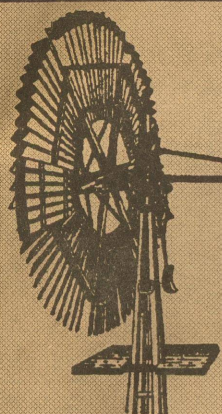


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Headlines From Around the World

Peru Crisis Enters Tense Endgame

At press time Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori and his top aides predict a bloodless end to the 2-week-old hostage stand-off at the Japanese ambassador's residence but they declined to rule out military action. As 83 hostages and a score of Marxist rebels began their second week in captivity, Fujimori said "several options" were under discussion with the rebels. In Tokyo, Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said he's confident of Peru's ability to handle the crisis.

Weather Ravages Northwest

With no foreseeable break from a series of storms, Washington Gov. Mike Lowry declared a state of emergency in four more counties, bringing the number of counties covered by the declaration in his state to 15. Lowry's emergency proclamation said heavy snowfall and flooding hail inflicted extensive damage to homes, businesses, roads and bridges in the west of the state. Washington residents dug out after the weekend's heavy storm, which disrupted travel, blocked mountain passes and left tens of thousands without electricity. Rain showers fell as residents anxiously awaited yet another storm.

New Year, New U.S. Tax Laws

When the New Year rolled in, it brought with it a host of U.S. tax changes. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer has issued his "Top 10" list of changes that he says will bring marked improvements in the lives of taxpayers. No. 1 on the list is a tax credit of up to \$5,000 to help defray expenses for people who adopt children. Archer also notes that changes in pension laws will make it easier for small businesses to set up pension plans for their workers.

Demand for Answers from TWA

The mother and brother of a Frenchman killed in the July crash of TWA Flight 800 say they plan to camp outside the airline's Paris offices. They're protesting what they say is the airline's negligence. Odette and Olivier Michel say the airline hasn't kept its financial promises, including failing to refund the cost of the crash victim's funeral. The cause of the July 17 crash off Long Island has not been determined.

Quiet Over the Canyon

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is prepared to announce regulations to limit commercial air tours of the Grand Canyon. The new regulations were developed after President Clinton directed Babbitt and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena last April to reduce aircraft noise in national parks. Babbitt said last week that his goal is to preserve peace and tranquility in national parks.

Bruce & Fryar named to All-West Texas team

Eldorado placed two defensive players on the Standard-Times All-West Texas team last week. Zane Bruce and Mark Fryar were both named to the defensive squad in recognition for their outstanding play during the season.

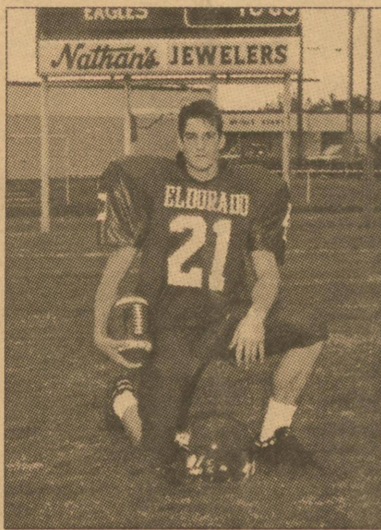
Bruce, a 6'3" 205 lb. senior, is no stranger to post season honors, being selected to the All-West Texas squad last year as well. During the Eagles 10

game season, the defensive lineman tallied 86 tackles, 10 of which were solos. He also saw duty on the Eagles offense as a receiver.

Fryar, a 6'0", 185 lb. junior joined the Eagles right before the season when his father took the helm as Eldorado's athletic director and head football coach. Fryar also counted for 86 tackles, 25 solo, 3 fumble recoveries and 2 blocked field goals.



Zane Bruce



Mark Fryar

City proposes amending animal control ordinance

The Eldorado city council is proposing an amendment to the animal control ordinance. The change came after the council met with local veterinarian Dr. William Edmiston who told the council of problems he was having confining animals for rabies observation. Edmiston told the council that too often the city's animal control officer picks up an animal for observation and he gets stuck with the bill because the animal's owner either refuses to pay or fails to come pick the animal up. He told the council that the city should be respon-

sible for any animal it's officer brings to his facility.

After hearing Edmiston's concerns, the council proposed changing the animal control ordinance to read:

Any dog termed dangerous under State statute and impounded as a public nuisance shall not be held for more than 3 days if the owner is not known. After three days, dogs determined to be strays will be euthanized. If the dog has been impounded for rabies observation, after 3 days impoundment the head will be sent off and the City will be responsible for the stray's expenses.

The owner of a dog termed dangerous under State statute and impounded as a public nuisance shall be responsible for all impounding costs. Such impounding costs shall be payable in advance at the time the dog is taken into custody. For rabies observation, the owner must decide if the dog is to be euthanized immediately, if the dog is to be euthanized after the initial 3 days, or if the dog will remain impounded for the full 10 days with the owner responsible for all costs as pre-arranged. If the owner does not assume responsibility at the time of impoundment, the dog will be destroyed per the above paragraph.

The city council is scheduled to review and act on the amendment at their next regular meeting, Monday, January 6, 1997. Persons having questions or needing clarifications are encouraged to meet with the council at that time.



New band uniforms — after 20+ years the Mighty Eagle band is getting a new look. Here, Jeffery Parker models the uniform band members will be wearing next year.

EHS students help with "Networking" chores

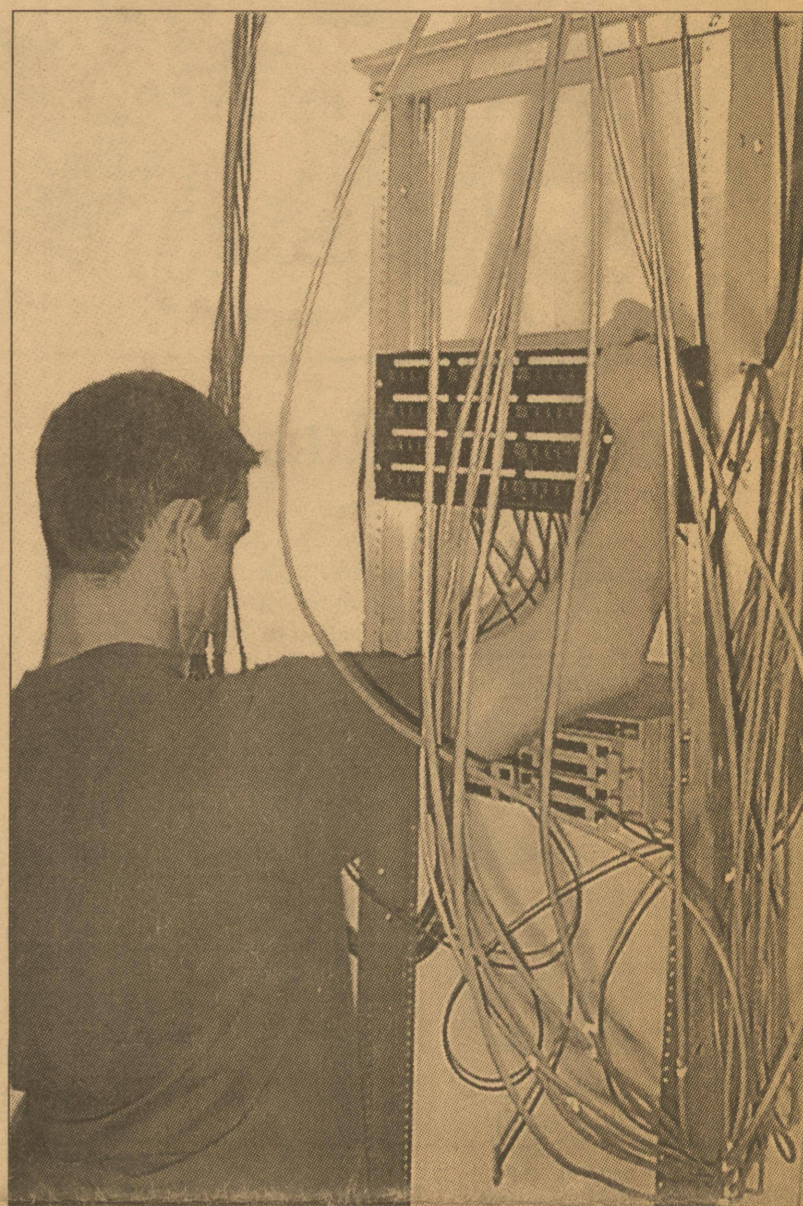
Over the Holidays several students helped network the Eldorado High School's computers. Faced with high costs of networking equipment and labor, the district's technology director, J.D. Doyle decided that the only way the school could afford the computer network it needed was if he and several students did the work themselves.

Doyle spent the first part of the year training the students to build and repair computer systems. They had to build and program four Pentium computers in a class period for their final. These computers were then distributed to the middle school lab. The school saved \$600.00 per computer and the students learned a valuable skill.

Doyle was then faced with paying almost forty thousand dollars just to network the high school. So, he opted to hire computer students from Paige Ragsdale's class for the Holidays to create a Novell 4.11 Network.

So far, the young technicians have installed 10,000 feet of category 5 cable, three hubs consisting of over 86 ports and 80 drops. Doyle says it would have cost the school district more than \$8,600 dollars just to run the cable and install the software on each of the client systems.

"When up and running, the network will be operated by a 166 mhz Pentium server with 128 megs of RAM and a 4.25 gig hard drive," said Doyle. This computer will run a Novell 4.11 IntraNet-InterNet system for 250 users and will eventually allow every system in the school almost instantaneous access to the InterNet, the library, as well as multiple CD ROMS. "We hope to have a full T1 line to Region XV



Ricky Gibson sorts through a mass of network cables as he and several other EHS students pick up valuable on-the-job-training over the Christmas holidays.

sometime in the near future," Doyle added

"We ordered the parts for the computer and I would have had the students build it but we got behind building the middle school and elementary schools systems," Doyle continued. "Joe Charles Christian assembled the server free of charge and delivered it to me."

The network should be in full operation by early March.

Mobile Mammography unit now serving Eldorado

Shannon Clinic's new mobile mammography unit has begun making on-site visits throughout the Concho Valley.

Health Care Clinic of Eldorado, 3 South Hackberry, will host the unit Friday, Jan. 31. Further dates will be announced as they are scheduled with the local clinic.

The mobile unit is a first for San Angelo and one of only a few available regionally. According to David Trevino, radiology manager at Shannon Clinic, until now, Lubbock and San Antonio were the closest cities to operate mobile mammography units.

"It'll be a lot easier for women in the regional area to have access to mammography," he said. He believes many women put off the screenings because of the inconvenience of having to leave their home towns to get the test done.

The mobile program has begun working with Shannon's regional clinics to schedule dates for screenings. Once a schedule is established, doctors will be able to set up appointments with their patients for screenings.

A clerk and a technologist will travel to each remote site and set up the unit in an exam room. The clerk greets patients and handles paperwork, and the technologist conducts the screenings. The process takes about 25 minutes. Images from the mobile screenings will be processed and interpreted at Shannon Clinic and the results mailed to patients about two or three days later. If an abnormality is detected, patients will be

Jan Blair (R) met women's basketball legend Sheryl Swoopes last week in Lubbock. The former Lady Red Raider star was in town promoting pre-paid phone cards which she endorses. Here she autographs a card for Blair.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Resolve to spend more time with family

Common resolutions for the new year include many laudable goals. Many promises will be made as Texans evaluate the year that has passed and the year ahead.

But while there are many worthwhile resolutions, a promise that can have a great impact on our society as well as on us individually is a resolution to spend more time with our families.

A University of Maryland study shows that parents today spend 40 percent less time with their children than did parents in 1965. This is something that most parents realize. One recent survey shows that 66 percent of employed parents with children 18 or younger said they did not spend enough time with their children. And 50 percent said they did not spend enough time with their spouses.

Many parents would like to have more time to help their children with school work, to nurture common interests and hobbies, and to simply spend time together as a family. But for a variety of reasons, they cannot.

One obvious problem is the economic



Lamar Smith

U.S. Representative,
21st Congressional
District of Texas

burden caused by record-high taxes imposed on families. The typical American family spends as much as 40 percent of its income on taxes for all levels of government. So it's no surprise that there are many families where both parents work out of necessity, not by choice.

As Congress continues to reduce the federal budget deficit, cut wasteful spending and create family tax credits, some of these problems will be relieved. But other obstacles preventing parents from spending more time at home are cultural.

University of Pennsylvania researcher Peter Capelli studied families and employment and discovered an important nexus. People who made a priority of finding the right spouse and cre-

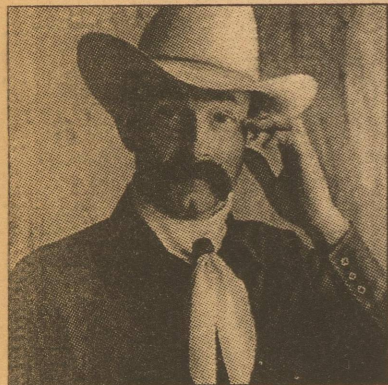
ating a good family life earned more money than those who were willing to sacrifice home life for their careers.

Capelli also discovered an important development for employers. "People who didn't take time for their families spend a lot of time putting Band-Aids on family problems," which hurts their performance at work.

Government mandates are limited at best. But employers could help promote strong families while also building a better workforce by voluntarily creating a new type of company culture. Employees need to be shown that they are not endangering their chances for promotion and are not risking their jobs by taking family responsibilities seriously.

Columnist Cal Thomas reports that three-fourths of the children who watch television for more than two hours each day say they would rather spend that time with their families if they had that option. Let's give children the option to spend more time with their parents in 1997. And with a little help from Congress and our employers, we can enjoy a host of benefits.

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But, with all that being said, what's work to a horse? Is it something they feel good about? Does it give them a sense of self worth? Of course not.

"Well, my little mare, I better finish this hay. Crooked Jack will be comin' to take me to the mall where I can walk in circles all day giving joy to little boys and girls."

"I'm so proud of you, Geldy. You bring so much happiness into the world."

Coyote Cowboy Proverb: Work to a horse is anything he does because you make him do it.

I tell people my horse likes to rope. Meaning, I guess, that he likes to chase cattle. But he spends a lot of time in the pasture with cows and calves. I've never seen him chase them on his day off.

Ah, but you good horsemen say, "This horse loves to run", or "He was born to buck", or "I can tell he loves to pull this plow. He can't wait for me to crack the whip!"

I see them run and kick up their heels in an open pasture...but not for long. Are they having fun? Can horses have fun? Are they bored? Can they get bored?

I'd be hard put to argue that they can't have fun, get bored or get mad.

But horses are domesticated animals. Under the care and at the pleasure of those who pay for their keep. It is not their choice. It is ours. Like teenagers, if we give them room and board we expect something in return. At our pleasure, even if our pleasure is team roping, showing Arabians or just as a pet.

But in the end, it's all work to a horse.

The Santa Claus Bank Robbery

Rolling Across Texas



Tumbleweed Smith

The season of peace and goodwill is reflected best in the small towns. When you drive through them and see the lighted court-houses and Christmas displays you get a little tingle in your body and a lump in your throat.

A familiar bearded man in a red and white suit strolled down the street among the holiday shoppers in Cisco on December 23, 1927. He barely spoke to the smiling people he met. Santa entered the First National Bank and immediately became the center of attention.

Suddenly the words rang out across the lobby: "STICK 'EM UP!" Three men with drawn pistols were stationed in strategic positions. Their names were Louis Davis, who covered the door; Robert Hill, who held a gun on the cashier; and Henry Helms, who guarded the teller.

The bank officers were lined up against the wall while the man in the Santa suit searched them for weapons. While Santa told the

ties from the vault.

A curious passerby, noticing the bank's front door was closed, pressed his face against the plate glass in front. At that time, Santa emerged from the vault, drew his pistol and fired, drilling a hold in the window just above the man's head.

Almost immediately a shot answered from outside the bank. Hill, one of the bandits, fired a shot into the bank's ceiling, hoping to keep officers from rushing in. From outside, a shower of bullets pelted the bank. Amused citizens rushed to the scene, some bringing firearms.

To get to their car, the robbers had to go through an alley which was alive with gunfire. They forced some of the bank employees and customers to enter the alley first. Two of them were shot, Santa grabbed two small girls and used them as shields. They made it to the car and sped away. Carloads of civilians and lawmen gave pursuit.

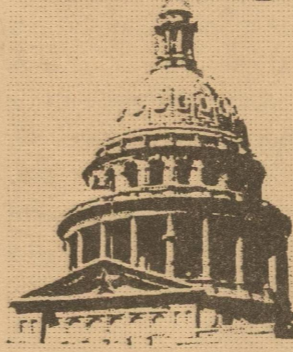
Down the road, the robbers

stopped a car and forced the occupants out. They transferred the bag of money and securities to the second car, but the driver had cleverly taken the keys. So the bandits returned to their car without the loot and took off again. One of the robbers, Louis Davis, was badly wounded and left behind. He later died of his wounds. The bag contained \$12,000 and \$150,000 in securities.

The robbers' car stopped on a little used road and they ran away, leaving the two girls in the car. Area lawmen joined in the search and the bandits were apprehended. Two were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Henry Helms did. The other one, Marshall Ratliff, the man who played Santa Claus, was hung by irate Cisco citizens. The third bandit, Robert Hill, was released from prison on good behavior and lived a quiet life by another name in a West Texas town.

Legislators eye property tax reform plans

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — There was room under the Christmas tree for property tax relief, but there was no way to squeeze a fully formed plan through the chimney.

Scurrying Capitol elves drafted a proposal that would cut school property taxes by about \$3 billion a year — but left some important questions unanswered. Such as, how can the cuts:

- Be made permanent?
- Be kept from creeping higher? (Gov. George W. Bush has said he will reject any bill that does not promise taxes won't creep back up, either through hiking tax rates or higher property tax appraisals.)
- Be made so as to not disrupt school funding formulas?
- Be made without picking a political fight with business interests?

"We're looking at all these issues. There are still a lot of things to figure out," state Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Though Craddick thinks there is a way to shift more of the \$10 billion school property tax burden from property owners to the state government, there is no consensus on whether cuts can be made without making a mess of the painstakingly devised school funding formulas.

Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the House Public Education Committee, told the *American-Statesman* it's impossible to shift the burden without affecting school funding formulas.

action attorneys worked out with Prudential.

"These consumers have been shortchanged once; they should not be shortchanged again," he said.

Bomer also urged the New Jersey federal court to enforce a Texas Department of Insurance subpoena for Prudential's records of Texas agents who have been targets of at least three sales-related complaints. Prudential has refused to honor the subpoena.

The Department of Insurance had sought the information because it could be useful to consumers who need evidence of misrepresentation for use in the "alternative dispute resolution" process, in which they would seek relief through an out-of-court claim settlement.

The class action suit accuses Prudential of "churning" and misrepresentation in the sale of cash-value life insurance products. Churning occurs when an agent persuades a consumer to borrow against an existing policy to pay the premium on a new one.

Names of Nursing Homes Secret

The Texas Attorney General's Office has ruled that state officials can keep secret the names of 10 publicly financed Texas nursing homes that spent \$614,374 on such items as a Cadillac, baseball tickets and jobs for relatives who did no work.

The names had been sought by the media and other groups through the Texas Public Information Act.

The attorney general said the names are not open to the public because the documents that name the facilities are the state auditor's working papers.

"It's not mandatory that (the state auditor) withhold that information, but there is a legal exception that they may use," explained Ron Dusek, spokesman for Attorney General Morales.

A spokesperson for the state auditor's office said the names will not be released.

Final Exam Exemptions Drop

More Texas students were hitting the books for final exams last week because of a new state policy that has prompted school districts to quit exempting students from finals.

The new policy by Education Commissioner Mike Moses ended all funding for students who are not at school because of exemptions from final exams.

In the past, school districts would let students with good grades skip finals and still receive the same amount of money. School funding in Texas is based on student attendance.

The policy became effective this semester and is now affecting students for the first time.

"You can no longer get paid for kids being absent," Dr. Moses told the *Dallas Morning News*. "I have this personal feeling that if you exempt kids from final exams all the way through high school, they may have trouble when they wind up at a state university and have to take a semester exam for the first time," he said.

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Our Sympathy

Charles H. Trigg, Jr.

Charles Henry Trigg Jr., 93, of San Angelo and the Log Cabin Ranch near Mertzon, died at 6:05 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in Shannon Medical Center.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, in Fairmount Cemetery with the Rev. Carl Rohlf of First United Methodist Church and Gov. William P. Clements officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Trigg was born Dec. 7, 1903, to Charles Henry Trigg Sr. and Armanda Elizabeth Robbins in Cresson, Texas. He was a graduate of Southern Methodist University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1929. He coached at Highland Park High School from 1929 to 1935 and returned to SMU as an assistant coach in 1935 and coached until 1942. From 1947 to 1954, he officiated for the Southwest Conference and in the Orange and Sugar Bowls. He was named vice president of the Southwest Conference Officials Association in 1958.

He and Katharine Hughes were married June 1, 1933, in San Angelo. He entered the Navy in 1942, was commissioned a lieutenant commander and served in the South Pacific during World War II.

Following his coaching career, Mr. and Mrs. Trigg moved to Eldorado in 1947 and assumed the Ford Dealership. They moved from Eldorado in 1976 and made their home at the Log Cabin Ranch in Mertzon. They also ranched at the family ranch in Reagan County.

Mr. and Mrs. Trigg gave Southern Methodist University \$10 million toward the construction of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, which was completed in 1988. The site for the center was selected because it was there that they met while students at SMU.

The Triggs have established two endowments at SMU - The Charles H. and Katharine Hughes Trigg Athletic Endowment and The Katharine Hughes Trigg and Charles H. Trigg Presidential Scholarships Program. In addition, they helped support the Ownby Stadium Renovation Fund in 1989, are life members of the SMU Alumni Association and have been active with their graduating class reunions.

Mr. Trigg is survived by his wife, Katharine Hughes Trigg; three nieces, Dorothy Jean Hanebutt of Fort Worth, Carol Crews Carter of Dallas and Joan Crews Hoyt of Mertzon; two nephews, Bill Brown of Aledo and Charles J. Hughes of San Angelo; and two sisters-in-law, Wanda Hughes Doss and Mrs. M.J. (Carlotta) Hartman, both of San Angelo.

Pallbearers will be O.K. Wolfenbarger and Loye Tankersley, both of Mertzon, and Mike Eckert, Vic Eckert, Greg Charles and Dr. Dan Stultz, all of San Angelo.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of San Angelo or Southern Methodist University.

Halbert-Sheppard exchange vows

Charissa Charmane Halbert and Harold "Mac" Sheppard were married December 28, 1996 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ronald Sutto officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Danny J. Halbert of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Bert T. Sheppard of Spearman.

Maid of honor was Alyssa Halbert of Corpus Christi. Bridesmaids were Kimberly Scott of San Angelo, Jessica Halbert and Licynda Halbert, both of Eldorado. Flower girl was Heather Hughes of Sonora.

Best man was Temp Sheppard of Spearman. Groomsmen were Pat Hunter and Jarret Swan, both of Amarillo, and Chris Strawn of Spearman. Ring bearers were Dustin Ramos and Corie Williams, both of Eldorado. Ushers were Travis Halbert Pederson and Chad Halbert Pederson, both of Midland.

Mrs. Sheppard is a 1989 graduate of Eldorado High School and is attending the Howard College Nursing program.

Her husband is a 1991 graduate of Athol Murry's Norte Dame in Wilcox, Sask., and attended the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

After a wedding trip to Reno, Nevada, the couple will live in Eldorado.



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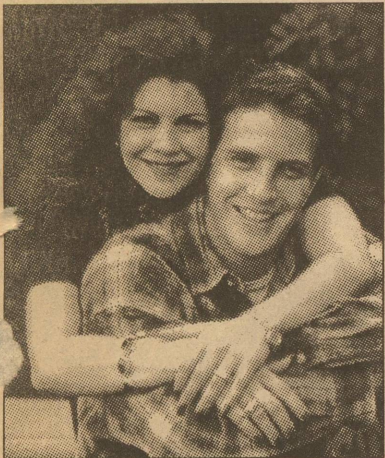
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Mobley-Hill engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Mobley of Eldorado proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Mobley of San Antonio to Travis Hill of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is the son of Mr. Glynn Hill of Lubbock and Mrs. Deloris Hill of Round Rock.

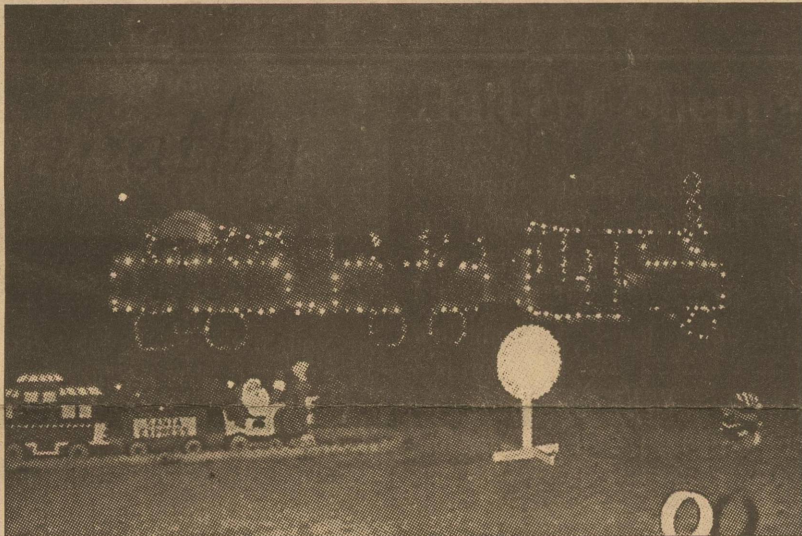
Marriage vows will be exchanged in First United Methodist Church of Eldorado on February 22, 1997.

Birthdays

- January
- 2nd Nadia L. Santellano
 - 3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth Phillips, Maribel Villavicencio, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Dianna Goodrum, Joel Martinez
 - 4th Amber Hamilton, Dena Manning
 - 5th Zack Koenig, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar
 - 6th E. H. Topliffe
 - 7th Ray David Buitran Sr., Mary Leggett, Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Evve Kuykendall, Steve Parker
 - 8th Chance Behrens, Bob Page, Delia Herrera, Candi Homer, Thelma Bosmans, Juana Rojas
 - 9th Tata Belman, Jennifer Sellers
 - 10th Micah Grelle, Selina Rojas, Richard Harris, George Scott, Billy Williams, Carisa Porter
 - 11th R. Byron Orand, Ricky Jones, Sharon Spinks, Carolyn Hamilton, Emmanuel Gonzales, Rosa Trevino, Larry Marshall

Anniversaries

- January
- 2nd Chris & Chris McCravey
 - 3rd Richard & Lewanna Hartgrove
 - 10th Lee & Kathy Brewer



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The Blotter

12-23-96 7:05 AM caller requested house watch. **9:20 AM** complainant came by Sheriff's Office to file charges against a Mertzon resident for theft. **11:15 AM** caller advised Sheriff's Office of a controlled burn. **1:17 PM** caller reported a grass fire on the 8 miles South on Hwy 277. Fire Dept Unit. 32 and 33 reported fire was out upon arrival. **2:38 PM** caller reported someone entering a house across the street from their residence thru window. Two officers responded and found everything ok. **2:38 PM** request to unlock vehicle. **7:20 PM** caller reported a subject left local convenience store and appeared to be intoxicated. Subject left store and started on 915 going towards Mertzon. Mertzon's Sheriff's Office contacted and advised to be on watch for vehicle.

12-24-96 9:34 AM Local convenience store employee arrested and booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charge with Class A Theft. **1:28 PM** caller reported a two vehicle accident on Hwy 277 S. near B.J. Services. No injuries reported. Officer responded. **4:25 PM** caller reported a reckless driver heading south on Hwy 277. Officer unable to locate vehicle. **9:10 PM** complainant came by Sheriff's office and requested to talk to officer about civil problem.

9:20 PM complainant called and requested to talk to officer in reference to civil problem from another complaint. Officer went and talked to subject.

12-25-96 7:04 AM officer radio to report and log a disabled vehicle on 277 N on the county line. Car was parked on the shoulder of the road and would be a traffic hazard at night. **7:30 AM** caller reported a car hit a deer on 277 S about one mile out. Officer responded. **9:36 AM** Female caller reported ex-husband causing trouble. Requested officers. Officer and Border Patrol agents responded to call. **1:35 PM** caller reported a minor drinking in the parking lot of local convenience store. Officer responded and brought one in with outstanding DPS warrant. **3:56 PM** hospital requested a patient transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded. **6:00 PM** 911 call for a fire contained inside a dumpster in the alley of Village Lane. Fire Dept responded and had fire under control. **6:21 PM** caller reported a vehicle parked in a handicapped parking place at local apts. Officer responded. **7:50 PM** caller reported a two tone pickup with a No Fear Sticker in back window driving vehicle in their yard. Officer responded to call and attempted to make contact with vehicle. **11:31 PM** caller at local apts. reported that their tire was stabbed, replaced it and had another stabbed. Also their neighbor had on tire stabbed.

12-26-96 4:51 AM Hospital requested an ambulance transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded. **8:32 AM** request an officer to unlock vehicle. Officer responded. **8:40 AM** caller advised Sheriff's Office of a control

burn. **1:35 PM** patient transfer requested. EMS 1 responded. **2:20 PM** request for an officer to check lifeline. Officer dispatched and everything was fine. Hospital notified. **4:20 PM** caller reported goats out on East Street. Owner notified. **6:30 PM** caller reported kids with BB guns, wanted officer to respond. **11:15 PM** caller reported that someone in a new pickup was possibly hunting. 2 Officers and game warden responded to call. Located vehicle at local convenience store and subjects had not been shooting.

12-27-96 10:00 AM caller stated that when they got off work on 12-26-96 their car had been hit. No one reported accident and caller picked up a blue form from Sheriff's Office. **11:45 AM** caller requested to see officer to check vehicle identification. **9:15 PM** caller reported kids popping fireworks outside at local apts. Officer responded and talked to kids.

12-28-96 5:35 AM caller reported seeing someone spotlighting and heard shots on their lease out on Rudd Road. Game Warden was contacted and located subjects. **8:17 AM** caller reported that at 5:30 AM on this date, they noticed that their vehicle had been stolen along with \$300 in cash, taken by their son, who was visiting for holidays. Caller reported that son may be enroute to Baytown. Caller stated they would be filing charges on their son. **9:18 AM** Caller requested ambulance to private residence. EMS responded and took patient to Schleicher County Medical Center and then on the Columbia Medical Center. **1:12 PM** caller requested officer to unlock vehicle. **2:00 PM** caller requested to unlock vehicle. **3:50 PM** caller reported a dog had bitten a child. The City of Eldorado dispatched dog catcher and two officer responded as well. Child was taken

to Emergency Room. **5:26 PM** caller reported a white male wearing black over black was walking on side of road towards San Angelo. Officer reported that the subject was ok and was just walking to San Angelo because he did not have a ride. **5:30 PM** caller reported that their son had shot himself with a pellet gun. Officer met caller at the Emergency Room. **6:51 PM** caller requested an officer to unlock vehicle. **7:35 PM** caller requested ambulance to transfer subject from San Angelo to Eldorado. EMS 1 was dispatched.

12-29-96 1:35 AM caller requested an ambulance to take subject to hospital. EMS 1 responded. **10:55 AM** caller reported reckless driver on Mertzon Hwy 190. Officer responded but unable to locate vehicle. **7:27 PM** Officer assisted Game Warden during a check on a hunting camp. Officers retrieved 3 ice chests fo deer meat that had not been tagged. **8:40 PM** caller reported children firing fireworks. Officer contacted subjects and they said they would not fire anymore fireworks.

12-30-96 12:31 AM caller requested that an officer go the Emergency Room quickly. Two officers responded and reported everything was ok. **12:32 AM** officer reported gates at bus barn were open and unsecured. Officer secured the gates. **12:45 PM** caller reported a gas drive off from local store. Officer could not locate vehicle that matched description. **1:00 PM** caller reported that one of the highway signs were down and highway dept. was notified. **3:48 PM** caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 277 North. Officer responded and stop subject. Everything was ok. **4:05 PM** caller reported kids playing with a BB Gun. Officer responded but was unable to locate two subjects. Officer spoke to the complainant.

1996 Year in Review

1-11-96

City names John Callison interim administrator

Saying that he would be happy to help out the city, John Callison, former Eldorado City Councilmember, has accepted the position of interim city administrator. Callison, a long-time Eldorado resident was hired by the Eldorado City Council Monday night to fill the void left when former administrator Jim Mangum resigned last year.

The move to hire Callison came at the end of Monday night's meeting. Following a closed executive session where the council interviewed Callison, they emerged into open session and voted unanimously to hire him.

1-18-96

Napiers named Chamber of Commerce Man & Woman of the Year

More than a hundred people turned out Monday night for the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet. The crowd gave a standing ovation to Harris and Jackie Napier as they were named Man and Woman of the year. Chamber president Hawley Wolfe noted the couple's efforts in the design and construction of the Centennial Walk and Pioneer Families Memorial on Main Street. He credited them with carrying the project forward from conception to completion. While accepting the plaques presented them, Harris and Jackie Napier each sought to credit others.

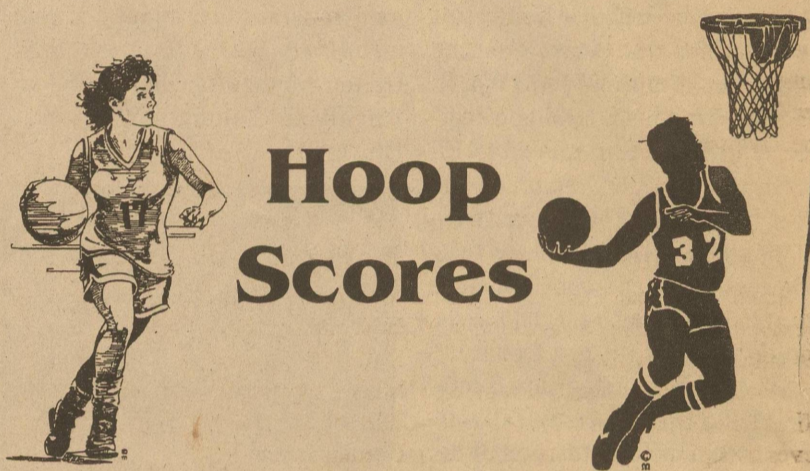
2-1-96

SCMC names Jim Roddie hospital administrator

Hospital board members welcomed Jim Roddie on board as the district's new administrator Monday night during a special meeting of the board. Roddie, 32, and his wife Sterling come to Eldorado from Brady.

Roddie's most recent post was as director of the Concho Nursing Center in Eden. Prior to that he served at Lakeside Rehab & Care Center in Lubbock.

Roddie is a Texas Tech graduate, holding bachelors and masters degrees in business administration from that university. He told the Success that he enjoys sports, especially golf.



Hoop Scores

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Big Lake Tournament

Eldorado 82 - Regan Co. 86
Thursday, December 26, 1996. Scoring: Zach Steele 6; Casey Snelson 15 (5-3 point goals); Top Scorer Zane Bruce 34; Justin Leggett 8; Kyle Hunter 15; Jeremy Clark 4. Also playing were Travis Meador and Mark Fryer.

Eldorado 47 - Pecos 86
Thursday, December 26, 1996. Scoring: Zach Steele 2; Casey Snelson 12 (3-3 point goals); Travis Meador 1; Top Scorer - Zane Bruce 13; Justin Leggett 6; Kyle Hunter 11; Mark Fryer 2. Also playing was Jeremy Clark.

Eldorado 56 - Ballinger 86
Saturday, December 28, 1996. Scoring: Zach Steele 13 (1-3 point goal); Casey Snelson (2-3 point goals); Michael Mayo 6; Top Scorer - Zane Bruce 15; Justin Leggett 7; Mark Fryer 6; Jeremy Clark 1. Also playing Kyle Hunter and Travis Meador.

VARSITY LADY EAGLES

Big Lake Tournament Won Consolation

Eldorado 42 - Greenwood 51
Thursday, December 26, 1996. Scoring: Victoria Mitchel 8; Sundi Nix 3; Top Scorer - Makenzie McCravery 17 (5-3 point goals); Ashley Finley 2; Amanda Ballew 2; Angela Ballew 10. Also playing: Sundi Nix, Toni Whitten, Ashlie Whitten and Sarah Mankin.

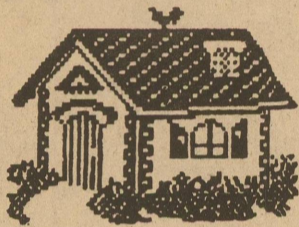
Eldorado 52 - Fort Worth Northside 40

Friday, December 27, 1996. Scoring: Top Scorers - Victoria Mitchel 15 and Ashlie Whitten; Makenzie McCravery 2; Amanda Ballew 4; Angela Ballew 12; Sarah Mankin 4. Also playing: Sundi Nix, Ashley Finley, Toni Whitten and Kaci Kohls.

Eldorado 55 - Crane 48

Saturday, December 28, 1996. Scoring: Top Scorer - Victoria Mitchel 21 (1-3 point goal); Sundi Nix 4; Makenzie McCravery 8; Toni Whitten 2; Ashlie Whitten 6; Amanda Ballew 1; Angela Ballew 13. Also playing: Ashley Finley, Kaci Kohls and Sarah Mankin.

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1996 Year in Review

2-8-96

U.I.L. realignment moves SCISD into Dist. 8-2A

The University Interscholastic League announced Thursday, February 1st its bi-annual realignment and Schleicher County ISD officials were happy with the outcome. The shuffle moves Eldorado and Ozona schools from District 5-2A into District 8-2A. Joining them in that district will be Wall, Winters, Roscoe, Coahoma, Forsan and Grape Creek.

3-7-96

Swift retires from Extension Service

After 31 years on the job, 25 of it here in Schleicher County, Jerry Swift retired this week from the County Extension Service. Saying that he just wanted to relax.

He and his wife Gloria have two married children. Todd Swift and wife, Camille of Johnson City have given them 3 grandchildren, Amber 10, Brooke 9 and Brittany 3. Shanna Swift Greer and husband, Russell have provided another three grandchildren, McKenzie, 4, Wayne, 1, and Jerrod, 5 mos.

3-14-96

Overstreet wins County Attorney's race

As the "Super Tuesday" primaries were carried out in seven southern states including Texas, Schleicher County voters went to the polls in near record numbers to decide three contested races in the Democratic Primary.

Marian Overstreet won the County Attorney race 554 to 438 over Raymond Loomis. Overstreet, an Eldorado native thanked her supporters following the contest. "I appreciate the vote of confidence and I'll work hard to be an effective County Attorney," said Overstreet. Since no Republican filed for the office, Overstreet will be unopposed in the November general election.

4-11-96

Harris and Turner win in Democratic Runoff

Schleicher County Sheriff Richard Harris convincingly defeated Deputy George Arise in the Democratic runoff for sheriff, Tuesday. Harris garnered 596 votes to Arise's 362.

Meanwhile, Lou Ann Turner defeated Mary Leggett in the Democratic runoff for Schleicher County Tax Assessor-Collector 537 to 443. Turner currently serves as deputy to long-time tax assessor Dorothy Evans.

But neither Harris nor Turner could claim outright victory as each will have Republican challengers in November. Harris will face-off with David Doran. Doran, a former Schleicher County deputy, presently serves on the San Angelo Police force. Turner is opposed by local insurance agent, Connie Andrews.

4-25-96

"Cheaper by the Dozen" Advances to State

The cast and crew of "Cheaper by the Dozen" met with rave reviews at the Regional One-Act Play contest in Abilene Friday, April 19th. The troupe wowed the judges to take top honors and win a berth at the state contest in Austin. Garnering individual honors were Estella Montalvo as Best Actress, Evve Kuykendall as Best Actor and Summer Finley in the All-Star Cast.

5-2-96

Extended Local Calling begins in Eldorado

GTE employees burned the midnight oil Monday evening as they prepared to bring the company's new digital switch on line. Company personnel worked feverishly as the 12:00 midnight deadline neared. Then while most of Eldorado slept, the old electro-mechanical switching equipment was taken off-line and the company's new equipment was brought into service. Phone service was out in some portions of town for 5 minutes as the cut-over was completed. But, by 12:05 a.m. on Tuesday morning local calls to and from Sonora, Ozona, Christoval and San Angelo began humming through the new equipment.

The cut-over marked the beginning of a new era in communication for Eldorado and Schleicher County. No longer will local phone customers have to pay a toll for calls to Sonora, Ozona, Christoval or San Angelo. And, the benefit is two-way, as callers from those communities may phone Eldorado without incurring long distance charges.

5-16-96

McCravey grabs silver at state tennis tourney

Makenzie McCravey's tennis season ended last Saturday on the University of Texas intramural courts, but not before she fought her way into the state finals match. McCravey, an EHS sophomore, faced long odds as the weekend of tennis began. Three formidable opponents stood between her and the state crown. Before the meet was done, she would face all three and eventually defeat two of them. She lost, however, to Kristen Breedy of Spearman. Breedy had defeated McCravey at the Regional Meet and the rematch promised to be spectacular. But Breedy, a hard-hitting freshman, dominated the match from the opening serve and won it in straight sets 6-1, 6-2.

5-30-96

Forty-one E.H.S. seniors receive diplomas

The Eldorado High School graduating class of 1996 filed into Eagle Stadium one last time Saturday night to receive their diplomas. Family, friends and well-wishers looked on from the grandstands as the graduates, many of whom were barefoot, solemnly crossed the football field to take their seats as the Eagle Band played "Pomp and Circumstance."

Rev. Walt Griggs of Agape Assembly of God Church delivered the invocation prayer then Valedictorian Leslie Hunter and Salutatorian Erin Meador delivered a joint address.

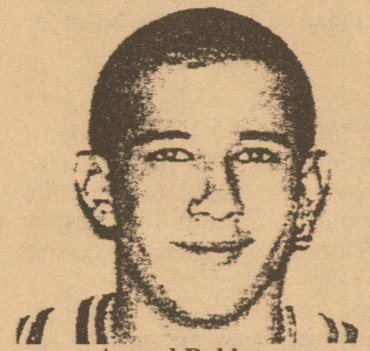
Harbour is new County Extension Agent

Mikel "Mike" Raymond Harbour, 28, became the new Schleicher County Agricultural Extension Agent (CEA-Ag) on May 20, 1996 and is responsible for all agricultural endeavors of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Schleicher County.

Harbour comes to Schleicher County from Hood County where he has been the CEA-Ag since September, 1994. He was also Hood County's Extension agricultural program leader.

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Armed Robbery
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This man, David George, is wanted for participating in the October 6th aggravated robbery of two women at U.S. 211 at the San Geronimo Creek crossing. David George drove Carlos Plata, 18, and Rodnet Reno Cooper, 18, to the scene of the crime, where they robbed the two women and shot them.

Description

David George is a Hispanic male, born on 6/18/78. He is approximately 140 pounds, 5'6", with a muscular build. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He should be considered armed and dangerous.

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Tuesday, Jan. 7th
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Wednesday, Jan. 8th
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Sliced Pears, Raisins, Iced Cupcakes

Thursday, Jan. 9th
Chalupas/Beans & Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Lemon Pudding

Friday, Jan 10
No School Stock Show
Breakfast

Monday, Jan 6th
Peaches, Waffle Sticks/Syrup, Peanut Butter

Tuesday, Jan 7th
Raisins, Hot Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

Wednesday, Jan 8th
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls/Cheese Sticks

Thursday, Jan 9th
Pears, Cinnamon Toast/Cheese Sticks

Friday, Jan 10th
Stock Show, No School
Fast Food Line

Monday, Jan 6th
Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Jan 7th
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Mixed Fruit, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, Jan 8th
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Sliced Pears, Raisins, Hot Rolls/Honey

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1996 Year in Review

6-13-96

SCISD begins search for Athletic Director

After seven years as Eldorado Athletic Director and Head Football Coach, Doug Kuhlmann is moving on. The school board met Monday evening to officially accept Kuhlmann's resignation but the process for finding a replacement began late last week when Grape Creek ISD officials announced Kuhlmann's hiring as Athletic Director for the new high school being built there.

6-27-96

Jim Fryar named to head Eagles athletic program

Jim Fryar was named this week as Athletic Director at Eldorado High School. Fryar comes to Eldorado from Jacksboro High School where he served as Athletic Director and head football coach since 1990. In that time Fryar led the 2-A Jacksboro Tigers to two district championships. In 1993, his team was ranked in the statewide top 10 and advanced to the Area playoffs.

7-4-96

Harris pleads guilty to theft, resigns office

Schleicher County Sheriff Richard Harris abruptly resigned his office Thursday, June 27th stating in a letter to County Commissioners that he was quitting to pursue another profession. However, later that day, he appeared before District Judge Barbara Walther in her San Angelo courtroom and plead guilty to one count of Class A theft by a public servant. Walther fined Harris \$150 and ordered him to pay \$1,031 restitution to Schleicher County. As part of the plea bargain agreement reached between Harris and District Attorney Stephen H. Smith, Harris will be prohibited from holding a license as a peace officer in Texas.

A grand jury had been scheduled to hear evidence against Harris that same day, but the plea bargain caused that hearing to be canceled.

Schleicher County Commissioners wasted no time in appointing an interim Sheriff, meeting in a hastily called emergency meeting on Thursday afternoon. Following a 90-minute executive session, the commissioners emerged into open meeting and voted unanimously to appoint David Doran to the position. Doran, the Republican candidate for Schleicher County Sheriff, accepted the appointment and was sworn in by Judge Johnny Griffin the following morning.

Old School Bell rings again for Mias Amigas Club

The 65th annual meeting of the Mias Amigas Club was Friday and Saturday, June 28th & 29th on the Courthouse Square in Eldorado. And, as is customary, the annual business meeting of the club was signaled by the ringing of the Old School Bell. Doing the honors this year were Dorothy Jane Neill Mabrey, EHS Class of 1946, and Jim Bob Edmiston, EHS Class of 1976.

Following the bell ringing the club was called to order by president Joe Charles Christian in the auditorium of the Memorial Building. It was standing room only as the EHS grads sang the "Mias Amigas Song" and "Hail Eldorado" directed by Dale West Eubanks, accompanied by Lynn Meador on the piano.

7-25-96

Shannon, Columbia vie to run local clinic

When Schleicher County Medical Center's board of directors met last week with Shannon Hospital representatives, it appeared to everyone present that a deal between the two groups was imminent and that Shannon would soon be operating SCMC's Family Clinic. But, only a week later, Columbia Medical Center representatives were in attendance at SCMC's regularly scheduled board meeting and raised the ante.

Following the hour-long discussion with Columbia, the board voted unanimously to ask Columbia to prepare a contract and present it to the board for consideration.

8-8-96

Martinez sues city & hospital seeking \$1.25 million

Hector Martinez and his wife Consuelo Martinez have filed suit against the City of Eldorado and the Schleicher County Medical Center in federal district court alleging that the two entities violated Martinez' civil rights. The couple is seeking \$1,250,000.00 in compensatory and punitive damages and have requested a jury trial.

The allegations against the City and Hospital arise from an August, 1994 incident in which four of the City's employees were administered random drug tests at the local hospital by SCMC physician Sergio Sobredo. Martinez, who was one of the employees tested, alleges that the City violated his constitutional rights by terminating his employment after he tested positive for marijuana use.

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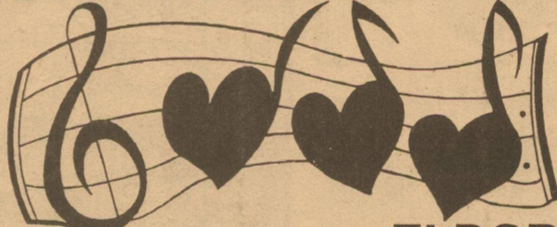
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Dorothy's Movie Time

by Dorothy Dacy

I have two unusual films to talk about on this second day of the new year.

First is "The Crow: City of Angels", which is rated R due to violence. Cult films are a dime a dozen, but few rivaled the intensity of 1994's "The Crow", in terms of either its darkness or the fanaticism of its fans. It's also the film, you'll remember, that actor Brandon Lee died making.

Well, it's a new year, and the dark landscape created by graphic novelist James O'Barr is back in "City of Angels", even creepier if possible, with a new score to be settled. The title is ironic: Angels wouldn't come anywhere near this urban blight, a city of savagery ruled by a sadistic drug czar.

O'Barr angry vision involves murdered people coming back to avenge their deaths. In "City of Angels", the aggrieved is Ash (played by Vincent Perez), a harmless fellow who ended up in the wrong place at the wrong time. He witnessed an execution, so he and his young son are summarily gunned down.

End of story? Not on your life. Ash comes back from the dead, guided by a crow spirit, to seek his revenge. To make this interesting, he's aided by Sarah (played by Mira Kirshner), a tattoo artist and a painter whose deep sadness compels her to stalk the night. One by one, Ash picks off the evildoers en-route to Mr. Big.

An important thing to know about "City of Angels" is that if you're not depressed before popping it into the VCR, you will be when its over.

Next is "The Island of Dr. Moreau", which is rated PG-13. Even by H.G. Well's standards, "The Island of Dr. Moreau" is fantastic. The plot concerns a Nobel laureate who exiles himself to a small island in the middle of nowhere to continue his research, which by now

has crossed all moral and ethical lines. In a nutshell, he's crossbreeding animals and humans.

"Woe unto those who tinker with nature" was the underlying theme of Wells' novel, and director John Frankenheimer pulls out the stops in bringing it to garish life on screen. The plot has been updated to allow for high-tech gadgetry, which means the narrator (played by David Thewlis) is now a UN negotiator who is rescued by Moreau's people after his plane goes down at sea. And the chief henchman, Montgomery (played by Val Kilmer), now packs automatic weapons, smokes opium and is obsessed with animals.

The heart of "Moreau" remains the special effects, led by Marlon Brando as the title character. When he first appears, face painted like the Pillsbury doughboy, you'd swear an outbreak got into the final cut by mistake. But he's supposed to look that way, and his acting is equally outlandish: a mix of kindness and evil that'll have you giggling throughout. Trouble is, we're supposed to take him seriously.

Then there are all those "animals roaming the island: human genes spliced with hyenas, boars and wolves to create an underclass of demented proportions. The make-up budget must have been huge.

Yet the meat of Wells' book - when you play God you risk getting burned - is borderline at best; between the creepy makeup, anxiety-driven attitude (by Kilmer) and monologues by Brando, the inevitable creature-kills-creator climax loses its kick. Only Thewlis' character escapes this embarrassment intact. "The Island of Dr. Moreau" is like a train wreck: fascinating for the scope of its folly.

Both of these movies are locally available at Eagle Video.

Until next week: Too many people quit looking for work when they find a job.

1996 Year in Review

8-29-96

Hospital board opts for Columbia

After weeks of proposals and counter-proposals from Columbia and Shannon hospitals in San Angelo, Schleicher County Medical Center board of directors met in special session Wednesday evening, August 21, 1996 and voted to accept Columbia Medical Center's offer to operate the local Family Clinic.

9-12-96

SCMC will pursue nursing home expansion

In response to pressure from the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS), Schleicher County Medical Center's board of directors voted unanimously Monday evening to expand the local nursing home by 26 beds. The move will raise the total number of beds in the facility to 60.

As reported in the Success last week, because the nursing home has been 90% full for six consecutive months the TDHS ruled that more nursing home beds were needed in the county. And, the state agency gave SCMC until next week to respond before they proceeded with licensing another facility in the county.

11-14-96

High winds, large hail pound Eldorado

Golf ball to baseball size hail and 60 mph winds blasted Eldorado and portions of Schleicher County Wednesday evening, November 6. The fast moving storm, which developed along a frontal boundary, pushed through the region shortly after 9:00 p.m. causing extensive damage.

According to Red Cross volunteers more than 700 homes in the county sustained damage from hail and high winds. Workers with the charitable organization were in town throughout the week assisting local citizens. Robert Inman said that a drive-through assessment on Thursday morning revealed 511 homes in Eldorado with broken windows.

But damage wasn't restricted to Eldorado. According to Jan Wanoreck, district director of the Farm Service Agency, 90% of the crops in the county were lost in the storm. Wanoreck noted that 100% of the cotton and 75% of the grain crops were wiped out by hail.

Meanwhile, Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin requested a disaster declaration from Governor George W. Bush. Griffin says the disaster declaration will be for agricultural purposes only, noting that in all likelihood, damage to uninsured non-agricultural property probably won't be high enough to warrant a general disaster declaration.



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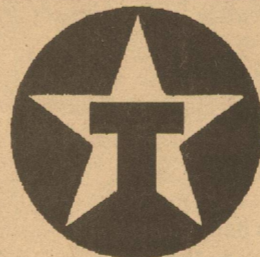
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