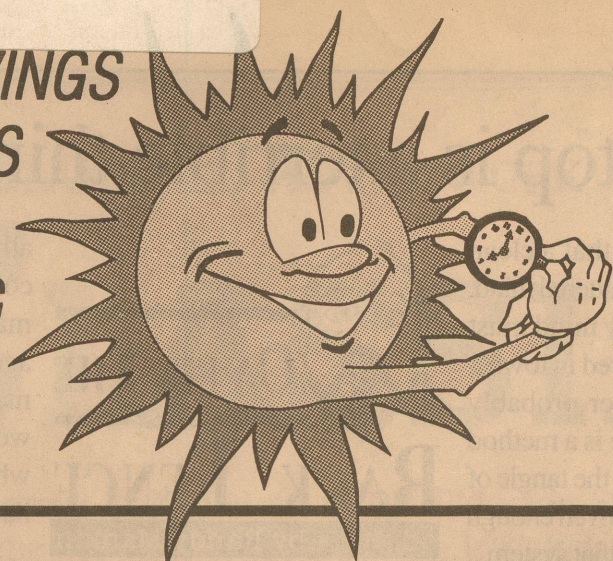


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F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Mock Accident Planned

A mock traffic accident is planned for today at 2:20 p.m. at the intersection of W. Fields and North Street. The intersection will be barricaded so the accident can be staged. A program regarding the dangers of drinking and driving will be held for Eldorado High School students. Sheriff's Dept. personnel, EMS and Fire Dept. volunteers will participate, as will several EHS students who will portray "victims" in the accident. It is recommended that traffic avoid that intersection between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The barricades will be removed as quickly as possible following the program.

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Texas is Cattle Country

The Lone Star State produces far more cattle than any other state in the nation. In fact, Texas cattle production is twice that of the #2 producer, Nebraska. Currently, there are more than 14 million head of cattle in Texas. Nebraska boasts 6.65 million head while Kansas, Oklahoma and California rank 4th, 5th and 6th with 6.55 million, 5.2 million and 5 million head, respectively.

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On This Date

On this date in 0239 B.C. the first recorded passage of Halley's Comet occurred. In 1492 King Ferdinand & Queen Isabella signed a decree expelling Jews from Spain. In 1533 Henry VIII divorced his 1st wife, Catherine of Aragon. In 1858 a pencil with an attached eraser was patented by Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia. In 1867 the US purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000 or 2¢ an acre. In 1870 Texas became the last confederate state readmitted to Union. In 1981 President Ronald Reagan was shot & wounded by John W. Hinckley, Jr.

Birthdays of note include: 1672 Peter I "the Great" Romanov great tsar of Russia; 1899 filmmaker Irving Thalberg; 1930 game show host Peter Marshall; 1937 actor Warren Beatty; 1945 guitarist Eric Clapton 1968 singer Celine Dion.

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Odds and Ends

While pepperoni ranks as America's favorite pizza topping that honor belongs to squid on Japanese pizzas.

A normal walrus has 18 teeth. The normal scorpion has eight legs and eight eyes.

Can you lift just one eyebrow at a time? If so, you join the other 30 percent of Americans who can perform this feat.



photo by Kathy Mankin

On hold for now — Warning signs mark the path taken by the Longhorn Pipeline where it passes near the City of Eldorado's landfill. Progress on the pipeline stopped last week when Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said he wouldn't sign easements allowing the pipeline to cross state waterways until further environmental studies are done.

Commissioners court meets

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin called to order the meeting of the Commissioners Court at 9:12 a.m., Monday, March 27, 2000. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Ross Whitten, Steve Minor, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark. Deputy County Clerk Mary Ann Gonzales read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved by order of the court.

Home Extension Agent Nancy Lester asked the commissioners' permission to use the county road crew during the "Great Texas Trash-Off." Statewide the event is set for the first Thursday in April, however, due to previously scheduled work by county crews, the clean up will take place on April 20th in Schleicher County.

Next, the commissioners unani-

mously agreed to pay \$50 dues to the Far West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

The men then reviewed a contract between the county and Shelly Phillips, who had answered an advertisement for contract operation of the county's swimming pool. After suggesting minor changes, the commissioners approved the contract and Mrs. Phillips was approved as operator of the pool.

The men then discussed the possibility of using Sheriff's Department inmates to make repairs to the pool facility. It was noted that since the "Kiddie Pool" at the swimming pool doesn't meet state standards regarding continual application of chlorine, that part of the facility must be abandoned and it was ordered to be closed and filled in.

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Land Commissioner Dewhurst puts Longhorn Pipeline on hold

GLO seeks more stringent environmental assessments

AUSTIN—Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced last week he will not sign the necessary easements for the Longhorn Pipeline to become operational until he is satisfied that all federal health and safety standards have been met. The move effectively stalled progress on the pipeline which crosses the length of Schleicher County until further environmental assessments are carried out.

"I am not convinced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has done a sufficient job investigating the health and safety ramifications of shipping jet fuel and gasoline through neighbor-

hoods and school yards," Dewhurst said. "I walked and drove this pipeline in Harris and Travis counties. I saw with my own eyes how close this pipeline comes to schools, churches and homes. I come from the oil and gas industry and I can say without hesitation, that not enough objective study has been done to secure the safety of this pipeline."

Under state law, pipeline companies seeking to cross state-owned land, including riverbeds and streams, must obtain an easement from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Longhorn Pipeline

Partners has submitted an easement application for the pipeline's crossing of six riverbeds in eight Texas counties - Austin, Bastrop, Blanco, Fayette, Kimble, Reeves, Waller and Ward.

"There should be no misunderstanding; pipelines are important to Texas, but this pipeline deserves to be highly scrutinized because it is 50 years old and was not constructed to transport highly volatile refined gasoline and jet fuel," Dewhurst concluded.

Even though the Land Office does not have the authority to re-

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Runoffs set in party primaries

Runoffs elections are planned in the Republican and Democratic primaries on Tuesday, April 11th. Bessie Jones and Sherry Lux, the chairmen of the two local parties announced this week that voting in the runoff elections will be held in the same polling places as during primary election on March 14th.

In the Republican runoff, there are three races on the ballot. Tom Price and Sharon Keller are vying for Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Guy Williams and Charles Holcomb are in a runoff for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1. Meanwhile, Barbara Parker Hervey and Jim Wallace will decide the race for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2.

In the Democratic runoff, Charles Gandy and Gene Kelly will face one another for the U.S. Senate seat.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Easy does it — Gloria Garcia of Eldorado leaned back to test her rope as Tower Master Don Cheek, offered words of encouragement Saturday when several members of Schleicher County Explorer Post 33 learned rappelling techniques on the 60-foot tower at Camp Sol Meyer near Ft. McKavett.

Local Explorers learn rappelling techniques at Camp Sol Meyer

Members of the Schleicher County Explorers Post 33 traveled to Camp Sol Meyer near Ft. McKavett last Saturday where they learned to safely descend from a 60-foot rappelling tower. The group was joined by several members of the Medical Explorers Post in San Angelo as well as members of the Explorers Post at Angelo State University. Several firefighters, EMTs and law enforcement officers served as rappelling instructors.

Making the trip from Schleicher County were post members Lindsay Beach, David Doran, Gloria Garcia, Maria Herandez, Kimberly Height, J.L. Mankin and Suzanne Rojas. Guests included Samantha Powell and Sarah Mankin. Adult leaders and advisors were Sheriff David Doran, Lenette Doran, Jason Chatham, T.J. Rodriguez and Joey Jones

As a confidence builder the

young Explorers first learned to trust their teammates by falling backwards off a wall into their teams' hands. Next, a trip to the 20-foot level on the rappelling tower taught the youths the proper use of their equipment as they descended the vertical wall for the first time. Later in the day, several youths and advisors successfully descended the wall from the 60-foot level. Among these was advisor Connie Andrews who had earlier expressed a fear of heights.

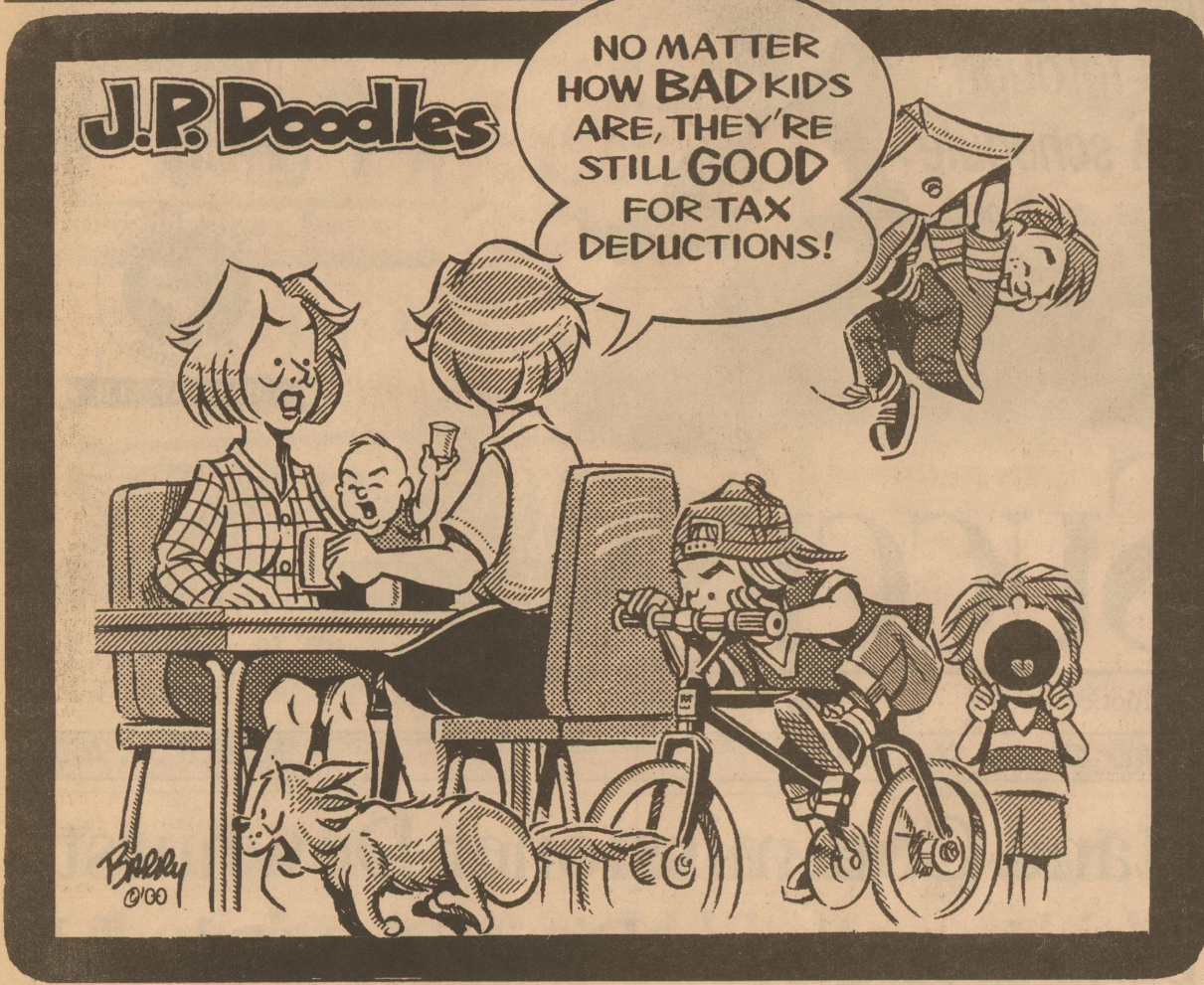
EHS junior Lindsay Beach was named "Tower Master" of the day after repeatedly descending the wall from the 60-foot level, including an "Aussie style" descent which was made facing the ground.

At the end of the day, the group reviewed all that they had learned in a closing discussion then headed home, sunburned and tired, but with a sense of accomplishment.



photo by Kathy Mankin

First Aid — City employee Floyd Fay received medical attention from EMTs Shelia Prater and Connie Andrews Wednesday morning after a traffic accident at the intersection of Divide and Murchison Streets in Eldorado. The 1987 Nissan pickup Fay was driving was struck broadside by a 1995 Chevrolet sedan driven by Carie Denise Cook of Eldorado. Both individuals were transported by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where Mr. Fay was treated and released. At press time Ms. Cook was undergoing treatment. She was cited by Schleicher County Deputy George Arispe for failure to yield right-of-way.



A desktop is a terrible thing to waste

I've often heard that a clean desk is the sign of a cluttered mind. If that's true then my mind must be the most uncluttered in town.

A casual observer probably can't see it, but there is a method to the way I organize the tangle of papers on my desk. Given enough time, I could explain that system... just not in a way any logical mind would understand.

Besides, the desk of a newspaper editor is supposed to be cluttered. All the movies and TV programs about newspapers always portray the editor sitting behind a desk heaped with papers. Kathy doesn't buy this excuse...she thinks I'm a slob. I, however, prefer to think of myself as being "organizationally im-



paired."

There was once a newspaper editor in Henrietta, who had not seen the top of his desk for years and years. When he finally retired, the staff of The Clay County Leader published "before and after" photos on the front page of that week's edition. The "before" photo showed the top of the man's head, protruding from behind a 3-foot-high stack of paper. The "after" photo revealed a clean desktop, which none of the newspaper's employees had ever seen before.

I'm not that bad, but I've only been in the business for six years. With a little more practice, who knows???

To begin with, my desk isn't really a desk at all. It's an 8-foot long table. Residing thereon are two printers, a computer monitor and keyboard, a flatbed scanner and lots of other important stuff. Stuff like old printer ribbons...you never can tell, I might need it some day. There's a half-full Diet Dr. Pepper can, various computer wires and connectors and a canister containing a 100-foot roll of black & white film.

I also have a pencil-holder, re-

ally just a can, wrapped in multi-colored yarn, that my son J.L. made for me many, many years ago. Inside that can are an assortment ink pens which no longer work, various paper clips, a key which, once upon a time, must have opened something important.

My desk is also home to a number of CDs (compact discs for the computer...not the certificates of deposit). There are numerous sticky notes and photographs. And...there are countless scraps of paper on which I've scribbled notes.

That's what I do, you see. Whenever someone tells me something important, I write it down...on whatever happens to be handy. I have notes written on the back of business cards, on envelopes, on rolodex cards and just about everything else you can imagine.

That's how I remember things. It's also how I forget things.

I have second desk, a metal one, sitting at a right angle to my main desk. That desk is also covered with really important things like old floppy discs, a rolodex I seldom use and an out of date phone book. It also holds a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. It's a huge book and since I refer to it often, I keep it open beside me.

A tape dispenser, two calendars, a box of tissue and a list of police 10-codes are among the other things crowding my desk. I'm sure there's more, but it's buried and I can't see it all right now.

Electronic campaign reports to exclude donor names

AUSTIN — Attorney General John Cornyn issued an opinion March 17 on a new law requiring candidates for statewide and legislative offices to file electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission.

Under the law, each candidate will file a list of their campaign donors' names, addresses and amounts of political donations, and the Ethics Commission will post those filings on the Internet in beginning in July.

Cornyn said the street address or post office box of each donor will be deleted before being made available electronically.

The deleted information will be available to the public on paper only at the Ethics Commission offices in Austin.

Dewhurst Halts Pipeline

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said last week he

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

will not sign easements required for a company to operate a 50-year-old gasoline pipeline that crosses eight counties and six riverbeds.

In rejecting Longhorn Pipeline Partners' request for easements, Dewhurst said he is not convinced the U.S. Department of Transportation has done a thorough enough job of investigating the health and safety ramifications of shipping jet fuel and gasoline through neighborhoods and schoolyards.

"I saw with my own eyes how close this pipeline comes to schools, churches and homes," Dewhurst said.

"I come from the oil and gas industry and I can say without hesitation that not enough objective

study has been done to secure the safety of this pipeline."

The pipeline crosses Austin, Bastrop, Blanco, Fayette, Kimble, Reeves, Waller and Ward counties.

Tobacco Law Unaffected

In a ruling last week, the U.S. Supreme Court nullified Food and Drug Administration regulations that prohibit tobacco sales to anyone under 18, require photo identification of all tobacco purchasers under age 27 and restrict vending machine cigarette sales to adult-only locations.

Texas Health Commissioner Reyn Archer said the ruling does not apply to Texas law governing the sale of tobacco to minors. He said, however, the Texas Department of Health had received instructions from FDA to stop conducting FDA-sponsored retailer compliance checks, or stings.

The department received \$277,000 from FDA this year to conduct inspections of retail outlets throughout the state to determine if stores were complying with the regulations.

Charter Schools Studied

A study by the University of Texas at Arlington, University of North Texas, University of Houston and the Texas Center for Educational Research shows more than half of the teachers in independent charter schools in Texas are not state-certified.

The study focused on 89 of the 168 state-approved charter schools in operation during the 1998-99 school year in Texas. Those

schools had a total enrollment of 17,616.

Other findings:

- Charter schools have larger classes than public schools and a higher proportion of minority students.
- Students enrolled at charter schools like them better than public schools and believe they get more attention from their teachers.
- Charter school teachers in Texas have an average six years of experience or about half that of public school teachers.
- Charter school teachers are paid an average \$7,500 a year less than public school teachers.

Other Highlights

- A new law that takes effect April 1 will allow Texans to buy many over-the-counter medications and some health products tax-free. Included are allergy medicines, analgesics, antacids, anti-diarrhea and anti-nausea products, antiperspirants, cold remedies, condoms, cough suppressants, laxatives, contact lens products, sunburn prevention products, wound-care dressings and supplies and hemorrhoid products.
- Texas Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers of Dallas resigned last week. Miers, 54, was appointed to a six-year term on the commission by Gov. George W. Bush in May 1995. The governor named Commissioner Thomas Clowe of Waco to succeed her as presiding officer and appointed Dallas lawyer Betsy Whitaker as the third member of the commission.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Pawn Shop Surgery

Bill Murchison was trying to put in some new light bulbs in his apartment in Huntsville. The light fixture was on the ceiling, so Bill got a chair to stand on while he screwed in the light bulbs. Now Bill is one of those impulsive types who takes what is handy to get the job done.

The closest chair happened to be one that was on rollers. "It rolled one way and I fell the other way," says Bill. "I was unconscious for a few moments and woke up to find I had broken both wrists."

The doctor put casts on both of Bill's arms and told him to come back in seven weeks to have the casts removed.

Bill happened to be out of town when it was time to take the casts off his arms. So he decided to do it himself.

"I went to Wal-Mart and looked in the tool department. The only thing I found that I thought I could use was hacksaw. I bought it, went to my car and sat in the Wal-Mart parking lot and sawed on the cast. My left hand was stronger than my right, so I sawed the right cast off."

He was exhausted after the ordeal and decided to tackle his left cast later.

"After a day or so, it was running me crazy," says Bill. He was driving in Henrietta, Oklahoma when he thought he found a solution to his problem.

"I looked to my left and saw a

sign that said 'Pawn Shop and Tools.' I slammed on the brakes and came to a screeching halt in front of the place. I told the owner what I needed to do. He said he had a little vibrating tool that would do the job."

"I looked at it and realized it was like what the doctors use to vibrate through the plaster. If it hits your skin it won't cut you. I asked the man if he would let me rent it or buy it. He said I could just borrow it and told me to go to the back of the pawn shop to take off the cast."

Now Bill's right wrist still didn't have much strength in it and he couldn't bear down like he needed to. The pawn shop owner and one of his clerks went to the back to see how Bill was coming along.

"I told them I wasn't having much luck because of my weak right arm. They offered to help."

The pawn shop owner weighed around 300 pounds. He took the vibrating tool and cut right through the cast all the way up to Bill's elbow.

"After about 30 minutes, he and I and the clerk managed to get that cast off. There was a webbing material between my arm and the cast, but that proved to be no problem. The clerk went and got a big knife and cut it off nice and neat."

When Bill went to see his doctor he dismissed Bill. "He told me he didn't see any use in keeping me as a patient anymore."

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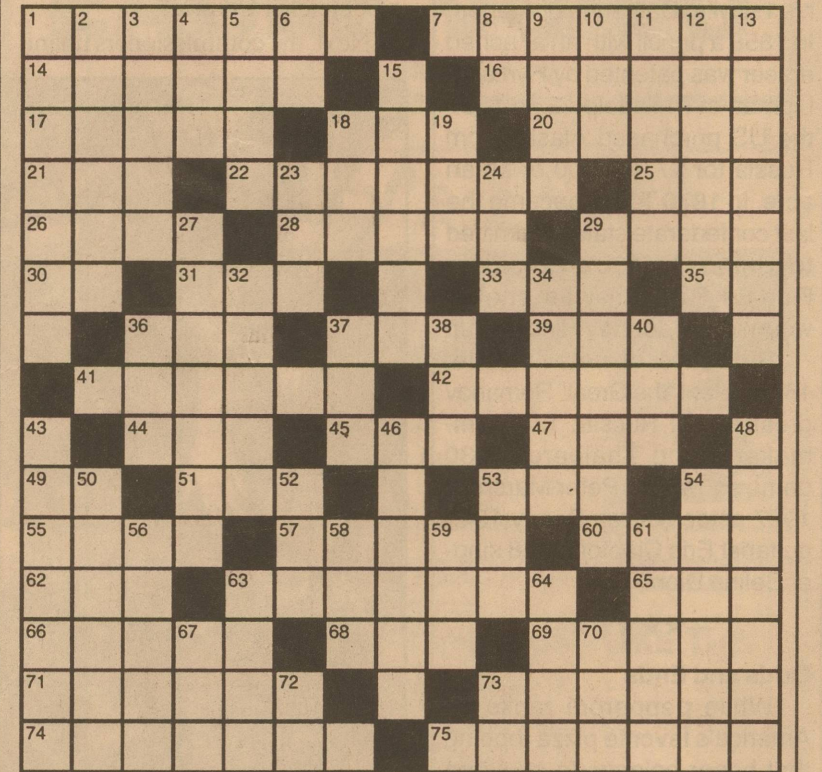
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OBITUARIES

Monty Yantis

SONORA — Monty Yantis, 96, of Sonora passed away Sunday, March 26, 2000, in Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 28, in Canton with the Rev. Webb of the First United Methodist Church in Canton officiating. Local arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Monty was born June 25, 1903, in Van Zandt County. She was a

member of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Hardegree of Sonora; two granddaughters, Mickey McGregor and husband, Scott, of Eldorado and Kathy Newman and husband, Ken, also of Eldorado; four great-granddaughters, Angie Plemons and husband, Steve, of Midland, Cathy McGregor of Fort Worth and Gentry and Emily Newman of Eldorado.

Kenneth Pennington

AUSTIN — Kenneth Pennington died Sunday, March 26, 2000 after a brave battle with congestive heart failure and cancer. He was 61 years old.

In Austin, he is survived by his wife, Ann Pennington; son, Blair Pennington; daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Mark Conley; grand children, Shelby Reeves and Cole Conley. Other surviving family members include brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Carol Blair

of Amarillo and Mickey and Barbara Pennington of Uvalde; father-and stepmother-in-law, Frank and Carol Blair of San Angelo; brother-and sister-in-law, Larry and Ellen Blair of College Station; brothers-in-law, Lance Blair and Tony Blair of San Angelo; nephews and nieces; aunts and cousins; and many, friends.

Memorial services were held on Thursday March 30, 2000 at Harrell Funeral Home, Austin.

Mack Gregg

KERMIT — Mack Gregg, 78, of Kermit died Sunday, March 26, 2000, in the Reagan County Care Center in Big Lake.

Services were held Tuesday, March 28, at the First Baptist Church in Kermit with Dr. Randy Houston officiating and the Rev. G.A. Magee assisting. Burial followed in the Kermit Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cooper Funeral Chapel.

Mack was born April 5, 1921, to M.M. and Pearl Gregg in Eastland County. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Montrose during World War II. Before retirement, Mack worked as a machinist. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kermit. He and his wife, Youtha, lived in Kermit for 48 years.

Survivors include his wife, Youtha Milford Gregg of Kermit; one son and wife, Gerry and Anita Gregg of Big Lake; one daughter, Cynthia Kay Bass of San Angelo; one son-in-law, Jerry D. Bass of Eldorado; one sister, Ruth Nichols of Fort Worth; two sisters-in-law, Allene Thompson of Holland, Texas, and Villa Gregg of Port Neches; five grandchildren, Ryan Bass and fiancée, Regina, of Colorado City, Bradley Bass and wife, Mitzi, of San Angelo, Lindsey Edmiston and husband, Justin, of Eagle Pass, Cody Gregg and wife, Suzanne, of McAllen, and Kimberly Flores and husband, Steven, of Mansfield; and great-grandchildren, Gracen and Grady Bass, Trace Edmiston, Andrew and Hannah Gregg, Isabel Flores and Kyle Ward.

Minnie Mae Schaefer

Minnie Mae Schaefer, 93, formerly of San Angelo, died Monday, March 20, 2000, in Tucson, Ariz.

Services were held Monday, March 27, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel in San Angelo with Jim Strother of Johnson Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Minnie was born July 16, 1906, in Eldorado, Texas, to Joe E. and

Pearl Garvin. She was a homemaker and a member of Johnson Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by a daughter, Wanda Larson and husband, Harry, of Tucson; two sisters, Mary Agnes Wallace of Fort Worth and Marguerite M. Zelachascki of Cleburne; two grandchildren, Robert Arthur Larson and Julie Diane Larson, both of Tucson; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

May Nelson Kelly

Services were held Monday, March 27, in Fairmount Cemetery for May Nelson Kelly. She was buried beside her husband, Daniel Ashton Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly was a former resident of Stephenville, and most recently of Dallas, Texas. She was born July 27, 1910, near Kaufman to John and Allie Wilkerson Nelson, a pioneer eastern Texas couple.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Alice Oliver and Grace Cranfill; and a brother, James Nelson.

She is survived by one daughter, Helen Drake of Dallas; two stepdaughters, Margaret McDonald and husband, Keith, of Ranger and Mrs. Wyman (Elizabeth) Jones of Wichita Falls; four grandsons, David Drake and wife, Debbie, William Drake and wife, Aurelia, John Drake and wife, Betsy, and Paul Drake and wife,

Leona; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. She has one surviving sister, Irene Nelson of Snyder and one brother, Marvin Nelson of Merkel.

The Kelly's formerly ranched in the Eldorado-Sonora area. Mrs. Kelly was an active member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and also, for many years, the Carlton Texas chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Kelly passed away Friday, March 24, 2000, in Doctor's Hospital in Dallas. Her death was the result of a fall in January 2000 followed by complications. Her family had planned a 90th birthday celebration for July.

Funeral arrangements were by Eastgate Funeral Home in Garland. Dr. Kenneth Patrick of Baptist Memorial Center conducted the final service.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Dorothy Clark was our chauffeur in her new red Suburban as members Nancy McCray, Barbara Jackson, Dorothy Dacy, Flora Hubble and Kim 'et Nelson traveled to San Angelo to attend a movie. They were met at the Southwest 7 theatre by member Rosemary Ridgeway and her sister Margie Gilbert. They all enjoyed the movie Erin Brockovich starring Julia Roberts. It was an excellent choice, mixed with comedy, making it a truly entertaining movie.

After the movie we enjoyed a meal and much conversation at a

San Angelo restaurant. Upcoming club events were discussed.

The next business meeting will be April 10, with Flora Hubble serving as hostess. All members are urged to attend since election of officers will be held on this date.

It was also discussed that it is time for the sorority to begin receiving applications for the scholarship they award to a graduating senior at Eldorado High School each year. Applications will be available at the High School. The scholarship is based on both need and character and can be used for a trade school as well as college.



Count 'em 1-2-3-4-5 — Five generations of one family came together in Eldorado recently. Great-great-grandmother Ethel Hale, great-grandmother Mary Roden of Eldorado, grandfather James Reese, father Phillip Reese and children Kristen and Phillip Reese posed for this picture while the family visited.



Ashley Brianne and Kendra Hayley Shaw

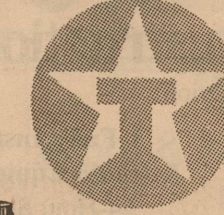
Shaws welcome Valentine's twins

Lona and Jay Shaw of Bandera are proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Ashley Brianne and Kendra Hayley Shaw. They were born on Feb. 14, 2000 at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. Ashley was born at 10:11 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 3.5 oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches. Kendra was born at 10:18 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 3.6 oz. and measured 19 3/4 inches.

They are welcomed home by their big brother, Justin Wyatt Shaw.

Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Kathy Isbell of Hondo. Paternal grandparents are Robin and Mary Shaw of Bandera, and Ruth and Ronnie Richards of Medina.

Jay is a 1991 graduate of Eldorado, and is currently in the Coast Guard Stationed in Galveston TX.



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Jo Helen enjoys all outdoor activities, sewing, art and reading. She is the secretary and treasurer of the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill, a school board member, and a member of the First Baptist Church.



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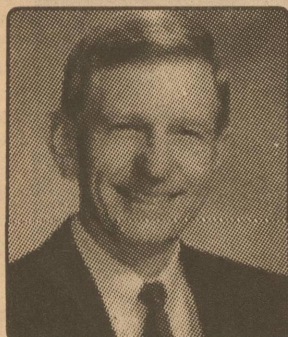
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Eagles nine open District 2-2A season with three straight wins

Ronnie Molina's Eldorado Eagles got past their first two District 2 2A opponents this last week. Eldorado traveled to Junction to open play and came away with a 7 to 6 victory over the Eagles. Ricky Huichapa got the win for Eldorado and Lance Mitchel the save. Eldorado got 8 hits on the day and Junction managed 5 including a big home run late.

Offensively for the Eagles, Will Robledo, Jason Brock, John Ray Espinosa, Jimmy Aguilar, and Asa Nixon all had singles. Espinosa and Aguilar had doubles and Will Robledo had a triple. Rocky Robles had a long ball for Eldorado.

Coach Molina commented, "This was our first District win and it was a sweet one. Rocky Robles led the attack with his second homer of the season. The defense was exceptional with only one error. Ricky Huichapa had a good day on the hill. Lance Mitchel is our closer and shut the door on a late Junction rally."

Eldorado then took on Wall and came out victorious with a 12 to 9

win. Manuel Hernandez got the win and Lance Mitchel came on for the close. Eldorado out hit Wall 13 to 7.

Offensively for the Eagles, Will Robledo, Lance Mitchel, Jason Brock (2), John Ray Espinosa (2), Mitch Wilkerson (2), and Ramon Barajas all got singles. Robledo and Rocky Robles had doubles and Casey Poynor had a triple.

The win ran Eldorado's district record to 2 and 0. Coach Molina commented, "Our bats were silent for two innings, but they awakened in a big way in the third. Manuel Hernandez started slowly but shut Wall down in the middle innings. In the 7th we had a 12 to 3 lead, and we learned that teams in this district will not go quietly as Wall scored 6 late runs. Lance Mitchel came in and got the save. Defensively, we had another good game." Molina continued, "pitching and defense is what wins championships."

Eldorado played Sonora late Tuesday and won 4 to 3 running their record to 3 and 0. Story on the game will be in next week's edition.

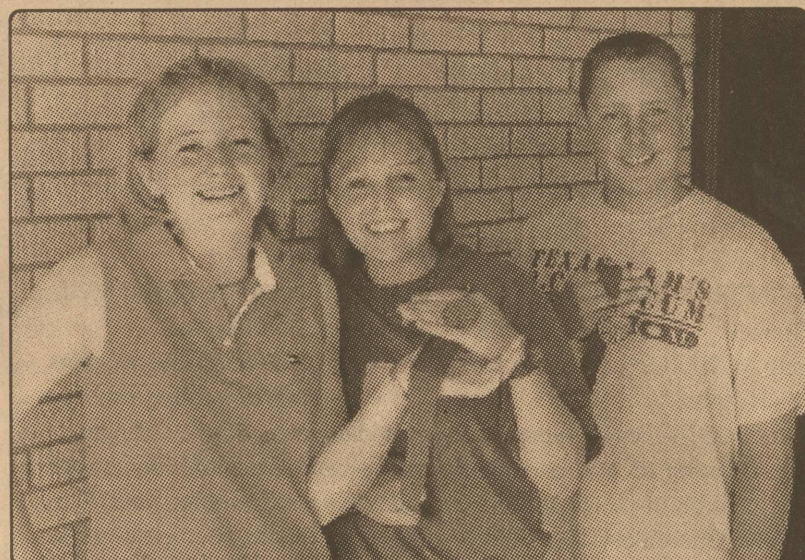


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Showing off their medals — 8th graders Lacy Ragsdale and Heather Homer placed 4th in Girls Doubles and 7th grader Logan Neal was 2nd in Boys Singles at the Mason Middle School Tennis Tourney held Saturday, March 25th.



Varsity Boys

March 25, 2000

Center Point Invitational Track Meet

Discus: 1st- Michael Mayo, 156';

Shot Put: 1st-Michael Mayo, 54'3";

High Jump: 1st-Michael Mayo, 6'4";

Long Jump: Lance Mitchel, 19'8 1/4";

3200 M Run: 2nd-Sammy Cabrera, 10:32.41;

800 M Run: 1st-Sammy Cabrera, 2:08.77;

7th Grade Boys

March 3, 2000

J.R. Wall High

Cotton Patch Relays

Shot Put: 6th-JJ Fuentes, 30'1";

Long Jump: 3rd-Dwayne Gonzales, 15'7";

Discus: 3rd-JJ Fuentes, 82';

400 M Relay: 5th-Eldorado, 55.97;

110 Hurdles: 6th-Bryce Leggett, 22.13;

100 M Dash: 1st-Duwayne Gonzales, 13.05; 3rd-Tony Garcia, 13.05.

200 M Dash: 2nd-JJ Fuentes, 27.10; 3rd. Tony Garcia, 27.42.

400 M Dash: 6th-Luis Rodriguez, 67.99.

1600 M Relay: 6th-Eldorado, 4:59.71.

8th Grade Boys

Ozona Junior High Relays

March 23, 2000

2400 Run: 6th-Jeffrey Bybee, 9:14.74;

Discus: 3rd-Travis Joiner, 112'3";

Shot Put: 4th-Chris Sanchez, 38'7"; 6th-Travis Joiner, 38'5 1/2";

100 M Run: 5th-Chris Sanchez, 12.73;

400 M Run: 5th-J.R. Arispe, 1:01.30;

1600 M Run: 3rd-Jeffrey Bybee, 6:05.48;

7th Grade Girls

Ozona Junior High Relays

March 23, 2000

Long Jump: 4th-Betsy Green, 12'7 3/4";

100 M Hurdles: 3rd-Britany Seller, 19.40;

200 M Run: 3rd-Katey Blair, 31.05;

1600 M Relay: 6th, Eldorado, 5:35.04;

800 M Relay: 5th, Eldorado, 2:19.99;

8th Grade Girls

Ozona Junior High Relays

March 23, 2000

Shot Put: 4th-Jennifer Bybee, 26'3";

Discus: 5th-Sonia Mills, 65'9";

400 M Run: 6th-Clara Herrera, 1:10.45;

400 M Relay: 6th, Eldorado, 5:37.32;



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He's safe! Mitch Wilkerson slid in safely below an airborne Wall Hawk player to steal third base during the Eagles 13-7 win over Wall last Friday.

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1st Place Science Team — The EHS Science Team placed 1st at the UIL District Meet in Wall last Wednesday. The team consists of (Front L-R) Hillary Hodges, Lindsay Beach, Ben Edmiston, Sarah Mankin (Back L-R) Alana Oliver, Tana Williams and Dest Sudduth.



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1st Place Current Events Team — The EHS Current Issue and Events Team placed 1st at the UIL District Meet in Wall last Friday. The team consists of (Front L-R) Hillary Hodges, Dest Sudduth (Back L-R) Steven Valero, Kate Kosub and Sarah Mankin.

EHS scholars garner medals U.I.L. District Meet in Wall

The Eldorado High School Science Team composed of Lindsay Beach, Hillary Hodges, Alana Oliver, Sarah Mankin, Ben Edmiston, Dest Sudduth and Tana Williams placed 1st at the District Science Meet held at Wall this past week. Their combined score of 260 almost doubled the second place team. In all, there were 35 contestants competing in the Science division.

Individual placings were: Hillary Hodges-1st overall and Top Chemistry; Lindsay Beach-3rd Overall and Alternate Top Chemistry; Ben Edmiston-3rd (tie) Overall; Sarah Mankin-6th Overall and Top Physics; Alana Oliver-7th Overall and Tana Williams-10th Overall.

Advancing to Regional in Abilene for the Science Team will be Hillary Hodges, Lindsay Beach, Ben Edmiston and Sarah Mankin.

The EHS Current Issues and Events team also placed 1st in the meet. Sarah Mankin placed 1st individually, earning her 4th straight trip to the Regional Meet in Current Issues and Events. Teammate Steven Valero placed 2nd, Hillary Hodges was 4th. Also competing was Kate Kosub.

Other EHS students placing in the meet were as follows:

Literary Criticism and Ready Writing 1st place medals were taken home by Maria Hernandez.

Calculator: Joey Bullard (8th); Haley Edmiston (12th); Larry Nicholson (10th), Dest Sudduth (13th).

Computer Applications: Brittaney Key; Ben Edmiston; Melissa Hinojosa.

Journalism-Editorial: Rikki Bosman, Nancy Cawley, Matt Curtis.

Journalism-Feature Writing: Sarah Mankin (2nd), Maria Hernandez, (5th), Stacy Nicholson.

Journalism-Headline: Susie Rojas, (3rd), Lance Mitchel, Stacy Nicholson.

Journalism-News Writing: Mitzi Sessom (3rd) Andrew Anderson (5th), Josh Taylor.

Mathematics: Hillary Hodges (4th), Joey Bullard (14th), BreeAnn Davis (21st), Dest Sudduth (19th), 4th Place Team in Mathematics.

Persuasive Speaking: Mitzi Sessom (5th).

Prose and Poetry: Maria Guzman (2nd), Matt Curtis and Georgina Caldwell.

Ready Writing: BreeAnn Davis (3rd), Jackie Crawford.

Hospital board approves deal with Preferred Management

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday, March 27th for its regular monthly meeting. Present for the meeting were board members Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Judy Christian, Randy Mankin, Brian Edmiston and Lanis Mikeska. Trustee Tom Enochs was absent.

Board president Ricky Fuessel called the meeting to order and the board immediately entered into an executive session for the discussion of personnel and to consider litigation. The district's attorney James Kosub went behind closed doors with the board as did Hospital Administrator Ann-Fagan Cook and Asst. Administrator Beverly Minor. When the group emerged into open session they took no action on the personnel matter.

However, a motion offered by Judy Christian, seconded by Randy Mankin to table any further consideration of a lawsuit against Columbia Medical Center passed unanimously.

The board then met with Andy Freeman and Jerry Hulien, representing Preferred Management of Shawnee, Oklahoma — the firm which the board previously voted to hire as a management company. Freeman and Hulien went over a number of items in the proposed contract between their company and the hospital district. After addressing several specific points in the contract, the board voted unanimously to approve the deal and set April 1st as the date when Preferred Management will take over management duties.

Administrator Ann-Fagan Cook will continue as hospital administrator, however, she will actually be employed by Preferred Management. The deal calls for the hospital district to pay Preferred Management \$180,000.00 per year. In return the company will provide management services and expertise in operating a hospital under Medicare's "Critical Access" program.

The board then met with the hospital's director of nursing Berta Nicholson who reported on the hospital's recent quality assurance, or "QA" report. Nicholson outlined several indicators that her staff tracks to assure that corrections are made to any problem areas that may be identified.

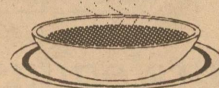
The board then looked over the district's financial reports. It was noted that the district had \$1,106,432.25 in various investments at the end of February. Of the \$472,177.89 the district received as its part of a settlement in a class action lawsuit against asbestos manufacturer W.R. Grace, the district has spent \$282,284.99 on the current asbestos abatement program that is nearing completion in the hospital.

The board also reviewed the district's statistics for the month of February. In that month, the hospital's loss, or tax subsidy, per day stood at \$ 1,589.00, down from \$1,844.00 only one year ago. Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained that the new Critical Access program should dramatically reduce the loss per day in the hospital in coming months.

Fagan-Cook also told the board that neither the hospital or nursing home have any outstanding deficiencies and that a committee is working on updating the district's Code of Ethics. She also noted that the local nursing home will be hosting Mid-West Play Day at Angelo State University on Saturday, April 1, with three nursing home residents planning to compete in the games.

Before adjourning, the board authorized Austin architect Paul Rhineland to prepare a set of drawings of a proposed nursing home expansion project. The drawings are to be used as a tool in acquiring grant funds to help pay for the cost of the expansion. The trustees also reviewed and approved thirty separate policy and procedures manuals before ending the meeting.

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Commissioners meeting held

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Next, the men declined an invitation to membership in the National Association of Counties. It was also explained that Commissioners Clark, Mayo and Whitten are to attend the thirteenth annual Local Government Seminar on April 13 & 14 at the Omni Hotel in Austin. Commissioners and Judges are required to attend periodic workshops in an effort to become more familiar with the rules, practices and laws relating to county governments. The Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath and Smiley will be hosting this year's seminar.

The commissioners then agreed to delay drawing up plans for hangar and fuel service construction at the airport's new runway pending further study by the court. A transfer of budgeted funds was approved by the court and payment of the county's current bills was ordered.

Before adjourning, the men met with Stan Meador, representing Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, but took no action on his request to use the American Legion Clubroom in the Memorial Building as an office for a part-time employee of the Chamber. Instead, Commissioner Ross Whitten suggested that Meador contact the Schleicher County Historical Society to see if a portion of the local museum could be used for the same purpose. Whitten explained that the Museum has been seeking additional volunteers to keep the facility open and that perhaps they would be interested in allowing the Chamber to place their office at the museum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

GLO stalls Longhorn Pipeline

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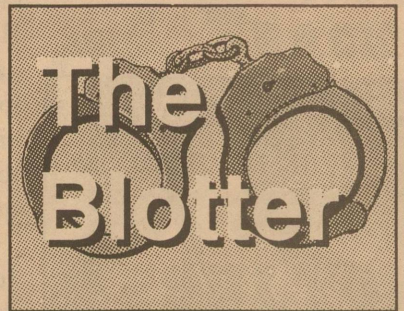
quire the pipeline to meet a higher pipeline safety standard than the federal government requires; as steward of this state's land and natural resources, Dewhurst can refuse to sign an easement until it has been demonstrated that the appropriate pipeline safety standards have been met.

"I read with great distress that Radian was told by the Environmental Protection Agency to downplay health and safety factors in doing their environmental assessment. What that tells me is that federal standards have been thrown out the window. In Texas,

we won't allow them to be thrown out," Dewhurst said.

Recently, the Schleicher County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution expressing general support for the pipeline while asking that precautions be taken to protect the environment. Earlier, the Eldorado City Council directed City Administrator Randy Mankin to send a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency expressing the city's concerns about the pipeline's safety.

Representatives of Longhorn Pipeline could not be contacted for comment concerning Commissioner Dewhurst's ruling.



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

March 23 Martinez, Gregory Sosa, male age 23, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

March 25 Hooper, Robert Bruce, male age 45, arrested by DPS Trooper, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Garza, Rachel Garcia, female age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Roberts, Michael Jay, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.

March 27 Chapa, Jose Ventura, male age 29, arrested on DPS Warrant.

REPORTS

March 22 • 2:08 a.m. Swimming pool in the road on San Antonio Street. The owners were contacted and pool would be moved.

• 9:28 a.m. Hospital requested a crew for an ambulance transfer.

• 6:15 p.m. Complainant on Depot Street reported a skunk eating a carcass in front of their residence. Officer and Animal Control responded.

• 10:48 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to locate her husband who was possibly drunk and was wanting to start a fight. Officer responded.

March 23 • 11:10 a.m. Loose livestock reported on Old Ft. McKavett Road. Owner contacted.

• 7:00 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance. EMS 2 was paged out and transferred subject to San Angelo hospital.

• 8:30 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check a suspicious person at their door. Officer responded.

• 9:10 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to keep a look for their son who had left the house without permission.

• 9:42 p.m. Complainant phoned Sheriff Office to request an officer who responded to residence. Repossession order was brought to Sheriff's Office which involved the same matter and vehicle was picked up.

March 24 • 4:56 p.m. Home health provider contacted the ambulance personnel and requested an ambulance for patient. Call was made to Sheriff's Office and ambulance was dispatched. Officer assisted.

March 25 • 12:16 a.m. Complainant reported a school bus driving with no head lights but with flashers on. Officer responded and escorted Eldorado bus to High School.

• 7:40 a.m. Complainant reported goats loose on Hwy 277 South. Officer responded.

• 7:15 p.m. Report of loud music coming from beige 2 door vehicle.

• 7:23 p.m. Complainant spotted a Emu on Hwy. 190 West.

• 7:34 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance with a paramedic on board for a transfer to San Angelo. EMS 2 responded.

March 27 • 8:35 a.m. Complainant reported a controlled burn.

• 10:12 a.m. Complainant reported a minor traffic accident on Murchinson and Divide.

• 2:52 p.m. Complainant reported a controlled burn. Complainant called back at 5:50 p.m. to let the Sheriff's Office know that the controlled burn was out.

• 2:55 p.m. Complainant requested officers come to their residence to look for illegals that had approached the house. Officer responded.

• 8:10 p.m. Sonora's Sheriff's Office reported a suspicious vehicle. Two officers responded.

• 8:28 p.m. Complainant reported a 18 wheeler south of town that had lost a few tires on the road. Complainant ran over a couple of tires in their vehicle and wanted to know if it was possible to get the drivers information just in case their vehicle was damaged. Officer responded.

March 28 • 9:03 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to take a report from a resident. Officer responded.

• 3:50 p.m. Complainant called and wanted an officer to go out to the apartments to remove an unwanted person off the premises. Subject is not to be allowed on the premises of the apartments. Subject will be served with a Criminal Trespass Warrant.

• 4:19 p.m. Complainant called for an ambulance for a basic transfer.

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The Housing Authority of the City of Eldorado will hold a PUBLIC MEETING on Tuesday, May 16th, 2000 at 7:00 PM., at the Office of the Housing Authority of the City of Eldorado 801 East Street, Eldorado, TX to receive comments on the Annual and 5 Year Plan for the Housing Authority of the City of Eldorado. All documents are on display at the office of the Housing Authority, 801 East Street, Eldorado, TX 76936. Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 NOON.
Posted: March 28, 2000
By: Ann Schooley, Executive Director

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Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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God Bless, Maria Hill.

REAL ESTATE

Eldorado- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 160 Acres, 1 Mile South of Eldorado. Tennis Court, Barn, Trees, Dove, Quail, Deer. (915-853-2690 or (972)-831-0887. 12fn

Eldorado-For Sale By Owner: 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath Rock Home on 12.5 acres just south of Eldorado. Home and land has great potential. Call 853-3418 shown by appointment only. 8ftn

Eldorado-Commerical Building for sale with central heat/air with a walk-in cooler. Located at 103 S. Divide (Hwy. 277). Call 915-853-2261 or 915-853-2544 ask for Kurtis. 13-16b

Eldorado-For Sale: Country Living: 35 acre Farm/Ranch combination, very private, secluded within 1.5 miles of Eldorado, Texas. Very nice Lancer 2B/2BA with large rooms, fireplace, metal roof, pens, barns, 2 car carport plus large R.V. port. Nice yard w/pecan and fruit trees. Wildlife: deer, dove, excellent water well, good deep soil. 641' frontage on Hwy 2596, \$88,000. Stevens Ranch Real Estate Harold Stevens, Broker Brady, Texas Office: 915-597-0749 or 1-800-880-0749 Alfred Sykes Agt. 915-853-2386 Mobile 915-226-2796 10-13p

Eldorado-For Sale: Small building downtown Eldorado. (Old Post Office). Call 853-3650-650-1052. 13-13b

Eldorado-For Sale: 40 acres 2 miles northeast of Eldorado on County Road 300. Call 853-3650 or 650-1052. 13-13b

Eldorado-For Sale By Owner: 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Brick Home. Corner lot, sunroom, inground sprinkler system. Shown by appointment only. 209 E. Redwood. 853-2048. 13-14b

Sonora - For Sale By Owner - 121 Deerwood Dr., 3BR, 2B, Brick, CH/AC, fireplace, ceiling fans, 2 car garage, automatic sprinkler system, sidewalks and lights in back yard, storage building. Sits on a large lot. Good neighborhood. Call 387-2813 for appointment to see. If no answer please leave a message. 9-13b

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City, Hospital to cancel elections

The City of Eldorado and the Schleicher County Hospital District will be able to cancel their election since there are no opposed races on those ballots. City council members Tommy Minor, Toni Whitten, Sherry Lux and Mayor John Nikolauk are each seeking reelection, and with no other candidates running for those offices. The city council is slated to cancel the election at the April 10th board meeting. Likewise, four candidates are seeking four seats on the hospital district board of directors. Those candidates are Delia Pina, John Callison, Shirley Joiner and Jim Martin. They, too, will be declared the winners at the next meeting of the board.



Science is fun for Mr. Singleton's Science Classes! "Uncle Nate" Metcalf a member of The National Theatre For Children presented a fast paced, action-packed program Monday, using a game show format (complete with buzzers and team participation) to teach Eldorado Middle School students the importance of renewable energy sources.

EHS rodeo team places Ft. Stockton

Two EHS rodeo team members competed at the Ft. Stockton High School Rodeo last weekend results for the local competitors are as follows:

Results of Saturday March 25, 2000: Barrels - 5th Place Leigh Ann Neal 16.55; Breakaway- 4th Place Leigh Ann Neal 4.4; Calf Roping - 9th Place Cory Lloyd 20.7

Results of Sunday March 26, 2000: Barrels - 1st place Leigh Ann Neal 16.3; Breakaway: 5th Place Leigh Ann Neal 5.8; Calf Roping - 2nd and 3rd place Cory Lloyd 10.5; Poles - 10th place Leigh Ann Neal 26.59; Team Roping - Cory Lloyd (Eldorado), Stetson Hall (Sonora) 10.3, 3rd place

Gutierrez wins \$4,700 with hole-in-one at local tourney

Winners of the Championship Flight; 1st place John Cartwright and Tip Finley - score 60, 2nd place Fred Harrison and J.D. Cook - score 66, 3rd place Moises Hill and Victor Gutierrez - score 68.

First Flight; 1st place Steve Snelson and Casey Snelson - score 73, 2nd place Chuck Bailey and Milton Laudermilk - score 73, 3rd place Ronnie Sauer and Harris Napier - score 73

Second Flight; 1st place Danny Halbert and Tommy Hunley - score 76, 2nd place Melvin Laudermilk and Buck Baze - score 77, 3rd place Ken Thomas and Keith Nolen - score 77.

Victor Gutierrez made a hole in one on #2 to win the Hole in One Jackpot of \$4,700.00 during the tournament.

The next tournament will be a 2 man select shot on April 15th and 16th.

The Ladies Play Day will be Mondays at 4:30. Come out and play.



That's worth \$4,700 — Victor Gutierrez made a hole-in-one on the 2nd hole to win a \$4,700 jackpot during the 2-Person Low Ball Tournament at the Eldorado Golf Club on Saturday, March 18th

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I found this very interesting, and I thought you would like to read it!

Smokey Taylor

On Thursday, May 27, 1999, Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, was invited to address the House Judiciary Committee's sub-committee. What he said to our national leaders during this special session of Congress was painfully truthful. They were not prepared for what he was to say, nor was it received well. It needs to be heard by every parent, every teacher, every politician, every sociologist, every psychologist, and every so-called expert! These courageous words spoken by Darrell Scott are powerful, penetrating, and deeply personal. There is no doubt that God sent this man as a voice crying in the wilderness. The following is a portion of the transcript:

believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder I would be their strongest opponent."

"I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy—it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves.

"I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today:"

Your laws ignore our deepest needs,
 Your words are empty air.
 You've stripped away our heritage,
 You've outlawed simple prayer.
 Now gunshots fill our classrooms,
 And precious children die.
 You seek for answers everywhere,
 And ask the question "Why?"
 You regulate restrictive laws,
 through legislative creed.
 And yet you fail to understand,
 That God is what we need!

"Men and women are three-part beings. We all consist of body, soul, and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and reek havoc. Spiritual influences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historical fact.

"What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs — politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more re-

strictive laws that contribute to erode away our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive laws.

"Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts. Political posturing and restrictive legislation are not the answers. The young people of our nation hold the key. There is a spiritual awakening taking place that will not be squelched! We do not need more religion. We do not need more gaudy television evangelists spewing out verbal religious garbage. We do not need more million dollar church buildings built while people with basic needs are being ignored. We do need a change of heart and a humble acknowledgment that this nation was founded on the principle of simple trust in God!

"As my son Craig lay under that table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes — he did not hesitate to pray in school. I defy any law or politician to deny him that right! I challenge every young person in America, and around the world, to realize that on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain. Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your God-given right to communicate with Him. To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA I give to you a sincere challenge. Dare to examine your own heart before casting the first stone! My daughter's death will not be in vain! The young people of this country will not allow that to happen!"

"Since the dawn of creation there has been both good & evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers." "The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not in the club he used. Neither was it the NCA, the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart. "In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA. I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA - because I don't believe they need to be defended. If I

"A Society of sheep must in time beget a government of wolves"
 Press on dear brother and always remember, "A people should fear the government who fears its peoples' guns"

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- Exemptions include:
 - credit received for at least three (3) semester hours of college-level work prior to the fall of 1989
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The test dates for the TASP are April 29, June 17 and July 22. Angelo State University is the closest testing center. Registration information can be picked up at the Eldorado High School office.

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