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For Your Information

Forgotten Treasures

More than 112,000 items from abandoned safe deposit boxes will be auctioned to the public on Saturday, July 22 in San Antonio and via a real-time Internet simulcast at theauctionchannel.com. Texas is the first state to conduct an Internet simulcast of an unclaimed property auction. The items up for bid include:

- 3,072 pieces of jewelry valued at \$222,099
- 1,228 loose stones valued at \$107,839
- 733 gold coins valued at \$69,068
- 95,381 coins/currency valued at \$76,268

The most desirable item in the auction is a 3.2 carat loose diamond valued at \$25,000.

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On This Date

On this date in 1483 England's King Richard III was crowned. In 1687 Sir Isaac Newton published "Principia". In 1699 pirate Capt William Kidd was arrested in Boston. In 1785 the US Congress resolved to name the nation's currency the "dollar" and adopted decimal coinage. In 1923 the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed. In 1932 1st class postage increased from 2 to 3 cents. In 1958 Alaska became the 49th U.S. state.

Birthdays of note include: 1747 naval hero John Paul Jones. 1796 Tsar Nicholas I of Russia; 1918 actor Sebastian Cabot; 1923 actress and first lady Nancy Davis Reagan; 1925 Rock & Roll pioneer Bill Haley; 1925 TV host Meriv Griffin; 1927 actress Janet Leigh; 1932 singer/actress Della Reese; 1937 actor Ned Beatty; 1946 actor/director Sylvester Stallone.

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Odds and Ends

The pecan tree was officially recognized as the state tree of Texas following a request by Governor James Hogg that a pecan tree be planted on his grave.

If you spell out consecutive numbers you will reach one thousand before using the letter "a".

German rocket scientist, and father of the NASA space program flunked high school math and physics.

King Alfonso of Spain, who reigned from 1886 to 1931, was so tone-deaf that he had in his employ the Anthem Man. This man's sole duty was to tell the king to stand up whenever the Spanish national anthem was playing, because the monarch couldn't recognize it.

The average caterpillar has 2,000 muscles in its body. The average human, less than 700.



There she is — Georgina Maritz Caldwell (L), the newly crowned Pride of Texas Queen, posed with outgoing queen Melissa Hammack after the pageant held in Waco on June 25.

Georgina Caldwell crowned Pride of Texas Queen 2000

Georgina Maritz Caldwell, daughter of Samuel and Cynthia Caldwell of Eldorado and granddaughter of George and Mary Hoffman of Sonora, was crowned Queen of the 3rd Annual Pride of Texas Scholarship Pageant in Waco on June 25, 2000. Along with the traditional sash, Caldwell received a recognition award, a bouquet of flowers and a \$1,000 college scholarship. Caldwell is a sophomore at Eldorado High School.

During the pageant, girls from across the state were judged in several areas. Fifty percent of the scores were based on the girls' resumes which include scholastic achievements, individual accomplishments, school and community

involvement. The remaining scores are based 30 percent on judge interviews and 20 percent on presentation in formal attire.

As titleholder Georgina's flight and entry to the Pride of America Pageant will be paid as she attends the national competition in Minnesota during the last week of October. There, she will compete for a \$5,000 dollar scholarship against winners from across the U.S.

The Pride of Texas was established to honor the achievements of Texas young women ages 13-18. For more information or to schedule a public appearance, contact Georgina Caldwell at 387-2242 or Donna Gray, 9933 Cavell Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55438 (612) 944-5139.

Fagan-Cook appointed to NRHA legislative committee



photo by Kathy Mankin
Ann Fagan-Cook

Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook, RN, BSN, LNFA, has been appointed to the Legislative Committee of the National Rural Health Association. Chairman George Miller, Jr. from Christus Hospital in Jasper, Texas announced the appointment. The committee members are from across the nation and represent all rural hospitals in the country.

The committee will convene in

Washington, D.C. on July 17 and 18 to meet with congressmen as well as the representatives of the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA). Meetings are scheduled with Texas legislators as well as those from other states to build additional support for requests to restore funds monies taken away from rural hospitals by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Fagan-Cook says that several Texas congressmen have pledged their support on some issues but not on others. So far, Texas Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison have not been convinced of the need to put money back into rural hospitals, Fagan-Cook said.

"We have been a member of the National Rural Health Association for several years now and they do a lot of work for us, especially helping us to get additional funding," stated Fagan-Cook. "It is an honor for me to be asked to serve on behalf of all rural hospitals, not just those in Texas", she added.

SCMC's finances improve as neighbors contemplate closure

Schleicher County Hospital District closed out the first five months of 2000 with a positive cash flow, thanks in great part to the hospital being enrolled in the federal government's new Critical Access Program. Andy Freeman, a partner in Preferred Management, the company which oversees day-to-day operations of the district's hospital and nursing home, met with hospital trustees last Thursday to go over the numbers. It was explained that the district's revenues exceeded expenses by \$7,642.05 in May. Year to date, the district has posted a gain of \$60,510.98.

The good economic news comes as neighboring facilities contemplate closure. The hospital district in Sutton County has scheduled a public hearing tonight to discuss the possibility of closing the nursing home there. Meanwhile, Kimble County's hospital is also struggling to keep its doors open.

Freeman explained that much of the turnaround locally is due to lump sum payments the district received from Medicare. He noted that Periodic Interim Payments (PIP) from Medicare had also begun and that they should help to stabilize the district's revenue.

The rare Thursday morning meeting was called to order by Board President Judy Christian at 8:30 a.m. Trustees Delia Pina, Randy Mankin, Lanis Mikeska, Shirley Joiner, Jim Martin and John Callison present for the meeting.

After approving the minutes of the May 22 meeting, the board reviewed and approved the district's financial reports. They then authorized Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook to attend a meeting of the National Rural Health Associ-

ation's Legislative Committee in Washington, D.C. (see story below) The committee will seek the support of legislators in restoring funding, cut by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, to rural hospitals.

In other business, the board appointed Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor to serve as the district's Human Resource Director.

Discussion of the district's annual contribution to the Employee Retirement Fund was tabled pending a report from the fund's manager.

Next, the trustees approved an amendment to the hospital's Medical Records Bylaws. The change became necessary when the Critical Access Program changed the rules governing the duration of an acute care patient's stay. Where patient stays were once capped at 96-hours, the new rules allows patients to stay longer, if medically necessary, so long as the yearly average is below 96-hours. Fagan-Cook explained that the hospital is currently well below that mark.

The board then authorized the expenditure of \$1,500 for a tech-

nician to inspect attachments to the hospital's X-ray machine. They also approved the purchase of a bladder scanner for the facility.

Discussion then turned to the district's Indigent Care Policy. Fagan-Cook explained that government regulations allow the district to limit Indigent Care expenses to \$30,000 per claim, per calendar year. It was noted that the district currently has no such cap and the trustees voted unanimously to adopt the limit.

The board then voted add Westerman Pharmacy in Sonora and Wal-Mart Pharmacy in San Angelo to the district's Indigent Care Program. All trustees voted in favor except Randy Mankin, who abstained due to owning stock in Wal-Mart.

Before adjourning, the trustees reappointed Dr. Gordy Day and Dr. Rhea Cole to Medical Staff. After adjourning the board traveled to Christoval for a strategic planning session with key staff members at the Hummer House located on F.M. 2084.



Scholarship winner — Sarah Mankin received a \$5,000 scholarship last week from the Abell-Hanger Foundation. The scholarship was awarded through the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Mankin receives \$5,000 Abell-Hanger Scholarship

Sarah Mankin, daughter of Randy and Kathy Mankin of Eldorado, received a \$5,000 scholarship last week from the Abell-Hanger Foundation in Midland. The scholarship was one of 412 awarded to college-bound students across the state through the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation in recognition of their achievements in University Interscholastic League competition in high school.

Miss Mankin represented Eldorado High School in several UIL events during her high school career, advancing to the State level of competition 8 times — once each in Feature Writing, Current Events and Wind Ensemble, twice in Marching Band, and three times in Flute Solo and Ensemble.

She graduated from EHS in May with a 99.38 grade point average and has enrolled in Angelo State University where she intends to major in physics. To date, she has received over \$31,000 in scholarships including: a \$14,000 Physics Scholarship from ASU, a \$6,000 Carr Scholarship, a \$4,000 University Scholarship and a Texas Education Agency Valedictorian Scholarship which pays one year's tuition.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation was founded by George Thomas Abell and Gladys Hanger Abell. Last year the foundation awarded over \$7 million in grants to numerous worthy causes. Of that total, more than \$2.8 million was given to directly benefit education.

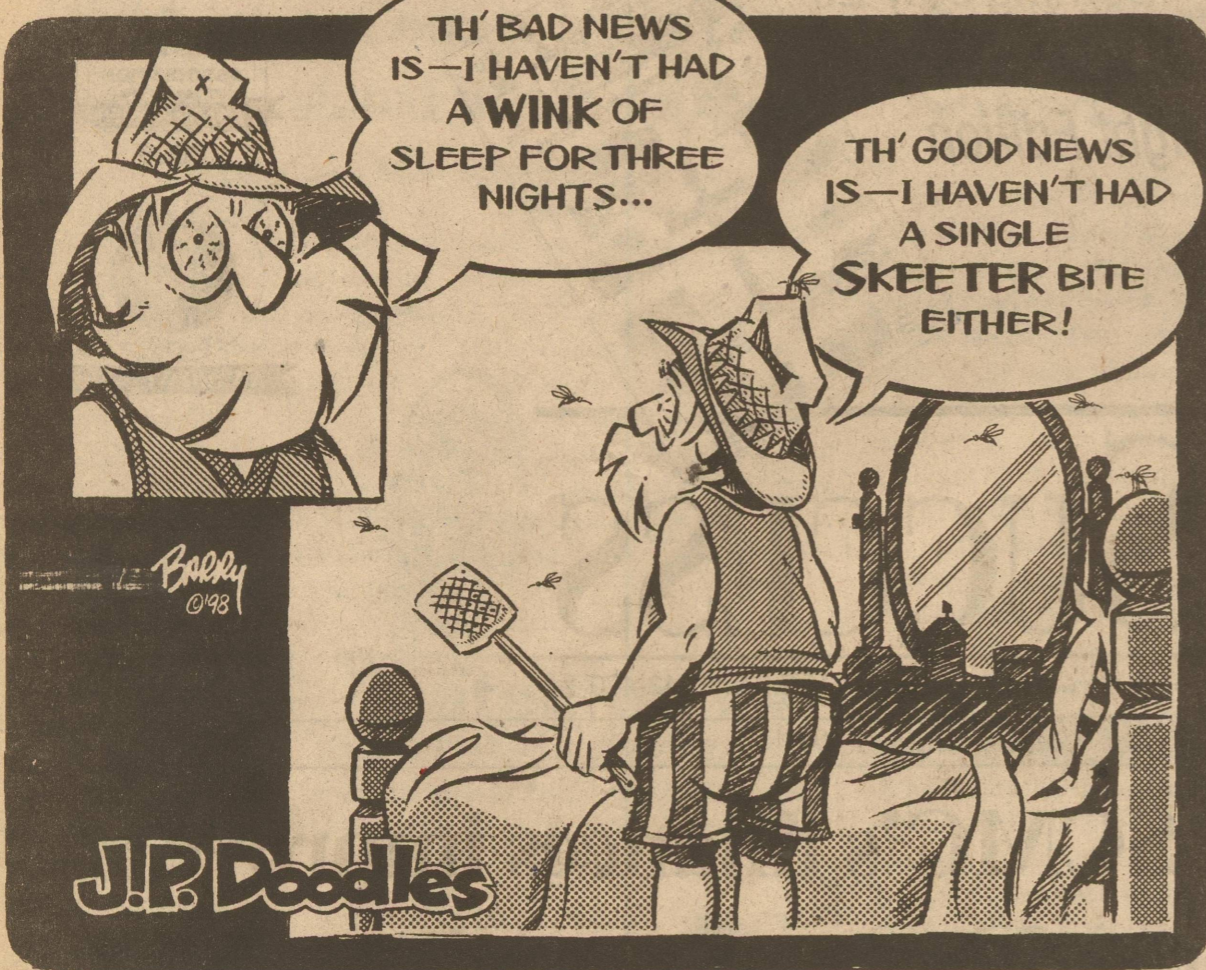
School board continues Supt. search

Schleicher County I.S.D. trustees narrowed the search for a superintendent last week by announcing a list of three finalists for the position. Paul Smith, superintendent at Quannah, Leland Moore, superintendent at Kennard and Mark Gesch, an administrator in the San Angelo I.S.D. were named as finalists for the position.

However, during a series of interviews last week, only Smith and Gesch were invited to meet with the board.

Paul Smith will reportedly meet with trustees a second time at a called board meeting tomorrow evening. The posted agenda for that meeting includes a visitation and meal in the foyer of the EHS gymnasium with school board members, administrative office staff and campus administrators.

The agenda also includes "application review and/or interview process" and "superintendent contract terms".



Court reporters have all the fun



I received the following questions and answers via email this week. They are reported to be excerpts from a book titled *Disorder in the Court*. According to the author, the snippets were actually said in open court and taken down by court reporters...who had the torment of staying calm while some of these exchanges were taking place.

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?
A: No, this is how I always dress when I go to work.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

can't remember which.
Q: How long has he lived with you?
A: Forty-five years.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?
A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Q: What is your date of birth?
A: July fifteenth.
Q: What year?
A: Every year.

Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?
A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?
A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?
A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
A: No.

Q: How was your first marriage terminated?
A: By death.
Q: And by whose death was it terminated?
Q: Can you describe the individual?

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?
A: No.

A: He was about medium height and had a beard.
Q: Was this a male, or a female?
Q: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

Q: Did you check for breathing?
A: No.

Q: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?
A: Yes.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
A: No.

Q: What were you doing at the time?

Q: How can you be so sure?
A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
Q: But, Doctor, could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
A: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere.

Insurer to pay for overcharging African-Americans

AUSTIN — American General Life & Accident Insurance Co. on June 21 agreed to pay Texas a \$305,800 fine and provide restitution and other relief to African-American Texans who bought small "industrial life" insurance policies and paid higher premiums than other consumers.

Remedies for alleged race-based pricing are available to Texas purchasers of nearly 46,000 active industrial life and similar burial-type policies plus an estimated 148,000 policies that no longer are in force, the Texas Department of Insurance said.

The number of policies exceeds the number of affected consumers because some people bought more than one policy. In addition, an estimated 168,000 Texans of all races are entitled to relief because they bought industrial life and other

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small burial policies and paid more in premiums than the policies will pay in death benefits.

Remedies for affected Texans are part of a nationwide settlement that will cost American General \$7.5 million in fines and \$206 million in restitution and other relief, plus attorney fees and other expenses. Independently of the settlement, American General agreed to make a \$2 million donation to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Texas policies affected by the settlement constitute about 4 percent of the 9.1 million policies nationwide covered by the agreement.

American General said it did not sell the policies with race-based premiums but acquired them when they bought smaller companies that had originally issued the policies.

American General said it continued to charge the discriminatory premiums without realizing African-Americans were paying more than others for the same coverage.

Texans Can Sue HMOs

The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals last week upheld Texans' right to sue their HMOs for medical malpractice.

The court ruled that a federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, did not preempt a Texas statute that allows malpractice actions against HMOs. "This decision is very good for consumers. It reaffirms the state's ability to regulate HMOs and the quality of medical decisions that HMOs make," said Texas Attorney General John Cornyn.

In another benefit to consumers, the court upheld the state's authority to stop HMOs from penalizing doctors for advocating medically necessary treatment, the attorney general said.

TNRCC Offers 'Green' Hotline

Small businesses and local governments that want to be "green" can get free, confidential help by calling (800) 447-2827, the hotline for the Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Callers will get expert answers

to technical questions on air, water, waste and pollution prevention.

The agency also will conduct Site Assistance Visits, on request, that identify compliance problems and recommend corrective actions.

Other Highlights

• Legislators in 20 states (but not Texas) said they will push for lower prescription drug prices in present or upcoming legislative sessions. Joined by labor leaders and senior-citizen activists, legislators said they would model their efforts after a law passed in Maine six weeks ago that established the nation's first program in which the state negotiates prescription drug prices for residents.

• Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst last week announced revised penalty guidelines for oil spills in Texas coastal waters. Beginning Aug. 1, spills less than a gallon will draw fines of \$250. Larger spills will draw fines up to \$500 plus \$250 per barrel of oil spilled. Penalties for failure to report a spill will range from \$500 to \$25,000 per day.

• John O'Quinn, one of the five lawyers hired by former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to represent Texas in its \$17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry in 1996, donated \$1 million to the American Lung Association of Texas last week. The organization plans to use the money to pay off debts and to purchase its state headquarters building in downtown Austin. The building will bear O'Quinn's name.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Tree That Loves Summer Toys

I guess Dads will always be Dads. Their kids will always need some help only a Dad can provide. That's certainly the case with me. My son and his family live in the Highland Park section of Dallas near a small attractive park that has a playground, baseball diamond and a big open area that is just perfect for throwing Frisbees or boomerangs.

My 9 year old grandson was playing with his brand new boomerang when it got hung up in a tall tree. His Daddy tried his best to retrieve it, but it remained tightly secured to that tall tree. They tried throwing things up at it to get it down. They threw a baseball up into that tree and it was lost among the leaves and branches and never came back down. They threw a baseball bat up there and it, too, became lodged in the foliage. They went home, got a rake and started throwing it up there to try to get back some of their stuff. The baseball bat came down, but the ball and boomerang stayed up there. They gave up. That's when we came on the scene.

When we arrived at their house for a visit, my daughter in law said something about the ultimate challenge. I asked her what she was talking about and she told us about the things in the tree. Susan and I changed into our grubbies and headed for the park with our grandson. We didn't take anything with us. We had nothing to throw into the tree to retrieve the boomerang. But I knew we could get it down.

When we got to the tree, I surveyed the situation. I looked up there and saw the red, triangle-shaped boomerang hanging on a small twig. I noticed the lowest branch on the tree was at the ten foot level, too high to climb. The trunk was vertically straight and thick, no curves or notches or bumps for getting a good toe hold.

Nearby on the ground was a discarded pint-sized water bottle that had a little bit of water in it. I started throwing that up into the tree. A man was playing catch with his son at the nearby baseball diamond. When they noticed us, they came over to see what in the world we were doing. The man started throwing his baseball up into tree, even after I told him about my son losing a baseball up there. One of his throws went right through the center of the boomerang. Another throw dislodged it and it fell to another small twig and got hung up again. I continued to throw the water bottle, which would lose water every time it came back down and banged into the ground.

My grandson went over to the playground picked up a shirt-tail full of pea gravel. Brilliant! We put some into the water bottle to give it weight. After a couple of throws, I hit the boomerang and it came down. I hung it on the door for my son to see it when he came home from work. He was impressed. I was proud. I love being a Dad.

It's almost as great as being a Granddad.

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OBITUARIES

Hazel McMurray McElreath



zel McElreath was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She loved fishing, camping and gardening. She also loved quilting for her family.

She had been a member of Trinity Baptist Church since 1954 and had worked in the nursery for 24 years.

Survivors include: five sons and daughters-in-law, Henry and Palma McElreath of Andrews, Festus and Lois McElreath of Big Spring, Donald and Pat McElreath of Hurst, David and Vickie McElreath of Longmont, Colo., and H.D. and Sandra McElreath of Arlington; a daughter, Ona Mae Hall of Hurst; two brothers Bill McMurray of Sand Springs and Henry McMurray of Dallas; five sisters, Lena Maxwell of Grand Prairie, Inez Spinks and Thelma McMurray, both of Big Spring and Tiny Robertson and Lorene Wallace, both of Odessa; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth "Bob" McElreath and Lloyd Lee McElreath.

BIG SPRING — Hazel McMurray McElreath, 94, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, June 30, 2000, at the Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Claude Craven, retired pastor of Trinity Baptist and Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1906, in Hillsboro and married Henry Dewey McElreath on Oct. 14, 1924, in Big Springs. He preceded her in death on Nov. 1, 1976. Ha-

Margaret Odstrcil

SAN ANGELO — Margaret Ann Odstrcil, 68, of San Angelo died Tuesday, June 27, 2000, in a local hospital.

Memorial service was held Sunday, July 2, 2000 at St. Paul Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 22, 1921, in Snyder. She was a homemaker

and a member of St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley A. Odstrcil of San Angelo; a daughter, Katrina Dawn Gonzales of Eldorado; two sisters, Mrs. Luther Wyatt of Sun City, Calif., and Inez Kirby of Kerrville; three grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews.



Mrs. Charles Hunter Preston

Joy/Preston exchange vows

Carmen Page Joy and Charles Hunter Preston of Eldorado were married July 1, 2000, at First Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Ron Sutton officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Joy and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Preston II, all of Eldorado.

Maid of honor was Madolyn Marie Joy of Dallas. Bridesmaids were Courtney Page of San Antonio, Suzanne Page of College Station, Kimberly Griffin of Eldorado, Shannon West of Carrollton, Meagan Stevenson of Johnson City, and Katy Meador of Eldorado.

Candle lighters were Amberlie Applewhite of Hamilton and Meagan Conway of Flemington, New Jersey. Mika Key of Eldorado and Kelsey Conway of Flemington, New Jersey were flower girls.

Best man was Trey Preston of Sonora. Groomsmen were Clifford Nichols of Dallas, John Clayton Childress of Ozona, Cy Griffin of Eldorado, Farley Dakan of Austin, Tommy Conner of Sonora, and Chris Meador of Eldorado. Strait

Pridemore of Eldorado, served as ring bearer.

Ushers included Randy Moore of Hamilton, Sutton Page of San Angelo, Travis Whitten of College Station, and Shane Pridemore of Eldorado.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Eldorado High School. She received a Licensed Vocational Nursing degree from Howard College and is a candidate for May graduation from Angelo State University with an RN degree.

The bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Eldorado High School. He is employed by Rye Supply of Sonora, Texas.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, the couple will reside in Eldorado.

Boggs/Manning engagement

Dan and Jan Boggs of Levelland are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cori Denise Boggs to Michael Trent Manning, the son of Mike Manning of Eldorado, Texas and Kim Manning of Corpus Christi, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are Lynn and Sylvia Griffin of Eldorado.

a 2000 graduate of South Plains College. She is currently employed by Great Plains Communications in Levelland.

The future groom is a 1994 graduate of Eldorado High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Plainview Independent School District.

The couple will exchange wedding vows July 29, at First Baptist Church in Levelland.



Michael Trent Manning and Cori Denise Boggs

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 - 8th Adon Santellano II, Kirk Gruben, Janee Finley, Bob Bruce, Marvin Hickman, Ricky Gutierrez, Josh Pressley, George Gower
 - 9th Glenda Nix, Renee Edmiston, Debi S. Pina, Brooke Henry
 - 10th Mike Mankin, Peggy Ussey, Ray Louis Lozano, John David Meador, Dusty Nolen
 - 11th Garrett Warnock, Lucy Page, Earl Caulder, Gertrude Robinson, Andy Mayfeld
 - 12th Cynthia Sauer, Monroe Dacy, Julie Ann Hight, Mary Nolen, Paige Ragsdale, Quisto Gonzalez, Vanessa Ruiz, George Arispe, Mike Arispe, Oralia B. Trevino, Maranio Gonzalez
- ANNIVERSARY LIST**
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Carolyn enjoys oil painting, flower arranging, music and traveling with her husband. Carolyn and Raymond are members of the First Baptist Church where they are active in the church choir and various committees. Carolyn is also a member of the Hand Bell Choir.

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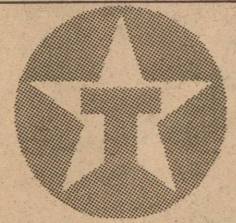
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Eldorado All-Stars play in area tournaments

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado All Star Teams have been busy the last several weeks participating in area tournaments. The Majors and Minors are the two teams that are currently participating and will wrap up their season this week in Iraan at the 14th Annual West Texas Classic.

Eldorado's Major League All Stars have faced some very tough competition in the last two weeks. In the Junction Tournament they dropped a game to an excellent San Angelo Northern team and then were eliminated from play with a loss the Kingsland. San Angelo went on to win the tournament and Kingsland got third in a field of eight. David Hernandez was selected to the All Tournament team after having a great two games in the field and at bat. Last

week the Majors went to Brady and lost an opening round heart breaker to Sonora in the bottom of the sixth. Then dropped a game to Junction in an elimination round. Andy Mejia was selected to the All Tournament team after batting .850 with a home run.

Eldorado's Minor League All Stars went to Ozona two weeks ago and placed third in the tournament. Eldorado was able to beat two teams that they had lost to previously in Iraan and Big Lake. Eldorado hit the ball well and had strong pitching and defense during their play. This past week the nine year-olds and two ten year olds played in the Brady Tournament and won their first game against Comanche, then dropped two in a row to the other Comanche team and Junction. Milo Vallejo made All Tournament.



photo by Randy Mankin

Don't change it — On June 23 Mias Amigas club members voted overwhelmingly in favor of a motion to prohibit the club from holding its meeting in conjunction with Schleicher County Day.

Mias Amigas Club Meets

by Vickie Williams

The 69th annual meeting of Mias Amigas was held on June 23rd and 24th, 2000. The members met on, Friday with registration beginning at 5 p.m. followed by a sandwich supper.

Saturday activities began at 8:30 a.m. with registration, coffee, and doughnuts. The old school bell was rung by Earl Dean Clark, representing the class of 1950, and Charlie Bradley representing the class of 1980. The old school bell has been refurbished by Concho Valley Plating and really looks wonderful.

Mias Amigas has purchased, 12 new ceiling fans for the Memorial Building. SWTEC installed these fans and the county split the cost with Mias Amigas.

A presentation was given on the new expansion of the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

A presentation was also made on the Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation and the upcoming 60th Anniversary of the Mill. Mias Amigas voted to sponsor the foundation for the anniversary with any excess proceeds to remain with the foundation for repairs of the building and

preservation of the equipment.

Discussion took place on the possibility of moving Mias Amigas to the same weekend as Schleicher County Days and Rodeo. Several comments were made by members not to do such a thing ever as these were two completely separate deals; one being commercial and the other sentimental.

A member was concerned about young people, leaving Eldorado and wanting young families to come and stay having some entertainment with everything the same weekend.

A motion was made and seconded not to ever have Mias Amigas with any other organization or entertainment as the bi-laws are very clear. The vote passed by a heavy margin.

The 50 year class of 1950 and the 20 year class of 1980 were then introduced with good representation of each class.

The meeting adjourned to the Courthouse lawn for a bar-b-que lunch catered by McGowan Catering. A good turnout was seen this year with visiting and sharing of the times.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

We had a great turn out on Sunday, July 2nd for our regular Play Day. We played 7 holes, 3 times for a pan of 72. Did not play #3 and #4 as still have a "lake of water." We had 45 adults and 4 youths

Hannah Robledo, Clay Whitten, Rocky Robles and Casey Poynor.

1st Place score 61: Jim Bailey, Melissa O'Harrow, Jeff Freitag and Bill Freitag.

2nd Place score 61: Jon Cartwright, Brett Poynor, Casey Poynor, Sam Hernandez and Rick Sterling. Play off on #1 hole for 1st and 2nd place.

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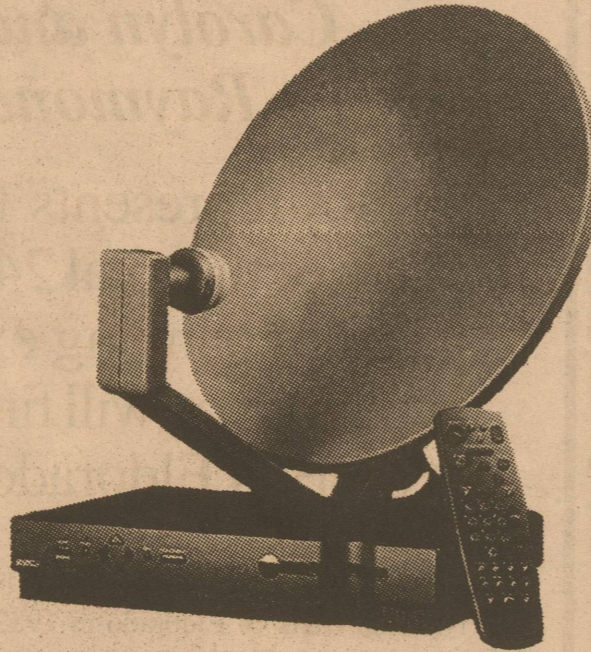
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The Junior Meat Goat Showmanship Show will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Senior Division. The Junior and Pee-wee Divisions will follow. Money and/or awards will

be offered through 10th place. Judging this year shows will be Andy Laughlin of San Angelo, Texas.

The Meat Goat show will start after the showmanship show. There will be a goat barbecue lunch provided at noon.

Schleicher Select Meat Goat Sale will take place after the show. An excellent set of major show prospects will be sold at silent auction.

Stan Meador named to Nature Tourism Council

Stan Meador of Eldorado has been recently selected as a member to the newly formed Texas Nature Tourism Council (TNTC).

The mission of the council is to promote the value of nature tourism in Texas as a major enhancement of the state's economy and quality of life, to educate its citizens and its visitors about the state's nature tourism resources and to assist and to counsel and inform businesses, individuals and other entities that provide nature-based services and facilities to the public.

Meador is manager of the X Bar Ranch, a working ranch owned by his family that is currently open to tourism. He is also the current President of the Schleicher Chamber of Commerce and board member of the Texas Forts Trail, a cultural heritage tourism project within the Texas Historical Commis-

sion. He also serves on the board of the Texas Mountain Bike Racers Association.

Nature tourism is the fastest growing segment of the \$30 billion a year Texas tourism industry, according to the Texas Department of Economic Development. It is sometimes described as discretionary travel to natural areas that conserve the environmental, social and cultural values while generating an economic benefit to the local community. Some nature tourism activities include hunting, fishing, gaming, wildlife/bird watching, nature study, photography, backpacking, hiking, boating, camping, rafting, biking and climbing.

Members of the new council work to provide environmentally sustainable nature tourism activities while minimizing impacts on land, wildlife, vegetation and local communities.



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

June 30 • Vela, Eulogio Haro, Jr., male age 36, arrested by SC Officer, charge Motion To Revoke, Felony, Driving While Intoxicated.

• Turner, Jimmy Ray, male age 36, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication Felony Warrant.

July 1 • Villareal, Ernesto, S., male age 17, hold for Irion County, charge Possession of Marijuana (4 ounces). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• Martinez, Christopher, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

July 2 • Swiderski, Jordan Barrett, male age 19, arrested by DPS Trooper, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

July 3 • McElmurray, Joe Bert., male age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces).

REPORTS

June 27 • 9:23 p.m. Complainant at business on N. Divide reported subject presented a check that was not local. Complainant advised that business only accepted local checks. Officer responded.

• 9:30 p.m. Complainant advises that they were having trouble with a local subject trespassing on their property. Officer responded.

June 28 • 3:00 p.m. Landowner will

conduct a controlled burn 5 miles out on Hwy. 915.

• 4:30 p.m. Landowner will conduct a controlled burn 10 miles out on McIntosh.

• 6:17 p.m. Complainant on Co. Rd. 220 and Eldorado reported a loud explosion and a lot of smoke. Officer and fire department dispatched. Was found to be a controlled burn.

June 29 • 7:40 a.m. Hospital reported a life line activated. Officer responded and found subject OK.

• 4:46 p.m. Complainant reported a white car broke down 4 miles south Hwy. 277.

June 30 • 11:20 a.m. Complainant on Dixie Dr. reported a black lab in the neighborhood that was digging property up in people's yard. The dog has been roaming in the neighborhood for 2 or 4 days. Complainant advises the dog did not look like it was taken care of. City Hall was contacted.

• 4:06 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer. EMS responded.

• 5:12 p.m. Complainant lost their white and reddish brown female Shih Tzu dog.

• 7:53 p.m. Complainant reported a white male subject knocking at mother's door who lives on S. Oak. Subject took off behind the First Baptist Church. Officer responded.

July 1 • 6:45 a.m. Landowner on Hwy. 190 & 2094 reported they would conduct a controlled burn.

• 7:30 a.m. Landowner on Hwy. 2129 reported they would conduct a controlled burn.

• 6:05 p.m. Complainant traveling 15 miles North on Hwy. 277 reported pregnant woman and children broke down. Officer responded.

• 6:30 p.m. Complainant traveling down Rabbit Road reported a yellow dog in the bar ditch. The dog was bloody and foaming at the mouth. Officer and Animal Control responded.

• 9:23 p.m. Landowner on Depot Street reported a controlled burn.

• 11:20 p.m. Complainant lost gold nugget diamond watch at a dance in the Memorial Building. Officers responded and was unable to locate.

July 2 • 12:53 p.m. Complainant on Live Oak reported children popping fireworks for two days. Complainant requested to an officer to speak to the parents and the children. Officer responded.

• 6:41 p.m. Complainant on N. Divide reported selling beer to subject and later realized subject had minors in vehicle. Officer responded.

• 7:06 p.m. Complainant requested EMS for a transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

• 8:32 p.m. Complainant on reported pipes were missing from their home. Officer responded.

July 3 • 9:42 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to be present while the couple split up their property. Officer responded.

• 12:56 p.m. Complainant on N. Divide reported neighbors popping fireworks. Officer responded.

• 9:54 p.m. Complainant reported a fight in progress at the apartments. Officer responded.

• 11:16 p.m. Complainant on Mill Ave. reported neighbors popping fireworks.

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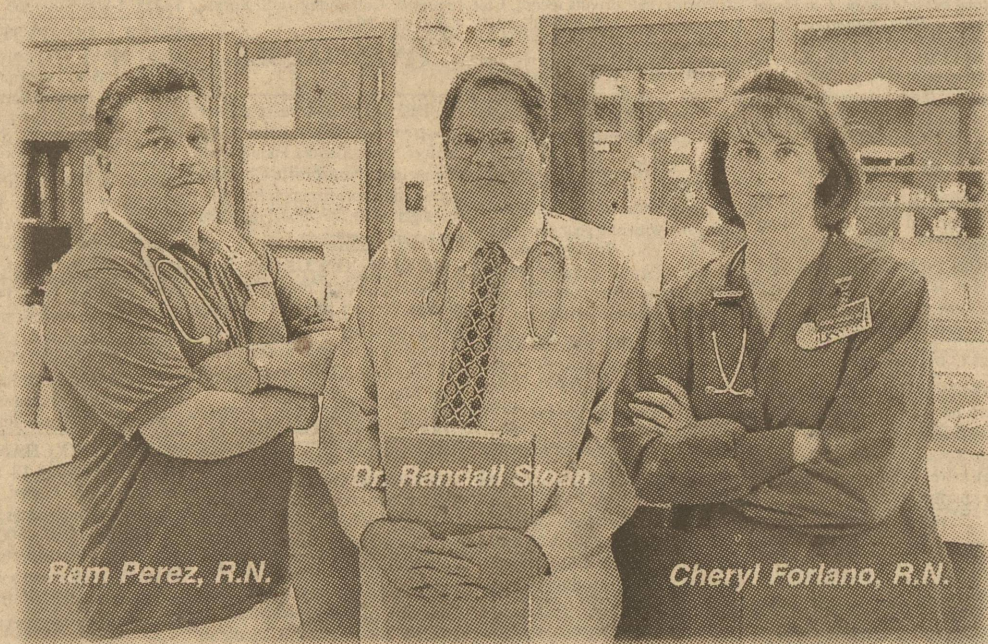
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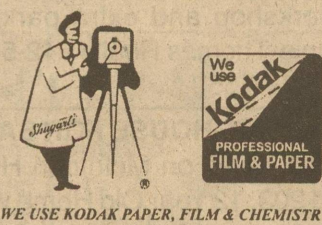
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