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Head-on collision claims life of local man

A two-vehicle accident 9 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277 claimed the life of an Eldorado man on Thursday, March 18th and sent two others to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment.

W.R. "Dub" Taylor, 73, was transported by AirMed-1 helicopter from the scene of the accident to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo where he later died.

Edwina Taylor, 64, and Mora Lee West, 83, both of Eldorado, were taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment. Mrs. Taylor was later transferred to Shannon Medical Center via AirMed-1. Mrs. West was treated and released.

According to DPS Trooper Don Van Zandt who investigated the accident, a 1995 Oldsmobile, driven by Mrs. Taylor, was traveling south on U.S. 277 when a northbound 1988 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Mrs. West turned into the southbound lane. Van Zandt reported that

West was cited for failure to yield right of while turning left.

A 9-1-1 call reporting the accident was received by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 2:49 p.m. Units from the Sheriff's Department, Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and Schleicher County Volunteer EMS were dispatched to the scene where both lanes of traffic were blocked for a brief time and a landing zone was secured for AirMed-1 which touched down in the center of the roadway.

After Mrs. Taylor's initial treatment at Schleicher Co. Medical Center, she was being transported to San Angelo by ambulance when another two-vehicle accident occurred on N. Divide in Eldorado. With multiple injuries reported in that accident, the decision was made to divert Mrs. Taylor's ambulance back to Eldorado to help out with the accident. At that point, Mrs. Taylor was transported to Shannon Medical Center by AirMed-1 helicopter.



photo by Randy Mankin

Head-on collision — Schleicher County EMS volunteers and AirMed-1 paramedics assessed injuries last Thursday at this two vehicle accident 9 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. W.R. "Dub" Taylor, 73, of Eldorado was transported by helicopter to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo where he later died. Two other patients were taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center in Eldorado.

Four auto accidents in twenty-eight hours test local emergency services personnel

by Randy Mankin

The people who move to small towns for the peace and quiet wouldn't have cared much for Eldorado last week. That's when, in the span of 28 hours, four traffic accidents involving seven vehicles sent 8 people to area hospitals. Tragically, one man, W.R. Taylor of Eldorado, died of his injuries.

It had been a fairly uneventful week in Schleicher County. Spring Break meant that school was out and many had taken the opportunity to travel out of town. When a friend called the Success office and inquired how things were in Eldorado I responded, "It's so quiet here you can shoot marbles on Main Street."

All that changed at 1:31 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17th, when a caller on a cellular phone reported a one-vehicle accident 6 miles east of Eldorado. Sheriff's Department, EMS and Fire Department units were dispatched to the scene where they found a 1992 Chevrolet

pickup had left the roadway.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, investigated the accident. According to his report, the pickup, driven by Orval Edmiston, 80, of Eldorado, left the roadway and slid down an embankment where it impacted a grove of trees. Edmiston was freed from the pickup and transported by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and released.

At 2:49 p.m. the following day, a 9-1-1 call reported a head-on collision 9 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. Emergency personnel responded to the scene where a 1995 Oldsmobile and a 1988 had collided in the southbound lane. (see story above)

W.R. "Dub" Taylor, 73, of Eldorado was transported by AirMed-1 helicopter to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where he later died of his injuries. Edwina Taylor, 64, and Mora Lee West, 83, both of Eldorado, were

taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center. West was treated and released and Mrs. Taylor was sent to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo in an EMS ambulance.

However, before the ambulance carrying Mrs. Taylor reached the county line, a two-vehicle accident on N. Divide Street in Eldorado would again press the emergency crews into action. That's when a 1995 Ford driven by Viola Abalos, 30, of Dumas, Texas, collided broadside with a 1992 Ford pickup driven by Robert Brown, 28, of San Angelo.

With only one ambulance remaining in town, and upon learning of multiple injuries in the latest wreck, Dr. Brian Kingston ordered the northbound ambulance to return with Mrs. Taylor. He also called for AirMed-1 to come pickup Mrs. Taylor for transport to Shannon. That freed a second ambulance to respond to the wreck on

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F.Y.I.

For Your Information

On This Date

On this date in 1902 Irving W. Colburn patented the sheet glass drawing machine. In 1913 the famous Palace Theatre opened its doors in New York City. In 1937 the first perfumed ad appeared in the Washington, D.C. "Daily News" In 1954 RCA began commercial production of TV sets that were equipped to receive programs in living color.

Birthdays of note include: 1867 orchestra conductor Arturo Toscanini; 1920 sportscaster Howard Cosell; 1928 astronaut James Lovell, Jr.; 1935 feminist Gloria Steinem; 1940 singer Anita Bryant; 1942 singer Aretha Franklin; 1947 rock singer Elton John.

Green Thumbs

Texans love their gardens so much that green industry sales exceeded \$7.7 billion in 1997. According to the State Comptroller's Office, roughly 55 percent of the sales are through retail marketing channels by do-it-yourself gardeners. The remaining 45 percent are generated by the landscape service sector.

Don't Be A Victim

Crime prevention experts offer these tips to help deter crime:

- 1) Stay alert to your surroundings. Stop, look and listen before leaving a building or vehicle.
- 2) Lock your car and close the windows. Never, never leave your keys in a vehicle.
- 3) Avoid leaving cellular phones, purses, tool boxes or other items of value visible in your vehicle. Record serial numbers for items you must carry in the car.
- 4) Discourage purse snatchers by not overburdening yourself with packages. Wear your purse strap across your chest and record the numbers of all credit cards you carry in your purse.
- 5) Avoid ATM machines in isolated places. Be wary of people who observe you getting cash.
- 6) Never resist the demands of a criminal. Stay calm. Remember, your property is not worth your life.

Odds and Ends

The college degree is called a "Bachelor's" degree after the original meaning of bachelor which was a young apprentice. Since the Bachelor's is the first degree issued, coming before a Master's or Doctor's degree, that first degree became known as a Bachelor's degree.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Doing it right — Jesse Gamez and Isidro Nava brought this load to the landfill last week. It was properly covered with a tarpaulin as required by a new state law.

City landfill rules outlined

by Carolyn Mayo
Eldorado City Secretary

Now that Spring is here and we are pruning shrubs and cleaning out the garage and yard, it is time to remind you of the Landfill hours and rules we must enforce as the permit holder for our landfill.

Landfill hours will continue to be 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Sorry, we are not open on Sunday or holidays.

State Tarp Law

The City must enforce the new tarp law — a state law which requires us to take steps to ensure that vehicles hauling waste to the landfill are enclosed or provided with a tarpaulin, net or other means to properly secure the load in order to prevent the escape of any part of the load by blowing or spilling.

We must notify the public, report offenders to law enforcement officers, add surcharges or take similar measures. Littering is a fineable offense from \$100 to \$400 per incident.

Don't get mad at the operator of the Landfill — he is only doing his job. He is required to keep a log of all vehicles entering the landfill and he is also required to ensure that only Schleicher County residents may use the landfill. We don't charge Schleicher County residents and we don't accept trash from anyone else. All we ask for is cooperation to keep our landfill in compliance.

If you should have any questions or problems, please call Jack Dean at 853-2458 or the City Hall at 853-2691. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Candidates file for local offices

Robert E. Bybee and Juquin A. Rojas filed for City Council in Ward #1, John M. Callison and Richard Mendez filed in Ward 2 while Dora Bosmans and Eddie Rodriguez filed in Ward 3. The candidates will appear on the May 1st City Council ballot.

Hospital board candidates are

Judy Christian, Randy Mankin and Lanis Mikeska.

School board candidates are as follows: Steve Sessom in SMD 1; and Jo Helen Kotsch and Sidney Reynolds in SMD 3.

The deadline to file for the unexpired term in SMD 5 is 5:00 p.m. on March 31st.



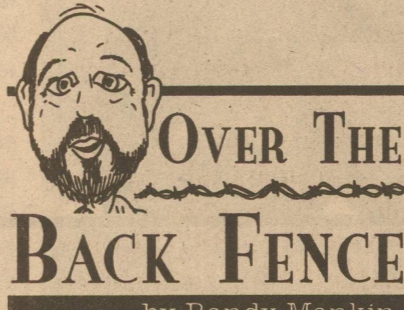
photo by Kathy Mankin

Crunch — Broken plumbing fixtures littered the street last Thursday after this two-vehicle accident on N. Divide Street. Four people in the white car were transported by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment.



And the next thing you know ol' Jed's not a millionaire anymore

The good ol' USA is enjoying an economic boom like it hasn't seen since the 1950s. President Clinton is taking credit, of course. So is the Congress. All is wonderful it seems...except in West Texas. Here, times are hard.



I was happy to see that the price of oil has begun to creep back up on the world markets. OPEC has agreed to cut back production in hopes of driving the price even higher. Somehow I don't find much comfort in their reassurances.

Eldorado's economy is sputtering but we're not alone. Big Lake and Crane appear to have it just as bad.

economy.

I was visiting with an oldtimer the other day and he said that Schleicher County could always count on the agriculture economy or the oil & gas economy. Usually, he said, one or the other would be doing well enough to pull us through the hard times. This time is different. Agriculture is suffering, oil & gas is suffering. All the while, America is booming.

My good friend Jimmy Heath from Crane sent me an e-mail last week that put things in perspective. He listed the price we pay for everyday items...in dollars per barrel. That's a ruler by which most West Texans can gauge the true health of the

Below is a partial list. Please note that the prices are for a 42 gallon barrel:

Coca Cola.....	\$ 78.73
Milk.....	126.00
Evian Water.....	189.90
Orange Juice.....	251.16
Snapple.....	267.12
Perrier Water.....	328.67
Budweiser Beer.....	342.72
Lemon Oil.....	390.88
Crisco Oil.....	435.12
Scope Mouthwash.....	826.65
Sunflower Oil.....	971.04
Olive Oil.....	1,324.38
Pinot Grigio Wine.....	1,377.40
Real Maple Syrup.....	1,787.52
Sesame Oil.....	2,535.61
Jack Daniels.....	4,133.26
Tannin Oil.....	4,290.05
Visine Eye Drops.....	32,202.24
Nasal Spray.....	238,133.21
Computer Chips.....	Don't Ask
West Texas Intermediate	
Sweet Crude Oil.....	9.00

It's time we look for something else. I don't know what that something else is but we need to find it...and fast.

The Chamber of Commerce is working the economic development angle pretty hard right now. Anyone interested in helping with that should contact Chamber president James Kosub or any of the Chamber directors. I'm sure they would appreciate the help.

As for me...if Evian Water is selling for \$189.90 per barrel, how much is our water worth?

Senate approves measure to deregulate power companies

AUSTIN — Sweeping legislation to deregulate Texas' \$17 billion electric industry passed on a voice vote last week in the Texas Senate.

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



Consumers served by investor-owned utilities would get a 5 percent rate cut when power providers begin competing for customers on Jan. 1, 2002, under Senate Bill 7 by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

development corporations; and
• Exempt diapers, over-the-counter medicines and Internet access from state sales tax.

Sibley said consumers willing to shop for better rates might be able to lower their bills by another 10 percent, depending on their choice of a provider.

In a report by the Austin American-Statesman, Cuellar indicated that deliberation on teacher salaries and benefits must come from the House Public Education Committee, chaired by Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson.

S.B. 7 — said to be on the "fast track" — will be heard next in the House State Affairs Committee. Carrying the measure will be Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, chairman of the committee.

Moving the decision on how to split the budget to the Public Education Committee is good news for teachers, according to Annette Cootes, spokeswoman for the Texas State Teachers Association.

Critics of the bill say it will benefit large power companies more than ratepayers.

Sadler, Cootes told the American-Statesman, "has been a long-standing friend, a long-standing supporter, of Texas teachers. We have a lot of members of that committee who are sympathetic to our needs."

Budget Wish List Still on Table

A state budget bill has not been filed yet, but state Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, of the powerful House Appropriations Committee is working toward a plan incorporating recommendations by Gov. George W. Bush.

It would take \$2.1 billion to raise Texas teachers' salaries to the national average of \$39,000 a year — amounting to a \$300 a month raise for teachers, Cootes said.

Cuellar, chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on education, last week recommended that \$3 billion go toward teacher raises and a property tax cut and be used to enhance fairness in the state's school financing system.

Abortion Notification Bill Passes

A teen-ager would be required to notify her parents before she could get an abortion under legislation approved by the Texas Senate last week.

Bush wants the Legislature to use \$2 billion to cut school property taxes and \$1 billion for teacher raises and benefits. Bush also wants to:

- Exempt small corporations from the state business income tax;
- Exempt certain research and

have a flaw in our system today in Texas, and that flaw is that we don't include the parents in this very, very serious, potentially life-threatening problem for young girls."

Opponents of the bill have argued that requiring parental notification would impede teen-agers' access to a safe, legal abortion.

Treasury Division which manages \$10 billion in state cash and investments. Doyle has been in charge of the treasury division since 1994.

• Texas has the opportunity to join the dozen highest-populated states in a short-term "millennium" lottery that would give a single winner as much as \$300 million. Texas Lottery officials are investigating the possibility of joining.
• The Senate Economic Development Committee has passed a bill that would limit year 2000 glitch liability for computer makers and software designers. The proposal is by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

Gov. Bush called Shapiro's bill "a positive step to reduce the number of abortions in Texas and involve parents in this major medical decision for their minor daughters."

• The Senate last week passed a bill by Senate Finance Committee chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, requiring state agencies to assure women- and minority-owned businesses will get a fair shot at landing state contracts.

Bush said he hopes to sign the bill, which moves to the House for consideration, into law.

Other Capital Highlights

• State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has named Mike Doyle as director of the agency's



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Cooper's Man About Town

Miller's Pharmacy in Cooper, Texas is a landmark. The store is famous for its malted milk shakes. Everything is made from scratch, including the ice cream. The store is like the community center in Cooper. Everybody in town goes there to see and be seen and catch up on the latest news.

of us that had motorcycles in town," he says. "We formed sort of a club and at night we'd head out for Paris or Commerce."

The sidewalk by the side of the drug store is Cooper's walk of fame. There are names of Cooper's characters carved in concrete. It is a select group. Manton Miller, who ran Miller Pharmacy for years, and his son Marion were the instigators of the walk. "We had just got back from California and saw that walk out there with all the Hollywood stars' names in it," says Manton. They chose only town characters who had animal nicknames. Hoss Chestnut. Bull Bettis. Goat Smith. Rabbit Foster. Foxy Roan. Wolf Lowery. Mule Clark. Bear Raney. Hoot Owl Hatcher. Duck Stevens. Pig Choate. Moose Horchem.

Manton used to ride his motorcycle standing up. "They had big saddle seats back then. And the throttle, when you gave it the gas and took your hand off of it, it stayed the same and kept the speed up. I'd put my feet on that seat and come right on up. I could throw my weight to the right or left and the motorcycle would go in the direction I leaned. I used to weave back and forth going down the highway at 30 miles an hour. Or I could keep it straight. I rode a motorcycle many a mile standing up."

Manton has turned the pharmacy over to his son and is having a ball in retirement. He owns a 1963 Mercury Comet Convertible that leads every parade in Cooper. Usually the queen of the event is sitting on the back of Manton's convertible. Manton has always liked wheels. When he was about three years old he was asking his father for a tricycle. "You don't need a tricycle. Go out there and get on that horse," his father told him.

He and another motorcycle rider used to ride side by side while one of their friends stood on their shoulders to form a pyramid.

Manton couldn't afford whitewall tires for his motorcycle, so he painted four big dots on the wheels to look like he had whitewalls when his motorcycle was in motion.

"One time we had a church bench about ten feet long and we balanced it on the back of my motorcycle. Four guys sat on that bench and I drove around the square with that bench and those guys sitting on it. People all stood around and laughed when they saw that."

They used to block off the intersections around Cooper's main street and roar through downtown going as fast as the motorcycle would go.

"Why did we do all that stuff? Just to be doing it, I reckon."

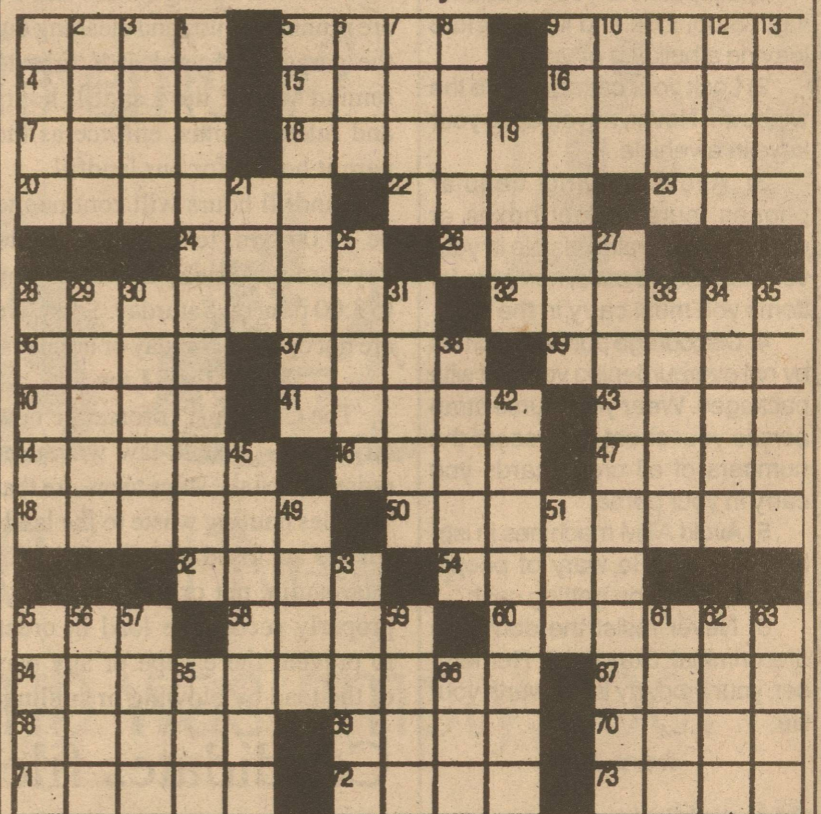
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	DOWN	
1. Abba the diplomat	1. Urges with on	19. Ms Lane
5. WJC or RMN for example	2. Two of these make an island	21. Opposite of flood
9. Jean's box	3. Once more	25. "Sweet Bird of _____"
14. Past	4. 12/31	27. 11/11
15. Kind of wave	5. Egyptian kings	28. Crow
16. Felix the neutrik	6. Dem.'s opposite	29. Release
17. Got bigger	7. Wyatt or Virgil	30. Sticky footed lizard
18. 4/1	8. Helfer	31. Wild plums
20. Mark's Tom	9. Self serving meals	33. Squandered money
22. Asst. or Assoc.	10. Yoko	34. Muse of poetry
23. Soak flax	11. Dr. Frankenstein's assistant	35. Bar
24. Where to make a bid online	12. Scope or vision preceder	38. Prepare bread dough
26. Ukrainian capital	13. Once once	42. The shapes of orbits
28. Bete noires		45. "The _____ Sea"
32. In ones' cups		49. Posted
36. Lulu		51. Shetland Island creek
37. Comic book character		53. Cacophony
39. Gawk		55. State
40. Basics		56. Road _____
41. Sharon or gem		57. Rover's bane
43. The E in Q.E.D.		59. Obstacle
44. Heaven and land follower		61. Hall of Fame Speaker
46. Toe's antithesis		62. Load
47. A bundle of nerves		63. Pitcher
48. Treasures		65. Computer key
50. San _____		66. Samuel's teacher

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Holidays



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OBITUARIES

Orland A. Harris

ELDORADO - Orland A. Harris, 89, of Eldorado died Sunday, March 21, 1999 in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born December 1, 1909

in Buda, Texas. He was a rancher and a member of Community Baptist Church in Eldorado, serving as Deacon Emeritus.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Eldorado; 3 sons Lee Harris and Jim Harris of San Angelo and Jackie Harris of Miles; 1 daughter, Arlene Payne of San Antonio; 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

W.R. 'DUB' TAYLOR

ELDORADO — W.R. "Dub" Taylor passed away Thursday, March 18, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 23, in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

"Dub" was born Nov. 20, 1925, in Marietta, Okla., to Thomas Lonzo and Tiny Janie Chapman Taylor. He served his country in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He met and married Edwina Bowman in Thatcher, Ariz., in 1951. They moved from Carrizo Springs to Eldorado in 1980.

W.R. was preceded in death by his parents, his two brothers, Alford Taylor and Claude Taylor

and his grandson, Michael Taylor.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Edwina of the home; two sons, Lonnie Taylor and wife, Jennifer, of Christoval and Allen Taylor and wife, Shiela, of Carrizo Springs; seven grandchildren, Robert Taylor of San Angelo, Christy Languell of Olympia, Wash., Kelly Taylor of San Angelo, Kenneth Taylor of Mart and James, Jon and Monica Taylor, all of Carrizo Springs; three great-grandchildren, Destinee Taylor of San Angelo, Ryan and Brandon Michael Languell of Olympia; three sisters, Mary Craig of Camp Wood, Ollie Wilkins and L.A. Hamilton and husband, Bill, all of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

LYDIA RODRIGUEZ

SAN ANGELO — Lydia Rodriguez, 54, of San Angelo died Friday, March 19, 1999, at her residence.

A wake service was held Sunday, March 21 and a funeral service on Monday, March 22, 1999 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father George Varakukala officiating. Interment followed in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Gutierrez Funeral Chapels.

Mrs. Rodriguez was born May 3, 1944, in Eldorado. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Rodriguez of San Angelo; two sons, Jesse Rodriguez Jr. of Eldorado and Jacob Rodriguez of Midland; two daughters, Corinne D. Dickie of Midland and Liza Ann

Dennis of San Angelo; one brother, Joe Cardona of Kermit; and two sisters, Lupe Alvarez of Kermit and Eva Cardona of Odessa. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 10 nieces and eight nephews.

It's A Girl

Shane and Misty Criswell of Mason, Texas would like to announce the birth of their daughter Kody Delaine Criswell who was born on March 19, 1999. Kody weighed 4 pounds and 1.7 ounces and was 17 inches long.

Grandparents are Donnie and Sherry Criswell of Eldorado, Jane Marshall of Austin and Richard Marshall of Austin.



Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nixon

courtesy photo

Nixons celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nixon of Eldorado will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary March 27, 1999, with a family dinner at The Bluebonnet.

Lester Nixon and Leota Hunt-Lagow were married March 29, 1949 in Wichita Falls. They have eight children: Reginald Lagow, Jorgi Stanford, Laura Nowlin,

Leslie Martin, Lou Ann Perez, Lester Paul Nixon, Reuben Nixon, and Matthew Nixon. They also have 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon have lived in Eldorado for 50 years.

Hosts for the celebration will be the couple's children and their families.

Templo Getsemani plans special worship service

Templo Getsemani will hold a special service on Friday, March 26, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor

and Mrs. Arelleno of Ozona who will be ministering in song and through God's word.

The church's new pastor Rev. Gallegos and Templo Getsemani's congregation invites everyone to come and be blessed.

Meals for Friends Menu



Friday, March 26, 1999

Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Dinner Rolls, Cabbage Slaw w/Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

Monday, March 29, 1999

Beef Tips w/Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Strawberries & Bananas, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk

Tuesday, March 30, 1999

Smothered Chicken w/Gravy, Baked Potatoes, Fried Okra, Dinner Rolls, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday, March 31, 1999

Crab Cakes w/Tartar S., Sweet Peas, Okra Gumbo, Hot Rolls, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, April 1, 1999

Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/Fruit, Milk

Friday, April 2, 1999

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American sign language class organizational meeting slated

There will be an organizational meeting for a beginning sign language class in Eldorado on Monday, March 29th from 5-6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. There is no charge for the class; however, a sign language book may be purchased for \$11.65. It's not too late to sign up! For more information contact Brenda Lumpkin at 853-2112. The instructor will be Sheryl Meador of Eldorado.

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She's out — Lady Eagles catcher Veronica Martinez tagged this Ballinger base runner out at home recently during girls fastpitch softball action.

Eagles nine open with 11-6 district win over Junction

by David Hill

The Eldorado Eagle baseball team opened district play Tuesday against Junction at Eagle field. Eldorado came out victorious with a 11 to 6 win. The Eagles led the entire ball game then held off a 7th inning rally from Junction for the win. The win puts EHS at 1 and 0 in district play.

Manuel Hernandez was on the hill for the Eagles and pitched a complete game. Hernandez kept Junction on their heels most of the game. Casey Poyner played ex-

tremely well behind the plate and John Ray Espinosa made a crucial double play in the top of the 7th at the plate to stymie a Junction rally. Offensively the all the Eagles had a good day at the plate. Lance Mitchel continues to lead EHS in offense. One of the many highlights of Tuesday's game was Mitch Wilkerson using his exceptional speed stealing home plate. All in all it was a great day for EHS baseball.

The Eagles travel to Wall tomorrow to take on the arch rival Hawks at 4:30.

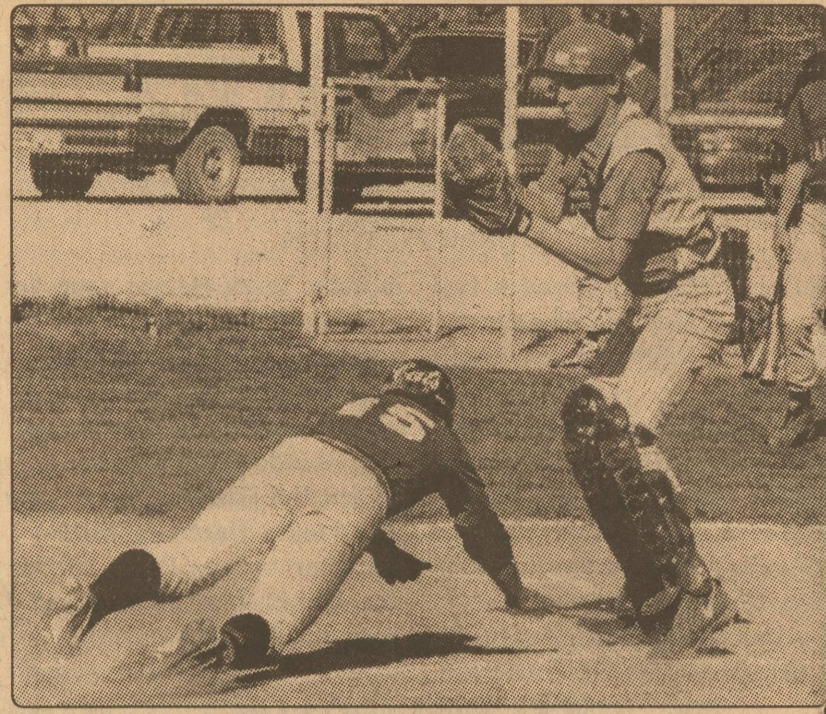


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Out at home — Eagles catcher Jason Brock put out a Ballinger base runner at home then fired the ball to third to hold another runner on second during Eagles baseball action here recently.

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Middle School tennis results

by Coach Teresa Baker

On Saturday, March 20, 1999 the Eldorado Middle School tennis teams traveled to Sonora to play in the Sonora Invitational. We played athletes from Ozona, Reagan County, Sonora and Eldorado.

7th Grade results: Girls Singles- 1st, Janet Gardiner and 2nd, Andrea Leal; Girls Doubles - 3rd, Heather Homer and Lacy Ragsdale; Boys Doubles- 3rd, Adrian Arispe and Tony Chavez.

8th Grade results: Girls Single-Consolation Martha Lively; Girls Doubles - 1st Amanda Wanoreck and Courtney Brown; 2nd Blake Snelson and Courtney Sauer; Boys

Singles- 3rd Bobby Phillips; Boys Doubles-3rd Heath Andrew and Buddy Greer.

Others participants were: April Nixon, Jennifer Bybee, Oscar Martinez and Shay Parker.

The EMS teams will be playing both Friday and Saturday in Mason. Some of the tennis player will be going to Reagan County to play on Saturday.

Hill Country Relays results

March 20, 1999
Mason, Texas
BOYS DIVISION

Team Totals: 1. Llano 169, 2. Eldorado 159, 3. Brady 60, 4. Mason 50, 5. Harper 38, 6. Wall 24

Shot Put: 1. Michael Mayo, 50'6.5", 2. Austin Nixon, 45'2"

Discus: 1. Michael Mayo 146'2" Long Jump: 2. Lance Mitchel 192" Triple Jump: 3. Joey Bullard, 39'10"

High Jump: 1. Michael Mayo, 6'2", 2. Lance Mitchel, 6'

3200 Meters: 1. Sammy Cabrera, 10:56.3

400 Relay: 1. Eldorado 45.71 100 Meter: 2. Lance Mitchel 11.50 3. Luis Santellano 11.52

200 Meter: 2. William Robledo 23.519 1600 Meter: 1. Sammy Cabrera 51:81

1600 M Relay 2. Eldorado 3:42.55

GIRLS DIVISION
Team Totals: 1. Llano 154, 2. Comanche 143, 3. Wall 108, 4. Mason 70, 5. Harper 40, 6. Eldorado 28

Shot Put: 3. Stacy Nicholson 36'7.5" Long Jump: 3. Ashley Finley 15'7"

200 Meter: 3. Samantha Smith 27.84

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Lady Eagles drop wild one 19-31 to Wall Lady Hawks

by David Hill

The Eldorado Lady Eagle softball team lost a wild slugfest on Tuesday to the Wall Hawks. Although Wall is a district opponent this was a non district ballgame. This was truly a hitter's game as the two teams combined for 50 runs. EHS's pitching continues to improve, however, late in the game that proved to be the differ-

ence. Dee Martinez had a great day at the plate with two stand up doubles. Veronica Martinez also had a good outing. Coach Griffin commented, "the girls played well, we just ran out of gas on the mound. Offensively, we played great and the girls are really coming together." Eldorado will play Grape Creek next Tuesday in San Angelo.



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Look the ball into the glove — Briley Leadbetter displayed his fielding skills during the Pee Wee tryouts for Eldorado Youth Baseball recently.

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Tuesday, March 30th
Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Wednesday, March 31st
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit, Brownies

Thursday, April 1st
Chicken Fried Steaks/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli/Cheese Sauce, White Cake/Icing (Easter)

Friday, April 2nd
No School, Good Friday
Breakfast
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, March 29th
Sliced Apples, French Toast Sticks/Syrup

Tuesday, March 30th
Pear Halves, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Wednesday, March 31st
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast

Thursday, April 1st
Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burrito

Friday, April 2nd
No School, Good Friday
Fast Food Line

Monday, March 29th
Sausage Link/Tortilla, French Fries, Pineapple Slices, Cherry Vanilla Pudding

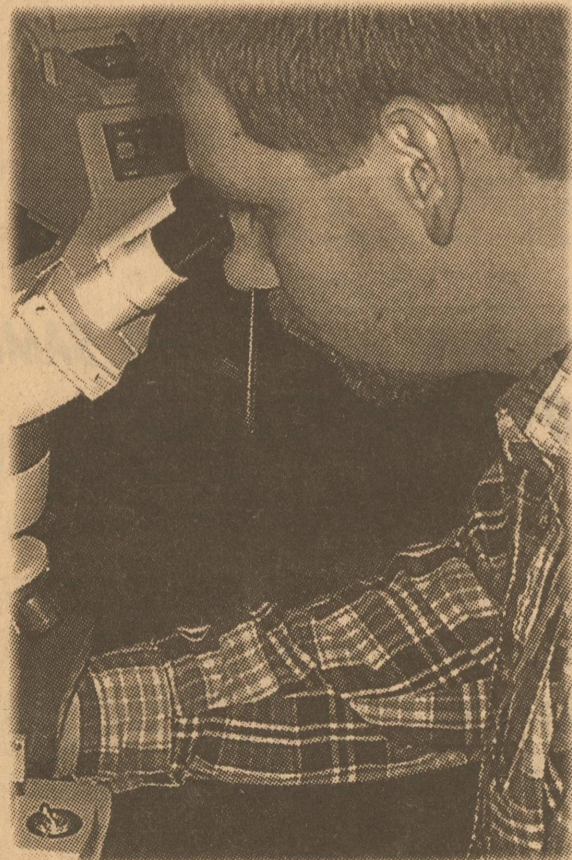
Tuesday, March 30th
Chili Dogs, Corn Chips, Veggie/Dip, Applesauce, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Wednesday, March 31st
Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tartar Sauce, Brownies

Thursday, April 1st
Chick Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, White Cake/Icing (Easter)

Friday, April 2nd
No School, Good Friday

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County commissioners meet

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, March 22 with Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark and Ross Whitten in attendance. Commissioner Steve Minor was absent.

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the commissioners met with representatives of the Schleicher County Library Board. Jeri Whitten, Carolyn Mayo and Elton McGinnes asked the county to increase the insurance coverage on the contents of the library building. They noted that currently the library's contents are insured for \$34,000. They asked the court to consider increasing that amount considerably. It was explained that the library now houses more than 12,000 books.

After Judge Griffin indicated his feeling that the insurance coverage could be increased without much added expense the commissioners directed him to do so.

Next, commissioner Bill Clark asked the court to consider closing a section of Wheat Avenue which

connects to Mary Street in the area just south of the Eldorado city limits. Clark noted that several citizens in his precinct had requested that the road be closed to through traffic.

Judge Griffin explained that closing a public roadway was a complicated issue and that others might oppose the move. After a lengthy discussion the men agreed to table the matter until a later meeting.

The commissioners then approved Sr. Citizens Center director Cindy Stuckey's request to attend a conference on aging in Ft. Worth during June. They also visited briefly with Karan Holley and learned that the County Swimming Pool is slated to open on May 24th, the Monday following graduation.

The court then reviewed three indigent care requests and approved one of them. They noted the other two were denied due to incomplete applications.

Before adjourning the commissioners approved paying half of a repair bill for a welding machine the Fire Department had purchased from government surplus.

Hospital board meets, accepts Dr. Dorie's resignation

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday evening, March 22 and, among other business, voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Dr. Debbie Dorie from medical staff.

Hospital Chief of Staff Dr. Brian Kingston told the board that Dr. Dorie had tendered her resignation effective April 30. In her letter of resignation Dr. Dorie noted that recent changes in government guidelines made it impossible for her to continue to take "call" at the hospital. Those guidelines require physicians "on-call" in the hospital's emergency room to see patients within 30 minutes of the time the patient arrives.

In her letter of resignation, Dr. Dorie noted the distance of her home from the hospital and pointed out that beepers aren't reliable, especially during stormy weather or sunspots.

Present for the meeting were trustees Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Judy Christian, Randy Mankin, Tom Enochs, Brian Edmiston and Lanis Mikeška. The meeting began with the board going behind closed doors in executive session to dis-

cuss personnel matters, real property and deliberate about gifts and donations, according to the agenda.

When the group emerged into open session, they took no action on the matters.

At the request of Dr. Kingston the board voted unanimously to amend the hospital's medical staff bylaws to reflect the new government regulations.

Next, the trustees met with the district's auditors, Richey Oliver and Apryl McDonald who presented the district's 1998 audit report. The trustees voted unanimously to accept the

report as presented.

The group then reviewed and approved the district's civil rights policies and procedures and appointed Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook to be the district's Civil Rights Coordinator.

The trustees then saw a demonstration of "lifting equipment" presented by James Baumann of Arjo, Inc. The equipment, according to Baumann, would reduce loss time accident by providing safe way to lift patients. The board thanked Baumann for his time but took no action on the matter.

Trustees then learned that the Texas Hospital Association was requesting its member hospitals pay additional or supplementary dues. The reason for the request was to provide funds with which to lobby the Texas legislature. The board approved the request with all voting in favor except Randy Mankin who voted against.

The board then reviewed the district's investments, and financial reports which they approved unanimously. Ann Fagan-Cook gave her administrator's report before the meeting adjourned.

Rural van cancels trip to San Angelo

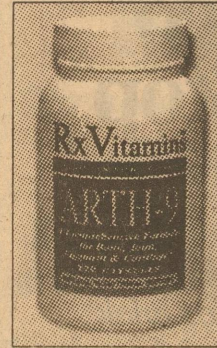
The van will not be going to San Angelo on Good Friday, April 2. The van will travel to San Angelo next on Wednesday, April 14.

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Easy does it — Schleicher County EMS personnel assisted the AirMed-1 flight crew last week as they prepared to transport Edwina Taylor to Shannon Medical Center following a two-vehicle accident north of Eldorado.

Four wrecks in twenty-eight hours

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N. Divide. From there, Abalos and all three passengers in her car were transported by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center.

As emergency crews worked the wreck, Sheriff's Department officers and Fire Department volunteers detoured traffic onto side streets and away from the accident scene.

Just as the wreck scene on N. Divide was cleared and the roadway was opened back up to traffic yet another accident occurred at almost the same location. A 1997 Ford driven by Jimmy Levario of Sonora was struck from behind by a 1979 Chevrolet welding truck driven by Steven Capps of Eldorado. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured in that accident.

Although he was supposed to be off duty, Sheriff's Deputy Joe Dombroski responded to all three accidents that day, and ended up being the investigating officer on the last one. According to Dombroski, that wreck was caused by drivers who were trying to see the previous accident. "They wanted to see what was going on

and weren't watching what they were doing," Dombroski stated.

That sentiment was echoed by Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran. "I wish people would be more careful around accident scenes," Doran stated. "I understand that in a small town everyone wants to come out and see what is going on...but it really interferes with our ability to get the appropriate emergency personnel to the scene."

At the hospital, Dr. Brian Kingston reported numerous calls from curious citizens. "They basically wanted to know what had happened and who was hurt," Kingston said. "I understand the concern but the phone calls tie up phone lines and ER personnel who have better things to do."

Kingston noted that ignoring the phone wasn't an option since he was using it to communicate with ambulance crews, Shannon Hospital and the AirMed-1 crew. "I just hope the next time something like this happens that everyone will stay home and not call the hospital," Kingston stated. "We're trying to do our job up here."

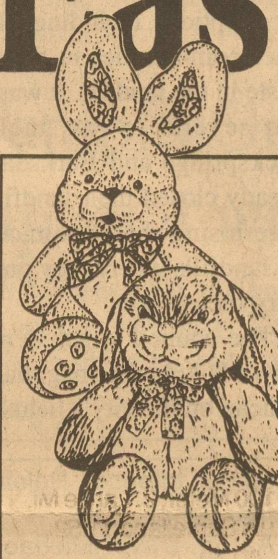
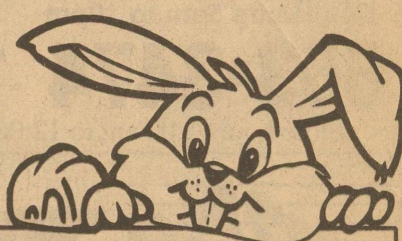


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Twisted wreckage — Former Schleicher County Sheriff Orval Edmiston narrowly escaped serious injury on Wednesday, March 17th when his pickup left the roadway 6 miles east of Eldorado on U.S. 190. Edmiston was taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and released.

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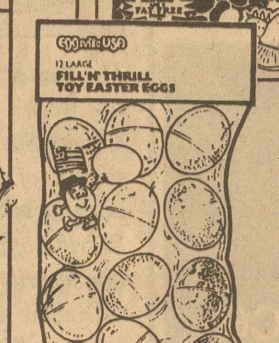
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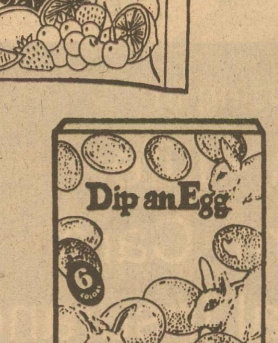
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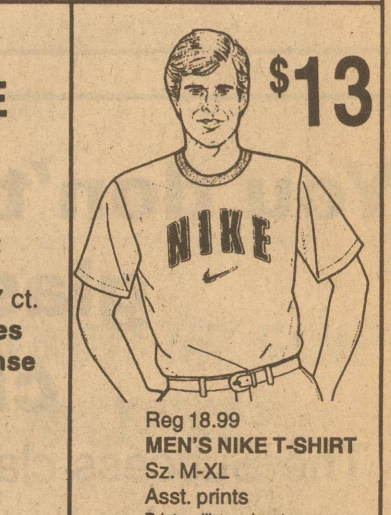
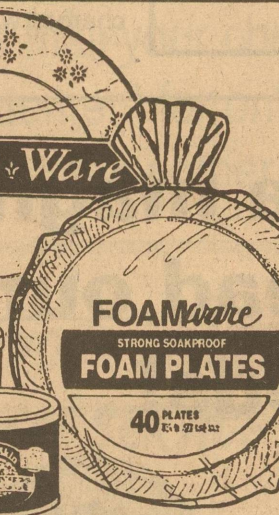
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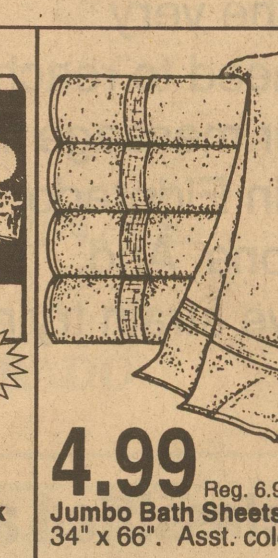


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Beta Sigma Phi News

by Barbara Jackson

A white satin tablecloth, yellow roses, white and colored candles were in evidence on the ceremony table as members of Kappa Delta Chapter Beta Sigma Phi advanced to higher degree Monday, March 22, 1999.

Vice President Rosemary Ridgeway led the pledge ceremony inducting Nancy McCray into the chapter. Linda Lindsey and Mary Jenkins were advanced to Exemplar status during a ceremony led by Dorothy Dacy, Kim'et Nelson and Barbara Jackson. Linda Lindsey, Mary Jenkins and Dorothy Clark then did a Laureate Ceremony for Rosemary Ridgeway, Kim'et Nelson and Dorothy Dacy. Mem-

High School is "Out for Blood"

Blood drive slated March 31st

If you haven't given blood in the last eight weeks, it's that time again. United Blood Services will be in town for a blood drive on Wednesday, March 31. The drive will be at the S.C.I.S.D. Administration Building in the Multi-Purpose room from 1:00-6:00 p.m. The Health Occupations students at the high school are sponsoring this drive.

Elementary school students will also be involved in the "Be a Hero" program. This is an educational program to inform children about blood components, blood donation and the importance of this community service. The students will be encouraged to bring an eligible donor to the drive, in order to see the donation process.

Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 79, weigh at least 110 pounds, and feel well and healthy at the time of donation. A donor must also wait seven days after a last dose of antibiotics before donating. We also ask that you know the names of any medication you have taken in the last thirty days.

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Eldorado city council meets

The Eldorado City Council met briefly Monday evening, March 22. Present for the meeting were Mayor John Nikolauk and council members Tommy Minor, Jeri Whitten, Robert Bybee, Sherry Lux, Dora Bosmans and George Gower.

The council began the meeting by passing a resolution authorizing the city to participate with Schleicher county in a grant application for sewer and water improvements in the Orient Heights addition. The council also passed a resolution authorizing the city pursue a \$149,000.00 grant for water system improvements within the city limits.

The council then took up the discussion of landfill tipping fees. The learned that the city of Big Lake is weeks away from opening its new landfill. It was mentioned that the Big Lake city council had indicated it would allow

Schleicher County EMS update

by Deborah Dorie, EMS Medical Director

Schleicher County Emergency Medical Service continues to upgrade care in our community, and we wish to keep the public informed of its operations. What begun as a basic volunteer service primarily to transport the injured and critically ill to our local hospital (or on subsequently to a larger facility) for medical care, is now able to participate to a large degree in initiation of emergency stabilization and medical treatment. Our EMS is governed by the regulations of the Texas Department of Health and follows specific protocols for care that have been approved by TDH, Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council and our local volunteer service.

Schleicher County Emergency personnel receive standardized training and are tested and licensed for the level of skill of their positions on the team. They are all required to participate in continuing education to maintain skills and learn new lifesaving procedures. We have now included paramedics, emergency medical technicians and drivers to provide improved care. In addition to basic transport, first aid, and CPR, we are generally able to begin intravenous fluid therapy, defibrillate arrhythmids, intubate to give artificial ventilation, and administer emergency medications. Again, these interventions are done according to pre-approved standard protocols by those trained in these skills. The best trained individual on an ambulance run leads the team in rescue efforts under the guidance of a physician. This requires education, practice and cooperation. We are very lucky to have individuals in our community willing to give so much of their time for the good of their neighbors.

Both the Department of Health and Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council encourage ambulance transfer of a patient to the medical facility of his choice where possible. Our local service generally uses Schleicher County Medical Center's Emergency Room; however, any clinic or hospital may receive the patient provided that patient, the physician in the receiving facility, and a local physician all agree, and that the condition of the patient can be managed by our ambulance crew according to their protocols for care. When transporting out of the county, though, we must also consider availability of one ambulance and a full emergency crew at home for other potential emergency needs.

There has been recent public criticism of our EMS and implication that regulations were not followed. As their medical director, I have carefully reviewed the alleged incident and find that proper actions were taken to provide care in the best interest of the patient according to established protocols. I think we should all express gratitude to these devoted neighbors. I trust them to save my life. Inaccurate, derogatory statements hinder public trust and may leave the citizens of our community reluctant to call for essential pre-hospital medical attention. Such slander will not be tolerated.

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The Blotter

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

ARRESTS
 3/20/99 Porras, Guadalupe, male age 45, hold for Irion County, charged with Driving While Intoxi-

cated (1st offense). Released on \$1,000 Bond.

Aaron, David Michael, male age 38, hold for Irion County, charged with Motion To Revoke.

3/21/99 Corey, Francis Lee, Jr., male age 26, hold for Irion County, Motion To Revoke.

3/22/99 Romero, Valerie Lynn, female age 29, arrested SC Deputy, charged with Warrant Assault With Bodily Injury. Released on \$1,000 Bond.

3/22/99 Esquivel, Samuel C., male age 23, hold for Irion County, charged with Motion To Revoke Burglary Of Habitation.

REPORTS
 3/16/99 Complainant called reporting 3 sheep out on Nance Street. Deputy responded and owner was contacted.

Complainant on Mulberry St. needed assistance getting into their house. They locked all sets of keys inside. Deputy responded.

Vehicle accident reported at 1:25 p.m. 6 miles Hwy 190 East. Sheriff, EMS1 and EMS2 responded.

3/18/99 Complainant reported loud music on San Saba St. Music still on since last night. Complainant advised music is a constant problem. Sheriff responded. Music was coming from Del Rio Street.

Complainant reported to Sheriff's Office of a controlled burn 2 miles on McIntosh.

Vehicle accident reported at 2:49 p.m. 10 miles out on Hwy 277 North, of a 2 vehicle accident. All emergency departments responded to call and AirMed trans-

ported one patient.

Vehicle accident reported at 5:50 p.m. on North Divide in front of Kent's Automotive. All emergency departments responded.

Complainant stated that a stainless steel ringer had been stolen from The Wash House Car Wash. Estimated value at \$125.

Complainant stated that their 6 1/2 pound white poodle had been taken out of their back yard on Brooks Ave. Poodle responds to Susie and will have a mole on her chest and was just groomed a week ago. Has been located on 3/19/99.

3/19/99 Complainant came by Sheriff's Office to report they had hit a deer. They was advised to come by to get a blue form for insurance papers. Deputy responded.

Complainant advised a young woman with a child needed assistance. Complainant advised that she had hit a deer and that the vehicle may need towing. Deputy responded.

EMS call to W. Callender.

3/20/99 EMS transfer from Schleicher County Medical Center.

Complainant stated that they were going to leave their vehicle on the Court House parking lot till Monday when a Sonora wrecker comes and picks it up.

Complainant advised they smelled a strong odor of gas about 17 miles out on North Hwy 277. Deputy responded.

3/21/99 Drunk driver reported on South Divide around 4:00 a.m. Deputy responded.

Deputy stated that a vehicle was traveling South on Hwy 277 when the hood of the vehicle came off and busted out their windshield. Vehicle was out approx. 5 miles south off to the right of shoulder.

3/22/99 Theft- Complainant advises that fixtures and materials were stolen by an unknown subjects on 3/21/99. Items were taken from outside the cotton gin on 190 East.

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Could spring bring another Screwworm scare?

April showers bring May flowers...but there's also the possibility that warm weather could mean screwworm infestations! The Texas Animal Health Commission and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture are alerting producers and practitioners to be vigilant for the flesh-eating maggots as spring rolls in.

Unlike typical fly larvae, or maggots, screwworm fly larvae gouge into flesh fresh, damaging

livestock and leaving the animals susceptible to secondary infections. Screwworms have been officially eradicated, but one larvae was detected in Edwards County in the fall, causing animal health officials to be on the alert for other possible cases.

More than 2,500 screwworm submission kits have been distributed to practitioners, feed stores, and county extension agents, and additional kits are available by call-

ing TAHC area offices, the Austin headquarters at 1-800-550-8242, or the USDA at 512-916-5555. The Area 6 office in Lampasas may be reached at 1-800-658-6642.

Kits consist of a cardboard tube containing a test tube filled with a holding solution and small plastic bags for maggot collection. If a collection kit is not available, the maggots, or larvae, can be placed in alcohol in a glass jar, medicine bottle or film canister. Mail the container to:

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Why the Alert?

On Oct. 31, 1998, a sharp-eyed rancher in Edwards County, in southwest Texas, submitted nine

larvae he removed from a wound on an Angora goat.

One of the larvae was identified as that of a screwworm by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa.

Despite checking more than 40,000 head of livestock and dogs, and getting the word out to ranchers, hunters and anyone handling livestock, no other larvae were found before cold weather hit.

"Although cold weather will kill exposed larvae, some could have burrowed underground," said Dr. Gary Svetlik of the USDA's Veterinary Services in Texas. "If there were more larvae, and they overwintered underground, we could see an emergence of the pest this spring."

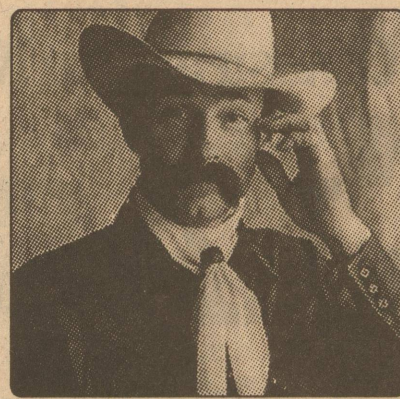
During the fall, the primary surveillance area was centered on Edwards County and the surrounding area, including Kimble, Sutton, Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Real and Kerr Counties. However, this spring, ranchers and practitioners throughout the state should be on the alert. TAHC and USDA

staff are still unsure about how the larvae may have entered the U.S.

"We want submissions of maggots," said Dr. Svetlik. "If we identify another screwworm larvae, we must act quickly to eliminate the chance of the screwworm becoming re-established."

"The USDA's Emergency Services is prepared to make sterile screwworm fly drops in affected areas, if needed," said Dr. Beals, TAHC executive director. He explained that sterile screwworms would mate but produce no offspring, thus eradicating the pest.

"Anyone handling livestock, wildlife or pets should check the animals closely. If larvae or maggots are found in wounds, submit them to the screwworm lab or call us if assistance is needed," said Dr. Beals.



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

The Insurance Adjuster

The insurance adjuster from Othello asked Lorrie to repeat the story. She wasn't sure if he was laughing or crying.

"Well," she began again, "Like I said, the cow got out. A second calf heifer, no horns, good size. She was in the neighbor's little field."

"Scott, my husband . . . it was his pet truck, chrome wheel rims, wash it every week, tachometer and pinetree air freshener. You know what I mean. Anyway he said bring the cow halter. It was an old show halter with a chain snap. And bring a leadrope, which we didn't have so I grabbed my 16 ft. lunge line, I'm breakin' a colt, and a bucket of grain."

"So we went to the neighbors and called the cow, who was suspicious of a trap. . . for good reason 'cause Daniel Boone, here, had tied a loop in the end of the lunge line and laid it out on the ground, then set the bucket inside the circle."

"It worked! While she was eating I slid the loop up over her head. When Scott pulled it tight she took off like scalded dog and drug about six foot of that flat lunge line through Tarzan's hands before he let go. Nylon ya know."

"It took us three more tries before he managed to catch a dally on a post down in the soggy corner of the field."

"We put the halter on her, then he promptly announced 'We can lead her back with the halter and

lunge line...Right, buffalo breath. She gave him a severe whiplash but you don't cover that, do ya?"

"He managed to dally her off more time after a thorough draggin' through the mud. Then sent me back to the house for his precious pickup."

"I backed the four wheel drive up to the cow where it immediately got stuck up to the white writing. An hour later we are back on higher ground and he ties the lunge line to the bumper. I drove, he walked and she balked."

"She stretched the length of the lunge line then whipped around to the left and smashed a big dent right behind the driver's side door. Three times she did it before he got the halter snubbed to the trailer ball. It held till the pickup was five feet from the gate. The chain snap broke."

"The cow was pullin back hard - The lunge line was chokin' her. 'Quick', says my commanding officer, Run home and get my pocket knife and the dog!"

"Need I say more. I came running back to find the right side panel now dented in and the tailgate creased down the center."

"He cut the cow loose and the dog took her home."

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Focus on the Family

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Reading is Schools' #1 Responsibility

QUESTION: Schools are asked to accomplish many things on behalf of our kids today. They are even expected to teach them how to have sex without spreading disease. What part of the core curriculum would you give the greatest priority?

DR. DOBSON: Schools that try to do everything may wind up doing very little. That's why I believe we should give priority to the academic fundamentals — what used to be called "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic." Of those three, the most important is basic literacy. An appalling number of students graduating from high school can't even read the employment page of the newspaper or comprehend an elementary book. Every one of those young men and women will suffer years of pain and embarrassment because of our failure. That misery starts at a very young age.

A 10th-grade boy was once referred to me because he was dropping out of school. I asked why he was quitting, and he said with great passion, "I've been miserable since first grade. I've felt embarrassed and stupid every year. I've had to stand up and read, but I can't even understand a second-grade book. You people have had your last laugh at me. I'm getting out." I told him I didn't blame him for the way he felt; his suffering was our responsibility.

Teaching children to read should be Job No. 1 for educators. Giving boys and girls that basic skill is the foundation on which other learning is built. Unfortunately, millions of young people are still functionally illiterate after completing 12 years of school-

ing and receiving high school diplomas. There is no excuse for this failure. Research shows that every student, with very few exceptions, can be taught to read if the task is approached creatively and individually.

Admittedly, some can't learn in group settings because their minds wander and they don't ask questions as readily. They require one-on-one instruction from trained reading specialists. It is expensive for schools to support these remedial teachers, but no expenditure would be more helpful. Special techniques, teaching machines and behavior-modification techniques can work in individual cases. Whatever is required, we must provide it.

Furthermore, the sooner this help can be given, the better for the emotional and academic well-being of the child. By the fourth or fifth grades, he or she has already suffered the humiliation of reading failure.

QUESTION: We need a little more income to make it in my family, but I have preschool children and don't want to seek employment outside the home. Is there an alternative for me to pursue?

DR. DOBSON: You might want to consider building a home-based business that can be done while taking care of your children and keeping your sanity. Among the possibilities are catering, desktop publishing, pet grooming, sewing, consulting, transcribing legal documents or even mail-order sales.

Choosing which business is right for you is the first of three practical steps suggested by Donna Partow. She's the author of a book

called "Home Made Business." You can start your own enterprise by taking a personal skills and interest inventory to identify your particular abilities and what you might like doing the best.

The second step is to do your homework. Begin by asking your librarian to help you research your chosen field. Look up books, magazines and newspaper articles. Talk to other people who have done what you'd like to do. Join an industry organization and a network. Subscribe to industry publications.

According to Mrs. Partow, the third step is to marshal as much support as you can. Get your children, your spouse, and friends on your side. Setting up a small business can be stressful, and you'll need as much encouragement as you can get. If you've been torn between family and finances, having a home-based business may turn out to be the best of both worlds.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.fotf.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

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Whoa...the Big 5-0!



March 27th
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Love, Josh and Corie

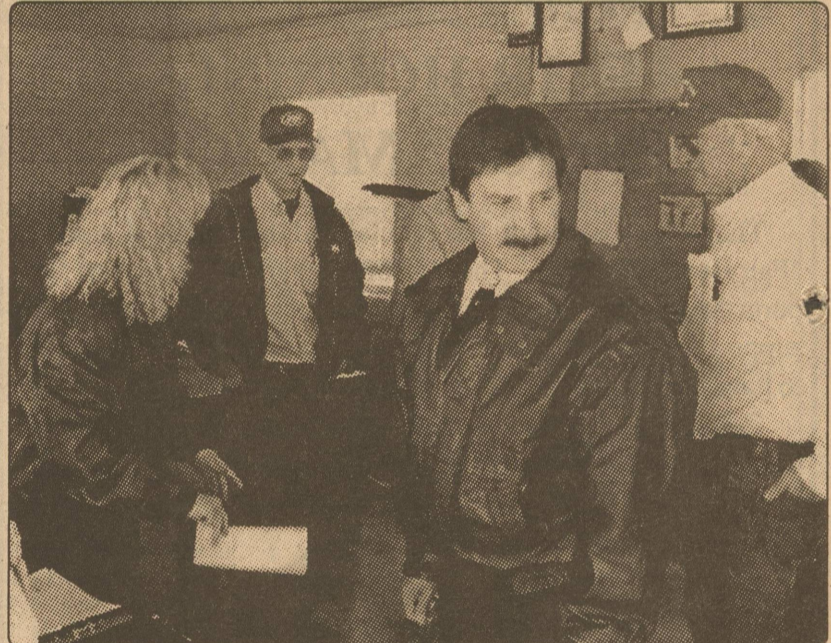


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Goin' once...goin' twice...sold — Auctioneer Ron Hanawalt (foreground) led bidders through the office at the Schleicher County Gin last week. While the buildings, scales and land failed to sell, the remainder of the gin's equipment and machinery were auctioned away to various bidders to satisfy a SBA foreclosure.

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