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April 4, 1991

Eldorado A.F.S. Receives Award

Eldorado Air Force
Station personnel recently
received notification from Lt.
Gen. Thomas S. Moorman,
Commander of Air Force Space
Command, that they are the
recipient of the 1990 Outstanding Installation Facilities Award
and has won the overall
competition for the Major
General Tim C. Padden Trophy.

The announcement of the award, usually in conjunction with the command's Commander's Conference, had been delayed by Operation Desert Storm. General Moorman's Letter said that the Eldorado staff "produced the type of environment that reflects Air Force Space Command's real pride," and has scheduled the 8MWS Commander, Lt. Col. Harry G. Kingsbery, to brief all AFSPACECOM Commander's

at the upcoming Colorado Springs conference to the secrets of his success.

The site competed with two other units for the installation facilities award, Falcon and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Bases, both in Colorado Springs. This is the first time the award has left the state of Colorado.

The Major General Tim
C. Padden Trophy is presented to the unit judges as the best overall in all categories of facility and installation excellence. As the winner in the special recognition category, announced last November, Eldorado beat out six other categorical winners. While the trophy itself is kept in Space command headquarters, the installation will receive a miniature version.

2nd Annual Talent Show Held

The Second Annual Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce Talent Show was held Tuesday night, April 2.

A very fine troupe of entertainers were on hand to perform for the community.

The entertainers included PAT JOHNSON, LEON STRICKLAND, RICK STRICKLAND, TRACEY PAXTON, MARLA WALTHALL, HALLEY EDMISTON, JOELLA PARKER, CHARLEY BRADLEY, CREEL GOODMAN, NICHOLE RABB, JIMMY DEATON, BEAU SALEE, STACY REEVES and LINDY HARDY. Gary Smith

was the Master of Ceremonies.

The contest winners were ADULT 1st Place... Jo Ella Parker and Charley Bradley, 2nd Place... Jimmy Deaton. JUNIOR HIGH-HIGH SCHOOL 1st Place... Creel Goodman, 2nd Place Stacey Reeves and Lindy Hardy. ELEMENTARY-AGE 0 1st Place... Nichole Rabb, 2nd Place... Beau Sallee.

Sherry Belk was a guest performer. Sherry gave a very moving performance of "God Bless the U.S.A.

Each and every one of these artists did a wonderful job. Eldorado seems to be blessed with a great amount of talent.



Pictured above are the First Place winners of the Chamber of Commerce Talent Show. They are (L-R) Nichole Rabb, Charley Bradley, Creel Goodman and Jo Ella Parker.

CDI Test Available

The Texas Department of Public Safety is testing for the new Commercial Drivers License. Almost all truck and bus drivers will be required to be licensed.

Department of Public Safety Troopers will be in Eldorado on April 9, 1991, for a special day of Commercial Drivers License testing. Tests will be conducted at the

Schleicher County Memorial Building from 3 P.M. until 7 P.M.

For applications and details on taking this test, contact your local Drivers License Office in Eldorado.

The DPS strongly encourages you to take this test and get your Commerical Drivers License as soon as possible.

Applications To Be Accepted Applications for the Employment and Training Program will take place from June 3 through July 31 at

Eldorado worksites.

All applicants must

have a copy of their birth

certificate or resident card,

social security card, and a utility

Summer Youth Employment

Summer Youth Employment and Training Program will be accepted in the Memorial Building at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4. All interested youth ages 14-21 who meet low-income guidelines qualify.

The Summer Youth

Easter Society Riders



The Easter Society Riders, a group of motorcyclists, made their annual visit to Eldorado this past week. They stop in Eldorado on their way to the Big Bend Easter Rally. These riders have been visiting Eldorado since 1976. The riders can ride by invitation only. This years riders included GUY F. GEBBIA, O.J. MILES, HANK ATKINSON, VERNON CLAPP, CLIFFORD MCCULLOUGH, DAVID KOTAL, LEON THOMAS, ANDY BELL, RUSS AMES, ROBBIE ROBERSON, CHARLES WEBB, GREG WEBB and JOE POPE.

The riders were hosted in Eldorado by Floyd West.



Melisa Mejia, a 1st grader in Mrs. McGregor's class, won a 4 foot blue rabbit from Perry's. Melisa is 7 years old and has brown hair and brown eyes. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mejia, and has one sister, Amy who is 15.

"I feel happy," stated Melisa after she found out she won. Her mom said that she was very excited about winning the rabbit.

Editors Journal

Life Among The Fishes

by Thomas Giovannitti

Monday was the birthday of a great lady. Now you won't find this lady named in history books, not yet at least, but she is still a great lady. My mother was eighty on April the first. Of course, having a birthday on April fool's day might have proved an embarrassment for many people but my mother is not easily embarrassed. It is hard to embarrass someone who up until recently wore a welder's

cap, men's work clothes and road a bicycle wherever she went around town.

This week they had the women's college basketball finals. My Mom was an all star player for the Hammonton, New Jersey high school girls team in 1926. She was a star all four years although she did not graduate, having accepted an offer from my father to do something more important.

She went from making baskets to making babies. Nine

of us altogether. She had the first three at home, the fourth at the Doctors office, walking home that afternoon, and the five youngest starting with me, in hospitals. Not that she needed a hospital, but I think she did that to ease my father's concerns. My sister Anna was born when my mother was forty seven.

I know there are lots of other Moms that have had families as large or larger but I don't know of any that also taught how to play baseball and many other sports, how to grow flowers, to sew (the boys also) and how to cook.

She did lots of other things but the thing I think she did best, and still does best, is never see the possibility of failure. She has never thought of it and did not allow her children to think of it. My mother still gives me unsolicited advice, tries to run my life from New Jersey, and is teaching a third generation of Giovannittis how to succeed. I celebrate her!

Open Letter

Editors Note: Randy Walling wrote this letter to Cathy Niblett on March 8, 1991. It is being printed as an open letter to the citizens of Eldorado and Schleicher County. Dear Mrs. Niblett,

I would like to thank you and the other ladies for

sending all the care packages. I really appreciated them. Every item in them was put to good use. Some things came just in the nick of time. I was completely out of Q-tips and almost out of envelopes. The socks were a great relief for

some tired feet. My green woolie-pullie socks were paper

I layed in my cot many nights thinking of Eldorado and it's good people. I would have liked to seen it with all the flags yellow ribbons.

remembered how the people always pulled together during a crisis. I know that's one thing that will never change. I really appreciate all the prayers and support. It was nice getting care packages from "back home."

Thanks again, Randy Walling

Our Sympathy

JACK BELL

Jack Bell, 55, of Corsicana, died March 23, 1991, at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

Services were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26th, at the First Baptist Church in Kerens, with the Rev. Chuck

officiating. Burial Biscoe followed in Kerens City Cemetery. Paschal Funeral Home in kerens was in charge of arrangements.

He lived in Kerens for 20 years and was teacher and a coach for 23 years in the Kerens Independent School District. He was a graduate of Baylor University. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church and served on the Kerens City Council.

He is survived by his wife, Dixie Bell of Corsicana; two sons, Andy Bell of Joshua, and Larry Bell of Irving; three grandchildren; his father, J.B. Bell of Tyler; and two brothers,

J.B. Bell, Jr. of Austin and Tommy Bell of Corpus Christie.

Pallbearers were Neal Velvin, Joe Dan Kilcrease, Charles Hawkins, Travis Horn, Bobby Bain and Jerry Don Anderson.

Honorary pallbearers were Kerens athletes.

Hear and Their by SHERRY LUX

TENNIS

On the weekend of March 25th, the Eldorado Varsity Tennis Teams played in the Sonora Tourney. Eldorado had to play Eldorado in the finals of the girls division with Katie Hardy and Lindy Hardy defeating Amy Evans and Roxanne Martinez. Congratulations to Tara Holley for placing 3rd in girls singles.

This past weekend, Eldorado was in Mason. If you've never been to Mason, then you do not know that those kids teethe on tennis rackets and their first toy is a tennis ball. Katie Hardy and Lindy Hardy placed second to the Mason girls team in Division A. Caty McGregor placed lst in the B Division. Our own tennis program "ain't bad itself!" Coach Frankie Hardy has continued to have regional and state qualifiers for several years and was named " Coach of the Year" by the Texas Tennis Association in 1989. Congratulations to Coach Hardy.

TRACK

Clifton Brown qualified in two events for the finals in the San Angelo Relays placing 3rd in the 100 meter dash and was

rained out in the 200 meter. Hector Chapa and Felix Ochoa ran in the 800 meter, but did not place in the finals.

The Eldorado Girls Track team placed 6th in the Ballinger meet that was also called because of rain.

THIS WEEKEND IN ELDORADO

This weekend hold onto your hats because this little town will be hopping with the High School District Tennis, Jr. High Area Track and the Hill Country Fire Association convention and races. The Fire Department is holding a dance Saturday night with music provided by the Old Hat Band. They promised Joella Parker she could sing with the group. There will be food booths set up on the courthouse lawn so go by and watch the 23 or so towns representing this area in action.

RAY RAMERO

I was visiting with George Arispe at Casa Arispe last week. He reported that Ray Ramero was in high spirits and

would be flying into Lubbock and then be in San Angelo for rehabilitation. Ray was injured in an accident when he and Betty hit what they call black ice on the road near Farmington, New Mexico. Betty reportedly had same scrapes and bruises but otherwise, was unharmed. Ray had surgery in Farmington with a fractured back and neck. The Ramero family will need all the support we can give them. Ray will be in Shannon Hospital rehabilitation program for some time.

JACK BELL

I want to remember a special friend who passed away March 23rd in Houston. Coach Jack Bell came to Eldorado 1n 1959. He and his wife, Dixie, introduced basketball to Eldorado. I was in 4th Grade when they came here and have so many fond memories that will remain with me forever Jack had overcome a bout with cancer but died of a blood clot to the heart. During his stay in Eldorado (1959-70) there was winning season after winning season. In

that time I can remember only one season that we lost 5 games, one of those being the Regional Tournament in Lubbock. Our records on won-lost was

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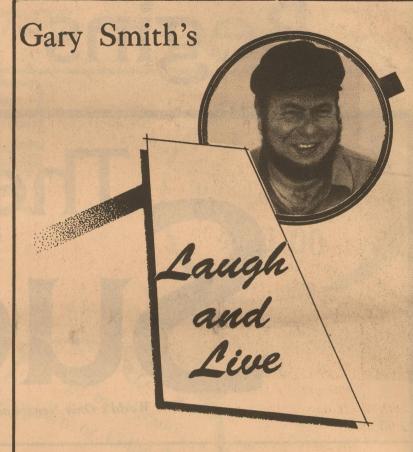
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Community Calendar

		April 4-17				
Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
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"Make Somebody Happy Today --Mind Your Own Business!"

Friend Jerry Kemp from Cecil Atkission's gave me a list of excuses that people had given insurance companies in regard to accidents. I have printed a few of these before, but have never seen a list as complete as this one.

***Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

***The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its

***I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

***The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

***I pulled away from the side of the road. Glanced at my motherin-law and headed over the embankment.

***I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up, obscuring my

vision and I did not see the other car. ***I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my

universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident. ***The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy with a big mouth.

***I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows. ***The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve

out of its way when it struck the front end. ***I had been driving for 40 years, when I fell asleep causing the

accident. ***As I approached the intersection a signal appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop

in time to avoid the accident. ***To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front of me, I struck the pedestrian.

***My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle. ***An invisible car came out of nowhere and struck my car and

***I told the police that I was not injured but on removing my hat,

found that I had a fractured skull. ***I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.

***The pedestrian had no idea which way to run, so I ran over him. ***I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounded off the roof of my car.

Till The Next Time...

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50th Wedding Anniversary



Gene and Vernell McCalla will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 6th from 2:00-4:00.

The celebration will be held at the McCalla's home. Their children, Genelle Pennington, Beth Lackey, and Mary Lyn Jones, will be the hostesses.

Everyone is invited to drop in and wish them a Happy Golden Anniversary!

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somewhere in the range of 125-15 during my high school years. He and his family moved to Kerens, Texas where he continued his winning ways. I will never forget his dedication to his students and his profession.

In the summer before my Senior Year, a girlfriend of mine, Shirley (Hubble) Whitten was in an accident. This man stayed there night and day to help the Hubble family in any way he could to make their 6 week stay at the Sonora Hospital more bearable. His dedication went way beyond the classroom. Jack you still had many friends here in Eldorado. Our condolences to Dixie, Andy I and Larry and the rest of the family. Come see us when you are ready. Dixie's address is 1227 Lexington Square, Corsicana Tx. 75110. Phone (214) 874-6817

NURSING HOME

If you see any new faces in the crowd, it is a group of residents from the Schleicher County Nursing Home. They attended the Talent contest Tuesday night. Tonya Mahanay has asked the service organizations or anyone with activities planned to contact her so her tirage may attend. There were so many visitors at the

nursing home this Easter weekend that that is all the residents can talk about. "Thank you for making this such a special time for these people", Tonya went on to say.

CINDY MCGINNES

Last week Cincy McGinnes was spotlighted for helping save a choking child at the school cafeteria. On two occasions, Cindy came to my rescue, too. Both incidents happened in Ruidoso on different visits. I choked on some fresh broccoli and although I could breathe, I could not quit coughing. The heimlich maneuver proved itself again to be successful. A year or so later, she grabbed me by the shirt collar and yanked backwards. just in time to prevent my being hit by a 'BIG" truck. Thanks, again, Cindy. YOU ARE A LIFE SAVER!!

Joe Davis asked that we report that Chalmers Davis and his wife and family recently visited Weldon and Ruth Davis. An exciting Wahoo match took place between Evelyn and Ruth. Joe said that three games were played. Evelyn won the first two games and then another game was played.

County Agents Report

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

by Jerry Swift County Extension Agent - Schleicher County

Pyrethroid resistance in horn flies has greatly increased in Texas since 1984 because of the use of pyrethroid insecticide impregnated ear tags. The horn fly is a bloodsucking pest of cattle and annually causes significant economic losses for Texas farmers and ranchers. Research has demonstrated that faster and younger growing animals are the most susceptible to stress by these blood feeding pests. Initially Texans found the pyrethroid insecticide ear tag provided excellent season-long protection of their cattle from horn flies. During the mid-Texans approximately 3.5 million ear tags annually to control horn flies. The constant and heavy selection pressure placed on the fly population by these insecticide ear tags has promoted high levels of pyrethroid resistance. Ear tag use has dropped significantly in recent years because of the

Extension entomologists have cooperatively worked with chemical company representatives to develop management strategies and new insecticides to combat the horn fly resistance dilemma Seasonlong tag use by the livestock producer causes high mortality in the susceptible fly population. Subsequent generations of flies that are progeny of resistant parents are not killed by the same ear tag treatment. Heavy pyrethroid insecticide selection pressure placed on the fly population will result in resistant populations within two seasons. Previously effective pyrethroid insecticides lose their market value and efforts to find new effective insecticides continues. Product development costs are extremely high for formulation and registration of new insecticides. These costs are ultimately passed on to the consumer, making control costs

resistance problem.

Horn flies have become resistant to tags containing permethrin, fenvalerate, flucythrinate and cyfluthrin. During the past two seasons, new insecticide ear tags were developed to combat horn flies that have become resistant to pyrethroid treatments. Tags with organophosphate-type insecticides (diazinon and pirimiphos methyl) have been developed for horn fly control, giving producers an alternate type insecticide to use against

more expensive.

pyrethroid resistant flies. A new and more effective pyrethroid insecticide, lambda cyhalothrin, has recently been developed. When incorporated into ear tags, this new control device is sold commercially under the trade name of Saber. These developments bring our fly management scheme to an important and critical point. If producers use the new tags in large numbers, on a season-long basis, flies will quickly become resistant to these new control devices.

As in the past, unwise

use of the new tags will cause high resistant levels to develop quickly and economical control of the target pest will be lost. A management scheme has been developed which entails the judicious use of ear tags and delays the rapid selection for resistant fly populations. It is suggested that livestock producers use the following guidelines for insecticide ear tag use to better manage horn fly populations: 1.) alternate the use of pyrethroid and phosphate tags by year, 2.) when using the lambda cyhalothrin ear tag, apply only one per animal, 3.) do not use lambda cyhalothrin tags on the same cattle during successive years, 4.) apply tags only when horn fly populations have exceeded the economic threshold of 250 to 300 flies per animal, 5.) remove depleted tags when working cattle after the horn fly season, and 6.) use organophosphate spray, dusts or other formulations for horn fy control whenever possible.

A field test kit has been developed to determine the level of resistance in horn fly populations. Adult flies are first collected with a net and then subjected to a series of selected insecticide dosages utilizing treated glass vials or plastic petri-dishes containing treated filter paper. Mortality data are subjected to log-probit analysis to determine an LC50 value for resistance. The "LC50" value is defined as the insecticide concentration required to kill 50% of the target fly population. The LC50 value for susceptible horn flies is 0.3 ug/sq.cm of permethrin for the filter paper method and 0.12 pg/vial of permethrin for the glass vial method. Small increases in horn fly LC,, resistance values will result in reduced horn fly

If the LC. value increases 6 to 8 fold over the

susceptible level, most insecticide ear tags will not provide the desired level of control. It is important to note that increased levels of organophosphate tolerance have recently been suspected. Organophosphate ear tags do not keep cattle totally clean of horn flies. As with pyrethroid tags, producers must learn to accept a reduced level of economic control and not total elimination since near total

reduction of horn flies rapidly creates insecticide resistant populations. Organophosphate ear tags should also be used on an alternate year basis. Additional information of horn fly resistance management is available through the Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University or from Extension entomologists located at the various off-campus Research and Extension Centers throughout the State.

Marketing

by Jackie Napier

The Marketing Committee for Eldorado and Schleicher County will hold their first meeting in the Memorial Building on Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend this important meeting as a representative of your business or your community organization.

Economic development, management and marketing techniques to strengthen the economy of Eldorado will be discussed. Julie Caddel, the manager for the Abilene Downtown Business Association, will be the speaker.

miss Caddel has ten years of experience in downtown revitalization and community development. She helped pioneer small town redevelopment through the

Committee

Texas Main Street Project inn Navasota, Texas. She initiated the rehabilitation of thirty-two historic buildings in downtown Navasota and established a tourism program through the Grimes County Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Caddel became Manager of Abilene Downtown Business Association in May of 1989. Abilene was selected to participate in the Texas Main Street Project beginning in 1990.

Mark this important date on your calendar - April 15. Eldorado needs your involvement and participation on this Marketing Committee. Only as we work together as a community can results be achieved.

Refreshments will be served.

It's A Girl!!!

Curtis and Debby
Griffin are proud to announce
the birth of their daughter,
Megan Leigh. Megan was born
on Friday, March 29th at
Shannon Hospital in San
Angelo. She weighed 8 pounds
and 11 ounces and was 21 inches
long.

Megan was welcomed home by big sister Lindsey, 11 and big brother Will, 4.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Patton.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Virginia Griffin and Mrs. Maureen Webb, of San Angelo.

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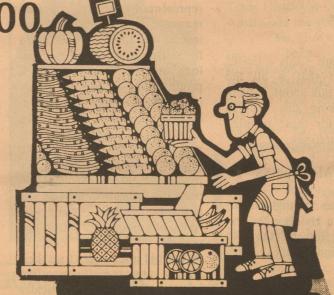
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Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Craig Menzies are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Nancy to Timothy Scott McAngus. Tim is the son of Mrs. Suzie McAngus and Mr. Marvin Daniel McAngus, Jr. A May 18th wedding is planned.

Growing Up Drug Free

Editor's Note: This article is a reprint from the Grandview Tribune on March 15, 1991.

A form of TATTOO called the "Blue Star" is being sold to school children. DESCRIPTION

1. It is a small sheet of

paper containing "Blue Stars." 2. They are the size of pencil erasers.

3. Each star is soaked with LSD.

THE DRUG CAN BE ABSORBED THROUGH THE SIMPLY HANDLING THE PAPER.

There are also brightly colored paper tabs resembling postage stamps that have pictures of the following: Superman, butterflies, clowns, Mickey Mouse, and other Disney characters.

EACH IS WRAPPED IN FOIL This a new way of

selling acid by appealing to young children. A voung child could

happen upon these and have a "Fatal Trip." It is also believed that little children could be given a free TATTOO by other children who want to have some fun by cultivating new customers without the child's knowledge.

A "Stamp" called "Red Pyramid" is also being distributed along with microdots in various colors.

Another kind of "Window Pane," which has a grid that can be cut out, is being

Find Find

distributed.

THESE ARE LACED WITH DRUGS

Please advise your neighbors, friends and relatives and children about these drugs. If your child gets any of the above DO NOT HANDLE THEM. They are known to react very quickly and some are laced with strychnine.

SYMPTOMS:

1. Hallucinations 2. Severe Vomiting 3.Uncontrolled laughter

4. Mood Changes 5. Change in body

temperature. Please feel free to reproduce this article and distribute it within your community. Get the word about this danger to your children.

Medicare, A Short History

by Steve Goode

The Medicare program was enacted in 1965 as Title XVIII or the Social Security Act and began operation on July 1. 1966. While we have been working with the Medicare program for about 15 years, it is interesting to note that President Johnson, who signed Medicare into law, never intended for Medicare to last this long. He envisioned some form of national health insurance being adopted, and in his mind Medicare was a temporary solution to fill the gap. Also. when Richard Nixon became president after Johnson, Nixon had in mind to establish some form of national health insurance, but Nixon was sidetracked by the Viet-Nam war and all the protest and national unrest that went with it. By the time Ford became president, people were looking at the bill for Medicare and having second thoughts about expanding it into a national health insurance program.

Beginning in 1966, under Medicare, hospitals were reimbursed for "reasonable costs". Cost reimbursement had been used by Blue Cross prior to the adoption of Medicare, and was viewed by hospitals as an improvement over the losses that hospitals often incurred treating people over age 65. Under cost reimbursement, additional hospital spending relating to patient care resulted in a proportionate increase in

Medicare payments. reimbursement reduced the risk hospitals faced in making Financial decisions, and allowed hospitals to satisfy physician and patient demands for increased services. This also encouraged the construction of hospitals in small/rural towns where hospitals would not have been financially viable prior to the advent of Medicare.

The substantial increase in the use of hospital services by the elderly contributed to the rapid growth of hospital costs for Medicare patients. Although other factors, such as growth of hospitalization insurance and advances in medical technology, also fueled the rapid growth in Medicare costs, reimbursement was believed to controllable through payment reform; hence, the Social Security Amendment of 1972 gave the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare authority to set limits for reasonable costs. These limits failed to stem the rise in Medicare payments to hospitals.

The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) applied limits on a per case basis. with the payment per case being related to the cost of caring for patients with different diagnosis. Since there is a potentially infinite number of different diagnosis, all diagnosis were grouped, thus creating a relatively small number of possible diagnosis payment codes. This made the system of paying based on diagnosis workable and created what became known as Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs). Hospitals were allowed to make a profit if their cost was less than the DRG value, and were required to absorb a loss if their cost was more than the DRG value. At first DRG values were greater than the average costs, and hospitals could make some profit.

Under TEFRA, the original intent was to annually update the DRG values in proportion to inflation for hospitals. In reality, annual updates of DRG values have not kept up with inflation. As s result, on average. hospitals now lose almost \$500 each time they admit a Medicare patient. Compounding this problem, Medicare patients are more likely than the rest of the population to be admitted to a hospital. The Medicare program is the largest single source of revenue for hospitals. This is especially true in rural areas, where it is common for the Medicare program to represent more revenue than all other sources combined.

Should we make changes in our medicare system? There are at least three choices 1) Allow medicare to continue to under pay hospitals, resulting in hospitals being forced to close because they run out of money and out of credit. Fifteen hospitals closed in Texas in 1990.

2) Have medicare to pay hospitals their costs, which would require an increase in social security taxes.

3) Have medicare pay hospitals their costs and hold taxes down by limiting the amount of services provided under the medicare program. In some countries, patients over a certain age are not allowed to receive certain expensive treatments, even if those treatments are necessary to save the patients life. (I think most Americans would agree that this choice is not acceptable.)

Some would argue that National Health insurance should be listed here as an option. That would create a different channel government to pay hospitals, but would not change the fact that one of the three choices listed above has to be made; either continue to underpay hospitals, raise taxes or ration health care. If you see other alternatives tral you think ought to be

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Lt. Governor Bob Bullock today announced the Texas Senate would not take any action on school finance reform legislation until the Senate knows the true cost of the bill in both local school property taxes and state taxes.

"Before we pass a bill that affects over 3 million

schoolchildren and every individual and business taxpayer in the state, we're going to get a handle on just how much this legislation will cost," Bullock

Bullock said he didn't just want to know what the bill would cost next year, but also

Saying he wants to hear the cost-saving suggestions of "ordinary

taxpayers and front-line state employees," State Comptroller John Sharp

Thursday kicked off the first public hearing of the Texas Performance

Review, a government-wide search for ways to improve the efficiency,

cost-effectiveness and responsiveness of state agencies. The March 21

hearing at the State Capitol was the first of six scheduled statewide.

Recommendations aired at the hearings will be submitted to Gov. Ann

Richards and the legislature this summer after a review by a policy

committee composed of the state auditor and staff members representing

Share, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, House Speaker Gib Lewis, the legislative

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irresponsible of us not to take the same hard look at the most important and costliest legislation the Senate will vote on all session." Bullock said. referring to the school finance legislation. The compromise legislation will require many districts to raise their property tax rates, transfer or "recapture" funds among school districts and increase the amount of money the state must raise to subsidize local funds.

In January, the Texas Supreme Court declared the school present unconstitutional and, without describing specific guidelines, gave the Legislature until April 1 to come up with a finance

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what the bill would cost the state and individual property owners in 1995 and 1996. The

Senate-House conference committee yesterday recommended a compromise version of S.B. 351, the school finance bill. The official conference committee report will be signed Monday, March 25 and reported back to the House and Senate for final Bullock also released a

letter in which he asks the Texas Education Agency for a complete description of the bill's cost in state funds and local school property taxes for the next five years. In addition, Bullock asked the Legislative Budget Board staff to evaluate the impact and accuracy of those

Committee is reviewing all bills that cost the state money. Until the review is complete, the Senate will not consider any legislation with a fiscal impact.

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Senate Delays Action

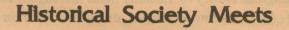
After spending four special sessions in 1990 and working the first half of the legislative session this year, the public school finance reform attempt has apparently failed. Last week, the conference committee on the public school finance reform legislation reported the legislation back to both houses of the legislature. On Monday, March 25, the conference committee report was signed and received by the Senate at 5:00 p.m. After finishing regular business on Tuesday, the Senate recessed until 5:00 p.m., 24 hours after the conference committee report was received, to vote on the package. After two hours of debate, the Senate voted to accept the final form of the legislation with a 21-10 vote, enough to put legislation into immediate effect. Two-thirds of the membership must approve legislation for immediate effect. This was necessary to meet the court's April i deadline. It was then left to the Texas House of

Representatives to approve the final bill. On Wednesday, March 27, the Texas House convened at 9:00 a.m. to take the vote. The Senate convened at 9:00 a.m., and after finishing regular business, recessed until 1:30 p.m. to await the outcome of the House vote. At 1:30, the Senate then stood recessed until 3:00 p.m., and at 3:00, it stood recessed until 3:00 p.m. Meanwhile, in the House Chamber, there were several hours of debate, after which the House finally voted. The vote to adopt the conference committee report failed with 63 ayes to 87 nays. The Senate waited through the afternoon, hoping the House would reconsider the vote, but the House recessed until Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. rather than adjourning, in hopes of reconsidering the vote. But the Texas Supreme Court's April 1 deadline is on Monday, and the

case comes before District Judge Scott McGown at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1. Attorney General Dan Morales is expected to ask for an extension. Either way, the legislation will not be in place by the high court's deadline, and this could result in numerous scenarios depending on next week's activities.

Governor Richards signed into effect today Senate Bill 14, legislation that creates an organized state response to the clean-up of oil and chemical spills. Sponsor of the legislation was Senator Carl Parker of Port Arthur. The legislation was signed into law two years after the Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska, with the hopes of preventing a similar situation in Texas.

The Senate stands adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 2.



The Historical Society met on Wednesday, March 27th in the Schleicher County Museum. Mr. Derrond Hite, Historical Architect with the Texas Historical Commission in Austin, was the guest speaker.

Mr. Hite has worked for Texas Historical Commission for seven years with the responsibility of reviewing all West Texas (territory West of 135 to El Paso). He came to Eldorado to study the old

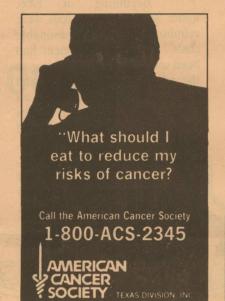
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buildings and visit with various clubs and people.

Those attending were: Pat Sykes, Charlene Edmiston, Ola Mae McDonald, Bell Neff, Mary McGinnes, Willie Blanch Johnson, Jean Meador Brazzel, Ola Ruth Barbee, Rene Calcote, and Mr. Derrond Hite.

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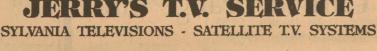
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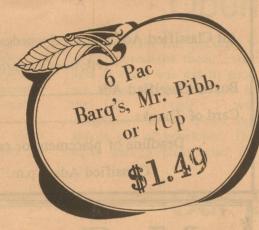
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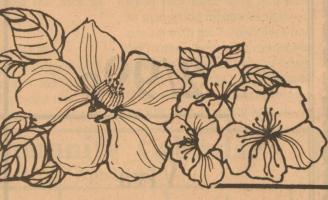
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