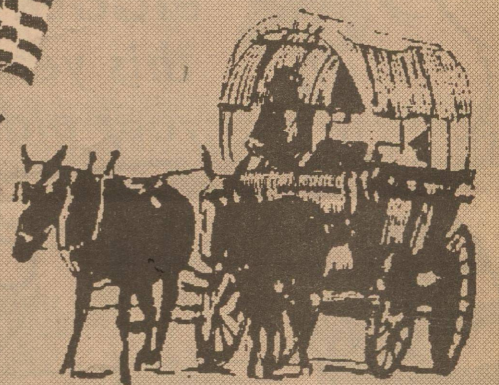


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Headlines From Around the World

FBI warns of more bombs

Federal authorities reportedly expect more bombings in Atlanta like the three that have shaken the city in the past seven months. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution says senior FBI officials met with members of Georgia's congressional delegation last week to issue the warning. The first bomb went off at Centennial Olympic Park last summer and an abortion clinic and a gay nightclub were hit more recently. Two people have died and more than 120 been injured as a result of the three bombs. The FBI said minority communities that have been targets of hate crimes in the past have been warned that they might be hit by future bombs, the Journal-Constitution said.

Clone scientist before Senate

The Scottish scientist who cloned a sheep is standing firm in his opposition to human cloning. Ian Wilmut is in Washington to testify before the Senate about cloning. Ian Wilmut, who shocked the world last month by revealing his sheep clone, said he had not heard of any morally acceptable reason to clone a human being, although he cautioned against a ban that would be so broadly worded that it could rule out related research that could treat or cure human diseases. Wilmut declined to say what he thought U.S. lawmakers should do but said he was comfortable with Britain's legal restrictions on human cloning.

Reno cites 'misunderstanding'

Attorney General Janet Reno says the latest twist in the uproar over Democratic Party fund-raising was a "misunderstanding." A Senate subcommittee yesterday heard about claims of China trying to buy influence with donations to the Democrats. FBI agents briefed members of the National Security Council staff about the possible China connection before the election but supposedly told staff members not to pass the information to President Clinton or other senior officials. She said she thought the NSC staffers were told the information was sensitive but there was a misunderstanding over who else could be told about it.

New questions in TWA crash

The FBI is not commenting on a claim by a retired pilot who says he's been ordered to give the bureau a videotape of a radar image that he says shows a missile destroyed TWA Flight 800. Former United Airlines pilot Richard Russell of Daytona, Fla., says in a recorded message on his answering machine that he's been told to appear before a federal grand jury in New York today. An FBI spokesman won't comment on the grand jury but says the bureau welcomes any information that would help explain why the airliner exploded off Long Island last July. The grand jury is meeting in New York.



SCISD Supt. Scott Barton

Success file photo

Barton accepts job in Ft. Davis

School superintendent Scott Barton announced this week that he intends to resign from his post at Schleicher County ISD. Barton said he has accepted a similar position at Fort Davis.

A special meeting of the SCISD board of trustees has been called for Monday, March 17th at which time Barton is scheduled to officially offer his resignation.

News of Barton's leaving first came when the Fort Davis school board published a list of finalists for the superintendent's job there. Barton was the one and only finalist on the list. According to state law, school boards must publish a list of finalists for superintendent's positions 21 days before taking final action.

In the press release, Kimball Miller, president of Fort Davis ISD announced Barton's unanimous selection. "We think he will bring the experience, education and knowledge we desire to our schools and feel very fortunate to be able to get him here," Miller said.

In a telephone interview with the Success, Barton confirmed that he had accepted the Fort Davis post

pending the SCISD board accepting his resignation. "This is an opportunity for me," Barton said. "I've enjoyed the past 14 years here — especially the kids."

Barton first came to SCISD in 1983 as a girls coach. He took over as Middle School principal in 1986. In 1992 he was named superintendent of schools. In December, 1996, Barton was appointed to Education Commissioner Mike Moses' cabinet.

Ilse Williams, SCISD board president told the Success that she had contacted with the other board members "in spite of spring break" concerning Barton's resignation.

If the board accepts the resignation a search for Barton's replacement could begin very soon. Williams noted that there are a number of search services available to the school board, including one affiliated with the Texas Association of School Boards.

The board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 17th in the multi-purpose room of the school's administration building. At press time, consideration of Barton's resignation is the only agenda item.

"CEU"s offered in sorghum program

Dr. Billy Warrick, Agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will be conducting a program on sorghum production in Schleicher County. The program will take place at the County Extension Office at 8 a.m. on March 18. Dr. Warrick will discuss the latest trends and research developments in Sorghum production. All pesticide license holders needing CEU hours are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

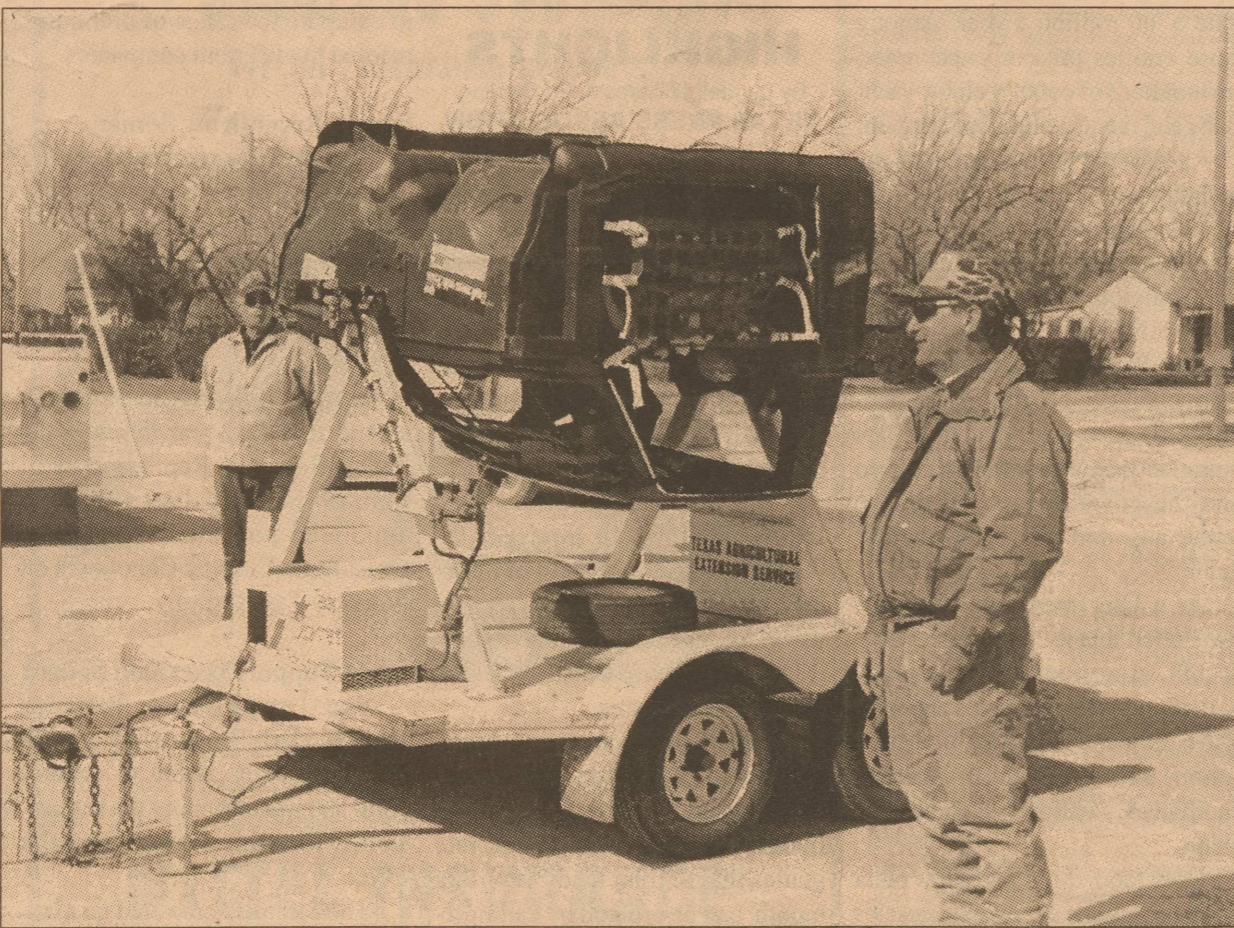


photo by Kathy Mankin

Round and round it goes — TxDot employees Jerry Vandiver (foreground) and Ron Morgan demonstrate the "Convincer" to Eldorado Elementary students last week. The device, jointly sponsored by TxDot and Texas A&M, simulates car rollovers and demonstrates the importance of wearing seatbelts.

Records fall at Plateau Relays

Five high school and thirteen middle school meet records were broken at the Plateau Relays held here last weekend. Among the local athletes setting new marks were senior Ty Williams, 7th grader Samantha Smith and 8th graders Kayla McCravy, Sammy Cabrera, Asa Nixon, Bryan Sproul and Kenny Covarrubiaz.

Ty Williams discus throw of 174' 2 1/4" was the only record broken by EHS tracksters. But, he narrowly missed another mark when his winning shot put throw of 53' 5" fell 3/4" short of the existing record.

Perhaps the star of the weekend was Sammy Cabrera whose legs carried him to three meet records in the 8th grade division. Cabrera easily outdistanced the field in the 2400 Meter Run, finishing with a record time of 8:08.71, which was more than 41 seconds ahead of the second place runner from Rocksprings. In the 1600 Meter Run Cabrera claimed another record with a time of 5:10.17. Finally in the 1600 Meter Relay, Cabrera and teammates Bryan Sproul, Asa Nixon and Kenny Covarrubiaz turned in blistering time of 3:58.26 to set another meet record.

Fifteen teams competed in the weekend meet and the crowd on hand to witness the competition was one of the largest in recent history. Athletes from Grape Creek, Winters, Sonora, Wall, Rocksprings, Christoval, Iraan, Ozona, Big Lake, Brady, Crane,



photo by Kathy Mankin

Are ya' OK? — Coach Steven Ashley checks on Sammy Cabrera as he catches his breath after a race at the Middle School Plateau Relays last Friday. Cabrera, an 8th grader at EMS, shattered meet records and was on a relay team that broke another.

Ballinger, Water Valley and Sterling City traveled to Eldorado for the annual event.

In the High School division, the boys meet was won by Reagan County with 106 points followed by Iraan 90.5, Winters 80.5, Brady

73 and Wall 60. The girls division was won by Iraan with 140 points followed by Rocksprings 85, Water Valley 61, Eldorado 56 and Brady 38.

Standings in the Junior Varsity
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City raises water and sewer rates

The Eldorado City council met in regular session Monday evening and among other business voted unanimously to raise water and sewer rates to city customers by \$2 and \$3 a month, respectively. No citizens attended the public hearing that preceded the vote. However, two letters opposing the rate hike were read aloud by city secretary Carolyn Mayo. Mayo noted that both letters appeared to have been written by the same person.

After a brief discussion, Tommy Minor offered the motion to raise the rates for as long as it takes the city to recover money it is spending on the sewer plant. Richard Mendez seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Another public hearing on a proposed four-way stop sign at the corner of Warner and Main Streets ended with the council tabling the question. Residents in the area had petitioned the council a month earlier to make the intersection a 4-way stop. However, none of them showed up for the hearing and the council dropped the issue.

In other business, following a brief executive session, the council unanimously approved hiring James Kosub as the city's attorney. Kosub is currently representing the city in a discrimination case brought by former city employee Hector Martinez and his wife, Connie.

The council also heard from board members and supporters of the Community Resource Center. Ilse Williams, Eddie Albin, Ann Schooley and Anna Buitron told the council that state funding for the Resource Center was being cut

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EMS band scores well at solo & ensemble contest

Members of the Eldorado Middle School Band competed in the Ballinger Music Festival on Saturday, March 1, 1997.

Those students receiving 1st division medals are as follows:

Flute Solos: Whitney Jones, Gentry Newman, and Suzanne Rojas.

Clarinet Solos - Deborah Cantu, Kayla Case, Tabitha Lloyd and Samantha Smith;

Bass Clarinet Solo - Jerrie Arispe;

Alto Sax Solo - Jackie Crawford;

Trumpet Solos - Aaron Fuentes, Maria Hernandez and Mitzi Sessom;

French Horn Solo - BreeAnne Davis;

Clarinet Trio - Deborah Cantu,

Vanessa Gonzalez and Samantha Smith;

Trumpet Trio - Andrew Anderson, Maria Hernandez and Tana Williams;

Trumpet Quartet - Lindsay Beach, William Robledo and Mitzi Sessom;

French Horn Quartet - BreeAnne Davis, Amy Green, Elibeth Montalvo and Kristina Prater;

Second Division Ribbon Awards were presented to:

Clarinet Solo - Vanessa Gonzalez;

Tuba Solo - Johnny Herrera; Woodwind Trio - Kate Kosub, Tabitha Lloyd and Daisy Porter.

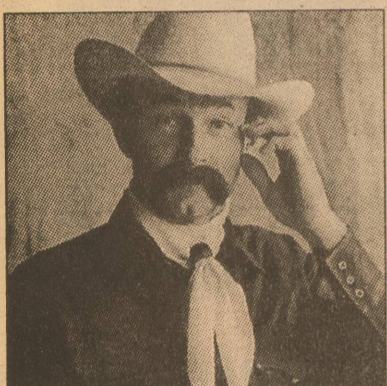
Mitzi Sessom and Samantha Smith were each recognized as Outstanding Soloist and were presented with a special plaque.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Palo Pinto Trader



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

When Sam was just a kid down in Palo Pinto he became acquainted with Mr. Wilfong. Mr. Wilfong was a legend in the Texas town. A cow buyer for thirty years who prided himself on buying animals one at a time. "Makes you pay attention," he'd say.

Sam was out to Mr. Wilfong's place one afternoon after school. Mr. Wilfong was teachin' him some lessons in life. They stood outside the corral and were lookin' over the gypo cows that had been picked up that week for tradin'.

Most were Herefords or Braymers or some odd cross. "See that cow there in the corner. Sorta yella with a wide head. I've bought and sold her at least five times in the last two years. I call her Elvis 'cause she keeps reappearing."

"That one beside her with the big brisket I got from Jonesy over by Caddo. I call her Dolly. And the horned cow by the gate with the long toes. She came from the 2C. That's Bigfoot."

Sam interrupted and asked,

"Mr. Wilfong, how can you keep each one in your head? They all look alike!"

"Son," he said, "I never met a cow in my life that didn't remind me of someone!"

After years of admiring cowmen who could give a complete history of every cow on their place, Sam's story explained a lot. I started payin' more attention to the gummars that pass through my trader pen.

I've got one out there now who hates dogs and shornuf, she does have a resemblance to a cousin of mine who doesn't have much use for dogs, although she does have seventeen cats.

Then I studied the boss cow in the bunch. She eats first and pushes everyone else around, although half the time she doesn't know where she's going herself. I've named her Bob Dole.

She has a virtual twin who waits for her to make a decision and then gets there first. I call her Mr. President.

I've got one with a face like a bulldog I've named Winston Churchill. Another who lets every calf suck her, I've called FDR. One called Jane Fonda who looks like a heifer, fat and sleek but ain't got a tooth in her head.

There's one that's an Angus Charolais cross, who slips a lot of air and goes through my fences at will. She's Oliver North.

So far I've identified and named Madonna, Teddy Roosevelt, John Wayne, Woody Woodpecker, Oprah and Rush. The last two are easy keepers.

Uh-oh, I better go. I can hear bawlin' at the feed trough. It's Senator Byrd again.

Over the Back Fence

by Randy Mankin

I've watched with interest in recent months as the so-called Republic of Texas (RoT) movement has pressed its argument that our beloved state is still an independent nation.

The claim, that Texas was improperly annexed into the union, on first inspection may seem to have some validity...until one examines the evidence. Even the most casual reading of history exposes huge holes in the RoT's theory.

One argument RoT offers is that brave Texans fought and died in 1836 to win independence, not statehood. One of their press releases claims that men such as Travis, Crockett and Bowie wanted freedom from foreign masters.

When the Alamo fell on April 6, 1836, the banner flying from it's walls was not Texan...but a Mexican flag. Emblazoned on that flag was the date 1824. Why was that? It's simple. The men in the fortress were seeking to restore the Mexican constitution of 1824 under which they had

emigrated to Texas and which they considered to be a fair and just document. Word of Texas' Declaration of Independence from Mexico had not reached the Alamo before it was overrun by Santa Anna's troops and the martyrs died never having heard of a Republic of Texas.

Earlier in the siege of the Alamo, the fort's commander, William Barrett Travis, wrote a letter to the outside world in which he pleaded for help. The letter begins:

To the People of Texas & all Americans in the World--Fellow Citizens and Compatriots--

At one point in the letter Travis states: "The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken--I have answered with a cannon shot, & our flag still waves proudly from the walls--I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our

aide with all despatch"

Everything dear to the American character? The flag (1824) still waves proudly from the walls? Hmm. Maybe RoT had better look for other Texan heroes with which to plead their case.

One name RoT leaders use often is that of Sam Houston -- you know, hero of San Jacinto, first President of the Republic of Texas, U.S. Senator, and Governor of the State of Texas. Houston is as Texan as you can get. However, RoT's ties to this great man don't bear scrutiny, either.

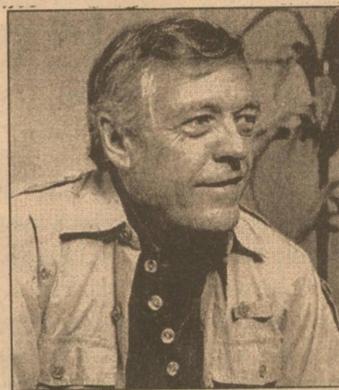
When the State of Texas seceded from the Union in 1861, Governor Sam Houston was forcibly removed from office when he opposed secession. Yep, ol' Sam Houston liked the Union just fine and wanted no part of the Confederacy. Hmm.

At press time, one of the leaders of RoT, a man named McClaren, is holed up in his "embassy" in the Davis Mountains. A warrant for his arrest has been issued and he is promising to "hold out till the end."

Travis was certainly more eloquent.

Medical Fads

Rolling Across Texas



Tumbleweed Smith

sound, they are working and finding a growing audience.

Soaring medical costs are one thing. But a visit to a more friendly environment, talking to people who really listen and seem to care about your health, taking treatments that make you feel relaxed, all encourage you to get well.

About ten years ago a friend of

mine experienced dizziness due to vertigo. A medical doctor diagnosed this as an inner ear infection and wanted him to take antibiotics. He took them for awhile but got no relief. He lived with the condition on and off for six or seven years. Then he had his ears candled.

That cured his problem. Since then, he has no dizziness or sense of falling. His wife says he hears better. He now has his ears candled every six months as a preventive measure.

Ear candling is an old practice that involved the use of hollow candles to create a vacuum that pulls excess wax and debris from the ear canals. Benefits of ear candling are better hearing, absence of noises in the ears, better lymphatic circulation, rid of excessive wax, pressure regulation and less aggravation in the sinus or ears. Some patients say it helps with colds, ear infections, sinus problems, headaches and balance problems.

Ear candling is an ancient process that was used in India, China,

Tibet and in Aztec and Mayan cultures. It is currently being taught to medical students in Europe and has always been a treatment in Amish and Mennonite communities.

The hollow candles, about ten inches long and cone-shaped, are made from beeswax and cotton. Some candle makers add oils of basil, orange and bay. The patient puts the small end of the cone in the ear and lights the other end of the candle. Some people are amazed at what comes out of their ears.

Some people use several candles to clean old wax and other debris from their ears. This can be repeated once a day or every other day until the old wax is removed or until the symptoms improve. Once the ears are clean, candling should not be done more than once every three months. This allows new wax to build up which is the natural protectant to the middle and inner ear. Ear candling is suitable for all ages. Some people use it on their dogs.

Committee considers scaling back sales tax exemptions

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — In looking at ways to answer the governor's call for property tax relief, the House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding last week asked the Texas comptroller's office for a list of organizations and businesses exempted from the state's franchise tax.

Comptroller John Sharp's office reports those exemptions cost the state \$700 million a year. Among those entities presently exempted are hundreds of country clubs, yacht clubs and racquet clubs, and certain:

- Lobbying groups and state associations;
- Civic groups;
- Homeowner groups; and
- Religious organizations.

Committee member Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, said it's time to look at sacred cows: "...The public needs to realize that if we are going to tackle this major reform that the governor has put on the table, any and all funds are fair game."

At a later meeting, the panel concluded that it could raise about \$5 billion a year by taxing items now exempt from the sales and franchise taxes, including utilities, school lunches, manufacturing equipment, aviation fuel and advertising.

Only food, drugs and a few other goods would be exempt from sales taxes. Also taxed would be services provided by physicians, attorneys, accountants, real estate brokers, barber and beauty services and freight hauling.

one company to another," said Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer.

For example, for a Dallas driver, the premiums listed in the guide for minimum liability coverage required by law range from as little as \$291 a year to as much as \$1,932.

"The examples may not fit your home or auto exactly," Bomer said, "but they can provide a useful way to compare the range of premiums offered by different companies."

Senate Reconfirms Bomer

The Texas Senate voted 30-0 to confirm Insurance Commissioner Bomer for a second two-year term.

On Feb. 11, Gov. George W. Bush announced Bomer's reappointment to a term expiring Feb. 1, 1999.

Bomer, a 61-year-old Democrat, served four two-year terms in the Texas House of Representatives, from 1981 to 1985. Last year, Bush appointed him chairman of the Governor's Citizens Committee on Property Tax Reform.

Child Support Overhaul Sought

Rep. Leticia Van de Putte last week filed a bill that would create a new state commission to oversee child support, stripping the responsibility from the attorney general's office.

The commission would do a better job of collecting billions of dollars in unpaid child support, said Van de Putte, D-San Antonio.

"If we didn't feel we were absolutely forced against the wall, we

wouldn't be doing it," she said.

But Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales, told *The Dallas Morning News* Van de Putte's bill is at best uninformed and at worst, politically motivated.

The bill has 28 sponsors: 11 Democrats and 17 Republicans.

Panel Eyes Affirmative Action

An informal, nine-member Senate committee is trying to come up with a plan that would reduce the importance of race, gender and ethnicity in state contracting and hiring programs.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, a committee member, said the group wants a race-neutral plan that makes programs available to persons "who are disadvantaged."

According to a report in the *Austin American-Statesman*, the committee is considering two bills to change affirmative action policies for state agencies and higher education institutions. One would govern contracting programs and the other would direct hiring and promotions.

Committee member Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said the current affirmative action program allows companies to bend the rules or gives preferential treatment to businesses that don't need a helping hand.

"It included all African Americans... and all women," Wentworth told the *American Statesman*. "If you were a woman worth \$10 million, by law you were socially disadvantaged, and therefore qualify for affirmative action contracting programs."

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Our Sympathy

Ruby Dempsey

DIMMITT - Ruby Dempsey, 76, died Monday, Feb. 17, 1997.

Services were Wednesday in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Ivy Chapel with the Rev. Kevin Woods, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church, and the Rev. Loma Burrell officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Dempsey was born in Rogers, Ark. She lived in Benton County, Ark., and moved to Dimmitt in 1945. She married Leonard

Dempsey in 1945 at Bentonville, Ark. He died in 1994. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Ann Dempsey, in 1946.

She was a homemaker and a member of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda King of Eldorado and Donna Rose of Wylie.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Grady P. Turner

Grady P. Turner, 87, of San Angelo died Friday, Feb. 28, 1997, in Columbia Medical Center.

Graveside service were held Monday, March 3, in Miles Cemetery with David Templeton officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Grady was born Aug. 25, 1909, to William and Georgia Turner in Coleman County. He was a retired butcher and member of Southgate Church of Christ. He married Syble Guthrie on Feb. 10, 1929, in Coleman County. She preceded him in death March 19, 1992. He previously lived in Mertzon and Eldorado, before moving to San Angelo in 1964.

Margie B. Ritchie

Margie B. Ritchie, 67, of Eldorado died Sunday, March 2, 1997, in a San Angelo hospital.

Services were held Tuesday, March 4, at Agape Assembly of God Church. Burial followed on Wednesday, March 5, in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ritchie was born Nov. 19, 1929, in North Dakota to James and Maude Merwin. She married Jamil

T. Ritchie Dec. 24, 1970. She was a business woman in San Antonio for more than 20 years and a member of Agape Assembly of God Church in Eldorado.

She was preceded in death by her husband, four brothers and her mother and father.

Survivors include two brothers, Jerry Merwin and D.K. Merwin, one sister, Doris Anthony, and a stepson, Carl Binion, all of Eldorado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirley Jean Schacher

NAZARETH - Shirley Jean Schacher, 48, died Saturday, March 1, 1997.

Vigil services were Monday, March 3 in the CCD Building. Mass was celebrated Tuesday, March 4 in Holy Family Catholic Church by Monsignor Harold Waldow, the Rev. Jerry Stein, the Rev. John Hickey and the Rev. Neal Dee. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Schacher was born in Dimmitt and moved to Nazareth in 1967. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1967. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and had been employed by

Alco Department Store in Dimmitt as a point of sale coordinator for four years.

She married Bob Schacher in 1967 at Hereford.

She was preceded in death by a son, Joe Bob Schacher, in 1980.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Benny Schacher of Amarillo; two daughters, Regena Bignall of Barling, Ark., and Judy Schacher of Nazareth; two sisters, Linda King of Eldorado and Donna Rose of Wylie; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Joe Bob Schacher Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 100, Nazareth, Texas 79063.

Kate Jurecek

ELDORADO - Kate Jurecek 76, of Eldorado died Monday, March 10, 1997 at her residence. Services were held Wednesday, March 12, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Roy Clements officiating. Burial followed in Melvin Cemetery.

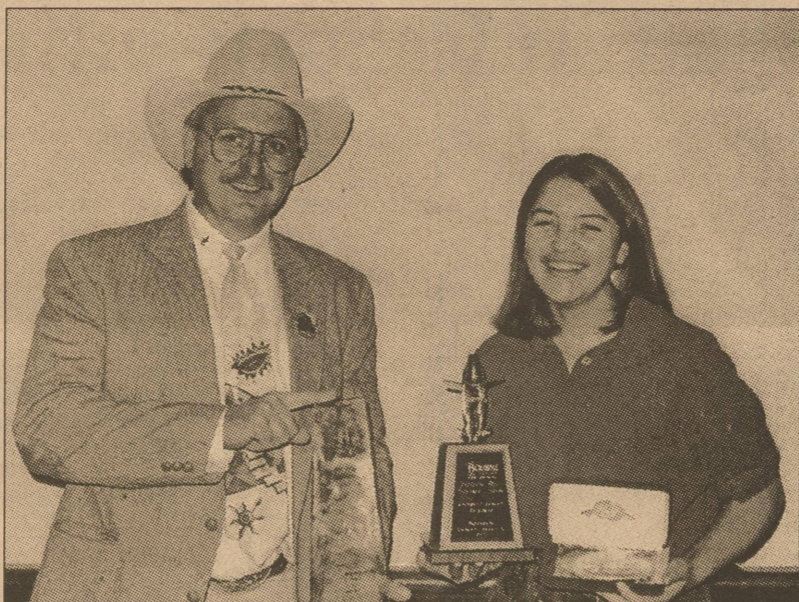
Mrs. Jurecek was born May 9, 1920 to William and Belle Manly in Melvin, Texas. She married Nick Jurecek, June 14, 1941 in Eden, Texas. Mrs. Jurecek was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband Nick Jurecek of Eldorado, two sons

Mikel Jurecek and his wife Connie of Seymour, Texas and Dennis Jurecek and his fiancée Kay Olin of Mathis, Texas and one daughter Nancy Schwertner and her husband Mark of Farwell, Texas, six grandchildren Nicole, Blake, Melissa, Kristopher, Matthew and Luke, two sisters Reta Shipley and Louise Carpenter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Blake and Mitch Jurecek, Kris, Matthew and Luke Schwertner, and Marty Bufkin.

The family request memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.



Courtesy photo
Smile for the camera — Levona Lloyd (R) is joined by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo representative Joe Matthews as she displays three awards she received at the Beef Scramble Banquet in Houston.

Lloyd honored at Scramble banquet

As a reward for 12 months of special care, effort and labor, Levona Lloyd, was presented 3 awards at the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Beef Scramble Banquet held February 23, 1997 at the Sheraton Astrodome. Levona is a 4-H student from Eldorado and is the daughter of Mike and Susan Lloyd. Levona was recognized with the following awards: Highest Placing Brahman Heifer donated by Ed Stone, Champion Brahman donated by George Arnold, Jr. and Champion Brahman donated by Houston Industries.

Dr. Joe Townsend, Associated Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A & M University, was the keynote speaker.

The opportunity to participate in the annual banquet began during the 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo when Levona was awarded a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate in one of three contests: the calf

scramble, the livestock judging contest or the dairy judging contest. The certificate, donated by Peggy Jobs/Realtor was used to purchase a registered beef heifer.

During the past year, Levona, was required to submit monthly reports to Show officials and her donor. The report is compiled by keeping track of the animal's monthly progress. In addition, Levona was required to groom and care for the heifer, keep a photo record, and write a 500-word essay detailing the experience. The project was completed through the guidance of her County Extension Agent, Mike Harbour.

The banquet not only recognized and awards the scramble certificate winners who excelled during the past year, but it also provides an excellent opportunity for each of them to continue to develop the relationship they began last year with their donor.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

A great golf course, a beautiful day and a group of wonderful folks, what more can you ask for on a Sunday afternoon. We had 28 adults and one youth Aaron Sales, Rocksprings, out for our Play Day this past Sunday afternoon, March 9th.

We could not play our full course as #3 and #4 have water and litter on them. We played our short course three rounds. Worked out fine.

1st place - Moses Hill, John Nikolauk, Mabel Freitag, Chic Sales and youth Aaron Sales.

2nd place - Bud Bailey, Chris McCravey, Geneva McWhorter and Jack Halbert.

3rd place - Bob Bland, Ross

Whitten, Jim Nance and Curtis Griffin.

We will be unable to have our next Play Day on Sunday, April 6th as there will be a 2-Man Tournament that week-end. The Sunday before is March 30th which will be Easter, Sunday. So, we will just "play it by ear".

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Jews for Jesus
Christ in the Passover

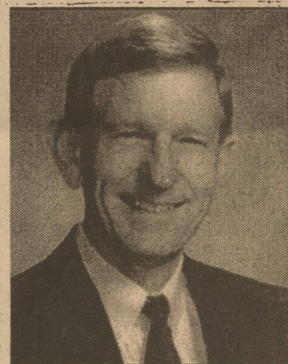
Passover is one of the most significant of all the Jewish holidays, and it was celebrated by the most significant Jew of all time—Jesus. Come see and hear Jews for Jesus unfold the story of redemption from the Exodus to Calvary in Christ in the Passover.

First United Methodist Church
Monday, March 17th — 7:00 p.m.

Admission Free
An offering for the evangelistic work of Jews for Jesus will be received.
Jews for Jesus, 60 Haight Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-5895.

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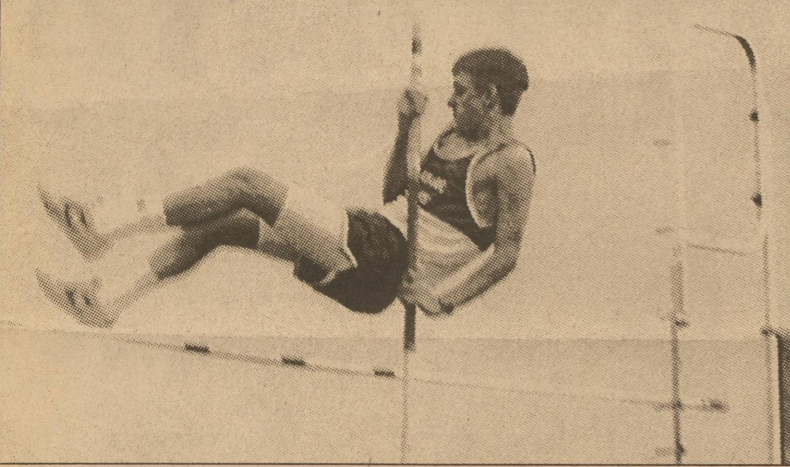


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Up, up and away! — EHS pole vaulter Joseph Wink clears the bar during the Plateau Relays last Saturday.

Plateau Relay results

boys meet were as follows: Brady 121 points, Rocksprings 113, Sonora 80, Eldorado 78 and Iraan 51.

In the Middle School meet, Eldorado's boys won the 8th Grade division with 167 points. They were followed by Sonora 132, Winters 104, Rocksprings 68 and Wall 38.

Sonora won the 8th Grade girls division with 139.5. They were followed by Eldorado 1228.5, Wall 98.5, Rocksprings 89 and Winters 77.5.

In the 7th grade boys division, Sonora won with 165 points followed by Wall 146, Eldorado 84, Rocksprings 64 and Grape Creek 38.

Results of individual events were as follows:

High School Girls
(* denotes meet record)
Discus 1) T. Christian, Reagan Co. 116' 2 1/2" 2) V. Castillo, Rocksprings 114' 4 3/4" 3) P. Mendoza, Iraan 109' 6 1/4" 4) Angela Ballew, Eldorado 105' 7 1/4" 5) K. Kiesling, Brady 98'
Shot Put 1) V. Castillo, Rocksprings 39' 4 1/4" 2) Mendoza, Iraan 36' 1 1/2" 3) Christian,

Reagan Co. 35' 1 1/2" 4) Harvey, Crane 34' 6 1/2" 5) B. Barrera, Iraan 33' 3/4"
Long Jump 1) B. Lanehart, Iraan 17' 7" 2) A. Gonzales, Rocksprings 15' 1" 3) Ashley Finley, Eldorado 15' 1/2" 4) J. Miller, Wall 15' 0" 5) B. Harvey, Iraan 14' 9 3/4"
High Jump 1) B. Lanehart, Iraan 5' 2" 2) TIE McEntire, Sterling City 5' 0"; A. Counts, Water Valley 5' 0"; J. McFarland, Crane 5' 0" 5) A. Cerda, Rocksprings 4' 8"
Triple Jump 1) B. Lanehart, Iraan 35' 5" 2) S. Counts, Water Valley 33' 6" 3) D. Mireles, Sonora 31' 10 1/2" 4) A. Counts, Water Valley 31' 2" 5) J. Miller, Wall 31' 1 1/4"
3200 Run 1) A. Gonzales, Rocksprings 11:59.68 2) L. Sanchez, Ozona 12:13.27 3) J. Simone, Rocksprings 13:09.56 4) S. Weise, Water Valley 13:25.75 5) A. Pohl, Sterling City 13:34.52
300 M Hurdles 1) Miller, Wall 50.64 2) Slimp, Winters 50.74 3) Copeland, Iraan 50.77 4) Counts, Water Valley 53.27 5) Sanchez, Crane 54.89
100 M Dash 1) Phillips, Reagan Co. 12.54 2) Sundi Nix, Eldorado 12.99 3) Williams, Brady 13.16 4) Clifton, Iraan 13.18 5) Templeton, Iraan 13.31
400 M Dash 1) Downing, Sonora 1:05.22 2) Bubenik, Winters 1:06.36 3) Long, Ballinger 1:06.81 4) Maldonado, Ozona 1:07.20 5) Ayers, Water Valley 1:07.65
800 M Dash 1) Lilly, Sterling City 2:34.68 2) Marshall, Ozona 2:37.81 3) Pohl, Sterling City 2:38.45 4) Sefcik, Wall 2:39.47 5) Clark, Iraan 2:39.79
200 M Dash 1) Pritchard, Winters 26.90 2) Donop, Brady 27.31 3) Sanchez, Iraan 28.03 4) Holly Mankin, Eldorado 28.10 5) Subia, Reagan Co. 28.31
1600 M Run 1) V. Sanchez, Ozona 5:33.58 2) Weise, Water Valley 5:52.09 3) Simone,



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Just a hop, skip and a jump — Sabrina Samuels competes in the Triple Jump at the Plateau Relays last Saturday.

Rocksprings 5:58.13 4) Marshall, Ozona 6:01.69 5) Cottle, Rocksprings 6:07.29
100 M Hurdles 1) Green, Iraan 17.58 2) Counts, Water Valley 17.66 3) Hoelscher, Wall 17.91 4) Schneider, Iraan 18.13 5) Simmons, Crane 18.17
400 M Relay 1) Copeland, Lanehart, Clifton, Templeton, Iraan 51.75 2) Nix, Finley, Whitten, Mitchel, Eldorado 51.96 3) Donop, Snodgrass, Jones, Williams, Brady 52.93 4) Lacy, Woods, Ayers, Shaffer, Water Valley 53.06 5) Gully, Subia, Morales, Phillips, Reagan Co. 53.09
800 M Relay 1) Copeland, Clifton, Lanehart, Schneider, Iraan 1:50.51 2) Ashley Finley, Holly Mankin, Victoria Mitchel, Ashlie Whitten 1:50.88 3) Hernandez, Gonzalez, Gonzalez, Todd, Rocksprings 1:52.52 4) Lacy, Sears, Counts, Woods, Ayers, Shaffer, Water Valley 1:52.59 5) Esparza, Pettit, Jeffery, McFarland, Crane 1:53.37
1600 M Relay 1) Gonzalez, Hernandez, Gonzalez, Todd, Rocksprings 4:17.28 2) Anderson, Blakwelder, Templeton, Schneider, Iraan 4:21.91 3) Dodd, Esparza, Jeffery, Pettit, Crane 4:22.82 4) Johnson, Jones, Williams, Donop, Brady 4:23.64 5) Holden, Avila, Mendez, Marshall, Ozona 4:29.55 6) Ashley Finley, Kaci Kohls, Victoria Mitchel, Ashlie Whitten, Eldorado 4:39.91

Middle School Girls
8th Grade Girls
(Eldorado results only) Discus 2) Nicholson, 67' 8 1/2" 6) Fuentes, 58' 6 1/2" Shot Put 1) Nicholson, 31' 1 1/2" 3) Hinojosa, 24' 8 1/4" 4) Delarosa, 24' 3 1/2" Long Jump 4) Gonzalez, 13' 3 1/2" High Jump 1) McCravey, 4' 10" 3) Robledo, 4' 4" Triple Jump 1) Wolfe, 29' 6 1/2" 300 M Hurdles 3) Barton, 59.14 100 M Dash 2) Robledo, 14.12 800 M Run 6) Wolfe, 3:07.88 200 M Dash 1) McCravey, 28.66 6) Gonzalez, 30.77 100 M Hurdles 4) Barton, 19.44 400 M Relay 1) Gonzalez, McCravey, Robledo, Poynor, 55.62 800 M Relay 4) Montalvo, Wolfe, Arispe, Gonzales, 2:04.59 1600 M Relay 2) Wolfe, McCravey, Fuentes, Robledo, 4:50.60

7th Grade Girls
(Eldorado results only) Discus 3) Porter, 58' 5 1/2" 4) Hernandez, 55' 7 1/2" 5) Meja, 54' 5" Shot Put 2) Porter, 22' 10" Long Jump 6) Smith, 12' 1 1/4" High Jump 1) Sessom, 4' 0" 5) Calcote, 4' 0" Triple Jump 3) Williams, 27' 1/2" 5) Smith, 25' 7 1/4" 6) Jones, 25' 6 1/4" 2400 Run 1) Greer, 10:48.10 400 M Dash 2) Prater, 70.93 4) Williams, 75.17 800 M Run 5) Greer, 3:04.74 200 M Dash 1) Smith, 28.31 1600 M Run 2) Lozano, 6:44.73 100 M Hurdles 1) Sessom, 19.31 3) Jones, 20.56 400 M Relay 3) Sessom, Smith, Williams, Prater, 57.63 800 M Relay 3) Jones, Smith, Montalvo, Crawford, 2:06.99 1600 M Relay 2) Greer, Prater, Sessom, Williams, 4:49.88

8th Grade Boys
(Eldorado results only) Discus 3) Stafford, 112' 2" Shot Put 1) Aguilar, 40' 0" Long Jump 3) Robledo, 17' 2" 4) Nixon, 17' 3/4" High Jump 3) Covarrubiaz, 5' 0" 5) Nixon, 4' 10" Triple Jump 2) Bullard, 37' 1/4" 6) Cabrera, 31' 5 1/2" 2400 Run 1) Cabrera, 8:08.71 4) Arispe, 9:26.45 300 M Hurdles 4) Bullard, 48.37 100 M Dash 2) Edmiston, 12.10 4) Robledo, 12.37 400 M Dash 1) Covarrubiaz, 58.37 2) Sprou, 60.06 800 M Run 2) Covarrubiaz, 2:26.61 200 M Dash 1) Edmiston, 25.64 3) Nixon, 25.92 1600 M Run 1) Cabrera, 5:10.17 6) Edmiston, 5:53.09 110 M Hurdles 5) Leggett, 19.19 6) Bullard, 19.93 400 M Relay 1) Bullard, Nixon, Edmiston, Robledo, 49.05 1600 M Relay 1) Sprou, Nixon, Cabrera, Covarrubiaz, 3:58.26

7th Grade Boys
(Eldorado results only) Discus 2) Homer, 88' 6" Shot Put 3) Homer, 30' 8 1/4" Long Jump 3) Medrano, 16' 10" 4) Enriquez, 15' 5" Triple Jump 2) Enriquez, 32' 6" 2400 Run 4) Sedden, 10:12.65 300 M Hurdles 2) Herrera, 54.15 6) Barajas, 57.93 800 M Run 4) Barajas, 2:47.96 200 M Dash 4) Herrera, 29.29 110 M Hurdles 5) Fay, 22.40 6) Rodriguez, 22.91 400 M Relay 2) Enriquez, Anderson, Rodriguez, Medrano, 54.70 1600 M Relay 3) Fuentes, Medrano, Jones, Herrera, 4:34.99

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Two vehicle accident — Jesus Gutierrez Bera, 48, of Eldorado was jailed Sunday night following a two vehicle accident at the stop light. Bera was charged with DWI (2nd offense), Failure to Yield Right-of-Way and Driving With No Headlights. According to investigators at the scene, Bera's vehicle, a 1988 Chevy, pictured above, ran a red light and collided with another pickup driven by Bobby Newton. Newton, his passenger Lonnie Middleton and Bera were all treated and released at SCMC. Bera is free on \$2,000.00 bail.

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The Blotter

3/4/97 10:00 a.m. caller reported smoke coming from across the street from two businesses. Officer reported back that it was a control burn. 2:50 p.m. Smoke report. Caller reported seeing smoke in either Irion or Schleicher County. Officer reported a gathering at their residence and reported illegals traveling through their property. Officer responded along with Border Patrol Units. 9:03 p.m. caller reported a gathering at their residence and requested an officer to come by and take a look to see if anything was wrong. Officer responded and found that their neighbor was spreading dirt on lawn and had cars along the street.

3/5/97 12:01 a.m. caller reported a cow was in the road and that they nearly hit it. Animal was spotted approx. 1 mile North of entrance to Airstation. Officer re-

sponded. 2:48 a.m. Sutton County Sheriff's Office reported an accident 2-3 miles South on 277 by BJ Services. Call was received on Sonora 911 system. Two vehicles one being a Halliburton truck. Dispatch was unable to give more detail. Driver hung up before giving much more information. Officer responded as well as EMS 1 & 2, Highway Patrol and Fire Department. 3:32 p.m. caller reported that a horse is missing off his property. Fence was knocked down. Horse is brown, last seen hoof prints were heading toward the dump ground. 5:25 p.m. caller from Sonora reported that her sister had phoned her earlier in the day and said that she would call back. Sister never called back. Caller requested that an officer check at her residence to make sure she was all right and to phone her. Officer responded and said everything was OK. 6:48 p.m. caller phoned in and requested that a dead animal needed to be removed from their drive way. Officer advised to call City of Eldorado employee to remove the animal. City employee was contacted and said they would take care of matter. 6:50 p.m. caller phoned in on cell phone and reported a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed near county line 277 South. Caller reported that the vehicle passed them on

the right on the shoulder, and that when the vehicle passed her they nearly hit it. Officer responded and was unable to find a vehicle that matched description given. 8:37 p.m. caller reported that a male subject was entering business and using phone without permission. Officer responded and brought subject to office for questioning.

3/6/97 11:35 a.m. caller reported an intoxicated person at the courthouse. Officer responded to call. 12:08 p.m. call reported a reckless driver. Officer responded to call.

3/7/97 5:41 p.m. caller requested an officer to make a report on a person who drove off with gas nozzle still in the gas tank.

3/8/97 9:55 a.m. caller reported that on 3/7/97 a red and white Ford pickup, either crew or super cab, pulled up to their house at approx. midnight and then backed out and zoom off like "a bat out of hell" was concerned that this vehicle may have been evading police officers. 11:44 a.m. caller reported that they had found a bicycle in the trees out by the storage buildings and turned it in to the officer. 7:20 p.m. caller request help from officer to unlock vehicle.

3/9/97 12:49 a.m. caller reported a possible drunk headed South on U.S. 277 to-

wards Eldorado. Officer responded and reported that it was a fatigued driver. 12:25 p.m. caller reported that there was a white GMC Jimmy on the side of the road and they stopped to assist but occupant informed subject that they had help on the way. As they pulled away they crossed the highway towards an old abandoned house. Officer checked out and found everything OK. 12:35 p.m. officer witnessed a drunk driver on Hwy 277 North. Confiscated two coolers containing alcohol substance and arrested driver for driving while intoxicated. 4:35 p.m. officer radioed in to the Sheriff's Office to report a loud party on West Ave. 6:37 p.m. caller reported that her dog was bitten by another dog. Officer took call. 7:14 p.m. caller reported an accident at the intersection of 277 and 915.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ELDORADO TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Eldorado will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 17, 1997 at the City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood, Eldorado, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to John M. Callison, City Manager, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact John M. Callison, City Administrator at the City Hall 915-853-2691. 11b

Eldorado City Council meets

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and that local funds were needed to make up the difference. Williams pointed out that the Center has been funded 90% by out of town agencies, including the Texas Dept. of Human Services and the Dept. of Health. However, Williams said, those agencies want to see a greater level of local involvement.

Albin told the council that they had come to visit with the council and deal with misinformation about the Center. "We can deal with the questions as we hear them," Albin stated, "but what we can't deal with is all the coffee shop talk."

Albin pointed out that 70% of

those receiving assistance from the Center are employed and that all are Schleicher County residents.

Williams told the council that the Resource Center handles 3,000 visits a year, or 14 per day, and approximately 3,000 van rides per year. She asked the council to consider increasing the city's contribution to the Center in their next budget cycle.

City utility superintendent Jack Dean reported to the council that work is progressing at the wastewater treatment plant and that the construction is 80% complete. Dean also reported that recent rains were slowing work down at the landfill and causing problems with

the city's sewer system, especially some of the lift stations.

City administrator John Callison updated the council on the city's application for a new landfill permit. Callison noted that he and Jack Dean had recently visited with representatives of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) who advised them of new rules which make it advantageous for the city to close its existing landfill before Oct. 9, 1997. It was noted that any landfills closed on or before that date will need to be monitored for a five-year period. Those closed after that date have much more stringent guidelines.

City secretary Carolyn Mayo then addressed the council concerning the price Conoco is charging the city for its natural gas. Mayo noted that recent price hikes have left the city selling the gas to its customers at or below the purchase price. She and Callison asked the council to amend the utility ordinance and allowing the city to tie the price it charges customers to the price the city is paying for gas. Councilmembers unanimously approved a public hearing for April 7, 1997 to discuss the proposed amendment.

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SCHOOL OUT SPRING BREAK MARCH 10-14

Cafeteria Line

Monday, March 17th
Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, White Cake/Icing

Tuesday, March 18th
Beef Tacos/ Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Vanilla Pudding

Wednesday, March 19th
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Pork & Beans, Mixed Fruit, Brownies

Thursday, March 20th
Fried Chicken/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Raisins, Harvest Cake/Icing

Friday, March 21st
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Banana

Breakfast

Monday, March 17th
Peaches, French Toast Sticks/ Syrup, Peanut Butter

Tuesday, March 18th
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls/ Cheese Sticks

Wednesday, March 19th
Grape Juice, Hot Oatmeal/Toast

Thursday, March 20th
Orange Juice, Hot Biscuits/ Sausage/Jelly

Friday, March 21st
Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line

Monday, March 17th
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, French Fries, Dill Pickle Slices, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, White Cake/Icing

Tuesday, March 18th
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Pineapple Rings, Vanilla Pudding

Wednesday, March 19th
Fiestadas, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit, Lime Jello/Pineapple

Thursday, March 20th
Chick Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Raisins, Harvest Cake/Icing

Friday, March 21st
Same as Cafeteria Line