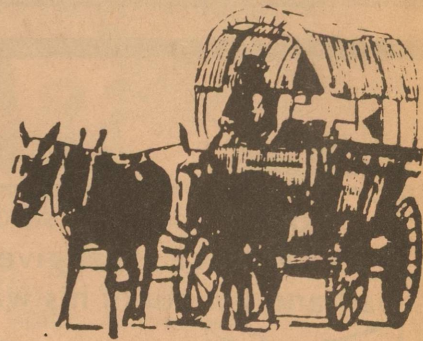


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Headlines From Around The World

American Eagle crash kills 10

Raleigh, N.C.

In what was the second American Eagle commuter plane crash in less than two months, last Tuesday night, American Eagle flight 3379 from Greensboro, N.C. to Raleigh-Durham International Airport crashed 4 miles short of the runway at Raleigh, killing at least 10 of the 20 aboard. The downed plane was a Jetstream Super 31.

Wednesday morning, U.S. Transportation Secretary Federico Pena announced his department will be imposing stricter standards on U.S. commuter airlines.

Postal rates to increase January 1

Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Postal Service announced this week that the cost of a first class stamp will jump to 32¢ at 12:01 a.m. on January 1st. The cost of mailing a post card will rise from 19¢ to 20¢.

Postal Service officials estimate the rate hikes will earn them an additional \$4.5 billion in 1995.

Russian troops surround rebel capitol

Grozny, Chechnya.

Russian armor and infantry streamed toward Grozny this week, cutting all overland links with the city, in an effort to bring the break-away republic back into the Russian fold. Russian President, Boris Yeltsin announced this week that the region of Chechnya would not be allowed to secede from the Russian Republic.

Reports at press time indicated that Chechen rebels had downed a Russian helicopter as the battle for control of the city began. Russian officials refused to confirm the report.

California County files for bankruptcy protection

Santa Anna, Calif.

Orange County Tax Collector Robert L. Citron resigned this week after the investment strategy he had followed for two decades faltered and resulted in the southern California county filing for bankruptcy protection.

Citron, the lone Democrat in a Republican dominated courthouse, had for years pursued an aggressive investment campaign, netting the county an average return of 10 percent over 15 years.

Orange County officials announced Tuesday that they may not be able to meet payroll for county and school system employees. Federal investigators have arrived in Orange County and a full scale audit is underway.

Fifteen Named To Region Band



Pictured above are the 15 Eldorado band members who were selected to the Region Band last week. They are: (Front L-R) Larry Sanchez, Tamara Robledo, Leticia Nixon, Christie Ramirez, Laurie Templeton, Kristi Reeves, Amanda Ballew and Ida Fuentes; (Back L-R) Jeff Johnson, Fidel Herrera, Cari Green, Creel Goodman, Evve Kuykendall, Leslie Hunter and Tiffany Case.

Eldorado High School Band Director, Mike Marsh announced this week that fifteen members of the Eagle Band were selected as members of the Region Band, Saturday, December 10th at a contest held in Ballinger. They will perform in the Region Band Concert in the Region Band Concert to be held at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas on Saturday, January 14, 1995.

Named to the Region band were: Leslie Hunter, Clarinet; Ida Fuentes, Bass Clarinet; Evve Kuykendall, Tamara Robledo and Laurie Templeton, Trumpet; Larry

Sanchez and Jeff Johnson, Trombones; Cari Green, Oboe; Kristi Reeves, French Horn; Christie Ramirez, Amanda Ballew, Tiffany Case and Leticia Nixon, Flutes; Creel Goodman, Baritone; and Fidel Herrera, Tuba.

According to Marsh, the following five members of the band will advance to Area tryouts to be held in Waco, Texas on January 7th: Cristie Ramirez, 1st Flute; Amanda Ballew, 2nd Flute; Cari Green, 2nd Oboe; Leslie Hunter, 4th Clarinet; and Evve Kuykendall, 1st Trumpet.

Annual Christmas Band Concert

The Eagle Band performed in its annual Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 11th at the Eldorado High School auditorium. The afternoon concert began with the 6th Grade band, directed by Gina Muela, performing several Christmas favorites.

Next, came the 7th and 8th Grade Band, also directed by Ms. Muela, performing "Christmas Prelude" and "Holly, Jolly Christmas".

The Eldorado High School Band, under the direction of Mike Marsh, took the stage next and performed "Christmas Fanfare". A

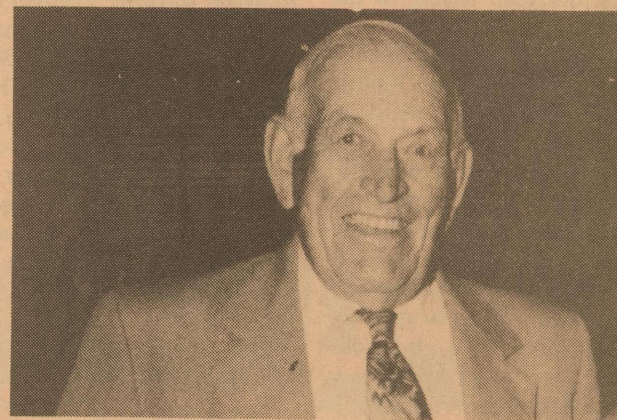
flute solo featuring Christie Ramirez came next as the band performed "Christmas Concerto #2". A Dixieland jazz version of "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer" lived things up and the 5th grade Choir joined the band for a Christmas Singalong to round out the show.

During the concert, Mike Marsh announced the 15 Eagle Band members who were selected to the Region Band (see related story above) and praised the entire band for their hard work in preparing for the show.



Above, Band Director, Mike Marsh leads the Eldorado High School Band during the Annual Christmas Concert held last Sunday.

McGinnes Named To Public Library Board



Pictured above is Elton McGinnes. Elton is the newest member of the Schleicher County Public Library's board of directors.

The Schleicher County Public Library is proud to have Elton McGinnes as a new member of the Library board of directors. He replaces outgoing board member, Lynn Meador.

Elton, who is retired from Southwest Texas Co-op, and his wife, Mary, have patronized the library for many years. So, we know he will be right at home serving on the board. Elton is an active member of the First United

Methodist Church, the Eldorado Lions Club, Eldorado Lodge 890 and Bev McCormick Post #257.

The Library board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month and welcomes any visitors. Other board members are President, Penny Bland, Vice President, Hawley Wolfe, Secretary, Florence Williams, Treasurer, Carolyn Mayo, Gina Sauer, Pam White, Juanita Taylor and Charleen Edmiston.

FNB Donates Video Library

First National Bank Officer, Shirley Joiner, presented a complete set of NASA video films to Debbie Griffin, the librarian of Eldorado High School. Mrs. Joiner was quoted as saying "We are excited about providing our school with this set of videos. The school and the First National Bank consider them to be excellent teaching tools that provide the students with a comprehensive set of resource materials. We appreciate the opportunity to support our local school's commitment to providing their students with a quality education."

First National Bank joins the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) in pledging a gift of \$2.5 million to provide all Texas schools with a complete video history of the American space program. More than 6,000 accredited public and private schools in Texas will receive the tapes.

The NASA Video Collection chronicles the 33-year history of America's space program -- from Alan Shepard's first Freedom 7 flight to the most recent space-shuttle missions.

The 30-set video library of original films from NASA archives includes commentary from many of the early space pioneers, including Alan Shepard, Walter M. Schirra Jr., Walter Cunningham



Shown above are, Shirley Joiner (L) of First National Bank of Eldorado presents Eldorado High School Librarian, Debbie Griffin (R) with a collection of NASA videos.

Charles Conrad Jr., Russell L. Schweickart, Charles M. Duke Jr., Frederick H. Hauck and Robert F. Overmyer.

Included in the collection are John Glenn's historic space flight in which he became the first American to orbit the earth; Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon; the Challenger disaster; the first four missions of the space shuttle, the world's first reusable spacecraft; and "The Universe", which dramatizes the mysterious and incredibly violent universe in which we live (narrated by William Shatner).

The 30 videos were produced

from the original NASA film archives by Houston-based Talas Enterprises.

Shepard the first American in space, praised the inspirational value of the video. "The videos provide a most comprehensive account of history, with the triumphs and tragedies, of the U.S. space program," Shepard said.

IBAT was formed in July 1974 with 252 charter members. Its purpose is to promote the multi-interests of independent banks. Today, there are more than 800 IBAT members committed to helping achieve the highest level of education for the state.

Vol. Fire Dept. Elects Officers

submitted by Robert Parker

The members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department met Tuesday evening, November 6th to elect officers for 1995.

Holding posts for the next year

are: Jerry Jones, Chief; Joey Jones 1st Chief; James Mack Holley, 2nd Chief; Tony Cheatham, President; Mark Daniels, Vice President; Jerry Felver, Secretary; Jim Blum, Treasurer; Robert Parker,

Local Reporter: Bill Radle, State Reporter.

The officers and members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department wish everyone a safe happy holiday season.



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by Barry McWilliams



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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN Out-of-state banks are draining capital from Texas and are not making enough small business loans in the state, says the Special House Committee on Small Business Access to Capital.

The big boys seem to operate like sump pumps, taking boat and car and home improvement loans but not taking a chance on small businesses that create jobs and valuable services to the community," said committee chairman Kim Brimer, R-Kennedale.

Last week the 10-member committee recommended that the Legislature "opt out" of a new federal interstate branch-banking law, according to the *Austin American Statesman*.

The committee's report said Texas' five largest banks--- NationsBank, Bank One, Texas Commerce Bank, First Interstate Bank and Bank of America--- make only one-third of the small business loans and eight percent of agricultural loans while having more than half of the dollar amount of the loan assets in the state.

A federal interstate branch banking law takes effect on June 1, 1997, unless state lawmakers block it.

If the law takes effect as scheduled, Texas bank charters could be converted to branches of out-of-state banks that would not have local boards of directors that traditionally have been more willing to approve applications for local business loans.

Higher Education Proposals

State Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, has filed a bill proposing that college athletes who turn professional should reimburse universities for their athletic scholarships.

Under McCall's proposal, athletes who sign professional contracts for \$250,000 or more would be required to reimburse their alma maters.

McCall's proposal didn't sit well with men's basketball coach Tom Penders of the University of Texas at Austin. "It's ridiculous. They work their tails off every day and have to put in hours and hours in the classroom. I don't think they owe the university if they are fortunate enough to go on and play professionally," Penders said.

Slake Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, filed two bills that would require students enrolled in public colleges and universities to pass a course that focuses on two or more cultures of the North American

Free Trade Agreement; and a third bill that requires editorial boards and student publication staffs to reflect Texas' racial and ethnic populations.

Make Parents Accountable

State Rep. Roberto Gutierrez, D-McAllen, has filed a bill proposing ways for victims to contact the parents of juvenile perpetrators to seek payment for damages to property and medical bills.

Under his proposal, court officials would be allowed to disclose the name and address of the parents or guardian of a juvenile offender who has committed a crime resulting in property damage or personal injury.

Gutierrez said society must make parents more accountable for the conduct of their children if gang and discipline problems are to be remedied.

Treasurer Wants No Treasury

Texas Treasurer Martha Whitehead and state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, announced the filing of a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the state Treasury Department.

"Texas taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for waste and duplication in Austin," Whitehead explained. "There's no reason for them to suffer the burden of an entire state agency when we can move or privatize the necessary functions the Treasury performs."

During her election campaign, Whitehead said abolishing her agency would save taxpayers about \$8 million a year. Ellis' proposal would merge the Treasury with the comptroller's office.

Bentsen Resigns Treasury Post

Lloyd Bentsen announced on Dec. 6 his resignation as Secretary of the U.S. Treasury. He will continue in office until Dec. 22.

Bentsen, 73, ends a long and distinguished public career, having served as a U.S. Representative from 1948-54, a U.S. Senator from 1971-93, and a member of the Clinton Cabinet from 1993 to the present.

The elder statesman said he has no plans to retire and will return to private business in Texas.

Rabago Is Washington Bound

Public Utilities Commissioner Karl Rabago has already begun the switch from Austin to Washington, D.C., where he is settling in as deputy assistant secretary for utility technologies in the U.S. Department of Energy.

Rabago's resignation from the PUC takes effect at the end of December. He will oversee the development and promotion of energy conservation and efficiency and the use of alternative energy.

Although his resignation opened the door for replacement appointee Sarah Goodfriend, her status as a Democrat and a lesbian may cast a shadow on her chances of confirmation by the state Senate.

Other Highlights

Robert A. Floyd, veteran lobbyist for truckers, has been chosen to head a newly formed association to campaign for Las Vegas-style gambling in Texas.

My friend, D.W. stopped by the Success office last week for a visit. It had been a week or two and we caught up on all the latest gossip. Of course, none of the gossip D.W. had heard matched any of the gossip I had heard. So, we compared notes and agreed that the truth probably lay somewhere in the middle.

It became apparent to me after a while, though, that something was really troubling D.W. And, after a good deal of prodding, I finally managed to coax it out of him. It seems every year at this time, D.W. anguishes over what to get his wife for Christmas. He claimed that no matter what he bought, it just wasn't right.

"Well now!" I thought to myself. "Been there... done that." I didn't want to let D.W. know that I usually suffered the same fate at Christmas. And, he truly needed cheering up. So, ignoring my initial instinct to "stay away from this one", I decided to try and help him out.

"Have you asked her what she wants this year?" I asked. Figuring that if I could get him to talk through his problem, he'd solve it for himself. (A little secret most psychiatrists don't want you to know.)

"Yeah," he replied. "She just says it doesn't matter, that whatever I pick out will be just fine."

Uh oh! We've all heard that one, haven't we? This was going to be trickier than I thought. D.W. had fallen into that old trap of not listening carefully to the subtle hints that are dropped as the holidays near. You see, D.W. is just not a subtle kind of guy.

Deciding that another approach was in order, I changed tack. "Perhaps it would help if you took another look at the

gifts you've given her in the past." I said. "Maybe, we can figure out from there the sort of things she doesn't care for."

"Well, let's see," started D.W. "Last year I gave her a Coleman camp stove."

"A camp stove!?" I asked. "I didn't know she liked camping out."

"Year before that it was a police scanner and a Q-Beam spotlight," he added. "And, in '91 I gave her a really nice rod & reel."

I was beginning to see a pattern. "D.W. maybe you should think about giving her some new clothes or something she can use around the house," I said.

"Tried that already," he responded. "A few years back I gave her a shop-vac and she's never even worn the waders I gave her."

I suppose I don't need to tell you that I wasn't able to find a solution for D.W.'s problem. He left my office still pondering this year's gift selection. Isn't it strange how things work out, though? Here I had intended to help D.W. with his problem and he ended up helping me with mine. You see, I've had my eye on this sharp looking grill guard and I'm sure Kathy's going to enjoy it a lot.

Top of the Divide

by Thomas Giovannitti

By the middle of December Mom had a whole basement storage room of containers full of cookies. She made at least a dozen different kinds of cookies. The baking went on while we were in school and well into the night. She was tireless in her efforts to create such a variety of sweets that no one could go unrequited in their desire for their perfect cookie.

Once visitors would start dropping by Mom would send us, plate in hand, down into the cold room to get an assortment of cookies.

There were swirls, vanilla and chocolate macaroons, date bars, brownies, butter, peanut butter, and sugar cookies. Mom made pizzelles, an Italian cookie, and "The queen's biscuits". There were "Biscotte", a hard baked bread, which was then sliced and toasted. The Biscotte came in several flavors. "The Queen's Biscuits" were my favorite. The dough consisted mainly of

with little sweetening. The cookies were rolled in sesame seeds and baked.

Everyone else's favorite were the Russian Tea Cakes. At home they were made with ground walnuts. Here I make them with ground pecans for obvious reasons. The cookie dough is not sweet at all, in fact it's a little salty tasting. The shape is either round or like butterfly cocoons. Hot from the oven the baked cookie is rolled in confectioner's sugar. Now other people made these but none so good as my mother's. See, mom had our extra willing hands and so she would have us roll the hot cookies over and over again until the heat of the cookie no longer melted the sugar. They would be snowy white and for those with a real sweet tooth they were a real delight. As for we children the "Tea Cakes" were rationed.

I only remember one gift from all of those Christmases but I remember a lot of those cookies.

You Missed It!

by Lois Cole Bivins, J.D.

IT'S BA-ACK...

President Boris Yeltsin last week made the Russian press a deal they couldn't refuse. He offered to give them an "information bureau" which would relay the "accurate facts" about Russia's impending military invasion of tiny independent Chechnya.

This was a deal the reporters were not allowed to refuse and, in fact, within two days, Russian TV news shows cited the Information Bureau as the source for all reporting involving Chechnya.

The chill hung heavy in the air over Russia last week--particularly on Dec. 6 when President Yeltsin yelled at the group of NATO leaders which included the President of the United States and warned him twice that we are "plunging into a Cold Peace. [As the amazing events unfolded, American reporters barely took notice, so absorbed were they in "catching" Newt Gingrich in a mis-statement!]

Widely-reported "bad boy" Zhirinovsky [who knows what's true anymore with the new breed of press!] sat in front of the Russian legislature with two young handsome soldiers and shouted accusations at the politicians. Zhirinovsky pounded the table for emphasis as he told the panel that they had made these brave soldiers "dead men" for telling the truth about Russia's invasion of Chechnya (the soldier's eyes widened slightly at Zhirinovsky's words).

What a week it was! Yeltsin, who resigned as a high Communist Party official in July of 1990, was in a cold fury with the Russian press for having blown the government's transparent story about "intervening" in a civil war" inside Chechnya. Russia was pretending with the use of classic Communist doublespeak that they were going in to Chechnya to "stop the bloodshed" being caused by internal fighting. The problem was that everyone in the world knew it was a lie.

In an incredible mimicry of Russian farce however, our national press continued to repeat the "Russia to the rescue" story as if it was true.

In the freezing gray overcast of morning, desperate old men with long beards gathered in circles in their Chechen capitol and danced the national anthem in suicidal defiance of Russian aggression. Women and children had already fled to the countryside.

These men were gearing up for the culmination of 100 years of national yearning for freedom--it is a fight they have no military chance of winning.

Back in Russia, a government committee proposed an umbrella organization to bring structure to all the outlying states... an economic union of sorts [is it too obvious to suggest the name: the "Soviet" Union, perhaps?].

GLOBAL PRAVDA

Chechnya took its independence when the other Soviet states did in '90-91. For months now, the President of Chechnya has been trying to alert the international media to the oppression they were experiencing from Russian forces.

Their cries met with skepticism and indifference in the American media. (It seemed the reporters preferred to believe Russian denials and always cast the Chechnya president as a whiner.)

On Nov. 26 the Chechen capitol was invaded by tanks, the airports bombed. The Chechen people were able to fight off the attack and in so doing captured dozens of Russian soldiers. Russia claimed they must be "unknown mercenaries." When Zhirinovsky brought two of them to the legislature, the soldiers testified that their military commander and one from "federal counterintelligence" sent them in to Chechnya.

But long before these men testified, the evidence was overwhelming that Russia was using a phonyed-up "internal conflict" to invade Chechnya. After denying Russian involvement and denying that the hostages were Russian, Yeltsin then promised the Russian people that he would get their "relatives" back safely who had been captured in the Nov. 26 coup attempt!

Despite all this, wire service and other reports continued to carry the story that Russia was a disinterested third party. For example, "Neither side in the civil war gave heed to Russia's threat to intervene" *opposition jets carried out bombing raids on Chechnya...* "Anxiety gripped Moscow over the problem."

One American report went so far as to say, "[The] republic declared its independence. But its strategic importance astride the [mountains] and its deep oil riches are too much for Russia to forfeit!" [As if to justify the impending Russian aggression!]

And finally, one report called Chechnya "notorious for its secessionist politics." [What a turn of phrase! Put another way, of course, it's called a **QUEST FOR FREEDOM!**]

TRADING PLACES

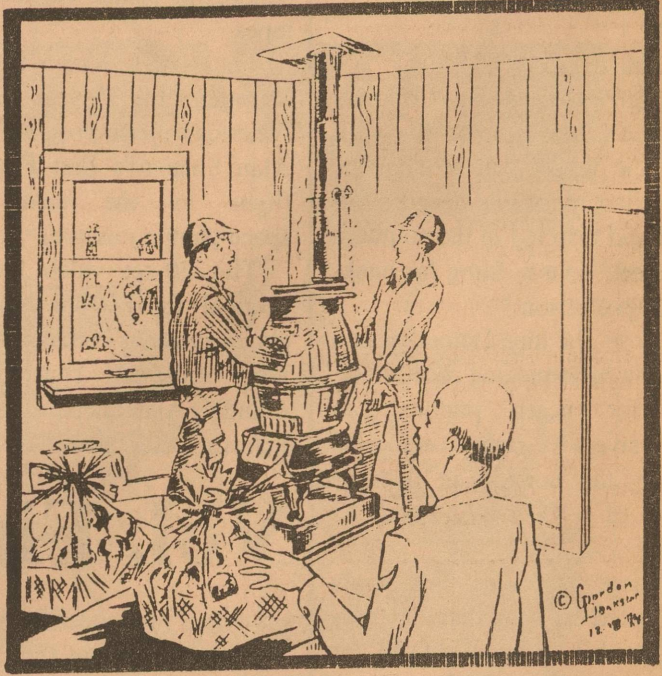
Reporters who can write volumes about the plight of inner city people who have to live in the land of opportunity, America, seemed oblivious that a nation of people are about to lose all their "inalienable rights."

In the words of *N.Y. Times* reporter Nicolas Kristof, the conventional liberal view is that the Communist Revolution is "not such a bad thing." Kristof, you remember, held that view until he had to live in a communist country for five years.

God's justice would truly be had, if the reporters who today hold a disdainful hard heartedness toward the plight of the Chechen people, would have to trade places with them!

see **You Missed It!** page 7

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O. CLARK FISHER

JUNCTION - O. Clark Fisher passed away on Friday, December 9, 1994 in Junction, Texas.

Funeral service was held under the direction of Aubrey Fife Funerals at 2 p.m. Monday, December 12, 1994, at the College Street Church of Christ in Junction.

Mr. Fisher was born on his family's ranch near Junction of November 22, 1903. He was the last surviving of 10 children.

A graduate of Junction High School, he attended the University of Colorado and graduated from the University of Texas. He received his law degree from Baylor University in 1927. Shortly thereafter, he and his bride, Marian DeWalsh, moved to San Angelo where he set up a law practice.

O.C. was elected county attorney of Tom Green County in 1930. From 1934-36, he served as a member of the Texas Legislature. In 1937, he was elected district attorney in which capacity he served until his election to the United States Congress in 1942.

O.C. Fisher represented the 21st District of Texas in Washington for 32 years. He was a champion of conservative causes. He was a strong defender of the nation's military forces and ended his career as ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee. Seldom challenged by election opponents, he always endeavored to represent his West Texas constituents and their interests. He sponsored legislation to construct Amistad Lake on the Texas-Mexico border near Del Rio and Lake O.C. Fisher outside of San Angelo. A lifelong ranchman, he vigorously advocated for agricultural interests, particularly in the sheep and goat industry. He retired voluntarily from the House of Representatives in 1975.

O.C. Fisher was also a writer and historian. He was the author of eight books and the co-author of two others. One of his more noted works was a biography on Vice President John Nance Garner. He was also very involved in writing

about and researching his family history.

His wife, Marion, passed away earlier this year on September 2, 1994. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Rhoda Fisher Grimes and Jim Grimes of Houston; four grandchildren and their spouses, Steven Grimes (and wife, Kathy Grimes), Randy Grimes (and wife, Nancy Grimes) and Cynthia Warren (and husband, John Warren), all of Georgetown, Texas, and Janet Hoffman (and husband, Jim Hoffman) of Spring, Texas; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the O.C. Fisher Scholarship Fund, c/o Junction National Bank, 701 Main, Junction, TX 76849. A scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to a deserving graduate of Junction High School.

SYBIL LARUE KINSER

ELDORADO - Sybil Larue Kinser, 83, died Wednesday, December 7, 1994 in San Angelo after a brief illness.

Funeral service was held Sunday, December 11, 1994 at 3 p.m. at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado with Dale Lipssett officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born in Sagerton, Texas, on April 25, 1912. She attended Nursing School at the age of 16 and graduated as a licensed vocational nurse. She was a dedicated nurse for more than 40 years who brought a gift into the lives of everyone she cared for.

She is survived by two daughters, Patsy Collins and husband, Charles, of Salinas, California, and Kathy Proehl and husband, Robert, of Dallas; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many friends and relatives.

Active pallbearers were Chris McCravey, Danny Halbert, Tip Finley, David Meador, Kirk Jones and Hyman Sauer. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Hubble, Elton McGinnis, Mike Haynes, Randy

Scott and Virgil Cook.

"Ma Ma" now you are at peace. You have touched so many lives with your unselfishness and tireless devotion. You will truly be missed by the many who know and loved you.

DIXIE BELK

ELDORADO - Dixie Faught Belk, 80, went to her heavenly home on December 12, 1994.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 15, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado. Burial will follow in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born January 29, 1914 in Nix, Texas. She married H.A. Belk July 27, 1933. H.A. preceded her in death in 1981. She was a homemaker and a member of the Eldorado Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her children: Jane and James Alexander of Sonora, Gainell Minnick of Dimmit, H. Allen and Elsie Belk of Winters, and Jimmy and Sherry Belk of Eldorado; her grandchildren, June and Eddie Sutton, Eddie and Elizabeth Alexander, Shelia and Charlie Halfmann, R.B. and Brenda Alexander, Shellie and Kyle Collins, Heath and Stacie Belk, H.A. Belk, Jr., Jamey Belk, Barbara Belk, Mandy Belk, and Susan and Bryan Schwiening. One grandson, Robert Jody Minnick II, preceded her in death; her great grandchildren, Stuart, Justin and Houston Sutton, April, Autumn and Cory Alexander, Kayla and Jake Halfmann, Kristen Alexander, Cody and Carolyn Collins, Robert Jodan Minnick, Mayce and Lindsay Schwiening, and Eryn Belk.

Teal McAfee, a junior at Texas Tech University danced the roles of Dew Drop and the Snow Queen in Lubbock Ballet Theater's production of "The Nutcracker", last weekend. McAfee, granddaughter of Eldorado's Belle Neff, starred in the production which was accompanied by the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra. Albert-George Schramm, conducting. Also appearing in the performance was Reagan McAfee, Teal's 13 year old sister.

Leslie Ann Cardona and Laveen Naidu, both of the Dance Theater of Harlem appeared as guest artists in the production which was choreographed by Victor Moreno.

McAfee began dancing in Houston at age 3. But, she really began taking it seriously when she moved to Lubbock and began studying under Moreno six years ago. She stopped dancing for awhile after beginning her studies in multi-disciplinary education at Texas Tech. But, she found she missed ballet and returned to performing.

And, she wasn't sure she would be able to capture the lead role of Snow Queen after being away from dance for awhile.

"It was tough coming back. I felt like I'd lost a lot of my strength. But it also was exciting. The Snow Queen is the most challenging part I've had," said McAfee.

McAfee is hoping to transfer to Texas Christian University and continue her dance there. She looks forward to teaching ballet at a school for the gifted and talented.

Belle Neff and her daughter, Rene Calcote, made the trip to Lubbock to see the performance.

We hope that, when the insects take over the world, they will remember with gratitude how we took them along on all our picnics.

—Bill Vaughan



Ratliff/Tansey Wed

Winnie Helen Ratliff of Eldorado and Patrick H. Tansey of Giddings were married Dec. 10, 1994, at Holy Angels Catholic Church. The Rev. Charles Greenwell officiated.

The bride's attendants were her children, Holly Brame, Christopher Hilliard and Deborah Ben Nun.

The bridegroom's attendants were his children, Patsy Pattillo, Donald Tansey, Michael Tansey,

Mary Ann Henderson, Kathleen Weeks Eileen Tansey and Helen Marie Tansey.

Mrs. Tansey received degrees from Rice University, the University of Houston and Central Michigan University.

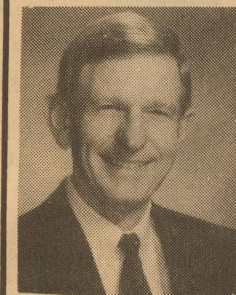
Her husband attended the University of Houston and received a degree from South Texas School of Commerce.

The couple will live in Eldorado.

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*Tickets are given for each dollar spent at participating merchants. The stubs are placed into a hopper and drawn for gift certificates each Saturday.

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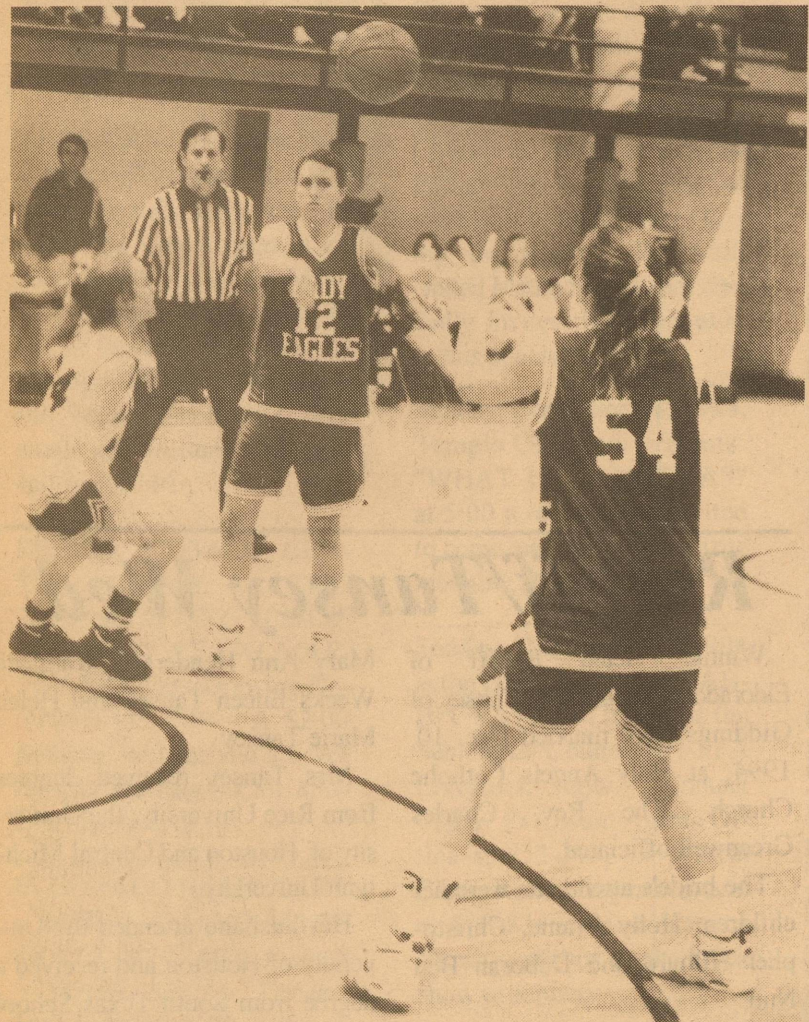
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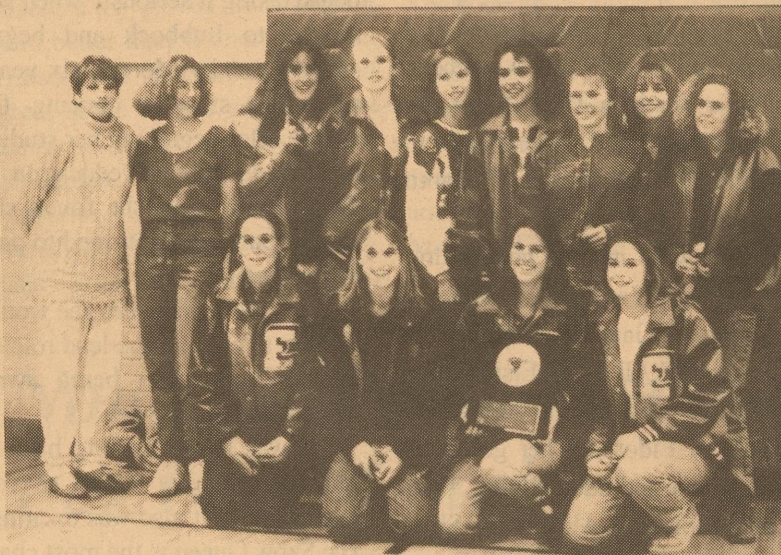
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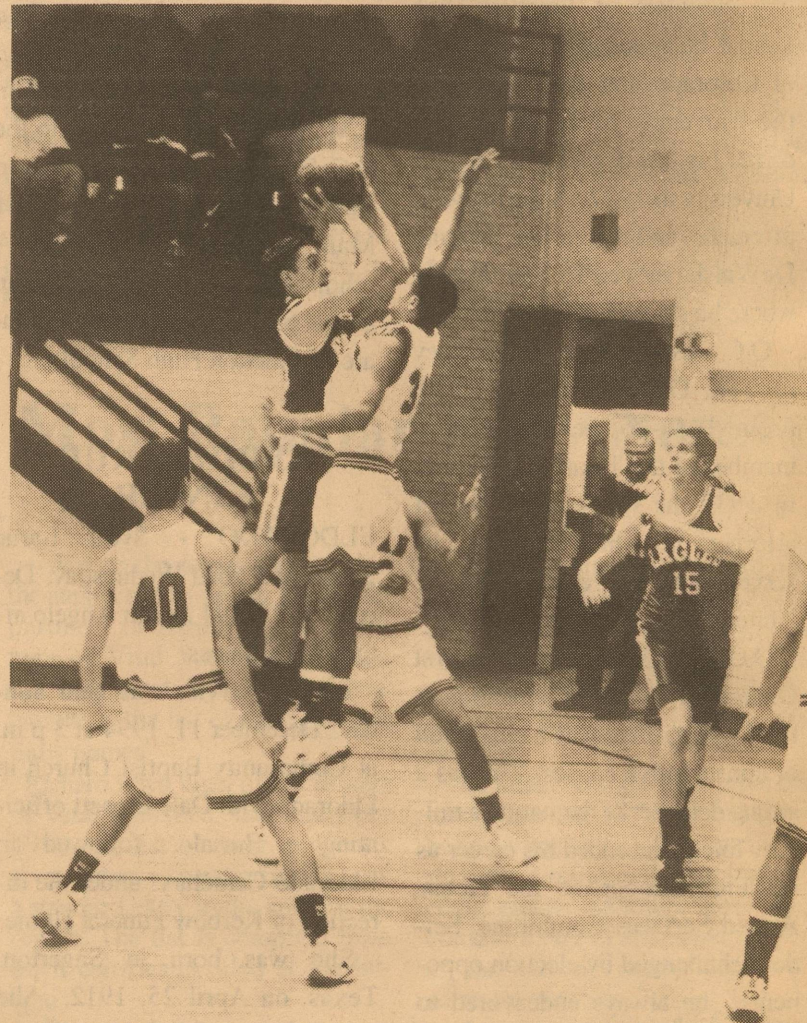
Eagle's View



Above, Lady Eagles' #12 Erin Meador passes the ball to #54 Amada Ballew during last Saturday's game against the Iraan Bravettes. The Lady Eagles won the game and the tournament championship.



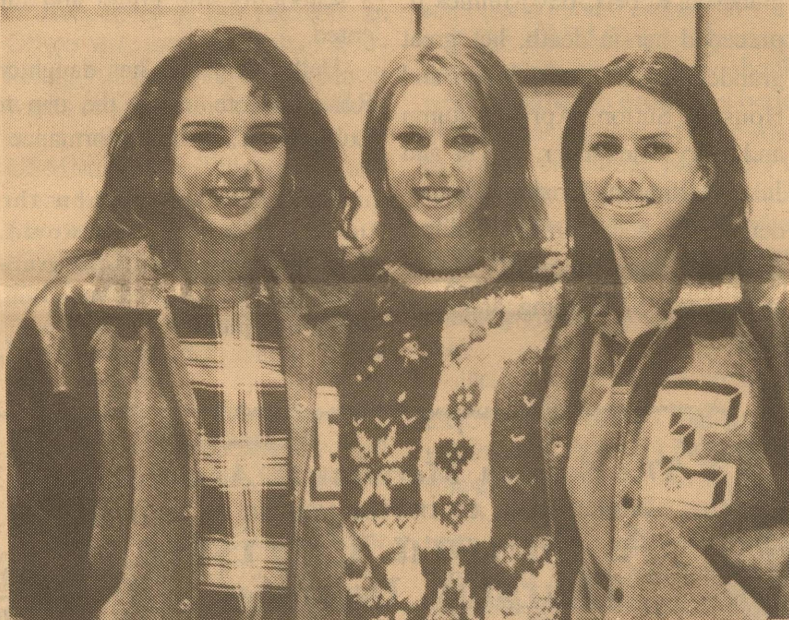
Pictured above is the Lady Eagles basketball team with their 1st Place plaque at the Iraan tournament last weekend. They are: (Front L-R) Jennifer Cheatham, Victoria Mitchel, Erin Meador and Lindsay Fuessel; (Back L-R) Coach Kay Creek, Mande Wike, Leslie Hunter, Tara Whitten, Ericka Schooley, Estella Montalvo, Kimberly Williams, Makenzie McCravey and Lee Ann Lloyd.



Above, Eagle's Landon Neal puts up a jump shot over an Iraan defender during the Iraan Tournament last weekend.



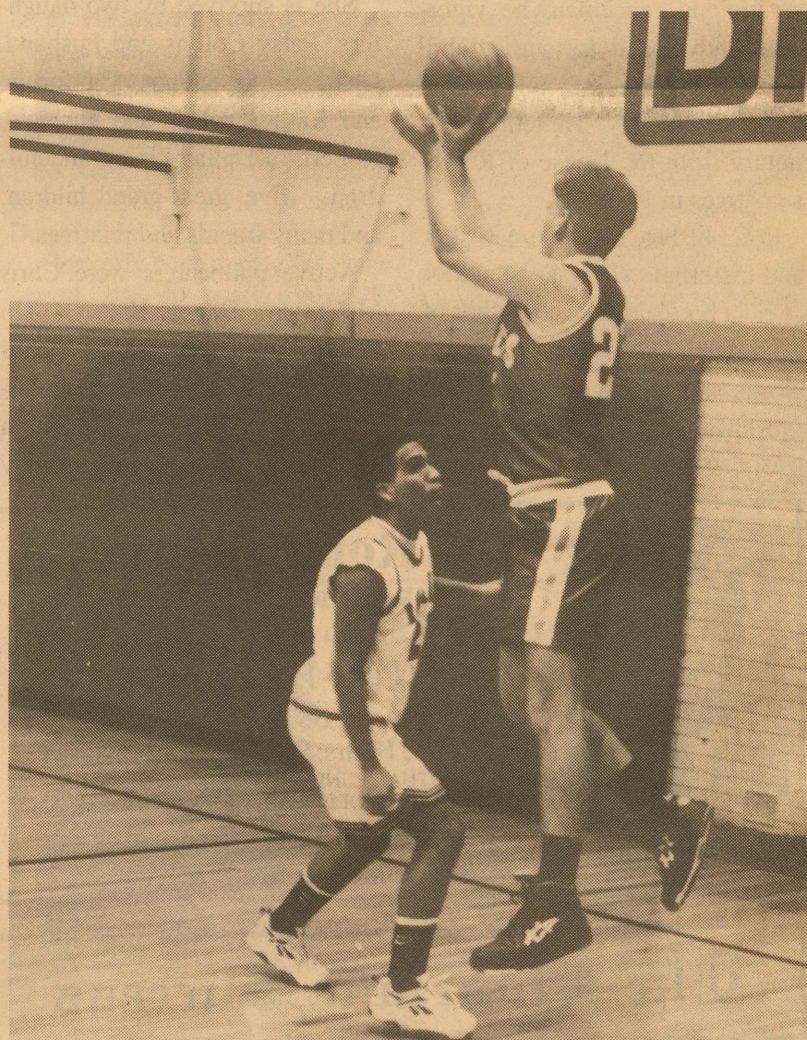
Shown above, Lady Eagles' #40 Ericka Schooley puts up a shot against the Iraan Bravettes during last week's Iraan tournament.



Shown above are the three Lady Eagles named to the Iraan Tournament's All Tournament Team. They are (L-R) Estella Montalvo, Ericka Schooley and Erin Meador. Schooley was also named Tournament MVP.



Pictured above are Eagles, Ricky Gutierrez (L) and Landon Neal (R). They were named to the Iraan Tourney's All Tournament Team.



Shown above, Justin Leggett fires a shot from the corner during last week's Iraan tournament.

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RC&D Receives Report



Pictured above are (L-R) Hawley Wolfe, Jan Kendrick, Rhonda Tounget and Selva Mudaliar. Wolfe is shown accepting an Economic Development plan the Angelo State team had prepared for the RC&D committee.

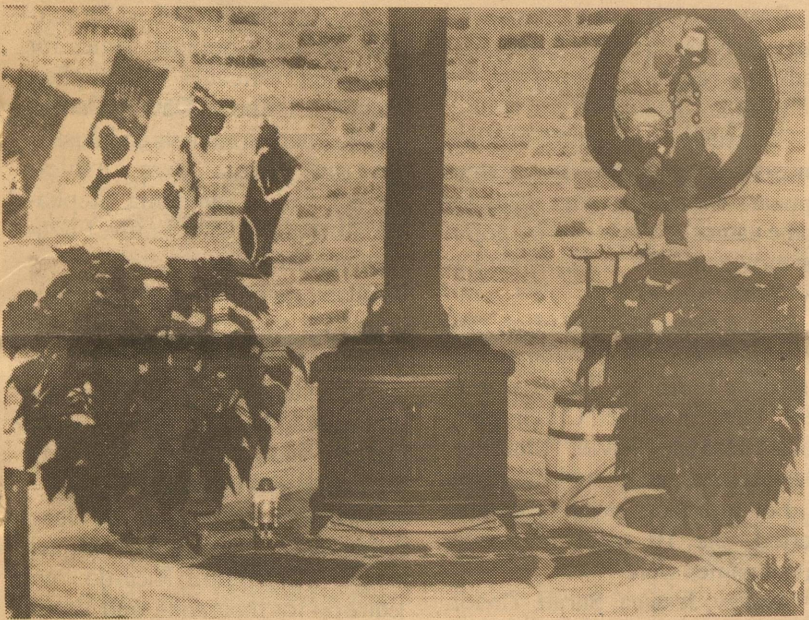
The Eldorado Resource Conservation and Development Committee (RC&D) met with a research team from Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center Friday, December 9, 1994 at Eldorado City Hall. The team consisting of Rhonda Tounget, Jan Kendrick and Selva Mudaliar presented the committee with a report concerning economic development in Eldorado.

The team's report focused on the possibility of converting the Eldorado Woolen Mill into a

tourist attraction while preserving the mill's capacity to produce woolen products. The Eldorado Woolen Mill is currently the only fully operational woolen mill in Texas. The possibility of a gift shop and a craft mall were also discussed in conjunction with the Woolen Mill project.

Several options were addressed in the report and the committee discussed them at length with the team. Hawley Wolfe, chairman of the RC&D committee thanked the team for their efforts.

Woman's Club Home Tour



Shown above is beautifully decorated corner in the home of Jay and Julie Holley. Note the gorgeous Franklin stove.

The Eldorado Woman's Club held its annual parade of homes last Sunday as four families graciously opened their homes for viewing.

The country-style home of Jay and Julie Holley was decorated for Christmas starting at the entrance gate and continuing throughout every room. A great deal of interest was shown in the handcrafted pieces of furniture and hand-punched tin accent doors on the kitchen cabinets.

Guests were delighted with the French-country style of Bill and Toni Sudduth's home. Many pieces of furniture and items used to decorate the house are family heirlooms. The talents of Bill and Toni are seen all through the home.

A warm welcome awaited guests at the Harris and Jackie Napier home. The large uncovered windows of this multi-level house gives one a view of the outdoors. The Napier's love of nature and art is seen throughout the house.

"The Hill House" is now home for the Steele family. Harold and Charlotte Steele have completely refurbished and redecorated the house. Christmas stockings hung from the fireplace mantle and each room had a decorated Christmas tree. From the sunporch to the large kitchen, the guests enjoyed the feeling of family and home. Members of the Woman's Club served refreshments at the Steele home.

The Woman's Club is a service club and contributes time and money to many local projects such as Keep Texas Beautiful, Senior Citizen Center, the Schleicher

Reading Incentive Program

By Debbie Griffin

The High School Library is sponsoring a reading incentive program for the high school students. The students read books which are on a booklist, complete and pass a computerized book test and they receive tickets for library drawings. The drawings are held at the end of each month with a variety of prizes awarded. At the Awards Assembly held at the end of the school year, major prizes are

awarded to students whose names are drawn.

The following students have been awarded prizes already this school year: Walter Wagner, movie tickets; Summer Finley, movie tickets; Jerrie Clifton, a \$20 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. If anyone is interested in donating to this reading incentive program please call Debbie Griffin at 853-2549.

Chamber To Award 4-Wheeler

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce will hold a drawing this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. on the old Elder Hotel lot adjacent to the offices of Marian Bland Overstreet to give away a Polaris 4-Wheeler. The drawing will conclude the Chamber's fall fundraising campaign.

Members of the Chamber have been in evidence at most local functions this fall, displaying the 4-wheeler and selling chances. From football games to the annual Eldorado Game Dinner, tickets were sold to one and all.

"We want to extend out thanks to everyone who purchased chances," said Chamber President, Ronnie Mittel. "The money we earned from this project will go

toward promoting Eldorado and hopefully, making it a better place to live."

"Also, I want to say 'thank you' to all the volunteers who put in the long hours to make this project a success. From Schleicher County Day to the last tickets sold this week, it has been a continuous effort. We even took the 4-wheeler to San Angelo and sold chances outside the Wal-Mart Supercenter on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Thank you to everyone who helped," concluded Mittel.

Members of the Chamber will continue to sell tickets until time for the drawing. In case of inclement weather, the drawing will be conducted in the lobby of First National Bank of Eldorado.

SCISD Filing Deadline

The filing deadline for a place on the ballot is extended to December 21, 1994. Because this is a special election, we are allowed an additional fifteen days to accept applications. Due to the Christmas holidays, the Schleicher County I.S.D. administration office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, December 19 and 20, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and on Wednesday, December 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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Letter's To The Editor

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not reflect the views of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

To those who are dedicated to Eldorado's new look:

I must take time out to write a note to you and everyone involved in the "new look" I have noticed in Eldorado. Thanksgiving, Sharon and I, made a quick trip to Eldorado to visit my mother, Verda Parker. The first thing I noticed as I drove into town was the project around the parking lot at the courthouse. Then, later that day, I saw the trees planted in the new areas on the sidewalk on main street. I noticed many other new flowers planted. Eldorado looks better than I have ever seen. Such a clean and refreshing "new look."

Keep up the good work. As for me, it does not go unnoticed each time I return for a visit. It seems the town is coming alive and people are taking care of their town.

Please let everyone involved in your project that their hard work is appreciated by me and I am sure by many others who grew up in Eldorado and return home for visits.

Sincerely,
James Parker

Editor's Note: The following letter was published Dec. 8th in The Menard News and is re-printed here with permission.

Editor:

I preface this story that took place this past weekend by saying that with all the negative news we hear every day on television, one begins to wonder that maybe there isn't a good person left on earth. But thank goodness we live in West Texas, where most people still live the principles of honor and honesty.

This past weekend the Lady Jackets were participating in the Irion County Basketball Tournament. When we arrived on Saturday for

the championship game, we made a startling discovery. While loading the side of the bus, I left the compartment doors open the whole trip. All the equipment was in the compartment except the bag which contained Menard's expensive video camera, tripod, towels, books and other things.

We searched for several hours that night and seven more hours on Sunday to no avail. Exhausted, discouraged and thoroughly aggravated at my carelessness, I ended the search and returned home.

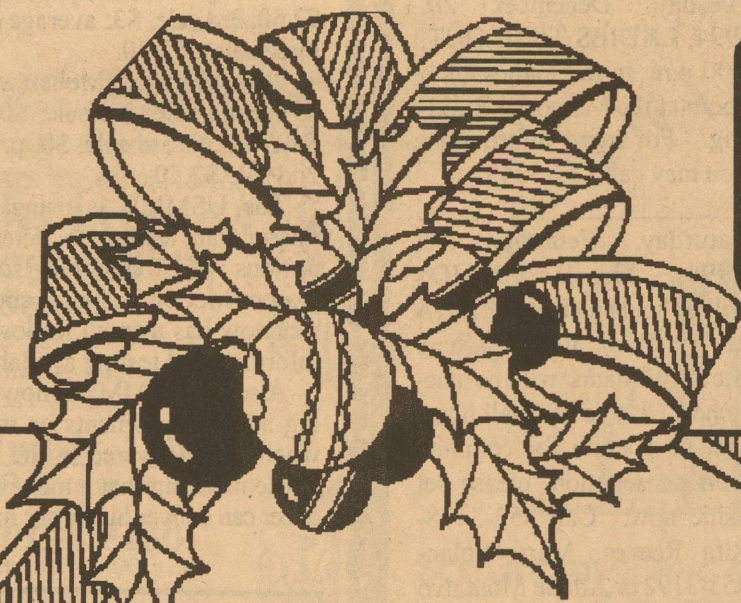
Resigned to the conclusion that the equipment was truly lost, I had begun to inform my school administrators. The phone rang and a fine young man, Carl Foley, a senior at Eldorado High School, informed me that he and his girlfriend, Brandi Sedden, had found the bag about eight miles outside of Mertzon. To say the least I was relieved and very grateful.

As I pondered the integrity that prompted Carl and Brandi to return the equipment, I thought what a wonderful example these two young people are. The hope of this generation and their actions are visible proof that their families, school and community are doing something very right. This one act did more to enhance Eldorado's community and educational image in my eyes.

As a coach and teacher, I see many discouraging actions by our young folks, but an action such as this revitalizes my hope for mankind. In the Christmas spirit, I want to give a hearty pat on the back and say "Hats Off" to Carl Foley and Brandi Sedden.

Thanks very much,
Coach Ken Fowler

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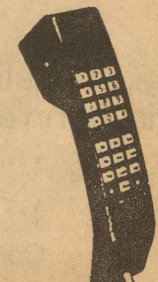
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Community Events



Dorothy's Movie Time
by Dorothy Dacy

VAN TRAVELS TO SONORA The van will be taking people to GED Classes on Tuesday and Thursday trips and anywhere else you would like to go in Sonora. The van will leave Eldorado at 6:00 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m. Please contact the Resource Center if you would like to go at 853-2574. Seats are filling up fast. \$3.00 per non-senior citizen and senior citizen are by donation.

TEEN CENTER The Teen Center will be open each Saturday evening from 6 to 12 p.m. The Teen Center is located at 605 Southwest Main, just in front of the carwash. All of the area youth are encouraged to come and check the Teen Center out. For more information, you may call 853-3349.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER RAFFLE: A TWO DAY HUNTING LEASE FOR TWO AT JIM MARTIN RANCH. Drawing December 15, 1994. A \$2.00 donation will get you a ticket for the drawing. Call 853-2123 for tickets.

ELDORADO HEADSTART is raffling a **HAND MADE QUILT (87 X 104)** donated by **Juanta Shurley**. December 15th at 2:00 p.m. at Eldorado Headstart. All proceeds will benefit the children. Need not be present to win. Tickets available at the Eldorado Head Start.

THE SCHLEICHER CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY STILL HAS 1995 CALENDERS AVAILABLE AT THE BANK, MUESUM, AND ELDORADO SUCCESS. \$ 5.00

Thursday, December 15, 1994 and Friday, December 16, 1994. School will dismiss both days at 2:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT sponsored by the *Schleicher County Child Welfare Board*. Angels will be available from November 21 thru December 15, 1994, on the tree at the First National Bank. Gifts will be delivered December 18, 1994.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT sponsored by the *Schleicher County Hospital Auxiliary*. Donations help nursing students with tuition. Boxes can be found at the Schleicher County Medical Center, Dairy Mart and the First National Bank. Deadline is December 20, 1994.

Saturday, December 17, 1994 and Sunday, December 18, 1994 **LIVING NATIVITY SCENE** Community Baptist Church 12 East Warner Ave. Time: Saturday 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. and Sunday 8 p.m. till 9 p.m.

Sunday, December 18, 1994 **"REJOICE BELIVERS"** A Christmas Cantata of contemporary arrangements of classic Christmas music presented by First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Joella Parker will be directing the choir with Lynn Meador playing the piano. The First United Methodist Church cordially invites the community to this special service.

Sunday, December 18, 1994, Templo Gesemani presents **"WHAT IS CHRISTMAS"** at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to come and find out the true meaning of Christmas!

Sunday, December 18, 1994 is the DEADLINE for **RABBIT VALIDATION** for the Schleicher County 4-H-FFA Livestock Show. Contact County Extension Agents Office at 853-2132 or Marvin Clark, Rabbit Superintendent at 853-3349 if you plan on showing rabbits at the stock show in January.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS for SCIDS will begin *December 19, 1994 thru January 2, 1995*. January 2 will be a workday for the teachers but a holiday for the students. School will resume at regular time on Tuesday, January 3, 1995.

Tuesday, December 20, 1994, **LADIES TIME OUT**. 7:00 p.m. in the Ladies Club Room at the Memorial Building. For more information, you may call 853-3349.

Saturday, February 18, 1994, **The BAND-AIDS** will be holding an **AUCTION** at Ag Barn at 10:00 a.m. Steve Williams will be auctioneer. Large or small items will be auction for commission or donation, please set aside now. Call 853-3178-Rita Reeves, Mary Nolan-853-3192 or Adalie Montalvo at 853-3105.

ATTENTION: OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS will meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Judy at 853-3376.

With all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, I hope you can find time to relax and watch a movie or two.

I enjoyed a good Western this week. It is a remake of a famous Emmy winning TV series of the 1950's. **Maverick** is rated "PG" and stars Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster and James Garner. At last, a movie that's almost as good as TV. I say that jokingly, but in this case, it's true. That's because in my opinion, it would be hard to improve on James Garner's late 50's TV version of "Maverick".

No one has ever been more loveable or played the reluctant hero better than Garner. But, Mel Gibson has that killer grin and great sense of fun and he's just dandy as the sly, silver-tongued gentleman gambler. Bret Maverick. Jodie Foster plays Annabelle Bransford, a charming scam artist and cardsharp who

looks pretty in ringlets and flouncey dresses. Garner himself is along for the ride as Marshal Lane Cooper, a laid-back lawman.

A riverboat poker tournament promises a winner-take-all \$500,000 pot and Bret aims to be the winner who does the taking. But first he must "deal" with a bag of rattlesnakes and the hangman's noose, a runaway stagecoach, outlaws, ingrates and a sly Indian chief.

This film has some very funny parts, please don't take it too seriously, and watch for all the famous faces at the poker tourney. The soundtrack alone is worth the rental, so don't miss the excitement - because the Jokers (Gibson, Foster and Garner) are Wild!

Maverick is currently available at **Eagle Video, Shot's** and will be coming soon to **Meyer's Grocery**.

Non-Averaging Method For U.S. Mohair

Officials of the United States Mohair Marketing Association recently announced changes being implemented to better serve their members who do not want to "average" the sales price of their mohair throughout the season.

According to Pat Jackson, an Officer with the U.S. Mohair Marketing Association, if a producer wants to sell all his or her mohair in a specific sale, then the USMMB will sell the mohair and immediately pay the producer for that mohair.

According to Jackson, an example would be:

Average: 1st sale, \$2; 2nd sale, \$2.50; 3rd sale, \$3; average of the three sales, \$2.50.

Non-Average: (Mohair selling in second sale) 1st sale, \$0; 2nd Sale, \$2.50; 3rd sale, \$0; price of 2nd sale \$2.50.

The USMMB is using some micron lab testing to determine options on warehouse sorting. Yocom-McColl Testing Laboratories now has a small lot low cost informational testing available.

Also, the USMMB is now making advance payments on mohair when it is delivered to the warehouse meaning that a mohair producer can deliver his or her mohair

to the warehouse and walk out with a check in hand.

"This advance is for approximately one-third the current market price," Jackson said, adding that the producer will be paid the balance at the end of that season's sales (June 30 and December 15).

"The USMMB has a philosophy that we as producers should work together to produce a better quality mohair product. We want to always encourage producers to improve their genetics and their mohair preparation for market. Selection within our goat hears genetics are the keys to accomplishing these goals," Jackson said.

Jackson said the philosophy of the USMMB Officers is one of the willingness to accept change in a changing agricultural environment.

"As producers we should always be working toward change. Situations in our ranching operations change whether we change or not as well as the world around us. USMMB is looking to the future of marketing mohair and the future of the mohair producer. We are always open to suggestions and look forward to being part of making mohair's future bright."

Safety Check Propane Tanks Says RRC

With cold weather moving across the state, the Texas Railroad Commission suggests that homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane contact their local dealer for a safety check of their propane tank and regulator.

Safety officials warn that if the regulator vent ices over or is clogged by insect nests or debris, high pressure gas can be released directly to home appliances.

Regulators on most home tanks are located under a protective metal dome on the top of the tank, shielding them from weather and insects. On some tanks, however, the circular regulator is installed outside the dome cover. Owners of these tanks should check to make sure the regulator vent is

pointing down, away from the elements, and is free from debris.

If homeowners are concerned about whether their regulator is properly installed and operating correctly, they should contact the local dealer that fills and services their tank.

Some Texans buy propane in portable tanks for use in barbecues or as a supplemental heat source. Colder weather may prompt such users to bring the portable cylinders indoors. But Commission officials say all propane cylinders and containers must stay outside for safety, as required by the Commission's safety rules.

Propane is commonly used as a residential and commercial fuel throughout Texas.

Most Popular Baby Names

Among the details combined in the annual report of the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Vital Statistics, perhaps the item most of interest to new parents is the list of most popular baby names.

Richard Bays, chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, said that since 1990, the list of most frequently given names of newborns has been a standard entry in the entry in the report. The list is compiled from birth certificates filed at the bureau.

Bays said that some names recur yearly on the list. "Sometimes only the rankings among the top 10 change," he added.

"However," he said, "it's not unusual to see celebrities' names appear. We suspect that ideas for some names are inspired by popular movie and TV stars, as well as by sports figures."

In the order of most often chosen, the 10 most popular names for boys born in Texas during 1993 were: Michael, Christopher, Jose, Joshua, David, Matthew, Daniel, John, Jacob, and Jonathan.

For girls born during the same period, the 10 most frequently given names were:

Ashley, Jessica, Sarah, Taylor, Samantha, Stephanie, Brittany, Amanda, Victoria, and Emily.

Contrasting the 1993 list with the 1992 list, there were changes in ranking and additions and dele-

tions on both the boys' list and the girls' list. On the 1993 list for boys: Jose and Jacob replaced Justin and James. On the list for girls: Taylor, Victoria and Emily replaced Elizabeth, Lauren and Jennifer.

Besides compiling separate name lists for all boys and girls born during 1993, the report also provides similar lists representing ethnic groups. Although those lists contain many of the same names as the over-all roster, there are some exceptions.

Among children of white parents, the most popular names for boys were: Michael, Christopher, Joshua, Matthew, David, Daniel, Jacob, John, Jonathan and Justin. For girls, there were: Ashley, Jessica, Sarah, Samantha, Stephanie, Amanda, Taylor, Emily, Elizabeth and Brittany.

Black parents chose Christopher, Michael, Brandon, Joshua, James, Jordan, Xavier, Robert, Jonathan and Marcus for boys, and Jasmine, Ashley, Brittany, Taylor, Alexis, Amber, Chelsea, Jessica, Courtney and Brianna for girls.

Hispanic parents chose Jose, Juan, Luis, Jesus, Carlos, Miguel, Jorge, Alejandro, Ricardo and Eduardo for their sons, and Victoria, Maria, Laura, Erica, Sara, Alexandria, Angel, Gabriela, Alejandra and Briana for their daughters.

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Social Security Payments Set To Increase

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 2.8 percent, beginning with the payments that Social Security beneficiaries receive January 3rd and

SSI recipients receive on December 30th. The automatic cost-of-living adjustment is made annually. For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount

for all retired workers will rise from \$679 to \$698. The maximum federal SSI monthly payment to an individual will rise from \$446 to

\$458. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$669 to \$687. Some states add a supplement to the federal payment.



Above are Rene Calcote (L) and her mother, Belle Neff (R) displaying the Schleicher County Historical Society's 1995 Centennial Calendar. To purchase a calendar, stop by the Museum, First National Bank or The Eldorado Success.

You Missed It! continued from page 2

DEJA VU, AGAIN

The Chechnya president has been saving for weeks that the invasion of his country is Afghanistan all over again. Last week *Times* mag. agreed with him. [In a bizarre twist of semantics, is it possible that Yeltsin could say the Russian soldiers are in fact mercenaries--paid for by the American taxpayer?]

DEADLINE

Three weeks ago, U.S. Ambassador Madeline Albright said that Russia can maintain military "stability along its borders," but that Russia must fully respect the "sovereignty and integrity of the new independent states."

Last week Yeltsin gave Chechnya until Dec. 15 to surrender completely. Russian military leader Pavel Grachev has authority to use massive forces to "stabilize" the situation in Chechnya. Rockets have been moved to the border lines.

DEAD IS DEAD

One of the more profound statements made by Newt Gingrich last week (and he makes a lot of them), was in response to a journalist's question. Posing in something of a challenging fashion, Gingrich was asked, what did he have against the U.N.? Gingrich's simple response, "People die because of U.N. policies."

The journalist asked no follow-ups.

WHAT IN THE WORLD

Helmut Kohl looked like a man who had happened upon a traffic accident involving his family as he addressed the first day of the annual opening of his legislature last week. In a shocking turn of events, the Communist Party won fully one-third of the seats in the October elections (along with their allies, the "radical Greens").

As college-age young people in the gallery laughed openly at the dignified gentleman, he stopped in his speech several times to say, "You can laugh if you want to."

In one of the most dramatic scenes in recent years in politics, the bewildered Kohl finally looked straight in the camera and asked, "Does no one remember anything of history?!"

As Kohl plowed through the difficult speech, it was very obvious which part of the governing body were the newly elected: they refused to applaud, they exchanged knowing looks with each other and stifled snickers. Once again Kohl stopped and boldly addressed his German people as he looked into the camera, "You can vote for extremists if you like. Communists, Nazi's, whatever you like. We will deal with it. We will take care of things."

Then Kohl proceeded to lay out his plan for the next year. [You have to wonder how many former-West Germans are suddenly concerned for their own freedoms.]

GET SMART

Last week it was reported that Newt Gingrich will overhaul the House Intelligence Committee. Larry Combest a former farmer out of Lubbock Texas, with six years experience, will now head the Committee. Gingrich specifically arranged the role for Combest. [Some weeks ago we mentioned a letter that had been found in Grenada written by a Con-

gressional aide who said his Congressman is a great fan of Fidel Castro. That Congressman has also been serving on the Intelligence Committee and has not been of the same 'school of thought' as Combest. It will be interesting to see what changes the over-hauling brings!]

KNOW THYSELF

The outstanding feature of a Dec. 5 column by Michael Lind in *New Republic* was his use of ideologies in analyzing the recent U.S. election. It proves how one can venture to the brink of absurdity in attempting to "label" schools of thought. Here's a list of the ideologies he mentioned in his discussion: Progressive-Liberalism (left-wing and narcissistic boomer-liberals); New Deal Liberalism (FDR and color-blind King, Jr.); populist nationalist Progressive Conservatives; illiberal populist fascist conservatism; social democrats; neo-liberalism; liberal nationalism; New Dealers from hell; conservative liberals; & liberal conservatives.

Now you see why *AMI!* uses the two traditional labels, "liberal" and "conservative"---it makes life so much easier!

Lind also said that American capitalism boomed when public investment in the Pentagon and the highway systems were at their highest levels. And he wrapped up by saying that Clinton et al should say good-bye to McGovern and Carmichael, and say hello to Truman. [The same thing the press jumped all over Newt Gingrich for saying!]

Incidentally, Lind also says that the shift in the Democrat Party came in 1968 at the infamous "Chicago-Seven" Demo. Convention. He

says it changed due to "a coalition of left-liberal, upper-income radicals and black-power militants." [Now *AMI!* From and the 'moderate' Democrat Leadership Committee is trying to do something about it!]

HISTORY LESSON

It was revealed last week that Daniel Ortega of Nicaraguan Sandanista fame has been with old bud Fidel in Cuba for some months now. Does this mean the leadership of the National Education Association will withdraw their endorsement of him? [Don't hold your breath.]

DEAL 'EM UP

Whitewater: Former Clinton appointee/Justice Dept second-in-command, Webster Hubbell pleaded guilty to Rose Law Firm overbilling felonies. Some say they don't relate to Whitewater, BUT when prosecutors make a plea bargain with a defendant they go for the biggest fish in the pond. In other words, unless something really 'fishy' is going on, Webster Hubbell would not have gotten a plea bargain just so that prosecutors could go after Ark banker, McDougal or someone equally pip-squeakish!

No, the second highest legal enforcement officer in the country would have gotten a deal because there was someone even bigger to go after!

Another sure sign of this was Starr's demeanor when he made the announcement. If the Hubbell conviction was the end of the road, Starr would have been calling Hubbell every kind of crook that he, Starr, had nailed to the wall. Instead, Starr was calling this a solemn "day for reflection" and that Hubbell had done the "right thing," taking "responsibility" for his errors.

The distinction, you can bet is that

in the latter scenario Starr preserves Hubbell's stature and credibility so that Starr can then use Hubbell as a "star witness" against the "big fish."

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Rutherford Institute (religious freedoms) reports that a U.S. District Court in Pitkin County, Colorado has ruled in favor of the opening of a church school. The County Board of Commissioners had tried to thwart the school opening with the use of "zoning" regulations. Rutherford argued that it was discrimination. The judge agreed with Rutherford, saying, "The Government failed to demonstrate adequate interest in preventing the school's opening."

Rutherford also chalked one up in New York where the Government attempted to force a Rabbi to apply for a special-use permit in order to put up a tent for Yom Kippur. Rutherford prevailed because the Government allowed tents to be set up permit-free if the purpose was, for example, a booze and punk rock bash, but required a permit if it was for a religious purpose. The court agreed, it was religious bigotry. [Rutherford distributes a one-hour radio show called *Religious Apartheid*. For that or other info: (804) 978-3888.]

Next week Why is Clinton appointee Strobe Talbott proposing to Mandela that he create a large coalition army to prevent future Rwandan tragedies? Mandela's military officials are Soviet-trained South African Communist Party members and all best pals with Castro! The coalition members would be the same crowd. That's really what the U.S. wants? A big communist army to cover the continent of Africa???

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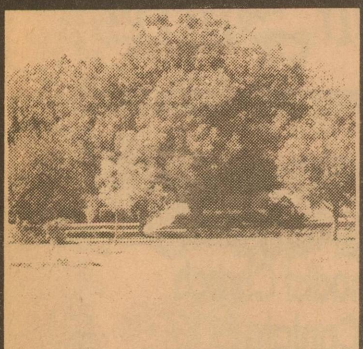
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