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is in full
swing
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Elementary students show they
can drop a few eggs
without breaking them
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For Your Information

Lights, Camera...Action!

Since 1910, more than 950 movies and television programs have been shot in Texas, including *Wings* (San Antonio, 1927), *The Last Picture Show* (Archer City, 1971) and *Michael* (Austin area, 1996). Feature films produced in Texas in 1999 include *Any Given Sunday* (Irving) and *All the Pretty Horses* (San Antonio). In the last decade, the production budgets of film and television projects in Texas totaled \$2.02 billion. During 1999, 5 studio films, 17 independent feature films, 3 network TV movies and 1 cable TV movie was produced in Texas.

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On This Date

On this day in 1743 George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" premiered in London. In 1775 American patriot Patrick Henry asked "give me liberty or give me death." In 1880 John Stevens, Wisc, patented the flour rolling mill. In 1901 Dame Nellie Melba, revealed the secret of her now famous toast. In 1903 the Wright brothers obtained the first airplane patent. In 1929 the 1st telephone was installed in White House. In 1933 the German Reichstag granted Adolph Hitler dictatorial powers. In 1991 an outbreak of 20 tornadoes killed 5 in Tennessee. Birthdays of note include: 1857 actress Fannie Farmer; 1908 actress Joan Crawford; 1910 Japanese movie director Akira Kurosawa; 1929 track star Roger Bannister (1st to run a mile under 4 minutes).

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All About Texas Agriculture

Sales of cattle and calves account for almost half of all agricultural sales in Texas. There are more head of livestock - cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, poultry, horses - than there are people in Texas. Texas' official state vegetable is the Texas sweet onion. Each year, Texas harvests the first bale of cotton, first fresh peaches and first fresh apples in the nation. Texas is a leading exporter of agricultural commodities. The state's top five agricultural exports are: cotton, live animals and meat, feed grains and products, hides and skins, wheat and wheat products. Texas produces enough peanuts each year to make almost 9 billion peanut butter sandwiches. Wholesale and retail milk sales generate almost \$2.5 billion in the Texas economy.

School board holds monthly meeting, renews all teachers' contracts

3rd & 4th graders demonstrate Newton's laws of gravity

by Pat Ragsdale

The regular monthly meeting of the Schleicher County Independent district was prefaced with an enlightening and delightful demonstration of the laws of gravity. Students from the 3rd and 4th grade science classes, with Principal Brian Brownlow assisting, demonstrated just how Newton's laws of gravity apply to modern technology. Several ordinary objects, including coat hangers, tennis balls and a leaf blower, were used to demonstrate that objects at rest tend to stay at rest while objects in motion tend to remain in motion.

The highlight of the demonstration came when SCISD superintendent Hal Porter took a ride on a homemade hovercraft (really just a plywood disc connected to a leaf blower) Students participating in the demonstration included: Jorge Chavez, Mark Garcia, Lynley Glass, Matthew Hill, Meg Griffin and Tyler Dombroski.

Board Vice President Eddie

Albin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Board members present were: Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Roxanne Adame, and Jo Helen Kotsch. Absent were: Board President Ilse Williams and member Phil McCormick. Upon a motion by Berta Nicholson, seconded by Roxanne Adame, minutes of the regular meeting of February were approved. Berta Nicholson, seconded by Jo Helen Kotsch approved financial reports, as presented by Business Manager Loretta Edmiston, upon a motion.

Mr. Porter informed the board that SCISD was one of eighteen districts chosen through out the state in 1994 chosen to participate in a teacher-mentoring program. Of the original eighteen participants, this district is one of only four districts, state wide who have been chosen annually to continue participation in the program.

Supt. Porter reported that 95 percent of EHS sophomores

passed the TASS exit exam in math comprehension. 94 percent of the same students had passed the reading phase of the test. Porter further explained that of the two juniors who took the TAAS exit exam, one had passed. Also, the only senior student to take the exit test passed, as well.

A new policy regarding occupancy in school housing was approved upon a motion by Berta Nicholson; seconded by Jo Helen Kotsch. The new policy allows teachers, who are currently residents in school housing to remain in the housing but requires that at the end of three-years that the teacher must enter the public housing market. School housing will then be made available to new teachers as an added inducement in recruiting. Over the three-year period, rents will increase annually in an effort to reflect the true rental market value of the house. The new policy is to take effect on August 31, 2000.

Upon a motion by Jo Helen Kotsch, seconded by Steve Sessom, the board adopted a recommendation to set certain Standards for Professional Employment. The recommendation had been developed by a select committee and presented to the board for its consideration.

Mrs. Connie Fryar, representing the textbook selection committee, brought a recommendation to the board that all titles from the select 2000-2001 cycle be approved for use by the district. Upon

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Quilting bee planned at museum

by Ann Barker

Want to have fun and help your community? Have you tried an old fashioned quilting bee? Let's get together at the museum on the town square and make plans to form a quilting group. The initial meeting will be held Monday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m. Anyone and everyone is invited to come; all you need to bring is an interest in quilting. Meeting times, frequency of quilting sessions, length of sessions, and rules and regulations will be discussed.

Do you have a quilt top that your mother, grandmother, or great-grandmother pieced, but never got around to quilting? This is your chance to get it finished! Bring it and let us see it!

At the March 6th meeting of the Schleicher County Historical Society, the group decided that the

museum would be a wonderful place to host a quilting group since this is actually 'living history'. Before radio, television, and the internet, women got together in homes and quilted with one another as a social activity. And believe it or not, this is still a very satisfying social activity as well as a creative outlet.

You don't have to be a seamstress to be a quilter; if you can hold a needle and thread it, you can probably quilt. Like any other skill, the more one practices, the more adept one becomes. Experienced quilters as well as 'wannabes' are encouraged and invited to meet with us at the museum just off Main Street for a chance to meet old friends and make new friends. Mark your calendar for 1:30, Monday, March 27th.

Sales tax rebates increase to City, County & EMS

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$196.1 million in monthly sales tax payments last Friday to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties this week. That represents a 13.4 percent increase over the same period one year ago.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$7,163.19 up 77.98 percent from the March of last year. The city's year-to-date total is \$23,847.53, up 27.12 percent from the same period last year.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$6,389.65, up 76.42 percent from March, 1999's total of \$3,621.78. So far this year, the county has received \$17,709.34 in sales tax rebates.

That total is up 0.47 percent from the same period one year ago.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for March was \$6,392.34, an increase of 98.12 percent from March, 1999's rebate of \$3,226.49. Year to date the Health Service tax rebate has totaled 17,777.23, up 14.32 percent from the same period in 1999.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in January and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in February.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, April 14, 2000 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Outstanding soloist — 8th grader tuba player Chris Sanchez was recognized as the Outstanding Soloist recently at the Jr. High Solo & Ensemble Contest in Ballinger. He was one of 15 local middle school students recognized at the contest.

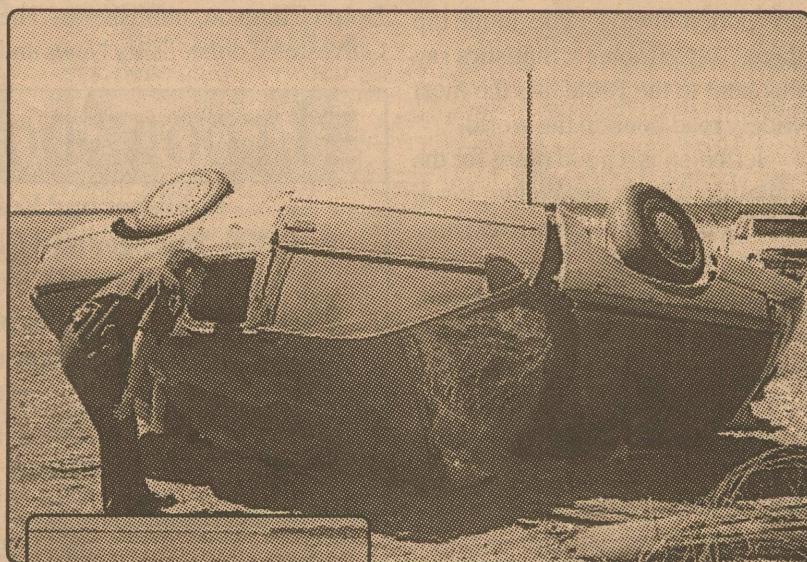
Candidates file for local offices

There will be at least two contested school board races when Schleicher County voters go to the polls on May 6th. Raymond Mittel will be challenging incumbent trustee Phil McCormick in Single Member District #2 while Kerry Joy will be challenging incumbent Eddie Albin in SMD #7. At press time, Sam Henderson, Jr. is the only candidate to have filed for SMD #5, which is currently held by Roxanne Adame.

In the city council election, current aldermen Tommy Minor, Sherry Lux and Toni Sudduth, and Mayor John Nikolausk have all filed for re-election. At press time there have been no challengers file.

In the Hospital District board of directors election, only one incumbent had filed at press time, Delia Pina will be seeking re-election while Jim Martin, Shirley Joiner and John Callison have also filed to fill four seats up for election.

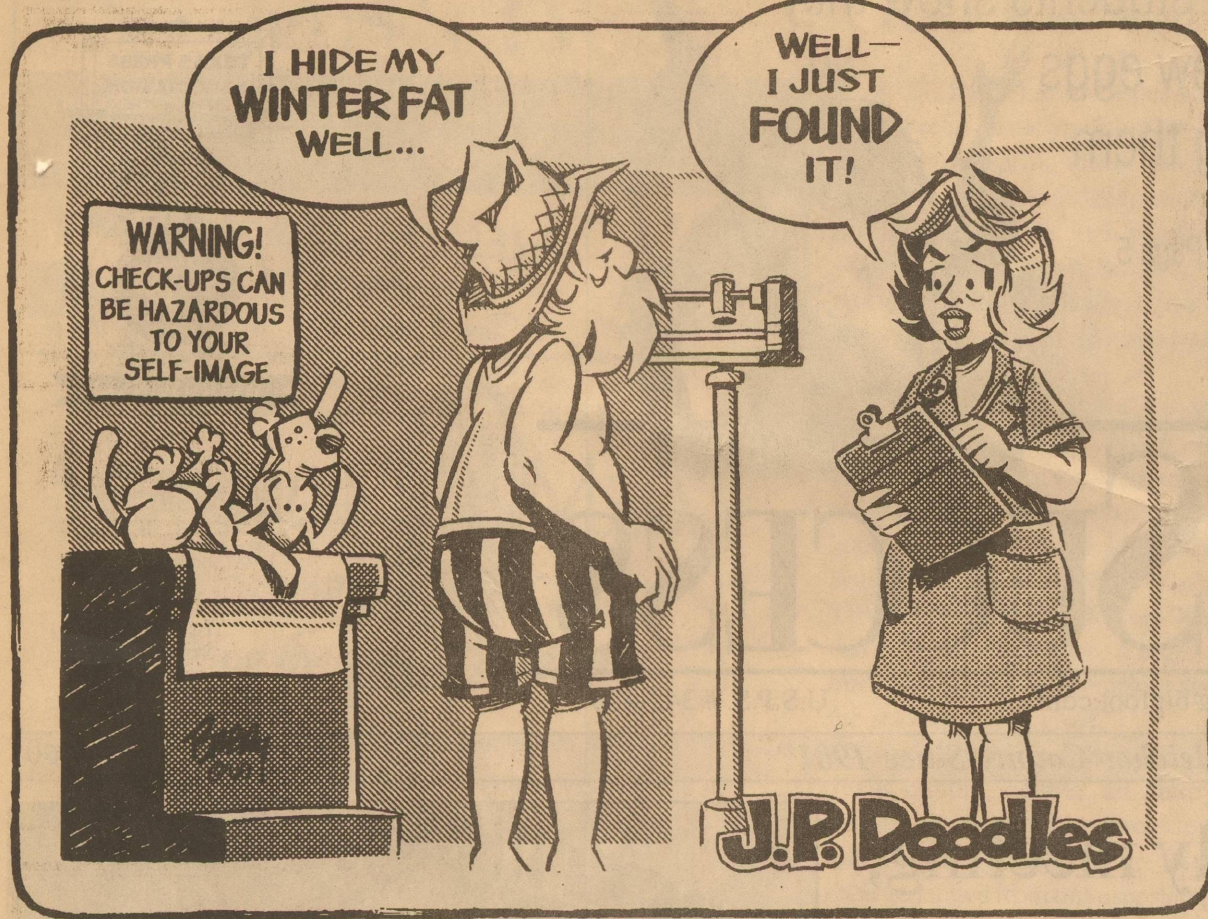
Unsecured load sends Ft. Hood man to Schleicher County Medical Center



photos by Randy Mankin



Twisted metal — A deer feeder (lower left) rested in a field on the north side of U.S. Hwy. 190 last Friday after it blew out of the back of a pickup truck driven by Steven Pawloski, 38, of Bellville, Texas. The feeder landed in front of the 1994 Mercury Cougar pictured above. The car's driver, Jose Lenin Ramos, 21, of Ft. Hood, Texas, attempted to avoid the feeder, but lost control of his car, which overturned and struck a corner post at the entrance to Raymond Wilson's home. Ramos was taken by private vehicle to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and released. Deputy Eddie Rodriguez (at top) investigated the accident.



Eldorado sounds much different at night

As I write this, most of Eldorado is in bed. That's typical, though. You see, I spend most Tuesday nights and early Wednesday mornings working at the Success office. It seems I can get more work done after the town has gone to sleep.

Occasionally, the police scanner breaks the silence as the dispatcher at the Sheriff's department issues the hourly time check. A few moments ago, I heard the ambulance crew check in — they had been called out earlier in the evening to transfer a patient to San Angelo.

This night, there's a hint of rain in the air...just a faint



aroma really, offering the promise of much needed rain. I stepped outside an hour or so ago and saw lightning dancing on the eastern horizon. And, I thought I detected more lightning way off in the southwest.

Eldorado has its own sounds. At night, there's an entirely different set...sounds which aren't usually noticed during the busier daylight hours.

Down the street, there's a semi-truck parked near Shot's. I can hear the diesel engine idling from here. Every so often a car or truck will pass through town on U.S. 277. I can detect an approaching vehicle much earlier if it is northbound. I suppose that's because the sound of southbound traffic is blocked by the courthouse and the other buildings on Main Street.

The wind is picking up now. Far off in the distance I can hear the low rumble of thun-

der but I still can't tell exactly where it is originating.

The police scanner is really getting busy. Sutton County's dispatcher is talking with one of her officers about tree limbs being blown down. Sonora must be getting some serious weather.

I checked the San Angelo radar on the internet and checked the San Angelo radar. Sure enough, there appears to be a storm cell moving through Sutton County. The line of storms appears to be approaching Eldorado from the south. Maybe, just maybe we'll get some rain.

It's 2:45 a.m. and the rain seems to have passed us by...again. And, the town has gotten quieter. The truck parked down the street is still idling and it's just about the only sound I hear. The truck, an occasional gust of wind, and the tap, tap, tap of my keyboard.

Eldorado has its own set of sounds. At night, those sounds change somewhat, but they're distinctly Eldorado. If you find yourself unable to sleep some evening, open a window or sit on your porch and listen to the town. If by chance it happens, to be a Tuesday night, that will be me you hear tap, tap, tapping in the distance.

Bush, Gore clinch nominations with wins in Texas

AUSTIN — Presidential candidate George W. Bush won the Texas Republican Party Primary March 14, taking 86 percent of the vote to Arizona Sen. John McCain's 10 percent.

Ten percent of registered Republicans (1.5 million) voted. All 90 delegates went to Gov. Bush, the GOP's likely nominee.

In the Democratic presidential primary, Vice President Al Gore tallied 79 percent of the vote, with former Sen. Bill Bradley taking 18 percent. Statewide, 6.8 percent of registered Democrats voted in the primary.

Both McCain and Bradley ended their campaigns before the Texas primaries, following their Super Tuesday losses.

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

Lottery Proposes 54 Balls

The Texas Lottery Commission last week voted 3-0 to submit for public comment the plan to add four more numbered balls to the 50 now used in the twice weekly drawings.

A 54-ball lottery would lower the chances of winning the top prize from the current 1-in-16 million to 1-in-26 million, allowing super jackpots to build, officials suggested.

Commissioners dropped a similar proposal last year because of complaints from players.

In support of the new proposal,

Lottery chairwoman Harriet Miers of Dallas said something must be done to rekindle players' interest.

Following the 30-day public comment period, the commission could vote as early as mid-May, and if approved, the changes could take effect in June.

Drug-Alcohol Agency Cuts 39

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse last week laid off 39 employees, a month after announcing a \$27.9 million budget shortfall for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The commission provides funding for more than 200 Texas drug counseling and treatment programs, and most of them are now facing budget cuts, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

In 1995, Gov. Bush put the commission into a conservatorship after allegations of mismanagement and fraud surfaced at agency-funded local centers across Texas.

Texas Rangers investigated and several employees of client agencies were indicted and convicted for money-related crimes.

Judge Repeals Traffic Law

State District Judge Paul Davis of Austin last week struck down a 1997 law limiting public access to motor vehicle accident information.

The ruling clears the way for prompt release of accident reports and for personal information from the reports to be posted on the Internet.

"This was a solid victory for all the people of Texas. It set several important precedents that will be helpful in the future to friends of freedom of information," said Dolph Tillotson, publisher of The Galveston County Daily News and

former chairman of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association/Texas Press Association joint legislative committee.

The associations sued the state to prevent the 1997 restrictions from going into effect.

With the law overturned, people seeking accident reports need to know any two of the following three pieces of information in order to obtain an accident report:

- Name of a person involved in the accident.
- Date of accident.
- Location of accident.

Gov. Bush had vetoed one version of the law, but its provisions were included in another bill that he signed.

DOE Reports Toxic Spill Late

The U.S. Department of Energy failed to properly notify state officials about a solvent leak into the groundwater near the federal government's Pantex weapons facility 10 miles from Amarillo, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission said last week.

A May 1999 water sample from the Ogallala Aquifer showed trichloroethylene levels at 8 parts per billion, exceeding the Environmental Protection Agency's standard of 5 ppb for drinking water.

The leak was not reported to the state until March 2.

Other Highlights

• Special counsel John C. Danforth's investigation of government actions against the Branch Davidians' Mt. Carmel compound near Waco in 1993 will cost almost \$11 million by the end of 2000, according to budget figures released last week in Washington.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Gone With The Wind Museum

When Bobbie Hardy went to a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in 1980, a featured speaker at a breakfast was the world's foremost collector of GONE WITH THE WIND memorabilia.

"I was so impressed with what he said I decided right then I would start collecting things about the movie," says Bobbie. "I had always liked the movie and owned one 1964 Book Club edition of the novel."

"That was the beginning of my collection. Now I have several copies of the novel in different languages."

She bought some items in Atlanta during that meeting. One was a book about Margaret Mitchell, who wrote GONE WITH THE WIND. Another book she acquired was about the making of the motion picture.

"I started reading everything I could get my hands on about the book, the author and the movie."

Soon she was making speeches about GWTW all over Houston, where she lived at the time. She and her husband Randy moved to Jefferson a couple of years ago and started building a home reminiscent of Tara, the antebellum home in the movie. They plan to finish it soon and turn it into an establishment called Scarlett O'Hardy's Bed and Breakfast.

An old high school agriculture building next door has been converted into the Gone with the Wind Museum.

"I have one of the world's largest collections of GWTW memorabilia," says Bobbie. "To my knowledge, this is the only permanent museum devoted to the movie."

She has a letter written by Margaret Mitchell and a copy of the novel signed by the author. She has a col-

lection of GWTW dolls, Christmas tree ornaments, pictures and autographs of the stars, posters and numerous advertising items pertaining to the movie. One cabinet contains articles related to the premiere of the movie on December 15, 1939.

GONE WITH THE WIND is perhaps the most famous movie ever made. "When they take a readers' poll, it always ranks in the top three," says Bobbie. "Statistics say that next to the Bible, it's the most widely read book in the world."

Jefferson is a good place for the museum. It is an antebellum town, reeking of southern charm and hospitality. The Hardys chose Jefferson because it is close to Atlanta, Texas, Randy's home town. The museum is open Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays and other times by appointment. It has a gift shop which features GWTW memorabilia, including duplicates of some of her treasured items. Since the museum opened a little over a year ago, 2,000 people from 32 states and 9 foreign countries have visited it.

"Lots of ladies come in and ask if Rhett is here. They're really interested in finding Rhett Butler. I don't blame them at all. I look for him every day. I do have three mannequins dressed in reproduction ladies' costumes. I guess I'm going to have to get one for Rhett."

GWTW had the first cuss words in a movie. Clark Gable said, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." The producer of the movie, David O. Selznick, had to pay \$5,000 to the motion picture board of review in order to use the word "damn" in the movie.

Bobbie's personalized license plate is GWTW.

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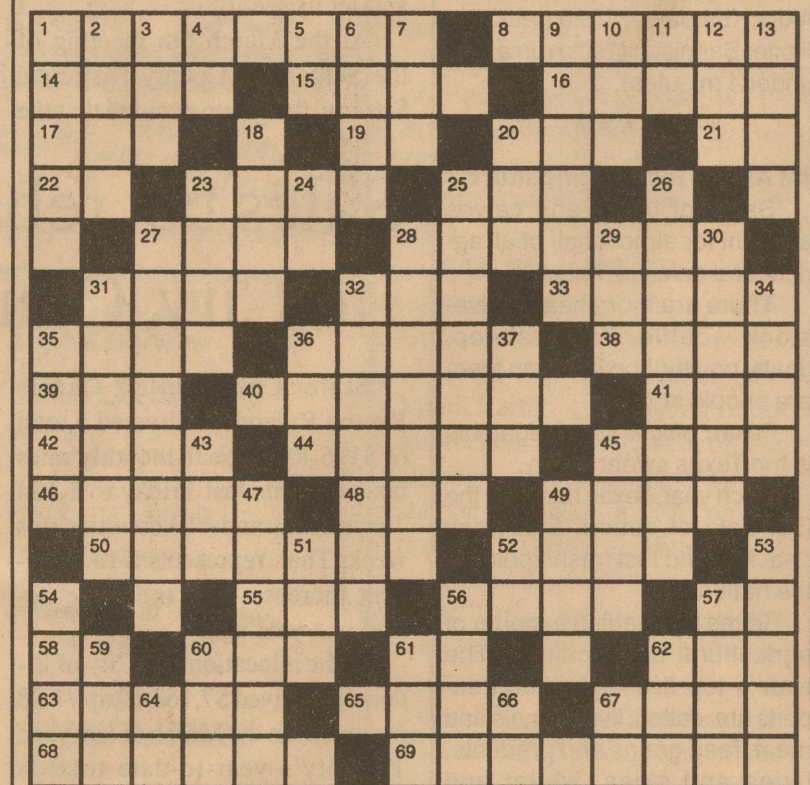
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OBITUARIES

Rhodie Dahlberg

SAN ANGELO — Rhodie Beatrice Benson Dahlberg passed away Sunday, March 19, 2000, at the age of 88.

Rhodie was born Dec. 21, 1911, in Melvin, Texas, to Emma (Johnson) Benson and Adolph Benson. She was reared in the Methodist church where she also played the piano. Rhodie graduated from Melvin High School as valedictorian on May 13, 1930. On Dec. 12, 1933, she and Leonard Dahlberg were married in the West Sweden Methodist Church. Rhodie and Leonard farmed and ranched in the Brady and San Angelo area until their retirement in the 1980s. Rhodie also worked as a clerk at various laundry cleaners for over 20 years.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard Dahlberg; a son, Lester Dahlberg and his wife, Mary Louise, of Eldorado; two grandchildren, Nicky Dahlberg of Lake Jackson and Matthew Dahlberg and his wife, Michele, of San Angelo; three great-grandchildren, Lily Dahlberg and Lindsey and Dalton York.

Services were held Wednesday, March 22, at the Melvin Methodist Church. Burial followed in Rest Haven Cemetery in Brady. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Sam E. Long

SAN ANGELO — Sam E. Long of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 18, 2000, after a brief battle with cancer.

Services were held Monday, March 20, at Johnson's Funeral Home with Calvin Warpula and Sam's son, Johnnie Long, officiating. Presiding at the graveside services in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens was Sam's grandson, Keith McNally.

Sam was born Oct. 10, 1921, in San Angelo to Jasper Ed Long and Ruby Alice Cimmeley Long. He attended schools in San Angelo and Eldorado and did ranch work in West Texas before entering the Army Air Corps.

Sam was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps in 1946, at which time he returned to San Angelo. He wed Polly Clark of Menard on Sept. 8, 1947, in San Angelo. Shortly afterward he moved to Chicago to complete formal electrical training. Upon completion of his training, Sam began work for The Stereotype Equipment Co. of Chicago where he worked for 28 years.

Sam returned to San Angelo in 1976 at which time he went to work for Ethicon, from which he retired in 1987. In 1988 he became an active member of the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank, serving until the time of his death.

Sam was an active members of the Johnson Street Church of Christ where he enjoyed a great deal of Christian love, served as a deacon and performed numerous responsibilities in the church. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends and family and will always be re-

membered for his loving sense of humor and ability to light up a room.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Wallace and Edward Long.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Polly Long; his daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Nelson McNally of Salt Lake City, Utah; and his son and daughter-in-law, Johnnie and Suzanne Long of Tupelo, Miss. He is survived by six grandchildren, Dana Bryant, Keith McNally, Shauna Rampton and Marni Green, all of Salt Lake City, and Bethany Del Grande and Melissa Long of Tupelo; and 10 great-grandchildren. Sam also is survived by two sisters, Mary Smith of Ovalo and Toby Harris of San Angelo; two sisters-in-law, Lorraine Long of San Angelo and Sis Long of Albuquerque, N.M.; a special and beloved niece, Ann Palmer of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family asks that any memorials be given to Hospice of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Randy Sheppard, Bill Palmer, David Gay, Mel Morefield, Eudell Barker and Ron Gillespie.

"O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last."

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Retirement party — Mike and Carolyn Porter posed for the camera Saturday night during Mike's retirement party. He spent 29 years as a game warden with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Service.

Porter celebrates retirement

After 29 years with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service Mike Porter celebrated his retirement with family and friends Saturday evening 3-18-00. Mike was born August 1945 in Graham TX. He began Game Warden School in August 1971 and graduated in Jan 1972. Where

he has remained ever since.

Jimmy Doyle served as master of ceremonies for the roast. Ronnie Mittel gave the invocation. Captain Scott Davis, district supervisor from Midland began the toasting. He was followed by Orval Edmiston, David Doran, Bert Williams, Mack Caudel, State Representative Buddy West from Odessa, and Flora Hubble. Rodney Knight then proceeded to entertain the crowd with further stories about Mike. Rodney presented Mike with a Leopold Scope and Carolyn with a watch in appreciation from friends and coworkers.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, March 27
Smothered Steak w/Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Apple Crisp, Juice, Milk
Tuesday, March 28
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Carmel Icing, Milk
Wednesday, March 29
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Fruit Cup, Milk
Thursday, March 30
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
Friday, March 31
Oven Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Hot Rolls, Peach Cobbler, Milk

It's A Boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Cole Turner of Lubbock, Texas are proud to announce the birth of a son, Auti Cole, born March 14, 2000 at 5:46 p.m. in Lubbock Covenant Hospital. He weighed 7 lb 13oz and was 21" long.

Proud grandparents are Clydean Sandefer of Lubbock and A.T. (Sonny) and Jo Ann Turner of Eldorado.

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Dear Editor,

The Ministry on Wheels is an all-church ministry in Eldorado, to supplement the weekday Meals For Friends Program. Each Saturday and holidays, volunteers from the various churches in Eldorado cook and deliver the meals, but the food must often be bought.

In your copy of the Eldorado Success this week is an envelope with Ministry on Wheel's address. We need donations to continue this outreach mission. Any donations you could give, large or small, would help us.

The Ministry on Wheels appreciated the Eldorado Success' willingness to help raise funds.

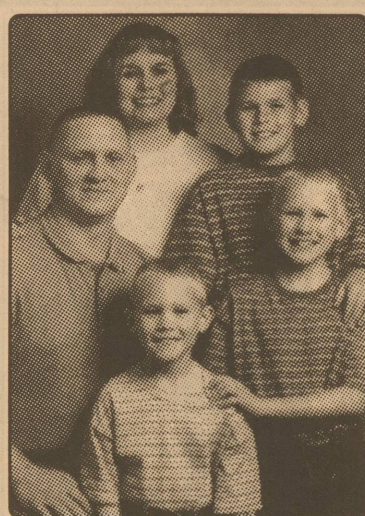
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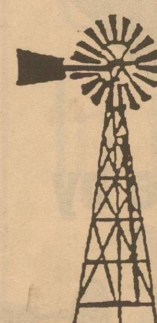


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Mayo wins triple gold at Mason

Michael Mayo won the boys high jump, Discus and Shot Put at the Mason Relays last Saturday to pace the Eagles team to a 5th place finish. Spring break caused many on the boys and girls teams to miss the event. However, the few Eagles boys that were there fared well. Mayo cleared 6-2 in the High Jump to win over Plagens of Goldthwaite and Woods of Bangs who each

cleared 6-0. He also notched up two personal records Saturday, one in the Discus, with a throw of 161-8 1/2, and the other in the Shot Put, with a toss of 54-4. Mayo's previous best in the Shot had been 52-10.

Lance Mitchel placed 3rd in the Long Jump with a distance of 19-10 and Kenny Covarrubiaz placed 2nd in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 53.63.

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Lining it up — Toni Martin looked on Monday as teammate Jennah Richters lined up a putt. The two girls are members of the EHS golf team.

Eagles golf teams going full swing

by Coach Melissa O'Harrow

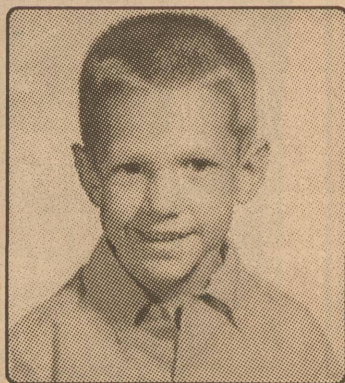
The Eldorado High School Boys' Golf Team competed in the Ozona Invitational Tournament February 28th. The team was composed of Andrew Anderson, Clay Whitten, Michael Ramirez, Scott Homer, and Landon Nixon. Two teams of boys played in the Robert Lee Tournament. The first team of Andrew Anderson, Clay Whitten, Michael Ramirez, Wesley Jones, and Landon Nixon placed fourth. The second team was comprised of Matt Curtis, Scott Homer, Tanner Haynes, Ross Hodges and J.L. Mankin.

The girls played in the Sonora Invitational March 4, 2000. Team members were Jennah Richters, Kate Kosub, Brittany Key,

Hannah Robledo, and Blake Snelson. Jennah won a medal for being one of the top ten individuals. On March 6th, the girls played in the Ozona Invitational Tournament. Team members were Jennah Richters, Kate Kosub, Brittany Key, Toni Martin and Maci Schwinning.

The boys and girls will be competing in the district meets on March 29th at Riverside Golf Course, and April 3rd at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

Technology Director will be 40 on March 26th, 2000



Eagles split pair with Ballinger

The Eagles baseball team split a doubleheader with the Ballinger Bearcats last Thursday, winning the first game 16-3 and dropping the second game 9-2.

Manuel Hernandez was on the hill for the Eagles in the first game, he pitched 3 innings, striking out 6 and silencing Ballinger's bats. Meanwhile, the Eagles pounded out 20 hits while giving up only 3. Lance Mitchel and Casey Poynor each hit homeruns the rest of the hits were as follows: Doubles - Lance Mitchel, Rocky Robles, Jason Brock; Singles - William Robledo (3), Lance Mitchel, Casey Poynor (2), Robles (2), Brock (2) Espinosa (2), Mitch Wilkerson, Jimmy Aguilar and Barajas. RBI's - William Robledo (3), Lance Mitchel (4), Casey Poynor (3), Rocky Robles, Jason Brock (2), Espinosa, Barajas, Asa Nixon.

After the game Coach Molina said, "We hit the ball extremely well. Lance Mitchel and Casey Poynor each hit homeruns for the Eagles. William Robledo, Jason Brock and Rocky Robles provided much needed help in the hitting department."

"Overall the Eagles had 20 hits. Manuel Hernandez pitched great in extreme weather conditions. I believe that we are getting mentally prepared for district play." Molina concluded.

In the second game, Lance Mitchel was the starting pitcher, completing 2 innings. Johnny Arispe came on in relief and Ricky Huichapa finished the game on the hill.

Lance Mitchel belted his second homerun of the day. The remaining hits were tallied by: Doubles-Casey Poynor; Singles William Robledo (2), Mitchel (2), Poynor,

Brock, Aguilar; RBI's-Lance Mitchel.

After the game Coach Molina stated, "The second game of the doubleheader with Ballinger was marked by base running errors that kept us out of big innings. However, I now have a good teaching point to go over the practice before our district opener with Junction. The preseason is over now the real season begins."



8th Grade Girls

Eighth Grade Girls
February 7, 2000

Eldorado 02-09-11-05-28
Sonora 09-05-15-05-34
Courtney Whitten, 17; Clara Herrera 2; Teresa Barajas 9. Also playing: Minkize Holley, Heather Homer, Monica Moreno, Lacy Ragsdale, Jennifer Bybee and Sonia Mills.

Seeking Candidates for Rodeo Sweethearts

The Schleicher County Rodeo will be held in June this year and it is time to be seeking candidates for Rodeo Sweethearts. There will be two age divisions: Kindergarten through 7th Grade and 9th through 12th. The girls will be judged on horsemanship, interviews and ticket sales.

Please contact **Mondee Whitten** at 853-4246 or **Wendy Daniels** at 853-2065.

School Lunch

Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, March 27th
Soft Tacos, Refried Beans/Cheese, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Slices, Cherry Crunch Cake
Tuesday, March 28th
Sausage & Cheese Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, White Cake/Icing
Wednesday, March 29th
Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Mixed Fruits, Brownies
Thursday, March 30th
Steak Fingers/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Orange Jello/Topping
Friday, March 31st
Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding

Breakfast
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, March 27th
Sliced Peaches, Waffles/Syrup
Tuesday, March 28th
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly
Wednesday, March 29th
Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast
Thursday, March 30th
Mixed Fruits, Hot Oatmeal/Toast
Friday, March 31st
Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line
Monday, March 27th
Corn Chip Pie, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Slices, Cherry Crunch Cake
Tuesday, March 28th
Chili Crisptos, French Fries, Applesauce, White Cake/Icing
Wednesday, March 29th
Fish Sandwiches/Cheese, Tater Roundabouts, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Mixed Fruit, Brownies
Thursday, March 30th
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Orange Jello/Topping
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State Bar College honors Kosub

The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized James A. Kosub, as one of the 4,100 attorneys who are members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin on February 5, 2000. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than eight percent of the total number of attorneys in Texas.

The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing mem-

bers of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.



Homemade flying saucer — Tyler Dombroski, a 4th grader at Eldorado Middle School, demonstrated a hovercraft Monday night that he and his classmates constructed from a plywood disc and an old leaf blower. The youngsters were part of a science demonstration at the monthly meeting of the SCISD board of trustees.

School board meeting held

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a motion by Jo Helen Kotsch, seconded by Roxanne Adame, the recommendation was adopted.

The board then, at 7:37 p.m., met in an executive session to consider personnel matters and a matter regarding a real estate acquisition. Returning to open session at 8:17 p.m., the board voted unanimously to renew contracts of all the district's teachers. Next the board voted to purchase a home adjacent to the school which is currently owned by the Enochs family for the sum of \$25,000.00.

The board then received the resignation of middle school coach Jimmy Saldivar. The resignation becomes effective at the end of the school year.

Elementary Principal Brian

Brownlow, Middle School Principal Julie Griffin, High School Principal Ken Newman, Maintenance Director John Kotsch and Athletic Director Jim Fryar each gave a brief summary of various activities concerning their particular area of responsibility. Mr. Newman spoke regarding campus security, the effective use of dogs trained to detect drugs and explosives. Mr. Porter concluded these remarks with praise given to the administrative staff for their efforts in effectively assisting the detection teams as they successfully completed their task. Two other item of business were approved or noted. The district regarding the sale of a 1985 station wagon received no bids. The vehicle is therefore declared surplus and will be sold at a surplus equipment auction. Berta Nicholson, seconded by Roxanne Adame approved three items related to out-of-district field trips upon a motion.

Mr. Porter distributed a packet of miscellaneous information none of which required action by the board. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Egg Drop Soup — 1st grade teacher Lynna Mikeska held on to Marci Minor as she dropped a box containing four well-cushioned eggs Tuesday from a ladder on the school playground. The purpose of the science project was to see if the children could devise an adequate method for protecting the eggs from the fall and collision with the ground.

Blood drive planned by EHS Health Occupations students

Eldorado High School Health Occupations to host blood drive.

United Blood Services will be at Eldorado High School Thursday, March 30, 2000. The times are from 1:00 until 6:00. The drive will be located in the elementary school Kitchen. Please contact Susie Richters for an appointment and for further information at 853-2770 ext 231.

"United Blood Services is so grateful to Eldorado's Health Occupations," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "Their support makes it possible to be ready with needed blood products, donors here are so wonderful. Thanks to them and the whole town of Eldorado."

Donors must at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the

area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. We need your help. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

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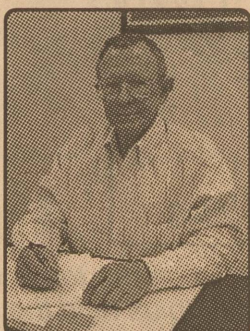
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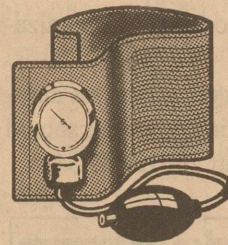
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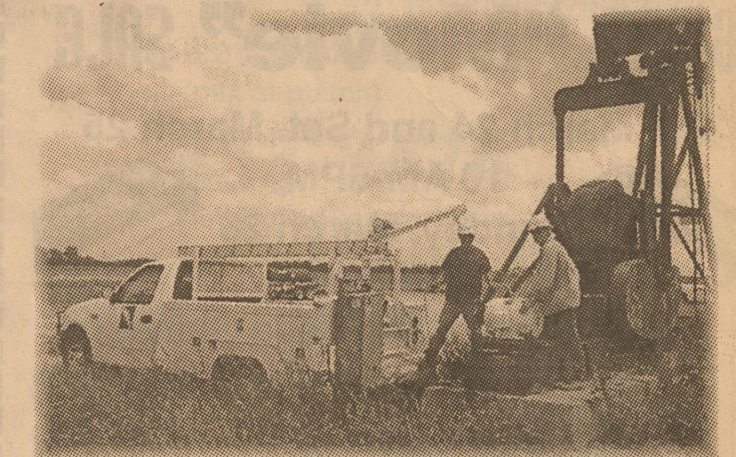
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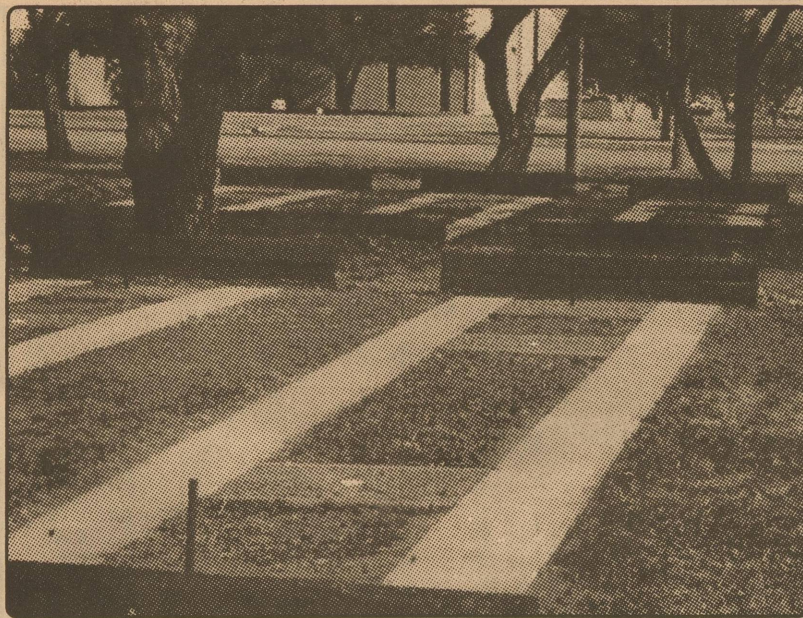
Community partnership initiative

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) announced plans to seek proposals from community organizations to help low-income Texans. The ultimate goal of the initiative is to increase the quality of life among welfare recipients, and those who are at risk of becoming welfare recipients. DHS will fund community groups with up to \$250,000 each.

Community organizations may provide services directly, or through contracts and arrangements with public entities, schools, non profit organizations. Services can include assistance with housing, utilities, clothing, vehicle repairs, educational assistance for youth, adult literacy and English as a Second Language.

Funding for this initiative comes from \$7 million in funds earmarked for these projects in House Bill 1, which was passed by the Legislature, and signed by the Governor, last year. In 1999, DHS funded 16 community projects. This year, DHS will award approximately \$2,870,000 to community organizations.

Community organizations interested in submitting proposals should contact Bo Platt at 512-438-3450.



State of the art — John Callison of Eldorado helped design and construct the new horseshoe and washer pitching pits for the Senior Games in San Angelo. The new facility is located in the San Angelo city park on College Hills Blvd.

John Callison helps construct horseshoe pits for Sr. Games

John Callison of Eldorado, a State Senior Games gold medalist, was named recently to the steering committee for the Regional Sr. Games in San Angelo. He also helped design and construct six state-of-the-art horseshoe and washer pitching pits for the games. The new pits were built in the San Angelo city park on College Hills Blvd. Assisting Callison in the task was Leon Brazeal of Christoval and 10 State Jail inmates from Carlsbad.

The new pits were built to the standards required of the State Senior games in Temple. Callison noted that Scott & White Hospital, which has sponsored the State

Games has withdrawn its sponsorship. He said there is currently an effort underway to move the State Sr. Games to San Angelo.

"The new horseshoe pits are nice," Callison stated. "We wanted them (the State Games officials) to see that we can provide the same quality of facilities as Temple."

The Regional Senior Games are slated for May 11 & 14th at various sites around San Angelo.

Last year, Callison won a gold, silver and bronze medal in the State Senior Games in the free throw, round the world, and horseshoe competitions, respectively.

Wildflower hotline ready for calls

AUSTIN — The search for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways is about to get easier.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will add wildflower location information to its hotline beginning March 17. The toll-free hotline, 800-452-9292, will provide callers with information on the best locations for wildflowers along the state's 79,000-mile highway system.

TxDOT's maintenance personnel around the state provide the update with help from cities, chambers of commerce and park officials.

Predictions for this spring's crop of wildflowers are not as optimistic as they have been in recent seasons. "Because of the dry summer and fall season of 1999 it's likely that this won't be one of the state's best wildflower seasons, but early blossoms have already been spotted around the state," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT's director of

landscape design.

"Late spring-blooming flowers could provide the roadsides with more color than the early spring flowers depending on spring rain levels," Neimann said.

TxDOT maintenance personnel assist nature by sowing 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways each year.

Where there is no impact to motorists' safety, TxDOT may also delay mowing right-of-way in many areas around the state to allow for growth and reseeding of wildflowers.

TxDOT's wildflower program not only helps Texas highways look good, but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less mowing and care.

Another place to view Texas' wildflowers is in *Texas Highways* April issue. A TxDOT publication, the annual wildflower issue features colorful photographs of bluebonnets, poppies, Indian paintbrushes and more from around the state.



Black & White doesn't do it justice — This cactus, 7 miles north of Eldorado, was in full bloom Tuesday. Wildflowers in the Hill Country are starting to bloom. The spring color pageant will be moving this way in the coming weeks.

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ARRESTS

March 18
Martinez, Jesus K, male age 54, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

March 19
Pardo, Marcos, male age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charge DPS Warrant. Released on \$400 PR Bond.

March 20
Saldivar, Mario A., male age 42, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.
Ellison, Johnny R., male age 29, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

March 15
3:30 p.m. Complainant came to office and reported that on CR 1828, to West CR 408 several signs and mail boxes have been knocked over.

3:45 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about their neighbor's animals getting onto their property and damaging their plants.

4:48 p.m. Complainant advised of a gas drive off at store in Sutton County. Subjects headed north. Officers responded but was unable to locate the dark green car.

5:22 p.m. Complainant advised that there had been a car wreck on CR 864, 1 mile North of the Sutton County Line. Officer responded.

5:45 p.m. Complainant requested a Criminal Trespass Notification be served. Officer responded.

March 17

1:17 p.m. Complainant reported an accident-roll over. Officer and EMS 1 responded. Hospital called and advised Sheriff's Office subject was already in ER. EMS 1 was advised to disregard.

5:30 p.m. Tom Green Sheriff's officer reported a car driving reckless south bound on Hwy. 277.

10:22 p.m. Disturbance-loud music disturbing people around the apartments.

March 18

7:33 a.m. Complainant advised that a woman had hit a deer in her car and needed assistance. Officer responded.

11:25 a.m. Complainant reported his 9 mm pistol with a shoulder holster was missing from his residence. Last seen two weeks and noticed this morning it was gone.

12:50 p.m. Hospital requested a transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

7:49 p.m. Complainant reported alarm was sounding at residence and officer entered thru open door. Secured building and door was relocked.

March 19

2:00 p.m. Complainant reported a subject was bitten by a dog. Subject was breaking up a fight between his two dogs when one bit the owner. Owner advised the dogs were caught up on shots and were caged up at this time.

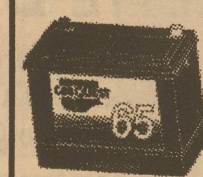
6:19 p.m. Complainant requested a officer to check on a male subject laying face down in their driveway. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

6:35 p.m. Complainant reported 6 to 8 goats near highway on County Road 915.

7:45 p.m. Complainant reported a theft of a CD player and a CB from their Suburban between Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 p.m. Officer responded. CD player, Pioneer valued at \$300 and CB, Midland valued at \$200.

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Outlook varies across state for Spring Turkey Season

AUSTIN, Texas — Depending on where in Texas you hunt, prospects for the spring turkey season range from tough to terrific, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) biologists. But, as any serious turkey hunter will attest, you'll never know unless you go afield and go often.

"I expect it will be an average to below-average season statewide, but I think to make a valid judgment, a hunter needs to get out there at least five or six times during the season," offered Steve DeMaso, TPW's turkey program leader. "You can't go out there once, not get a bird, then sit back and complain that the season wasn't good."

In addition to possessing a valid Texas hunting license, all turkey hunters are required to purchase a special turkey hunting stamp. Revenue generated from this user stamp goes to turkey-related programs at TPW, including the Eastern turkey restoration project and to fund various research efforts.

DeMaso's advice to hunters is reinforced when considering the variables involved: weather, habitat conditions, turkey production in recent years and current breeding activity. As the variables change, so do hunting prospects. While it would be difficult if not impossible to predict how these variables will affect the upcoming season, state wildlife officials have a handle on

current conditions.

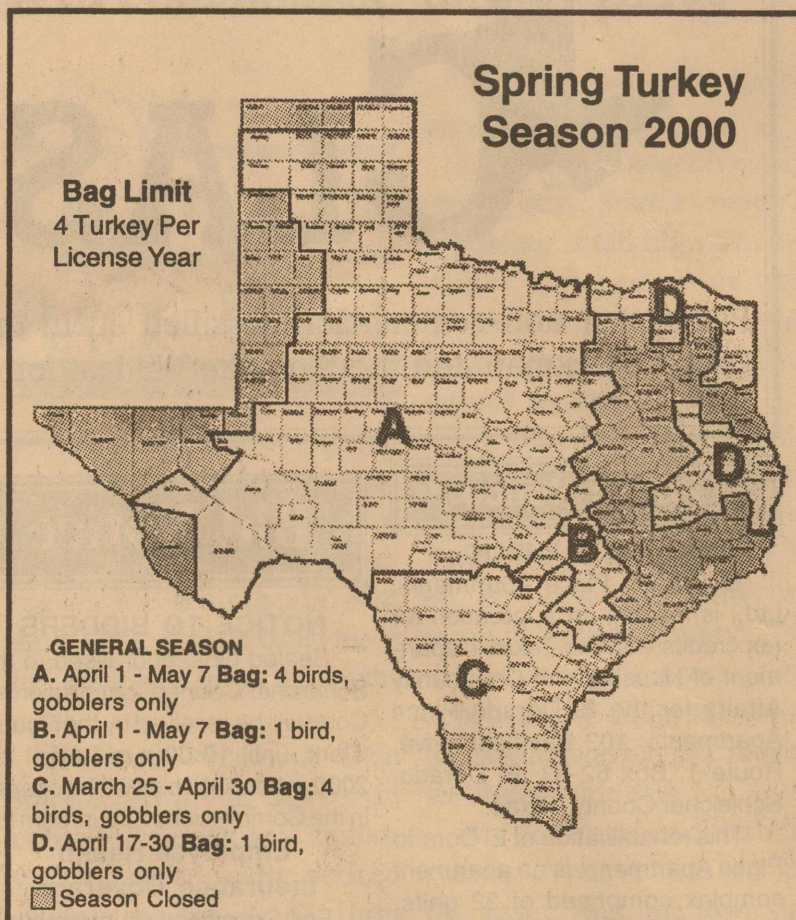
In 1997, Texas recorded its highest turkey production in years, according to TPW surveys, which should mean an abundance of mature gobblers this spring. In South Texas, however, timely rains resulted in excellent production last year, which means hunters should expect to see larger numbers of jakes (young males).

"Unlike most of the rest of the state, South Texas had a good spring through mid-July in 1999," said Joe Herrera, TPW biologist in Pleasanton. "Rainfall was only moderate to light through spring and early summer but it was timely and spaced out in such a manner that it created excellent nesting cover, insects and other forage. There should be an abundance of mature, 3-year-old birds for hunters this year and the '99 hatch was fair to good and this bodes well for hunters."

The downside, according to Herrera, is that South Texas continues in a drought with only light to scattered rainfall since last July. "Current range conditions continue to be only fair with the South Texas landscape quickly greening up," he noted. "Spring rains between now and early May will be critical to this year's turkey hatch."

Unlike South Texas, many areas are mired in a lengthy drought that not only has affected recent turkey production but also threatens this year's effort. "Because of the drought, you tend to see overgrazing, especially in north central Texas and the Panhandle," DeMaso explained. "Birds like to nest in areas such as the edge of plum thickets and shinnery oak motts and if those areas are grazed down, you don't have enough screening cover for nesting. In those areas, production will be similar to last year and I expect a year or so lag time under good rainfall conditions before grass production can recover. All we can do as managers is make sure the habitat is there for nesting and the rest is up to the weather."

In North-central Texas, TPW biologist Steven Jester noted that despite deteriorating habitat conditions, there should still be adult birds available. "Habitat ranges from only fair to very poor and is in the worst shape west of Highway 83," said Jester. "Last year's reproduction was spotty and I feel like this year



will end up well below average due to a lack of nesting cover and adequate food sources."

Biologists in the Panhandle and Trans Pecos regions echo Jester's views and suggest that continued dry conditions also could cause a delay in hens going to nest this spring. "That means hens will stay hung up with the gobblers and, as every serious hunter knows, that will make hunting conditions tough," said DeMaso. "Nesting cover has already been severely damaged by the drought so I would suggest landowners allow their grasses to re-

cover wherever possible."

Rio Grande turkey hunting season opens March 25, 2000, in South Texas and runs through April 30. In the remaining counties having spring turkey hunting, the season begins April 1 and runs through May 7.

The spring eastern turkey season is open in 24 East Texas counties April 17-30 and is limited to shotgun, lawful archery equipment or crossbow, with a one-gobbler bag limit. Harvested eastern turkeys must be checked at stations set up in the counties having an open spring eastern turkey season.

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The Eldorado Success and publisher Randy Mankin are pleased to announce applications are currently being accepted for two \$2,000 scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Schleicher county students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the Eldorado Success' membership

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The scholarships are named in honor of the late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin, and will be awarded to a graduating high school senior and a college junior or senior pursuing journalism careers. Craig, who died in 1981, was the longtime publisher of the Hamlin Herald and member of West Texas Press board of directors. He served 18 years on the board in all capacities, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer from 1969.

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Brian Brisendine of Brownfield, a journalism major at Texas A&M University at Canyon, was recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship; and Mindi Ratliff, a graduating senior at Breckenridge High School, was chosen to receive the other \$2,000 scholarship at the WTPA convention, held last July in Abilene.

Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors and will be announced at the Association's 70th Annual Summer Convention, July 20-22, 2000, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

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Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson

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Preparation and Planning Help Kids Make Move to New City

QUESTION: We're going to move to another state in a few months. I know it's going to be tough for my children, who have so many little friends at school. How can I get them ready for life in a new city?

DR. DOBSON: Moving to a new school or a new town can be an unpleasant experience for children, but there are some ways to make it easier for them.

Preparation and forethought are the keys. Educator Cheri Fuller recommends that those who are about to relocate call a family meeting to talk about what's going to happen. Begin to lay plans together. It's sad to say goodbye to good friends, and it's hard to make new ones. Try establishing pen pals for your children in the new school long before the move is to occur. Relationships can blossom through the mail so that the kids are not entirely unknown in the new location.

It's also helpful to create curiosity about the new city or neighborhood you're moving to. Write to the state tourist bureau or to the Chamber of Commerce and ask for brochures and maps. When your children begin to understand the adventure of moving, they may develop a more positive attitude toward leaving. A bit of preparation and a healthy dose of communication can help clear the way for a smoother journey to a new home.

QUESTION: When my wife left me for another man, I felt like the whole thing was my fault. I still feel that way. I had never even looked at another woman, yet here I am taking

the blame for her affair. Rationally, I know I'm being very unfair to myself, but I can't help it. Or can I?

DR. DOBSON: It is the typical reaction of a rejected spouse like yourself to take full responsibility for the behavior of an unfaithful spouse. The wounded partner — the person who was clearly the victim of the other's irresponsibility — is the one who suffers the greatest pangs of guilt and feelings of inferiority.

How strange that the one who tried to hold things together in the face of obvious rejection often finds himself or herself wondering: "How did I fail? I just wasn't good enough to hold my spouse. I am nothing, or my partner wouldn't have left. If only I had been more exciting as a sexual partner. I drove my spouse away — I wasn't pretty or handsome enough. I didn't deserve my spouse in the first place."

The blame for marital disintegration is seldom the fault of the husband or wife alone. It takes two to tangle, and there is always some measure of shared blame for a divorce. However, when one marriage partner makes up her mind to behave irresponsibly, to become involved extramaritally, or to run from family commitments and obligations, she usually seeks to justify her behavior by magnifying the failures of her spouse. "You didn't meet my needs, so I had to satisfy them somewhere else," is the familiar accusation. By increasing the guilt of her partner in this way, she reduces her own culpability. For a husband or wife with low self-esteem, these charges and recriminations are accepted and internalized as in-

disputable facts.

You must resist the temptation to take all the blame. I'm not recommending that you sit around hating the memory of your wife. Bitterness and resentment are emotional cancers that rot us from within. However, I would encourage you to examine the facts carefully.

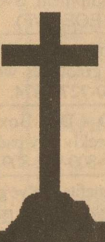
Ask yourself these questions: "Despite my many mistakes and failures in my marriage, did I value my family and try to preserve it? Did my wife decide to destroy it, and then seek justification for her actions? Was I given a fair chance to resolve the areas of greatest irritation? Could I have held her even if I had made all the changes she wanted? Is it reasonable that I should hate myself for this thing that has happened?"

If you examine objectively what has occurred, you might begin to see yourself as a victim of your wife's irresponsibility rather than as a worthless failure at the game of love.

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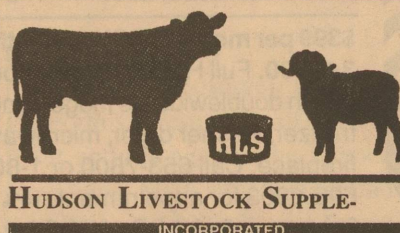
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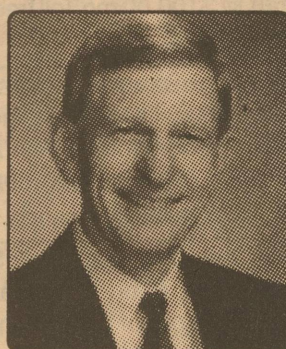
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