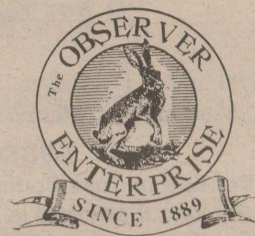


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Sheriff's Office requests help in continuing "war on drugs"

The Coke County Sheriff's Department recently arrested three male subjects and charged them with "manufacture of controlled substance".

This is the latest in an ongoing series of investigations into the drug manufacturing activities in Coke County. Within the last year, the Sheriff's Department has discovered the remnants of five methamphetamine labs in the County. These labs are a widespread problem throughout the nation due to the simplicity and limited time factor in obtaining the ingredients needed and processing the product.

Most ingredients to manufacture this drug can be purchased over-the-counter. Certain chemicals are not available to the public and are usually obtained illegally. The drugs are remarkably quick and easy to make. Criminals

use motel rooms, unoccupied deer and lake cabins, vacant homes, and, using portable stoves, remote areas throughout the county as manufacturing locations. Within three hours, a criminal can set up the lab, process the drug and be gone.

The simplicity, mobility and speed of this process makes it extremely difficult for law enforcement officers to apprehend the drug manufacturer. Coke County Sheriff Rick Styles has requested the community's support in their effort to locate and eradicate these drug labs. Please report any suspicious activities around areas that are usually unoccupied. In addition, if you happen to smell chemicals such as ether and anhydrous ammonia, please immediately report this to the Sheriff's Office at (915) 453-2717.

Fort Chadbourne to host annual fundraiser.

Fort Chadbourne Foundation is hosting the annual Fort Chadbourne Fundraiser on Saturday, September 22 at 5:30 pm on the parade grounds of the historic fort. All proceeds from the evening's events will benefit the stabilization of the fort's buildings.

Though almost complete, the Fort Chadbourne stabilization project is still in need of \$60,000 in funds and/or donated materials to finish the last details of the much-needed project.

The annual fundraiser will start with a prime-rib dinner - catered by "The Shed" of Wingate - followed by the unveiling of the "Fountain House," a live theater historical re-enactment, a live and silent auction, and a dance featuring Jody Nix and "The Texas Cowboys." The dance is from 9 pm until 1 am. For tickets and additional information, please call 915-743-2555 or www.fortchadbourne.org.

RL sets rate increase for trash service

Robert Lee residential and commercial customers will see a 5% rate increase on their November water bill. The last increase was in October 1998. Residential rates are based on the pickup of one 96 gallon container provided by Trashaway Services. Those residents using additional personal containers will be monitored and may be asked to pay for an extra container. See the classified section of this paper for rates.

RLBC TeamKid is back

Attention pre-K through 6th graders. TeamKid (Kids in Discipleship) is back! It is to be held on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 beginning September 5th at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. The kids are encouraged to bring a friend and come join the fun! There will be singing, playing games, snacks to enjoy, reading the Bible and learning about Jesus. Parents are also welcome to come.

For more information or any question, please call the Robert Lee Baptist Church 453-2724.

Coke Comment

by Hal Spain, Publisher

Sometimes I tune in to a New York City television station on the satellite, just to view their traffic jams, their skyscrapers, their mixture of nationalities, their overpopulation, and all the other problems that abound with urban living. It reinforces my commitment to West Texas, and makes me feel better about my choice of a place to live, work, and raise children.

And sometimes I feel a little guilty for griping about the problems we have here. The drought that won't ever seem to end, and our continuing economic decline are some of our problems that somehow don't seem to loom as large as they did last week.

Sometimes we think we're pretty far removed from the eastern part of the country. And then something unthinkable happens, and it reminds you that we all still share a common bond wherever we may be in this country. It also reminds you that the diversity of our population is one of the things that makes our country a great place to live.

I was watching that New York television station at ten till eight last Tuesday morning when the second 767 passenger jet slammed into the second tower. It was at this point that everyone knew that this was no accident.

My next thought concerned my daughter and her husband, who live in lower Manhattan. Then I chuckled to myself and said, "Christi, who is a starving actress and involved in the arts all her life, wouldn't be caught dead in a place where worldwide economic trade was going on." My son Wade, who is a banker at Waco, TX, had just been up in the top of one of the towers about a month ago on a vacation trip with his friends. But as for Chris, I wasn't too worried.

And then the towers collapsed, with predictions of the dead being in the tens of thousands, and I started trying to contact my daughter by phone. That was very frustrating, cause there was no way to get a phone call through. Fortunately my son Wade called the office and said that Christi and her husband had called and were on a trip to

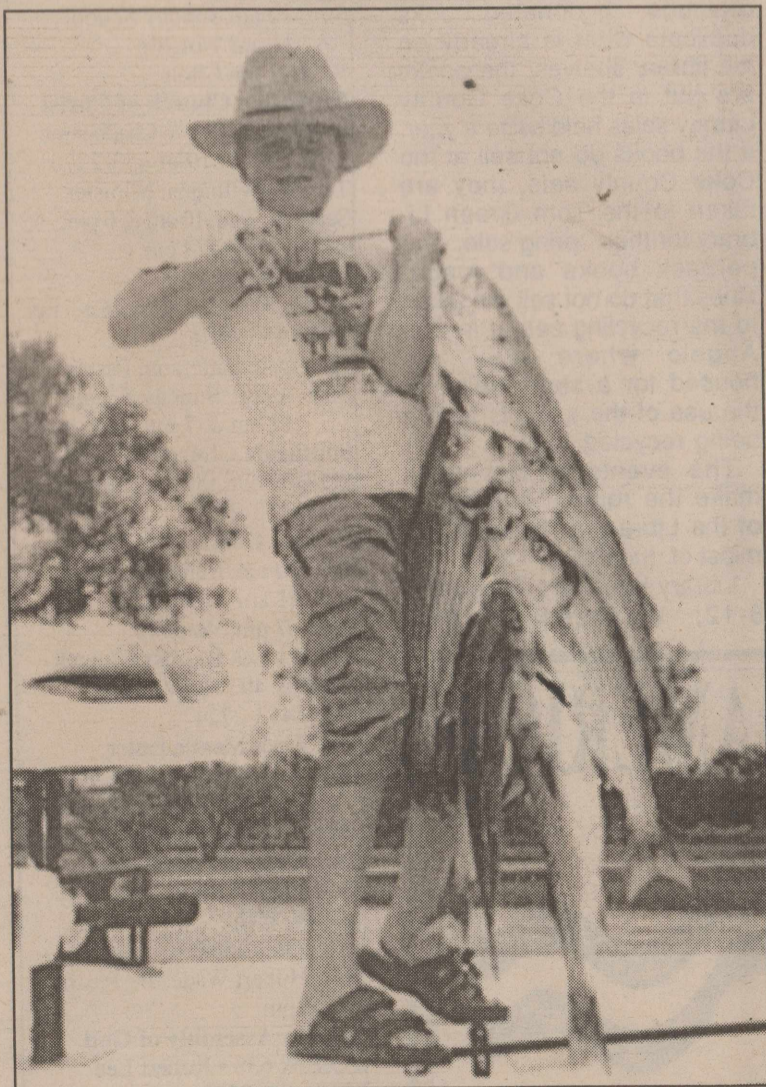
Maine, and weren't in the city during the holocaust.

Now it's a week later, and I've talked to my daughter three times by phone. As it turns out, they were headed out of the city last Tuesday morning to attend Obie's mother's wedding in Maine. They had rented a vehicle, and were going to vote in the mayor's primary election, and head out of town. After they got through voting, they heard about the first plane, and as they got into the car, the news of the second crash was on the radio. They looked up the avenue at the burning twin towers and decided the best thing they could do was to try to go ahead and get out of town, and had no problems in leaving the city.

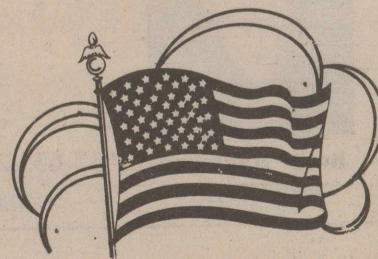
They got back to NYC on Sunday night. Their apartment is about a mile from ground zero. They have been wearing bandanas over their faces to combat the smell and the smoke. Obie reported that one of his coworkers had a emotional meltdown the other day at work. And Christi says it's pretty sad and sobering to pass by St. Vincent's Hospital and see the hundreds of posters of the missing plastered on the wall. She also reported that the spirit of New Yorkers was as strong as ever, and she feels they will eventually rebound from this tragedy.

I'm glad to know my kids are safe. It also makes me feel a little guilty knowing there are thousands of others who aren't. Thanks to those of you who called inquiring about their safety.

Sometimes we in West Texas don't feel like we have much of a connection to the east coast. And then something like this happens and we realize what a close knit family we are. Our thoughts remain with those who have loved ones who are still missing.



Cody Brosh of Robert Lee shows off his September 1 catch at Lake Spence. Cody was assisted on the fishing trip by Brown's Guide Service. Accompanying Cody were Terry Brown, Tom Francis, Timmy Brown and dad Edwin Brosh.



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Death Notices

Allison

Melvin Allison, 70, of Odessa, died on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at his home in Odessa.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 am on Friday, September 14, 2001, at the McKenzieville Cemetery near Robert Lee with Reverend Tom Hiser officiating. Services were under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Survivors include his daughter, Loye Marrs of Odessa; two sons, Melvin L. Allison and his wife Marsha of Odessa, and Randy Allison and his wife Debbie of Crowley, Texas; four grandsons, Jeff Marrs, Landen Marrs, Darren Marrs, all of Odessa and Brandon Allison of Keller, Texas.

Rodriguez

Manuela Gonzales Rodriguez, 66, of Iraan, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001, at Pecos County Hospital in Fort Stockton.

Mass was celebrated at 10 am Monday, Sept. 3rd at the Rankin Park Building with the Rev. Julio Carrasco officiating. Rosary was Sunday at the Rankin Park Building with burial at the Rankin Cemetery. Arrangements were by Martinez Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband Arturo Rodriguez of Iraan; sons, Juan Diego Gonzales of Rankin and Eduardo Gonzales of Hobbs, N.M.; daughter, Beatrice Armandarez of Rankin; brothers, Willie Abalos Sr. and Manuel Abalos, both of Robert Lee, John Abalos of Sweetwater, Joe Abalos and Selso Abalos, both of Winnie; sisters, Margarita Jacobo of San Angelo, Felicita Gonzales of Robert Lee, Maria Gonzalez of El Paso, Ann Purcell of Lancaster, OH, Junie Robles of San Jose, CA; and Aurora Abalos of Odessa; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Wrinkle

Wilburn Wrinkle, 63, of Bronte passed away Sunday, Sept. 16, 2001, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral service was held at 10 am Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, at Central Baptist Church. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

He is survived by aunts, Georgia Gibbs of Crews, Texas, and Janie Kyle of Seattle; an uncle, Jeff Randle McCutchen of Mertzon; a stepbrother, Johnnie Joe Butner of Millsap; and numerous cousins.

World War II hero dies

by C. B. Barbee
When Rex T. Barber died recently in Oregon, America lost one of its truly great World War II heroes.

On April 18, 1943 he shot down, over Bougainville Island, Adm. Isuroku Yamamoto, who had masterminded the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

The Guadalcanal based P. 38 Lightning 339th Fighter Squadron were the only planes with the range to make the mission.

The intercepting of the Japanese code, the good planning of the squadron commander, the courage of the sixteen pilots, and the assistance of large gasoline belly tanks made the mission a success.

Barber and all those other fighter pilots met head-on the imperialistic threat to destroy America and all for which it stood.

America should forever pay tribute to the defenders of freedom. Yes, men like Rex Barber.

C. B. Barbee was a member of the 339th Fighter Squadron.

The strongest of all warriors are these two - Time and Patience.
Leo Tolstol

SWCD to hold election

The Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election on October 4, 2001 at 9:00 am for a director to represent Subdivision No. Five. The Coke County SWCD is a legal subdivision of Texas State Government. It was organized by local landowners that petitioned for and received a Certificate of Organization from the State of Texas for the purpose of providing for the conservation of soil, water and related resources within the district. The district is self-governed by five elected landowners who make up the Board of Directors. Furthermore, it is the purpose of the Soil and Water Conservation district to encourage all landowners and landusers within its boundaries to cooperate in planning and voluntarily apply conservation programs on agricultural as well as urban lands. Regular monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 am in the SWCD office located at 214 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Texas.

In order to serve a four-year

Names of veterans added to Bronte monument

Died while in service
Alexander James Boykin, Shelby Carter, Elgin P. Littlefield, James Pentecost, Carl Wilson (Skinny) Scarborough
World War I

Benjamin Horace Boykin, William Ernest Burns, Buck T. Denson, Frank Keese, Ed Stevens, McNeill Wylie
World War II

Leonard B. Vasquez, Zeddie D. Beal, Mel Billings, Benjamin Alfred Boykin, Douglas Buford, Tom Brown, Leland Carlton, K.C. Collier, Elmer A. Davis, Lester Ray Jackson, Houston A. Jolley, Cleveland Robert Kirchman, Warren Neal McWilliams, Paul P. Minjarez, James Gray Newton, William Ernest Newton, Jr., Eddie B. Patterson, Bill Tom Roach, Roy A. Robinson, W.K. (Ajax) Simpson, Charles Edwin Sims, Hollis Stevens, Dale G. Thompson, Edward Dewey Tubb, J.W. (Jake) Van Zandt
Korea

Billy Glen Jackson, Marlon Douglas McCutchen, Lee Allen Stewart, Bobby Kenneth Walker
Viet Nam

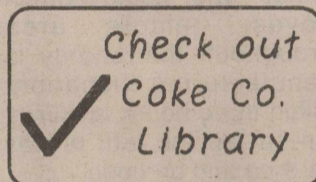
Larry Don Corley, Robert D. Mathers, Jack Edwyn McDaniel, Larry Gene Robinson, Marvin Clay Williamson
Gulf War & Peacekeeping

Amanda N. Dunn

term as a director for Subdivision Five of the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District, the person elected must be an eligible voter at least 18 years of age and own land within Subdivision Five. The person must also be actively engaged in the business of farming or ranching and be a resident of the county all or part of which is included in the conservation district.

A person is eligible to vote in the election of a SWCD director if the individual holds title to farmland or ranchland lying within the Coke County SWCD and is at least 18 years of age and is a resident of the county all or part of which is included in the Coke County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Anyone interested in conservation of soil, water, plants, and wildlife in Coke County is urged to attend the regular monthly meetings and if you are an eligible voter, come out and vote for a director in Subdivision Five on October 4, 2001 at 9:00 am in the SWCD office.



The Coke County Story Hour got off to a good start. Five children attended the Tuesday at 10:00 story time. Children three to five years old are welcome as are parents, caretakers and adults who want to smile.

The library is gearing up for a book sale in connection with the Street Affair to be held October 20 in downtown Robert Lee. Most paperback books will be ten cents and most hard back books will be twenty-five cents. There will be some new books selling for \$1.00 to \$2.00. The library accepts book donations with gratitude. If donated books duplicate what is already on the library shelves, the books are put in the Coke County Library sales held twice a year. If the books do not sell at the Coke County sale, they are taken to the Tom Green Library for their spring sale. Paperback books and magazines that do not sell are taken to the recycling center in San Angelo where they are housed for a short while for the use of the schools before being recycled.

The events of last week make the routine and books of the Library a haven in the midst of the crisis.

Library hours are Tuesdays, 8-12; Wednesdays, 8-4;

Thursdays, 1-5; and Fridays, 8-12.

WTRC achieves three year accreditation

West Texas Rehabilitation Center has been notified by The Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission (CARF) that its Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona facilities have received a Three-Year Accreditation of Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Programs.

This accreditation is the highest level awarded to organizations that demonstrate substantial fulfillment of the standards established by CARF, an international accrediting body. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated that its programs and services are of the highest quality.

Woody Gilliland, president and chief executive officer of WTRC said, "The Rehab has always strived to uphold the highest standards of health-care. The fact that we have been CARF accredited since 1968 is testimony to the long-standing integrity of our programs and staff. This recent accreditation reaffirms WTRC's commitment to our patients and donors to improve the quality of life of those we serve."

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Rev. Jim Reeves, Pastor
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11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir

Northside Church of Christ
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Tommy Williams, Minister
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Wed. 7 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 W. Sterling City Hwy
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Rev. Dale Patterson, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Southside Church of Christ
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Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
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Bro. Waide Messer, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
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Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

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Lawhon recruited by NFL as replacement referee

by Joan Davis

On Monday, NFL officials announced they have come to terms and agreed to a contract with league officiating members. Except for smaller details, the agreement all but ends the need for replacement referees - which is OK by one Coke County family.

Lynn Lawhon, now a veterinarian in Abilene, was recruited by the NFL recently as a replacement. He has a friend who is an assistant supervisor of NFL officials. While the league was scrambling to locate replacements, he thought of Lawhon. Lawhon was contacted about a month ago and he agreed as a favor to a friend and he really thought, he said, it might be settled before he ever was called to officiate.

What are the changes of a regular Bronte guy getting a nod from the NFL? However, officials knew they weren't getting a rookie replacement. Lawhon officiated 21 seasons, 11 years in the Southwest Conference and the Western Athletic Conference. His last college assignment was in the Cotton Bowl between Texas and Arkansas January 1, 2000.

Some of us may have seen Lawhon without recognizing him. He worked the pre-season game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Buffalo Bills in Pittsburgh on August 30. He was also tapped to work the Seattle/Browns

Junell accepting Aerospace scholars applications

State Representative Robert Junell announced recently that his office is now accepting applications for the 2002 High School Aerospace Scholars Program. Rep. Junell will be nominating 1-2 students and 3-4 alternates to the program this year.

The program offers Texas high school juniors the opportunity to participate in a one-year science, math and engineering based distance learning program which includes a week-long residential experience at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Selected juniors will participate in a variety of activities including: interactive web-based studies; on-line mentoring; and briefings, tours and group projects at the Johnson Space Center. Eligible students must meet the following criteria:

U.S. Citizen - at least 16 years old - Texas resident - currently a high school junior - interest in science, math or engineering, access to the Internet and e-mail - able to make a one-year commitment to the program, including the one-week residential experience at the Johnson Space Center.

Application forms have already been mailed to all high schools throughout the state. They are also available by calling Rep. Junell's office at 915-657-0197. Applications must be returned to Rep. Junell's Office, P.O. Box 3362, San Angelo, Texas, 76902 by no later than Monday, October 8th.

game September 9. Then came the WTC tragedy which canceled games since the 11th.

Lawhon, a Bronte native, is the son of Jerry and Shug Lawhon who live between Blackwell and Bronte. Mrs. Lawhon, a longtime teacher, said if the referee strike has been settled, she will be glad her son won't be flying back and forth across the country at this time.

His staff at the vet clinic may also be glad to have him back at work.

RLVFD news

by Marian Thompson Secretary

Firemen met at the station on Sept. 17th for their regular meeting. President Larry Martin presided over the meeting with 12 members and 1 visitor present. The minutes and treasury report were accepted as read.

Bud Thompson, (communications) advised that the radios that were ordered have not arrived due to a back order of a cable. He asked them to program the radios and send them and then send the cable when it comes. He also reported on the progress with the tanker.

Chief Rick Drennan stated that the department will have a booth for the Street Affair to be held on October 20th. It was discussed and decided to have the pot holders and jar grippers on the table as well as items for the children. I will have a copy of "Roll Call, a History of Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department". It has not been published, however, it will be put on a 3 1/2 inch computer disk for anyone who wants a copy.

There was a truck rollover on the 10th. The call came in at approximately 1:55 pm. They took the pumper truck, as it was said the driver was trapped and rescue equipment would be needed. It was also called in as a hazmat situation. It turned out the trailer was filled with dry ice. Nine volunteers assisted the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol with cleanup as well as traffic control. There was a problem with about 100 feet of fence being down and cattle wanting to see what was going on. The land owner was located and advised regarding the fencing being down.

The volunteers discussed the plane crash in Pennsylvania and what would be their role if such a thing should happen in this area. Ed Zimmerman, the Training Officer, was present and was able to

tell the men that the procedure would be to secure the area, look for survivors, put out any grass fires, and wait for the FAA and/or military personnel to arrive.

The volunteers adjourned and some members remained to work on the trucks.

The next meeting will be on October 1st. Anyone interested in joining the fire department should contact any fireman or come to the next meeting.

VistaCare Hospice offering community programs

VistaCare Hospice is offering two special programs to the residents of the Concho Valley. These programs are free of charge to participants.

The first program is "Life After Loss" which deals with the issues a person may face after the death of a loved one. The discussions are 90 minutes in length and will be held on 6 consecutive Thursdays beginning at 6:30 pm on the 4th of October.

The second program is for the training of Hospice volunteers. The training will be held October 16, from 6 - 8 pm, & October 19th, 9 am to 5 pm. Lunch will be provided.

All training will be at VistaCare Hospice located at 940 B Arroyo Drive in San Angelo. Call Jill Stewart 947-0123 to pre-register.

Coke County Historical Society news

Coke County Historical Society met in the courthouse in Robert Lee on September 10. Along with other business matters, some options were discussed for long-term planning for restoration of the jail in Robert Lee. In initial preparation for these plans, anyone having given or loaned historic items to the old jail should retrieve those items soon. Please call Phelan Wrinkle, 453-2713 or Jackie Walker, 453-2641, about picking them up.

Masons work day slated

The Masons will be working at the Robert Lee Cemetery on Saturday, Sept. 22 beginning at 8:00 am.

Because of the recent rains, there have been reports of graves sinking. The work day is not just for Masons, everyone is encouraged to come and help.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS

Steers muzzle Miles 31-7, in tough contest

by Bill Burns

The Steers went to Miles last Friday night to meet the Bulldogs in the toughest match this year. The Steers came out on top by a score of 31 to 7. It was a tough fought game.

Brian Abalos along with Travis Pitcock, Taylor Clendenen, Anson Lott and Sean Edging came up with big plays on defense at key times during the game.

1st quarter

The Steers received the kick off to open the game. They made one first down but gave the ball up on downs at the Bulldog 43 yard line. The Steers stopped the Bulldogs short of a first down, and the Bulldogs punted to the Steer one yard line. The Steers put together a tremendous drive that covered 99 yards. Anson Lott gained 16 yards, Clendenen made 26 yards, Colby Eubanks gained 27 yards, and Bret Ballew made 8 yards. Eubanks passed to Lott for 12 yards, Cole Flanagan for 18 yards, and Pitcock caught 2 passes, one for 20 yards and the other for a six yard touchdown. Stewart Millican kicked the extra point.

2nd quarter

The Steers held the Bulldogs for only 1 first down. The Steers, however, scored on defense when Clendenen picked up a Bulldog fumble and raced 63 yards for a touchdown. Millican again was good on the extra point kick. Later in the quarter the Steers were stopped short of a first down and Millican kicked a 36 yard field goal.

3rd quarter

The Steers had the only bad quarter of play this year thus far. There were 55 yards of penalties against the Steers and Miles scored the only points of the year, thus far, against the Steers.

4th quarter

The Steers came back like champions from the lackluster play of the 3rd quarter to once again control the game. Anson Lott took the ball right out of a Bulldog's "Paws" and raced 20 yards for a Steer touchdown. Millican kicked

the extra point.

The Steers stopped the Bulldogs short of a first down, and they punted to the Steers. On the first play from scrimmage, Eubanks went straight up the middle and out ran the Bulldog defense for a 64 yard touchdown.

Solid line play by Cooper Riley, Charles Abalos, Trent McCabe, Phillip Rangel, and JJ Reyes have been a big plus for the Steers this year.

Great job Steers!!!

RLHS homecoming

Robert Lee High School homecoming will be September 28th. There will be a parade through downtown Robert Lee beginning at 2:00 pm. The community is invited to participate in the parade with floats or other entries. This year's theme will be "I Have a Dream".

The parade will end at the high school where a pep rally will be held at 2:50 pm.

The football game against the May Tigers will begin at 8:00 pm. Following the game, a dance will be held at the new recreation hall until 12:30 am.

Dogies lose to Miles 12-14

The Dogies lost a close one last Thursday to Miles to even their season record at 1-1. Miles received the opening kick-off and marched it down the field taking up almost the entire first quarter before scoring with 42 seconds left to go up 0-6. This was the score at half as neither team could get any other score on the board.

The Dogies received the 2nd half kick-off and again for the second week in a row, Brandon Soliz took it all the way back for a touchdown which tied the score at 6-6. Miles then took the ball down and scored to go up 6-14.

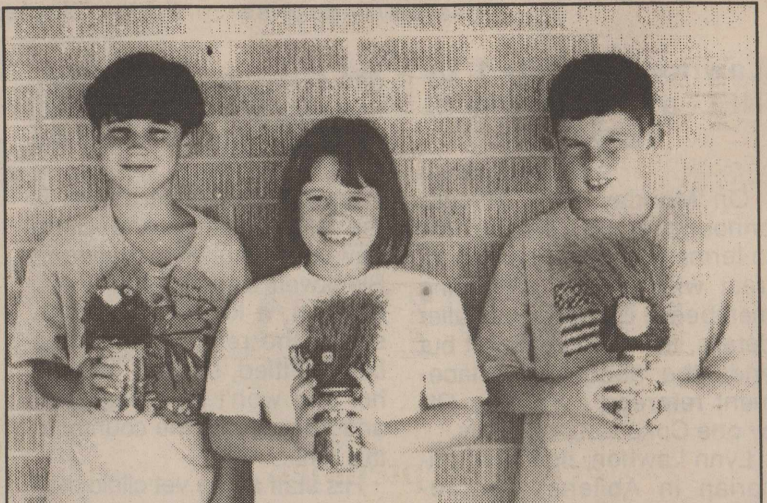
The Dogies answered with a score in the 4th on a 54 yard touchdown by Chris Torres. The PAT failed so the score was 12-14. The Dogies then held Miles on three downs and forced a punt, but could not get the offense going and the score ended up 12-14.

RLISD sets open house

All parents and community members are cordially invited to attend Open House at Robert Lee ISD on Monday, October 1 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria. Teachers will have student work on display in the classrooms. Everyone is encouraged to view the new Distance Learning Lab/Classroom located in Room 109 of the elementary school. For additional information, you may contact the school office at 453-4555.

Of all the needs a book has, the chief need is that it be readable.

Anthony Trollope



Robert Lee 3rd grade science students made "Plant People" out of grass seeds, soil, and panty hose. Shown with their projects are (from left) J. P. Conner, Kacee Roberts, and Jake Cotter. The 3rd graders have been learning about plants and the needs of plants in science class.



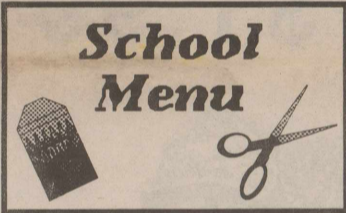
Robert Lee 3rd grade science students made "Plant People" out of grass seeds, soil, and panty hose. Shown with their projects are (from left) Logan Philley, Cody Taylor, and Megan Sturgeon. The 3rd graders have been learning about plants and the needs of plants in science class.

Robert Lee PTO meets

On Monday, September 10, the Robert Lee PTO met in the school cafeteria. Officers for the 2001-2002 school year were recognized. Karla Hamrick and Lorrie Martin will be serving as co-chairmen. Diana McCabe will serve the organization as treasurer. Fourth grade teachers, Cindy Bessent and Denise Roberts, presented a slide show on HEB camp. Mrs. Bessent and Mrs. Roberts mentioned that parental and community sup-

port help make the HEB camp experience possible each year for 4th graders. Plans were discussed for future PTO activities. Please watch the Observer/Enterprise and your child's backpack for information about upcoming projects or meetings.

Refreshments were served and several door prizes were given. The PTO will be sponsoring a Book Fair at the school in October. For more information about PTO, please call the elementary school office at 453-4555.



School Menu

Breakfast

- Monday, Sept. 24**
Juice, pancake/sausage stick, cereal, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 25**
Juice, breakfast bar, cereal, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 26**
Juice, sausage, biscuit, cereal, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 27**
Juice, donut, cereal, milk
- Friday, Sept. 28**
Juice, muffin, cereal, milk
- Lunch**
- Monday, Sept. 24**
Frito pie, crackers, corn, tator tots, pears, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 25**
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, chips, peaches, pickles, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 26**
Oven fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, peas, bread, milk, applesauce
- Thursday, Sept. 27**
Tacos, lettuce, tomato, chili beans, fresh fruit, milk
- Friday, Sept. 28**
Chick-fil-a, pickles, French fries, fruit cocktail, milk

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September 14	Miles	There	8:00	31	7
September 21	Eden	Here	8:00		
** September 28	May	Here	7:30		
October 5	Open				
* October 12	Roscoe	There	7:30		
* October 19	Rotan	Here	7:30		
* October 26	Garden City	There	7:30		
* November 2	Sterling City	There	7:30		
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BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS

Horns show improvement in loss to Rankin

The Longhorns played host to the Rankin Red Devils Fri-

Bronte Shorthorn football

The Bronte Shorthorns defeated the Rankin Red Devils in an exciting junior high football game last Thursday night, 12-0. A stingy Shorthorn defense, led by Zach White and Logan Rawls, not only forced a shutout, but held the Red Devils to zero first downs. After Zach White blocked a punt recovered by Eric Hendrickson, the offense capitalized on the opportunity by punching the ball in the end zone on a run by Jaylon Saunders. The Shorthorns put the game out of reach with an impressive second half drive, ending with Saunders, second rushing touchdown of the evening.

Bronte JV volleyball

The games with Albany and Woodson were canceled on Tuesday.

On Saturday, Sept. 15th, the JV traveled to Monahans. The JV white lost to Sweetwater by scores of 13-15, 15-7, and 15-17. The JV maroon won against Sweetwater by 10-15, 15-6, and 15-13. The JV white lost to Monahans by 13-15 and 12-15. The JV maroon won against Monahans by 15-5, and 15-11.

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, the JV maroon team will play against San Angelo Edison at 8:00 am and JV white will play Sterling City at 9:15 am.

SCHOOL MENU

Breakfast

Monday, Sept. 24

Cereal, applesauce, teddy grams, milk

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Donut, grape juice, toast, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Pop tart, fresh fruit, milk

Thursday, Sept. 27

Breakfast pizza, grape juice, milk

Friday, Sept. 28

Pancake & sausage on a stick, apple juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, Sept. 24

Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, milk, rice krispie bars

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Beef & macaroni, tossed salad, green beans, apple sauce, rolls, milk

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Burrito with cheese, pinto beans, tossed salad, milk, apple sauce cake

Thursday, Sept. 27

Spud day, chili & cheese, potato (baked), steamed broccoli, crackers, milk, jello

Friday, Sept. 28

Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, bun, milk, ice cream cups

day night and came up on the short end of a 35-0 game. Despite the loss, the Longhorns showed continual signs of improvements.

The powerful Rankin defense held Bronte to only 100 total yards of offense, while

Bronte varsity volleyball

On the 13th the varsity played Albany and won by scores of 15-10 and 15-11. Individual stats were Lauren Williams 3 hits, 1 block 3 digs; Lacy Schoenfield 5 assists; Britney McCutchen 11 assists, 1 hit, 1 block 1 dig; Tasha Reed 3 hits, 1 block, 4 digs; Stormy White 4 hits, 1 block, 1 dig; Heather Richey 4 hits, 5 blocks; Britni Adams 3 hits, 2 digs; Lindsay Springer 1 ace, 2 digs.

The varsity took the floor again against Woodson and won by 15-8 and 15-2. Individual stats were Lauren Williams 7 hits, 1 block, 1 dig; Lacy Schoenfield 17 assists; Britney McCutchen 1 ace, 7 assists, 4 hits, 3 blocks, 1 dig; Tasha Reed 7 hits, 1 block, 5 digs; Stormy White 1 assist, 3 hits, 1 dig; Heather Richey 2 hits, 1 block, 1 dig; Britni Adams 3 hits; Lindsay Springer 1 block, 2 digs; Kanah Coalson 2 hits.

In Monahans, on the 15th, the varsity played Monahans and lost by scores of 3-15 and 13-15. Individual stats were Lauren Williams 7 kills, 3 blocks, 7 digs; Lacy Schoenfield 12 assists; Britney McCutchen 1 ace, 3 kills, 13 assists, 1 block, 1 dig, 3 saves; Tasha Reed 6 kills, 10 digs; Stormy White 5 kills, 5 digs; Heather Richey 1 kill, 1 block; Britni Adams 5 kills; Lindsay Springer 4 digs, 1 save; Kayla Hilliard 1 dig.

Against Sweetwater the varsity won by 15-13 and 15-7. Individual stats were Lauren Williams 4 kills, 1 assist, 6 digs; Lacy Schoenfield 16 assists; Britney McCutchen 3 kills, 10 assists; Tasha Reed 6 kills, 1 block, 6 digs, 1 save; Stormy White 8 kills, 10 digs; Heather Richey 6 kills, 1 block; Britni Adams 3 kills, 2 blocks, 1 dig; Lindsay Springer 8 digs, 1 save.

gaining 294 yards themselves. Bronte was led on offense by Cody Lee who had 64 yards rushing on 17 carries. The defense was led by Cody Sedden with 9 tackles.

The Longhorns next travel to Roby to take on the Roby Lions at 8:00.

The growing risk of childhood obesity

by Nancy DiMarco, Ph.D.

Four Texas cities recently received the "weighty" honor of being named among the fattest cities in the nation. According to *Men's Fitness Magazine*, Houston holds the dubious distinction of being the fattest city in the U.S. Other Texas cities on the list: Ft. Worth (11), El Paso (15), and Dallas (16). In fact, Texas had more cities on the list than any other state.

More frightening than Texans' expanding girths is the rapidly rising number of overweight children in our state and across the country. According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 25 percent of children ages 2 to 20 are obese or are at risk of becoming overweight or obese. Among children 5 to 10 who are overweight, 61 percent have one or more cardiovascular disease risk factors. The obesity epidemic has also resulted in an increase in the appearance of Type 2 diabetes among adolescents in the last 20 years.

There are several societal reasons for this growing problem. The use of the car discourages both walking and bicycling. Poor community planning has resulted in neighborhoods that have inadequate parks and recreation centers, making it more difficult for children to spontaneously play. Parents' concern about children's safety curbs both the time and place children are allowed to play outdoors. Computers, video games, and television hold greater appeal for children than active games involving whole body movements.

This lack of physical activity is not made up in school, either. Many schools have decreased the time students

spend in physical education. Additional data from the CDC shows that 35 percent of students in grades 9-12 do not participate in vigorous physical activity. (On the upside, a bill passed by the Texas legislature in the last session requires daily physical activity for students through the sixth grade.)

Nutritionally children are eating too much fat, too many sweets and only half of the recommended five daily servings of fruits and vegetables. Children are also consuming more than three daily servings of junk food, constituting 50 percent of all the snacks they eat.

For children who are already overweight, aggressive medical intervention and treatment is recommended, beginning with a thorough physical examination to rule out any serious health problems. After that, weight gain should be carefully monitored and should not exceed that which would be appropriate for gains in height. A dietitian may be consulted and there needs to be strong support from parents, as well as others involved in any aspect of food preparation. In addition, the child needs to participate in regular physical activity.

Parents' lifestyle and genetics play a critical role in childhood obesity. If one parent is obese, the child is 50 percent more likely to be obese, a statistic that rises to 80 percent if both parents are obese.

Parents must set the standard, both by avoiding excess caloric intake and by encouraging physical activity for themselves and their children. Even by playing with their children - tossing the ball, running, walking, skipping, jumping rope - parents can lead by example and teach their children that physical activity is fun and makes them feel great.

Schools, as well as families, can play a key role in helping children maintain healthy lifestyles. Texas Woman's

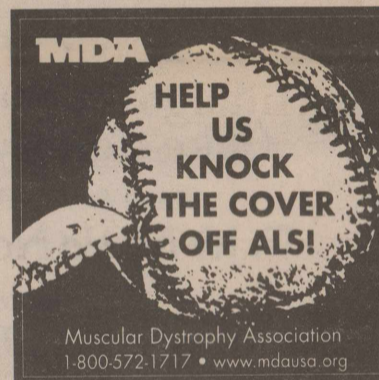
University has developed a Nutrition Education Curriculum that has been implemented in the Lewisville and Denton school districts. The GEMINI program focuses on making children in kindergarten through fifth grade more aware of the impact of healthy food choices on their growing bodies.

By taking a proactive approach to solving the problem of childhood obesity, we - as parents, educators, friends and relatives - can show our children the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity so that their generation can be known as the fittest, not the fattest.

Nancy DiMarco, Ph.D., is a professor of Nutrition and Food Sciences at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. For more information about TWU's GEMINI program, call 940-898-2792.

Bronte Ladies Bible study

Jesus, the One and Only is the newest in-depth study from acclaimed Bible teacher and author Beth Moore. All ladies from the community are invited to participate in this 12 week Bible study. The weekly meetings will be from 5:30 - 7:00 pm on Wednesdays at First Baptist Church library. The first meeting will be Sept. 19. To order a workbook or for more information please call class facilitator Susan Graves at 473-7521 or FBC office at 473-2331. Childcare will be provided if requested before class meeting. We hope you'll join us for this journey through Israel and the Book of Luke.



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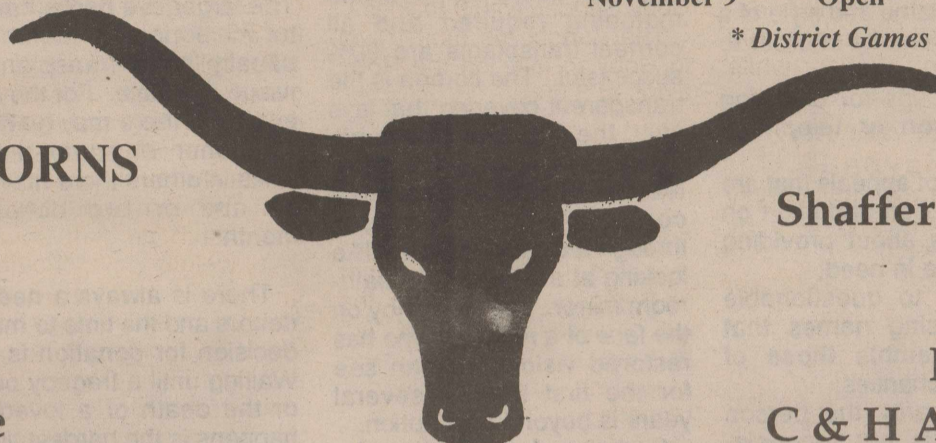
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Cornyn warns about false charities

In the wake of last week's disasters on the East Coast, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn is asking citizens to be alert to individuals operating bogus charities and who prey on the generosity of those sympathetic to victims and their families.

Although the Attorney General's Office has received no complaints thus far, Texans are urged to be vigilant and avoid releasing private information such as credit card numbers via email or over the phone.

"Sympathies have run very deep in the aftermath of last week's horrendous disasters in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and many fine, legitimate charities stand ready to help and they encourage your support," said Attorney General Cornyn. "However, Americans can be certain unscrupulous individuals will come forward to exploit this outpouring of goodwill across the nation. Dishonest people like this have one goal - enriching themselves through deception in the midst of enormous human suffering."

Cornyn urges those who have received suspect emails or other bothersome solicitations to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division hotline at 800/337-3928 or 800/252-8011. Anyone who has received such an email should forward it to the Attorney General's Office for review at consumerprotection@oag.state.tx.us.

When an individual representing a charity knocks on the door, sends emails or calls on the phone pleading for a charitable donation to help victims, Texans should take the time to ask a few questions before offering a donation. Here are a few tips to avoid falling victim to email scams:

*Well-known national organizations do not send unsolicited emails requesting donations unless the person has had contact with the organization in the past. Be wary of

these kinds of requests. If a solicitation seems suspect, do not donate. Forward the email to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at the address listed above.

*When checking on a link to allow for a donation, look at the organization's URL in the browser window. If the domain name of the URL is hidden, is unfamiliar or is not the same as the link's text, the request is likely a scam.

*Verify the charity's identity by phone before donating online. Many phony charities imitate the name and style of a well-known charity in order to con people.

Here are tips for checking out in-person or telephone solicitations:

*Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion and short on descriptions about providing help to those in need;

*Be alert to questionable charities using names that closely resemble those of well-known charities;

*If the charity the person represents is not recognizable, it could be a fraud. Verify the organization he or she represents by asking for credentials, including exact name and phone number of the organization, particularly if the charity is unfamiliar;

*Find out the planned uses for the money to be donated. Will proceeds directly benefit those in need? What portion of the contribution will go toward the charitable purpose to be supported?

*Call the charity and confirm that the solicitor is connected to it;

*A legitimate charity welcomes background checks on their operations. Don't succumb to high-pressure tactics and demands for an immediate decision;

*Never give credit card or social security numbers to a telephone solicitor;

*Never give cash. Write a check in the name of the charity, not the individual doing the asking, and get a receipt.

The Attorney General's Office also cautions concerned citizens wishing to do their part by raising funds for disas-

ter relief. Certain legal requirements for fund raising efforts should be followed, including the registration of public safety groups like firefighters' organizations.

Remember, supporting worthy causes is commendable, but do give wisely.

Corneal transplants very successful

Corneal transplants are the oldest transplants procedure performed. Also, because there is no blood supplied to corneas, there is no tissue matching required and all corneal transplants are 90% successful. The cornea is the transparent covering that lays over the iris and the pupil. When it is removed it looks like and is the size of a clear contact lens. Looking through a cloudy cornea is like looking at a steamed-up bathroom mirror. To see the joy on the face of a recipient who has restored vision and can see for the first time in several years is beyond description.

Corneas deposited in the Western Texas Bank Alliance don't stay banked very long. Once a donor family has given

"consent" the corneas are removed from the donor by a specially trained technician and placed in a special antibiotic solution. The tissue is then taken to the eye bank for evaluating and processing. When the tissue has been cleared for distribution, it is transported to waiting surgeons for transplant into the recipients. All of this happens usually within five or six days from time of family's consent. Because the eye bank is not located in a large city, corneal tissue needed for transplant is not always readily available. The larger eye banks have 50 to 75 donors a month and usually have transplantable tissue available. For the small eye bank there may be five or six donor in some months while in others there may only be one or two donors a month:

contacting other family members, choosing a funeral home, and talking with the funeral director who will require more decisions. Donation also can offer the family some measure of comfort by knowing that some good can come out of a sad situation.

Donors and recipients are all ages and come from all walks of life. The bank's youngest donor has been a three-year-old and the youngest recipient has been a three-month-old baby born with a congenital disease and would have gone blind without the necessary transplant. Only because someone said "Yes" when given the option of donation was the precious gift of sight made possible.

To become a donor is relatively simple. Either contact your local Lions club or call Western Texas Lions Eye Bank Alliance at 866-226-7632 (toll free) to request a "Donor" sticker for your driver's license and a Donor Card that is to be completed and carried with you at all times. It is suggested the card be kept behind your driver's license for easy locating during a time of need.

There is always a need for donors and the time to make a decision for donation is now. Waiting until a tragedy occurs or the death of a loved one happens is the hardest time to deal with a decision for donation. That is the time when the family has to think about

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COUNTRY AGENTS NEWS

by Tommy Antilley
Coke County Agent

Fire ant bait treatment

Imported fire ants infest more than 300 million acres in the southern United States - including the back and front yards of millions of residents who are all-too familiar with their tell-tale mounds and painful stings. Fire ants affect an estimated 11.7 million households in the U.S. each year.

According to experts at the Texas Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University, researchers recommend treating for fire ants in the spring and fall with a fire ant bait. Agricultural experts and university researchers most commonly recommend AMDRO as the best bait treatment.

Baits work in the following manner - the fire ant bait is dispersed over an entire yard and picked up by workers as food and is taken back to the mound where it is carried down to the queen for her consumption. Since baits do not kill upon contact, the workers ants are able to unwittingly pass the active in-

RLISD student body faces challenge

Robert Lee ISD will again collect Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills box tops, pennies and Sunset Mall receipts (dated Aug. 1 - Dec. 31) to fund extra projects at school. This year the entire student body has been challenged to collect a bus load of items. If they can fill the giant soup can with Campbell's labels, the giant cereal box with General Mills box tops, the giant bottle with pennies, and turn in a bunch of mall receipts - they will have a special concert with many celebrities (including Elvis) to entertain the student body. So save these items and send them to school.

Look for the big yellow bus near the superintendent's office and help fill the containers. A detailed list of items that qualify is posted near the yellow bus and at Super H. For more information, contact Carolyn Koepf at the elementary school 453-4555.

redient to the queen before they die. Once the queen is fed the bait, she too dies within a few days, thus eliminating additional egg production and destroying the mound. A mound cannot exist without the queen.

Experts caution that treating just the visible mounds is not enough to control fire ants. That is because many fire ant mounds are hidden in the lawn and garden and not built up above the ground. These hidden mounds are connected to the colony through a series of underground tunnels. Baits should be scattered thinly throughout the entire yard so that it rests in the grass and ornamental garden areas for worker ants to harvest. This type of application is highly effective because it allows the ants to do all the work by gathering baits and delivering it to both visible and hidden mounds.

Fire ant experts also recommend the following steps for best results with baits such as AMDRO Fire Ant Bait:

*Since fire ant bait works as a "food," using fresh bait from a recently opened container is most effective.

*Use the proper amounts of bait: One to one-and-a-half pounds per acre (one pound treats a large yard three times) and there is no need to water it into the ground as is necessary with other granules.

*For best results, apply AMDRO after the rain, but

RL cross country results

Robert Lee participated in the McMurry Invitational Cross Country meet held in Abilene on September 15.

Varsity Girls

Monica Rodriguez - 40th - 14:50; Nicole Sanchez - 69th - 15:34; Michelle Sanchez - 88th - 16:06; Veronica Cerritos - 97th - 16:51; Brittany Soliz - 114th - 18:47; Ashley Womack - 117th - 19:35

Varsity boys

Travis Taylor - 12th - 19:22 (medalist); Andy Mulkey - 51st - 21:39

8th grade boys

Brandon Soliz - 22nd - 6:15

7th grade girls

Brettnie Reed - 92nd - 8:12

when no additional rain is forecast for at least 24 hours. Do not apply to standing water or on a soaking wet ground.

*Apply AMDRO in early morning or early evening. Researchers say that this is the optimal time for worker ants to forage for food.

*Apply AMDRO using a hand-held spreader set at the lowest setting, and broadcast over the entire yard.

*If possible, team with your neighbors to coordinate applications-the fire ants will have no place to go if the entire neighborhood broadcasts AMDRO at the same time.

*Bait can be applied anytime during the warm season-spring to fall. Re-apply bait whenever fire ants or their mounds appear.

Reference to specific product names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is implied by Texas Cooperative Extension.

For more information, please contact the County Extension office.

Social Security news

by Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager
San Angelo Office

If you're a Social Security disability beneficiary who works, you can avoid a possible overpayment by reporting work activity promptly. You should let Social Security know if you start or stop working, your health improves or your earnings increase or decrease.

Nobody wants to worry

about returning money already spent for basic living expenses, especially people who depend on their disability benefits to help pay for food, clothing and shelter. But delays in providing information about work activity or improvements in your health can lead to incorrect payments that you may later have to repay.

For example, it's important to let us know if you return to work, even if your earnings are small. Most Social Security disability beneficiaries are eligible for a nine-month trial work period that allows them to work and earn any amount of money without affecting their benefits. The trial work months don't need to be in a row. They can be spread out over a 60-month period. Any month that you earn \$530 or more counts as one of the trial work months.

After you complete nine trial work months within a 60-month period, we look at your earnings to see if you are working at a level we consider "substantial." If your earnings average \$740 or more a month, we consider you work is "substantial" and your benefits will stop. However, even if your regular monthly benefits stop, you may still be eligible for a benefit for any month that your earnings are less than \$740.

Be sure to tell us right away if your earnings drop, or you're unable to continue working because of your disability. That's the best way to help us make sure that you get all the benefits to which

you're entitled.

Don't be concerned about adjustments to your monthly benefits without notice. We will always send you a letter telling you if we plan to look at your case. We will notify you of any decisions we make about your continuing eligibility for benefits. And, you will always have an opportunity to appeal any decision we make and to give us more information.

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SAN ANGELO, TX - Bank Repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automotive industry. Unfortunately for John Q. Public, they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to car dealers at rock-bottom prices - allowing dealers to re-sell them for retail value. But bargain-seekers can take

heart: This week, Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is going to change that.

This Wednesday, September 19th through Saturday, September 22nd, Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC will offer 90 bank repossessed, lease return and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values, and pass the savings on to their customers.

"These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), auctions, and other sources," Dick Kibiloski of Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. And if that means selling these ve-

hicles for up to thousands below normal values, then that's what we'll do."

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

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

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

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

After the \$59 SuperSale ends at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 22nd, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 949-1811. Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain hunters have been waiting for is back! Customers may never see savings like this again."
DICK KIBILOSKI, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC

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

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

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ORDINANCE #1115 AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #1059 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #1086 IS HEREBY AMENDED AS TO SECTION G AND TO SECTION I TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION G COLLECTION CHARGES
(a) Premises inside city limits used for private residences, single mobile home sites and/or locations, shall be charged \$10.60 per month per family unit as to occupied residences, apartments, and units, with one collection per week,
(b) Premises outside city limits used for private residences, single mobile home sites and/or residences, shall be charged \$11.60 per month with one collection per week,
(c) Premises used for commercial, business, and/or public purposes not receiving sanitation container service as described herein shall be charged \$10.60 per month with one collection per week,
(d) Charge for additional carts shall be \$7.35 per month with one collection per week.

SECTION I CONTAINERIZED SYSTEM

1. Public, private, business and/or commercial locations and sites, including certain private residences shall receive sanitation container system service. The following fees shall be charged:

3 yard: once per week pickup \$32.13, twice per week \$51.55
4 yard: once per week pickup \$36.85, twice per week \$58.33

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that said Amendment shall be effective as of October 1, 2001.
Passed and approved this the 10th day of September, 2001.

Garland Davis,
Mayor
ATTEST:
Kay Torres
City Secretary
09-1tc

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE
The Coke County Commissioners' Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Coke County Commissioners' Court from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.76 percent on September 17, 2001. The Coke County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 24, 2001, at 9:00 AM at Commissioners' Courtroom, Coke County Courthouse, 13 E. 7th St., Robert Lee Texas.
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ORDINANCE #341
AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2001, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2002; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2001-2002 FISCAL YEAR. PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 13th day of September, 2001.

APPROVED:
Martin Lee
Mayor
Pat Martindale
City Secretary
09-1tc

ORDINANCE #342
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BRONTE FOR THE 2001-2002 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRONTE:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bronte, upon all property, real, personal and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$364155 on each \$100.00 valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:
For the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund), \$364155 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

SECTION 2. That taxes levied under this ordinance shall be due October 1, 2001, and if not paid on or before January

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31, 2002, shall immediately become delinquent. PASSED this 13th day of September, 2001, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bronte, there being a quorum present, by 5 yeas and 0 nays, and approved on the date set out.

APPROVED:
Martin Lee,
Mayor
ATTEST:
Pat Martindale,
City Secretary
09-1tc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

L.C.S. Production Company P.O. Box 6663 Abilene, TX 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 in the Odom-Lime Formation, Stowe-Altura Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles North of Bronte in the Fort Chadbourne Field, in Coke County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5530 to 5560 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, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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E-mail full of half-truths/misinformation

You've probably seen one in your e-mail in-box. It's a new, friendly-sounding e-mail which sounds a "warning" about new consumer privacy regulations. In general, it reads like this: "I'm sure this will benefit everyone concerned:

"Just wanted to let everyone know who hasn't already heard, the four major credit bureaus in the U.S. will be allowed, starting July 1, to release your credit info, mailing addresses, phone numbers...to anyone who requests it. If you would like to 'opt out' of this release of info, you can call 1-888-567-8688. It only takes a couple of minutes to do, and you can take care of anyone else in the household while making only one call, you'll just need to know their social security number. Be sure to listen closely, the first opt out is only for two years, make sure you wait until they prompt you to press '3' on your keypad to opt out for good. Happy dialing!"

It may read like a friendly warning, said Nancy Gra-

novsky, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist, but it's a hoax.

"There is no way they (credit bureaus) can give out personal information to anyone who asks for it," she said.

The Federal Trade Commission gets a little more specific and warns consumers this roaming e-mail is "full of half-truths and misinformation." On its Web site (<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/alerts/optalrt.htm>), the FTC tries to straighten out this confusion:

-Credit bureaus can only release credit information for legitimate business need, as covered in the Fair Credit Reporting Act. For example, if you apply for insurance, employment or credit, then credit bureaus can release your information.

-Lenders and insurers may "prescreen" you by using the information in your credit history file to send you offers you didn't request. The toll-free number in the roaming e-mail - 1-888-567-8688 - is, in fact, the number you can use if you want to take your name off the list for these prescreened offers only. **Nothing else.**

-The July 1 deadline mentioned in the e-mail has to do with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which gave financial institutions a July 1 deadline to send their customers notices of the institutions' privacy policies and to describe ways consumers can opt-out of their information-sharing policies. The July 1 deadline has nothing to do with consumers. In fact, the FTC goes on, consumers can opt-out of these information-sharing policies any time.

And that may be where the confusion started, Granovsky said. Under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act - which is designed to preserve a little more consumer privacy, not destroy it - financial institutions are required to inform their customers exactly how much they keep their customers' information private, and how the customers can remove their own names from any information-sharing lists these institutions use - or "opt out." Banks, savings and loans, credit card companies and insurance companies are some of the businesses affected by this act.

That's why you got all those letters from your bank and credit card companies and insurance companies this summer, Granovsky said.

And that's why it's in your best interest to go back and "read the fine print, no matter how small it is," she said. "Because we all have the responsibility to become informed consumers."

Both Granovsky and the FTC also strongly suggest NOT giving out personal information over the phone, on the Internet or through the

mail unless you know exactly who is going to receive it.

"Identity thieves may pose as representatives of banks, Internet service providers and even government agencies to get you to reveal your Social Security number, mother's maiden name, financial account numbers and other identifying information," the FTC Web site points out. "Legitimate organizations with whom you do business have the information they need and will not ask you for it."

"The FTC does excellent surveillance work and prosecution work on identity thieves," Granovsky said. "But it's hard for them to keep ahead of the con game." Consumers can help by limiting access to their personal information, she said.

And by the way: If you do call that toll-free number listed in the e-mail, you will be given the option of having your name removed from prescreened lists for two years (press 1); having your previously-removed name put back on lists (press 2); or having your name removed from lists permanently (press 3). You will also be expected to provide some personal information.

Just don't expect the call to go through the first time you dial.

National Pollution Prevention Week

September 17-23 is National Pollution Prevention Week. During this week, we make a point of focusing on what each of us can do to create less pollution. Businesses and industries are not the only polluters. Even if all the pollution from business and industries were eliminated, there would still be lots of pollution from our daily activities.

What do we do that causes pollution? We drive our cars, eat food, and use electricity. These activities cause air and water pollution. While we can't easily stop doing these things, we can change the way and how often we do them.

Air pollution is a major problem in Texas. Exhaust from cars and trucks is a major contributor. In fact, Texas vehicles contribute as much as half of the harmful air emissions that create air pollution. Pollution also comes from the creation of electricity. Much of the electricity in Texas is generated from burning fossil fuels. Both of these fuels create air pollution when burned.

Water pollution is also a significant problem in Texas. Lakes, rivers, and streams are polluted by many of the products used in daily life. Pesticides, fertilizers, gasoline, motor oil, and antifreeze, wash off streets and lawns into storm drains polluting our local

water supply.

What can be done to create less pollution? There are lots of ways to change daily habits to cut pollution. Think about where, when, and why you are driving.

*Do you make lots of trips? Think ahead and combine trips. A warm engine produces less pollution than a cold one, so once your engine is running, keep it running from errand to errand.

*Do you use drive-thru lanes or pick your children up at school? If you are waiting for more than a minute, turn your engine off. It causes less pollution to restart a warm engine than to keep it idling while you wait. Better yet, park the car and go inside. Enjoy the air conditioning and cut air pollution at the same time.

How about eating? According to United States Department of Agriculture, the food on your table traveled an average of 1,500 miles to get to you and it takes eight calories of energy to get one calorie of food to your table. That's a lot of pollution from the trucks hauling the food and water pollution from runoff of rain from highways. To minimize the pollution, buy as much food as possible from local or organic producers. Locally produced food travels a shorter distance to get to you. Organically produced food is chemical free and prevents water pollution by reducing the runoff of fertilizers, pesticides, and other chemicals.

Finally, you can prevent pollution by using less energy at home. The simplest thing you can do is turn off lights and appliances you are not using. You can also switch to fluorescent light bulbs. They cost more but last 13 times longer and produce less heat than a regular bulb. Did you know that 20 percent of your air conditioning is just cooling off heat produced by the light bulbs in your house? Not only will you use less electricity, you'll save money because your air conditioner will run less.

Many of your appliances, like your television, probably have instant-on features. That means they are sitting there using electricity to stay warmed up and ready to go at a moment's notice. Unplug these appliances if you won't be using them for awhile to save energy.

National Pollution Prevention Week is always held during the third week of September, but we can use these and other tips to prevent pollution every day.

Job outlook good for meteorologists

Fair and sunny, with no clouds on the horizon - according to industry buzz, that's the current job outlook for meteorologists. And faculty members in programs like the one at Texas A&M University, one of the largest in atmospheric science in the country, are working hard to produce graduates to fill those jobs.

Texas A&M's College of Geosciences offers the only bachelor's degree in meteorology in Texas. With an average of 150 majors in any given year, the program ranks third in size in the nation, according to Gerald North, department head, and graduates about 25 fledgling forecasters per year.

"Our program is growing - and not just because of the job market," said North, who holds the rank of Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science. "Students who choose to major in meteorology are influenced by 'big weather events' like Tropical Storm Allison or the droughts caused by El Nino. Movies like 'Twister' and 'The Perfect Storm' also direct kids' attention to atmospheric science as a possible field of study.

"And parents who watch the Weather Channel may target weather broadcasting as a good area for their son or daughter to pursue," he observed. "The general level of television weather broadcasting has improved dramatically over the last 10 years, and now almost every local station boasts a professional weather forecaster."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
 Special Election
 NOVEMBER 6, 2001

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonias. Generally, a colonia is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colonia for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonias."

PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

constitution to improve the clarity, organization, and consistency of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant, and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update, and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION 13 (SJR 2)

Proposition 13 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a board of trustees of an independent school district to donate real property and improvements formerly used as a school campus in order to preserve that property. The board may make the donation if the board determines that the property has historical significance, that the donation will help to preserve the property, and that the school district no longer needs the property for educational purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to authorize the board of trustees of an independent school district to donate certain surplus district property of historical significance in order to preserve the property."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 44)

Proposition 14 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize a taxing unit, other than a school district, to exempt travel trailers from property taxation as long as the travel trailers are lawfully registered with the state and are not held or used for the production of income.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize taxing units other than school districts to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers that are not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 15 (SJR 16)

Proposition 15 would amend the constitution to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission. The Fund would finance the construction, acquisition, and expansion of state highways and would pay a portion of the costs of public toll roads and other public transportation projects. The legislature may reserve specific sources of state revenue for the Fund and may authorize the Commission to guarantee the payment of any obligations or credit agreements with the full faith and credit of the state. The attorney general shall determine the legality of any such obligations or credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Mobility Fund and authorizing grants and loans of money and issuance of obligations for financing the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, operation, and expansion of state highways, turnpikes, toll roads, toll bridges, and other mobility projects."

PROPOSITION 16 (HJR 5)

Proposition 16 would amend the constitution to reduce the waiting period required for a valid home improvement lien on a homestead from 12 days to 5 days. Currently, a lien may not attach to a homestead for a home improvement loan if the homeowner executed a contract for the improvements less than 12 days after applying for the loan. In addition, the proposed amendment would

authorize the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on a homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment prescribing requirements for imposing a lien for work and material used in the construction, repair, or renovation of improvements on residential homestead property and including the conversion and refinancing of a personal property lien secured by a manufactured home to a lien on real property as a debt on homestead property protected from a forced sale."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 53)

Proposition 17 would amend the constitution to allow the state to relinquish claim to certain state land and to clear title defects for persons who claim title to those lands. The proposed amendment would apply to land whose owners have disputed title to the land, but for which no patent from the state, giving clear title to the land, was ever issued. Among other requirements, all of the taxes due on the land must have been paid. Under current law, there is no procedure allowing the state to settle title disputes without a constitutional amendment for each piece of land in dispute.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to settle land title disputes between the state and a private party."

PROPOSITION 18 (SJR 49)

Proposition 18 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to create a program to consolidate and standardize the collection, deposit, reporting, and payment of criminal and civil court fees. If the legislature creates such a program, any new fees imposed by the legislature may not take effect before January 1 of the following year, unless an earlier effective date is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote uniformity in the collection, deposit, reporting, and remitting of civil and criminal fees."

PROPOSITION 19 (HJR 81)

Proposition 19 would amend the constitution to allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$2 billion of additional general obligation bonds. The Board issues bonds to pay for water supply projects, water quality enhancement projects, flood control projects, state participation in water and wastewater facilities, and projects for economically distressed areas. Current law limits the amount of bonds that the Board can issue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$2 billion."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 6 de noviembre de 2001. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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