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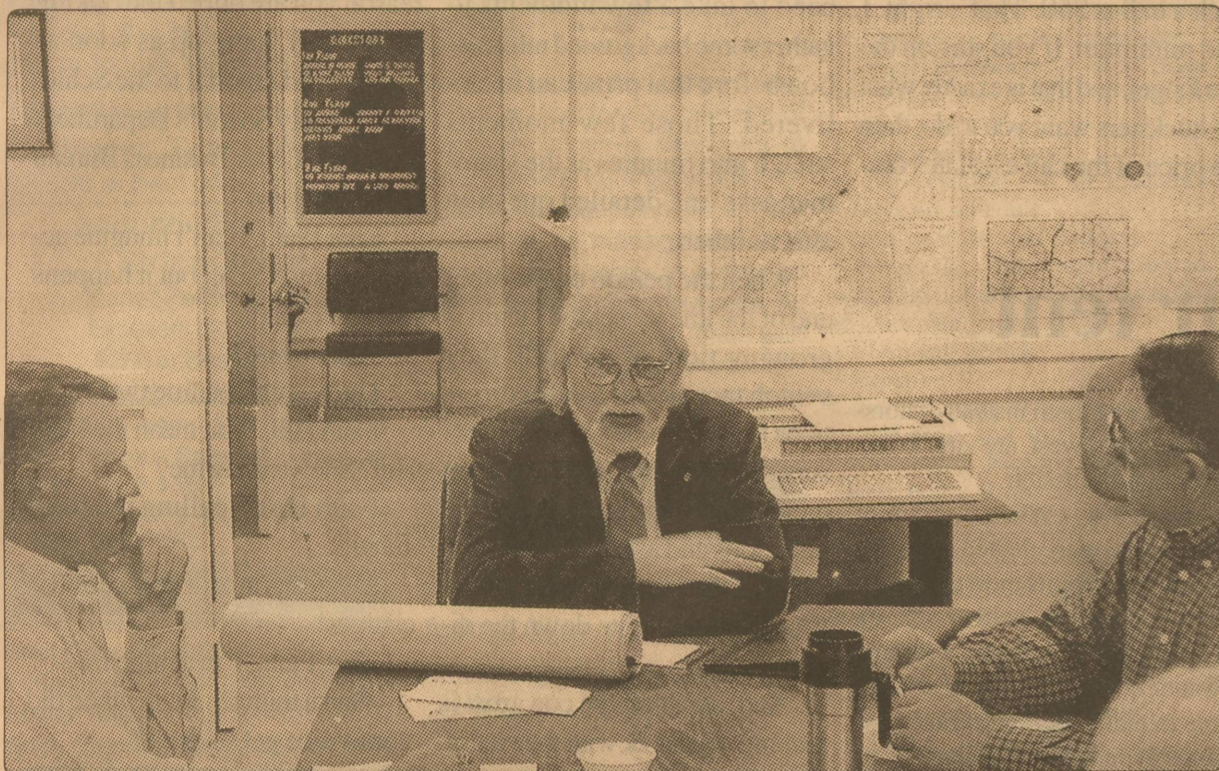


photo by Kathy Mankin

Seeking an architect's opinion — Schleicher County Commissioners Kirk Griffin (L) and Johnny Mayo (R) listened Monday as architect Henry Tresk described options for a Civic Center. Tresk, who designed the recently completed Sutton County Civic Center, was on hand for the regular meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court.

County meets with architect, as it considers proposed Civic Center

Advisory committee to offer input to commissioners

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Commissioners met with architect Henry Tresk Monday to discuss various options for constructing a Civic Center or community building for the county. Among Tresk's recent projects is the Sutton County Civic Center recently completed in Sonora. Tresk also serves as base architect at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo.

Tresk brought with him plans for the construction of the facility in Sonora. He told the commissioners that that building included 15,000 square feet of floor space and cost approximately \$650,000.00 to build. The building has two offices, a large kitchen, a meeting room, ample rest rooms and space designed for storage purposes. The large

central room can be divided into four smaller rooms by sliding partition walls. With the walls removed the room can seat up to 800 persons theater-style, Tresk said.

After considerable discussion, the commissioners agreed that a committee comprised of local citizens should be appointed to study the issue. The committee would then be asked to offer a recommendation concerning just what kind of a facility the community wants. The commissioners agreed, however, that the any such building should not be located on the courthouse square.

The meeting was the first of two regular monthly meetings for the Commissioners Court. It was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin. Com-

missioners Ross Whitten, Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark were present. They listened to the minutes of the court's previous meeting which were read by County Clerk Peggy Williams. After correcting one date in the minutes, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Following the interview with Mr. Tresk, the court met with Jerri Whitten, County Librarian who asked that the court consider providing space in the proposed new Community Center for County Agents Scott Edmonson and Nancy Lester. Whitten said that all available space in the current library has been exhausted. She noted that if the two county agents offices were moved, the library

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City council faces soaring natural gas prices

by Pat Ragsdale

The high cost of natural gas and escalating fuel costs for the city's vehicles have wreaked havoc with the City of Eldorado's 2000-2001 budget. Much of the discussion at Monday night's City Council meeting centered on the topic. City Administrator Randy Mankin told the council that the city had lost more than \$8,000 in January due to price hikes from Conoco, the city's gas supplier.

Conoco's bill to the city for gas delivered in December, 2000 was more than \$103,000.00. In January, that price jumped to over \$136,000.00. Mankin noted that the city had tried to hold the line on price increases to its customers by not passing through all of the rate hike. "We lost over \$8,000.00 in January," Mankin said. "We can't keep absorbing the cost."

The fact that the city's gas system is a municipal utility and not an investor owned utility means the city can't look to its shareholders

for infusion of cash. Instead, the citizens of Eldorado are the city's shareholders and it is they who are now bearing the brunt of price increases.

Mankin told the council the city's predicament is complicated by the fact that Conoco is the only supplier of gas available to the city. Lone Star Gas has a transmission line approximately 9 miles east of town, but the average daily usage in Eldorado, when calculated on a yearly basis, is less than 200 thousand cubic feet (MCF), not nearly enough to prompt a competing gas company to build a pipeline to Eldorado.

Mankin noted that the city buys gas from Conoco straight from the company's gathering system. That means the gas hasn't been processed since leaving the wellhead requiring the city to run and maintain separation equipment and a dehydrator, further adding to the city's costs. And, the unprocessed gas takes its toll on meters and reg-

ulators in the city's system.

It was explained that the price the city pays Conoco is based on the "Spot Market." The cost of compressing and transporting the gas is also passed along to the city. In January the cost to the city was \$10.61 per MCF. After calculating "line loss," which City Secretary Carolyn Mayo said averages 10-12 percent per month, the price charged to city customers was \$12 per MCF, resulting in an \$8,000.00 loss to the city. Mankin estimates city customers will pay \$14 per MCF on their February bills.

The big question, and the one no one could answer, is "What can we do?" Mankin produced a print-out of gas futures market prices which indicated only a slight decline in prices during the summer of 2001. Mankin proposed a 5-year program for changing out the city's aging gas meters. He noted that when gas meters go bad they slow down or stop, resulting in a lower

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San Angelo Better Business Bureau offers assistance to victims of phone scam

Glenna Friedrich of the San Angelo Better Business Bureau says that the phone scam reported in last week's Success is not limited to Schleicher County. To the contrary, reports from across the state mirror those from Eldorado. According to Friedrich, unwitting victims are duped into accepting collect telephone calls from con artists associated with a high-priced long distance phone company. Many of the calls are being billed through a company called ZPDI or Zero Plus Dialing, Inc., Friedrich says.

Friedrich notes that the minimum charge for such a call is \$50 with many ranging above \$200, depending on how long the convincing con artist can keep the victim

on the line. The perpetrator's tactics vary from pretending to be a relative of the victim, to claiming that the victim has won an expensive prize. Many of the calls originate outside the United States.

Friedrich says the bogus calls have been so widespread that they are now being investigated by Texas Attorney General John Cornyn's office in Austin. Kirtsen Niedzwecki, a lawyer with the Attorney General's office is heading up the inquiry.

Friedrich says that people who believe they have been victimized should take the following steps. 1) Call your phone company to report the bogus collect call and ask them to take it off your bill. 2) Delete that portion and pay the remainder

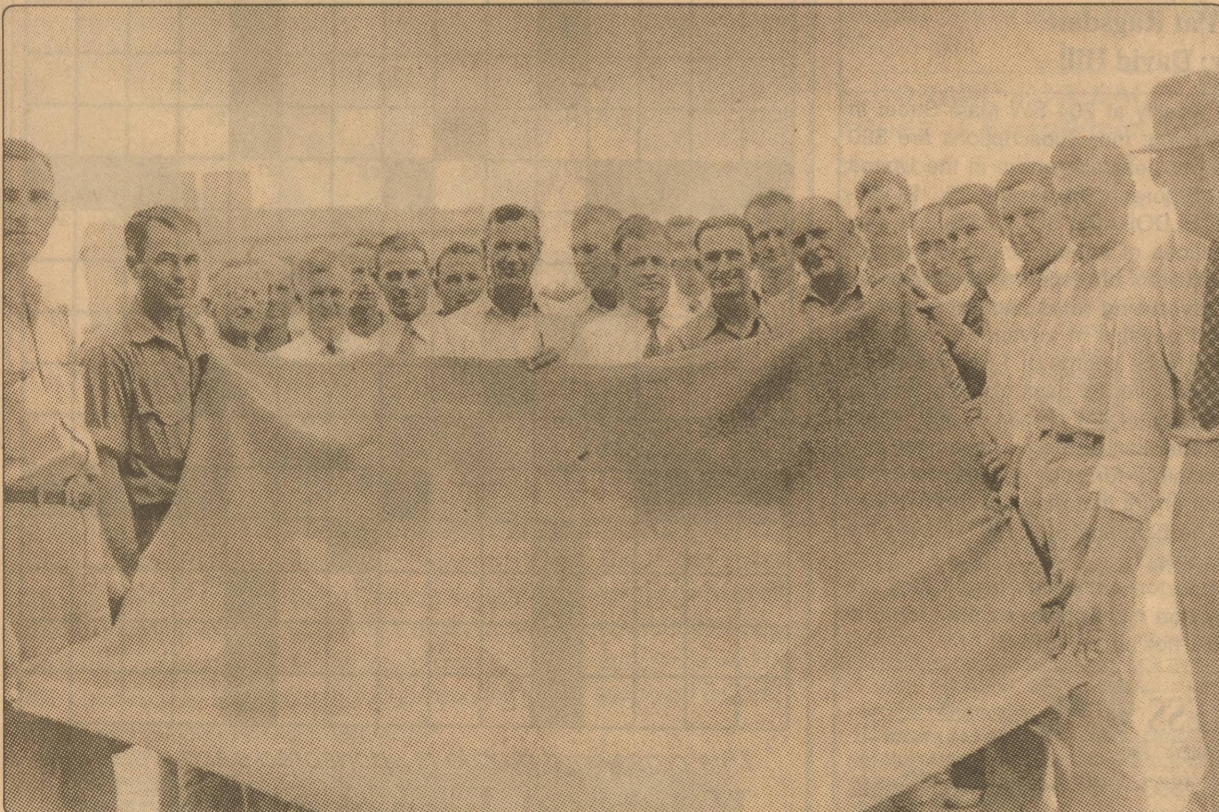
of your bill. 3) Make a photo copy of the bill, circle the call or calls. 4) Write a letter detailing the problem while stating clearly that the phone call was accepted under a false pretense. 5) Mail the letter along with the photo copy to:

Glenna Friedrich
Better Business Bureau
PO Box 3366
San Angelo, Texas 76902

Ms. Friedrich has agreed to forward all such letters to the Attorney General's office where they can be pursued for collection and/or criminal charges.

Finally, Friedrich urges you to no accept collect phone charges unless you positively know the identity of the caller.

Then and now...Lions Club promotes Eldorado Woolen Mill



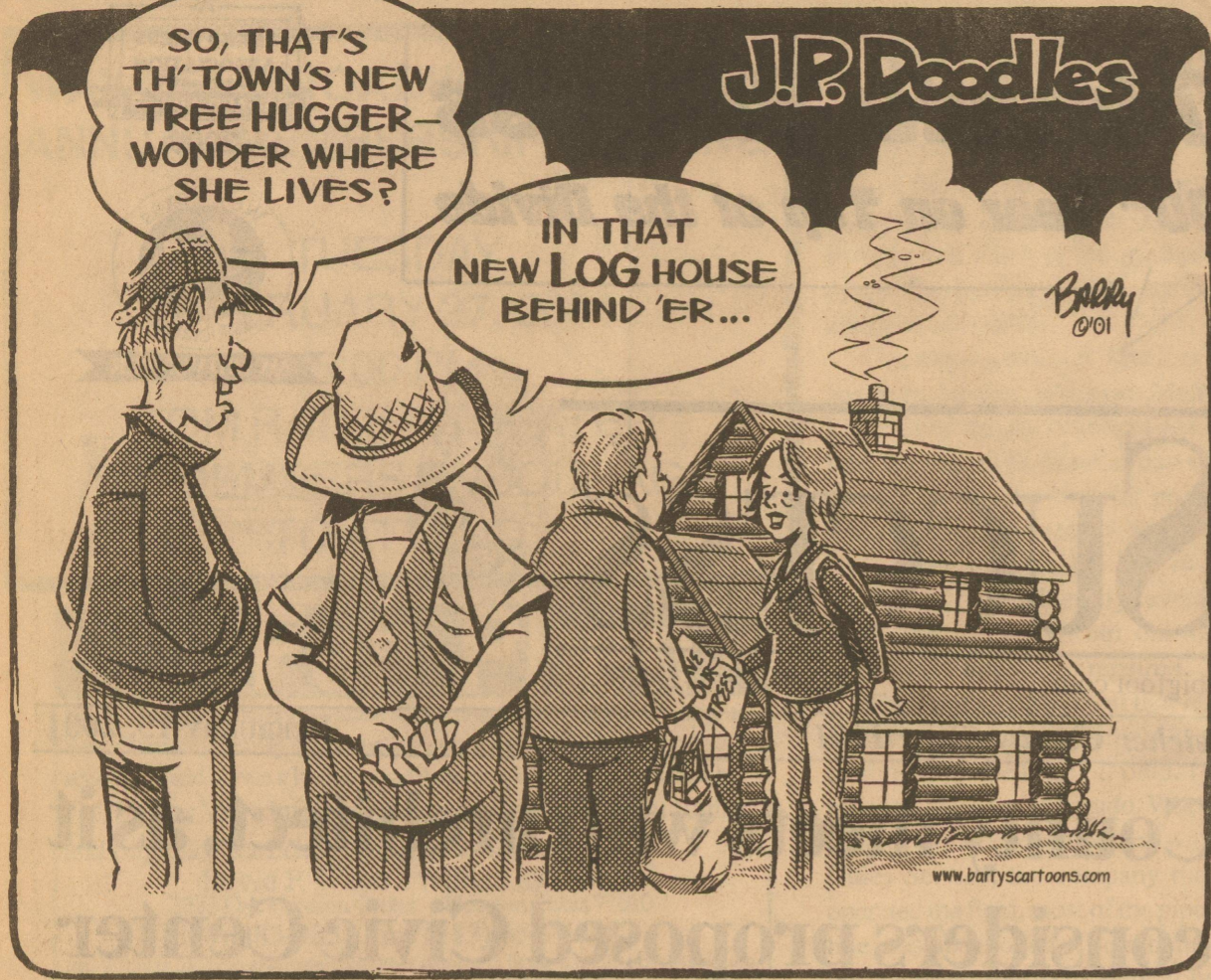
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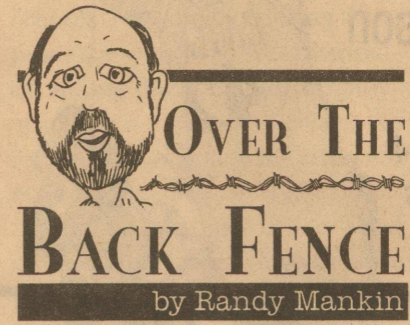
photo by Randy Mankin

How many can you identify — The Success came across this photo, taken in 1941 during the Grand Opening of the Woolen Mill. Posing with a specially made blanket are members of the Eldorado Lions Club. Only a few of the men in the photo have been identified. Can you help? If so, please call or come by the Eldorado Success office. We will reprint the photo next week along with as many names as we can obtain.

Deja Vu? Present day members of the Eldorado Lions Club restaged the photo at left, taken 60 years earlier. Holding a modern day blanket are club members (L-R) Stacy Haynes, Jana Pridemore, Dorothy Dacy, Cy Griffin, Gene McCalla, Rick Sterling, Lynn Meador, Jerry Felver, Ronnie Mittel, Wayne McGinnes, Andy Anderson, Dean Williams, Glenn MacDonald, Raymond Mittel, James Kosub, Ann Fagan-Cook, Eddie Albin, Jerry Jones and Vickie Williams.



Faith Hill is calling collect for me!?



The phone scam we reported in last week's Success is continuing to find victims across the state. Hopefully, word has gotten around to the folks in Schleicher County not to accept collect phone calls from strangers...especially, international phone calls.

I can't imagine what would prompt a person to accept such a call. Yet, that's exactly what thousands of people across Texas, and more than a few in Schleicher County, have done. Now, they are paying the price.

It seems the minimum fee for such a call is \$50. That's right, I said minimum. If you stay on the line longer, and that is exactly what the hucksters want you to do, then the price of the call escalates dra-

asking about children, hobbies and church activities.

Feigning interest in the victim's personal life is a essential skill for a successful con artist. And, these cons have been very, very successful. Too successful, perhaps. Now, the Texas Attorney General is on the trail of the scammers and I, for one, hope they are apprehended soon.

In the meantime, the best defense is a good offense. Don't accept a collect call from someone you don't know, especially one from out of the country. If for some reason you are duped into taking such a call, hang up as soon as you can and report it to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department and to the Better Business Bureau in San Angelo.

Like I said, I can't imagine accepting such a call but it happens to people all the....

What's that?

I have a call on line two?

Faith Hill... You mean the Faith Hill? She's calling me?

Faith Hill is calling me from Tahiti!?

Yes, operator I'll accept the charges!

Hey, Faith, I'm a huge fan!

Wait a minute...Faith when did your voice get so deep?

Bad ole bills and camels in your tent

AUSTIN—If you're planning on coming to the capital city to see the Legislature in action, or to make your wishes known to one of the lawmakers from your area, it might be a good idea to brush up on Texas Legislative Speak before you do.

Keeping track of the colorful metaphor often employed to describe the legislative process in Texas would have delighted Ambrose Bierce, author of the famous "Devil's Dictionary." But Bierce disappeared in Mexico in 1914 and has not been seen since.

So here, with a nod to Bierce's trailblazing lexicography, are some helpful terms and their definitions.



State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

Bad Ole Bill: Any proposed legislation to which you or the group you are being paid to represent opposes.

Sound Public Policy: Any proposed legislation which you or the group you are being paid to represent favors.

Making Sausage: General term for the legislative process. As with all hot links, one generally does not want to see how a bill is made.

Eating Their Young: The decennial process also known as redistricting.

Gonna Have to Kiss the Pig: Being forced to take action you don't like or believe in for the greater good, as in blocking a "Bad Ole Bill" or pushing through "Sound Public Policy."

One also can propose to "Kiss a Pig" if a particular measure passes or fails.

Sometimes, good things just seem to happen. This is described by observing that "Even a Blind Hog Occasionally finds an Acorn."

Dogs are particularly important in most legislative discussions.

When the puppy comes out of the dog: After all the hearings and amendments, what the bill looks like when it goes to the legislature. Should the entire animal ever make its way in your tent, the interior would quickly get very messy. Conceivably, the camel could not only wreck the place, he could take it down.

Legislative surprises sometimes happen when even some of your strongest supporters are like Ivory Soap, only 99 percent pure.

Of primary import in considering a measure before the legislature is whether you have a dog in the fight.

Even so, of course, whether that ole dog will hunt is another significant factor. At times, it's best to let sleeping dogs lie, particularly if you don't have deep enough pockets to bet on that dog.

Hogs and dogs are not the only important mammals in Texas legislative metaphor. Camels, creatures first seen in Texas in 1857 when the U.S. Army experiment-

ed with using them instead of horses in the Southwest, are vital to any legislative discussion.

Here's why: When a group of men and women elected to represent our viewpoints meet every two years to pass law, neither side on an issue is likely to get everything it wants. This is how lobbyists continue to make their mortgage payments, even in the interim.

Sometimes, merely making progress on proposed legislation is important. This is known as the camel getting its nose in the tent.

Of course, if you or those you are paid to support do not want to lose even an inch of ground, it is a bad thing for you if the camel gets his nose in your tent.

Should the entire animal ever make its way in your tent, the interior would quickly get very messy. Conceivably, the camel could not only wreck the place, he could take it down.

Sometimes, especially if you do not have a dog in the fight, it's best simply to fold your tent. No matter if it's a Bad Ole Bill or Sound Public Policy, a camel can't get its nose in a folded tent.

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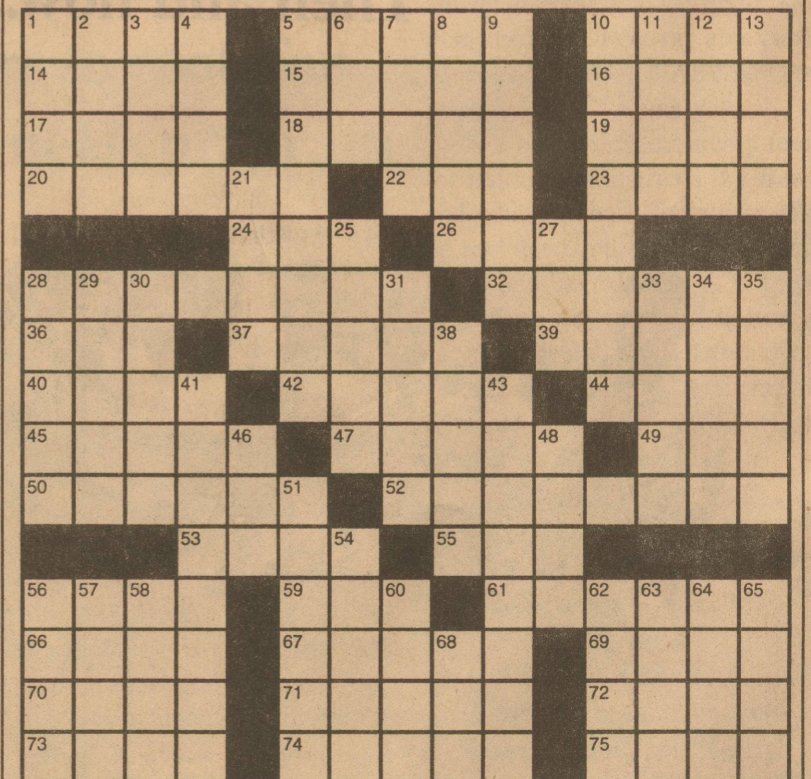
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"So we do the tails and ears and the noses and the chins and the hooves and different bones," says Garth Merrick, president of the company. "It's all processed in such a way that is totally sanitary and safe for anything that would eat it. We're in the middle of cattle country, of course, so it's our hope to continue to utilize everything but the moo."

Garth grew up in the business. He is the third generation of his family to be in this type of work. "We started out real small, just a couple of guys and myself and a couple of pickup trucks." That was thirty years ago. The company now has some 500 employees in half a dozen states and supplies pet shops, grocery stores and farm stores all over North America and Europe.

"Pets are more prevalent today than they were thirty years ago," Merrick says. "People are more willing to buy some sort of a treat. And a lot of people don't have kids, so they want to bring a treat home to their pet. Pets have taken on a level of importance in people's lives. They're part of the family. So folks are always wanting to give them something. These are good options because there's no sugar, no salt, no preservatives. So they can chew on them. Protein-wise and nutrition-

wise, it's good for them."

The pet toys are wrapped in attractive packages. Most are sold retail, but Merrick does have a website (merrickpetfoods.com) and a product catalog. The Pet Treats Division has experienced a 200 percent growth in the last five years. Merrick Pet Delicatessens are located in shopping malls in Amarillo and Dallas. The firm is now offering franchise opportunities.

Garth says a hoof from a cow or horse makes a wonderful gift for a dog. "A lot of dogs are alone, so you can give them this and it occupies them and keeps them satisfied rather than chewing on the fence or the house or the furniture. And we process them where we leave what's inside so they get a little rawhide, a little bone, a little meat along with the hoof. It's a long lasting chew."

Merrick does a big business in rawhide with people who make drums, chairs, stirrups and whips. The company's dog and cat foods are sold under the BEEF'n MORE and Merrick Premium Quality brands. Merrick sells fresh and frozen beef to zoos and offers special diet food for greyhounds in the racing industry.

"Our researchers and nutritionists are continually working to provide the highest quality nutrition available in great-tasting foods and treats pets will enjoy," says Garth.

The grounds at Merrick are landscaped and filled with animals. It looks like a game park. "We've got peacocks and ostrich and emu and llamas and Indian black bucks. We like animals."

OBITUARIES

Norban Alan "Scrub" Taylor

EDEN - Norban Alan "Scrub" Taylor, 55, of Eden passed away Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2001, at Heritage House nursing home in San Angelo.

He was born Nov. 2, 1945, in Brady to Norban and Evelyn Taylor. Norban was a Methodist and a member of the VFW as well as the Masonic Lodge. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era and was a member of the Brady police force, as well as the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office in California. A scholar of Tarleton University and Texas A&M University, he was a respected member of the community.

Scrub was an avid student of history, especially in regard to the Civil War and the Old West. Scrub loved life and even though multiple sclerosis had taken its toll on his ability to fully enjoy it, he never gave up on always looking on the bright side of everything. He made friends easily and was loved by many.

Service was Friday, Feb. 9, at First United Methodist Church in Eden with Flo Perez officiating.

Interment followed in Eden Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Norban and Evelyn Taylor. Survivors include three daughters, Erica "Muffy" Taylor of Dallas, Hillary "Bo" Taylor of San Angelo and LeeAnne Taylor of California; one son, Norban Ross Taylor of California; one grandson, Jeremy Ortega of San Angelo and one granddaughter, Ahstin Downing of San Angelo. Other survivors include two brothers, Alton "Rusty" Taylor and wife, Molly, of Marfa, and their children Brandon Taylor and Amy Parker; and Lee "Smokey" Taylor of Eldorado and his son, Seth Taylor; and one aunt, Charley Stansberry of Eden, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Bill Hodges, Delwin Greer, Arturo Garcia, Benny Fred Kothmann, Robert Stansberry and Brandon Taylor.

Arrangements are by Eden Funeral Home.

We will miss him dearly, but we realize his absence is only temporary. God bless him.



photo by Kathy Mankin

103 and counting — Ruth Baker celebrated her 103rd birthday this month at the Schleicher County Nursing Home. Ms. Baker, whose life spanned all of the 20th century plus parts of the 19th and 21st centuries, was the guest of honor at a party held for all nursing home residents with birthdays in February.

Calling all veterans... U.S. History Class needs you!

The US History Class at Eldorado High School want to leave no veterans out of their special Veterans catalog project, scheduled to be finished this spring.

The US History Class accepted an Annenberg Grant to catalog Schleicher County Veterans from all foreign wars in a booklet form. Coach Fryar and the students have received many veterans names and they will be contacted soon to be interviewed by a member of the history class.

The class wants to include all veterans in the special booklet that will be presented to Congressman Lamar Smith, the local American Legion chapter, the Schleicher County Public Library and the Schleicher County ISD campus libraries.

The interviews will be short and will focus on the things individual veterans want to reflect on about their time in the service of our country. If you are a veteran and have not been contacted in the next two weeks, please contact Jim Fryar at 853-2988 leave message, or at home 853-4009. All veterans are urged to attend interview sessions. The sessions will be held in the High School Auditorium, Tuesday, February 20,

9:30 a.m. Also, any veterans who are willing, are asked to speak to the history class about your military experience.

The US History class will use the funds derived from the Annenberg Grant to put together the booklet and to help pay for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C.

The class, consisting of 34 students and 10 sponsors, will travel to our nation's capitol on May 28, 2001 for a hands-on history trip. The group has also sold poinsettias, hamburger and barbecue plates, and raffled cakes to raise the necessary money for this worthwhile trip.

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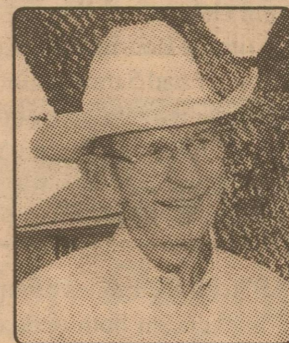
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Dear Editor:

I was saddened last week to hear of the death of Norban "Scrub" Taylor. He died a young man, I don't know exactly how old he was, but he was within a year or two of 50, one way or the other. However, he fought multiple sclerosis for about the last 20 years of his life.

He was a good Aggie, in spite of his tea-sippin' brother, Smokey. Actually, Smokey was a good brother for Scrub. He looked after and cared for Scrub like a brother

should, but probably few do.

Scrub's legs were very weak and except for rides on his powered wheelchair from time to time, Scrub was bed ridden for all the time I knew him.

Nevertheless, visiting Scrub was an enjoyable event. He always had a good sense of humor, enjoyed and entertained his company and was quite a charmer. Even though he had little chance of contributing to society, he will be missed. I will miss him.

Raymond Loomis.

Lloyd and Vasquez earn degrees from Texas Tech

Lee Ann Lloyd and Jesse Vasquez graduated from Texas Tech University during the 2000 fall commencement exercises. Lloyd, received a Bachelor of Science degree while Vasquez graduated Cum Laude and received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Whitten earns MS degree at Texas A&M

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,400 Texas A&M University graduates during the 2000 fall commencement ceremonies. The degrees were presented at four separate ceremonies.

William Travis Whitten of Eldorado received a Master of Science degree and majored in Finance.



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Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change

Cafeteria Line
Monday, February 19
 Spaghetti and Meatsauce, Cream Style Corn, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, February 20
 Burritos, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Lime Jello/Topping

Wednesday, February 21
 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Frozen Fruit Bar

Thursday, February 22
 Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Crushed Pineapple, Cornbread, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Friday, February 23
 Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding

Breakfast
 ½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, February 19
 Apple Slices, French Toast Sticks/Syrup

Tuesday, February 20
 Pineapple Slices, Cream of Wheat, Toast/Jelly

Wednesday, February 21
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, February 22
 Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Friday, February 23
 Grape Juice, Buttered Rice, Toast/Jelly

Fast Food Line
Monday, February 19
 Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, February 20
 Chili Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Crushed Pineapple, Lime Jello/Topping

Wednesday, February 21
 Corn Chip Pie, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Carrot Sticks, Frozen Fruit Bar

Thursday, February 22
 Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Friday, February 23
 Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding

Eagles win out to force play-in with Mason

by David E. Hill

Eldorado Eagles hosted the Mason Punchers in Eagle Gym on Friday night, February 10. Mason came into the game tied with Wall for the district lead. What they met was an Eagle team not at all like the one that lost to Sonora only three nights earlier. Eldorado had to have a win to keep alive any hopes of post season. Not only did they get a win, they got a big win, outscoring Mason by 37 points for a 77-40 win.

EHS came out strong in the first quarter. Joey Bullard counted for 8 of the Eagles first 18 points in the stanza. At the end of the period, the Eagles held an 18-7 lead. The Eagles managed only 12 points in the second as Mason closed the gap to 8 at the half with EHS leading 30 to 22. Eldorado then outscored Mason 19-7 in the third and 28-11 in the fourth to come out with the 77-40 win. This was the best fourth quarter the Eagles have had all season.

Bullard led all scorers with 30. Jeff Stafford had 11, Ramon Barajas and William Robledo both had 9, Jason Brock 7, Johnny Herrera 4, Benji Gonzales 3, Wesley Jones 2, and Jimmy Rodriguez had 1. The Eagles only had 5 three pointers in the game and again won shooting less than 50% from the free throw line. Bullard had 9 boards while Brock had 8. Robledo had 9 assists.

All in all the Eagles dominated the Punchers on both ends of the floor all night long. "This was a big win after the Sonora game," Coach Gillespie said after the contest. "We need to go to Junction next Tuesday and take care of business and hopefully be in a position for a play in."

The win over Mason kept Eldorado in the hunt for the playoffs but the Eagles would have to have help. First EHS would have to defeat Junction in Junction. Then the Eagles would be in the unusual po-

sition of rooting for Wall as the Hawks would need to knock off Mason for the Eagles to have a shot.

When the Eagles left for Junction on Tuesday night Coach Gillespie knew he had to keep his team focused. "We just need to take care of business tonight and not worry about what's going on in Wall," Gillespie stated. His Eagles did just that, taking care of business for an 84-66 win in Junction. And...oh, by the way...Wall beat Mason to force a play-in between the Eagles and the Punchers for the 3rd place playoff berth in district 2-2A.

In the game with Junction, Eldorado came out on fire and outscored Junction 29-8 in the first quarter. The Eagles then extended their lead by five in the second, taking a 47-21 lead into the locker room at intermission. Junction cut the Eagles lead by 7 in the third but

Eldorado iced Junction's comeback, holding on for the 84-66 win.

Joey Bullard had 23 points while Thomas Ballew hit for 10. Johnny Herrera and Ramon Barajas both had stellar nights on the defensive end of the hardwood.

"This was a big win," Coach Gillespie said after the game. "We backed ourselves into a corner and the guys have really stepped it up in the last two ball games."

The win coupled with the Mason loss, forces a "play-in" with Mason for third place in the district. At press time the time and location of the game were not known. However, the Success will post the information in its office window as soon as it becomes available. In any event, the winner of this game will play Reagan County Tuesday night at a site to be determined. Everyone is encouraged to go to the game tomorrow night and support the Eagles.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Floor general — EHS senior guard Megan Poyner worked the ball inside during the Lady Eagles bi-district playoff game against Big Lake Tuesday night. The Lady Eagles bowed out of the playoffs, losing 54-38.

Lady Eagles fall to Reagan Co.

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Lady Eagles saw their season come to an end Tuesday night at San Angelo Central gym against the Reagan County Lady Owls. EHS fell by a score of 54-38 in the bi-district contest

in front of a large contingent of Eldorado fans.. RCHS will play Idalou for Area tomorrow night. Both teams had the first quarter jitters but the Owls held a slim 8-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. Coach Leslie Gooch should have checked the goal for a piano wire, as the Lady Eagles could not buy a basket in the first quarter. And their woes continued in the second, as Reagan County extended their lead to 14 in the second. The Lady Eagles were down 26-12 at the half but they weren't out of the ballgame since their defense had kept the game close in spite of a poor night from the floor.

The two teams traded baskets in the third as each team got 9 points and the lead remained at 14 for the Owls. In the fourth, Eldorado closed to within 8 points at

one time, however, RCHS hit a couple of key three pointers down the stretch and time just ran out on the home team. EHS scored 17 to Reagan County's 19 in the fourth for a 54-38 final.

Stacy Nicholson led the Lady Eagles with 17 points, Christina Redish 8, Tabitha Lloyd 4, Mitzi Sessom 3, and Leigh Ann Neal, Gentry Newman, and Martha Lively each had 2.

"I'm really proud of the way these girls have fought through the injuries and they really came together this season," Coach Leslie Gooch said after the game. "Tonight, we just couldn't get the ball in the basket and Reagan County made some key buckets down the stretch."

"We are really going to miss our seniors, they are a good bunch of ladies. One other thing, we really had a good crowd tonight, this team really appreciates all the support the school and community have shown us," Coach Gooch concluded.

Region II high school rodeo results listed

Ozona hosted two high school rodeos for Region II on February 10th & 11th.

Crowned as the 2000-2001 Region II Queen was Shanna Gibson of Iraan and Courtney Carr of San Angelo was named 1st runner up.

The next two rodeos will be held in Fort Stockton on March 3rd and 4th.

Leigh Ann Neal of Eldorado placed 2nd in Barrels with a time of 17.42 on Saturday, February 10. On Sunday, February 11, Leigh Ann placed 9th with a time of 18.04.

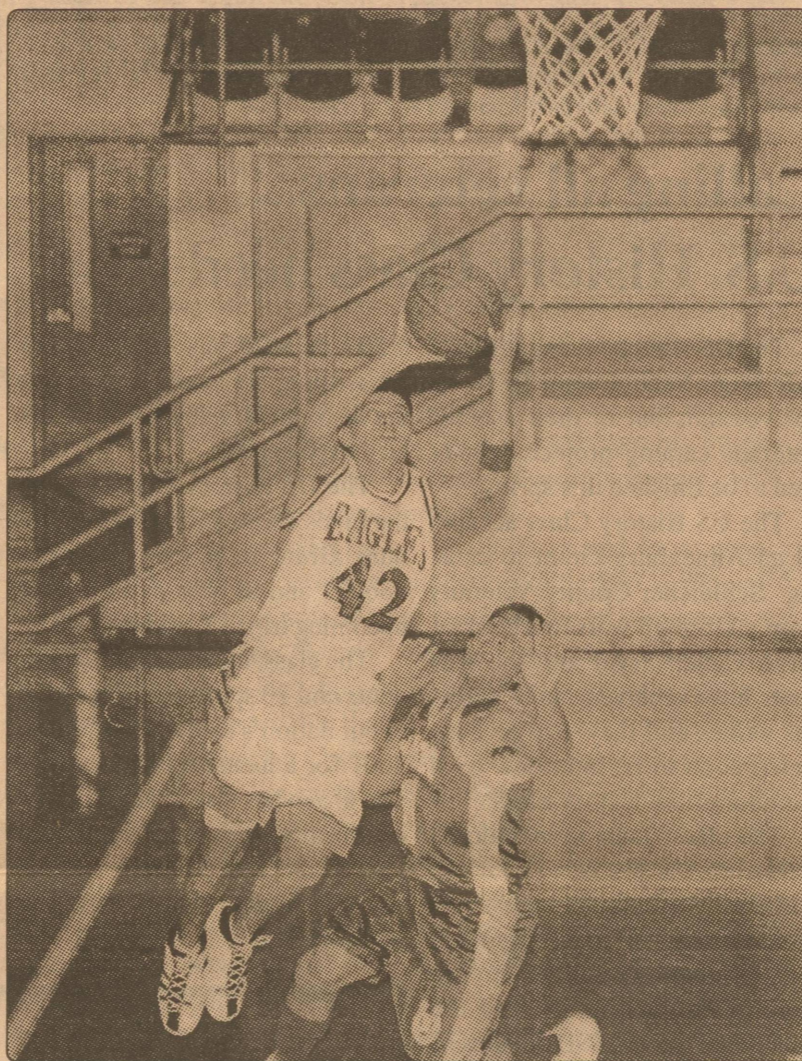


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Go in' to the basket — Benji Gonzales drove down the baseline for this shot as the Eldorado Eagles defeated the Mason Punchers 77-40 last Friday. The win, followed by an 84-66 victory over Junction on Tuesday night, forced a return match between the Eagles and Punchers as they have a play-in tomorrow night for the 3rd place playoff berth in District 2-2A.

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Winners named in Couples Valentine golf tournament

The Eldorado Golf Club held its first tournament of 2001 on Saturday Feb 10th. A good turnout of 20 teams was reported.

Championship Flight winners were: 1st Place Tom and Branda Gray 62; 2nd Place Thomas Hanson and Melissa O'Harrow 63; 3rd Place Ed Price and Frannie Tackel 64; 4th Place Brad Hull and Suzanne Alley 65.

First Flight Winners were: 1st Place Wayne and Cindy McGinnes

72; 2nd Place Mr. and Mrs. Monty Jones 72; 3rd Place Ross and Marilyn Whitten 72; 4th Place Charlie and Janie Wright 73.

Closest to the pin on #1 was won by Tony Smith of Robert Lee. Closest to pin on #6 was won by Charlie Wright of San Angelo and longest putt was made by his wife Janie.

The club's next tourney, a two-man select shot, will be held on March 17 & 18.

A&M releases Dean's List

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2000 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester 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.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes stu-

dents who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Haley Edmiston, a freshman, majoring in Nutritional Sciences and Toni Whitten, a senior, majoring in Agricultural Science made the Dean's Honor Roll for the 2000 Fall Semester.

Jennifer Stafford, a sophomore, majoring in General Studies and Kayla Kohls majoring in Animal Science made the Distinguished Student Roll for the 2000 Fall Semester.

Tech names honor students

More than 4,000 Texas Tech University students qualified for the academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours

with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Hillary Hodges a freshman majoring in Landscape Architecture made the Dean's List for Fall 2000.

Jesse Vasquez a senior majoring in Recreation & Leisure Service made the President's List for the Fall 2000.

Comptroller delivers sales tax rebates to City, County

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$335.3 million in monthly sales tax payments last week to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 5.8 percent increase compared to the \$316.7 million allocated to cities and counties in February 2000. So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 5.4 percent compared to the first two months of 2000.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$10,551.07, up 1.03 percent from the February payment last year of \$10,443.29. The city's year to date total is \$16,923.30, up 1.43 percent from the same period one year ago when the year-to-date total was \$16,684.34.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$8,999.39, up 18.54 percent from February, 2000's total of \$7,591.24. The year-to-date total for Schleicher County is \$16,078.76. That is up 42.04 percent from the \$11,319.69 received in 2000.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for February was \$9,126.11, up 18.77 percent from February, 2000's total of \$7,683.42. The year-to-date figure for the Health Service Tax totalled \$14,867.98, up 30.59 percent from the \$11,384.89 delivered in 2000.

This month's sales tax allocations include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year 2000.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, March 9, 2001 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.

Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Dance

Tyler Dombroski and Veronica Belman were chosen King and Queen of the Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Dance held February 10, 2001. The couple was chosen based on their enthusiasm and participation. Approximately fifty five 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students were in attendance for the dance featuring D.J. Music by Sonnett Norman.

The Memorial Building was decorated in a Valentine motif featuring red and white. Kim'et Nelson made the punch which she kept cool with red frozen hearts. Other members present were: Mary Jenkins, Linda Lindsey, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Flora Hubble, Dorothy Dacy, Barbara Jackson and Dorothy Clark whose grandchildren Clark and Brittini Myers from Me-nard were also present and assisted in dancing and clean-up.

All of the youngsters in attendance were well behaved and participated in the event by dancing and enjoying visiting with friends. The sorority was pleased with them and we thank them all for attending. We also wish to thank Sonnett Norman for donating her time and furnishing great music.

Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, February 19
Closed For Presidents Day
Tuesday February 20
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Broccoli, Crackers, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup, Milk
Wednesday February 21
Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk
Thursday February 22
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk
Friday February 23
Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/ Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk



photo by Lori Stricklan

Financial shot in the arm — Gene McCalla of the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation (L) received a \$2,500.00 check from Phil McCormick (R), president of the Mias Amigas Club. At last year's annual meeting, the Mias Amigas Club voted to donate the money to the foundation. The foundation, which owns and maintains the historic mill, will apply to money to their "Raise the Roof Fund" in hopes of repairing the structure's badly deteriorated roof.

Woolen Mill Foundation gears up for 60th anniversary bash

The Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation, the non-profit organization charged with maintaining the historic Eldorado Woolen Mill, is planning a 60th Anniversary Celebration at the mill on Saturday, February 24, 2001. The day-long event will pay tribute to those involved in the creation, construction and opening of the mill 60 years ago.

The mill, a registered Texas landmark, opened for business in 1941, only months before America's entry into World War II. Woolen army blankets were one of the mill's early products, since that time the mill has turned out countless woolen items.

The Eldorado Woolen Mill remains operational to this day. It was purchased by the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation in 1996 after a community-wide campaign raised \$60,000.00 for the purpose. It is currently leased to Stacy Jurecek. Her company, Natural Fibers of Texas, operates the mill, turning out numerous items and selling other products in the mill's gift shop.

Plans for the 60th Anniversary celebration include a parade, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Main Street, followed immediately by a Texas Fiber Style Show. State Representative Rob Junell, previously scheduled to appear, has canceled. Instead, State Representative Bob Turner will be the featured speaker for the day. Other local dignitaries will be in attendance.

Lunch will be served at noon

featuring Texas raised beef, goat and lamb. Lunch tickets are \$8.50 at the door but may be purchased in advance for only \$7.

An auction will follow the noon meal. Special edition Woolen Mill blankets will be auctioned away to benefit the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation's "Raise the Roof Fund" which seeks to preserve the mill by raising money to repair the structure's roof. Other prizes being auctioned include weekend hotel stays, gifts and clothing.

Money generated by the anniversary celebration will benefit the facility's "Raise the Roof Fund." The fund seeks to preserve the Woolen Mill by making carrying out urgently needed repairs to the structure's roof.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in the Woolen Mill's 60th Anniversary Celebration. Together we can celebrate this region's agricultural heritage while preserving the historic mill for future generations.

The Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation is governed by a board of directors made up of volunteers. They include: L.E. McCalla, Judy Christian, Nancy Lester, Gary Gruben, Jo Helen Kotsch, Judie Clark and Ronnie Mittel.

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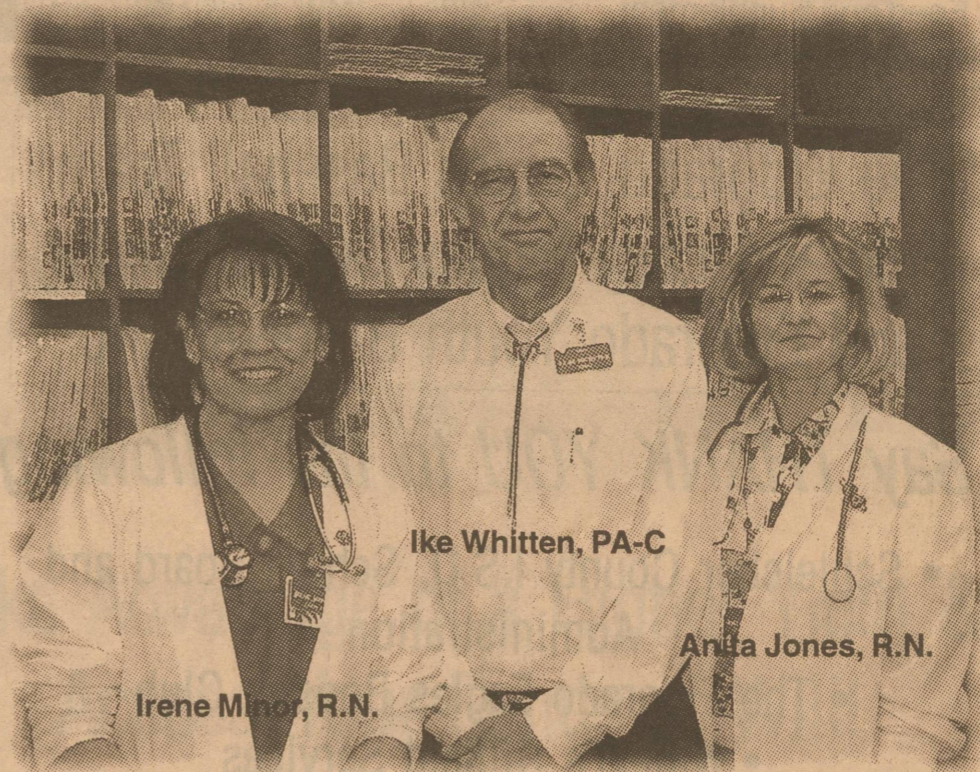
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2:10 4:45 7:20 9:45
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*Miss Congeniality (PG-13) 1:45 4:20 7:10 9:40
*Chocolat (PG-13) 1:30 4:15 6:55 9:35
*The Gift (R) 1:40 4:10 6:50 9:20

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*The Gift (R) 4:10 6:50 9:20

* No Passes or Discounts



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Scholarly pursuits — Josh Trejo (L) placed 1st in Number Sense while Dest Sudduth (R) placed 1st in Calculator at the U.I.L. Academic Meet held in Sonora on Saturday, February 10, 2001.

Sonora U.I.L. meet results

Eldorado High School students placed well in the Sonora UIL Meet held on February 10, 2001. The Calculator and Science teams placed third.

Other results were as follows: Josh Trejo placed 1st in Number Sense and 2nd in Math.

Dest Sudduth placed 1st in Calculator, 4th in Science and 4th in Math.

Maria Hernandez placed 2nd in Current Events and 3rd in Literary Criticism.

Tana William placed 2nd in Science and 6th in Math.

Layna Murr placed 2nd in Calculator and 4th in Spelling.

Tony Fay placed 3rd in Number Sense, 6th in Calculator and 7th in Math.

Lori Loomis placed 3rd in Science and 8th in Math.

Joey Bullard placed 4th in Calculator.

Students in the Math and Science Contests were competing at their individual grade levels.

Sponsors attending the Sonora Meet included Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Ragsdale, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Vasquez, Mr. Gray and Mr. Jay.

The District 2-2A UIL Academics/Literary Meet will be held in Wall, March 21 and 26.



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District K of C Free throw winners — Eldorado shooters advancing past the district level in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament are: (L-R) Chelsey Hill - 9 Year Old Girls Division with 9 of 25 free throws made; Amika Gonzalez - 11 Year Old Girls Division with 16 of 25 shots made; Russell Cathey, 12 Year Old Boys Division with 15 of 25 made; and Rance Cathey, 10 Year Old Boys Division with 17 of 25 free throws made. These four will advance to the Diocese level of the contest in Wall on February, 25, 2001.

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County considers new building

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could expand into their present offices.

Kerry Joy and Albert Torres then met with the commissioners on behalf of the Eldorado Golf Club. The two men said the club is considering paving cart paths at the course and asked the commissioners advice. They noted the golf club has raised its dues in hopes of collecting the necessary funds to pay for the project. Commissioner Kirk Griffin said he could put them in contact with a company in Johnson City that specializes in this type of project.

Next, the commissioners approved a mineral lease contract with H.L. Brown Jr. on Schleicher County School land in Gaines County, Texas. The contract provides for a payment of \$50.00 per acre and a 1/6 royalty interest for a period of five years. Schleicher County acts as custodian of the land, however, revenue generated by the property goes to Schleicher County ISD. A portion of the money may be used for school operation while the remainder must be placed into the Permanent School Fund. The school only received the interest generated by money in the Permanent School Fund, Judge Griffin noted.

An agenda item concerning meeting with representatives of the hospital district was postponed when no one from the hospital

could attend. The county has asked the hospital's help in cooking for the Meals for the Elderly program.

At its meeting last week the hospital board agreed to the county's request provided the county pay \$4.75 per meal. Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook is slated to appear at the next meeting of the Commissioners Court on Monday, Feb. 26.

A request by the law firm of Biggerstaff & Associates concerning redistricting was agreed to by the commissioners. Schleicher County will seek to cooperate with other local taxing jurisdictions in the upcoming redistricting round, in hopes that it will simplify the process and reduce the overall cost to taxpayers.

An item related to drawing a contract with Skiles Co. as related to the issuance of bonds was tabled pending decisions regarding the proposed Community Center.

A surface lease concerning 177 acres of the Schleicher County School lands in Gaines County was extended until December 31, 2002 by order of the court. Jerry D. Harris is currently leasing the tract. The two-year contract was granted in an effort to allow all such leases to become renewable at the same time and thus simplify associated paperwork.

The men then called for bids for diesel fuel for the road department. The bids are to be opened at 10:00 a.m. in the February 26 meeting of the court.

Next, an indigent request in the amount of \$141.80 was approved.

County treasurer Karen Henderson presented the court with requests to transfer funds from the county's General Fund to specific accounts. All such requests were approved by order of the court and all accounts were ordered paid. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

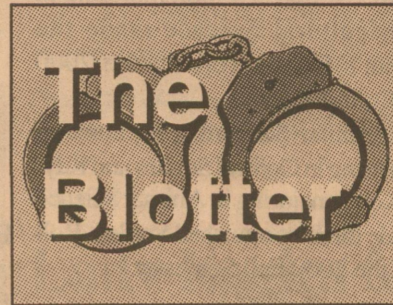
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The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

February 6 • Borrego, Esmeralda, female age 31, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation

Rocha, Enrique J., male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Minor In Possession. Released On Citation.

Luna, Ubaldo, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Minor In Possession. Released on Citation.

Garcia, Ruben Adan, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Minor In Possession. Released on Citation.

Fuentes, Alberto, Jr., male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Minor In Possession. Released on Citation.

February 8 • Adame, Roberto R., male age 44, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

February 9 • Fieoeira, Bradley Kawika, male age 35, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated, Cause 774 & 775.

Brice, Ivy Loraine, female age

21, hold for Irion County, charge DPS Warrants. Released, paid fines \$299.25.

February 10 • Swearingen, James Dean, male age 37, arrested by SC Officer, arrested on (3) DPS Warrants. Released, paid fines in the amount \$645.00.

February 12 • Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 37, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication.

REPORTS

February 6 • 6:56 p.m. Complainant reported husband is driving around drunk with their 3 year old daughter in the vehicle. Officer responded.

• 8:53 p.m. Complainant reported a domestic disturbance. Officer responded.

February 7 • Complainant reported neighbors being to loud. Two officers responded to apartments.

February 8 • 11:00 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. Two reports of phone scam.

• 4:11 Complainant reported some children riding their scooters in the middle of the road and not moving for traffic on East Gillis. Officer responded.

• 10:30 p.m. Complainant requested an officer deliver a message to their daughter. Officer responded.

February 9 • 4:14 a.m. Complainant reported a possible one vehicle accident 3 miles on North Hwy. 277. Another caller confirmed the accident. Emergency personal responded.

• 2:00 p.m. Complainant at school requested to speak to an officer about juvenile.

• 7:15 p.m. Complainant reported that other party would not comply with custody rights. Officer responded.

February 10 • 9:54 a.m. Complainant on McIntosh Road reported a female blue heeler dog missing.

• 11:32 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about receiving harassing phone calls. Officer responded.

• 5:20 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver traveling south on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

• 8:30 p.m. Report of a possible fire on Hwy. 915. Fire Chief responded and found a drilling rig's flare.

• 10:20 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a male subject following them home. Officer responded.

February 11 • 3:40 p.m. Complainant on Nance Street reported loud music. Officer found subjects and music was turned down.

• 10:20 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Old Sonora Rd. Officer responded to call and music was turned down.

• 8:30 a.m. Complainant reported a baby lamb out near Whitten Draw. Owner was contacted.

February 12 • 9:37 a.m. City of Eldorado reported illegal dumping at the landfill. Officer responded.

• 2:40 p.m. Possible break in at business on Main Street. Officer responded.

• 10:40 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject knocking on their door. Officer responded to call. Second call about subject. Subject was arrested for Public Intoxication.

• Complainant reported having problems with a female subject that frequents the pens complainant's leases.

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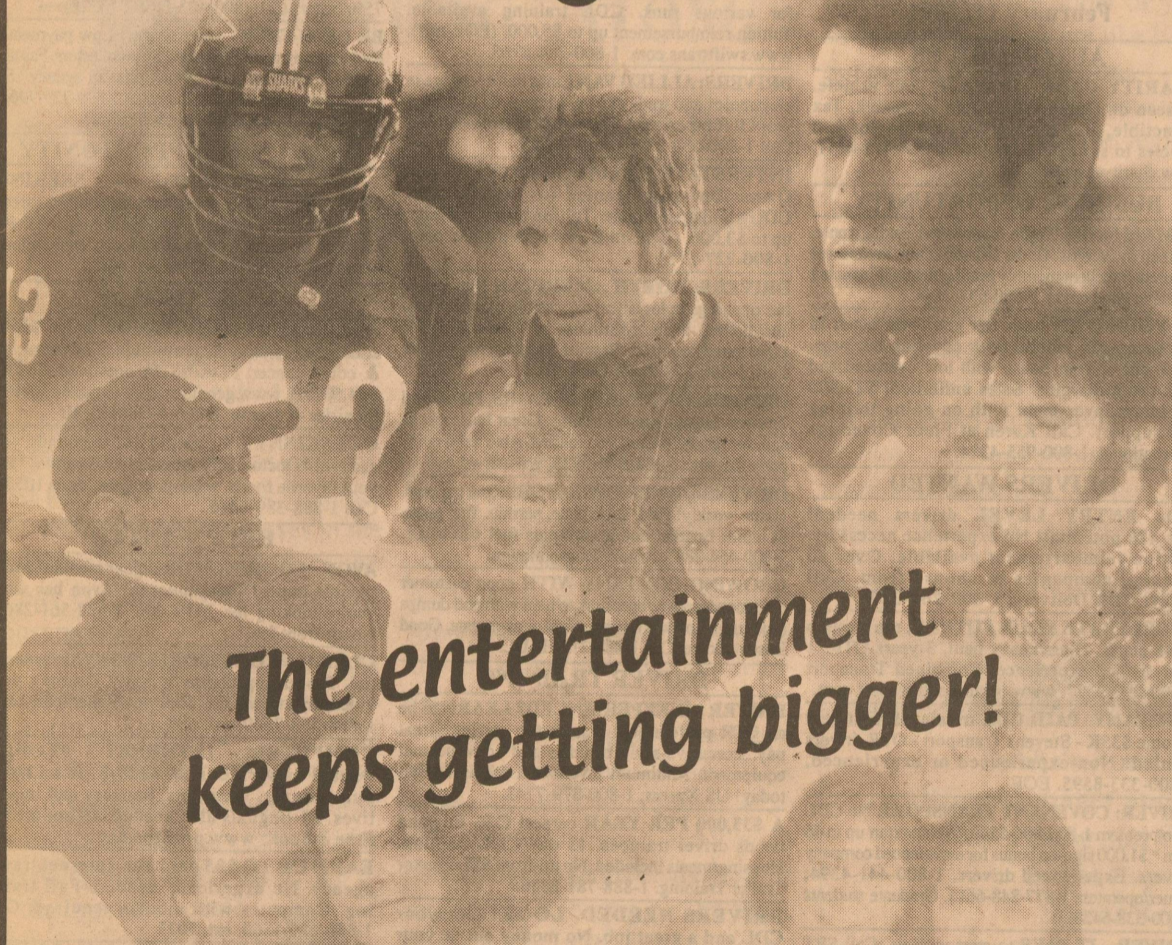


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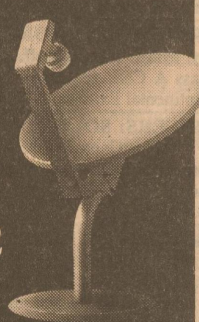


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City opts to abandon rural pipeline east of town

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bill to the customer, but short-changing the city. Mankin said he thought that much of the gas system's "line loss" is actually attributable to old meters.

One major source of "line loss" has been located, however. Mankin said that the city's old rural pipeline, serving eight families east of town, has been an ongoing problem. City crews located and repaired nine leaks in the line two weeks ago, only to identify several more last week. All but one of those leaks have been repaired.

The rural pipeline is all that remains of the city's old supply line coming from the Page oil field, 12 miles southeast of Eldorado. When the city terminated its contract with Cities Service, the company that operated the field, most of the pipeline was abandoned. The remaining section, approximately four miles of line extending east from the Eldorado city limits, was kept active and used to transport gas from the city back out to eight homes on the line.

After discussing the matter at length, it was determined that the line could not be repaired and maintained, based on the small amount of usage. A motion by Toni Sudduth, seconded by Richard Mendez, to abandon the line passed unanimously. The eight customers will be notified of the change so they can make arrangements to convert to propane before the line is abandoned this summer.

The meeting, which was the council's regular monthly meeting, was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk at 5:33 p.m. Rev. Walt Griggs, pastor of Agape Assembly of God led the invocation. Present for the meeting were council members Sherry Lux, Eddie Rodriguez, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth and Richard Mendez. Councilman Robert

Bybee was absent.

After approval of the minutes of the January, 2001 meeting, the council reviewed the city's financial reports then voted unanimously to amend the city budget to reflect the escalating price of natural gas.

Assistant Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then updated the council concerning various projects underway. It was explained that Fay's crews have been understaffed due to illness, and several employees attending state-mandated training

schools. Fay said that during those times the work load was distributed among the remaining employees in such a way as to ensure the most vital function of the city were not interrupted. Projects like patching potholes and use of the wood chipper to clear brush piles were pushed to the back burner. Fay was commended by the council for stepping in during the absence of City Superintendent Jack Dean, who is recovering from back surgery.

Next, Randy Mankin updated the council on a recent trip he made

to San Angelo to visit several recycling facilities. Joining Mankin on the trip was City Secretary Carolyn Mayo as well as County Agents Scott Edmonson and Nancy Lester. The four visited the San Angelo Friends of the Environment Recycling Center, Butts Paper Recycling and Acme Metal Recycling. The city recently received a grant for the purpose of building a recycling center and the trip was planned to gather ideas for the new facility. Mankin said the trip had been very beneficial.

Discussion then turned to letters the city had received notifying officials of an increase in rates by Classic Cable and a fuel charge adjustment by AEP/WTU. The availability of grant funds through the U.S. Department of Agriculture was also discussed.

Another item, a complaint about goats in the city limits, was discussed. Mankin is instructed to handle the complaint in accordance with the city's 1991 ordinance. That ordinance forbids livestock within the city limits. Mankin said he would send a letter asking that the goats be removed.

The council then heard Mankin's recommendation concerning raises for two employees. The council okayed the raises, contingent upon the completion of employee evaluations. There being no further action, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Wrecked pickup — A tire blow out was believed to be the cause of this wreck last Friday, 3.7 miles north on U.S. 277. Michael Standish, of Del Rio reported on minor injuries when his 1998 model Ford Ranger overturned and landed on its wheels in a pasture. The truck is owned by a tire testing firm in Del Rio.

School trustees renew administrator contracts

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, February 12, 2001 with board members Phil McCormick, Eddie Albin, Kurtis Homer and Sam Whitten Jr present. Absent were trustees Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom and Jo Helen Kotsch. Superintendent George Blanch and financial director Loretta Edmiston were also in attendance. Several Boy Scouts and scout leaders were on hand as well, observing a public meeting as part of their merit badge requirements.

It was reported that the district's redistricting committee had concluded that SCISD should study the possibility of redistricting following the 2000 Census. The move is required by law if there is a population change exceeding 10 percent in any the school's 7 single-member districts.

Loretta Edmiston delivered the district's financial reports and the board approved a budget amendment to reflect the transfer of funds between internal accounts.

The board called for an election of trustees in single-member districts 3 and 4. Currently those two seats are held by Berta Nicholson and Kurtis Homer, respectively.

The election will be held on May 5, 2001.

As required by the Texas Education Agency, board president Phil McCormick announced the number of continuing education hours accumulated in the last year by each board member and their overall total hours since 1998. They are as follows: Eddie Albin - 13.25 and 41.25; Kurtis Homer - 10 and 11.5; Jo Helen Kotsch - 7.5 and 32.5; Phil McCormick - 7.5 and 23; Berta Nicholson - 9.75 and 47.25; Steve Sessom - 1.5 and 23.25; and Sam Whitten, Jr. - 0 and 0. It was explained that Whitten had indeed received credited hours that had not been properly reported by TEA. The agency requires school board members to receive 16 hours of continuing education hours during their first year. All other trustees are required to receive 8 hours annually.

A technology grant application for \$99,000.00 was approved by the board. The grant requires a 10 percent match in school funds. If approved the grant will fund the purchase 22 computers, 18 TV's-VCRs, 2 computer network servers, a color laser printer, 2 laptop computers, 5 laser printers and 1 projector. The equipment will be distributed among the district's 3

campuses.

Several out of district field trips were approved by the board. They then discussed the school's student travel policy, particularly regarding male and female sponsors. That policy was adopted in 1985. The board plans to review it with a policy consultant from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

Board President Phil McCormick noted he had been in contact with the owners of a lot once used by the school as a middle school recreation area. Last month the board chose not to renew the \$800 per year lease on the property. It was noted that negotiations for the purchase of the lot continue.

A request by Boy Scout Troop 18 for use of a school bus for a trip to Fort Davis in July was tabled pending review by a TASB policy consultant.

The board then entered into an hour-long executive session concerning personnel. They emerged into open session and voted to renew the contracts of the following administrators and program directors: Ken Newman, high school principal; Julie Griffin, middle school principal; Bob Wanoreck, elementary principal; Loretta Edmiston, finance director; Jim Fryar, athlete director; Connie Fryar, human resource director; and Gina Muela, band director. All contracts were renewed for one year.

The board then discussed fees for renting the district's Ag Barn and exhibition hall. Rental fees will be reviewed and presented to the board at a later date.

Before adjourning the board learned from Superintendent George Blanch that school enrollment has declined from 666 in December to 646 in February.

Hospital offers to cook for Senior Center meals program

The Schleicher County Medical Center board of trustees met for a noon meeting last Thursday to a request by from the Schleicher County Commissioners Court that the hospital take over meal preparation duties for the Meals for the Elderly program.

Present for the meeting were trustees Lanis Mikeska, John Callison, Delia Pina, Jim Martin and Judy Christian. Also present were Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook, Assistant Administrator Bevelry Minor, administrative assistant Phillip Sharp, and Marion Porter, food service director. Trustees was Shirley Joiner and Randy Mankin were absent.

After reviewing the county's request and the costs associated with moving the process to the hospital kitchen, the board voted unanimously to take over the duties,

provided the county pays \$4.75 per meal. It was noted that the cost included food stuff, meal preparation and the services of a certified dietician, who must approve every meal cooked in the facility.

In other business, the board reviewed funding possibilities for a proposed nursing home addition with Jerry Hulen, an accountant with Preferred Management, the company which oversees day-to-day operations of the district's hospital, nursing home and clinic. Hulen indicated his belief that, in light of the district's improving financial picture, a nursing home addition could be built without raising taxes. Hulen said a bond to construct the facility could be repaid under the district's current tax rate. The board reviewed Hulen's numbers but took no action on the matter.

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