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Come and Take It — Members of the Black Powder Brigade, from the John O. Meusenbach Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, fired a volley last Thursday from "The Other Sister" a replica of one of the Twin Sisters canon that saw action at the Battle of San Jacinto. The canon demonstration was part of a dedication ceremony for a Stephen F. Austin Liveoak tree on the Schleicher County Courthouse square.

On the lighter side...

Eldorado, Sonora cops team up to "enlighten" would-be pot grower

Jeffrey Scott Gee, 22, of Eldorado, was arrested in Sonora on Saturday, March 8, 2003, after Schleicher County Deputy David Olivan tipped off Sutton County officials that Gee was enroute to their town. He was taken into custody at a Texaco convenience store on the north side of Sonora and two 1,000 watt light bulbs were found in his '98 Dodge Dakota pickup truck.

The light bulbs were of great interest to the Sutton County officers since they have been searching for the lights for nearly a month. Other items, including a large collection of tools, were recovered as well. Officials say they believe most, if not all, of the items are stolen.

The lights, it seems, along with other material recovered in the case, were intended for use in a marijuana growing operation — an operation that apparently never got off, or out of, the ground.

The lights, once used to illuminate a large U.S. flag atop Eaton Hill, were reported missing in early February. Tips that the lights might be hidden in Eldorado were forwarded to Schleicher County officials by officers of the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force.

Events leading up to the arrest began on Saturday when local law enforcement officers were called in to handle a child custody dispute between Gee and his former girlfriend at Gee's residence on Old Sonora Road. At that time, Deputy David Olivan stood by while Gee packed his belongings and prepared to leave town. Once Gee left his residence and turned south toward Sonora, Olivan notified Sutton County officers that a suspect in the theft of the lights was heading their way and that he very well might have the missing lights with him.

Gee reportedly stopped at the Texaco convenience store on the outskirts of Sonora to fuel up his pickup. Gee then went inside and told the attendant that he couldn't afford to pay for his fuel, prompting the attendant to call the Sutton County Sheriff's Department.

A deputy, dispatched to investigate the non-payment for fuel, didn't have far to travel since he was already stationed nearby, waiting for Gee to leave the store.

At that time, Gee was taken into custody and charged with theft of service. As he waited at the Sutton County Jail for money to be wired to him to pay for his fuel, other important evidence was located in Eldorado when an informant came to the Schleicher County Sheriff's office to say that a child had discovered several high-voltage electrical ballasts hidden in a cabinet.

As officers here quickly connected the dots that tied Gee to the newly-found ballasts, Sutton County officials were questioning the suspect. A combination of the interrogation and the discovery of the ballasts ultimately resulted in a confession.

A subsequent search of Gee's vehicle uncovered the missing light bulbs, an assortment of drug paraphernalia, and other equipment believed to be used in the cultivation of marijuana.

Gee reportedly told officers that he hoped to use the lights in a marijuana-growing operation. Among the items found in the vehicle was a timed watering system, a solar panel, soil testing kits, and a booklet titled "High Times, Cultivating Tips."

Following his arrest, Gee gave consent to search his Eldorado residence where two cannisters of carbon dioxide were found. Gee reportedly told officers that since plants need carbon dioxide to live, he intended to use the inert gas in this soon-to-be-constructed marijuana green house. Interestingly, as Gee was packing to leave his Eldorado residence, he reportedly loaded an empty carbon dioxide cannister in his pickup. It matched two full ones that Dep-

uty Olivan later found hidden under the house.

Jeffery Scott Gee was charged with theft in connection with the missing lights. He remains in custody in the Sutton County Jail where he is being held in lieu of \$7,500.00 bond. An investigation into other aspects of the case continues in both counties.

Gee told officers that he claims San Antonio as his home, although he lived in Eldorado for about a month. While he may not have been successful in launching a marijuana-growing operation here, his exploits during the short time he lived here did help in fostering in a new level of cooperation between Schleicher County and Sutton County law enforcement personnel.

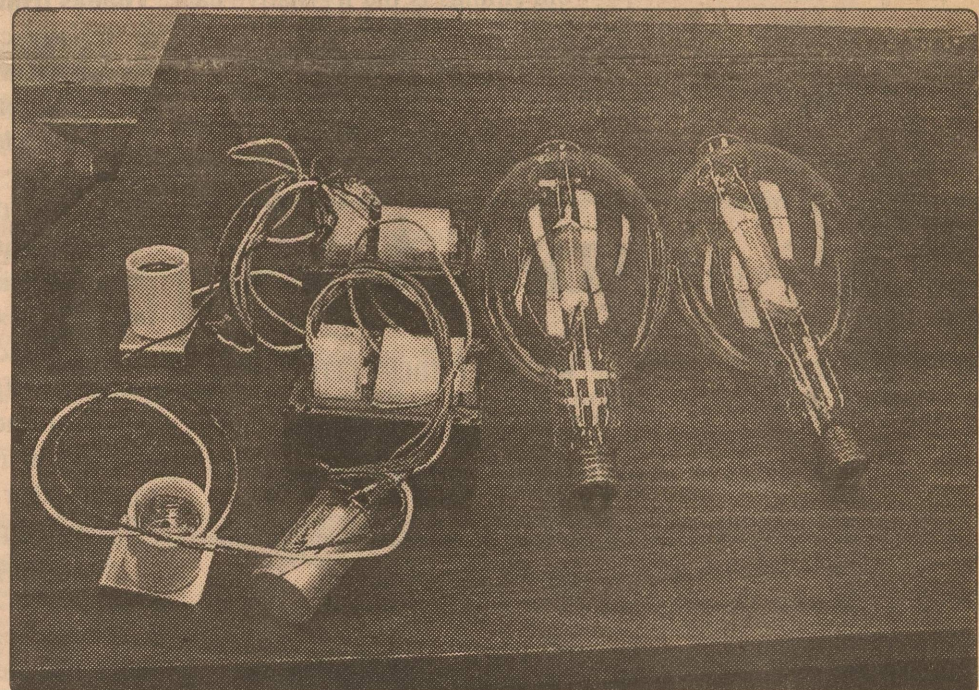


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Let there be light — The arrest of an Eldorado man, Jeffery Scott Gee, 22, led to the recovery of lights that once illuminated a huge flag atop Eaton Hill, high above Sonora. The lights, missing since early in February, were recovered along with other missing items after Schleicher County and Sutton County officials cooperated in the arrest. Gee was charged with theft in Sutton County court and remains in jail in Sonora.

Ragsdale appointed to fill position of municipal judge

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening, March 10, 2003 and voted to appoint Pat Ragsdale to the position of Municipal Judge. The job won't be entirely new to Ragsdale since he served the city in that capacity once before.

Ragsdale met with the council in executive session. When the group emerged into open session, the council voted 5-1 to appoint Ragsdale as municipal judge. Robert Bybee cast the lone dissenting vote with Juaquin Rojas, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor, Dora Bosman and Richard Mendez voting in favor.

Mayor John Nikolauk noted that re-establishing the municipal court will address several areas of concern, including traffic enforcement and animal control.

For his part, Ragsdale told the Success that he plans to attend a municipal court school in Austin as soon as possible. He said he was sure that there have been several changes in the law since he last served as judge and that he wanted to be updated on those before taking

the bench.

The meeting was the regular monthly session for the city council. It was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nikolauk. Also present for the meeting were City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay and Pat Ragsdale.

Among other business, the council listened to updates on work being carried out in the various city departments. Supt. Floyd Fay explained that a recent inspection by the Texas Railroad Commission had pointed to several deficiencies, mostly involving record keeping, in the city's gas department. He said that steps are being taken to address the concerns.

Fay went on to explain that his crews are awaiting the arrival of new gates to install in the city's wastewater treatment plant. The new gates are being manufactured in New England and are due for shipment to Eldorado later in the month. Fay also described work that is being carried out in the south portion of

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Locals gather with Texas heroes for Stephen F. Austin Liveoak dedication

Flags fluttered, flutes played and a canon roared last Thursday as Schleicher County residents were joined by proud Texans from across the state in marking Alamo Day in Eldorado. The occasion also saw the dedication of a Stephen F. Austin Liveoak tree, recently planted on the courthouse square. Several members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, including Carol Steakly, Dist. 1 Representative of the DRT, who addressed a crowd of about 300 people during the dedication of the tree.

Liveoak trees named for Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas" are being planted on the grounds of all 254 county courthouses in Texas. The trees were all raised from acorns harvested from the giant Liveoak tree under which Austin died. That tree, near present day West Columbia, Texas, remains alive to this day.

On hand for the first-ever event was an eclectic group of Texas hero impersonators. Not only were many of Texas,

founding fathers represented, so were several local and area pioneers. Jim Runge, who organized the event and was the driving force behind the ceremony, came dressed as Stephen F. Austin. Johnny Mayo appeared as Sam Houston and Jerry Felver came as Davy Crockett.

Local and area notables included Gustave Schleicher (Randy Mankin), Col William Black (Hank Harrison), Christopher Colubus Doty (Jimmy Doyle) and Judge Roy Bean (Johnn Griffin).

A president of the United States even found his way to the ceremony in the person of Mike Thompson of San Angelo, who came dressed as Theodore Roosevelt, US President when Schleicher County was organized in 1901.

Also on hand for the festivities were several members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, including a group from Fredericksburg who manned a canon they affectionately named "The Other

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Never forget — Carol Steakly, District 1 representative of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, urged a crowd of about 300 area residents to never forget what their forefathers endured during the fight for Texas independence from Mexico. She appeared last Thursday during ceremonies to dedicate a Stephen F. Austin Liveoak tree planted recently on the Schleicher County Courthouse square.



Bill numbers climb in waning days of session

AUSTIN — As they do every year about this time, the many live oaks in Austin are shedding their leaves, and as they do every two years new pieces of proposed legislation are falling into the hopper just about as fast.

Since Feb. 26, new bills have been filed in the triple digits each day — 133 that day, 148 the next, 115 on Friday, February 28, 166 on Monday, March 3, 167 on Tuesday, March 4 and 191 as of close of business on March 5.

The total number of bills filed so far comes to 3,344. (Total filled during the 77th Legislature two years ago was 8,847.)

Not all these pieces of legisla-

State Capital Highlights

By Mike Cox



tion are of enormous import. Many of the bills are concurrent or joint resolutions honoring people and places, from newly-badged Eagle Scouts to communities celebrating anniversaries.

Other bills start generating controversy practically the moment they are filed. Proposed legislation that would legalize the use of automated cameras to fight the problem of red light-running and at the same time raise money through fines is a good example.

The reason for the speed up in bill filings is the legislative calendar.

March 14, which will be the 60th day of the 140-day session, is the last day under House and Senate rules that a lawmaker can file bills or joint resolutions. After this date, only local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills declared an emergency can be sent to the governor.

Of course, many would argue that anything dealing with appropriations is an emergency this session. Lawmakers are continuing to look for creative ways (read: no new taxes) to make the budget balance while various interest groups call press conferences to warn against the effects of cutting their program.

Thanks from France...

In some circles in Texas, anti-French jokes have become popular in reaction to France's opposition to President George W. Bush's position on Iraq. Despite their rhetoric in the United Nations, France recently announced a program that will have considerable impact in Texas.

The French government is issuing certificates recognizing American and allied soldiers who took part in liberating France during that other war in which France was more supportive.

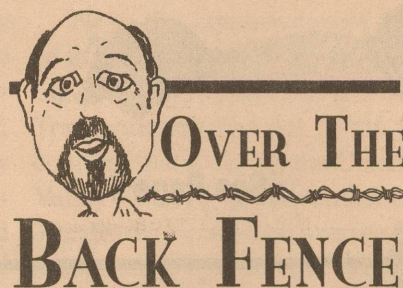
As the French Embassy's Web site puts it, "The certificate is meant to express the gratitude of the French people to the soldiers who participated in the Normandy landing and liberation of France, on French territory and in French territorial waters and airspace, between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945."

Saddam Hussein and the French...maybe the beret should have been our first clue!

I would have thought by now that most of you would have grown tired of my French-bashing. To the contrary, several readers have called and written to send anti-French snippets they have collected. Here are a few of them followed by an offering from Jim Runge, a parody on the Gettysburg address he directs at Saddam Hussein.

"I would rather have a German division in front of me than a French one behind me."
— General George S. Patton

"Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your accordion."
— Norman Schwartzkopf



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

"The only time France wants us to go to war is when the German Army is sitting in Paris sipping coffee."
— Regis Philbin

"You know why the French don't want to bomb Saddam Hussein? Because he hates America, he loves mistresses and wears a beret. He is French!"
— Conan O'Brien

"I don't know why people are surprised that France won't help us get Saddam out of Iraq. After all, France wouldn't help us get the Germans out of France!"
— Jay Leno

How many Frenchmen does it take to change a light bulb? One. He stands still and Europe revolves around him.
— Unknown

"The last time the French asked for 'more proof' it came marching into Paris under a German flag."
— David Letterman

THE SADDAM HUSSEIN ADDRESS

Threescore and seven years ago, his father brought forth upon his continent a new abomination, conceived in insanity, and dedicated to the proposition that all men

are to be cremated equal.

Now we are enraged with his great "Mother" war, testing whether that abomination or any abomination so conceited and so dedicated, is full of manure. We will meet there on a great battlefield for this war where he will dedicate a portion of the Holy Lands as the final resting place of those who there gave their lives so that his insanity might live. It is altogether fitting, and proper that we should not be remiss.

But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate - we can not consecrate, that hallowed ground. The brave men, living and dead, who have struggled there, have consecrated it far above his poor power to defend or attack. The world should sign a note, and remember what he tried to do here, but hopefully forget that he was ever here. It is for us, the living, to be burdened by his unfinished work that he thus far has so idiotically advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great tanks remaining before us-and that with humongous amounts of lead and incensed emotion at his gall, we give him his last full measure of commotion.

That we here should highly resolve that he shall be fried on the plain; that his abomination, under sod, shall have complete loss of freedom, and that government of the despot, by the despot, for the despot, shall perish in an urn.
— Jim Runge

Let us all hereby resolve that the very next time there is a war in Europe, the loser absolutely must take France.
— Unknown

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Keats or Shelley
- "Livin' La Vida _"
- Mouth off at
- __ Mountains (Utah-Wyoming range)
- Eternally
- Emeril's appliance
- Post-game show
- Can't do without
- Suffix with motor
- Sioux leader's antithesis?
- "Bus Stop" playwright
- Reed or Harrison
- Better organized
- A Wyeth
- "Psycho" setting
- Gave a rap
- Sound of a sock
- Little hooter
- Suitable to serve
- What a feller needs
- Like unwashed hair
- Ratchet parts
- Free
- Free's partner
- The "T" of NAFTA
- "Hogwash!"
- Barrel downhill
- Uffizi contents
- Get wind of
- Withdrawal's antithesis?
- Blue-pencil
- Sleuth's find
- Leading the pack
- Round ender
- Sidewalk quaffs
- __ Dame
- "Zip-_-Doo-Dah"
- Titmouse's home
- Take three of three
- Rent-__ (security guard)
- "Peter Pan" pooch
- Took a straw
- Soup's antithesis?
- Spunk
- Had chits out
- Cowpoke's pal
- Willingly
- Airline to Ben-Gurion
- Whitehall whitewall
- Many promgoers: Abbr.
- Those little colored things in some baked goods
- Sub sinker
- Noted Boston skyscraper, for short
- Biblical queendom
- Handed over
- __ Selassie
- "This is only _"
- Shopper sign word
- Mardi Gras, e.g.: Abbr.
- Be sure
- Suffix with cigar or major
- Days gone by
- Get-up-and-go

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A Scientific Approach to Kissing

Kissing is a wonderful thing. The season of excessive kissing takes place between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day.

Some human cultures didn't kiss naturally. They had to learn it. The people who live on the island of Mangia in the South Pacific knew nothing about kissing until Europeans arrived in the 1700's and showed them how to do it. Cultures that don't kiss are a joyless group.

One scientific journal says kissing started millions of years ago when women chewed up pieces of food and passed them directly from their lips to their babies' mouths. This could have led to kissing as a sign of affection between mother and child, then spread to other relationships.

The practice may have started in India, where around 1500 BC the custom of rubbing and pressing noses was a precursor for lip kissing. We call that Eskimo kissing today because it was practiced by the Inuit people who inhale the odor of scent glands on the cheeks of the other person. The resulting olfactory cocktail tells a lot about the person being sniffed.

We like kissing because it feels good, especially by people who are attracted to each other. The lips and tongue are two of the most sensitive areas of the body, packed with nerve endings. Feelings of passion cause a surge of chemicals in the brain similar to those brought on by parachuting, bungee jumping or other such activities. The chemicals are called neurotransmitters and attach themselves to pleasure recep-

tors in the brain, resulting in euphoria and elation.

When feelings of passionate love are absent, kissing lacks that extra chemical spark that makes it memorable. An example is when an eight year old is forced to kiss Aunt Gertrude.

Science calls kissing philematology and says it has all kinds of physiological effects. Your pulse rate goes up, your blood pressure rises, the pupils in your eyes get bigger and you breathe deeper. Matrimonial studies prove that a man who kisses his wife good-bye when he leaves for work every morning averages a higher income than does the fellow who doesn't kiss his wife good-bye.

In medieval Italy kissing wasn't taken lightly. If a man and woman were seen embracing in public they could be forced to marry.

It is estimated the average person will spend nearly two weeks kissing. The first kiss in a movie was in 1896. The movie was THE KISS. The 1927 movie DON JUAN had the most kisses. Mary Astor and Estelle Taylor got 127 kisses from John Barrymore. The longest movie kiss was three minutes, five seconds between Jane Wyman and Regis Tommey in the 1941 movie, YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW.

The longest kiss on record took place in 1999 when Kamit Tsubera and Dror Orpaz kissed for 30 hours and 45 seconds during a kissing contest in Tel Aviv. Kissing is good exercise. You burn 26 calories during a one minute kiss.

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OBITUARIES

Coleen Stevens Swatzell

ELDORADO — Coleen Stevens Swatzell passed away Friday, March 7, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital. Funeral service was Sunday, March 9, at First Baptist Church with burial following in Eldorado Cemetery.

Coleen was born Aug. 22, 1923. She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Philip Dale Swatzell. Coleen was the daughter of Alfred and Cora Stevens and was born and raised in Schleicher County. She and Phil later retired in the house in which she was born.

She graduated from high school in Alpine, Texas, where she lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Alta and Peyton Cain. She gradu-

ated from Sul Ross University with a degree in home economics.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her passions in life were family, friends and the family ranch. She will be sorely missed.

Survivors include four daughters and one son, Sally and Mike McWilliams of Dallas, Phil and Michelle Swatzell of Winnetka, Ill., Carla and Rick Gaylor of Dallas, Gayle and Philip Wood of Westlake, and Melissa and Dave Chartier of Katy. There are 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 458, Eldorado, TX 76936.

Dr. Jerry Dale Thomerson, D.V.M.

KERRVILLE — Dr. Jerry Dale Thomerson, D.V.M. of Kerrville, died Monday, March 3, 2003, in Austin. Service was Thursday, March 6, at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Kerrville.

Jerry was born Feb. 18, 1944, in Lampasas, Texas, to Louise and A.B. Thomerson. Jerry finished high school in Eldorado. He graduated from veterinary medicine school at Texas A&M in 1969. At the age of 12, after doctoring a sick ewe, he decided he wanted to become a veterinarian, as he felt good about helping animals.

Jerry started his career in Mason, and then moved to the Kerrville area and opened the Town & Country Animal Clinic on the Ingram Highway. Jerry donated countless hours to the Kerr County 4-H Program, serving as president for many years, and was instrumental in building the new horse facilities. Jerry enjoyed his profession and his relationship with the customers; he, unselfishly, was always available to look at their sick animals.

In the last 10 years of his life, Jerry had devoted himself to his church and God, serving as elder, treasurer and founding member of Heart of the Hill Fellowship.

Survivors include his loving wife, Gail Nichols of Ingram; two daughters, Connie Weber and husband, Stephen, of San Antonio and Cindy Zagrzecki and husband, Chris, of Houston; son, Travis Kimble and wife, Penny, of Yoakum; his mother, Louise Thomerson of San Angelo; two sisters, Kay Drake and husband, Richard, of Windsor, Colo., and Barbara Vernor and husband, Tommy, of Lake Jackson, Texas; one brother, Al Thomerson and Diane Kenny of San Angelo; and half-brother, Guy Thomerson and wife, Brenda, of Leadville, Colo. Cherished grandchildren include Cameron Weber, Emily, Taylor and Jason Zagrzecki, and Jack, Elizabeth, Daniel and Trisa Kimble.

Jerry will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all as honest, caring and truly a good, good man.

Melba Marion Lewis

AUSTIN — Melba Marion Lewis was born Nov. 25, 1912, in Goldthwaite, Texas, to Mr. and Mrs. Clay P. Jones. She ascended to heaven on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, to be with her God and to join her loved ones who passed before her, including her husband, Lee Hugh; her daughters, Judith Karen and Joy Lee; and her sons, Jim Hugh and William "Bill" Rodney.

She awaits those of us yet to follow, her daughter, Becky Jo Lewis; daughter-in-law, Barbara Lewis; her grandchildren, Rodney Mash and wife, Nancy, Robin Light and husband, Randy, Michelle Barnett and husband, Jody, Kenneth Beasley Jr., Will Lewis and wife, Leslie, Ken Leake and wife, Gina, John Lewis and wife, Shay, and Christopher Lewis; 13 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Hallie Carpenter.

Melba lived a life of service to her family and to her Lord. She was a positive Christian influence on each life she touched. She lived in Eldorado, San Angelo and Sonora before moving to Clyde in 1953. She moved to Austin in 1994. She taught Sunday school and GA's and was active in WMU and TOPS Club. Her hobbies were gardening, quilting and crocheting.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 7, 23003 at Westoak Baptist Church in Austin with the Rev. Will Lewis, the Rev. Scott McIntosh and the Rev. Ron Danley, officiating. A graveside service was held Saturday, March 8 in Fairmount Cemetery, Avenue N in San Angelo. The pallbearers were her grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Westoak Woods Baptist Church Building Fund, 2900 W. Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX 78748.

Cecil Mackey

MIDLAND — Cecil L. Mackey, 88, of Midland died at 7:25 A.M. Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital. Funeral Services were held Friday Myers and Smith Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Joel Miller, Pastor of Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church in Big Spring, officiating. Burial followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born February 27, 1915 at Temple, Texas. He was the son of Tena Jirasek Mackey and Henry Morris Mackey. He married Syble Grigg, April 23, 1938. She preceded him in death, April 9, 1997. Mr. Mackey had lived in Eldorado from 1957 until 1963, Levelland from 1963 until 1978

and in Marble Falls from 1978 until 1994 when moving to Midland. He was a retired Construction Administrator having worked for AMOCO.

He is survived by three sons: Jimmy L. Mackey and his wife Georgia of Midland, Jerry Mackey of Lubbock, and Jack Mackey and his wife Delois of Andrews; one brother: Paul Mackey of Lubbock; one sister: Blanche Burke of El Paso; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Rick Keena, Gary Ellis, Paul Ellis, Chris Mackey, Jimmy Wilson, and Carl Barnes.

Arrangements were by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

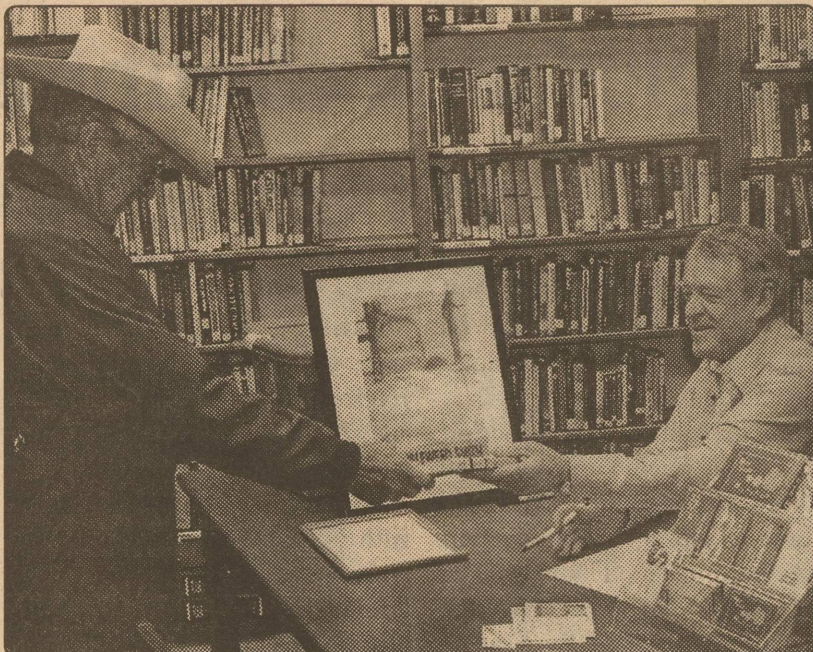


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

A personally autographed copy — Billy Green took the opportunity Monday morning to get an autographed copy of Tumbleweed Smith's new book, "Under the Chinaberry Tree: East Texas Folkways." Numerous local residents stopped by the Public Library to pick up a copy of the book and to spend a few moments visiting with Smith.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Saying So Long (not good-bye) to a Friend. Although we didn't get to see you on the day you left, to say so long and wish you the best of luck, we hope that someday someone will read this to you Mattie. As some of you local merchants may miss a little ole curly white haired lady who would come in and say "Hi-Dee, you doing all right today", is because our little "Mattie" has gone to live somewhere else, away from all of us who cared about and loved her. She didn't have a chance to come by and say so long.

You see, Mattie came in to the Post Office every day, rain or shine, hot or cold, to see if "I got

any mail today". Once in a while she would get something, and that would make her day. She has done this for years. Her favorite time of the year was Christmas.

Becky and I would get a small token of her love at Christmas, so that she could also get a present, that was her big day. That made our day, cause she knew we loved and cared for her.

She was never a bother, she said she loved to come and tease us at the post Office. She wouldn't leave, when she would say, "I'll see you tomorrow" until we all said "OH - No!" We'll miss you not coming in to tease us "Mattie". We will always love you and miss your little smile. So long little friend

Your friends at the Post Office,
Rebecca, Richard,
Wayne and Nina

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, March 17
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, March 18
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, March 19
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk

Thursday, March 20
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk

Friday, March 21
Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/ Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

BIRTHDAY LIST

MARCH
13th Martha B. Henderson, Jamie Hardy

14th Lori Neubert, Mary Pina, Pat Gentry, Carrie Covarrubiaz

15th Reyes Lozano Sr.

16th Bobby Phillips, Sydney Dean, Jed Edmiston, Alan Dykstra, Jessie Guadarrama, Vickie J. Williams

17th Juan Arispe Sr., Mary Spears

18th Jo Helen Kotsch, Anna Buitron, Heather Hughes, Ken Thomas

19th Jodi Ritter, Jamey Belk, Gary Ben Stephens

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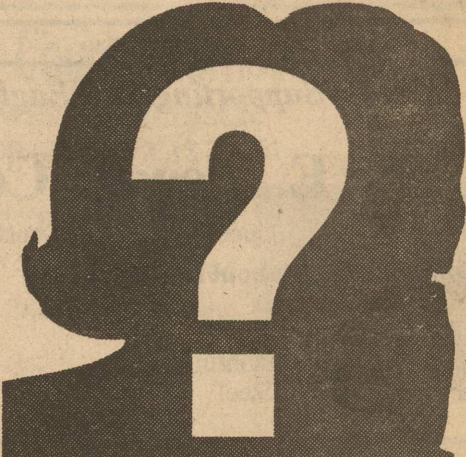
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Eagles nine continue their winning ways

by Coach Gary Grubbs

The Eldorado Eagles extended their season record to 10-3 last week by downing the Miles Bulldogs 7-6, placing second in the Grape Creek Invitational Tournament, defeating Junction 14-6.

In the game with Junction, played on Eagle Field Monday, March 10, 2003, the Eagles were hot early, scoring five runs in both the first and second innings. In the first after a walk by Quisto Gonzalez and a base hit by Frankie Arispe the Eagles scored their first run when Philip Martinez singled in the hole to drive in Gonzalez. That was followed by singles by Joey Hernandez, Homer Hernandez and Michael Adame to plate five runs in the bottom of the first. In the second singles by Trey

Chavez, Quisto Gonzalez, Frankie Arispe, Joey Hernandez and double by Homer Hernandez accounted for five runs again.

After two innings the Eagles were up 10-0. In the fourth the Eagles scored again on a single by Joey Hernandez and pinch runner Vic Escobar scored on Homer Hernandez triple to right center. In the fifth Jared Grubbs led off with a walk and advanced to third on an errant pick-off to first and eventually scored on a passed ball to make the score 12-4 after five innings of play. In the sixth the Eagles got two more runs when Philip Martinez doubled and Homer Hernandez reached on an error by the left-fielder and Alan Dykstra singled to right center.

Michael Adame turned in another fine complete game performance going all seven innings. Adame struck out eight to improve his record to 2-1.

Team tennis squad takes bronze at State

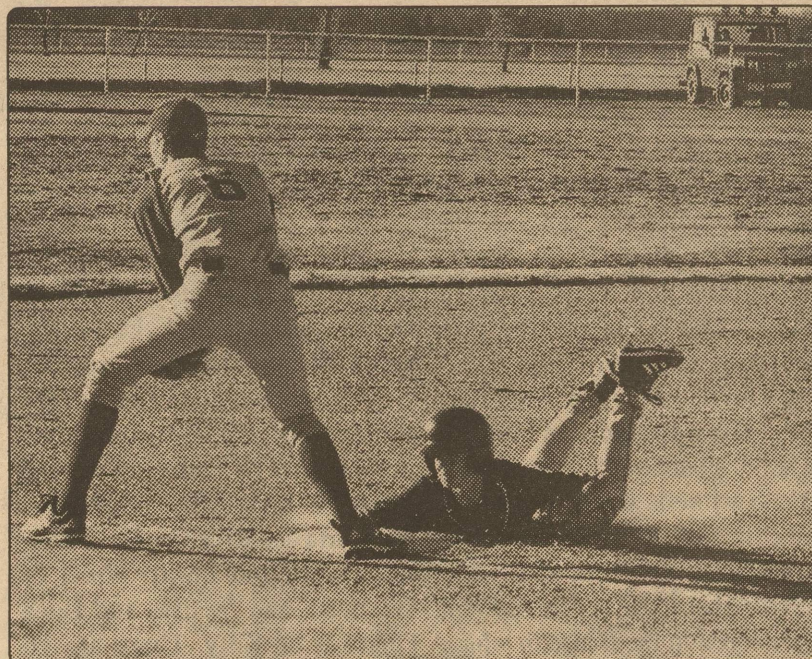
Eldorado's Team Tennis squad placed 3rd at the State Team Tennis Tournament in Round Rock last week. They won 10-2 over Elkhart in the first round and defeated Somerville 10-1 in the second round to advance to the semifinal round where they fell to Reagan County 10-4. The Eagles then defeated Knippa in the 3rd place round. No other details were available at press time.

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2nd Place in GC Tourney

In the Grape Creek Tournament, held over the weekend of March 6-8, the Eagles were forced to play six games in three days, and claw their way up through the loser's bracket in order to claim the second place trophy. They lost their opener in the tournament 7-6 to the San Angelo Central JV, then fought their way back to the championship game with four straight victories before falling in the final to the Odessa High JV. The victories were wins over Grape Creek by 16-5, Menard 16-6, Ballinger 12-2, and San Angelo Central JV 6-1, before losing to the Odessa High JV 7-3 in the championship game.

In the Grape Creek game Joey Hernandez was 3 for 3 at the plate with two doubles and four RBI's. also, Homer Hernandez, Michael Adame, and Jared Grubbs each



He's safe! Jared Grubb slid safely in at third during the Eagles 7-6 win over the Miles Bulldogs here last week.

had two hits apiece. Philip Martinez picked up the win on the mound with two strong innings to improve his record to 2-0.

In the victory over Menard Joey Hernandez was once again dominate at the plate going 3 for 3 with two doubles and a home run knocking in three runs. Trey Chavez, Frankie Arispe, Michael Adame, and Jared Grubbs also had two hits apiece. Once again Philip Martinez picked up the win with three strong innings. Jared Grubbs closed the game with two strong innings of relief.

On Saturday the Eagles were back at it again defeating Ballinger 12-2. Joey Hernandez once again homered for the Eagles. Michael Adame went 3 for 3 and Frankie Arispe and Homer Hernandez each had two hits. Michael Adame got the win on the mound with an outstanding performance. Adame faced only 16 batters in four innings, striking out eight to improve his record to 1-1.

In the second game on Saturday, the Eagles got their revenge for an earlier loss to the San Angelo JV, defeating them 6-1. In the victory, Trey Chavez, Homer Hernandez and Michael Adame had two hits each. The big blasts however came off the bats of Philip Martinez and Frankie Arispe who each homered. Frankie Arispe also got the victory on the mound with a fine performance improving his record to 3-0.

In the championship game, the third of the day for the Eagles the

pitching was as good as expected after six games in three days. The Eagles fell to the Odessa High JV by a score to 7-3. At tournaments end the Eagles record is a strong 9-3.

Eagles 7 - Miles 6

In the earlier game on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, with Miles, the Eagles defeated the Bulldogs by a score of 7-6. Miles is a team that has been in the Regional Finals and State Tournament the previous two years.

The Eagles struck first in the bottom of the 1st scoring two runs on four hits. Trey Chavez led the game off with a single to left after which Frankie Arispe singled between short and third and both were driven in by Michael Adame's single to left.

In the third, the Eagles scored again when Philip Martinez led off with a single to left field and was eventually driven in by an Alan Dykstra single in the hole between short and third.

The Eagles struck again in the 4th when Jared Grubbs led the inning off with a double down the third base line. Trey Chavez followed with a single to center that scored Grubbs and was driven in with a base hit by Quisto Gonzalez.

In the 5th, the Eagles scored one run when Alan Dykstra drew a base on balls and courtesy runner Vic Escobar scored on a Jared Grubbs double to left field.

Eventually Miles tied the game up in the 7th at six apiece and the game went to extra innings. In the 8th Trey Chavez doubled to right center and Quisto Gonzalez drove him in with a base hit to left for the game winning RBI.

Frankie Arispe went the distance with a strong eight inning performance. He had 15 strikeouts in the complete game victory raising his record to 2-0.

What's Next for the Eagles

Now, with 10-3 record behind them and a growing reputation preceding them, the Eagles will travel to San Saba on Friday to participate in the Mill Pond Tournament. Their first game will be against Lometa at 10:45 a.m. on Friday.

All Eagle Baseball fans are encouraged to make the trip to San Saba and cheer on the Eagles nine as they begin the stretch run toward the district season!

JV Eagles see action, too

The JV Eagles have also began their season. They have played games against the Lakeview JV, Mason and Junction. Many of the players have shown progress already.

Team members are Jorge Bustos, Caleb Nixon, Luis Hernandez, Tony Chavez, Kolby Dombroski, Frank Wipff, Frank Edmiston, Ryan Cathey, Jaaron Crawford, Michael Wedum, Johnny Larez, Tico Robles, Michael Hill, Andy Mejia and Marco Escobar. The JV Eagles resume action on Monday, the 17th against Mason at home.

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Tuesday, March 18
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Wednesday, March 19
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Thursday, March 20
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Friday, March 21
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Monday, March 17
 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Wedges, Orange Juice

Tuesday, March 18
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

Wednesday, March 19
 Breakfast Pizza, Apple Juice

Thursday, March 20
 Donut, Cheese, Orange Juice

Friday, March 21
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice

EHS offers "Teahouse of the August Moon" in District 2-2A One-Act Play competition

What happens when an American Army officer with no practical experience is sent to bring democracy, literacy and the free enterprise system to an out-of-the-way village in post-WWII Okinawa? That's the question that faces the cast and crew of "Teahouse of the August Moon," this year's One-Act Play entry from Eldorado High School. What follows is 45 minutes of hilarity that won't be found in any Army manual.

Hannah Robledo stars as Sakini, a slick Okinawan native who is assigned as an interpreter to assist Captain Fisby, played by J.L. Mankin, as he strives to educate the residents of Tobiki village in the finer aspects of the American way of life. Captain Fisby's progress is closely monitored by his commanding officer, Col. Wainwright Purdy, played by Travis Joiner.

Fisby's mission is confounded by such distractions as a beautiful Geisha named Lotus Blossom (Mayci Schwiening) and the discovery that the residents of Tobiki would rather distill Brandy than learn a new American trade.

But Tobiki's brandy isn't just any brandy. It proves to be the key to Tobiki's financial success and soon Fisby is marketing the stuff to American GIs all over the island, all the while hiding the enterprise from Col. Purdy.

As prosperity descends upon Tobiki village, its residents begin clamoring for the better things in life. The women, who first resented Lotus Blossom and the effect she has on men, begin to aspire to the Geisha life-style and they soon demand to be trained as Geishas. Then, demand grows for a teahouse where the men can relax in the evening and where the growing group of Geishas may practice their art.

Capt. Fisby, faced with near revolt, is forced to scrap plans for the new school building, explicitly required under the Army's operational plan, and build a teahouse, the Teahouse of the August Moon.

All goes well until Col. Purdy shows up unannounced and discovers "secret" of Tobiki's success. Purdy's orders to destroy Tobiki's stills are carried out by Sergeant Gregovich (Michael Ballew), who can't help but "sample" the elixir. Gregovich's passion for the brandy saves everyone in the end since Tobiki's shrewd villagers get him so drunk that he doesn't notice they are hiding the real stills and destroying only useless vessels.

According to Sakini, Capt. Fisby's interpreter and the play's narrator, Tobiki villagers learned such tricks through the centuries of dealing with Chinese and Japanese conquerors. Now, their deception fools Col. Purdy, and ultimately saves his career, when high rank-

ing military officers announce their fondness for Tobiki's brandy and announce a trip to visit its new Teahouse.

In staging "Teahouse of the August Moon," director Kara Sue Garlitz was faced with taking a play originally written for the silver screen and condensing it into a 45-minute, one-act production. And, somehow she managed to do it all without sacrificing the either the comedy or the play's underlying message.

"Teahouse of the August Moon" made its way into movie theaters in 1956, starring Glenn Ford as Capt. Fisby, Marlon Brando as Sakini, Henry Morgan as Sgt. Gregovich and Paul Ford as Col. Purdy. Countless productions of the play have been staged in theaters around the world. In fact, it is believed that the play was presented here in Eldorado during the late 1940s or early 1950s by EHS students. Anyone with information about that production is encouraged to contact the Success office.

Another interesting fact about this year's production of the play is that the vintage WWII field phone used by Col. Purdy and Capt. Fisby, is believed to have historic significance of its own. Director Kara Sue Garlitz reports that she obtained the phones on the Internet auction site Ebay.

Once Garlitz had purchased the phones, the seller contacted her to say that he had acquired the radios from an estate sale. They had originally belonged to communications officer and radio repairman who served aboard the Enola Gay, the American B-29 that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.

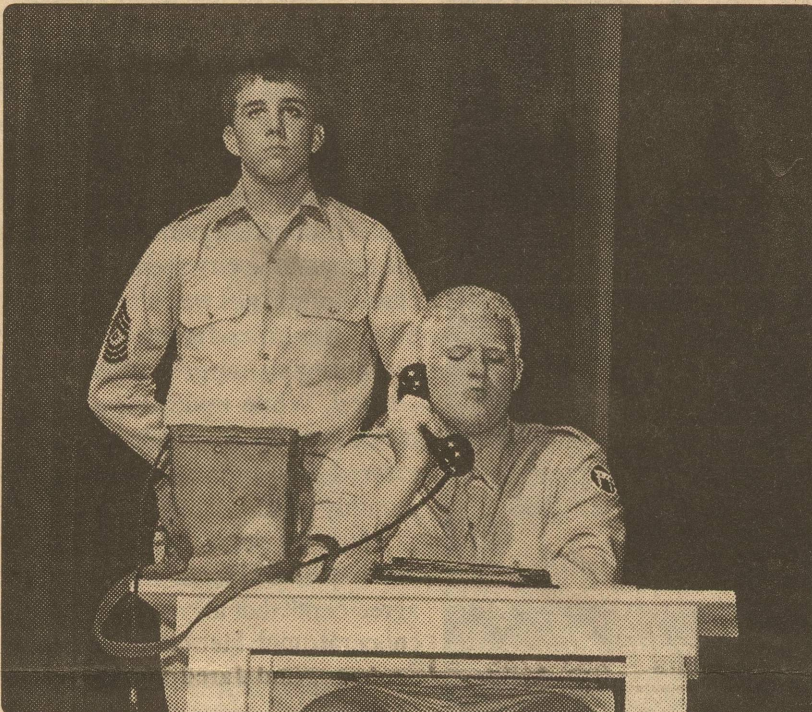
The communications officer left the military soon after the end of the war and he supposedly kept the phones in his possession. Interestingly, several photos of the Enola Gay and its famous crew were also sold in the estate sale, a fact that seems to validate the story. Whether or not they saw duty on the historic flight, the phones are authentic to the period and are identical to the ones used aboard B-29s of that era.

"Teahouse of the August Moon" will be offered in one more public performance prior to contest. That will be Sunday, March 23, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. in the EHS auditorium. The play will compete against others at the district contest in Ozona on Saturday, March 29th at about 2:30 p.m.

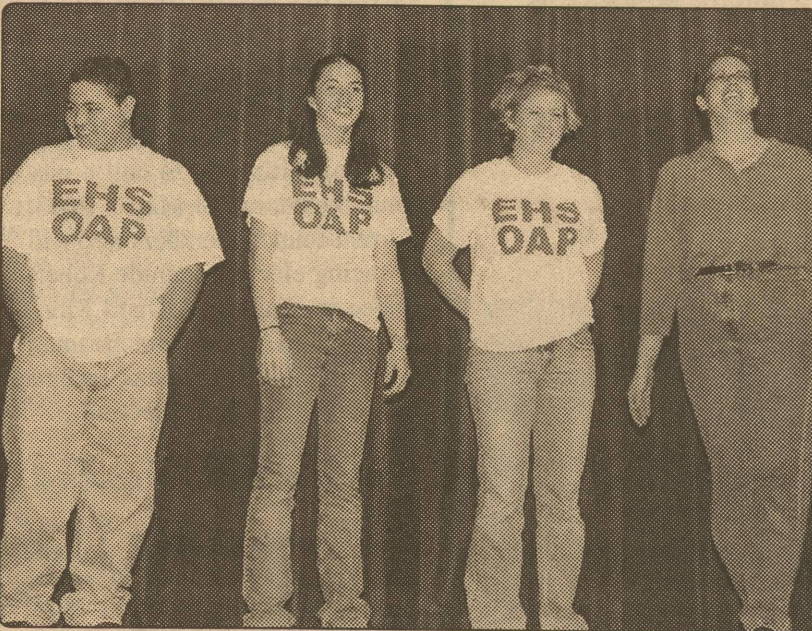
A complete list of the play's cast includes: Michael Ballew, Diego Barrera, Mitchel Cole, Betsy Green, Ivonne Granados, Sandra Guzman, Nestor Hernandez, Travis Joiner, J.L. Mankin, Brence Minor, Jessica Robertson, Hannah Robledo, Mayci Schwiening and Anna Troy. Crew members include: Rachel Joiner, Johnny Larez and Lacy Ragsdale.



Aw, come on, don't start crying — Okinawan translator Sakini (Hannah Robledo) looks on as Capt. Fisby (J.L. Mankin) tries to explain why Lotus Blossom (Mayci Schwiening), a Geisha who believes she belongs to the Captain, can't leave the island with him.



What's goin' on over there? Sgt. Gregovich (Michael Ballew) listens as Col. Wainwright Purdy (Travis Joiner), tries to get information about efforts to Americanize Tobiki village, a small hamlet that lies within his occupation zone on the Island of Okinawa.



The real stars of the show — Crew members of "Teahouse of the August Moon" include (L-R): Johnny Larez - Lighting, Rachel Joiner - Sound, Lacy Ragsdale - Stage Director, and Kara Sue Garlitz - Director.



Centuries of custom to overcome — Tobiki village prove to be a bit more than the U.S. Army anticipated in "Teahouse of the August Moon," this year's One-Act Play offering from EHS. Village members include: (Seated L-R) Ivonne Granados, Diego Barrera, Mitchel Cole (Standing L-R) Sandra Guzman, Anna Troy, Nestor Hernandez, Brence Minor, Jessica Robertson and Betsy Green

Dear Eldorado Family,

Words cannot express how much you all mean to us, and how grateful we are for all your wonderful support, prayers, and acts of love and kindness during Dad's illness and subsequent death.

Although there is a huge hole in our hearts since he left us, we are all comforted to know he no longer suffers. We are sure at this moment that he is entertaining all the saints in heaven with his famous "Leonisms", and playing his heavenly harmonica!

Our family wants you to know how much you meant to Dad—he loved this community and loved his church and loved his Lord! He considered this community his extended family, as was evident in all the ways he touched everyone!

We want to share with you a poem written by Neal Higgins. Neal was a passenger on Dad's school bus for several years. Thank you, Neal, for this wonderful tribute!

Thank you, each and everyone, for everything! May God richly bless you, your families, churches, and this wonderful community!

Love,
Leon Stricklan Family

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When he goes I can not wait to see him at those Pearly Gates.

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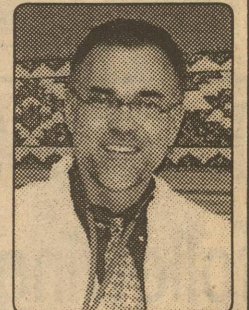
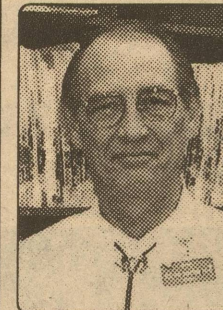
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City council meets, appoints Ragsdale to head municipal court

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the city to install new water mains. He said that the contractor, Roberts Construction of San Angelo, had inadvertently severed the city's water main last week, curtailing water service throughout town. Fay said the problem underscored the need for isolation valves on the city's water distribution system.

The council then entered into an executive session concerning the position of municipal judge and met with Pat Ragsdale and

City Administrator Randy Mankin. After spending nearly 45 minutes in the closed-door session, the council returned to open session and voted to appoint Ragsdale to the municipal bench.

The meeting then paused briefly, allowing council members to tour the City Hall expansion project.

The council meeting continued with City Administrator Randy Mankin explaining that more than \$40,000.00 remains available for expenditure in the current water system improvement project. He

said the surplus was due to the fact that bids for carrying out the work had come in well below estimates. Mankin proposed that the money be used to install thirteen isolation valves around the city, thereby allowing portions of the city's water distribution system to be shut off without affecting the entire city. Mankin noted that bids had already been received and recommended that the low bid of \$24,028.00 from Texas Water & Soil, be accepted.

Mayor John Nikolauk welcomed the news about the isolation valves. "We've been trying to do something like this for as long as I've been on the City Council," Nikolauk stated. "Now, finally, we're going to get to do it."

Mankin continued his report by saying that he had presented the city's grant application for water system improvements in the Orient Heights addition before the Regional Review Committee of the Concho Valley Council of Governments. He said the application was well received and scored fourth

highest from among nineteen applicants. Mankin noted the application must now go before a committee in Austin and he expressed his optimism that the project would be funded.

Mankin went on to say that an application to extend portions of the city's old landfill upward by 10' had been reviewed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and that they had asked several questions about the application, most of them dealing with slope and drainage. He said that engineer Steve Dennis will be forwarding the information to TCEQ in the coming days. The application calls for a portion of the old landfill be elevated by 10' in order to assist with drainage and to eliminate the ponding of water on the site. Mankin told the council the extension, if granted by TCEQ, will allow the city to use up some of the soil that is already piled up on the old landfill.

In other business, the council approved the minutes of the Feb. 10, 2003 meeting and reviewed the city's tax report. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then went over the city's financial reports and recommended an amendment to the city's budget so that money might be moved within several of the city's various accounts. Included in the proposed amendment was an upward adjustment of the city's anticipated revenue, due mainly to the skyrocketing price of natural gas. An offsetting adjustment for the amount the city spends to purchase natural gas was also included in the amendment that was unanimously approved by the council. While reviewing the financial reports, the council also reviewed and approved the city's monthly bills.

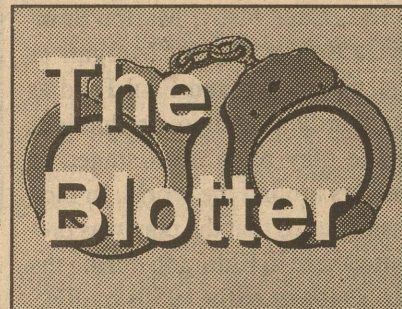
Next, the council authorized an "inter-jurisdictional mutual aid agreement" that allows the city to cooperate with the county and other governmental entities in the area of homeland security. They also approved a resolution amending the contract for the ongoing water system project. The amendment allows for unused grant funds to be used to install the 13 isolation valves discussed earlier in the meeting. The council then voted to award the bid for the valves to Texas Water and Soil.

Before adjourning, the council voted unanimously to call a city council election for May 3, 2003. Current council members who will be facing election include Robert Bybee in Ward 1, Richard Mendez in Ward 2 and Dora Bosman in Ward 3. All three council members have filed for reelection.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Body shop customer — There were no injuries reported in this two-vehicle accident on Sunday. Deputy David Oliván, pictured above, who investigated the accident reported that a 1995 Chevy pickup driven by Mitch Wilkerson, attempted to change lanes before it was clear ahead of a 1994 Dodge driven by J.L. Mankin. Wilkerson was cited for turning when unsafe.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by 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

March 5 • Coronado, Amado Aguilar, male age 48, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While License Suspended/Fictitious Vehicle Registration. Released on \$1,000 and \$2,000 Surety Bonds.

INCIDENT REPORTS

March 5 • No time. Complainant reported loud music on Depot Road. Officer responded.

• 11:19 a.m. Hospital requested an officer check on a subject's life-line. Officer responded.

• 3:55 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident in front of grocery store. Officer responded.

• 7:47 p.m. Subject reported some suspicious activity at a closed business. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 10:25 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver heading North on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

March 6 • 9:34 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about their daughter. Officer responded and a Criminal Trespass was served on a subject.

• 5:45 p.m. Subject reported a minor vehicle accident. Vehicle lost control and left roadway and landed in ditch. Officer responded.

• 5:57 p.m. Complainant reported a blue freightliner with box trailer driving recklessly. Sutton County notified.

• 8:55 p.m. Complainant reported a disturbance at apartment on Eastfield Dr. Officer responded and found everything OK.

March 7 • 12:57 p.m. Complainant reported a possible domestic dis-

turbance on E. Warner. Officers responded.

• 9:15 p.m. Complainant stated they had drove off roadway 20 miles east on Hwy. 190 and hit a telephone pole. No injuries reported. Officer responded and Menard County Sheriff Office notified.

• 10:00 p.m. Complainant on Calender Street reported someone had parked a red car with Washington License Plates in their yard. Officer responded.

March 8 • 11:40 a.m. Complainant reported two subjects fighting over their child. Officer responded.

• 12:17 p.m. Menard County Sheriff Office reported a vehicle accident with no injuries. Officer responded.

• 3:29 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles jumping off light poles at the football field onto mats. Officer responded.

• 6:20 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles climbing the light towers at the football field. Officer responded.

• 6:30 p.m. Complainant requested a Criminal Trespass Notice to be served on a male subject.

• 8:00 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated pedestrian on East Street. Officer responded and found everything OK. Subject was walking home.

March 9 • 7:14 a.m. Sonora Sheriff Office dispatcher called Schleicher County Sheriff Office and stated that she had received a 911 call about a two car accident. Was unaware of location and called for assistance. Accident was in Sutton County.

March 10 • 10:59 a.m. Request for complainant on Contempt of Court. Complainant was to receive child on March 7 through March 16 and was unable to make contact with ex-girl friend.

• 12:30 p.m. Minor two vehicle accident reported on West Murchison. No Injuries. Officer responded.

• 12:41 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to Community Hospital.

• 2:25 p.m. Complainant reported that they had been harassed by their sister-in-law and another individual. Complainant stated they were afraid for their safety and as well as for their child and sisters.

• 5:00 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

March 11 • 11:08 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for their wife. EMS 2 responded.

• 12:01 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a subject harassing them. Officer responded and Criminal Trespass was served.

• 2:17 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver in a blue and white Suburban. Officer responded.

• 3:41 p.m. Complainant reported someone had taken a electronic flow meter, last seen on March 6, 2003. Estimated value of item \$3,500.00.

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• THE HOURS (PG-13)	1:30:40	7:05	9:45
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West Texas Rehab Update

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Thank You,
Mabel Freitag

The family of Gladys Mittel wishes to express their heart felt thanks to the nursing staff at the Schleicher County Nursing Home for the genuine love and care that was given to her during her stay there. We are blessed as a community to have a place where our loved ones can stay near by and receive the best possible care. Thanks, too, to the wonderful ladies in the Hospital Auxiliary who give of their time and talents to brighten the lives of the residents.

Margo and Bill Harrison
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The family of Isidoro "Lolo" Martinez would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the kind words, prayers, cards, flowers, and food during our time of sorrow. We would especially like to thank Dr. Taylor, Ike Whitten, the nurses, Annie Arispe and Ester Arispe for helping Lolo during his illness.

A special thanks to the ladies of Templo Getsemani for the meal they provided. The acts of love shown to our family will never be forgotten.
Manuela Espinosa, Sara Rangel, Tony Martinez, Berta, Anna, Ernesto and Lori

I appreciate all the flowers, cards, visits and well wishes as a result of my surgery and recovery. Most of all I thank you for your thoughts and prayers.
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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Georgina Maritz and Brandi Davis. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the two EHS seniors, they were playing "Come to the Bower" during Alamo Day festivities last Thursday. The song is the same one played by Sam Houston's field band during the battle of San Jacinto.

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County approves installation of audio/video conferencing equipment for Dist. court

County Agent Nancy Lester met with the Schleicher County Commissioners on Monday to request the assistance of county personnel during the annual Spring Clean Up, slated this year for April 4, 2003.

For the past several years the Extension services, together with the Eldorado Pride Committee, has sponsored the yearly clean up. Lester noted that the county hauled over 21 loads of trash to the landfill last year. The court voted to continue this worthwhile project.

In other business, County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes of the February 24th meeting of

the court, including a request from Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce Secretary Vickie Williams that electrical outlets be placed around the courthouse square for seasonal lighting. County Judge Johnny Griffin told the commissioner that he had asked if Southwest Texas Electric Coop could do the project and was told that they would, but at a later date since they were busy with other projects.

On hand for the meeting were Judge Griffin and Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Kirk Griffin. Commissioners Matt Brown and Bill Clark were absent.

In other business, Road Superintendent Clay Burleson visited with the court about the possibility of purchasing crushed rock from Mike Moore for road paving projects and Judge Griffin mentioned the need for a sprinkler system at the County Cemetery.

Next, the commissioners met with Tom Green County Auditor Stanley Liles, who was representing the 51st and 119th Judicial Districts. Mr. Liles offered the court an inter-local agreement which would allow Schleicher County participate in video/audio conference with both District Courts in San Angelo.

Liles said that a grant has been requested to install high-tech telecommunication equipment in order to equip the counties served by the two judicial districts. It was noted that the equipment will allow court-appointed attorneys in

San Angelo to have access to their clients via video/audio conference and reduce the expense related to travel. The grant would pay for Internet service for the first year, it was explained, and the county would be responsible for the expense, after that. The high-speed wireless Internet network recently installed in the community would likely prevent the need to the continued expense.

The inter-local agreement presented by Liles states that Tom Green County would purchase the necessary equipment and services, and provide training. Each of the surrounding counties would then be responsible for placement of equipment. The individual counties would then take possession of the equipment and be responsible for maintenance and upkeep.

After a brief discussion, the commissioners voted to accept the

inter-local agreement.

Next, the commissioners voted in favor of a resolution supporting the development of a Rural Transportation District in the 13 counties that make up the Concho Valley Council of Governments. The district would then oversee the independent operation of the district's transportation vans. It was explained that the creation of such a district will not adversely affect current rural transportation services.

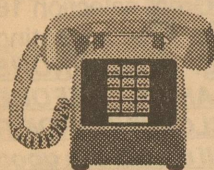
The court then voted to accept a diesel bid of \$1.411 from Griffin Fuels. A second bid, in the amount of \$1.4627, submitted by Regal Oil was not accepted.

There was discussion, but no action on the question of burying 383 feet of 3-phase electrical power line at the north end of the county airport. Judge Griffin stated it would cost the county \$15,000.00

for the utility company to bury the line, provided the county supplied an open trench. The court instructed Griffin to ask if the county can have an approved private contractor do the job in order to reduce the cost of the project.

The meeting concluded with Treasurer Karen Henderson asking to transfer \$5,559.98 from the Community Resource Center Money Market Investment Account to the Community Resource Center checking account for day-to-day operations of the Community Resource Center. It was noted that the transfer will deplete the funds the county has collected in the past for the operation of the center. The Community Resource Center has been funded by many different government entities through the years, but has suffered recently from budget cuts and the relocation of several government agencies. Schleicher County will now bear the brunt of the financial burden for the center, if the commissioners choose to keep it open.

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West Texas Heritage Day planned at Ft. McKavett

Fort McKavett State Historic Site invites everyone to join us in the celebration of our annual Living History Day, Saturday, March 22, 2003. This date will also include the official opening of the Fort McKavett Post Library and Research Center.

Reenactors and Living Historians from across the state will help portray the military and civilian life of Fort McKavett State Historic Site. Park gates open at 8:00 a.m. with Flag Raising and Morning Formation at 10:00 a.m. A Special Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. to honor the men and women stationed at Fort McKavett and the fallen crew members of the Space Shuttle Columbia. A barbecue lunch will be provided at noon. Regular park fees do apply for the day.

Fort McKavett State Historic Site is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles northeast of Sonora, 34 miles east of Eldorado and 41 miles north of Junction.



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Bully good show — U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt, played by San Angelo resident Mike Thompson, made an appearance at during the dedication ceremonies for the Stephen F. Austin Liveoak tree last Thursday. Thompson, who makes personal appearances dressed as historical characters noted that his suit dated to 1901, the time when Roosevelt was in the White House, and coincidentally, the year that Schleicher County was organized.

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Alamo Day celebrated here

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Sister." SRT member Sam Smith spent 18 months researching and another year painstakingly building the canon to meet match the specifications of the Twin Sisters cannons used by General Sam Houston's army at the Battle of San Jacinto. The canon was fired three times during the ceremony, much to the delight of the gathered crowd.

Following the official dedication of the tree, historical re-enactors and impersonators were introduced to the crowd. Then, 7th graders from Eldorado Middle School conducted a Texas History quiz for Eldorado 4th graders.

Following the event, Jim Runge noted that planning is already under way for next year's event. He said that the area around the Stephen F. Austin Liveoak tree will be developed in coming years with an emphasis on Texas history as well as that of Schleicher County.

Heroes of Texas history repre-

sented at this year's event included: Sam Houston, William Barret Travis, Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, R.R. Royal, David G. Burnet, Lorenzo de Zavala, James B. Bonham, James W. Fannin, Juan Seguin, Deaf Smith, Judge Roy Bean, John "Rip" Ford and Father Miguel Muldoon.

Schleicher County and area notables included: Gustave Schleicher, Col. William L. Black, Alice Grierson, wife of Ft. Concho's Gen. Grierson, and Tom Green, namesake of Tom Green County.

Among the historical re-enactors and impersonators were: Charlie Bradley, Matt Brown, Bill Clark, Don Clark, Antonio Contreras, David Doran, Jimmy Doyle, Chad Elkins, Jerry Felver, Joe Ginn, Jane Ginn, Bob Goldsborough, Midge Goldsborough, Tom Green, Johnny Griffin, Kirk Griffin, Jesse Guadarrama, Hank Harrison, Randy Mankin, Johnny Mayo, Jay Robertson, Les Royall, Caroline Runge, Carl Russell, Jim Runge, Sam Smith and Father George Varakukala.



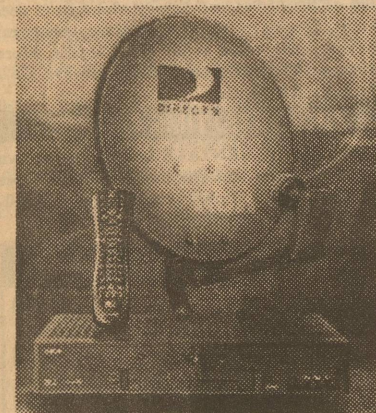
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