forty years ago but times have changed and it's time to take the next step. We need a program that improves fund-

ing equity, gives more flexibility to states and local communities, and maximizes efficiency."

Preliminary estimates indicate that had this bill been in place, Texas would have received an average of approximately \$165 million per year.

"The very states that are growing the fastest and have the greatest need for safe and modern highways are the states being short-changed," Stenholm remarked. "It's time to make some overdue changes."

Get "in line" with fitness

In-line skating is the fastest growing participation sport in America, with 22.4 million people lacing up their skates in 1996.

"In-line skating is an excellent, low-impact cardiovascular workout," said Dr. John Cianca, a sports medicine expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "It raises your heart rate to help with conditioning, and it strengthens the legs."

In-line skating can also be part of a cross-training program to complement other sports, such as cycling, running, swimming, and tennis.

"It's a good exercise because it's pretty easy on the body. It's a perfect alternative for people who've developed over-use injuries from running," said Cianca.

But they may pick up a few cuts and scrapes without the proper protective gear.

"All skaters should wear wrist guards, knee pads, elbow pads, and even helmets to help absorb the shock of a fall that's bound to happen sometime," said Cianca.

SSN number required to get driver license

Beginning February 3 anyone applying for a Texas driver license will be required to show proof of his or her Social Security number before the license will be issued. Those seeking to renew their driver license in person or requesting a duplicate license will need proof of their SSN. The new requirement does not apply to individuals renew-

ing by mail or applying for a DPS-issued ID card.

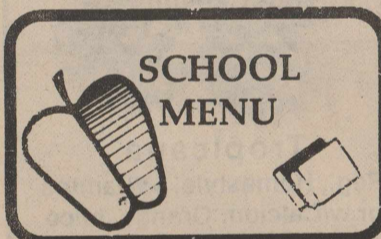
The DPS has been requesting the SSN on a voluntary basis since 1992. A provision in the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 405 (c)(2)(C)(i), allows a state to use the SSN for driver license identification purposes. Changes made to the Family Code, Sec. 231.302(c)(1), during the 74th Legislature require agencies issuing licenses to obtain the SSN to assist in locating persons delinquent in paying child support. The SSN will not appear on the driver license itself and will be made available only to DPS for identification purposes and to the Child Support Division of the State Attorney General's Office.

"In addition to assisting in the collection of delinquent child support, we think this new law will make it more difficult for an individual to fraudulently obtain a driver license," Col. Dudley M. Thomas, Director of the DPS said. "This will help reduce crimes that depend on fake identification, such as a hot check case, and will also make it more difficult for minors to obtain licenses with fraudulent birth dates."

To meet the SSN requirement, an applicant may present a federal Social Security card, income tax documents, US passport (if SSN is included), W-2 form, pay stub, government-issued health insurance card, pilot's license, Veteran's Administration benefits card or employer ID card that has the SSN on it. Metal Social Security cards or types sold at flea markets will not be accepted.

Federal law has required applicants for commercial driver licenses to show proof of SSNs since 1990. Currently, 23 other states require SSNs for all driver license applicants. In October 2000 federal immigration law will go into effect mandating that all states capture SSNs for all driver licenses and ID cards.

To apply for an SSN or to replace a lost Social Security card, call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 from 7 am to 7 pm or leave a message after those hours.



SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, March 3
Sausage, Apple Juice, Pancakes, Milk

Tuesday, March 4
Breakfast Burrito, Grape Juice, Milk

Wednesday, March 5
French Toast Stix, Apple Sauce, Blueberry Muffin, Milk

Thursday, March 6
Scrambled Eggs, Orange Juice, Biscuit, Milk

Friday, March 7
Cereal, Apple Juice, Pop Tarts, Milk

Lunch

Monday, March 3
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Pork & Beans, Apple Sauce, Milk

Tuesday, March 4
Chili Mac, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Milk, Pink Panther Cake

Wednesday, March 5
Soft Tacos w/Cheese, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Flour Tortilla, Milk, Jello

Thursday, March 6
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef & Vegetable Soup, Carrot Sticks, Combread, Milk, Chocolate Cake

Friday, March 7
Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, French Fries, Sliced Apple, Bun, Milk, Rice Krispie Bars

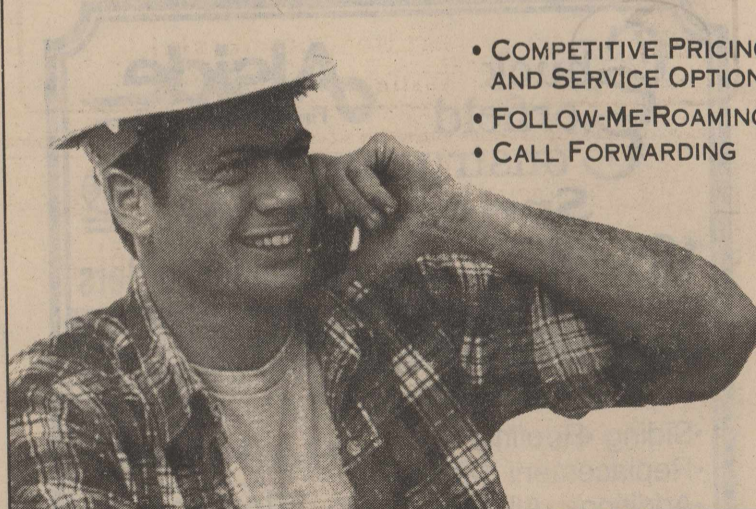
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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steer Band news

On Saturday, February 22, the Steer Band competed in the Region II Solo-Ensemble contest. The following students received these ratings: Daniel Cates - Trombone, Division One; Clara Gil, Jennifer Woods, and Brandon Van Huss, Clarinet Trio, Division Three.

RL UIL Meet

The annual Robert Lee Invitational UIL meet was held Saturday, February 8 at Robert Lee High School. The results are as follows:

- Number Sense - 7th:** Bobbie Sparks, 5th.
- Number Sense - 8th:** Robert Barrett, 3rd.
- Calculators - 8th:** James Gallegos, 4th; Beau Boxell, 5th.
- Spelling - 7th:** Jamie Chesshir, 4th.
- Dictionary Skills - 8th:** Amber Freeman, Cayla Jeffrey, tied for 5th.
- Oral Reading:** Jodee Helwig, 3rd.
- Ready Writing - 7th:** Trichelle Gray, 3rd.

All participants, judges, coaches, monitors, graders, timers, etc. are to be commended for a job well done!

RL student graduates

Diplomas were awarded to more than 3,300 Texas A&M University graduates during December commencement ceremonies.

The degrees were pre-

sent at three separate ceremonies. Featured speakers at the ceremonies were Carol Surles, president of Texas Woman's University in Denton; Walter H. Criner, Sr., president and chief executive officer of Criner-Daniels and Associates Inc., Houston; and U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin, R-Texas.

During the ceremony, Creta Sheree Mullaney received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health. Sheree is the daughter of Bill Burns of Robert Lee.

Scholarship deadline approaching

College students who are US citizens and have a grade point average of 'B+' or better or eligible for a \$1000 college scholarship. To receive an application, send a request by April 11, 1997 to the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation at 721 North McKinley Road, PO Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012; fax a request to (847) 295-3972, or e-mail a request to "scholar@ecif.com".

All requests for applications must include the student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1996-97 academic year.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 22, 1997. Thirty-five winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$35,000 will be awarded.

Tips on choosing the right college

If you're a college-bound high school senior, getting a jump-start on your college applications should top your to-do list for the new year.

Most universities and colleges are now processing applications from students who want to enroll in fall 1997, and many will begin making financial aid and scholarship awards in the near future, said John Lind, vice president for

enrollment management at Southwestern University, a selective national liberal arts college located in Georgetown, Texas.

Even more incentive to act quickly: students who apply early get better choices for on-campus housing and are at the head of the line for financial aid.

But where to apply?

"Some high school seniors already have decided what career path to follow, which makes choosing a college and a specific major easier," Lind said. "But the vast majority are unsure about their plans, making the task of finding the school right for them rather intriguing."

He said students shouldn't feel pressured to choose a major before reaching the college classroom. Those who need help should visit with their high school guidance counselors for access to information about all sorts of colleges -- subjective guides, objective guides, audio-visual packages and, in some cases, computer programs that can connect students directly to college or university admission offices.

Lind said that within the last few years, many colleges and universities, including Southwestern, have created World Wide Web home pages, which students can access by using the Internet and using a search function to find the college or university that interests them. At the sites, students can find information about the school's academic and social programs.

The average student today will change majors at least once during a college career, nationwide figures indicate. "Students really need to look carefully at themselves," said Lind. "What are they like? What is their ambition? In what type of environment are they most comfortable? Do they need to relate individually to their teachers? Do they want to stay in-state?"

Just don't rule out colleges on cost factors alone. "Too many people begin by looking at cost and ultimately exclude some viable options."

Students should determine what type of college suits their needs best, and if it turns out to be one their family can't afford, they should consider applying for financial assistance."

Application processes vary widely. While many schools rely solely on objective criteria like a student's class rank and standardized test scores, others look at the strength of the college preparatory background, recommendations from counselors and teachers, impressions in a personal interview, and the ability to write, as demonstrated in the traditional essay section found in many selective colleges' application materials.

"A test score by itself is not generally a good predictor of college success. The single best predictor of success in college is the student's academic performance in high school, the quality of the courses taken and the competitiveness of the high school a student is attending."

Lind said applicants should take the process seriously, prepare themselves adequately and present themselves well at college interviews.

"College is a lifetime investment. That's why it's so important to make the right choice."

Public Transportation funds available

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is seeking qualified applicants to receive federal grant money to provide transportation for the elderly and disabled persons. The program, known as Section 5310 (formerly Section 16), provides funding to private non-profit organiza-

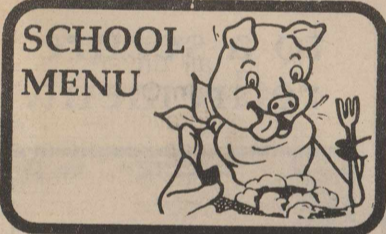
tions, public entities, and associations. The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans, or other paratransit vehicles, radios, and communications equipment, wheel chair lifts and restraints, and vehicle rehabilitation. This program application will cover a one year period FY 98 (October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998).

Qualified projects will be selected for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts, ability to meet service needs of elderly and/or disabled persons based on passenger trips per month, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable, and average fleet age where applicable.

Organizations within the San Angelo TxDOT District, which includes Coke County, that are interested should contact Thomas G. Robinson in the San Angelo District office at (915) 947-9264 or (915) 944-1501 and request a nomination form or request by letter to Thomas G. Robinson, Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District Office, 4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Completed nomination forms must be received by the San Angelo District Office no later than 5:00 pm Thursday, May 1, 1997.

Every year Americans consume enough peanut butter to cover the entire floor of the Grand Canyon.



Menus are subject to change.

Breakfast

- Monday, March 3**
Biscuits & Sausage w/Gravy, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Tuesday, March 4**
Donuts, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Wednesday, March 5**
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Thursday, March 6**
Cinnamon Rolls, Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Friday, March 7**
Breakfast Bagels, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

- Monday, March 3**
Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Applesauce, Teddy Grahams, Milk.
- Tuesday, March 4**
Chicken Nuggets w/Barbecue Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, English Peas, Homemade Rolls, Peaches, Milk.
- Wednesday, March 5**
Mexican Casserole, Chili Beans, Potato Patty, Pineapple Tidbits, Crackers, Milk.
- Thursday, March 6**
Spaghetti, Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk.
- Friday, March 7**
Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, Spicy Fries, Pears, Milk.

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**THE FAMILY OF
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opportunity to thank each of
you for your kindness during
the illness and passing of our
Mom. The cards, flowers,
food, and memorials are all
greatly appreciated.

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Jonathan & Misty
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FAMILY**
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GARAGE SALES

SALE
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couch (makes chair), 3 l/rm
chairs, 2 dressers, 1 round
mirror, 1 d/table & chairs, 3
table lamps, 2 toasters,
canning jars, camping dishes,
and a lot of misc., Thursday,
Friday & Saturday - February
27-March 1, Monday,
Tuesday, & Wednesday -
March 3-5, 206 W. 13th,
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NOTICES

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As of this publication date,
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NOTICES

Kind of Animal: Cow
Breed: Hereford
Color: Red & White
Sex: Bull
Age: 2 years
Size: 650 pounds
Brand, Marks, Identifying
Characteristics: None

and, on the 13th day of
February, 1997, I filed a
Notice of Estray in the Estray
Book of Coke County, Texas.

I have made a diligent
search of the register of
recorded brands in Coke
County, Texas, for the owner
of said estray, but the search
did not reveal the owner.

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COUNTRY AGENTS
NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Grow Texas onions

Onion planting time is here! Onions do well in Texas if growers plant the right variety at the appropriate time.

Success with onions has to do with understanding the phenomena of bulbing. Bulbing occurs as a result of the length of daylight hours. Day-length requirement differs among varieties which have been broken down into short-day, intermediate-day and long-day types. The day-length requirement of an onion variety must be met or bulbing will not occur.

*Short-day varieties, such as the 1015Y or Texas Super Sweet onion, require about 12 hours of daylight and will produce anywhere in Texas if planted at the right time.

*Medium-day and long-day types, which produce hotter and more pungent onions, grow only in specific areas.

The larger the plant, or the more leaves it has when bulbing is initiated, the larger the bulb will be. The best way to have the right sized plant at the right time is to set out pencil-sized transplants six weeks before the average frost free date. In Coke County, the average date of the last freeze is March 24.

Most Texas soils are adequate for growing onions, but some may need more organic matter to increase drainage. Planting onions on top of raised beds will improve drainage and will enable the soil to warm up more quickly in the spring.

*Several weeks prior to planting, evenly scatter about 1/2 pound of a complete fertilizer, such as 10-10-10, over 50 square feet of bed surface.

*To plant onions, make small holes in the row 3 to 4

CRP sign-up announced

Sign-up dates for the 1997 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are March 3 through March 28. Those who wish to apply must have owned or operated the land being offered for at least 12 months prior to March 28, 1997 and meet several other FSA requirements. In addition to FSA's requirements, the cropland also must meet additional requirements administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Factors such as the erodibility of the land, evidence of scour erosion, and the land's proximity to noncropped wetlands are a few of the eligibility factors to be examined by NRCS. Also considered in determining CRP eligibility are practices which are highly beneficial to the environment. Practices like buffer strips on riparian areas, grass filter strips, grass waterways, shelter belts, and the protection of areas around well-heads all have long-term benefits to the environment long after a CRP contract expires.

To sign-up for the 15th CRP, contact your local FSA office for an appointment.

inches apart and about 1 inch deep. Set one transplant in each hole, firm the soil around it and water immediately.

*After three to four weeks, side dress plants with one cup of ammonium sulfate or 2/3 cup of ammonium nitrate. Place the fertilizer about 4 inches from the onion plants.

*Keep the soil moist, especially once bulbing (swelling at the base of the plant) begins.

*Mulch around plants with two to three inches of organic matter.

*Once plants start to mature, as indicated by a softening of the "neck" just above the bulb, allow the soil to begin drying. When bulbs are mature, the softened necks will cause the plant tops to fall over. At this time, pull up the onions and place them in a dry area to cure.

*Several days later, clip the roots and tops, leaving 1 inch of stem attached to the bulbs to prevent entry of decay organisms.

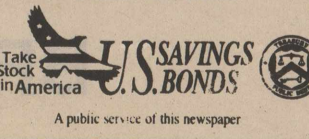
Onions are usually ready for harvesting between May and late July.

TX Senate notes

Worn shoes lined the halls of the Capitol on Monday, February 10, in a silent memorial for the over 1,700 Texans who have lost their lives in drunk driving accidents. Currently, Texas leads the nation in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities among the nation's youth. In an effort to curb these harsh statistics, Senator Royce West of Dallas sponsored Senate Bill (SB) 35 which will place stiffer regulations on minors that drink and drive. This bill is in compliance with a federal law that mandates that all states adopt a "zero tolerance" law for minors by October 1, 1998, or risk loss of federal highway funding. Although the legal age to purchase, possess, and consume alcohol in Texas is 21, the state allows a minor to drive with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of up to .07. SB 35 lowers the BAC level to .00 for drivers under 21 and enforces stiffer penalties on minors including driver's license suspension, increased fines, mandatory community service, and possible jail time. "By passing this bill today, we will be sending a message to the state of Texas - zero tolerance means zero tolerance." - Senator West. The bill was passed unanimously and now goes to the House of Repre-

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sentatives. The Senate adjourned in the memory of the drunk driving victims.

Take care when mixing medications

People over the age of 65 consume one-third of all prescription medications sold each year in the United States.

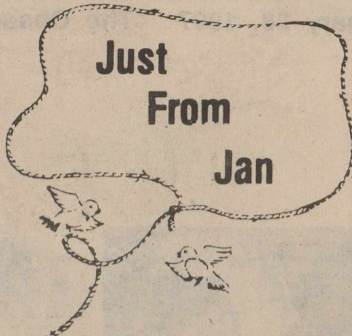
"Unfortunately, the more prescriptions a person takes, the greater the chances of developing adverse drug reactions," said Dr. George Taffet, assistant professor with the Huffington Center on Aging at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "This is where a 'brown-bag biopsy' can help."

Many doctors encourage their patients to bring all of their medications - prescription and over the counter - to the doctor's office in a brown bag.

This gives the physician a chance to sort through the medications and check for duplicates, prescriptions that have expired and drugs that may not combine well with others. The brown-bag biopsy is especially beneficial when patients see several doctors.

Drug reactions occur in nearly one-third of the elderly and often develop from mixing prescriptions with over the counter drugs.

Just From Jan



by Jan Yanez
Coke County
Ext. Agent

Blood pressure basics

Do you always wonder exactly what the numbers mean when you have your blood pressure taken at the doctor's office?

Every time your heart beats, blood gets squeezed out of your heart through your blood vessels, raising the pressure in your arteries. This is called systolic blood pressure and is represented by the first number.

The diastolic blood pressure, which is usually lower and is represented by the second number is the blood pressure between the heart beats.

A blood pressure reading of 120 over 80 is normal for a healthy adult. Several factors, though, can influence your blood pressure, such as how nervous you are. Just being in the doctor's office may alone raise your blood pressure. Don't be alarmed by

one high reading, but if your blood pressure is 140 over 90 on three separate occasions, you will need to work with your doctor on lowering your blood pressure either through a change in diet, increased exercise, medication, or a combination of these factors.

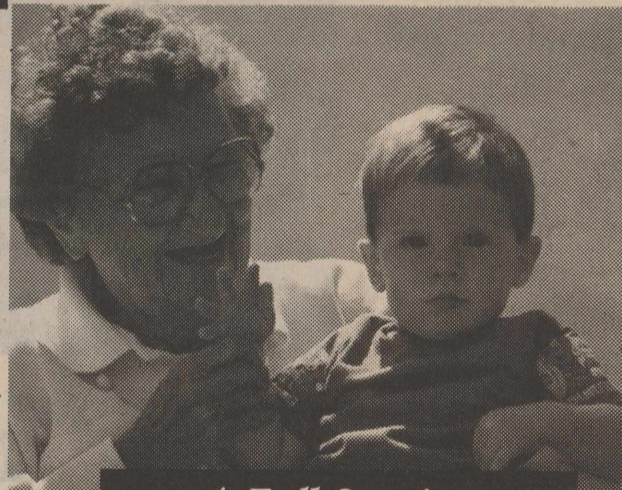
Around 62 million Americans have high blood pressure, which is known as the "silent killer", because most people don't know they have it until they're hit with one of its dangerous complications, like heart attack, heart failure, stroke, or kidney problems. That's why it's important to have your blood pressure checked regularly.

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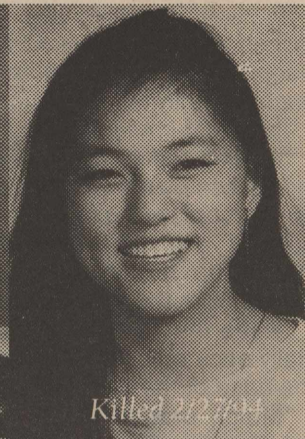
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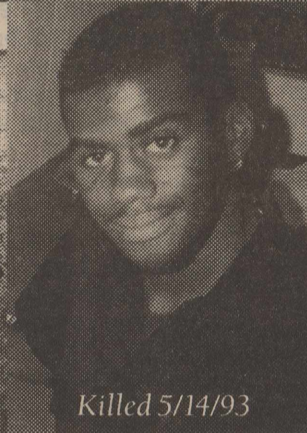
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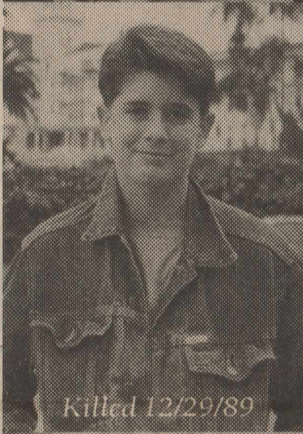
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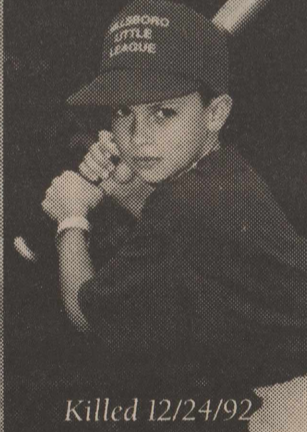
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