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For Your Information

Guilty Conscience?

The State Comptroller's office received 51 anonymous sales tax payments totaling \$4,883 during the past three years from taxpayers whose consciences apparently got the best of them. The "conscience" payments from a low of four cents to a high of \$1,333.

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On This Date

On this date in 1621 the first duel in America reportedly took place in the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. Sorry, the names of the participants and the outcome appear to be lost to history. In 1815 the Battle of Waterloo began in Belgium and the once invincible Napoleon Bonaparte fell to defeat at the hands of Britain and Prussia. In 1975 Fred Lynn of the Boston Red Sox had one of the greatest days in major-league baseball history with 10 runs, 16 total bases on three home runs, a triple and a single in a game against the Detroit Tigers. In 1983 Dr. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space aboard the space shuttle, "Challenger".

Birthdays of note include: 1901 actress Jeanette Mac-Donald; 1913 composer Sammy Cahn; 1917 actor Richard Boone; 1942 film critic Roger Ebert and singer-songwriter and former Beatle Paul McCartney.

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Odds & Ends

The foundations of the great European cathedrals go down as far as forty or fifty feet. In some instances, they form a mass of stone as great as that of the visible building above the ground.

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News of Yesteryear

The July 11, 1941 edition of the Success reported:

A new fire station will soon be located on the same site where now stands the dilapidated old Siliman-Campbell-Evans office, formerly used for the first Schleicher County courthouse and school house. It was announced here the two lots, located east of the present courthouse were sold to the city of Eldorado for the new station.

The August 15, 1941 edition of the Success reported:

Approximately 140 acres of land on which Eldorado's municipal airport will be built, has been leased from Mrs. C.C. West. Contract for the plot were signed early this week and preliminary work has been started for building the port. Located just outside the western boundary of the city limits, the landing field will comprise four 2225 ft. runways, a small hangar and adequate markings.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Did Picasso start this way — Alvaro Rojas and Antonio Sandate are working for the city this summer. Here, they are shown painting a stop sign at the corner of South Main and Mills Streets.

School trustees opt out of Menard Cooperative

In recent years, Schleicher County I.S.D. has participated in a cooperative in Menard for teaching students assigned to alternative education programs (AEP) for such things as off-campus suspension. That plan was scrapped Monday evening when school trustees voted to withdraw from the cooperative and begin their own AEP facility.

The new facility will be housed in a renovated home at 112 West Fields Street (pictured below), across from the school administration building. Work on the house is progressing this week with plans to have it ready when school begins in August.

In other business, trustees voted unanimously to hire Bill Talbot as the AEP director/teacher. He will report high school superintendent Ken Newman. The new AEP campus will be used by students kindergarten through 12th grade who

have been assigned to short-term or long-term off campus suspension or are otherwise identified as "at risk" by school personnel.

Trustees also approved the hiring of Kent Giles as the new EHS Agri-Science teacher and Kristen Montgomery as an Elementary Special Education Teacher.

Trustees present for the meeting were Ilse Williams, Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Ruby Minor, Phil McCormick and William Edmiston. Board member Eddie Albin was absent.

In other business, the board reviewed a request for tuition waiver for a student living outside the school district. Supt. Hal Porter told the trustees that the student's transfer to the district had already been approved, however, he recommended that the request for tuition waiver be denied. After a brief discussion, the board voted

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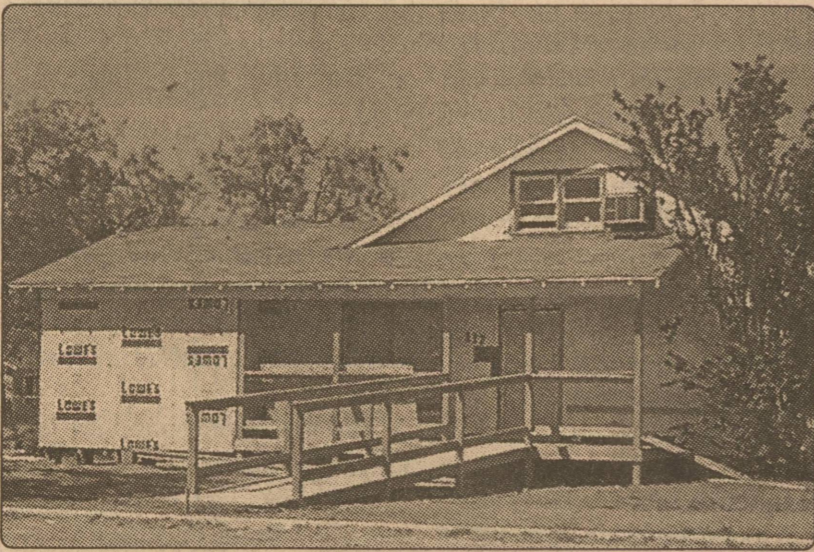


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New campus — Work is underway on this house on West Fields Street where SCISD's newest campus will open for business in the fall.

Eldorado Pride Committee again wins prestigious Sustained Excellence Award

Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. (KTB) has once again recognized Eldorado, awarding the town a perfect "100" score on its application for the prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCCA).

Having won the award only last year, Eldorado is ineligible to win it again this year. However, KTB representatives recognized Eldorado's commitment to the program and presented the prestigious "Sustained Excellence Award" to Eldorado Pride, the local beautification committee.

Eldorado Pride's application topped the scores in Category 2 which includes cities with populations between 1,001-3,500 people. The perfect score was Eldorado's second such ranking in as many years. In 1997, Eldorado won Category "2" and received the Governor's Community Achievement Award landscape grant totaling \$30,000.

The grant application process is very tedious and requires a full year's work beginning each May. The awards are officially presented at the annual KTB Convention which this year is in Houston, July 7-10.

Eldorado Pride chairwoman Carrie Hill entered the application on behalf of the community know-

ing that Eldorado was not eligible to win a monetary grant this year. However, communities scoring 90 or above for 3 consecutive years are eligible to receive the Sustained Excellence Award and those communities stay in the cycle to receive landscape award grants in future years.

"There is no doubt that people in Texas have heard about our small rural West Texas community through the efforts put forth by so many volunteers who share a com-

mon goal," Hill said. "The Sustained Excellence Award is very hard to achieve and one our community should be very proud of. It keeps us in the forefront to receive the landscape award in the year 2000," Hill concluded.

This year, the Texas Department of Transportation awarded a record \$1 million to GCAA winners. Instead of \$30,000 for category 2, this year the award increased to \$65,000.

Saldivar attends Boy's State

Victor Saldivar, Jr., of Eldorado, was one of 976 boys from across Texas attending the Boy's State conference in Austin last week. Sponsored by the American Legion, the Boy's State conference exposes high school boys to the inner workings of state government.

While in Austin, Saldivar had the opportunity to meet Texas Governor George W. Bush, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and Speaker of the House Pete Laney.

Saldivar was one of 47 boys elected as a Boy's State senator. That group presented a document to the Texas Legislature titled "Proposition '98" which recommended adoption of an 8-point plan. Among those 8 points were:

- 1) increasing teacher's pay;
- 2) more technology in schools;
- 3) modifying the TAAS test so that it tests student's actual knowledge;
- 4) increasing vocational education in Texas' schools;
- 5) zero tolerance



Victor Saldivar, Jr.

for alcohol and tobacco products; 6) abolishing affirmative action in Texas; 7) stiffer punishment for drunk driving; and 8) stricter gun control in Texas schools.

Saldivar was appointed to the Boy's State Platform Committee and performed in the American Legion Boy's State Band.

Victor Saldivar, Jr. is the son of Victor Saldivar, Sr. and Angie Martinez of Eldorado.

WOBP will host ACT's "Dearly Departed"

by Jo Ann Sproul

This weekend, Angelo Civic Theater's production of "Dearly Departed" will be playing in the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater. This a first for Eldorado, and is part of a trade-out agreement between the two theaters. As you know WOBP took "Smoke on the Mountain" there in April. They were very good to us and we had great crowds. Now it is our turn, and we are working to accommodate their large cast, many of whom we met while we were there.

I saw the play Friday, and it is a very funny comedy about some "small town" folks coping with the death of a family member. The act-

ing is very good and the sets are great. Tracy Womack plays "Junior", a son who is without a job and down on his luck. His wife, Suzann, is aptly played by Leslie Mayrand. Raynelle is played by Dorothy Faye Young and Ray-Bud is played by Bobby Berrie. The entire cast is good, and one of the funniest roles is that of Delightful, the daughter, who is played by J. Gaston.

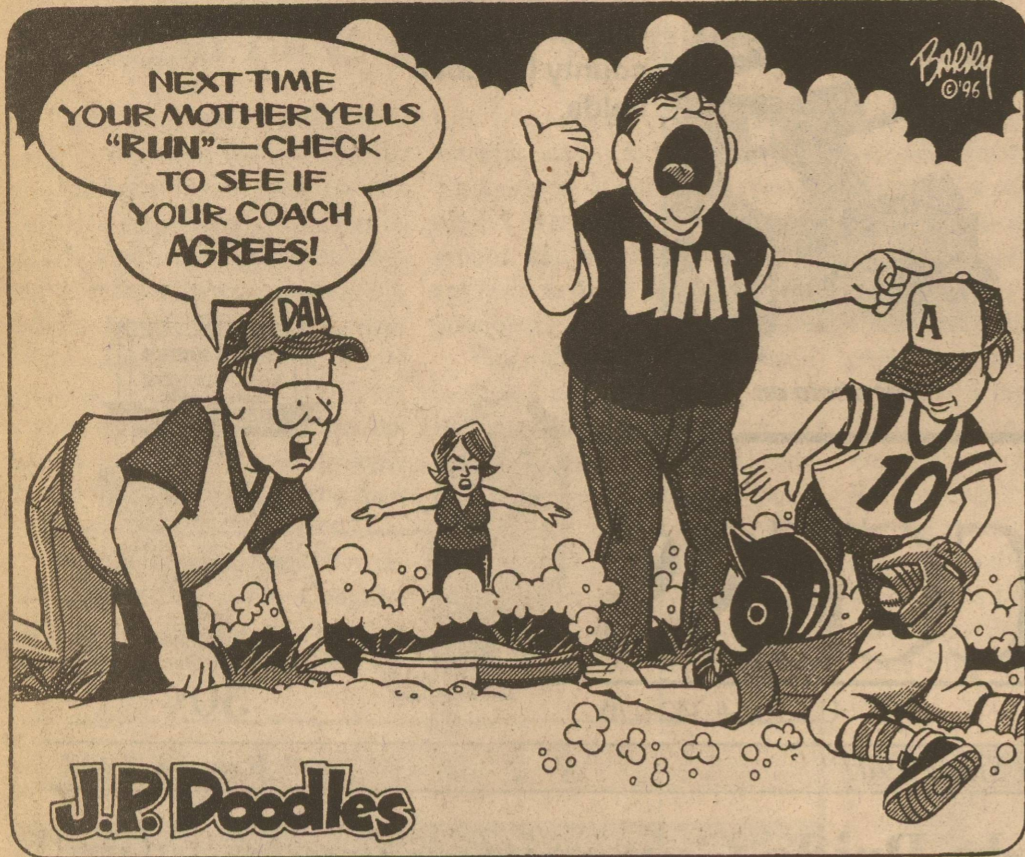
Come see this great show! We want to support ACT by our attendance and hospitality!

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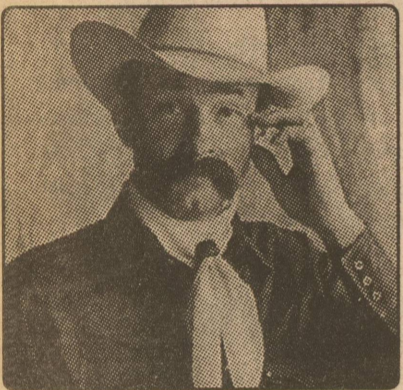
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My Friend Jack

BAXTER BLACK



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

It was a small corner of the earth. Where seven women carried a cowboy to his grave. The spot sits on a small bluff overlooking Boulder flats. From his burying place one can see the Wind River range, the Salt Mountains, the pale blue sky and the Green River as it waters the valley floor all the way to Big Piney.

"It's windy up there," one of the pall bearers told me, "but Jack would've liked it."

Jack was a first rate cowboy, hunter's guide, son of Wyoming and paraplegic. The last several of his years were spent in a care center in a small town, 99 miles from the nearest freeway. Flat on his back, unable to lift a hand.

How he lasted so long after he contracted MS is a mystery to me. How one could keep his spirits up with so little hope is hard for most of us to understand. It gives a reality check to the saying, "You gotta play the cards that you been dealt."

But any letters I received or conversations I had with Jack were never tinted with self pity, depression or anger. Matter of fact, most were humorous and clever, even pullin' my leg. They never drew attention to his captivity. He let me off easy. I, of course, was aware or could imagine the orchestrated effort it took for him to write me one simple letter.

But he was in the care of angels.

A handful of beautiful women who nursed him, befriended him, loved him and kept him in line. They did for him all those things that he and I never discussed, from changing his diaper, to adjusting his cassette volume, to holding his hand.

They kept him from living his life inside his own lonely mind.

Their contribution to his well being cannot be measured in the single flash of a winning home run in the bottom of the 9th, the garish announcement of a million dollar contribution to United Way, or the gala winning of an Oscar.

It is measured in pleasant good mornings, endless bed adjustments, uncountable spoonfuls of soup, unhurried conversations and unconscious pats, squeezes, straightenings and kisses.

It is hard to go quietly into the good night. The will to live is a stubborn foe. But Jack finally went. He was carried to his grave by the angels who had watched over him and given into the care of their heavenly counterparts that watch over him now.

And, if I might say, since he's a horseback up there and mobile, the new band of angels probably has a tougher job.

Shortly before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday of last week the phone rang. It was my mother. Before she could say a word, I sensed the worst.

"I need you, something is wrong with your Daddy," she said.

I was out the door like a shot only to remember that I had left my pickup down the street to have a flat fixed. So, I flagged down Robert Parker and he rushed me to my parent's house.

Dad was sitting in a chair. He said his right side was numb and I detected a slight slurring of his speech. He couldn't stand, much less walk, so we helped him to the car and took him to the emergency room. Once there, Dr. Cleon Nunnally confirmed our fears. It was a stroke.

Thanks to Dr. Nunnally's prompt action and a rapid response by the Schleicher County EMS, Dad was quickly transferred to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. Dr. Chris Vanderzant took over from there and, as soon as a CT Scan ruled out any

OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

internal bleeding, a high-powered blood thinner called TPA was administered. Only then did Dad's road to recovery begin.

He's greatly improved now. Still, it's going to take a lot of rehab before Dad's back to normal.

I want to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Nunnally and the staff at Schleicher County Medical Center. Nurses Berta Nicholson, Debbie Cruz, Aurelia Williams and Nurse Assistant Lupe Arispe were on duty and I am grateful for their prompt, professional treatment.

According to Dr. Vanderzant, the quick diagnosis by Dr. Nunnally

saved Dad from suffering further damage and very well may have prevented paralysis.

Next, I want to thank the volunteers at the Schleicher County EMS. They are over-worked and under-appreciated. They spend countless hours studying and training to handle emergencies calmly and professionally. We as a community are fortunate to have such men and women in our midst.

I also want to thank Chief Deputy George Arispe for the assistance he gave at the ER and enroute to San Angelo.

And, thanks to my pastor, Dr. Byron Orand, who came to offer his help during the crisis and every day since. He reminded us that even in times of turmoil, God is on his throne...and, in control of the universe.

This Sunday is Father's Day. It is a special day that will certainly have more significance in the Mankin household.

Get well soon, Dad.

The Cotton Gin At Burton

It was a real thrill to act as parade marshal and master of ceremonies at the annual cotton gin festival in Burton a few weeks ago. The little town near Brenham really puts on a show during the festival, which attracts more than 15,000 people. Not bad for a town with a population of just over three hundred.

Ten years ago, a group of dedicated volunteers began rebuilding the old Burton Farmers Gin, which was in operation from 1914 to 1974. They found the building was in fairly good shape and had the potential for restoration. All the customer records had been carefully stored inside the gin. The group took on the name Operation Restoration.

The Smithsonian Institution was so impressed with the effort the gin was designated a National Museum for cotton growing and production.

The festival in Burton attracts small engine enthusiasts from a wide area. The engines, about fifty

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

of them, make all sorts of interesting sounds during the event. Antique tractor pulls draw lots of interest.

So do pig races, pie eating contests and competitions to see who can blow the biggest bubble gum bubble. Events in the folkie area include goose plucking, sauerkraut making, face painting, cow and goat milking and blacksmithing. A midway features carnival rides and food booths.

Inside the entertainment tent are some of the best bands, dancing groups and entertainers from Austin and Houston.

All proceeds from the annual festival go to the continuing restoration. Plans include exhibits telling the story of cotton ginning, cotton farming and the cotton town. Enthusiasm for the project has spread throughout the state and nation as evidenced by a wagonload of awards and honors for the tiny town, its gin and its festival. The Texas Historical Commission, the Texas Downtown Association, the United States

Department of the interior and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers have given recognition to the citizens of Burton for what they've done with the gin.

The gin fires up and gins cotton during the festival. A Bessemer diesel engine runs the gin. The popping rhythm of its rumble and roar is heard throughout the town. The engine was purchased in 1925 to replace the gin's original steam engine.

The Bessemer engine weighs more than fifteen tons. It arrived in Burton by railroad on a flatcar. Six men and several teams of mules worked with ropes and block and tackle to maneuver it up a slope and into the engine room.

The Burton Farmers Gin is the only restored gin of its era on its original site, in its original building with all of the equipment intact. At the turn of the century there were more than 30,000 cotton gins throughout the cotton belt, 4,600 of them in Texas. By 1925 there were about 15,000 gins in cotton country and less than 4,000 in Texas.

As ginning moved from the plantations to the communities the number of gins declined. The arrival of expensive mechanical cotton pickers and the opening of large irrigated cotton farms in West Texas by the 1950's signaled the decline of hundred-acre cotton farms in the Brazos Valley.

Nice work, Burton. Keep that gin humming.

Bush seeks federal aid for wildfire prevention

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush doesn't have a knee-jerk attitude when it comes to wildfires threatening Texas: He has a prevention plan.

Last week, Bush asked President Clinton for aid to prepare the state to fight wildfires and issued an emergency proclamation for 207 of Texas' 254 counties. The governor is seeking federal aid to put firefighters and equipment in high-risk areas before fires break out.

"Texas is already dry and we face a long, hot summer," Bush said. "Already in early June we are seeing August-like conditions with the bulk of the summer still ahead. "It is threatening crops and could pose major fire and water problems unless we act now."

Bush called on county officials to consider implementing outdoor burning bans, fireworks restrictions and water conservation measures.

Bush stopped short, however, of recommending a ban on fireworks as the July 4 holiday approaches. "My advice would be to be cautious," he said. "I would urge county commissioners to take extreme caution because we're dry and the winds are high."

Auto Insurer Cuts Rates

State Farm is cutting its rates an average of 3 percent this summer and returning to policyholders \$178.6 million in premiums already paid.

The rate-cut decision, which stems from recent decreases in claims, was State Farm's third this year.

State Farm's rate cut may entice other insurers to follow suit.



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, told the Austin American-Statesman a price war is being fought in Texas' auto insurance market.

"This is just a further example of a competitive auto insurance market," Johns said. "There are so many good prices in the Texas market that it is just unbelievable."

Rob Schneider, a policy analyst with the Texas Consumers Union, agreed State Farm's rate cut could improve overall auto insurance rates.

If drivers and the Texas Department of Insurance put more pressure on insurance companies, more cuts could come, Schneider said. "[Insurance customers] have got to look around and see who is offering the best rate."

Donations Linked to Dirty Air

A group that monitors money in politics says it would take a limit on campaign contributions to clean up air pollution in Texas.

Texans for Public Justice issued

a report last week claiming \$2.5 million was contributed to Texas politicians from "grandfathered" producers of smog-forming nitrogen oxides between December 1995 and March 1998.

Those facilities, which were operating or were under construction when Texas' Clean Air Act was passed in 1971, are waived from compliance with some of the rules newer facilities must obey.

"If we don't get campaign finance reform, we're going to be breathing dirty air for a long time," said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice.

The group's report shows Gov. Bush received \$193,500 in contributions from the political action committees of 27 grandfathered polluters from 1995 through 1997.

According to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, more than 40 pollution-emitting companies have volunteered to reduce emissions through a future program. Bush supports that program.

Schools Face Teacher Shortage

Qualified math and science teachers are leaving the profession to take higher-paying jobs in the private sector, leaving classes to teachers less-qualified in those fields.

That trend is dragging down test scores, state education officials say.

State Sen. Teel Bivins, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, has decided to tackle the teacher-shortage issue next legislative session. Bivins, R-Amarillo, said he will propose bonuses to attract more, better-qualified teachers to public schools. But he hasn't calculated amounts for the proposed stipends.

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Ignacio Salinas, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, countered Bivins proposal, saying the Legislature should instead raise the pay for all teachers.

Salinas said Texas teachers' average salaries ranked 36th in the nation this year, and correcting that is more important than implementing a stipend program.

Other Capital Highlights

• Black and Hispanic civil rights groups filed a motion last week with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to intervene in the Hopwood case when it goes up for appeal. The motion argues that the interests of minorities won't be represented well enough by lawyers for the University of Texas. UT System regents voted last month to appeal the 1996 ruling that ended race as a factor in higher education admissions.

• Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro last week accepted an offer from KRLD-AM radio in Arlington to debate Republican Gov. Bush, but Bush said he hadn't decided whether to accept the offer.

• At its state convention this month, the League of United Latin American Citizens adopted a resolution denouncing the use of taxpayer funds for private school vouchers. Officials from the Texas Federation of Teachers and the Coalition for Public Schools applauded the resolution.

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Crossing border with medications getting harder

by Keely Coghlan
Odessa American

The Rev. Charles Tolbert of Pecos routinely purchased his prescription medication in Mexico for the past 15 years — until Monday.

About \$250 worth of prescription medications Tolbert was bringing back from Mexico, a three month supply of vitamins, sleeping pills and Tylenol-3 for his wife's arthritis, were confiscated Monday by the U.S. Customs service when he crossed the border at Del Rio, he said.

"They wrote me a ticket and put it in the computer," Tolbert said. "They said I need a prescription from an American doctor to bring medications across."

That was the first time he had heard of that law, Tolbert said.

"I know people do not know that," Tolbert said. "I'm not trying to cause trouble. But I want to hand out flyers at the border telling everyone that they can be arrested for purchasing (medications) in Mexico."

The Texas Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement officials don't have a specific

campaign targeted at medications purchased in Mexico, said DPS spokeswoman Sherri Deatherage Green of Austin.

But DPS officials have one word of advice for those thinking about purchasing medications in Mexico: "Don't."

"They said I needed a prescription from an American doctor to bring medications across."

The Rev. Charles Tolbert
PECOS RESIDENT

"Some drugs are OK to buy in Mexico. Some are OK if the physician or pharmacist is licensed in Texas. Some are just illegal," Green said. "The bottom line is we don't recommend it as a practice."

The basic rule is that prescriptions filled in Mexico need to be filled by a doctor or pharmacist registered with the State of Texas, said DPS Maj. Lee Smith of Midland.

But 99 percent of Mexican doctors and pharmacists don't have a registration number, said a DPS sergeant in the narcotics division in Del Rio.

the border.

Possession of some medications from Mexico don't violate federal law, but do violate Texas law, Green said.

"If you're not a pharmacist and you don't know the law and the classification of drugs, it's hard to

know what is legal," Green said.

"I don't know how aware people are of the risks they're taking," she said. "The bumper sticker statement is, 'You need to be careful.'"

DPS troopers are becoming more aware of ways to enforce the drug laws, Green said.

"More and more troopers pull over people for speeding violations and then arrest them for drug violations," Green said.

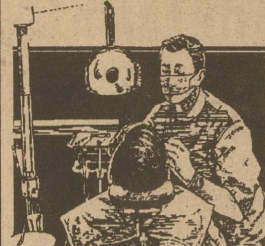
Customs has since told Tolbert he can pick up the medications that were confiscated, he said Tuesday.

But he won't. "If it's against the law, it's against the law," Tolbert said.

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Methodist Church hosts "Summer Music Fest"

The worship committee of The First United Methodist Church of Eldorado is hosting a "Summer Music Fest" beginning Sunday, June 21. Worship committee chairman Carrie Hill stated, "In an effort to make worship a little more fun and exciting for the summer months, we decided to have special musicians from Eldorado and surrounding communities come each Sunday and share the gospel through their own gifts and love of music."

The first Sunday, June 21 will start with Charlie Bradley, Lynn Meador and Jim Martin who will do a medley of Christian songs.

Gray/Andrews plan wedding

Jonathan and Patricia Gray of Eldorado and Richard Rivers of Tyler proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Candice-Lynn Leialoha Rivers Gray to Cody Lynn Andrews of Austin. The wedding is planned for August 22, 1998 on the Schleicher County Courthouse square.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Eldorado High School. The groom to be is a student at Austin Community College. He is the son of Bobby and Connie Andrews of Eldorado and a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School.

The couple plan to live in Austin and attend school following the wedding.

We invite everyone in the community to come and share these wonderful musicians with us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. After the service on June 21, we will be having a Father's Day Pot Luck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Barbecue brisket will be provided by the church. We ask those wishing to eat only to bring a side dish or dessert.

Library News

by Pam White

The Library Board held its monthly meeting with six members present. During the month of May the library had a total of 969 visitors. Adults checked out a total of 442 books. Junior readers checked out 310 books.

The summer reading program will begin Wednesday, June 17th. This years theme is Furry Tails, Funny Tales. The story hour will be from 10 AM - 11 AM each Wednesday for 6 weeks. Children able to sit and listen are welcome.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Headin' west — Youth and adults from Metzton Highway Church of Christ loaded up and headed to Boles Acres, New Mexico this week on a mission trip. The group will hold a two-day Vacation Bible School. They will enjoy a day-trip to Ruidoso and swimming at Balmorhea before returning home.

FURRY TAILS FUNNY TALES

Summer Reading Program



ELDORADO — What has both furry tails and funny tales? The 1998 Texas Reading Club, of course. This summer, as in many previous summers, the Schleicher County Public Library will participate in the Texas Reading Club, a program designed to encourage reading and promote Texas libraries.

This year's program, "Furry Tails, Funny Tales" will begin

Wednesday, June 17 and continue through Wednesday, July 29. It will highlight animals, trickster tales, light-hearted folktales, whimsical stories and humor. For more information contact the Schleicher County Public Library at 853-3767.

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 - 21st Lindsay Beach, Scott McGregor, Sidney Reynolds, David Charboneau, Colten Behrens, Jeri Whitten
 - 22nd Mickey Mc Gregor, Mildred Phillips, Betty Hanusch, Crissi McCormick, Mickey McGregor, Billie Gayl McKinney, Cari Green, Ramon Adame Jr., Lee Overstreet
 - 23rd Jeffery Donn, Oscar Martinez, Summer Finley, Mandy Belk
 - 24th Will Whitten, Jerry Whitten, Chelsea Long, Janet Warnock, Mike Haynes
 - 25th Kristi Reeves
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Oglesby graduates from OPSU

Janet Devon Oglesby of Hardesty, Oklahoma, was among the 217 undergraduate students receiving their degrees May 9, 1998 during commencement exercises at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She is the daughter of Ford and Norma Oglesby of Eldorado.

Oglesby received a Bachelor of Science in Vocational Agriculture Education.

Dr. Gloria Valencia Weber, Professor of the University of New Mexico Of Law and Director of In-

dian Law Certificate Program, presented the commencement address. Panhandle State President Dr. John Goodwin, conferred degrees to members of the Class of 1998. Dr. Eric Priest, Dean of Students, presented the J.R.P. Sewell Award.

The 88th commencement exercises at Oklahoma Panhandle State University were held on Saturday May 9, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Commencement took place in Oscar Williams Field House on the OPSU Campus.



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1998 Minor League Athletics — Front (L-R) Louis Buitron*, Sammy Estrada*, Daniel Sanchez, Raul Rios, Franky Sanchez (Back L-R) Coach David Buitron, Holly Ford, Tiffany Hernandez, Marcos Hernandez*, Chelsey Hill, Kassandra Tyler and Amika Gonzalez. * denotes All-Star



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1998 Minor League Blue Jays — Front (L-R) J.P. Joiner, Lalo Sanchez*, Russell Cathey*, Logan Jones*, Tyler Dombroski, Manny Gonzalez* (Middle L-R) Erica Buitron, Candace Engdahl, Ricky Jalomo, Brittany Jennings, Clark Meyer, Austin McBroom (Back L-R) Coaches Vikki Cathey and Demetro Belman. * denotes All-Star

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1998 Minor League Astros — Front (L-R) Uriel Barrientos, David Hernandez, Caleb Murr, Michael Redish*, Chris Chavez, Justin Garcia (Back L-R) Coach Floyd Fay, Austin Chantavong*, Abel Montalvo, Marcus Hinojosa, Coach Gus Hinojosa, Joshue Chavez. (not present) Jasmine Romero and Nadia Santellano. * denotes All-Star



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1998 Minor League Rangers — Front (L-R) Mario Garza, Marc Anthony Rodriguez, Jessica Valero, Matthew Hill*, Junior Estrada (Middle L-R) Artie Montalvo*, Jorge Mata*, Kristin Mittel, Richmond Adame*, Mark Bybee (Back L-R) Coaches David Hill and Rogelio Adame (not present) Erika Estrada and Caleb Daniels. * denotes All-Star



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He's safe — Caleb Nixon slides in safe at third as Eldorado's 10-year-old All-Stars battled Mason during the opening round of the Plateau Classic all-star baseball tournament being held here this week. Mason won the game 7-6. The double-elimination tourney continues through the weekend.

Wanted... Senior Citizens

Individuals needing help with their noon meals or who know of someone who does are encouraged to join the group each week day at the Senior Citizen Center 106 E. Gillis. Center Director Cindi Stuckey tells the Success that all senior citizens are welcome to join them for lunch each weekday or have their lunch delivered to their homes. Supported by donation, only! Cindi can be contacted at 853-2123 or at home at 853-2812.

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Redwine attends artifact show

On June 13, Michael Redwine attended the Lone Star State Archaeological Society Artifact Show and Competition held in Temple Texas. Also in attendance was Scott Ligon of Eldorado.

At this competition Redwine displayed his collection and won "Most of Show" for his Caddo Culture Pottery and "Best of Type" for an Agee arrow point.

The competition boasted 157 collectors with artifacts from all over the United States ranging from stone and flint tools, to pottery and beaded tunics found in dry caves.

There are artifact shows held in Texas throughout the year in towns such as Lampasas, San Antonio, Boerne, and many others. These shows are increasing in popularity and are becoming a trend for history buffs. More and more people are becoming interested in the story of Native American Indians and their culture. The next show Redwine will be attending will be Evansville, Indiana then back to Texas for the August show in Waco.

Redwine has been collecting, hunting and studying Indian artifacts for ten years. During that time his collection has improved tremendously and has acquired many awards as well as being published in "La Tiera" the South Texas Archaeological Association Newsletter for documentation and in "Overstreet's Price Guide", 4th and 5th editions.

Straight facts about VA health care enrollment

Veterans and their families have raised questions about new eligibility and enrollment rules for VA health care. Specifically, misinformation has led some veterans to wonder whether they will lose their eligibility for VA health care services if they are not enrolled at VA by October 1, 1998. The answer is no, they will not lose their eligibility, but in most cases, they do need to apply for enrollment by contacting their nearest VA medical center.

•VA health care eligibility reform was authorized by Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in October 1996. The

new law required VA to manage veterans' access to VA care by using a system of enrollment priorities. There are seven priority groups, and VA will enroll veterans from as many of the groups as possible.

•Veterans who are in the enrollment groups can make application for enrollment at any time that they come to a VA medical facility for care, even after October 1, 1998.

•VA will automatically process an application for any veteran who has received VA health care since October 1996. To receive informa-

tion about individual eligibility, a veteran should contact the nearest VA medical center. Its address and telephone number are listed on our home page under "Facilities" on the VA home page.

•For details on eligibility and enrollment, please refer to the VA home page topic, "Benefits" and then, under the section "Benefits in Detail," go to the link "Eligibility Reform Page."

•For questions and e-mail contacts, go to the bottom of the VA home page to the icon "Putting Customers First" and then to the "One-Stop Customer Service" page.



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

ARRESTS

6/10/98
Rivera, Daniel Ramirez, male age 40 hold for Sterling County on Motion To Revoke and Driving While Intoxicated.

Gutierrez, Alfonso Homero, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer No Liability Insurance. Served 4 days, paid \$502.25 in fines.

6/11/98
Huichapa, Alvaro Cuellar, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer for Fictitious Insurance and Making Alcohol Available to a Minor. Released on \$1,000 Bond.

Duran, Patricia Guerra, female age 36, arrested by SC Officer for Theft By Check. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.

6/13/98
Garza, Sandra Isabel, female age 26, arrested by SC Officer on a Criminal Trespass. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

Martinez, Juan Jesus, male age 24, arrested by SC Officer on Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

6/14/98
Lozano, Sergio Delacruz, male age 51, arrested by SC Officer for Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Stacy, Joseph Derek, male age 19, hold for Irion County on a Criminal Trespass.

6/16/98
Fannin, Ricky Wayne, male age 24, hold for Irion County on Taylor County Warrant.

REPORTS

6/9/98
Larceny Theft - Complainant reported to officer items taken from their property. Items were a torch head, welding hood, Striker, and rivet gun. Est. Value at \$611.

Complainant reported a young child walking in the street unsupervised. Child was said to be a 2-3 year old boy walking in the street on Del Rio.

Boy was wearing only underwear and had a puppy dog. Officer took the call and reported back locating the child, finding him outside his house.

6/11/98
Complainant reported on 911 Emergency line that she had lost her child. Two officers responded to call and found the child at the Catholic church playground.

6/12/98
Suspicious Persons - Officer received citizens complaint on Doris Street that there were suspicious subjects behind construction company on 190 East. Officers were unable to locate.

Burglary of a residence on County Rd 312.

Gas Drive Off - Complainant stated that a blue and white ex-cab pickup drove off without paying for gas. Cost \$10.

6/13/98
Disturbance - Complainant called to request an officer at their residence. Complainant reported a truck was driving by residence and threatening them. Officers took the call and both parties were served with Criminal Trespass papers.

Disturbance - Complainant requested an officer on a Civil Disturbance. Officer responded to location near Eldorado Place Apts.

6/14/98
Vehicle Theft - Possible burglary of a motor vehicle.

Assist Motorist - Sutton County Sheriff's Office contacted Schleicher County and requested a tire service to assist a bus with a flat tire. Service was contacted.

6/15/98
Loose Livestock - sheep reported loose near Northern Natural Gas Plant. Owner contacted and was working the fence at the time.

6/16/98
Loose Livestock - complainant reported goats out on 1828 and reported that they had run over at least two of them. Owner was contacted.

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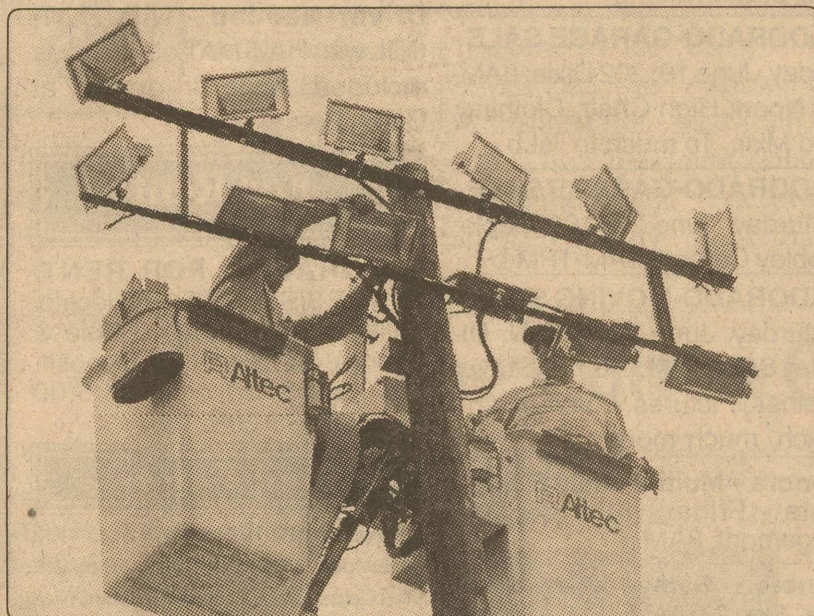
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Very illuminating — Paul Rebeck and Dobs Lively installed new lights at the little league baseball field last week as preparations were made for the 1st annual Plateau Classic baseball tournament.



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5-1 to deny the tuition waiver request. Phil McCormick was the only dissenting vote.

The board then reviewed and approved the district's financial reports, including the depository report, accounts payable, financial status report and activity report.

The trustees also approved a budget amendment to compensate for a risk management grant totaling \$2,701.00 received by maintenance supervisor John Kotsch. That grant will be used to pay for safety related items and programs.

The group then voted to hire the accounting firm of Reed, Mckee & Co. of San Angelo as its independent auditors. They also accepted Supt. Porter's recommendation to contract with Webb Insurance Services of San Antonio as agent for employee health, life and accidental death policies. For student accident & high catastrophic insurance during the 1998-99 school year, the board accepted the proposal of Risk Consulting Group of Austin.

Trustees then voted 5-1 to approve the Student Code of Conduct as developed by the school's Discipline Management Committee. Ilse Williams cast the only dissenting vote. It was explained that the policy is very similar to last year

in that it prohibits long hair, "chili bowl hair", body piercing and associated paraphernalia (except for pierced earrings for girls).

Supt. Porter noted that individual principals, coaches and sponsors were free to adopt even more stringent guidelines.

Next, discussion turned to a plan to convert from the current zero to 100 grade point average (GPA) scale to a three-tiered 4.0 scale. Supt. Porter told the trustees that, if adopted, the plan would effect incoming high school sophomores and freshmen. Seniors and juniors would continue on to graduation under the current plan.

Porter explained that more difficult classes would score higher under the new plan. For example, a grade of 90 or better would equate to a GPA of 3.0 on the regular tier. That same grade would receive a 3.5 GPA on the advanced tier and a 4.0 GPA on the accelerated tier.

Porter went on to note that the requirement for graduation would also be increased from 24 credits to 28 credits if the proposed plan was adopted.

The board moved on to other business indicating it would return to discussion of the proposed plan at a subsequent meeting.

The board then entered into an executive session for "Superintendent Evaluation". No action was taken when the group emerged into open meeting.

The board then recessed the meeting until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening at which time it reconvened to approve minutes of previous meetings, and reviewed various reports presented by Supt. Porter. The trustees then entered into a budget workshop for discussion of the 1998-99 SCISD budget.