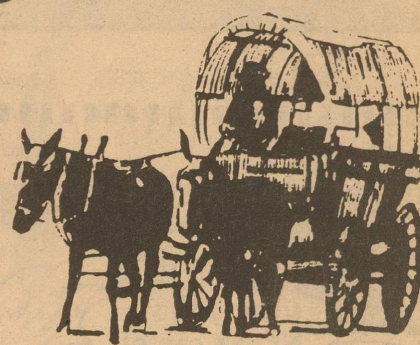


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Headlines From Around The World

Achille Lauro Ablaze Off Africa

Mogadishu, Somalia

The Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro was reported to be afire with crew and passengers abandoning ship in life rafts, Tuesday. According to broadcast accounts, the ship was cruising in the Indian Ocean just off the horn of Africa when the blaze occurred. Early reports indicated 3 known dead with an as yet undetermined number of injured and missing. At press time, British and French ships in the area were steaming toward the Achille Lauro to begin rescue operations. Cruise line officials stated that the vessel was carrying 900+ passengers at the time of the fire.

The ill-fated ship is perhaps best remembered for a hijacking incident in 1985 when Palestinian terrorists commandeered the craft in the Mediterranean Sea, killing American, Leon Klinghoffer in the process.

Quayle Hospitalized

Indianapolis, Indiana

Former Vice President Dan Quayle was hospitalized this week and underwent treatment for a blood clot in his lung. Quayle, was admitted to an Indianapolis hospital for "walking pneumonia" and the blood clot was discovered during an x-ray examination. His physicians reported that Quayle should make a full recovery, stating that his hospitalization was "very timely."

Quayle is one of the Republicans currently considering a run for the presidency in 1996. He was scheduled to announce his intentions soon. An aide stated, "That announcement will probably be postponed for a few days."

GATT Passes House

Washington, D.C.

The U.S. House of Representatives met in lame-duck session this week to consider the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, commonly known as GATT. Tuesday night, the House voted 288-146 to approve the accord. Outgoing Speaker of the House, Tom Foley said he was proud of the House and was glad that the last vote he made in the Congress was one that would help to open world trade.

While House approval was never in doubt, Senate approval is still in question. President Clinton, who strongly supports the measure, spent the week calling and visiting with several key Senators. The Senate is scheduled to vote on the accord today.

Western Company - BJ Plan Merger

The Western Company of North America and BJ Services Company announced recently that they have signed a definitive merger agreement. The Boards of Directors of the two companies approved the merger agreement at meetings held last month.

Under the merger agreement, stockholders of Western will receive \$20 per Western common share in cash or BJ common stock, plus, for each share of Western

common stock they hold, .2 of a five-year warrant to purchase one share of BJ common stock at \$30 per share. Including the warrant consideration, the value of the transaction is approximately \$500 million.

The action requires approval of the two companies stockholders and Western Company officials indicated that it could be 4 or 5 months before the deal is finalized.

A Western Company spokes-

man in the company's Houston office could not tell the Success if any "near-term" changes would be made in the day to day operation of the company's Eldorado facility. Approximately 50 people are currently employed at Western Company's Eldorado yard.

The Western Company of North America and BJ Services Company provide cementing, stimulation and other services to the oil and gas industry in the U.S and around the world.



Long Scholarship Fund Established

A scholarship fund in memory of George R. Long, his wife Emma Jane Long and their son Raymond D Long, all of Eldorado, has been established at Angelo State University. The scholarship, was established in November by Dr. Robert Byler, a nephew of the Longs, from Haskins, Ohio. The fund was established with the express purpose of assisting Journalism majors in furthering their education. The scholarships will be restricted to students from Eldorado or the immediate Eldorado area.

In setting up the scholarship, Dr. Byler, himself a retired journalist, expressed a desire to honor his Aunt and Uncle. George and Emma Jane Long came to Eldorado in the mid-1930's and owned Long's Variety Store for many years, as well as a small cattle ranch. He also was a bank director and served in World War I as Naval Aviator no. 123. George Long died at age 81 in August, 1977.



Pictured above are Ruth & Robert Byler of Haskins, Ohio. They recently established a scholarship at Angelo State University in memory of his late Aunt & Uncle Emma Jane and George Long of Eldorado.

Emma Jane Long died at age 89 in January, 1993. Their son, Raymond Long died at age 29 in June, 1959.

Any student wishing to make

application to the scholarship fund should contact the Financial Aid Office or the Journalism Department at Angelo State University.

Helmerts Named FNB Director

Jo Ed Hill, President of First National Bank of Eldorado announced this week the appointment of Schleicher County rancher, Bobby Helmerts, to a position on FNB's board of directors. Helmerts, a 1963 graduate of McMurry College, is married to Sandra Hall Helmerts of Eldorado and has been a resident of Schleicher County since 1968. They have two daughters, Paige Franklin of Hondo, and Staci Michalewicz of Eldorado.

Helmerts was a coach at Eldorado High School for 15 years. He served on the Schleicher County Independent School Dis-

trict Board of Trustees for 4 years. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado where he serves as a ruling elder. Currently, Helmerts is on the Board of Directors of the San Angelo Country Club and is Chairman of its Tennis Committee.

"We are proud to have Bobby Helmerts join our Board of Directors," said Jo Ed Hill. "His business experience and his close ties to this community will serve us well. We look forward to his input as we continue our commitment to serving Eldorado and Schleicher County."

4H Gold Star Awards Presented To Local Youths



Pictured above (L-R) are 4H Gold Star Award winners Will Edmiston, Cody Andrews and Amy Clark along with Kit Horne, of West Texas Utilities.

Three Eldorado youths were presented with 4-H Gold Star Awards November 14th at the Annual District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet held in Abilene. Cody Andrews, Amy Clark and Will Edmiston each received the prestigious award at the event.

The Gold Star Award is the highest 4-H honor presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service on the county level. Hon-

orees are selected by committees in their home counties based on personal development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contributions to the overall 4-H program.

Extension District 7 includes 23 counties in West Central Texas. The banquet is sponsored annually by the Extension Service and West Texas Utilities.

Band Aides Plan Auction

The Eagle Band Aides will be sponsoring an auction Saturday, Feb. 18, 1995 at the Ag Barn. Proceeds will benefit the Eagle High School Band. There will be a lunch available. We will accept consignments or donations. We will be happy to accept large items, such as tractors, trailers and cars; medium sized items such as furniture and appliances; and small items such as books, tools, etc.

Steve Williams will be donating his talent as an auctioneer to be sure that the event will be professional and fun!

There will be a lunch available the day of the auction and Band Aides will be ready to pick up any items if needed. Storage at the Ag Barn will be available from Thursday, Feb. 16th through Saturday, Feb. 18th. Look through everything, get ready for spring cleaning and support the Band! You'll also have a great time!

If you have any items to be auctioned, please contact Rita Reeves 853-3178, Mary Nolen 853-3192, Adalie Montalvo 853-3105, or David Templeton 853-2124. A second morning section focused on Animal Breeding and Selection as Robert Kensing and

Meat Goat Conference Held



Pictured above is Tom Carter of the American Meat Goat Association. He participated in the program at the West Texas Meat Goat conference which was held here recently.

Ranchers from around the area gathered in Eldorado last week to attend the West Texas Meat Goat Conference held here. Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and several feed and supply companies, the conference focused on increasing the market for goat meat.

The conference consisted of several discussions pertinent to the meat goat industry. A section on Marketing Goat Meat gave area producers a look at things from the perspectives of the buyer, processor and retailer. During the mid-morning break, attendees were treated to several tasty goat meat products furnished by Nicholson's Meat Co. of Mertzon.

A second morning section focused on Animal Breeding and Selection as Robert Kensing and

Rick Machen discussed Spanish Meat Goat Selection and Intensive vs. Extensive Breeding Systems.

Following a Goat Barbecue lunch catered by Kenny Blanek of San Angelo, guests heard updates from the American Meat Goat Association, the American Boer Goat Association, the Mohair Council of America and Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association.

The rest of the afternoon was dedicated to a research update on Spanish vs. Spanish-Boer Crosses and discussions on Embryo Transfer, Artificial Insemination and Ultrasound Pregnancy Detection.

Schleicher County Extension Agent Jerry Swift indicated that 115 people were in attendance for the day-long event and expressed his appreciation to all who helped make the day a success.



Dec. 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Varsity Boys & Girls
Basketball Tournament
Ballinger, Texas



Angel Tree
In the lobby
First National Bank

WOBP's Variety Show
Sunday, Dec. 4th
2 & 4 p.m.



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by Randy Markin

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



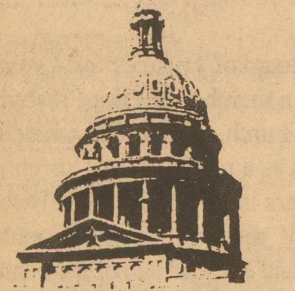
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HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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she is not planning to run against Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm when his term expires in 1996.

While helping serve Thanksgiving dinner to about 6,000 homeless people in Austin's city coliseum, Richards also told reporters she had no plans to work for President Clinton's administration or embark on an acting career.

Richards, however, did say she has talked about job opportunities that relate "with how I might interface with business, and how I might do some things that would help me make a living."

And it seems she has no plans to seek greener pastures outside Texas. "I love Austin and I love Texas. My heart is here," she said, adding, "I had a fabulous, fabulous four years. I really feel great about those four years. Whatever I do, it's going to be wonderful."

Mosbacher on Term Limits
Rob Mosbacher, a Houston Republican and party strongman who ran for lieutenant governor in 1990, warned (GOP congressmen that they should not jettison the term-limits plank that many of them ran on in the midterm election.

Mosbacher, the founder of Texans for Term Limits, said voters could easily turn on officeholders who don't continue their support for term limits.

According to a report in *The Houston Chronicle*, Mosbacher's comments were in reaction to statements made by the new House majority leader, U.S. Rep. Dick Armey, R-Lewisville.

On a national radio broadcast, Armey said, "I think Americans will find their enthusiasm for term limits waning quite a bit (if the Republicans) can straighten out the House."

And although Armey reaffirmed his support on term limits after making the statements, Mosbacher said, "People want the mess in Washington cleaned up, and that means more than replacing the arrogance of the Democrat insiders with the arrogance of Republican insiders."

Ratliff Eyes Textbook Bill
State Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, says he will introduce a bill in the upcoming legislative session that will allow local school boards to use state money to purchase school textbooks of their choice.

For the past 10 years, the state Board of Education has selected what books local school districts can purchase.

Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno has said he favors no state involvement in the selection of textbooks.

We've all been seeing Christmas decorations in the stores for the past several weeks. It seems that America's retailers are determined to extend the Christmas shopping season by a few days each year. Already, it's commonplace to see Christmas goodies and Halloween masks competing for shelf space. And, Santa's workshop seems to be permanently on display at local malls. Oh, his huge chair disappears just long enough for the Easter Bunny's hutch to have a spot to occupy, but other than that, the spot pretty much belongs to the jolly fat man.

Have you ever wondered how retailers would make it without Christmas? Nationally, retailers report that the holiday season accounts for as much as 50% of their sales. So, the push to lengthen the season will continue and pretty soon, July 4th sales brochures will have to include a close up of Rudolph and all the reindeer gang.

But, now that Thanksgiving is past, the Christmas season has "officially" begun. Traditionally, the Saturday following turkey day is the busiest shopping day of the year. I really shudder to think of what Saturday must have been like at the new Wal-Mart Supercenter in San Angelo.

Even the movie studios target the huge Christmas market. Every year, the powers that be in tinsel town unleash a host of movies with Christmas themes. This year's crop includes Tim Allen starring in "The Santa Claus(e)" and Sir Richard Attenborough in a remake of "A Miracle On 34th Street". Now, I like Tim Allen and his TV show, "Home Improvement". So, when we took the kids to see his new Christmas movie, I enjoyed it as well. More because of Tim Allen's offbeat comedy than the storyline, but I enjoyed it nonetheless. Yet, I will never fathom why anyone would dream of remaking "A Miracle On 34th Street". The original movie is a classic and even if the fact that it was filmed in black & white bothers you, Ted Turner colorized it long ago.

Now don't get me wrong, Richard Attenborough is a wonderful actor who has had a long and distinguished career. But as someone who starred in a classic himself ("The Great Escape"), he should realize that you don't mess with perfection. But, Hollywood never seems to learn. I understand that the box office receipts for "A Miracle On 34th Street" have been pretty dismal so I must not be the only one who feels this way.

You Missed It!

by Lois Cole Bivins, J.D.

A VOTE FOR LENO

"Do you know that three of the top names in Congress now are Newt, Strom and Orrin? Can you believe these are not Keebler elves?!"

"Michael Huffington spent \$28 million in Calif. on his failed bid for the Senate seat. Do you realize---for that money he could have bought ten Senators outright and really owned Congress?!"

"Ted Kennedy won big in Mass. Here he wins the toughest campaign of his life, he goes back to Washington all excited, and there's nobody left to party with!"

"92-year-old Strom Thurmond will head up the Armed Services Committee. Amazing. Strom says he's going to restore some of these military bases that Clinton has closed---like the one at Gettysburg!"

"Did you hear that the Post Office wants to raise the price of a postage stamp to 32 cents? And get this---that doesn't even include delivery!"

LOOK OUT WORLD!

Folks, some day we're going to learn from experience! Do you know why the press is going nuts over Jesse Helms being in charge of the Foreign Relations Committee?? Well, see if this sheds some light.. Helms will attempt to completely restructure the foreign policy scene.

Helms will swap the pro-Russia tilt instead of strengthening and furthering the independence of the outlying Baltic states. Helms would also seriously cut back the U.S. dollars currently gushing into all foreign aid, but particularly to Russia and South Africa.

Helms believes that both Russia and South Africa, being rich in minerals (i.e. diamonds) ought to put this wealth up as collateral for our loans (as opposed to gifts). [Anyone have goosebumps yet?] Helms dislikes cumbersome international treaties.

And get this---Helms calls the U.N. the "nemesis of millions of Americans" [it's packed full of the socialist-friendly and the totalitarian-tolerant].

Helms would also cut funding to the World Bank [proven failures at much of their global social engineering], as well as the Population-control feminists along with other money-gorging programs.

In addition, Helms will help further the GOP's proposed National Security

Restoration Act This means U.S. soldiers will no longer be allowed to serve under foreign command [now you've got goosebumps!] If it passes, 2,000 troops in Macedonia will immediately be relieved of their Danish commander---and that's just for starters.

SDI (Star Wars) will return... to fund technological U.S. defense systems.

The heavily criticized recent North Korean deal will be publicly examined [we pacified the deal-busters with billions in cash and in-kind funding, plus we let them off the hook for the important inspections for five years].

The funds spent on Haiti will be thoroughly examined.

And last but not least the State Dept budget will be cut [it's overly populated with the kind of liberals who thwart CIA anti-Communist efforts].

Are you out of breath?! The media is beside itself over this turn of events.

There is one big drawback to all this however---Howard Stern (of shock-radio fame) hates Jesse Helms. Yes, this may have a big impact on how you view the new changes. Tough choice folks, do we want Howard or Jesse to call the foreign policy shots? One thing for sure... they're both entertaining.

ACTIVATE THIS!

Remember a few months ago, we told you about Charleton Heston getting very excited about two "reformed" far left-wingers?

Peter Collier and David Horowitz were radical anti-Vietnam War activists. Well, these two guys struck a major alliance with none other than best-selling author Tom Clancy. This team (Individual Rights Foundation---IRF) is now kicking... well... they're "cleaning politically-correct clocks" on university campuses.

You're going to love this turn-around: Some frat-house guys at U.C. Riverside wore shirts that the self-appointed "Polit-Police" claimed represented an ethnic insult They busted the shirt-wielding boys. This, despite the fact that the fraternity was one of the most diverse on campus and its minority group members thought the objections to the shirt were silly. Acting on complaints, the university administration dissolved the frat for three long years as punishment

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One of my favorite Christmas movies is "It's A Wonderful Life", starring Jimmy Stewart. At the time it was made, it was considered to be a financial failure. But, in recent years, it has developed a following on television and is now generally considered to be one of the very best holiday films. I just hope some genius in Hollywood doesn't get the bright idea to remake that one. They'd probably cast someone like Robin Williams to play George Bailey or Walther Matthau as Clarence. Fine actors both, but somehow, I just don't think it would be the same.

LEGAL MATTERS

BY TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

HOLIDAY GIFTS OR GIVE-BACKS? WARRANTIES AND RETURNS

The holiday season is here once again, a time for family visits, good cheer, and exchanging gifts with friends and loved ones. While we like to think the gifts we select for others are exactly what they want or need, this is often not the case. Clothes that are the wrong size, toys that are inappropriate for your child's age, kitchen appliances that break the first time you turn them on---all of these are candidates for repair, exchange, or return at the stores where they were purchased. **KEEP, TOSS OUT, OR RETURN?**

Returns, exchanges, and refunds are a customer service voluntarily set up by merchants to help customers find the right products. Most stores are reasonably lenient about returns and exchanges of items received as gifts. However, you will probably need to show a sales slip or other evidence that the item was actually purchased at their store. It also is a good idea to keep the box or packaging your gift came in, just in case the store requires it for resale or return to the manufacturer.

For some items, the return policy may require that all sales are final. Stores often adopt this policy for goods used as floor models, sold at marked down prices, or sold at the end of a season. In addition, health laws forbid the return of some types of clothes, such as bathing suits, undergarments, and hats.

IMPLIED WARRANTIES

Each time a good is sold, the seller makes two implied warranties to the buyer:

- the item is not defective. (For example, a clock should keep accurate time);
- the item will do what it is advertised to do. (For example, a radio that is advertised as receiving overseas stations should receive those stations.)

Under Texas law, the only exception to the implied warranty rule is for goods sold "as is." As is means that you have no recourse if the product does not work, unless the

seller made an oral warranty, distributed advertising making claims about the item, or gave you a sales pitch promising that it would work. **EXPRESS WARRANTIES**

Sellers or manufacturers also may make an express warranty on the item. Under Texas law, express warranties are promises made to induce sales. Express warranties include:

- Written warranties, which are governed by federal law;
- Advertisements, which include promises about the product;
- Samples or sales models, which warrant that the item you buy will conform to the model;
- Oral warranties in the form of sales pitches that promise anything about the product and its repair or replacement. The promise must be made directly to you---overhearing a promise made to another customer does not count.

If your gift comes with a written warranty, you probably will need the sales receipt to exercise the warranty. Keep both the warranty and receipt together in a safe place. And make sure you complete all forms required by the manufacturer for purchase or warranty registration.

WHAT TO DO

If you need to exercise the warranty on a product, notify the merchant as soon as you find a defect. If you are dealing with a reputable merchant, chances are it will be relatively easy to get the problem resolved. If your first notification does not produce the desired results, repeat your complaint in writing.

Send copies of your complaint to the manufacturer, to the merchant where the product was bought, and to your local Better Business Bureau. You may also wish to file a complaint with the nearest Office of Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office. We offer a mediation service to resolve disputes between merchants and consumers. For more information, you may contact our office at (800) 337-3928.

Have a safe, happy, and fun-filled holiday season.

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Our Sympathy



Evelyn Pennington Wimer

ELDORADO Evelyn Pennington Wimer died November 27, 1994. She was 86 years old and was a resident of the Seniors Boarding Program at the Medical Center.

Mrs. Wimer was the second of eight children born to Carrie and A.M. Blakeway. She was born October 13, 1908, in Kennard, Texas.

A resident of Eldorado for 56 years, she was active in the First United Methodist Church and had served on the administrative board.

In her years in Eldorado, she was a volunteer with the Red Cross and active in the Home Demonstration Club and a square dance club. In the recent past, she served on the Schleicher County Medical Center board of directors and helped with the Senior Citizens Center where she played 42 and 84. She was also a reading tutor with the public schools.

While her sons were in school, she belonged to and held offices in the Parent-Teacher Association. She was an avid bridge player, belonging to two clubs.

Mrs. Wimer worked for the Eldorado public schools and the Southwest Texas Electric Cooper-

ative. She had many friends who will miss her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Wimer; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Blakeway; her sisters Reba Turner and Veda Rhodes; and her brothers, Harvey, Lester and Brown Lee Blakeway.

She is survived by her three sons and their families: Jerry Lyn Pennington and his wife, Sally, of Amarillo; Kenneth Paul Pennington and his wife, Ann, of Austin; and Judge Mickey Ray Pennington and his wife, Barbara, of Uvalde. Grandchildren, Donovan and Melina Pennington of Amarillo; Paul Blair Pennington and his wife, Katy, of San Antonio; Stacy Pennington Reeves and her husband, Shelton, of Austin; Sarah and Rebecca Pennington of Uvalde; and one great-grandchild, Shelby Reeves of Austin. Her surviving brothers are Albert Blakeway and his wife, Annette, of San Antonio and Clayton Blakeway and his wife, Sandy, of Lakeway. She has many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at the First United Methodist Church in Eldorado. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home of Eldorado with interment at the Eldorado Cemetery. Rev. George Lumpkin officiated. Music was Lynn Meador and Bob Lester.

Pallbearers were Elton McGinnis, Blair Pennington, Larry Blair, David Blakeway, Rick Rhodes, Rudy Spigarelli and Bill Hubble.

Those wishing to make donations may contribute to the Memorial Fund of the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado or a charity of their choice.

Sonora Merchants Announce Christmas Plans

The Sonora Merchants Association presents their traditional Christmas promotion and ticket drawings with a few new twists. While the merchants will still hold drawings each Saturday in December, the merchants will also be open late each Thursday night in December and each night has its own theme.

December 1, 1994 will be The Lights of Sonora. A Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade will sequentially light the downtown buildings in a procession to the courthouse lawn for the lighting of the community tree. There will be hot chocolate and cookies provided by the First National Bank. Everyone is encouraged to go shopping at all the merchants which are open until 8:00 p.m.

December 3, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. on the courthouse lawn, will be the first Saturday drawing for gift certificates from all participating merchants. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 3:00 p.m. While the children wait in line to visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus will read them stories.

Over \$3000.00 has already been donated and will be given out over the four Saturday drawings. You may register for the drawing with each dollar purchase at local merchants who are dispensing tickets. The tickets remain in the hopper for all four drawings, but you must be present to win. The first and third drawings will be held downtown on Main Street, and the second and fourth drawings will be held on Perry's park-

ing lot (just south of HWY 277 & 1-10). All drawings are at 2:00 p.m.

On Thursday, December 8, 1994 The Hospitality of Sonora will be in full bloom. Participating restaurants will give a 15% discount to those who have come to shop in Sonora. To sweeten the deal even further, participating retail merchants will give a discount on merchandise purchased this evening with proof of a meal eaten at one of the participating restaurants. All the shops will have snacks for their customers on this night as an added touch of hospitality. Biscuits O'Bryan and the Wild Bunch will be serving up a campfire meal in front of Ol' Sonora (Hwy 277 S.) and donations will go to Christmas in April.

Saturday, December 10, 1994, is the date for the first annual Country Christmas at the Caverns of Sonora. From 10:00 to 7:00 p.m. you can find Arts & Crafts, a living Christmas Tree, food, enter-

tainment, and of course the beauty of the Caverns itself.

The Sounds of Sonora, is the theme for Thursday, December 15, 1994. Once again, the Sonora merchants will be open for your shopping convenience until 8:00 p.m. To enhance the Christmas mood, there will be a living nativity scene at the First United Methodist Church (on Water & Oak) and carolers all around town at the stores and in neighborhoods. Get out and shop while the Christmas spirit is flowing. Or, if you have all your shopping done, join in a group of carolers.

The third ticket drawing will be held downtown on Saturday, December 17. The Sonora Community Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance will deliver its gift baskets on Thursday, December 22, which makes this day The Gifts of-

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Emmanuel Church Marks Anniversary



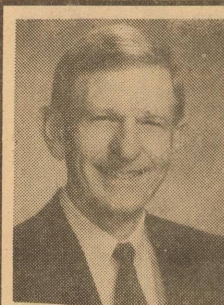
submitted by Debbie Clark

Emmanuel Church will celebrate its second anniversary on Dec. 4, 1994. Special speaker and gospel singer, Elaine Christian,

will be the morning speaker. A luncheon will follow the morning service. The public is invited.

Mrs. Christian has been a featured speaker and singer in many churches in San Angelo and the surrounding area, a member of Word of Life Assembly of God in San Angelo, she is a truly gifted Country Gospel artist. She is also a very anointed speaker who speaks what God has laid on her heart. You will be blessed by her ministry.

Emmanuel Church is located at 605 S.W. Main Street in Eldorado, across from Casa Arispe and just in front of the carwash. For more information, you may call 853-3349.



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Griffin/Schooley Exchange Vows

Ann Griffin and Clifford Schooley, Sr. were married November 19, 1994 at the Bluebonnet in Eldorado, Texas.

W. L. Johnson, Church of Christ minister and brother-in-law of the bride officiated.

The bride was attended by her granddaughter, Kasey Griffen. The groom was attended by his grandson, Lee Ray, Jr.

After a wedding trip to Branson, Missouri, the couple will live in Eldorado.

Salvation Army, A Local Charity



By now you have probably received a notice in the mail to send in your donations to the Salvation Army. What you may not know is that we have a local branch of the Salvation Army here in Eldorado. Any donations received by the local branch will be used in Schleicher County. The vast majority of the funds received locally are either used directly helping those in need or are donated to the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance, which handles a variety of emergency situations year-round. At this time of year, funds are always low for emergency aid.

Please be aware that each year the Salvation Army mounts a fund raising drive around Christmas and the envelopes addressed to the Eldorado branch go directly to the Salvation Army here, but those addressed to the Dallas office are not used locally.

Jo Ward of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative heads up the local branch of the Salvation Army. Contributions may be sent to her at P. O. Box 677, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

SCISD Filing Extended

In the upcoming special election to fill the two vacancies on the Schleicher County Independent School District Board of Trustees, the filing deadline for a place on the ballot has been extended to December 21, 1994. Because this is a special election, there will be

an additional fifteen days allowed to accept applications.

Due to the Christmas holidays, the Schleicher County I.S.D. administration office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, December 19 & 20, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and on Wednesday, Decem-

Crockett County Deerfest

The 7th annual Crockett County Deerfest will be held this Friday Dec. 2, 1994 at 6:30 p.m. in the new Fair Park Convention Center. The Deerfest Association would like to invite everyone to this years event. With 100 guns, close to 100 other door prizes and the Grand Prize of the evening a Polaris 4-wheeler, this years event will be the best yet. The new Fair Park Convention Center located by the Rodeo arena in Ozona, Texas

will not be hard to find. Follow the search lights to the Texas flag extended 150 ft in the air and you'll be there.

Door prize tickets are \$1.00 each and admission tickets (includes meal) are \$5.00. What's on the menu? Fried venison, deer patties, chili, sausage, tamales, wild cow (brisket), pork, BBQ goat, river potatoes, pinto beans and bread. Cone Join in the fun.

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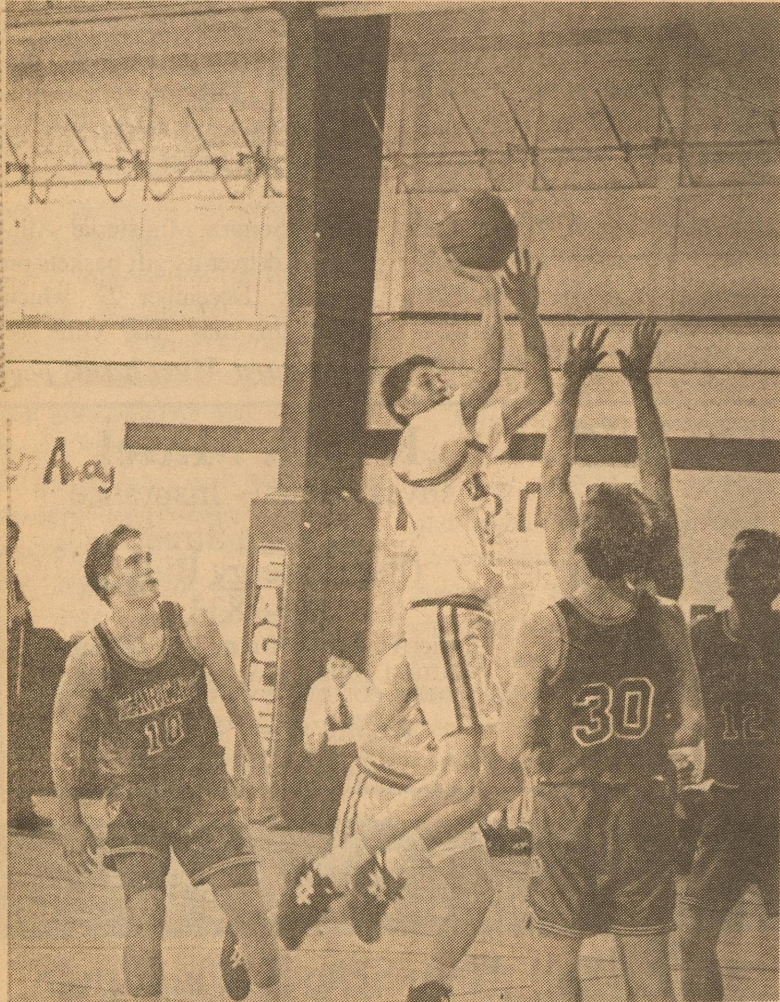


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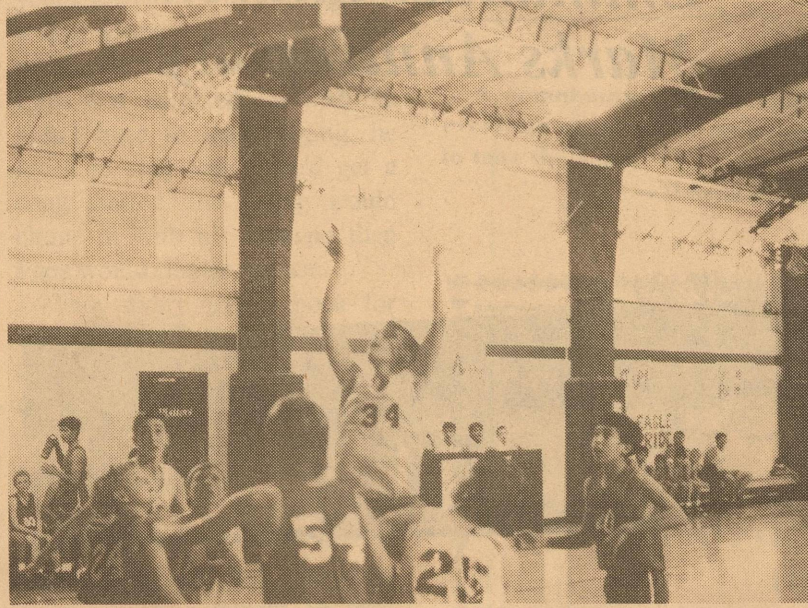
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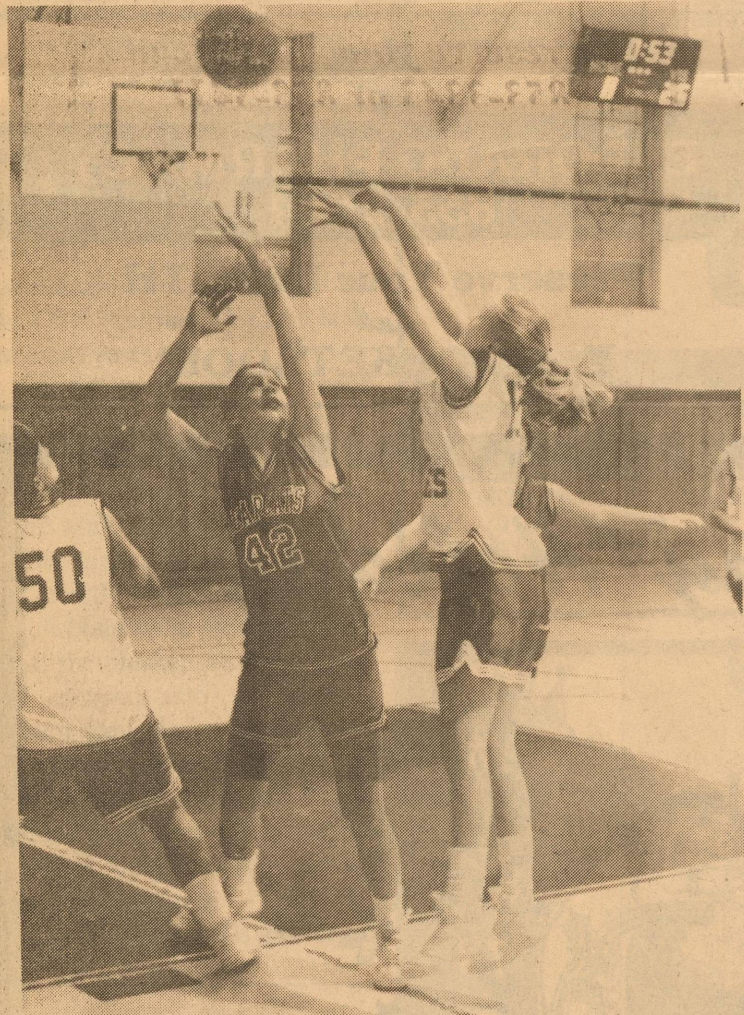
Above, Ricky Guterrez drives the lane against the Ballinger Bearcats during the Eagles Varsity Boys first game of the season last Tuesday night.



Above, Lance Mitchel lofts a shot against the Sonora Broncos in 7th Grade action last Monday night.



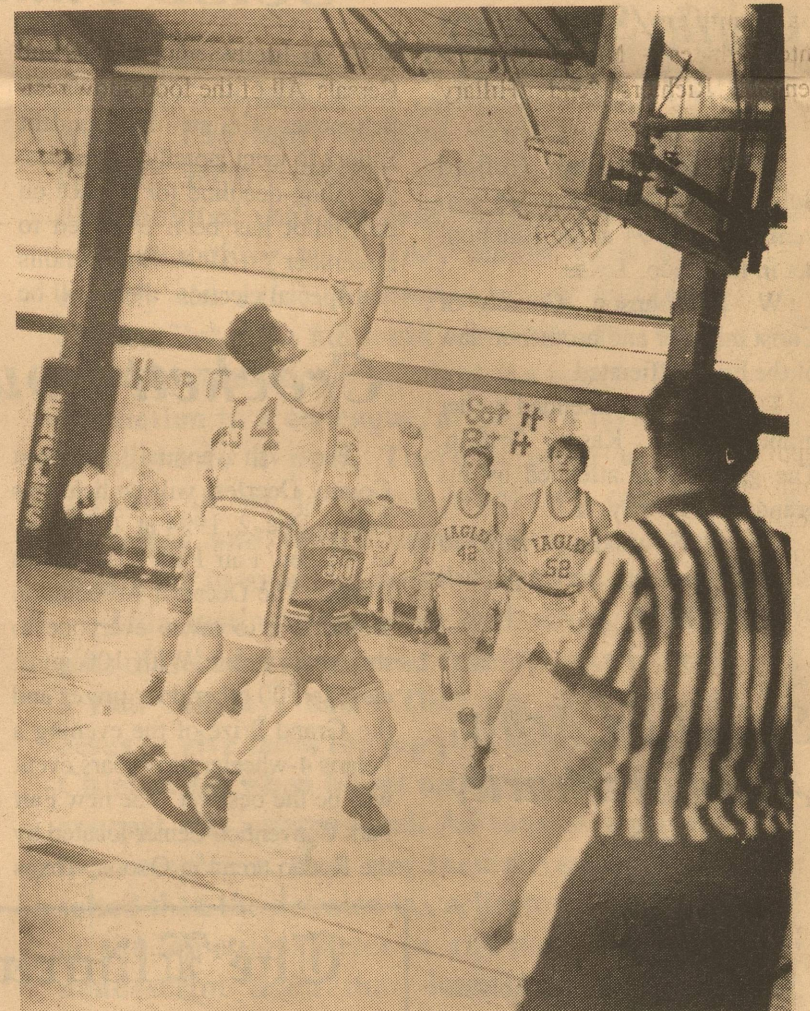
Above, Kristal Nelson drives the baseline during the Eagles JV Girls game against the Ballinger Bearcats last Tuesday night.



Above, Sundi Nix puts up a shot as Kristal Nelson blocks out for the rebound in Eagles JV Girls action against the Ballinger Bearcats last Tuesday night.



Shown above, Tony Martinez throws up a shot against the Sonora Broncos during the 8th Grade contest last Monday night.



Fidel Herrera puts up a shot as Creel Goodman and Travis Whitten position themselves for the rebound during the Eagles Varsity Boys game against the Ballinger Bearcats last Tuesday night.

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THE SINGING SHERIFF

by Willie Smallwood Johnson

Editor's note: Willie Johnson is a resident at the Schleicher County nursing home. Below is an excerpt from a story she wrote about her father, John T. Smallwood, in 1986.

While John T. Smallwood was sheriff of Lawrence County, 1906-1910, he often led the singing at Pulaski Street Church of Christ in Lawrenceburg. He was born near Tuscaloosa, Alabama, December 17, 1855, and grew up on a farm in northern Alabama where people met in homes for prayer meeting and singing. By the time he was grown, he had become a good song leader. He was six feet tall, stocky built with gray eyes and dark brown wavy hair. When slightly embarrassed, he'd reach up and pat that wave on the top of his head.

He was married to Nancy Ann Danley in 1877. They bought a farm in the Iron City district of Lawrence County, Tennessee where they were living when he was elected sheriff. They owned this farm for the rest of their lives. Their children were all born there. They are Lena (Killeu), Arthur, Albert, Gertrude (Kidd), Bruce and Willie (Johnson). Two children between Lena and Arthur died and two between Bruce and Willie.

Papa always liked meeting new people. He especially treasured his friendship with the settlers from Germany who had moved into that area. Before the turn of the century and afterward, he helped some of them with citizenship requirements and in other ways. He never ducked behind a pot-bellied stove and snickered (as some did) at their broken English. So at election time, 1906, many of them voted for him and his running mates as did their friends and relatives at Laretto and Lawrenceburg. This victory for the Republicans ushered in an age of close elections between the two political parties that has lasted for many years.

As their youngest child, I enjoyed those years we lived in Lawrenceburg, and especially Sunday School and church services there on Pulaski Street. On each side of the pulpit were about three rows of pews set at right angles to the main group of pews. Sitting on the west side were those men who would lead in prayer. I remember the names Gibbs, Stribling, Gaither, Kelley and Judge Coffman. They nearly always knelt to pray. Song leaders sat there on the front pew. Floors were carpeted. On the other side,

children in my class were allowed to sit if we'd behave. Individual communion cups had not come into use. The wine was passed along the pews in silver goblets. Arthur, Gertrude, and Bruce were baptized at services there.

Many of the ladies wore wide-brimmed hats, sometimes decorated with ostrich plumes. They wore white shirtwaists and long skirts of black silk voile trimmed with bias strips of black taffeta. Underneath, they wore black taffeta petticoats that rustled as they walked down the aisle to their seats. When Miss Mable Skidmore came hurriedly down the

aisle after teaching our class, that ostrich plume would be bobbing up and down until she found her regular seat. I thought they all looked beautiful!

During those years, tramps or hoboes would steal rides into Lawrenceburg on L & N freight trains. Then they'd canvass the town asking for handouts of food and clothing. Early one morning, a tramp stopped by our house at the jail asking for shoes. Mama had found a pair to give him. Right then, as Papa was lacing up his shoes, one of the laces broke. "Hand me the laces out of that pair



Pictured above is Willie Johnson. She is a long-time resident of Schleicher County. In 1986 she penned "The Singing Sheriff" a story about her father, John T. Smallwood.

4-H District Food Show

Eleven Schleicher County 4-H members competed at the District 4-H Food Show held in San Angelo on Saturday, November 19. Each was a winner at the county show held on November 1st in Eldorado. Blue ribbon winners from Schleicher County were: Juniors - Blake Snelson, Courtney Sauer, Annamarie Giovannitti and Kayla McCravey; Intermediates - Nicole Althaus, Jennah Richters and Hillary Hodges; and Seniors - Andi Ster-

ling, Lindsey Griffin, Renee Edmiston and Kimberly Beach.

Courtney Sauer won Overall High Individual in the Junior Fruits and Vegetable Division. Renee Edmiston was recognized as 6th High Individual in Senior Snacks and Desserts. Kim Beach won 5th in Senior Fruits and Vegetables. Lindsey Griffin won 5th in Senior Main Dish and Andi Sterling won 4th in Senior Breads and Cereals. All of the food show recipes will be featured in the Eldorado Centennial Cookbook.

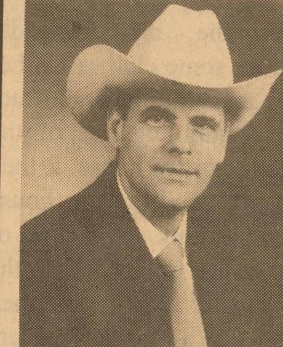
Elementary Students Learn To Recycle



Shown above are Mrs. Sessom, Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Beach with their Second Grade classes. The young students won first prize recently as Eldorado Elementary School took part in Texas Recycle Day.

Students at Eldorado Elementary took part in the "Texas Recycle Day" recently and the Second Graders came through like troopers. Making logs out of old newspapers was but one way these junior recyclers found to protect our environment. Other recycling

ideas they came up with were to make puzzles from cereal box tops. They also made door decorations for the residents at the nursing home from old Christmas cards. The students were treated to refreshments at the Eagle Dairy Mart.



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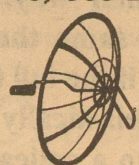
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Qualified projects will be selected for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts, ability to meet service needs of elderly and/or disabled persons based on passenger trips per month, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable, and average fleet age where applicable.

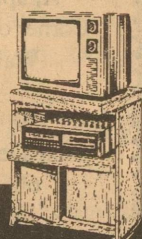
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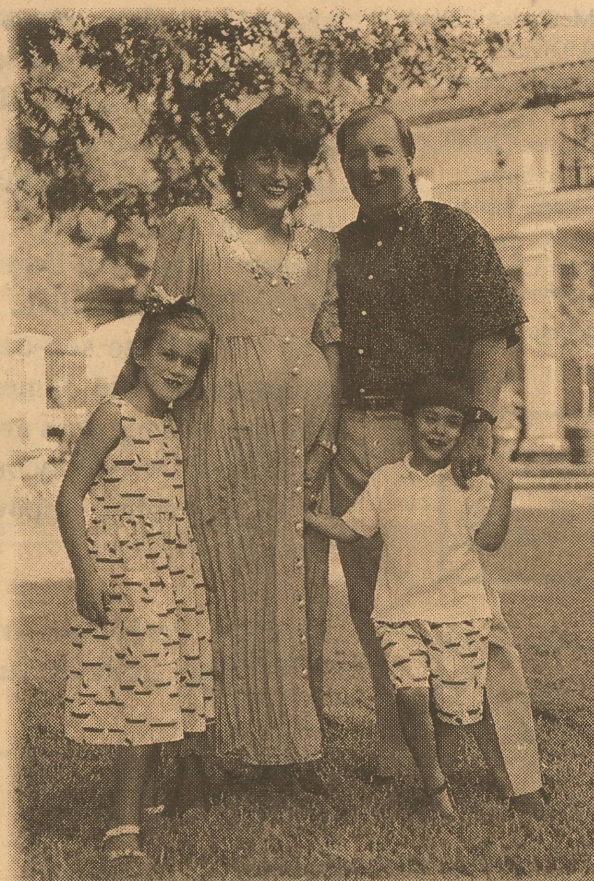
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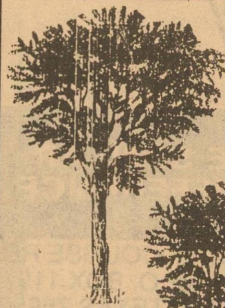
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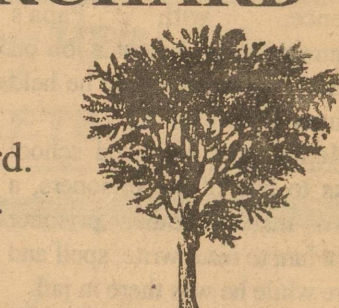
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Dorothy's Movie Time
by Dorothy Dacy

a tramp stopped by our house at the jail asking for shoes. Mama had found a pair to give him. Right then, as Papa was lacing up his shoes, one of the laces broke. "Hand me the laces out of that pair of shoes, Nannie," he said. "But, John, we can't give the man shoes without laces," she implored. He came back with, "Aw, you can tear off some strips of calico for that tramp to use. Let me have 'em; I'm in a hurry."

So she handed him the laces and went to tear off some material. (Right now, 1986, a tramp would be in high style with calico laces in his shoes.) Next Sunday at church, Brother Thomas King was our preacher—he of the soft voice and gentle manner. He spoke of acts of charity and the spirit that should accompany them—generosity, with no holding back.

At one point he asked, "When you give a hungry man a handout meal of chicken, do you select only necks and other such bony pieces for him?" He paused a moment for that to sink in. "Or," he continued, "if you give a man a pair of shoes, do you keep the laces for yourself?"

I looked across at Papa sitting there on the song leaders' front pew. His face looked flushed and, sure enough, he reached up with his hand and nervously patted that wave on the top of his head. He'd do that, too, when the Wisdom girls, Flora, Anna, Myrtle and Gertie would often say, "Mr. Smallwood, we agree that we can sing better when you lead than any other time."

Or the Hurst girls, Fannie and Jewel. "We missed your singing last Sunday when you couldn't be here." That wave would be patted again.

Once Papa let a young prisoner, a trustee, ride one of the saddle horses 25 miles home where his father lay dead. The young man came back next day after the burying. At the end of his jail sentence, with Papa's recommendation, he got a job on the L&N Railroad which he held for many years.

Mama gave our used school books to one of the prisoners, a grown man. Another prisoner taught him to read, write, spell and figure while he was there in jail.

One night some prisoners who had secretly sawed bars apart tied double blankets to other bars, slid down the blankets to the ground and escaped into the woods. Lilburn Davidson, with his blood hounds soon rounded them up. Two black men, Gene and, Riley, brothers, didn't leave. They liked it in jail so well they were almost permanent residents.

Two downstairs cells were used

for crazy people. When families could not care for them at home, they'd be brought there for safe keeping until Papa had time to take them on the train to the asylum in Nashville. On a crisp fall day, Papa went to the south end of the county with a warrant to arrest a young man accused of repeatedly disturbing the peace. After a long drive to the parents' home, he found the young man, who gave no resistance to the arrest.

While the mother sadly gathered up some clothes for her son, Papa got a drink of cool water that came bubbling out of the hillside back of the house. It then ran under a small spring house where jars of milk and a bowl of butter sat on large flat rocks in the clear cool water. That stream then continued as a spring branch, flowing into the creek nearby.

After a few minutes of conversation and good-byes, the two men climbed into the buggy and began the long drive back to Lawrenceburg. Rail fences zig-zagged along the roadsides, enclosing planted fields from roving livestock, mostly milk cows, which were allowed to run free for browse. Up and down rocky hills the two went; and at times the road actually followed the shallow creek bed, with clear water splashing out on both sides as the horses' hooves clip-clopped along that solid rock bottom.

Those two big bays were used to trips like this and needed very little attention from the driver as they traveled along at their steady pace. Now and then, one would

shake his head as branches of a hazelnut bush, daring to grow out into the roadway, would brush against him.

They passed a few farm houses where dogs barked. The scent of woodsmoke filled the air coming from the fire in kitchen stoves where womenfolks were getting supper ready for their hungry families. Afternoons are short in late autumn, so as night came on, Papa lit a kerosene lantern and tied it to the dashboard. Its dim light was a help to the horses and was comforting to the two travelers on that lonely road.

To pass the time, Papa began to hum and sing favorite gospel songs as was his custom. Soon the young man joined in, singing with a clear soprano voice. (In gospel music, the lead is called soprano.) Papa was delighted, for when he didn't have to lead singing, he loved to sing base. He'd get a song started, the young would chime in with his soprano then Papa would change to base.

They didn't need a book for Papa remembered the words and keys to lots of songs. Even without his tuning fork, he could nearly always sound middle C and from there the other keys needed. Night sounds of tree frogs and crickets came from the woods on each side of the road, providing natural accompaniment to their voices.

Thus the two men, a sheriff and a young prisoner, sitting side by side on the narrow buggy seat, traveled along that dark country road toward the county jail, singing together.

"There's a land that is fairer than day. And by faith we can see it afar. For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there."

In the sweet (in the sweet) bye and bye (bye and bye), We shall meet on that beautiful shore (bye and bye). In the sweet (in the sweet) bye and bye (bye and bye), We shall meet on that beautiful shore."

P.S. Papa told us about this last incident next morning at breakfast.

Descriptive phrases are from my cherished memories of Tennessee—its tall trees, clear running streams, dogwood blossoms and friendly people.

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—Henrik Ibsen

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People who use their contacts to get on in life are often branded as cute opportunists or worse. The more cynical criticism usually comes from people who are bitterly disappointed that the same opportunities did not come their way. They would have done exactly the same themselves given the same chance. But if the full truth were told, few of us would enthusiastically surrender a sought after promotion to a colleague, a job to a rival, the limelight to a peer. There is often a deep instinct in us to grasp what we can for ourselves and to see ourselves as the most deserving in every situation.

This instinct was alive and strong in the sons of Zebedee as we read from Marks Gospel a few Sundays back. They put pressure on Jesus to give them the top jobs of Speaker and Chief Whip when he set up his Kingdom. The request was unequivocal. As sons of a strong local employer, they saw themselves as better suited than the detested tax collector, Matthew, or the impetuous Peter or any member of the nondescript band that Jesus had gathered around him. Jesus responded gently but firmly. Certainly they were welcome to be close to Him and to be great in his Kingdom. But such greatness was achieved through service rather than by exploitation, through gentleness rather than through power, through self-sacrifice rather than privilege, through crucifixion rather than coronation. His own way to success was the way to self-denial and the cross, He wondered would James and John be able for this route. None of us are able for it on our own but He will travel by our side if we are willing to let His spirit empower us to journey that way.

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CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT sponsored by the *Schleicher County Child Welfare Board*. Angels will be available from November 21 thru December 15, 1994, on the tree at the First National Bank. Gifts will be delivered December 18, 1994.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT sponsored by the *Schleicher County Hospital Auxiliary*. Donations help nursing students with tuition. Boxes can be found at the Schleicher County Medical Center, Dairy Mart and the First National Bank. Deadline is December 20, 1994.

Thursday, December 1, 1994, **SCHLEICHER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the museum.

Thursday, December 1, 8 and 15 1994, **"FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY"** at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. The study is in the book of Joshua. All are

Friday and Saturday, December 2, 3 and 4 1994, **CHRISTMAS AT OLD FORT CONCHO.**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 1, 2 and 3, 1994 **VARSITY BOYS AND GIRLS TOURNAMENT** in Ballinger. **JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS AND GIRLS TOURNAMENT** plays Wall there.

Sunday, December 4, 1994, **WOBB "VARITY SHOW"** featuring local talent in Christmas variety show. Call now for tickets at 853-3343. Show times are 2:00 p.m. and 4:00.

Tuesday, December 6, 1994, **The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ, 901 North Main. Program will be "Interesting Names and Anecdotes". Bring a Christmas dessert or chips & dips to share.

Saturday, December 10, 1994, **1ST ANNUAL COUNTY CHRISTMAS CAVERNS OF SONORA**, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 35 Craft booths, Western Santa, Wagon rides and Community Choir. 7 miles South of Interstate 10, Exit 392, West of Sonora.

Sunday, December 11, 1994, **CHRISTMAS CONCERT GRADES 5-12.** 3:00 P.M. **FREE ADMISSION.**

Sunday, December 11, 1994 **THE WOMAN'S CLUB** will be sponsoring **TOUR OF HOMES** from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tour is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door of any one of the homes on the tour.

Monday, December 12, 1994, **M-44 PREDATOR CONTROL CLASS, 7:00 p.m.** County Extension Office.

Tuesday, December 20, 1994, **LADIES TIME OUT, 7:00 p.m.** in the Ladies Club Room at the Memorial Building. For more information, you may call 853-3349.

ATTENTION: OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS will meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Judy at 853-3376.

Flu Shots Available Locally

As the flu season wears on, some people are having difficulty locating a flu vaccine. Several San Angelo physicians are reporting that they are out of vaccine or have an extremely low supply.

However, the Schleicher County Medical Center and Dr. Peaslee's office tell the Success that they have a good supply of flu vaccine and encourage everyone to come by for a flu shot, especially high risk patients.

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Sonora. The Ministerial Alliance and the good people of Sonora do so much for their community throughout the year. It is only fitting that as Christmas gets even closer, that the giving and the meaning of Christmas are what carry over into the new year. Of course, last minute shopping on December 24, with the rawing being held on December 20 p.m.

You Missed It! continued from page 2

The newly-formed IRF swept onto the university like a team of Green Berets and sued for infringement of Constitutional Rights.

The upshot? Guess who's going to *sensitivity* training: The hyper-sensitive college administrators! They will be attending First Amendment Sensitivity training. The Admin. will now be able to arm themselves with Free Speech arguments that they can toss at the Polit-Police next time. Way to go, Tom, Dave, and Pete!! [IRF is headquartered at 9911 West Pico Blvd. Suite 1290, Los Angeles, CA 90035]

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If you get the *Lion King* audio tape for the little ones for Christmas, there's one problem that can lead to family disturbances--- the kids will have to fend off the grown ups from trying to replay the first cut on Side One over and over... it's great music.

VOTE FOR JOHN DOE!

Last week the Communist Party won a "free" election in Nepal.

For those who take great pride and joy in the prospect of this group winning the election---we have a few additional facts to absorb.

First of all, as pointed out by *U.S. News* the people of Nepal were really uninformed on who or what they were voting for. Secondly, the "free" election took place in an extremely repressive society where there is no true exchange of ideas. You see, there's a law against "proselytizing" in Nepal. That means no "preaching"---no attempting to persuade anyone of your way of thinking. So the term "free" election is slightly misleading.

Finally, to make sure no proselytizing takes place, undercover KGB have been visiting church services throughout Nepal on a regular basis to monitor what is said. Now how do you teach from the Bible, or a religious treatise, without sounding like you're persuading people to believe it? That's right it's not really possible.

How do the members of the church know when there's a KGB officer present? The same way the hippies knew in the 60's when a narc visited a pot party---they stick out like a sore thumb!

WILD BILL

Do we have great instincts or what! Three weeks ago, we told you about William Galston who turned out to be an assistant to President Clinton. You may remember that William gave us the Willie's.

Well, last week President Clinton was asked what he thought about school prayer and his response was essentially, no problem. Guess who was on the news within a couple of hours contradicting the commander-in-chief? You got it---William "Bill" Galston almost immediately said President Clinton didn't mean what he said and there would be no school prayer!

You know what would probably

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irk Wild Bill Galston to pieces... everyone should write to him in care of the White House and tell him you're praying he'll change his mind!!

WHOSE THE MEANIE?

Throughout the last two elections, the press said that conservative candidates were... well, "bad" people. Here's a sampling from last week's *Newsweek*, *Time*, and *National Republic* on how "nice" the press is in describing the newly elected more conservative members of Congress:

"Genuinely mean spirited. Cackling pumpkin-head. Critical of everything. A virtual nothing. Without a real idea in his head. A robotic figure. Unwholesome. Pitbull partisanship. Appetite for power. Extremist. Dangerous. Threatening. Trying to exploit. Harsh expressions. Lust for combat. Acid sense of humor. Rhetorical blunderbuss. Attack [others] by ridicule. A crafty angler. Worst characteristics. Hyperbolic. Angry rhetoric. Bullied his way to the top. Deeply cynical. Techno-babble. Plotting. Moves in for the kill. Slash and burn."

Get the picture, folks? These conservatives...well, they're just mean people aren't they? Note: *US News* and *World Report* would have been included, but oddly, they just told the news and didn't cast aspersions!

WHY WORRY?!

Ma and Pa... did you know MTV refused to air a music video (by Michael Sweet---"Ain't No Safe Way") which happened to promote sexual abstinence?

Were they standing on some kind of principle? Advertisers have long since said that "sex sells". Is it possi-

ble that an abstinence video could hurt the way MTV does business??

SEPARATED AT DEATH

You know the books, *Separated at Birth*, which show two people who look alike but have nothing to do with each other? Well, we have witnessed a vast array of liberals in the media who are suddenly talking like conservatives---coincidentally along the lines of the exit-polling data after the elections.

The turnabout is so amazing that we wonder if some of these talkers were separated from their former selves at the Death Knell for Liberalism---AKA the '94 election. One of the more noticeable was the daytime "women's" talk-show on CNN, meaning Liberal women, of course.

Last week the host asked the three guests what they thought of the proposed U.S. stamp with the image of Madonna on it---(please do not call Madonna, not the singer!). Incidentally, the three guests did not launch into a diatribe on how the "American people" are sick of stereotypes of women and how it's an insult to the Jewish and Islamic children of America, etc. etc.

No, it was either Barbara Reynolds' twin last week who couldn't say enough about the need to return to basic American religious values, or she's been separated from her former self. But who's knocking?

LEO'S ON A ROLL

John Leo has been hitting homeruns in nearly every essay in *U.S. News* for months on end. Last week's moment of sanity regarding school prayer. [If someone thinks there really might be a God who will

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