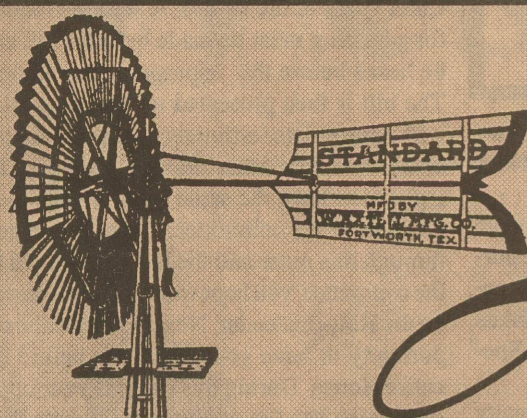


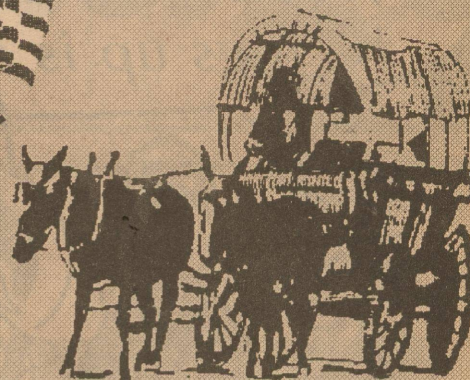


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Headlines From Around the World

Strawberries recalled

Frozen strawberries distributed to schools around the country by a San Diego company are being voluntarily recalled due to the threat of the hepatitis A virus. The berries are thought to be responsible for an outbreak of the disease in Michigan, and as many as 9,000 students in Los Angeles may have been exposed. The strawberries were distributed as part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture school meals program. Health officials are preparing to offer inoculations to the students at 18 elementary, middle and high schools in Los Angeles. In Chicago, school officials said they did not believe that any of the cases of strawberries shipped to schools there had been consumed, but were still checking.

White House: Hubbell got help

The White House says two senior officials tried to find work for President Clinton's friend Webster Hubbell after he resigned as associate attorney general in 1994. White House special counsel Lanny Davis said in a statement that Mack McLarty, then the White House chief of staff, and Erskine Bowles, the current chief of staff, made calls on behalf of Hubbell. Hubbell was sent to jail in 1995 after he pleaded guilty to fraudulent billing of clients at the Little Rock law firm where he and Hillary Rodham Clinton were partners. Last month, The New York Times reported that Hubbell received payments from the Riady family for work on a project in China after he resigned. Whitewater investigators are trying to determine if the money was intended to keep Hubbell from cooperating with the investigation.

Israel firm on Jerusalem

With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu set to meet President Clinton in Washington next week, a spokesman says Israel will remain firm in building a Jewish settlement in East Jerusalem. That construction has sparked 13 days of violence in the Middle East. Netanyahu's spokesman tells Israeli army radio that the Palestinian leadership must stop terrorist attacks and only then can the peace process continue. Clinton says he's personally prepared to do anything he can to get peace talks moving again.

Stealth bomber operational

The Pentagon says the exotic bat-wing B-2 "stealth" bomber became operational Tuesday at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. Officials say 13 of 21 planned B-2 bombers, built to foil radar and capable of dropping new earth-penetrating nuclear bombs, have been delivered to the base. Several have been put on operational status. Defense officials say the \$2 billion Northrop Grumman planes can carry a new bunker-busting bomb that penetrates hundreds of feet underground before detonating a small nuclear charge. Libya and North Korea are among nations that have buried weapons sites and command posts.

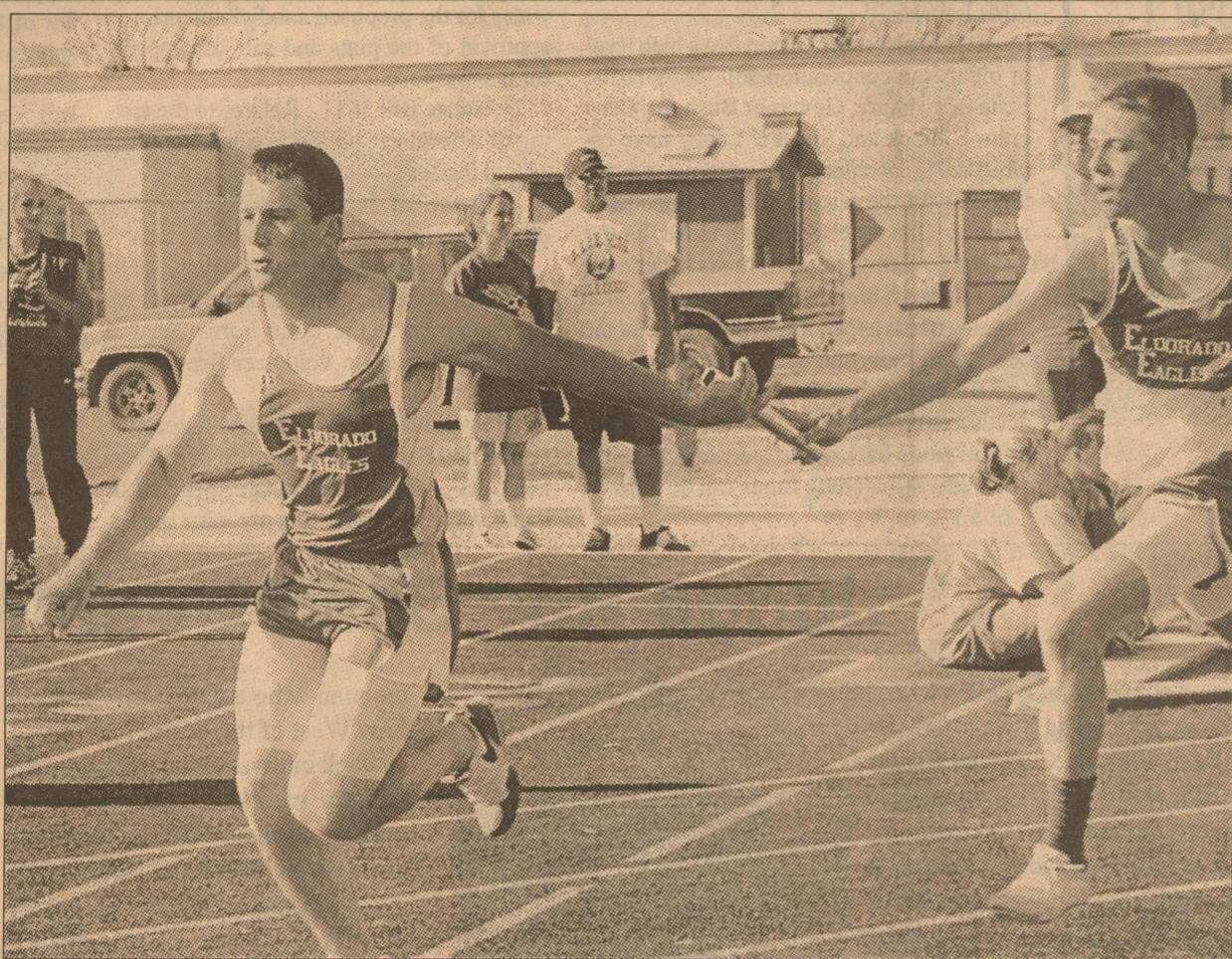


photo by Kathy Mankin

Here, you take it — Zach Steele (R) passes the baton to Garrett Bownds during a preliminary heat of the boys 4 x 100 Meter Relay at the Cotton Patch Relays in Well last Thursday. Eldorado advanced to the finals and finished 2nd in the event with a time of 44.89 seconds.

Town Hall meeting tonight seeks input on Supt. search

A 'Town Hall' meeting is slated for 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Memorial Building. Don Killough, a superintendent search counselor with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), wants to hear from Schleicher County citizens just what they want in a new superintendent of schools.

Killough was hired last week by the SCISD board of trustees to assist them in locating a new superintendent. Current superintendent Scott Barton has tendered his resignation and will be leaving to take over the Ft. Davis ISD by May 1.

Part of Killough's services include preparing a brochure to let prospective superintendent candidates know what kind of commu-

nity Eldorado is. Killough will be conferring with teachers, administrators, high school students, community leaders and school board members in separate meetings. The town meeting, slated for tonight, is designed to get the community's input.

The SCISD board voted to contract with TASB for these services and agreed to pay \$5,500.00 plus travel, postage and printing expenses.

Meanwhile, the school board Monday night voted to appoint elementary principal Robbie Sanford as the district's interim superintendent. However, Sanford's stay will be a short one, since he, too, has

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E.H.S. students earn plenty of ribbons at District UIL academic and speech meets

Eldorado will be sending several students to the Regional UIL Academic and Speech Meet at Abilene Christian College on Saturday, April 19, 1996.

Results of the District 8-AA UIL Academic and Speech Meet held in Winters, Eldorado and Grape Creek are:

News Writing: 3. *Estella Guzman; 4. Gale Porter.

Headline Writing: 1. *Kirk Curtis; 5. Beau Sallee.

Feature Writing: 3. *Sarah Mankin; 6. Estella Guzman.

Mathematics: 1. *Jesse Crawford.

Mathematics Team: 2. Jesse Crawford, Lindsey Griffin, and

Cameron Paulson.

Science: 1. *Jesse Crawford (Top scorer in Chemistry and Physics); 3. *Lindsey Griffin; 5. Matt McCormick; 6. Justin Leggett.

Science Team: 1. *Jesse Crawford, Lindsey Griffin and Matt McCormick.

Literary Criticism: 3. *Kirk Curtis; 6. Summer Finley 6th.

Current Events: 1. *Anna Loomis; 2. Sarah Mankin.

Current Events Team: 1. Anna Loomis, Sarah Mankin and Justin Leggett.

Accounting: 6. Justin Leggett.

Spelling & Vocabulary: 1. *Tabitha Garcia 3. *Evelyn Quintana.

Spelling and Vocabulary Team: 1. *Tabitha Garcia, Evelyn Quintana and Melissa Andrews.

Informative Speaking: 1. *Anna Loomis.

Prose Interpretation: 3 *Hanna Wolfe.

*Denotes students advancing to Regional at Abilene Christian University on Saturday, April 19.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Lots of gray matter here — These EHS students were among those winning honors at the District UIL meets held recently. They are (Front L-R) Summer Finley, Melissa Andrews, Evelyn Quintana (Middle Row L-R) Anna Loomis, Lindsey Griffin, Estella Guzman, Hannah Wolfe, Sarah Mankin (Back L-R) Tabitha Garcia, Matt McCormick, Cameron Paulson, Kirk Curtis, Gale Porter and Justin Leggett.

Grand Jury indicts ex-jailer Estep plea bargain said to be pending

Ricky Griffin, a former Schleicher County jailer/dispatcher, was indicted by a local grand jury on Thursday, March 27th. According to 51st District Attorney Steve Lupton, Griffin is charged with misappropriating funds belonging to inmates at the jail.

Reports indicate that on June 5, 1996 eleven inmates being held in the county lock-up for the U.S. Border Patrol were released to Border Patrol agents. At that time, Kathy Faull, the jailer on duty, discovered that \$210,000 belonging to the inmates was missing. She reported the shortage to deputy George Arispe who in turn notified Chief Deputy Alvin Estep.

The investigation into the matter was eventually taken over by Texas Ranger Jerry Byrne. The Success has learned that Byrne ordered polygraph tests be administered to jail and sheriff's department personnel.

Griffin, who resigned his position with the department on January, 16th of this year, had been employed by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department for several years. At the time of the incident, he was serving as Chief Jailer. He is charged with misdemeanor theft by a public official and remains free on a \$5,000.00 personal recognizance bond.

The investigation into the missing funds and the subsequent charges against Griffin came as several other investigations into questionable practices within the department were well underway.

On June 27, 1996, Schleicher County Sheriff Richard Harris pleaded guilty to theft on unrelated charges and abruptly resigned his office. Then, a few days later, Chief Deputy Alvin Estep and his wife Vanda, who worked as a jailer, both left their jobs.

Word from within the department was that the Esteps had declined to reapply for their positions when David Doran was sworn in as interim Sheriff. However, the Success has learned that an investigation into alleged wrongdoing by the Esteps was already ongoing and that Texas Ranger Byrne was heading up that case as well.

In a telephone interview regarding the Esteps, District Attorney Lupton told the Success that he was happy to report progress in the months long investigation. "I can tell you that there will be a plea bargain in the case very soon," Lupton stated. "I don't know if that means within a week or within three weeks...just that there will be a plea entered very soon."

"Trash-Off" set for today

Eldorado is getting a face-lift today. Weather permitting, that is.

The annual spring clean up day set to coincide with the Great Texas Trash-Off is set to get underway this morning. Volunteers are asked to meet at the county Extension Office on Main Street to register.

Event chairperson Carrie Hill told the Success that since this year's clean-up day is being held during the week, all three campuses at SCISD have indicated they will encourage students to participate.

However, at press time, the National Weather Service was predicting rain for today. Hill emphasized that if the event is rained out, that volunteers pick another day this week or weekend to help clean up their community.



photo by Kathy Mankin

I only found this many — Samantha Dominguez, 5 year-old daughter of Edward & Eve Dominguez displays the multi-colored eggs she found last Thursday during the Pre-School's annual Easter Egg Hunt at the County Park. Samantha's teacher is Mrs. Wink.

Grand jurors indict seven

Schleicher County grand jurors met Thursday, March 27th and handed down seven indictments.

Warrants in two of the cases had not been served at press time and records pertaining to those were not available to the Success. However, the other five indictments were as follows:

David Ricova Garcia, 40, of Eldorado — charged with injury to an elderly person. He remains in jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

Jesse Baldizar Arispe, 29, of Eldorado — charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He

remains in custody in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

Ricky Griffin, 43, of Eldorado — charged with misdemeanor theft by a public official. Free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

Benny Harris, 34, of Eldorado — charged with felony DWI (3rd or more count) Free on \$10,000 bond.

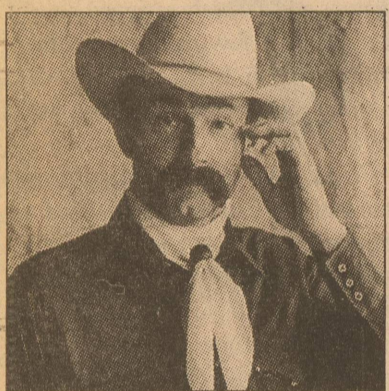
Daniel Barajas Mejia, 32, of Eldorado — charged with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit aggravated sexual assault. Free on \$25,000 bond.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



A Horse Show Conversation



**BAXTER
BLACK**
ON THE EDGE OF
COMMON SENSE

A fine lookin' horse you've got there.
if yer into modern art
I had a horse like that one time.
but he wasn't very smart
I'd guess that he's part thoroughbred.
and part Catahoula hound
You get him in a claiming race?
or at the lost and found
Oh, really, you've got the papers.
I'd use 'em to train the dog
And he's outta He's California!
No wonder he smells like smog
He seems a little bit feisty.
to have one foot in the grave

Yup, I've used Ace myself sometimes.
when there's somethin' left to save
What kinda bit have you got there?
it looks like a calving tool
Oh, you invented it yourself.
Do them Vise Grips make him drool?
Yea, I'll bet it sure does stop him.
like runnin' into a train
You must of built that tie-down, too.
Never seen one made outta chain
And where did you get those leggin's?
from a circus refugee
Well, most people like 'm longer.
At least down to the knee
Good luck. I reckon yer up soon.
I'd hate to be in that wreck
You've already finished your class?
And haven't broken yer neck
Two firsts and honorable mention!
Whoa up! I'm way off the trail!
A fine lookin' horse you've got there."
maybe that sucker's for sale...

Capitol Comments
State Representative Bob Turner

The 75th Texas Legislature is now half over. The major issues attracting the most press coverage are the Governor's proposed property tax changes, water issues (Senate Bill 1) and the deregulation of retail electric power. These are issues vital to Texans, however, they are only three of the large number of important topics that will face the Legislature during this session. Homestead equity lending (there are three different versions of this on the table), public school funding, additional tort reform measures and Initiative and Referendum, are only a few of the many other issues.

It is my pleasure to report that a high level of bipartisan cooperation still exists in the State Legislature. Governor Bush, Lt. Governor Bullock and Speaker Laney have established great rapport and continue to work together on the issues in a commendable manner. One new challenge exists as the Federal government sends funds back to the states through block grant funding for such ongoing needs as Medicare, programs for the elderly, highway and transportation funding and numerous health and human service needs. This change places the burden of prioritization back on the state to determine how federal matching funds can be utilized

- most effectively. While this is good, it does create new challenges and responsibilities for state government.
- House Bill 190 - Prohibits entities from condemning certain properties for the purpose of providing mitigation property for endangered species or their habitat or wetlands as required by the Federal Endangered Species Act and The Clean Water Act.
 - House Bill 195 - Increases the penalty for certain crimes against the elderly.
 - House Bill 2020 - Requires platted subdivisions to prove an adequate source of water for the proposed subdivision prior to approval of the plats and sale of property for that purpose.
 - House Bill 1611 - Relates to the testing of natural gas piping systems in public school facilities.
 - House Bill 192 - Relates to the offense of criminal trespass on agricultural lands.
 - House Bill 680 - Provides limits of liability for industries which donate fire fighting equipment to the Texas Forest Service for redistribution to volunteer fire departments.
 - House Bill 828 - Provides legislative review and gubernatorial suspension of certain rules promulgated by state agencies. In many ways I consider this my most impor-

tant piece of legislation.

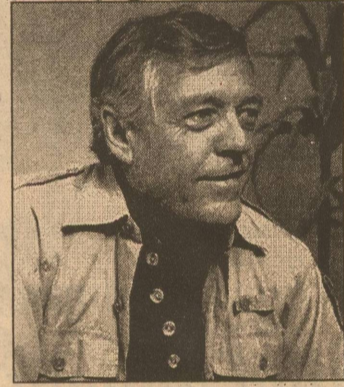
The legislative process for each bill is lengthy. Every bill first must be drafted by the Legislative Council and then filed with the Chief Clerk of the House. A separate request for a hearing must be made before a bill can be heard before the appropriate committee. The bill is then presented to that committee with appropriate testimony to support our position. Needless to say, those who oppose the legislation have the same right to state their position to the committee. Then, if one gets through this maze and the bill is approved by the committee, you hope to have the bill placed on the House calendar. Next, you have the opportunity to have your bill come before the entire House. During this process your opposition also has the opportunity to state their position to try and kill the bill or, in many cases, make amendments to your bill. This only starts the process. If the bill passes the House a member of the Senate must then be contacted to sponsor the legislation in the Senate. The Senate will go through the same committee and full Senate voting exercise. However, if a change is made between the Senate and House approved versions, a conference committee consisting of both House and Senate members must attempt to work out the differences. Then both the full House and full Senate have to vote final approval. Finally, you must have the approval of the Governor, who holds the power to veto your bill, even after legislative passage.

This session I have filed over 30 bills which have required hundreds of hours of preparation, study and debate on the part of my staff

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Judge Roy Bean Country

Rolling Across Texas



Tumbleweed Smith

I first met Jack Skiles when he was managing the Judge Roy Bean Visitors Center at Langtry. Jack was extremely courteous and very proud to be working in such a legendary place. He dispensed information about the judge in a free and easy manner. Jack grew up at Langtry and used to play in the old judge's saloon.

I visited Jack several times since that first meeting. We've had lunch together. I've been to his home and the school where he served as superintendent. He has shown me his country and told me some of his experiences.

Once in the family yard, Jack's dog named Terlingua was barking in a way that Jack knew meant business. Jack stepped outside to see that Terlingua had spotted a mountain lion. Jack got his deer rifle and killed the 120 pound animal. He skinned and dressed the lion, cut off a ham and cooked it. He said it tasted good and was tender.

Jack has a couple of degrees from Sul Ross: a bachelor's in business agriculture and a master's in biology. He did further studies in science at Texas University.

He has always been curious about Judge Roy Bean. In the 60's he decided he would try to separate fact from fiction concerning

the man who called himself "The Law West of the Pecos."

Jack interviewed people around Langtry who knew the judge. He got their stories about the judge on tape. He went to Kentucky, where the judge was born under the name Phantly Roy Bean. There is speculation his parents may have wanted to name him Fauntleroy.

After a lifetime of interest in the fascinating character, Jack Skiles has written a book called JUDGE ROY BEAN COUNTRY. He tells about the judge, of course, but he also tells about the country where the Pecos river empties into the Rio Grande. It is an overlooked area, a place most writers, historians, and reporters visit just long enough to hear some stories about Roy Bean.

T. A. Falvey, the federal judge who served the area from Del Rio to El Paso while Bean was Justice of the Peace at Langtry, described Bean this way: "He was the man for the place at the time. The rough community where he settled

would have tolerated no enforcement of the law as it was printed on the statute books. But they tolerated Bean, because he was both law and equity, right and justice. He filled a place that could not have been filled by any other man. He was distinctly a creation of circumstance."

That comment appeared in the El Paso Herald in 1914.

Jack's interviews in the 60's provide interesting material because they are printed as the people told them. They provide a look at the judge that nobody has ever been able to get before. There have been millions of words written about the judge, a couple of movies made about his life, but Jack Skiles tells about the man in a straightforward, honest manner that reveals the real man behind the white beard.

The book also contains historical photographs.

Bill addresses extent of liability for employee criminal acts

AUSTIN --- Property owners and businesses generally are liable for injuries that occur on their property or have been inflicted by their employees. But, under a bill being considered by the House Civil Practices Committee, the property owner would be liable for employees' criminal acts only if they approved the act or the property owner showed gross negligence in hiring the employee.

The bill, by Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, is being promoted by Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a business group that says some laws make it too easy to win big court judgments against businesses. Uher filed the bill after receiving many complaints from business owners who said they have been sued for injuries caused by criminals over whom they have no control.

Critics say the bill creates a loophole for nursing homes. C.W. Matteck of Lake Jackson and his lawyer talked about injuries suffered by Matteck's mother after employees of a Pflugerville nursing home handled her roughly. The Matteck family won a \$1.7 million judgment.

"Even management acknowledged that nursing homes routinely employ criminals and other employees who handle their patients roughly," Matteck said at a news conference.

Also criticizing Uher's bill at the news conference was Barbara Suraci, whose two daughters were among four teenagers who were murdered in 1991 at a yogurt shop in Austin. The civil case was settled

State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

for about \$12 million, but the killer never was found.

She said shop owners should be liable when their negligence makes it easier for criminals to hurt customers. "People making money off of other people" should be held responsible, she was quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Bill Protects Elderly, Disabled

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says a bill that passed the Senate by unanimous vote will broaden the state laws protecting elderly and disabled Texans in nursing homes and other health care facilities.

"No one in Texas is more vulnerable than our elderly or disabled citizens," Bullock said. "We must make every effort to keep them safe from harm."

Bullock said the bill, sponsored by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, expands current law prohibiting health care workers who have been convicted of certain crimes from com-

ing in direct contact with the residents of nursing homes and other health care facilities that serve the elderly and disabled.

The bill extends the list to exclude workers who have been convicted of sexual assault, aggravated assault, injury to a child or elderly or disabled adult, abandoning or endangering a child and aiding in a suicide.

Unplanned Tax Side Effect

A special House panel is continuing work on a tax plan that would expand the state sales tax to more than 35 previously untaxed goods and services.

But panel members learned their plan has an unplanned side effect: under prior law, local governments who wish to piggyback their own tax to new state sales taxes could do so. And doing so would short-circuit Gov. George W. Bush's dream of cutting school property taxes in Texas.

State Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding, said, "We're going to make sure that if they raise additional tax revenue, they don't get to keep it."

So, the panel is looking at two ways of making sure: forbidding local governments from adding their own sales taxes to the new levies or forcing them to use the revenue to fix roads or cut city and county ad valorem taxes.

Without safeguards against "piggyback rides" on taxes by local governments, communities statewide

would be able to add \$1.4 billion in new sales taxes to the \$6.6 billion they now collect in the state's two-year budget cycle.

Other Capital Highlights

- Lawmakers have filed more than two dozen bills this session offering free or reduced tuition and fees at state public colleges and universities. Among the beneficiaries of such legislation would be children of veteran teachers, injured or disabled law enforcement officers and children in state foster care.
- The Texas Board of Criminal Justice has granted Prison Fellowship Ministries permission to launch a Christian faith-based rehabilitation program. The program, which began last week at a prison camp near Houston, will use no state money. Former Richard Nixon counsel Charles Colson is donating \$1.5 million to run the program for two years.
- Almost 5,000 people marched up Austin's Congress Avenue on Palm Sunday (March 23) to demand stronger laws against hate crimes. Between 1992 and 1995, more than 1,600 hate crimes were reported in Texas.
- Lt. Gov. Bullock says it may serve Texas better to replace the elected State Board of Education with an appointed one. Speaking at the Texas Daily Newspaper Association's annual convention last week, Bullock said, "I'm about ready to go back to the appointed board, kick this bunch out and start again."

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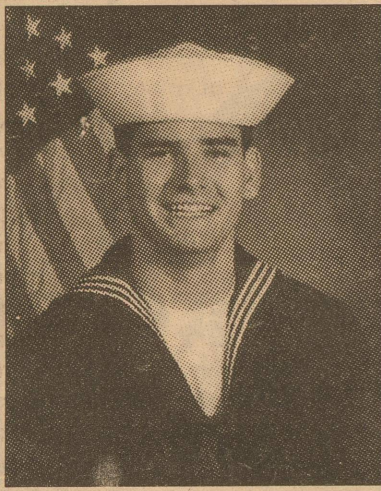
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Our Sympathy

Raymond Howard Pfluger



March 27 at First Baptist Church in Eldorado. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo with full military honors.

Reunited with Ray in heaven are his grandfathers, Vernon L. Pfluger and Fate E. Parker.

Left to mourn are his loving, devoted and precious wife, Rachel of Garland; his parents and brother, Charles, Helen and Dan Pfluger, who loved and cherished Ray every day of his life; beloved grandmothers, Charlotte Rau Pfluger and Winona Jones Parker; his loving aunts and uncles, Brenda and Terry Irwin, Kaye and Joe Pfluger, his cousins whom he loved so dearly, Jennifer Irwin McPike, her husband, Craig, and their daughter, Lauren, Ashley Irwin and James Irwin; his wonderful mother- and father-in-law, Rod and Casey Holfolter, who loved Ray as if he were their son; and his best friend, Michael Kent.

Pallbearers will be his closest friends, Mike Kent, Jeff Hausenfluck, Keith Kotrla and Kai Dooerge, his father, Charles and his brother, Dan. Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Cansler, John Stein and Todd Bilbery.

Raymond, I don't know why you had to leave us. My heart is broken, but my soul takes comfort in knowing Jesus Christ was your Lord and Savior. I am not telling you good-bye because I will see you again. I will love you throughout eternity. Rest in peace my dear and precious son.

Mom

GARLAND - Raymond Howard Pfluger was born March 3, 1970, in Eldorado, Texas, to Charles Lee and Helen Parker Pfluger. He died at his home in Garland, Texas, on March 23, 1997.

Ray graduated from Eldorado High School in 1988 and attended Howard Junior College in San Angelo and TSTI in Waco before joining the Navy in 1991. He served on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln during the Persian Gulf War and was then stationed at Miramar Air Station in San Diego. On Feb. 15, 1992, Ray married Rachel Michelle Holfolter, the love of his life. They had five wonderful years together living in San Diego, Irving and Garland.

Ray worked for Genacom Corp. as primary support technician for NASDAQ and product manager for NASDAQ upstaging.

Family visitation was held at Williams Funeral Home in Garland on Tuesday, March 25. Funeral services were held Thursday,

Rev. Basilio Gauna Sr.



great-grand child.

Pallbearers were Basilio Gauna, Jr., Steven P. Gauna, Jorge Gonzales, Sarah Gauna, Martha Gauna and Lee Gauna. Honorary pallbearers was close friend Abundio Guillen and all members of Pastor Gauna's church.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, April 3rd, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at Templo Getsemani in Eldorado, Texas.

ROSWELL - Funeral services were held Monday, March 31, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Iglesia De Dios Church, 317 E. Wildy St., for the Rev. Basilio Gauna Sr., 52, of Roswell, New Mexico. Pastor Gauna died Wednesday, March 26, 1997, at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center.

Conducting the funeral service was the Rev. Gilbert Arreola. Burial folled at South Park Cemetery.

Basilio Gauna was born April 15, 1944, in Eldorado, Texas, to Olegario Gauna and Anita Brown of Eldorado.

On May 4, 1985, he married Hope Gonzales in Roswell.

Formerly of Grand Prairie, Texas, the Rev. Basilio moved to Roswell 17 years ago to pastor the Iglesia De Dios Church. He was also the district overseer for seven Churches of God in New Mexico, West Texas and Colorado.

Survivors include his wife, Hope Gauna, of the home; father and mother, Olegario Gauna and Anita Brown of Eldorado, Texas; three sons, Steven P. Gauna and Jorge Gonzales both of Roswell and Basilio Gauna Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas; five daughters, Julia P. Gauna and Sara Gauna both of Dallas, Martha Gauna of Fort Worth, Texas; Rebecca Johnson of Arlington, Texas, and April V. Gauna of Roswell; three brothers, Felix Moreno of Dallas, Abel Moreno of Eldorado, Texas and Lee Gauna of Grand Praire, Texas; 28 grandchildren; and one



photo by Kathy Mankin

Beneath my Easter bonnet...with all the frills upon it — SCISD cafeteria workers showed off their homemade Easter bonnets last Thursday. The artistic creations were made from paper plates and bowls. They are (Front L-R) Maria Fuentes, Ethel Pilkington, Mary Lozano, Merlinda Turbeville, Janet Felver (Back L-R) Mildred Phillips, Amparo Esquivel, Sandra Clark, Ima Bruce and Nina Covarubiaz.

Plant ID workshop set

submitted by Mike Harbour
Schleicher County Extension Agent

Plants (grasses, forbs, browse) are the important crop that we as livestock and wildlife producers grow. That's right, we produce this crop so that our livestock and wildlife can harvest them and just like field crops, plants have different values.

We have set up a plant identification workshop to help producers lean and better understand the plants which grow in our region.

This tour and workshop has been divided into two separate days, one in the spring in Eldo-

rado and one in the fall in Mertzon.

This spring workshop will be held on April 8, 1997 beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will meet on the west side of the Schleicher County Courthouse.

3 CEU credits will be provided to private, commercial and non-commercial applicators during this workshop.

This workshop is set up so that participants get info on Range Management and Plant ID and should be an excellent opportunity to better understanding plants an their value as a forage source.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

Twenty one golfers enjoyed a wonderful Easter Sunday afternoon. The weather was "cold", but some of our golfers were "hot" and turned in some great scores. If the weather had been normal they probably would have "eagled" every hole! We love for everyone to join us on our Play Days, working together and playing together is what this life is all about!

1st Place with a score of 56 Jon Cartwright, Guy Crippin and Wayne McGinnis.

2nd Place with a score of 57 Tome Gray, Su Scott and George

Scott.
3rd Place with a score of 58 Melissa O'Harrow, John Mitchell and Cody McCravy.

Weather permitting and if the creeks don't rise, our next Play Day will be May 4th.

Hope you have your team together for the 2-Man Tournament this week-end, April 5th and 6th. If not entered, call Danny Halbert at 853-2173 or Ken Thomas at 853-2758.



Beta Sigma Phi news

by Barbara Jackson

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met recently in the home of Flora Hubble with five members answering roll call.

Secretary Linda Lindsey read the minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read. She then reproted that she had the scholarship application forms for the \$200 Scholarship awarded by the sorority to a senior each year. she said that she would get some forms to the high school so that the sorority could begin receiving applications.

Other plans were made for the bake sales to be held by the sorority to finance the scholarship and other chapter activities.

After the closing ritual Barbara Jackson served garlic bread and

salad to the members.

On Good Friday, March 29, 1997 member brought their home baked cakes, pies, and casseroles to the Eagle Dairy Mart for a Bake Sale. The sale was a success in part to the help provided by the Eagle Dairy Mart crew. The chapter appreciated their help. One of our husband members, Lee Ridgeway, made some hot sauce that was well received and appreciated.

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Cotton Patch Relays results

Varsity Girls Division
On March 27, 1997 in the Wall Cotton Patch Relay's Eldorado Varsity Girls placed 3rd with a team total of 86. Individual results are as follows:

Discus - Angela Ballew 3) 104'8" Triple Jump - Ashley Finley 1) 33'5" 400 Meter Relay - Eldorado 1) Ashley Finley, Ashley Whitten, Victoria Mitchel and Toni

Whitten 51.29 800 Meter Relay - Eldorado 1) Ashley Finley, Toni Whitten, Victoria Mitchel, and Ashley Whitten 1:49.04 1600 Meter Relay - Eldorado 2) Victoria Mitchel, Ashley Whitten, Ashley Finley and Toni Whitten 4:18.96.

Varsity Boys Division
Eldorado's boys placed 3rd at Wall in team point standings with

a score of 86. Individual results are as follows:

High Jump - Kyle Hunter 1) 6'8" Tied Meet Record Long Jump - Mark Fryar 6) 19'1" Triple Jump - Kyle Hunter 3) 39'3/2" Shot Put - Tye Williams 1) 59'6" Meet Record; Mark Fryar 5) 41'4 1/2" Discus - Tye Williams 1) 165' 10 1/2" Meet Record; Mark Fryar 6) 125'7" 400 Meter Relay-Eldorado 2) 44.89 100 Meter Dash-Garrett Bownd 5) 11.81 400 Meter Dash - Clay Butler 3) 51.92 200 Meter Dash - James Morales 3) 23.93

JV Boys Division
Eldorado JV Boys placed 3rd in the meet with a team total of 74. Individual results are as follows.


High Jump - Michael Mayo 3) 5'8" Triple Jump - Jason Richters 2) 37'3" Shot Put - Michael Mayo

2) 38'3" Discus - Michael Mayo 1) 110' 1/2" 400 Meter Relay - Eldorado 4) 49.30 800 Meter Run - Juan Sanchez 1) 2:12.91 110 Meter Hurdles - T.J. Rodriguez 1) 16.99 300 Meter Hurdles - T.J. Rodriguez 2) 46.84 200 Meter Dash - Jason Richters 4) 25.66 1600 Meter Run - Juan Sanchez 5) 5:24.33.

Up and over — Kyle Hunter clears 6' 8" to claim 1st Place and tie a meet record in the Cotton Patch Relays at Wall last week. The leap backed up a jump of 6'11" at the San Angelo Relays the week before.

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Big smiles from the winners — Thomas Ballew and Wesley Jones proudly display the 1st Place trophies they won in the 7th grade boys doubles division of the Eldorado Middle School Invitational tennis meet held here last weekend.

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EHS tennis results listed

by Matt Rutherford

On March 21st and 22nd the Eldorado varsity tennis team played in the Uvalde Invitational Tennis Tournament. This tournament featured twenty-five teams, about a quarter of which were four and five A schools. The girls varsity won their division and the boys tied with Del Rio for first place. Together the varsity won the overall tournament trophy. Individual winners were Casey Snelson, boys singles, and Makenzie McCravery, girls singles. In boys doubles Alton

Bybee and Andy Baker finished third while Juan Montalvo and Andrew Sauer finished fourth.

On March 27th the Eldorado Junior Varsity travelled to Forsan where Hillary Hodges and Jennah Richters placed second in the "B" division.

On March 28th and 29th the Eagle varsity travelled to Mason where Makenzie McCravery finished first in "A" singles. Makenzie became one of the few, if not the only, to win both "A" singles and doubles at the Mason Tournament. Juan Montalvo and Andrew Sauer reached the semifinals of the "B" division as did Haley Edmiston and Kim Jones. Andie Sterling also reached the semifinals in girls "B" singles.

Eldorado will host the the District 8-2A Tennis Tournament April 3rd and 7th.

EMS Tennis Invitational

Eldorado Middle School hosted Junior High teams from Coahoma, Junction, Rocksprings, Mason, Reagan County, Paint Rock and Ozona on Saturday, March 29, 1997.

Kayla McCravery and Lindsay Beach (9-7) place 1st in 8th Grade Girls Doubles.

Ashley Barton place 1st (8-6) in the 8th Grade Girls Singles.

Gentry Newman and Lee Ann Neal placed 1st (8-1) in 7th Grade Girls Doubles.

Tana Williams and Kristina Prater placed 2nd (8-2) in 7th Grade Girls Doubles.

Wesley Jones and Thomas Ballew placed 1st (8-5) in 7th Grade Boys Doubles.

Tabitha Lloyd placed 2nd (8-3) in 7th Grade Girls Singles.

Elibeth Montalvo placed 3rd (8-2) in 7th Grade Girls Singles.

Jason Brock Consolation (6-3) 8th Grade Boy's Singles.

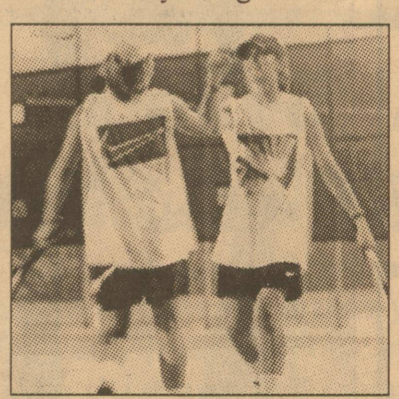


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Way to go! — Kayla McCravery and Lindsay Beach celebrate following their win in the finals of the 8th grade girls doubles division of the EMS Invitational Tennis meet held here last weekend.

School Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Line

Monday, April 7th
Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Tidbits, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, April 8th
Pork Chopette/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, April 9th
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Diced Pears, Raisins, Iced Cupcakes

Thursday, April 10th
Chalupas/Bean & Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Heavenly Hash

Friday, April 11th
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apple

Breakfast

Monday, April 7th
Peaches, Waffle Stix/Syrup, Peanut Butter

Tuesday, April 8th
Raisins, Hot Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

Wednesday, April 9th
Apple Slices, Eggs/Toast/ Jelly

Thursday, April 10th
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls/ Cheese Stick

Friday, April 11th
Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line

Monday, April 7th
Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, April 8th
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Mixed Fruit, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, April 9th
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Diced Pears, Raisins, Hot Rolls/Honey

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Dorothy's Movie Time

by Dorothy Dacy

I have another action film to talk about this week. And if I may use an old quote: "fasten your seatbelts"-you're in for one wild and bumpy ride.

"The Long Kiss Goodnight", rated R due to excessive violence and adult language, concerns a story about a CIA assassin with amnesia. For eight years, she's lived as a wife, mother and beloved member of the PTA. When her memory slowly begins to return, trouble quickly follows.

Things start to go sour for Geena Davis' milk- and - cookies mom at the local Christmas parade. Footage of her riding in a sleigh is seen on the news by a federal inmate who thought he'd killed her. He escapes to finish the job, leaping at her from a crowd of carolers. In a split second, her instincts take over and she pummels him. The problem is, her old CIA bosses also have seen the news. They, too, want her dead.

However, taking out the best is no easy matter, and no discreet one either. By now Davis has hit the road in search of her past, accompanied by a private detective (played by Samuel Jackson) hired by her modest, reserved side, and suddenly confronted with a woman who can shoot your eyes out at 100 paces. There's plenty of meaningful and good - humored conversation between these two; a border-

line chauvinist who finds himself being protected by a gun - toting skirt. And he needs it; they both do. Davis' memory is spotty at best. Except for Jackson, she's not sure who she can trust. A dozen ambushes, car chases and brawls later, she's finally pieced her old life together. Of course, by then she and Jackson are hip deep in a terrorist conspiracy.

Geena Davis is a capable actress; she has an Oscar to prove it. But in recent outings, she's also proven herself a master of physical stunts. "The Long Kiss Goodnight" isn't so much innovative as it is energetic. The final hour is almost wall - to - wall action. Who has time to knit pick about the little things when the plot is racing ahead full throttle?

And that's director Renny Harlan's style: (who just happens to be Geena's husband in real life). He makes you feel as though you're riding a rocket. Sure, the plot is contrived; name an action film that isn't. Yet with bullets whizzing overhead and explosions at every turn, "Goodnight" combines strong lead performances with an intensely emotional symphony of sound and fury.

This entertaining and anything but boring film is locally available at Eagle Video.

Until next week: A rumor without a leg to stand on will usually get around some other way.

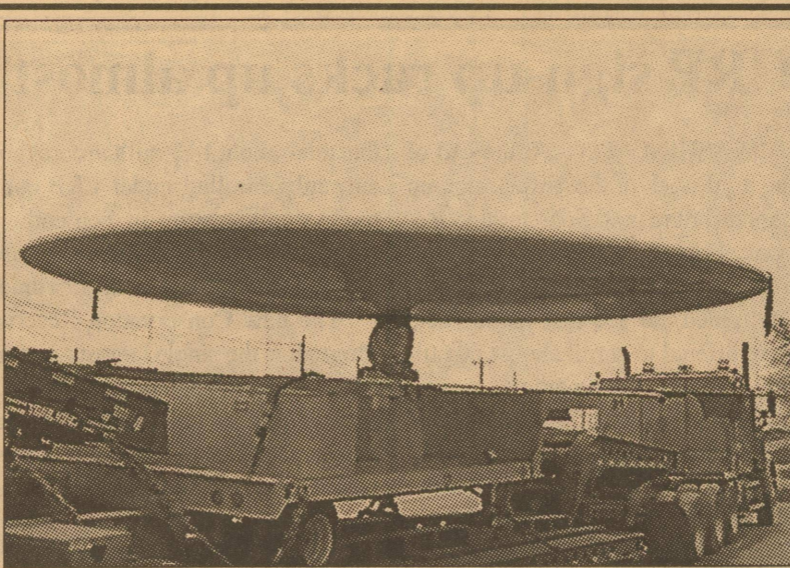


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Earthing, take me to your leader — While this may appear to be an out of this world UFO, the driver of the truck that passed through Eldorado last week assured the Success that he was not an alien. Instead, he said this dish was part of an Air Force AWACs radar plane that was being assembled in Houston. When completed, the aircraft is destined for Egypt.

Top ten tax tips speed delivery of your return

If you're one of the lucky taxpayers expecting a refund this year, chances are you'd like to speed the process. Believe it or not, failure to sign a tax return is one of the most common reasons for a refund check to be delayed.

"It's amazing that people spend so much time getting organized, re-checking the figures and burning the midnight oil to meet the April 15 deadline, and then forget the most important part of the return," states Russ Upton, board member of the National Association of Tax Practitioners (NATP). "Obviously it's important to mark these areas so they aren't overlooked."

In an effort to assist the public with their 1996 income tax returns, NATP has teamed up with 3M, makers of Post-it brand Tape Flags to offer the following "Top Ten Tax Tips":

1. Check your W-2 and 1099 forms to make sure the figures are accurate. If you detect an error, contact the issuer and request a corrected form.
2. Personal exemption amounts are a bit higher this year. For 1996, you are allowed a \$2,550 deduction for each exemption to which you're entitled.

3. When given more than one option for figuring a certain step -- it's worth your time to calculate it both ways and see which way you come out paying less tax.
4. Interest on home mortgages is usually deductible and interest on some home equity loans is usually deductible.

5. The standard deduction has increased for most people. Some people may be able to take the standard deduction for 1996, even if they item-

ized deductions in past years.

6. Include copies of W-2 forms, 1099 forms indicating tax withheld, and all the proper schedules in the proper sequence. Processing can be delayed if the forms aren't complete or are in the wrong order.
7. If you owe tax, write a check for the amount you owe and include your social security number on the check. This will expedite processing if your check becomes separated from your return.

8. Provide the social security number of each dependent you claim on your tax return and for each qualifying child listed on Schedule EIC.
9. If you are due a refund, complete the area on Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, which will instruct the IRS to deposit the funds directly into your checking account. This may speed processing of your refund by seven-to-10 days.

10. Finally, but perhaps most importantly, sign the return. A return that is not signed will be delayed in processing, whether you owe the government money or you're due a refund. "We recommend flagging those areas of the return in some way," states Upton, adding that he uses Post-it brand "Sign Here" Tape Flags for his clients' returns. "The tape flags are brightly colored, easy to apply and very attention-getting. They help ensure that each spot requiring a signature is noted and signed."

For specific income tax advice, Upton recommends consulting a professional tax practitioner. "Each individual's income tax situation is different so it's best to see a qualified preparer for questions about your particular situation," he says. (ARA)

County Clerk attends seminar

About 550 county and district clerks and deputy clerks took part in the 25th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar in College Station March 19-21.

Participating in the seminar from Schleicher County was County and District Clerk, Peggy Williams.

The continuing education seminar provides valuable information and current procedures of the office to county and district clerks. It is designed to update participants on duties and responsibilities of their officers, helping them become more capable and effective in serving the public.

The theme for this year's educational program was "Rest not on past accomplishments--Fear not future challenges!" Participants took part in general sessions and workshops that covered such topics as Probate and Guardianships, Child Support, Delinquent Tax Suits, Bond Forfeitures, Indexing and Recording Procedures and Juvenile Issues.

During the seminar, new officials also had the opportunity to network with those who have been

in office a while. Taking with others who hold the same office from different counties is beneficial when it comes to handling similar situations or problems in your own community.

Clerks who attended all of the sessions will receive 12 hours of credit. State law requires county and district clerks to complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education relating to their duties of office every 24 months.

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School board seeks superintendent

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submitted his resignation and plans to leave Eldorado this summer. Sanford said he had accepted the position of elementary principal at Merkel, Texas.

Other resignations received recently by the board were from Jack White, assistant band director and Steven Ashley, a middle school teacher and coach.

At last week's school board meeting, the trustees renewed the contracts of all the district's teach-

ers. They also approved the 1997-98 school calendar. One change in the calendar is the County Stock Show which has been moved from January to December 12th. Spring break was changed, too. It is scheduled for March 16 - 20 of next year.

But by far the most pressing concern for the board is the search for a new superintendent.

At Monday night's trustee meeting, board members discussed the qualities they were hoping to find in the district's next superintendent.

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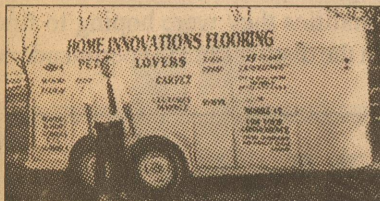


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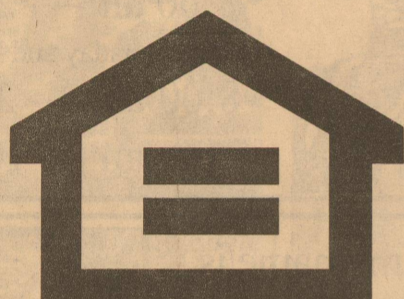
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Who must file a rendition?

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Are there any advantages to you?

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- ☞ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☞ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1996. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1997.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1997 renditions is Monday, April 14. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 14 deadline.

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CRP sign-up racks up almost 20 million acres

WASHINGTON - At the end of the third week of the 4-week sign up period for the new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says he is "delighted" to see that landowners have offered to enroll almost 20 million acres into the program.

"All indications from the field are that CRP sign-up is going very well," said Glickman. "I am delighted at the response we've been getting from farmers and ranchers and other landowners all across the country."

Reports from the field indicate that at the end of the third week of CRP sign-up, over 240,200 offers covering approximately 20 million acres were made for enrollment nationwide. Of

that total, about 14.7 million acres are currently enrolled under CRP contracts due to expire in September. Approximately 5.3 million acres are new and were offered for the first time.

The new Conservation Reserve Program is the single largest government environmental improvement effort. It offers incentives to farmers and ranchers to plant various kinds of protective cover on suitable farm property to protect and improve air, water, soil quality and habitat for wildlife.

The States of Texas, Montana and North Dakota lead the way in number of acres offered. Producers offered nearly 2.5 million acres in Texas, 2 million acres in Montana and 1.9 million acres in North Dakota.

"These figures show that America's farmers and ranchers want to be active participants in the fight to clean up our environment and protect our wildlife, both for our sake and for future generations," Glickman concluded.

All land that is enrolled in the program must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefits index that ensures fair and equal consideration for all types of land. Producers will be notified by mid-June as to which acres have been accepted into the CRP.

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(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales estarán situadas en el sitio conocido como el Memorial Building abajo desde, las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3rd de Mayo de 1997 para votar en las Elecciones General para elegir un miembro para Precincto Numero 2, Precincto 5, and Precincto Numero 7.)

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Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:

(Las votacion adelantada edemas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

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Issued this the 17th day of February, 1997.

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Ilse Williams

Signature of Presiding Officer
(Oficial que Preside)

Capitol Comments by State Rep Bob Turner

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Further, I feel that one of the most important things I accomplish during the session is defeating bills that harm rural Texans. Recently, I defeated a proposed amendment to the general appropriations bill which would have eliminated Regional Education Service Centers. I also helped defeat a bill which would have eliminated the Commission on Jail Standards. Both of these things, had they passed, would have been very bad for rural Texas.

My final thought is this: Government is run by those who show up. Laws are either made or killed by those who show up. It is extremely important that those citizens who are common sense business, professional, agricultural producers, educators, elderly and generally interested folks continue to be involved and "show up". I assure you that those who do not share your common sense approach to issues do show up at every single hearing and speak their piece.

On yet another note, we welcome your visit during the session, which does not end until the first of June. A number of school groups have already visited us at the Capitol, had a tour, pictures taken, and an opportunity to observe the House and Senate, as well as committees in action. We invite your school to take advantage of this as well. Simply call my staff and they will arrange tours, pictures and other activities which are available. Our phone number is 512/463-0644. We are all at your service.

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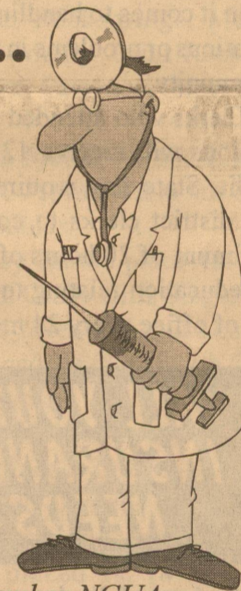
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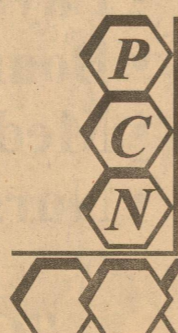
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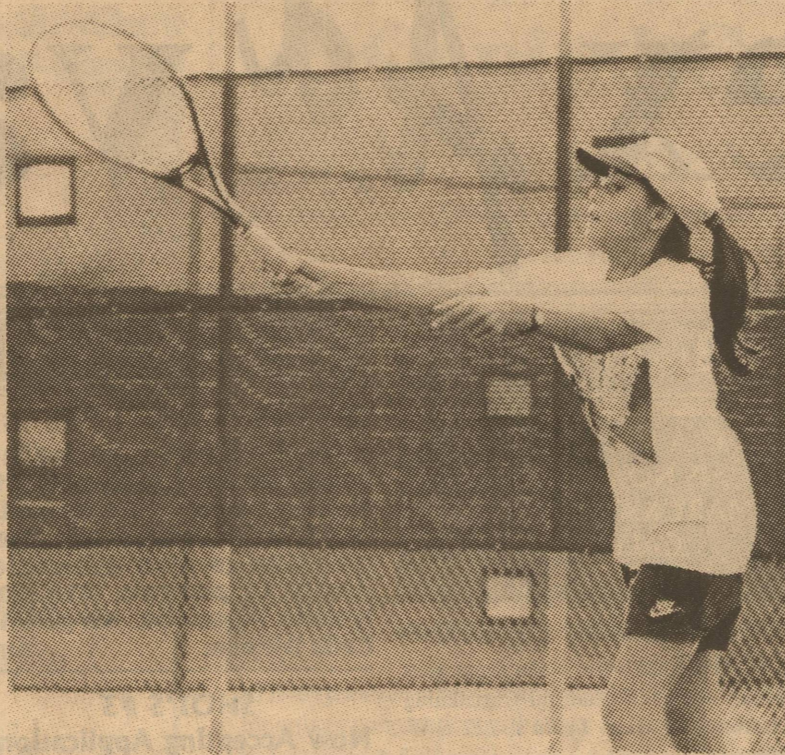


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Take that — Elibeth Montalvo returns a serve during the Middle School Invitational Tennis Meet held here last weekend. Elibeth placed 3rd in the 7th Grade Girls Singles Division.

"JESUS is coming soon," claim local church leaders

Jesus Christ may appear at your home sometime soon. On video. Local churches are offering a free copy of the JESUS video to every home in Eldorado. JESUS, the most widely viewed film in history, is a dramatization of the life of Christ from the New Testament book of Luke. Warner Brothers initially distributed it in U.S. theaters; then it was translated into 365 languages and screened abroad. Over 830 million people from Bosnia to Burma have seen the high quality production.

"If the disciples would have had video cameras, this is what they would have recorded," claims Bob Bradberry of the JESUS Film Project, international distributor of the film. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, it has been called the most historically accurate depiction of the biblical story ever. The film recreates famous biblical scenes including Jesus healing a blind man, calming stormy seas, his agonizing crucifixion, and the Resurrection. Brian Deacon, the British actor who plays Jesus,

speaks only words from the Bible in the film.

Rev. Walter Griggs, the JESUS Video Project director for Eldorado, assures citizens their goal is not to pressure people. "We're simply neighbors offering a free gift that other neighbors can accept or reject," notes Griggs. "No one will shove anything down your throat. We're giving people a video for their home library to watch at their convenience.

Why are they offering them free? "There are lots of hurts in our community," explains Griggs, "from family strife to financial strain, job stress, drugs and crime. This is a positive film that offers hope. It's a refreshing, uplifting story that will touch hearts. The whole family can enjoy it for years."

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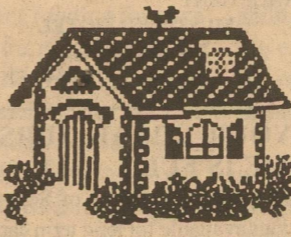
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The Blotter

3/27/97 9:25 AM caller reported cows out on 2129. Two officers responded. 1:24 PM caller reported that they saw two possible illegals walking on County Road 412 carrying bags and a jug of water. Subjects were unable to produce papers and were brought in as holds for U.S. Border Patrol. 2:55 PM caller requested an officer to meet them at building that had been broken into.

3/28/97 7:45 AM assist motorist to unlock vehicle. 2:35 PM caller report to the Sheriff's Officer that they will be having a control burn. 5:45 PM caller reported stranded motorist on Hwy 277 1 mile north of the Sutton County line. Vehicle was brown pickup with two elderly occupants. Officer responded. 6:50 PM caller reported a stranded motorist on Big Lake Hwy. Officer responded. 7:05 PM caller reported that they will have control burns on two ranches for a couple of days. Burning brush. 11:50 PM caller requested an officer to follow them home after receiving message delivered to them by the subjects sister-in-law. Caller requested officer because they were afraid of subject. Officer responded and follow caller home.

3/29/97 11:50 AM report of alarm sounding a local gas plant. Located key holder. 7:12 PM caller reported a customer had come in and was being belligerent. Officer requested to scene. 11:45 PM caller reported a car parked in alley and a lot of noise like screaming coming from car. Caller called back and reported that there were two subjects fighting in front of their residence. Caller was very upset and ask officers to please hurry. Two officers responded.

3/30/97 12:05 AM caller reported that there were two vehicles that keep passing in the alley behind their residence. Requested officer to check area out. Two officers responded. 1:17 AM caller called and requested an ambulance thinking that they had broke their back. Officer and EMS 1 responded. 3:50 PM caller reported 5 illegals traveling north east of town. Officer responded. 7:45 PM caller reported that someone had painted the side of their mothers old house. Also reported that a neighbor had seen three young men in the vicinity.

3/31/97 9:02 AM caller reported that they had seen two illegals traveling on McIntosh Road and Ft. McKavitt turn off. The illegals reported that they were going to the fort. Officers responded. 9:30 AM caller reported two illegals getting on north bound bus. Bus was brown. Sheriff's Officer contacted US Border Patrol in San Angelo.

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