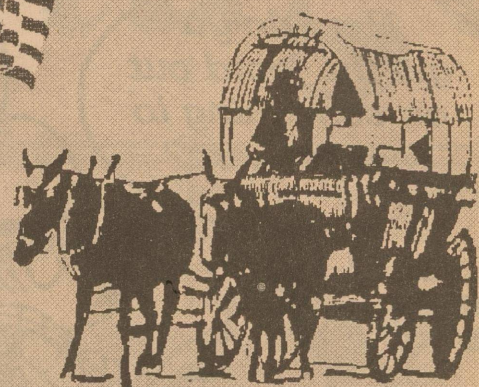
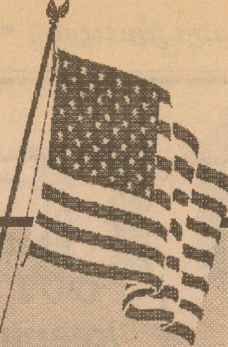


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Headlines From Around the World

Panel to urge human cloning

A federal ethics panel reportedly will urge Congress to pass legislation allowing creation of cloned human embryos for research, but banning their use to make babies. The Washington Post reported yesterday that under the commission's plan, privately funded scientists or doctors could make cloned human embryos for research purposes but could not implant them into women's wombs. Members of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission say the recommendations are sensible, given the ethical complexities and the need for immediate action. The Post says the ethics group is due to complete its work this weekend.

Jury to decide McVeigh penalty

Jurors began yesterday hearing testimony that will help them decide whether Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh will be executed or will spend his life in prison. The prosecution said it plans to call as many as 45 witnesses, probably over three days. Most will tell of lost loved ones, taking 10 to 15 minutes apiece. They are expected to deliver some of the most heart-wrenching testimony so far. The defense is likely to call McVeigh's father or sister to recount McVeigh's upbringing and introduce his record as an Army sergeant during the Gulf War. Judge Richard Matsch has said he will limit overly emotional evidence in attempt to prevent the sentencing phase from becoming a "lynching."

Medicare before House panel

A Medicare reduction plan is expected to gain bipartisan approval when it is considered by a House subcommittee this week. Under pressure from President Clinton, House Republicans have backed off plans to offer tax-free medical savings accounts to all Medicare recipients, suggesting instead a 500,000-person pilot project. The medical savings accounts proposal is part of overall legislation unveiled yesterday to slow the growth in Medicare spending by a net \$115 billion over five years. The measure is needed under a balanced-budget deal between the White House and Congress.

Tobacco trial continues in Miami

A judge in Miami says at least a dozen more prospective jurors are to be questioned in a second-hand smoke trial. Jury selection has been moving slowly in the case, which began Monday. Only 11 people have made it past the initial round of lawyer queries. Dade County Circuit Court Judge Robert Kaye grew impatient Tuesday and accused tobacco industry lawyers of muddling the minds of prospective jurors with trick questions. The judge said the questions put to jurors by the tobacco lawyers were too firmly aimed at uncovering anti-smoking attitudes. The \$5 billion lawsuit is the first class-action and first second-hand smoke case against the tobacco industry to go to trial.

School board hires Brownlow as elementary principal, narrows search for superintendent

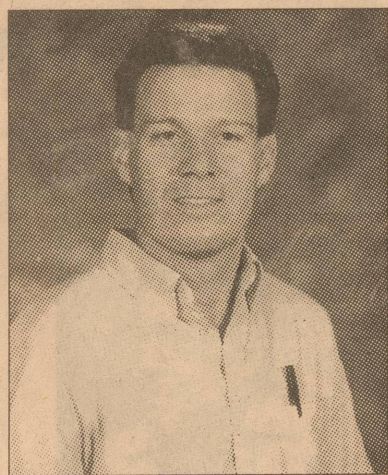
For several weeks, the future of Schleicher County schools has seemed a little hazy, as trustees searched for both a superintendent and an elementary school principal. But the fog lifted slightly on Monday evening, June 2nd. First, the board met with Don Killough, a recruiter for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) in a lengthy executive session. During that closed door meeting, the trustees selected seven semi-finalists for the superintendent's post. Then, they emerged into open session and voted unanimously to hire Brian Brownlow, currently a middle school teacher, to fill the principal's position in the elementary school.

The list of superintendent candidates was not made public immediately until Killough contacted each of the semi-finalists. But on Wednesday, the list was posted for public inspection.

Names on the list include: Guy Nelson, Supt., Corwell I.S.D.; Barbara Skipper, Asst. Supt., Uvalde C.I.S.D.; Kurtis Leifeste, Supt., Schulenburg I.S.D.; Hal Porter, Supt., Crosbyton C.I.S.D.; Jim Kirkland, Supt., Texline I.S.D.; Carl Hoffmeyer, Supt., Bloomington I.S.D.; and Michael Wallace, Director of Federal Programs/Technology, La Grange I.S.D.

According to several agendas

posted in the school's administration building, the school board intends to interview each of the semi-finalists this week. Following those interviews, the field will be narrowed to three finalists. A final decision on the next superintendent isn't expected for a few more weeks. Meanwhile, interim-superintendent Robbie Sanford will con-



courtesy photo
New elementary principal
Brian Brownlow

tinue overseeing the district's day-to-day operations.

The scramble to locate administrators began in March when former SCISD superintendent Scott Barton accepted the head job at Ft. Davis schools. School trustees released Barton from his contract, allowing him to report to Ft. Davis on May 1. Then, shortly af-

ter elementary principal Robbie Sanford was appointed interim-superintendent, he announced that he, too, was leaving Eldorado. Sanford will take over as elementary principal in Merkel, Texas but has agreed to stay in Eldorado through the summer and help with the personnel search and transition.

In recommending Brownlow to succeed him as elementary principal, Sanford praised the middle school science teacher's work ethic.

"We had 10 applicants, two with experience," Sanford stated. "However, my recommendation, without any reservation, is Brian Brownlow. I know he will do you a good job."

William Edmiston made the motion to hire Brownlow which was seconded by Berta Nicholson. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Brownlow, 30, came to Eldorado two years ago from Alief Elsik school in Houston where he was the high school varsity football and head track coach. Before that, he was a middle school teacher and coach in Brownwood.

During the past two years, Brownlow has taught Earth Science in Eldorado Middle School while pursuing his masters degree at Angelo State University. He received his bachelors degree from the University of Texas.

Brownlow and his wife Debbie have one daughter, Hayley, who is

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photo by Kathy Mankin
Concerned neighbors hold a blanket aloft Saturday afternoon to shade burn victim Ruben Gonzales as emergency personnel tend to his injuries following a pickup fire on Village Lane.

Local man injured in weekend pickup blaze

Ruben Gonzales, 53, of Eldorado was seriously burned Saturday when his pickup truck caught fire in his yard. Gonzales was taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center before being transported to San Angelo. He was eventually taken by helicopter to the Brooks Army Burn Unit in San Antonio where he remains in stable condition.

According to investigators at the scene, the fire began as Gonzales was working on a piece of lawn equipment while sitting in his pickup. Exactly how the fire began is uncertain, but in seconds, the truck, and Gonzales were engulfed in flames.

Gonzales managed to exit the pickup and run next door where

Taylor King and Bill Flack were working. "He had been over earlier in the day so he knew we were outside," said King after the incident. "When we saw him he was on fire and running."

Taylor stated that he and Flack rolled Gonzales on the ground trying to extinguish the flames. "You could smell gasoline on him and the fire kept burning on his legs and around his collar," King continued.

"When there's a fire, your hose is never long enough," said King, "so we just rolled him toward it and started running water on him."

Units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and the Schleicher County EMS responded to the emergency following a 911 call that was logged in at 4:17 pm.

Jennifer Stafford to attend Texas Leadership seminar



photo by Kathy Mankin

Learning leadership — Jennifer Stafford will represent Eldorado at the West Texas Leadership Seminar in San Antonio June 5-8.

Jennifer Stafford, a sophomore at Eldorado High School will learn about "America's Incentive System" during an all-expense paid trip to the West Texas Leadership Seminar. The Seminar is affiliated with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and will be held June 5-8, 1997, in San Antonio. More than 270 outstanding sophomores from throughout Central and South Texas will attend, each representing a different high school. The Seminar is sponsored by Optimist Clubs, Kiwanis Club, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs, and business establishments in the community.

During the Seminar, these future leaders will hear from today's distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions, allowing them to leave the Seminar with a better understanding and appreciation of the

American economic system and the democratic process. In addition, personal improvement skills will be developed and motivational techniques will be discussed.

Jennifer is the daughter of Cynthia and John Paul Joiner. She has been in track for 4 years. Also, she has been in FCA for 2 years and is an officer for the 1997-98 school year. She has been in Student Council and has participated in several community service projects. Jennifer received an award for having the highest grade point average for the girls in her class the past 2 years.

The Foundation was established 39 years ago by movie and stage actor Hugh O'Brian in the belief that America's greatest resource is its youth. This is the fourteenth year for the West Texas Leadership Seminar to be held, one of five seminars held in Texas.

W.T.U. customer to see a "fuel surcharge"

West Texas Utilities Company retail customers will see an increase in the total amount of their electric bills beginning this week. According to the company, a surcharge is being added to customer bills over the next 12 months to collect unrecovered fuel costs and interest.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas approved WTU's request to recover approximately \$13 million in unrecovered fuel costs and interest that are the result of unforeseen and significant increases in the cost of natural gas that have oc-

curred over the last year throughout the country.

Implementation of the surcharge will result in a 1.6 percent increase in customers' bills over the 12-month period. According to WTU, typical residential customers using 1,0% kilowatt-hours of electricity a month would see their bills increase, on average, by approximately \$1.22.

The effect of the surcharge on customers' bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which they take service.

Investor-owned electric utilities

in Texas, like WTU, use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity. When the actual costs of fuel significantly exceed the fuel charges that customers are paying in their monthly bills, PUCT rules require that the utility request permission to surcharge the additional amount. When the actual costs of fuel are significantly lower than what customers are paying in fuel charges, the electric utility is required to issue a refund.

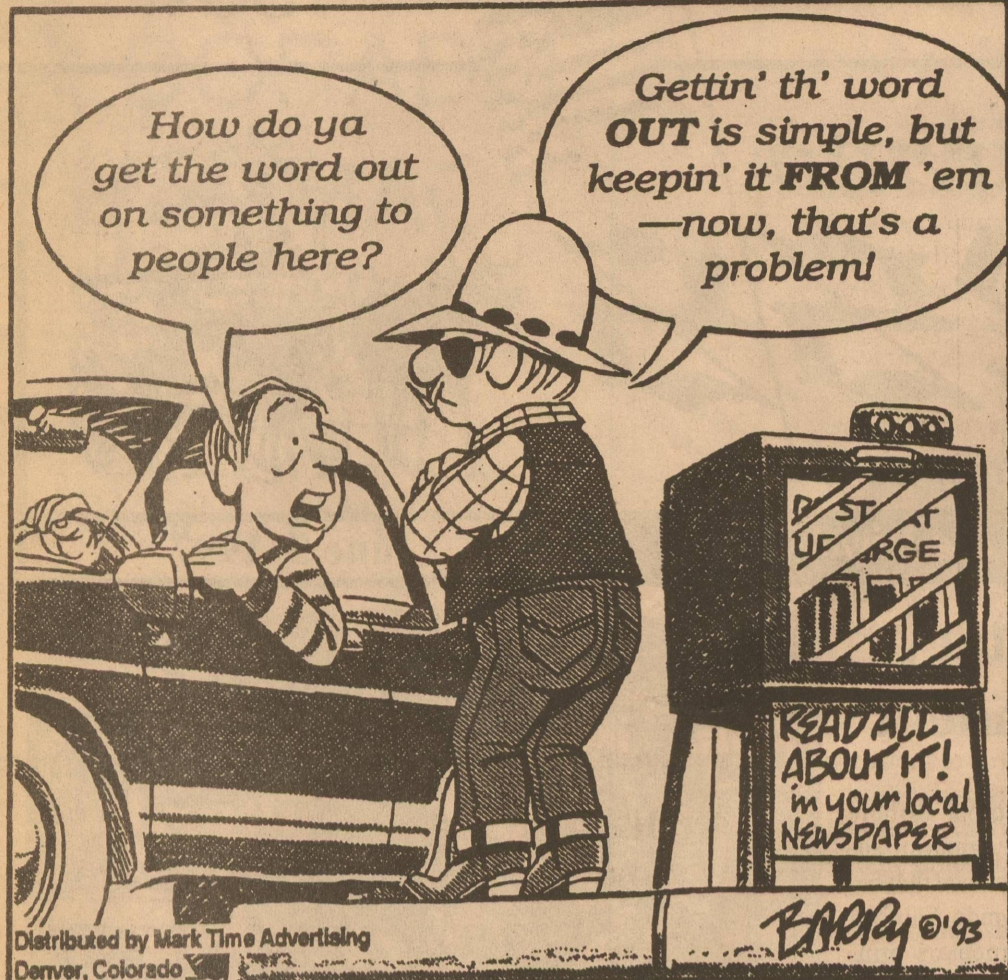
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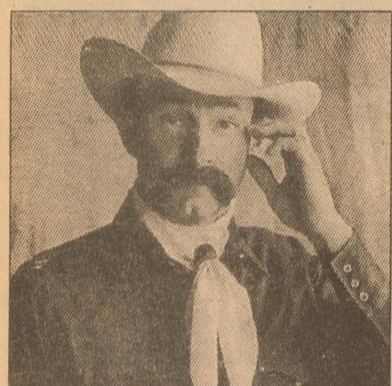
photo by Kathy Mankin
A flower for a pretty lady — SMC activity director Annie Arispe pins a flower on Ruth Baker's lapel as the Nursing Home honored all its residents 90-years and older at the Medical Center's annual barbecue. There are currently 19 residents in the facility who are 90+.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Easing Out A Calf



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Dr. Brent, large animal vet in the wilds of western Montana said he had an interesting case, about which he asked my opinion.

It seems one of his clients had called wondering what he could do for a downer cow with milk fever. "Milk fever?" asked Dr. Brent. "Yup. She got it right after I eased the calf out with the tractor," explained the client.

Dr. Brent's question to me was, *How do you define the word 'ease'?*

He had consulted with Montana State University's resident bovine acupuncturist and uterine hydraulics technician, Raymundo, who suggested using the formula $E=mc^2$; Ease equals mother cow skrewed.

To define the parameters we must consider the tractor, the cow, the environment and the chain. And we must calculate in the variables such as:

- Is the tractor in 1st gear or 3rd gear.
- Is the angle of attack critical.

(For instance, do you simply tie on to the three point hitch or is the front end loader bucket involved somehow.)

- If conditions are muddy and slick, do you chain up the tractor tires or do you let them spin once the chain has reached a certain tension.

- Is the cow tied hard to a post? If not, is the tow track straight or must one negotiate between bales of hay, 55 gallon drums, retired farm equipment and abandoned projects made of cinder block and steel.

- Is the track level? Should a higher gear be used if one is pulling downhill or should heavy objects like round bales, salt pallets or other cows be tied to her halter shank to slow the descent.

- If one is pulling uphill should speed be limited to no more than 20 mph, unless of course one is in the pasture, the dew is heavy and the grass is slick whereupon speeds may be limited only by large obstacles and the gear ratio.

- Length of chain could affect connection flexibility, acting in bungee cord fashion to reduce engagement shock.

- Regarding acceleration vs. velocity, should the slack be taken out of the tow chain gently or is it acceptable to just pop the clutch and take a run at it.

There are many other variables. Such as time of day, phase of the moon, color of the cow, mental health of farmer and amount of water in the tractor tires. But the best way to evaluate the degree of 'ease' used when 'easing' a calf out with the tractor, is the post-parturient condition of the calf. Are his front legs longer than they should be?

Over the Back Fence

by Randy Markin

A week ago, central Texas was pounded by tornadoes. The small town of Jarrell was particularly hard hit as a category 5 twister vacuumed up an entire subdivision. It was their second tornado in less than 8 years. Several families were killed in Jarrell, one of those being the Igos.

Larry Igo, 46, his wife Joan, 45, their daughter Audrey, 17, and twin sons John and Paul, 15, were all killed when the storm carried away their home.

Larry Igo was the nephew of Fred and Juanita Igo of Eldorado. Hours after the storm, the couple waited for news that their loved ones were safe. But as

hours turned into days and rescue workers located one body after another it became apparent that none in the family had survived.

The tragedy made national headlines. Video tape footage of the tornado was played over and over again. For several days other important stories were pushed off the front pages and bumped to the end of television newscasts. America, it seems, was focused on Jarrell, Texas.

In the middle of it all stood the relatives and friends of the Igos who sought only grieve for and pay tribute to their departed family members.

By all accounts, the Igos had

a deep and abiding faith in God. Larry Igo was a music director at First Baptist Church of Jarrell and his entire family was active in the church.

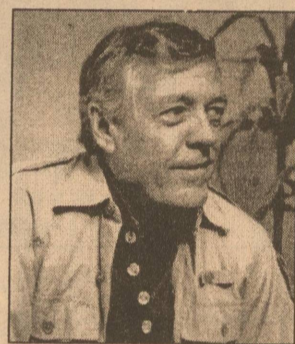
When portions of the funeral were aired on the network news, I thought to myself, can't the reporters let these people have some peace?

But, when the pastor assured the mourners that because of the Igo family's faith in God, they would be reunited in heaven, I realized that the message was being broadcast into millions of homes.

I only pray that someone, somewhere took the time to listen.

The Man Behind Tabasco

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

Walter McIlhenny is the man who made tabasco sauce famous both in food and fashion. He was a crackerjack businessman, gourmet, wine connoisseur and host par excellence. He never married.

He lived on Avery Island, a three-mile-long, two-mile-wide piece of land in Louisiana's bayou country 120 miles west of New Orleans. It is a subtropical paradise that has been in the McIlhenny family for generations. It is a wildlife preserve that features desert palms, magnificent cypress trees and gnarled oaks bearded with Spanish moss. Avery Island has about 350 residents, its own post office and school. It also has a salt mine.

Walter's family started making their tabasco sauce shortly after the Civil War. His grandfather, Edmund McIlhenny planted some capsicum pepper seeds given to him by a friend passing through on his way to Mexico. He took the tiny red peppers from the plants and mixed them with Avery Island salt and vinegar. The result was a unique pepper sauce. McIlhenny poured it into small cologne bottles and called it Tabasco pepper sauce, from the name of the river and town in southern Mexico where the seeds originated.

Walter learned how to shoot at an early age and in 1931 was named one of the 100 best shooters in the nation. He said that gave him confidence when World War Two came along. He was awarded the Navy Cross and Silver Star for gallantry on Guadalcanal. Walter took over the presidency of the company in 1949.

Walter once served a meal in the salt mine. The tables and chairs were carved from rock salt and light was by candlelight. The men wore tuxedos and the ladies wore formals. He loved sharing his yacht, The Heron, with friends. Walter's love of food came naturally. His grandfather once enjoyed a meal at Arnaud's restaurant in New Orleans so much he wanted to start it all over again. So he did.

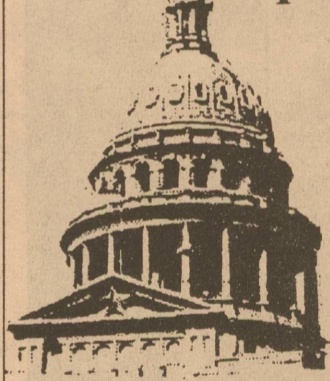
In the 50's Walter created a three ounce bottle of Tabasco pepper sauce to be sent to troops in Korea. He later enlisted a chef and a top flight mess sergeant to produce recipes with a basis in C-rations for the fighting men in Viet Nam. He sent them cook books wrapped around a two ounce bottle of Tabasco sauce.

Walters rules for a perfect dinner party: No more than eight people sharing one conversation. Plan well so the party will have an air of spontaneity. Light the room in such a way (candlelight is best) that even your plainest guest will look attractive. Avoid playing background music at full volume. Food is best displayed on a plain white linen tablecloth set with sparkling silverware and glassware. Serve coffee and dessert in another room. Moving around will invigorate guests and the party will get a second wind. Make sure bouquets of flowers don't block the view of people at the table. Never discuss business at the dinner table. Guests should never be allowed to clean up afterward because it creates confusion. Wines should be selected with utmost care.

Walter died in 1985 at the age of 74. People on Avery Island say he was the best example of a gentleman you'll find.

End of session threatens to sink tax reform effort

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

AUSTIN --- With only a few days remaining until the June 2 end of the legislative session, the prospect of tax reform is waning.

A 10-member conference committee of five senators and five House members has not agreed on a final version of a tax plan that would reduce the school property tax burden of homeowners and businesses.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, who served as chairman of the committee that drafted the House version of the tax reform bill, told Senate conferees, "We are willing to listen if you have a proposal. I am willing to look at a middle ground as long as it has the same kind of property relief that our plan offers."

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, told Sadler, however, "I have not heard an area where you are willing to compromise."

Quoted by the Austin *American-Statesman*, Sadler said, "If we don't have something by Sunday (May 25), you can forget it."

Meanwhile, Gov. George W. Bush expressed confidence that the committee will find common ground.

"There are some strong-willed, very capable members who are expressing themselves. But I do believe so much work has gone into this it would be an opportunity missed."

The House plan would bring tax cuts three times as large as those

receiving and that's all I am going to take."

Furthermore, advocates of an across-the-board pay raise for state employees said it is not fair to increase pay for officials elected statewide by more than \$1,000 a month when the same proposal calls for a \$100 a month raise for other state employees.

But Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, reasoned that the raises would be appropriate. "These officials have a great deal of responsibility, and we hold them responsible for large budgets and agencies," he said.

In November 1992, officials elected statewide received a 3 percent pay increase, as did other state employees.

Driver's License Fees to Go Up

A bill that would raise the cost of driver's licenses cleared the House last week and now awaits the governor's signature.

Under the bill, licenses would have to be renewed every six years, and a one-time fee would be assessed at the time of renewal.

- The new fees would be:
- \$85 for drivers age 18 to 24;
 - \$75 for drivers age 25 to 34;
 - \$60 for drivers age 35 to 44;
 - \$40 for drivers age 45 to 49;
 - \$20 for drivers age 50 to 54;
 - \$16 for drivers age 55 to 59; and
 - \$16 every four years for driv-

ers 60 and up.

The proposal — recommended by State Comptroller John Sharp — would generate \$234 million during the first two years and provide enough money to the state's general revenue fund to pay for the \$100 a month pay increase proposed for state employees.

However, the state would begin losing money in the fifth year after implementing the new fees because drivers will have paid the renewal fee by then.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, predicted the growing economy and other state budget cuts could offset the \$53 million in lost revenue that would occur in the fifth year, which would be the year 2002.

Other Capital Highlights

- The Senate approved a bill that would require criminal background checks on people who provide care in their home for up to three children.

Failure to undergo a check would carry criminal penalties. Currently, only those who care for four or more children must undergo a background check.

- The Senate voted 30-0 to approve the appointment of former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill as a Lottery Commission member. Hill, who has also served as attorney general and secretary of state, was named to the Lottery Commission by Gov. Bush in January

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Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Dacy

Dacys celebrate 30th

Monroe and Dorothy Roden Dacy were married on June 10th, 1967 in the First Christian Church of Eldorado. They have two children, Russ Dacy of San Angelo and Tina Smalling of Arlington, and three grandchildren Shae, Luke and Kylee.

Monroe is a Service Supervisor for B.J. Services and Dorothy is Branch Manager at 1st Community Federal Credit Union.

They are celebrating with a trip to Walt Disney World and the sunny beaches of Florida.

Caldwell vies for national Pre-Teen Princess crown

12 year old Georgina Caldwell, daughter of Samuel and Cynthia Caldwell of Sonora and a student at Eldorado Middle School will represent Texas in the National Pre-Teen Princess Program in Orlando, on November 29, 1997.

She and others representing the United States, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, will vie for the title National Pre-Teen Princess on the basis of academics/achievements, interview, poise/appearance and personality before an audience from all over the country on Saturday, Nov. 29.

The young ladies between the ages of nine and twelve, will arrive in Florida on Nov. 22. Many special activities are being planned for the week of the pageant. National Pre-Teen Princess will receive a \$1,500 Savings Bond and many other prizes. The reigning National Pre-Teen Princess is Adrienne Danov of Indiana.



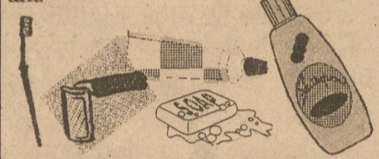
Georgina Caldwell

Personal hygiene kits for Jarrell

First Baptist Church youth are putting together personal hygiene kits for the residents of Jarrell, Texas. These will be distributed at the first Baptist Church of Jarrell. Donated items should be delivered to FBC by June 8th. They will be delivered on June 9th.

If you can't come by, call 853-2662 and one of the youth will pick up the items for you.

Items needed include: comb, hairbrush, shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable razor, shaving cream, sunscreen, chapstick, nail care items, kleenex, q-tips, cotton balls, deodorant.



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Hospital board meets, elects new officers

The Schleicher County Medical Center board of directors met Thursday evening, May 29, 1997. After welcoming new board members Shari Wink and Randy Mankin, the meeting proceeded with the election of officers. Ricky Fuessel was re-elected as board president. Delia Pina was chosen as vice president and Bobbie Sanders was elected board secretary.

Among other items of business,

the board amended the hospital's medical staff bylaws, requiring physicians to be available to the hospital within 30-minutes. That move was prompted by a report from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) which cited the hospital for not having a physician available within that time span. The board then unanimously approved appointing Dr. Lazar Jovanovic to the hospital's active staff.

The board discussed employee group health insurance plans, but tabled the matter, taking no action.

After a brief executive session to discuss real property, the board emerged into open session, taking no further action on the matter.

Among other business, the board approved the purchase of two used portable x-ray machines from Heart of Texas hospital in Brady.

FBC plans sanctuary dedication

The entire community is invited to the long-awaited Sanctuary Dedication of the First Baptist Church this Sunday, June 8, 1997. Major renovations due to store damage has temporarily forced members to meet outside their sanctuary since November of 1996. This joyous occasion will begin with a ribbon cutting at 10:50 a.m. followed by a special Morning Worship Service and Fellowship.

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According to WTU, unforeseen and significant increases in the cost of natural gas occurred over the last year throughout the country. The company reported the cost of natural gas was 38 percent higher during 1996 than in 1993. The increases were even more significant during colder months. For example, the actual cost of natural gas in December 1996 was 82 percent higher than the December 1995 cost.

WTU reports that approximately 55 percent its annual generation of electricity is produced by power plants fueled by natural gas.

Birthdays

- June
5th Charles Orr
6th Jennifer Smith, Marco Escobar, Steve Snelson
7th Aida Martinez, Sara Steele
8th Randy Adame, Dustin Cheatam, Houston Henderson
9th Albert Fuentes Jr., Dee Martinez, Eilil Martinez, Jake Avila, Stanley Spinks
10th Carlos Lozano, Joseph Wink, Shianne Middleton, Tommy Robledo, Carrol Green
11th Edwina Taylor
12th Monte Althaus, Blake Leggett
13th Clay Butler, Hannah Robledo, Madolyn Joy, Patsy Kellogg
14th Ashley Barton, Scott Homer

Anniversaries

- June
5th George & Su Scott
9th Steve & Eva Jo Sessom
10th Billy Frank & Mabel Blaylock, Dorothy & Monroe Dacy
14th Andy & Sharon Spinks, Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Turbeville

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1997 Braves Major League Team (Back L-R) Jordan Fay, Ray David Bultron*, David Cantu, Dillian Greer, Matt Greenwood, Coach Bill Dykstra, Seth Taylor. (Front L-R) Buddy Greer, Trey Chavez*, Alan Dykstra*. Not pictured Mike Adame. * Designates All Star Team member.

Attention: work day at baseball field set for June 14

A workday is scheduled for June 14, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. to get the baseball fields ready for the Minor League Tournament to be held here on June 20 and 21st. Work will be done on the baseball field near the golf course and on the pee-pee field getting ready for the tournament. Please bring fence stretchers, welders and weed eaters.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

We had a great "turn out" for our Play Day this past Sunday, June 1st. A total of 42 adults and 9 youths; Beau Sallee, Clay Whitten, Aaron Sales, Bryan Guterrez, Bobby Phillips, Justin Phillips, Luis Martinez, Johnny Arispe, and Mark Fryer. We are so happy to hag our youths join us. Remeber, you are

the future golfers of Schleicher County. We need your support when we all get "over the hill!" 1st 55 - John Callison, Bill Freitag, George Scott, Bradley Simmons, Clay Whitten, and Luis Martinez 2nd 56 - John Mitchell, Wayne McGinnes, Gordon Jones, Kim Groile, and Bobby

Phillips 3rd 57 - Bill Wells, Glen Nix, Larry Sanders, Delbert Taylor, and Justin Phillips We had a score card play-off for third place, six teams came in with a score of 57. The next Golf Tournament at Eldorado Golf Course will be a "Three Person" tournament on June 21 and 22nd. Also a "Two Person" 27 hole select shot on July 5th. To enter these tournaments call Ken Thomas 853-2758 or Danny Halbert 853-2173. Our next Play Day will be June 29th.

National Fitness Awards

On Friday, May 23, 1997 during the Middle School Awards assembly the National Fitness Awards were presented to 5th and 6th grade students by Coach Rachele Mulanax.

5th Grade students recognized were Teresa Barajas, Lori Loomis, April Nixon, Jeanette Villavicencio, Courtney Whitten, Clara Herrera, Mikinzie Holley and Monica Moreno.

6th Grade students recognized were Courtney Brown, Kathy Gonzales, Courtney Mankin, Blake Snelson, Lilly Vallejo, Martha Lively, Courtney Sauer and Leah Wolfe.

Club lamb and goat sale slated

The Eighth Annual Club Lamb and Meat Goat Sale is set for Saturday, June 14, at the Wylie FFA Showbarn at 7:30 p.m. The Showbarn is located behind the Wylie High School football field on Antilley Road in Abilene.

The sale benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Only lambs and goats purchased during this sale will be eligible for the WTRC Jackpot Show which will be December 6 at the Dorthea Griffin arena at the fairgrounds, Abilene, Texas.

Lamb Chairman for the event are John Helmer, Merkel; Wade Stephens, Cross Plains; Gaines Price, Roscoe; and Charlie Palmer, Clyde. Meat Goat Chairman is Tacy Ellis of Roscoe, assisted by Jennifer Morris of Colorado City. Chairmen expect 150 lambs and 50 goats to be donated for the sale. Breeders from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Missouri, and Illinois have already donated animals to this sale.

To donate a lamb or goat or for more information, call West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene (915) 691-7290 or in San Angelo (915) 949-9535.



1997 White Sox Major League Team (Back L-R) Pedro Hernandez*, Coach Walt Griggs, Chris Sanchez, Keith Corley*, Philip Martinez*, Coach Tony Martinez, Frankie Arispe*. (Front L-R) Timmy Martinez, Forrest Holt, Tyler Corley*, Jeffrey Bybee, Shay Parker * Designates All-Star Team member.

WILD FRONTIER BIBLE THEME PARK

First United Methodist Church, in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church, invite children to enjoy the time of their lives at Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park.

This summer, at the First United Methodist Church on June 23rd-June 27th will open a Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park Vacation Bible School. Our Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park will replace the traditional vacation Bible school. There will be fun, memorable Bible learning activities, and refreshments for kids ages 3 years to students who were 5th graders in 1996-97 school year. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, stop to play teamwork building games, nibble tasty treats, explore hands on Bible adventures, and create a pop-up book they will take home and enjoy all summer long. Bring a blank T-shirt and come on. We will iron on a decal for your T-shirt to take home.

Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park is a five day examination of the life of Christ. We'll conclude each day with a festive Center Stage Show Time program that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they have learned. Family members and friends may join us for this special time. We hope Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park will spread God's love and joy throughout our community.

Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park begins June 23rd and continues through June 27th, 1997. The theme park is located at First United Methodist Church across from the Court House. The Main Gate opens each day at 9:00-11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Methodist Church. To sign up ahead mail in the coupon below

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WestTex Advantage

The Blotter

5/28/97 9:14 AM Larceny Theft. Caller wished to report a theft at their sisters residence. 11:19 AM Bird in distress, taken to hospital and donated to nursing home. 12:53 PM Theft. Caller reported theft of 2 bikes. 1 10-Speed Blue Green; 1 Mountain Bike all Silver. Officer responded to call. Owner have been located by owner. 2:37 PM caller reported vehicle parked in alley. 4:35 PM Ranch hand working in Ozona came to pick up and identify a stolen air compressor. Officer release property to him. 3:02 PM Larceny Theft. Caller reported son's bike missing. USA Mountain Climber, Rule Master, 10 Speed. Est. Value \$130. 7:52 PM caller requested an officer to go to store and report someone hitting refrigerator unit outside. Officer took call and reported the cost of damage unknown until an estimate is taken. **5/29/97 6:50 AM** Unlock Vehicle. 9:45 PM Disturbance. Caller at local store requested an officer to check on a disturbance going on outside of business. Two officers took call. 12:30 PM Larceny Theft. Caller from local store reported theft from refrigerator unit. Approx. 30 lbs meat. Est. Value \$2,000. Officer investigating. 1:10 PM Pellet rifle injury. **5/30/97 12:55 PM** Suspicious person. Caller stated that a man had offered some children candy, the children took the candy and at least one of the children had licked the candy. Officer responded to call. 10:45 AM Caller reported 2 males, 1 Hispanic, 1 White, trying to knock a lock off of a door. Officers responded and unable to locate subjects. **5/31/97 4:17 PM** caller reported and requested Fire Dept and an ambulance. Reported that there was a man on fire, also the vehicle was on fire. Officers, EMS and Fire Dept. responded. 10:14 AM caller reported sheep in the road by residence. 7:20 AM Loose Livestock. 20-30 head in open road. Old Sonora Hwy.

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JUNE 17, 1997
2:00 PM
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CSJ 6014-42-001, Crockett, etc. CSJ 6011-74-001, Sterling, etc. CSJ 6012-28-001, Coke, etc. CSJ 6015-18-001, Edwards, etc. CSJ 6012-27-001, Tom Green (Urban) CSJ 6014-04-001, Schleicher, etc.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is given of a Public Hearing on the closing of a portion of McKnight Street adjacent to Block 4U, Christian Addition to the City of Eldorado. The portion of McKnight Street proposed for closure begins 78.58' from the SW Corner of Block 4U and ends 78.58' from the SE Corner of Block 4U. Purpose for the closure is to allow for safety of participants in activities in the newly designated City Park on Lots 10, 11 and 12. A plat is available at the City Hall for persons needing clarification. Both written and verbal comments shall be welcome at the hearing set for 5:30 PM on June 9, 1997, at the City Hall. 23b

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Rep. Turner sponsors legislation to assist volunteer fire departments

Rep. Bob Turner (D-Voss) has passed legislation which will give volunteer fire departments access to firefighting equipment that normally would be destroyed because of liability concerns. House Bill 680 will protect companies from liability when they donate used or obsolete firefighting equipment to the Texas Forest Service.

The Texas Forest Service already operates a program whereby donated equipment is recertified, where applicable, and distributed to volunteer fire departments around the state. "House Bill 680 already has resulted in the donation of hundreds of air packs," said Turner. "Most volunteer fire departments cannot afford to buy these and they are absolutely critical breathing equipment for firefighters who enter burning structures," Rep. Turner said.

"A lot of industrial and chemical companies have fire brigades on site at their plants. OSHA requires them to upgrade their firefighting equipment periodically, and a lot of this equipment never even gets used. Until now, companies would actually destroy the obsolete equipment rather than donate it because of the liability. I am talking about things like breathing apparatus, bunker gear, hose, nozzles and gas metering devices--equipment that

could save a volunteer firefighter's life and that was literally going into the trash heap," Turner explained.

"I am very proud of this legislation. I know it will save lives. Moreover, it will reduce insurance premiums in areas served by volunteer fire departments, because more VFDs will be able to meet the fire protection standards set by the state Insurance Services Office," said Turner.

Rep. Turner, who represents 17 mostly rural counties in Central and West Texas, is the chief proponent of private property rights in the Texas House of Representatives and a strong advocate for rural Texans.

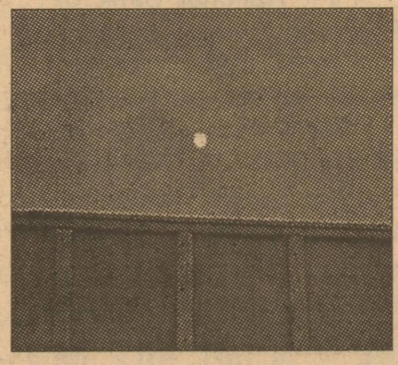


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Dorothy's Movie Time

by Dorothy Dacy

I have a powerful drama to tell you about this week, and Mel Gibson makes "Ransom" well worth watching.

Mel Gibson fans will find plenty to hold their attention in "Ransom", a thriller from director Ron Howard about what happens when a rich and powerful man meets his match in a diabolical kidnapper.

Gibson's Tom Mullen is a self-made millionaire, the owner of an airline who scrapped his way to the top of a competitive heap. He's adept at dealing with rough unions and corrupt bureaucrats. Yet when his 10-year-old son is ransomed for \$2 million, he faces a dilemma. Does he pay, as his hysterical wife (played by Rene Russo) insists? Or does he go with his instincts and play hardball?

This being a Mel Gibson film (and reel life being much more convenient than real life), Tom takes a different route. He goes on TV and offers to up the reward - not to the kidnappers, but to anyone who will bring him their heads. And even then he's not sure he's doing the right

thing. Yet the viewer knows. Indeed, every frame of this film races toward a climax where delayed justice is finally delivered. The outcome is never in question, only how Mullen's revenge will be carried out.

If "Ransom" sometimes lapses into pattern plotting - good guys, bad guys, ambivalent cops - the performances keep it on track. Gibson is seemingly unaffected by the pain of the situation as the angry dad, complete with emotional breakdown. Yet for him to be effective he needs a credible villain and actor Gary Sinise is splendid as a sleazy detective determined that no one stand between him and his cash. Not even his own co-conspirators.

"Ransom", rated R, is a high-profile, big-budget Hollywood film that pushes all the right buttons and delivers the intensely emotional goods. Like a good sleight of hand, Howard uses nonstop suspense to overcome predictability.

This great movie is locally available at Eagle Video.

Until next week: The bonds of matrimony aren't worth much unless the interest is kept up.

School board meeting

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"almost 2." They attend First United Methodist Church.

In other business, the school board discussed a bookkeeping error which caused a school district employee's retirement annuity to be tax-sheltered twice, resulting in that employee owing a substantial amount of tax, penalty and interest to the Internal Revenue Service. According to school district records the error occurred in January, 1995 and continued undetected by the district's auditors until recently when

it was discovered by SCISD bookkeepers.

Sanford told the board the district's auditors had reviewed the situation and had recommended SCISD pay: 1) for the employee to re-file their tax returns; 2) any penalty that might be assessed by the IRS; 3) the employee's accountant; and 4) any interest demanded by the IRS.

That drew a sharp response from board member Phil McCormick. "We hire those auditors and we pay them big bucks. How come they didn't find this when they audited the cottonpicking books?" McCormick continued by demanding that the district's auditors be required to pay for the oversight.

Following discussion, the board voted to pick up the tab to correcting the error leaving the employee to pay only the amount of tax that is owed. All trustees voted in favor of the measure except Phil McCormick, who abstained.

The board then authorized the expenditure of of \$10,000 to construct a new hog barn near the school's exhibit building south of town. Also included in the project are improvements to the existing sheep barn, construction of an exercise track and building a feed and tack room.

Before adjourning, board member Eddie Albin asked if all roofers working for the district were covered by workers compensation and liability insurance. Sanford replied that all roofers hired since he took over as interim-superintendent were required to have the insurance.

Albin then stated that he had received specific questions about the roofing contractor who repaired the administration building and school district employees who had repaired some of the district's houses since the end of the school year.

Sanford responded that he would check to see who had authorized that work and notify the board at their next meeting.

Meals for Friends

Thursday, June 5, 1997
Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler
Friday, June 6, 1997
Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Rolls, Brownie with Nuts.
Monday, June 9, 1997
Glazed Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Cooked Cabbage, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies
Tuesday, June 10, 1997
Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Broccoli, Fruit Cup
Wednesday, June 11, 1997
Fried Fish, Tarter Sauce, Corn and Tomato Casserole, Cornbread, Spinach, Jello
Thursday, June 12, 1997
Meat Loaf, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding
Friday, June 13, 1997
Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Pound Cake