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Headlines From Around the World

O.J. Loses Civil Trial

The first phase of the O.J. Simpson civil trial is over and the second phase, to decide on punitive damages, is under way. Tuesday night, the jury found Simpson liable for the murder of Ron Goldman and ordered him to pay \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's family. The jurors also found Simpson responsible for the assault that left his ex-wife Nicole dead. Her family did not seek compensatory damages.

GOP Questions Clinton's Goals

President Clinton's State of the Union speech, including a "call to action" to make American education the world's best, won support from both parties, but Republicans say they want to know the details and question the cost. Although there are expressions of cooperation, some Republicans say they're worried about a perceived expanded government role in Clinton's proposals. Florida Rep. Mark Foley says "it is an expensive message," although he believes Congress should come up with the money.

Pamela Harriman Dies

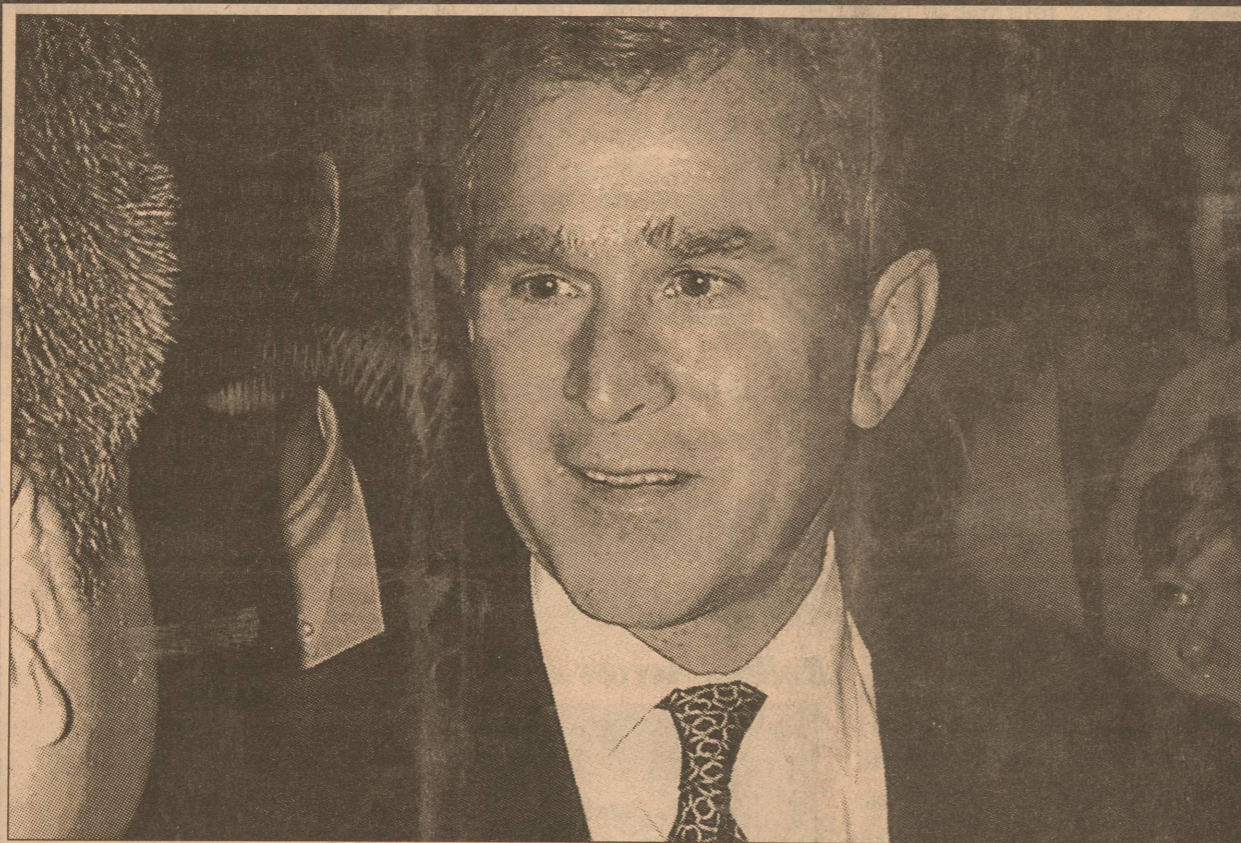
Pamela Harriman, the U.S. ambassador to France, died in Paris yesterday of a brain hemorrhage. She was 76. The U.S. Embassy made the announcement in Paris. A close supporter of President Clinton and a major figure in the Democratic Party and European political circles, Harriman collapsed of a massive stroke on Monday. Her third husband was former New York Governor and diplomat Averell Harriman. Her first husband was Winston Churchill's son, Randolph.

Search is on for Navy Plane

A U.S. Navy plane with four crew members aboard disappeared during a training mission off the coast of Israel Tuesday night. The U.S. Embassy in Israel says the plane vanished from radar about 90 miles west of Haifa after taking off from the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt. The S-3B Viking aircraft is assigned to the Cecil Field Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida. Meanwhile, in Israel, friends and family members mourn 73 Israeli soldiers killed when two helicopters collided Tuesday.

Effort to Restart Peru Talks

Peru's government is trying to re-start negotiations with the Marxist rebels holding 72 hostages inside the Japanese ambassador's home in Lima. President Alberto Fujimori is back in the capital after a five-day foreign tour to discuss the crisis with other leaders, including President Clinton. He says his government will do everything it can to free the captives, who have been held for 50 days. But he's also promising to stick to his line of "prudence and firmness" in dealing with the rebels.



Texas Governor George W. Bush fields questions from citizens following a public appearance in San Angelo last Friday. The governor was in the Concho Valley promoting his plan to cut school property taxes by 20¢ per \$100 evaluation. The proposal is meeting with stiff resistance in Austin.

photo by Teri Deweber

Volunteer firefighters considering replacement of old pumper truck

Eldorado volunteer firefighters are carefully eyeing the replacement of their 1951 pumper truck. According to Robert Parker, president of the department, the 46 year old truck isn't adequate to meet current demands and should be retired.

"We would like to replace the old pumper with the '80 model city pumper," Parker stated.

Parker noted that the city's pumper is nearing the end of its 20-year life span and will need to be replaced to stay in compliance with state insurance regulations.

A committee consisting of Parker, Assistant Chief Joey Jones, Assistant Chief Cary Mayfield and Secretary Jerry Felver have been studying the department's options for several months.

"We've been real lucky so far," stated Jones. "The Forest Service has donated some equipment to us and we've picked up some more from the surplus equipment yard. Those have been a tanker truck and some grass trucks...but a pumper is a different matter."

The Big Lake and Sonora Fire Departments have recently added new pumpers to their inventory. According to a story in the January 30, 1996 edition of the *Big Lake Wildcat*, engine #55 was recently placed into service by the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department at a cost of \$155,000.00. The article

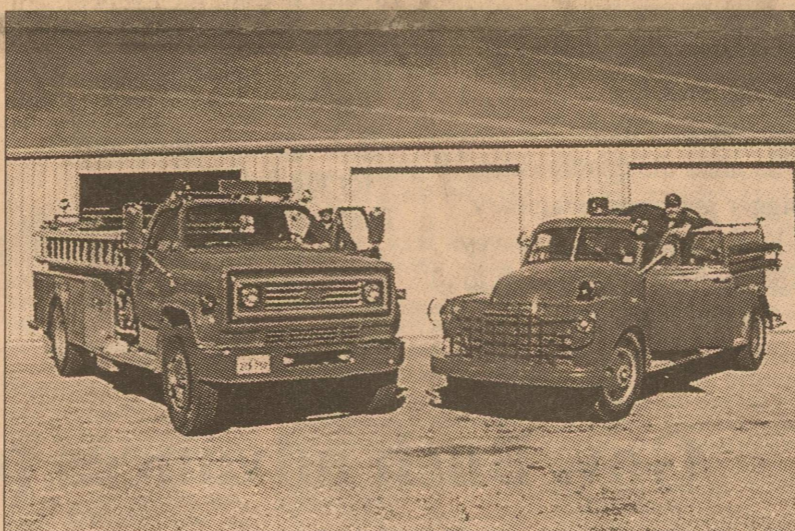


photo by Randy Mankin

Firefighters Joey Jones and Robert Parker pulled the Volunteer Fire Department's two pumper trucks out for inspection this week. At left is a 1980 model Chevrolet which serves as the 'city pumper'. The truck at right is a 1951 model Chevrolet which is the pumper used outside the city limits.

stated that the pumper was purchased to replace a 20 year old truck.

"A new pumper is going to be expensive...way more expensive than they used to be," said Parker.

Part of the added cost comes from the fact that newer pumpers feature 6-man cabs. Gone are the days when firemen would hang on to the back of the truck as it roared off to a fire.

"Insurance requires new equipment be outfitted with a cab large enough to seat the crew needed to operate it," stated Parker.

Insurance concerns are forcing

fire departments across the state to update their equipment. Dana Palmer, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, told the Success that insurance rates are based on many factors, not the least of which is a county or a city's FSR (Fire Suppression Rating) as determined by the Insurance Service Office. Palmer said the new FSR replaced the Key Rate system that was used in Texas for decades.

Eldorado's current FSR rate is 48.64 and compares favorably to towns of its size. However, the rate could be adversely affected when

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Local Knights of Columbus will host district 'Free Throw Championship'

Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 11282 will host District 106 Free Throw Championship on Saturday, February 8, 1997 at the Middle School Gym at 10:00 a.m. Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona's local winners will be represented.

On Saturday, January 25, 1997 50 10-14 year olds boys and girls competed in their age level.

*Denotes winners going on to District level.

10 year old level: Steve Cardenas, Ryan Allen Cathey, *Trey Chavez, Kimberly Contreras, Marco Escobar, Amanda Figueroa, Bobbe Lozano, Mary Ann Moreno, Logan Neal, Tico Robles, *Selina Rojas.

11 year old level: *Frankie Arispe, Ray David

Buitron, Jr., Scott Cawley, Gusy Figueroa, Gregory Fuentes, Clara Herrera, Sonia Nicole Mills, Shay Parker, *Helen Christina Redish, Chris Sanchez.

12 year old level: Virgilio Escobar, *Homero Hernandez, Quisto Gonzales, Buddy Greer, *Martha Lively, Monica Moreno, Bobby Phillips, Lora Warren, Elizar David Yorba.

13 year old level: *Johnny Lee Arispe, Thomas Ray Ballew, Joey Bullard, Aaron Fuentes, Benji Gonzalez, Hallie Greer, Johnny Herrera, Wesley Jones, Adrian Lozano, Leonel Medrano, Adrea Robles, *Suzanne Rojas, Will Whitten.

14 year old level: Jimmy Aguilar, Sammy Cabrera, Nancy Cawley, John Ray Espinosa, *Vanessa Gonzalez, *Manuel Hernandez, William Robledo.

Governor touts property tax cut at public forum

by Teri Deweber, MRP correspondent

SAN ANGELO - "There are fewer people on welfare right now and there are no physical or legal crisis' at this time, but one crisis we do have is there are too many of our children who cannot read," said Governor George W. Bush in a stop in San Angelo Friday, Jan. 31, to rally support for his new property tax cut proposal.

Business representatives, school board trustees, real estate brokers, the media and students listened closely as Gov. Bush outlined plans to cut school property taxes by 20 cents per \$100 evaluation and raise homestead exemptions from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The 20 cent cut would amount to a reduction of \$3 billion a year on a state-wide basis in school property taxes. The effect of the combined homestead exemption change and 20 cent tax cut would reduce school property taxes 40% for the average homeowner in Texas with a home valued at \$61,500.

In addition, low-income Texans owning homes valued at less than \$25,000, should see school property taxes cut to an average of less than \$35 per year.

"The Property Tax Cut Act", will be presented to the legislature by representatives Robert Junell of San Angelo and Tom Craddock of Midland.

To pay for his plan, Gov. Bush's

proposal provides for directing \$1 billion in savings from what he called a "leaner and more efficient" state government, to property tax relief.

It also allows for changing the way businesses are taxed in Texas, a step that has raised outcries from the business leaders across the state.

Under the plan, the current corporate franchise tax and property tax on business inventory would be eliminated, replacing them with a Texas Business Tax.

"Our current system is not fair," Bush stated, "Some businesses are taxed very little and some don't pay a dime to support our schools. Other businesses are taxed so heavily that it threatens to drive them from our state."

Bush told the audience Friday of a business that was looking into expanding within Texas, until further evaluation revealed the property tax burden would be higher at the one location in Texas than in four of its other plant locations in other states combined.

"Arlington recently tried to recruit a semiconductor manufacturing plant," he said, "but it went to Maine because there was a \$40 million difference."

Bush's proposed business tax would consist of a 1 1/4 percent tax on sales exceeding \$500,000, less cost of goods and less capital invested. The measure effectively

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Barton: State must offset tax cut with other revenue

"I think everyone would agree that taxes are too high," stated SCISD Superintendent Scott Barton in response to Gov. George W. Bush's property tax reduction initiative. "But there must be some mechanism for replacing the revenue school districts will lose if property taxes are reduced."

Barton wasn't the only school administrator expressing concerns following the governor's announcement last week. Across the state school officials are questioning how they will maintain current services if the governor's tax plan is implemented.

"I understand the governor is proposing a sales tax hike and using lottery money to offset the lost

funds to schools. That would be good," Barton said.

But Barton isn't at all sure the governor's plan will make it through the legislature intact. Opponents of Bush's initiative have already taken the offensive against the plan.

"Right now we're not too worried, but we're going to monitor the bill closely as it goes through committee," Barton stated.

Recently appointed to Commissioner of Education Mike Moses' cabinet, Barton is in a good position to watch as the legislation takes shape. "We're scheduled to meet in Austin on the 20th of February," Barton said. "Maybe I'll know more then."

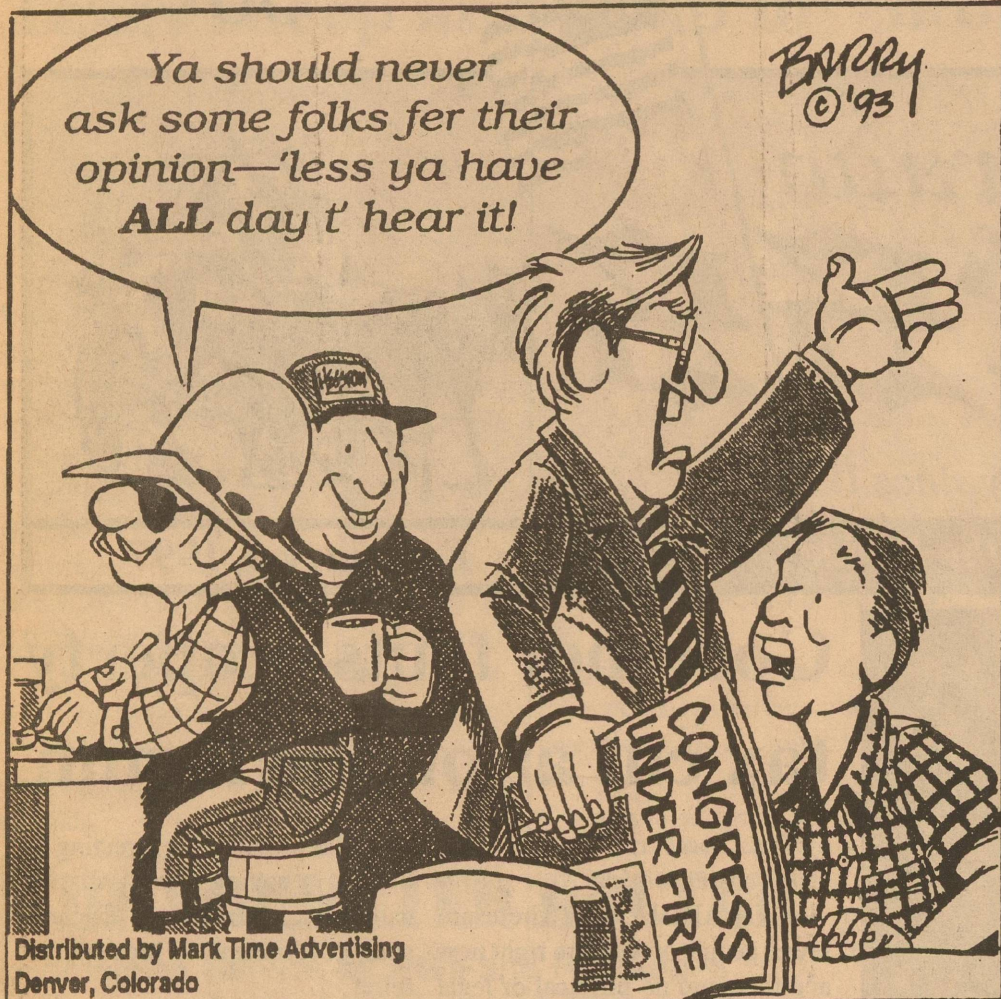


photo by Kathy Mankin

EHS band students competed in the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble Contest at Angelo State University last Saturday. Earning Division 1 ratings were (Front L-R) Hillary Hodges, Kasey Griffin, Hannah Wolfe, Sarah Mankin (Back L-R) Leticia Nixon, Vickie Esparza, Tiffany Case, Amanda Ballew, Beau Sallee, Victor Saldivar. The flute quartet consisting of Nixon, Esparza, Case and Ballew will advance to the State competition this spring as will Saldivar who competed in percussion.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Over the Back Fence

by Randy Mankin

An interesting if somewhat frustrating part of my job involves taking phone calls from people who won't identify themselves. One such call came in several months ago. An anonymous woman phoned to report a grand conspiracy at her workplace. "You won't believe some of the stuff that goes on around here," she told me in a hushed voice. "I think you should look into it."

That proved to be difficult for me to do since she hung up before telling me where she worked.

Another nameless caller wasn't happy with one of our elected officials. And, he claimed to have evidence implicating said official in all manner of wrongdoing.

"You need to do a write-up expos-

ing that scoundrel," I was told.

When I informed the man that I would like to see his evidence and asked him to bring it by the newspaper office, he began to stammer.

"Er...can't you just take my word for it?" he asked.

"Sir, I don't even know who you are," I told him. "How can I accept the word of someone I don't know?"

"Well...uh...I've gotta keep my name outta this," he answered. Then he hit upon a solution. "I'll mail you copies of all this stuff. Then you can do a write-up."

The copies of his 'stuff' never came and, so far, at least, I haven't heard back from him.

The innate desire some folks have for anonymity sometimes extends to

their friends and family, too. Recently I took a call from a woman who was furious about a story we ran. Someone near and dear to her heart had been arrested and she was deeply offended to see the arrest reported in the paper.

"You shouldn't put names in the paper," she told me. "It's just not right."

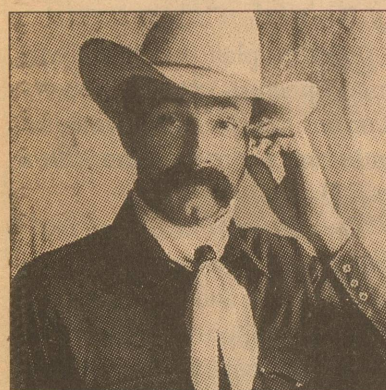
"Are you saying the arrest didn't happen?" I asked her.

She stopped for a moment and replied, "That's not the point."

When I went into the newspaper business a couple of area publishers told me I could expect this sort of thing. They had seen it all before.

"In the last twenty years, just about everything has changed in the newspaper business," one of them said. "Everything, that is, except human nature."

Best and Worst of Times



BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

man, a cow and God?

Does the price of a first calf heifer affect a cowman's responsibility to her well being? Does his effort, concentration and skill decrease when she's calving in a falling market? Does he try harder to get a live calf if she's worth more at the sale?

These questions are best answered, not philosophically or hypothetically, but in reality. At 3:00 a.m. when you hook the chains to newborn feet and start to pull, does cost cross your mind? When you rub the calf down and push him under her flank do you see dollar signs?

When you gaze at the turn out field and see cows grazing contentedly while calves chase each other around 'em, do you get a good feeling? Smile, maybe relax for a moment thankful all is well. Or are you too occupied with their price to appreciate what you're seeing?

The dilemma I'm presenting really isn't much of a problem for most cow people I know. The calving barn is a long way in time and miles and thought from the auction ring.

After all, we tend to our flocks in bad weather, hard times, illness, chapped hands, achin' backs, mad patients and yes, bad markets.

I think when we lay down in the straw or mud behind a heifer needin' help, the price per pound is the farthest thing from our mind. So, in spite of all the well meaning (and correct) consultants who keep reminding us that what we do is a business, it is also, beyond any doubt, a way of life.

It is the best of times.

Calving at it's finest. The calling of those chosen to tend God's creatures. To take part in simple miracles. To alter the balance of life on earth by one small addition.

It is the worst of times.

Calving in the midst of a winter when one needs a depth finder to see the top of the market. When it is less worrisome to lose oneself in the task of daily responsibilities easing the burden of birth than it is thinking about the price of next fall's over crowded weaner crop.

A dilemma, some would say. But does knowing the decreased value of beef make a cowman think less of that heifer in trouble? Or that new calf layin' in the straw? Does her dollar price somehow affect her value as a creation... As a work of art. Planned, worked for and created by a cow-

Sam Pendergrast Loose On Earth

Rolling Across Texas



Tumbleweed Smith

Sam Pendergrast has floated through life working when and where he has wanted to. He has made most of his living by writing. He writes books, newspaper columns, magazine articles, poems, stories essays. He writes about his thoughts, his feelings, his experiences.

Since he is qualified as a character, he has some interesting experiences to write about.

His latest effort is a book called *Hasta Laurecion or Fifty years of Rhyme and Reason*. In it is a poem written in 1981 for a class in Texas Literature. It's called *Why Write?*

The world is burning to a crisp, they say.
The farmer's friend has doomed the condors egg.
Bigger guns and imaginary butter are the Reagan way.
And worldly peace is left to General Haig.

But, no, we answer, there is still a place.
For words we hope old time cannot erase
And yes, we think there must be something more
Than tax free bonds and missiles to explore.
And, after all, the surest truths of men
Are from the fossiled stone and poet's pen.

Sam is bearded, sixty, a popular figure at Terlingua chili happenings and other gatherings of people who think life is to be lived for the fun of it. He writes about being born among the rabbit twisters in Coke County, "where wild cats were served as fare for country folk."

He writes about driving around in a Nash car with a trailer full of earthy goods. He says the threadbare thirties when he was born now seem like happy days.

"Just give me six more decades and I'll fool everyone and amount to something yet."

Sam wrote a fire prevention poem in the fifth grade that earned him a dime's worth of candy. "I discovered fiddling with words is an easy way to get good things," says Sam, "I've been doing it ever since in one way or another, and surprisingly little else (surprisingly because only a minuscule percentage of people manage to survive on such an insubstantial occupation - and I can't imagine any who have had a better time of it.)"

Sam wrote a musical comedy in 1993 called *The Hooktubweek Sacrament*. He wrote it for the Broadway stage and hopes to see it there one day. One line in a song goes like this: "Nobody ever had a life well spent locked in a cell of denial and resentment."

Gov. Bush advances property tax relief plan

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — During his second "State of the State" address, Gov. George W. Bush last week unveiled a long-awaited plan to cut school property taxes.

Bush's tax relief plan would reduce school property taxes by an average of 40 percent, hike the state sales tax by a half cent to 6.75 cents per dollar and impose new levies on businesses.

The sales tax increase is expected to raise about \$800 million in revenues and the business tax could bring in about \$1.3 billion.

"Property taxes are too high. They are among the highest in the nation ... (and) are threatening the Texas dream," Bush told lawmakers in a joint session of the Senate and House.

"By dedicating the money to the school trust, we say to Texas that education is our No. 1 priority," he said.

Most lawmakers praised the governor's plan. But a few criticized the trust fund idea, saying that dedicating money to a single purpose diminishes the flexibility of budget-writers.

"He had a lot of courage, a lot of honesty in suggesting these changes," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said. "I share his goal to cut local taxes and view this as a great opportunity and not as one of the great unsolved mysteries of Texas."

Bush's plan would roll back school property taxes beginning in 1998, but first would have to be approved by voters through a constitutional amendment.

emergency, and the House and Senate voted unanimously to adopt the bill, whose main sponsors were Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth and Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano.

Bill Would Protect Employers

A bill to protect employers from liability when they give an employee or former employee a bad job reference has been filed by Rep. McCall.

McCall's bill would provide immunity from civil damages to an employer who gives a job reference unless the aggrieved employee or former employee proves the employer knew the information was false.

McCall said the bill is needed because employers, fearful of being sued, are reluctant to give more information than "name, rank and serial number" on a job reference.

Ogden Wins Senate Seat

State Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, emerged the victor in a special election to fill the seat of Jim Turner, D-Crockett, who was elected to the U.S. House in November.

In defeating Bryan accountant and Democrat Mary Moore, Ogden gave the Republicans a 17-14 seat majority in the Senate.

State GOP party chairman Tom Pauken said the Republican majority in the Senate "will result in (Lt. Gov.) Bullock's control of that body dimming over a period of time." Bullock presides over the Senate.

But Ogden's win does not allow the GOP to run roughshod over the Democrats. Senate rules require that bills have the support of 21 members to reach the floor.

Other Capital Highlights

• U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, has been named a co-chair of the Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus, a bipartisan group of House and Senate members working to help the domestic energy industry.

• An optional good-student discount of 10 percent on automobile insurance premiums went into effect last week, but so far, only State Farm Insurance has informed the Texas Department of Insurance of its plans to offer the discounts. State Farm said the discounts will be offered in June.

• The Texas Department of Public Safety has purchased 1,009 acres about 20 miles south of Killeen to build a driving track for high-speed training, a 20 acre diver-training lake and shooting ranges for handguns, shotguns and rifles. Before construction can begin, the DPS needs \$15 million in the bank to pay for phase one of the project, but the agency only has about \$10 million in money and property seized — mostly from the drug trade.

• Elizabeth Watson, Austin's chief of police since December 1992, resigned to accept a \$241,000 fellowship from the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Our Sympathy

Ruby Etta Talley

Ruby Etta Talley, 90, of San Angelo died Saturday, Feb. 1, 1997, in a local hospital.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 3, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Ronald McGaughey officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Talley was born Jan. 9, 1907, in San Angelo. She was an Avon sales representative for more than 45 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert M. Talley in 1980.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Don Stewart of San Angelo, Gloria and Richard Kent of Eldorado; one son, Marshall Talley of San Angelo; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

From a Loved One in Heaven

I would not have you grieve for me today,
Nor weep beside my vacant chair.
Could you but know my daily portion here,
You would not, could not, wish me there.

I know now why He said,
"Ear hath not heard."
I have no words, no alphabet,
Or even if I had,
I DARE not tell
Because you could not bear it yet.

So only this - I am the same,
though changed.
Like Him! A joy so rich and strong
I never dreamed that any heart could hold,
And all my life is one glad song.

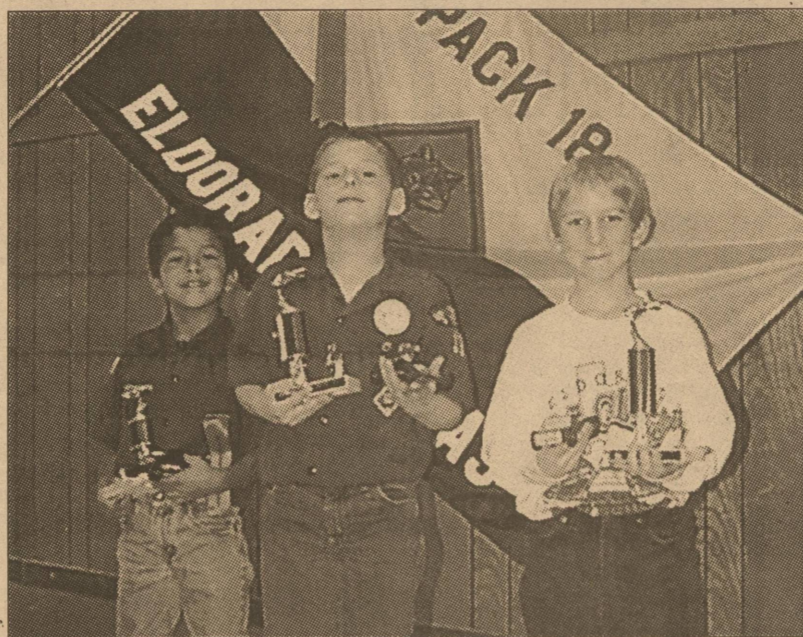
Sometimes when you are talking to the Lord
He turns and speaks to me...
Dear heart,
In that rare moment you and I are just
The distance of a word apart.

And so, my loved ones do not grieve for me
Around the family board today;
Instead, rejoice, for we are one in Him,
And so, I am not far away.

F.N.B. donates books

The Schleicher County Public Library is proud to announce to the youth of the community that all 20 of the Texas Bluebonnet Award Books are in the library ready for you to check out and enjoy. The books were donated to the library by First National Bank and Hyman Sauer. The bank has always been a strong supporter of the library--having bought the bluebonnet books and our encyclopedias in the

past. The Texas Bluebonnet Award Winning books are for children from 4th grade to Middle School. The books are chosen by children all over Texas as their favorite book to read. The books are both fiction and non-fiction. The library has been replacing and adding new childrens books for several months so this is a great addition to the library.



Pinewood Derby Winners Championship Bracket — taking top honors from Cub Scout Pack 18 were (L-R) Louie Buitron, 3rd Place; Colten Behrens, 2nd Place; and Logan Jones, 1st Place. Colton Behrens race car was also voted "Best of Show" by the participants.

Volunteer Fire Department

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the city's pumper is twenty years old. Factors included in the FSR are water supply, loss record and a community's fire fighting capability.

The 1951 Chevrolet pumper currently serves as Schleicher County's pumper has remarkably few miles on it—just over 13,000. But the truck only delivers 500 gpm (gallons per minute), far less than is needed. And, by virtue of

its age and the scarcity of replacement parts, the truck is becoming difficult to maintain.

"We want to convert our city pumper, a 1980 Chevrolet, for use in the county and replace it with a new one, and that's going to cost big bucks," said Parker.

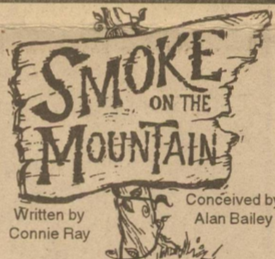
"We still have a couple of years to work on this," he continued. "But it's a major expense so we have to start looking at ways to purchase it now."

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Eldorado Mayor John Nikolau (L) presents Claude Spencer (R) with a plaque of appreciation from the city at Spencer's retirement party last Friday. After 29 years on the job Spencer finally gets to enjoy some time off.



David and Debra Ozowski of Coppel, Texas are the proud parents of a baby boy born December 30, 1996 at Columbia Medical Center Plano, in Plano, Texas.

Named Devin Cole, he weighed in at 7 lb's 3 ozs. and 19 1/2" long. Devin was welcomed home by big sister Casey.

In Eldorado grandparents are Joe and Arveta Freeman and in Irving, Fred and Pat Ozowski and great grandmother Dorothy Connaly.

Birthdays

- February
- 6th Gene Rojas, Kiarra Trevino, Branda Barton, Carmen Joy, Gina Sauer, Jessica Valero
- 7th Doris Jay, Lindsey Griffin, Lola Squyres, Kayla McCravey
- 8th Candi Homer, Enrique Rocha, Haley Higgins
- 9th Cy Griffin, Felix Ramos
- 11th Nancy Jenkins
- 12th Debesse Capps, Gloria Venegas, Denese Crowder, Casey Triplet, Joe King
- 13th Jazmine Ford, Kathy Faull, Leo Rodriguez
- 14th George Draper, David Olivan, Cody Engdahl, Marcos Hernandez, Torey Griggs, Chase Storie
- 15th Rena Adame, Tim Blair, Victor Belman, Shannon West

Anniversaries

- February
- 9th Keith & Mary Nolen
- 13th Julian & Lesa Martinez, Kermit & Janet Overton
- 14th Elena & Manuel Pina, Raymond & Mary Spears
- 15th Danny & Debi Pina

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Enjoying a book at the library are (L-R) Kevin Freeman, Kimberly Contreras, Amanda Figueroa and Jessi Freeman. The youngsters are shown here looking over some of the Texas Bluebonnet Award winning books donated to the library by First National Bank of Eldorado.

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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

The weather was beautiful and everyone was ready to play golf this past Sunday afternoon, February 2, 1997. We had a great turnout with 39 adults and one youth, Clay Whitten.

1st with a score of 55 Jon Cartwright, Chris McCravery, Richard Emmons and Mabel Freitag.

2nd with a score of 57 Marvin Clark, John Nikolauk, Don Richters and David Robledo.

3rd with a score of 58 LeRoy Reeves, Gordon Emmons, Ken Koenig and Su Scott.

Score card play-off for 3rd

place, a tie with Victor Belman, David Neal, Wayne McGinnes and Herb Emmons.

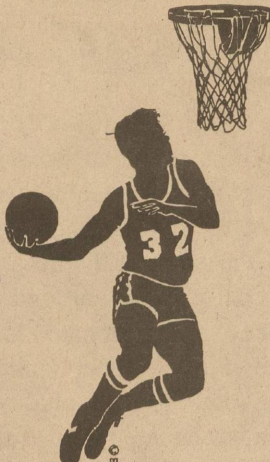
The tournament committee will be getting our tournament schedules out soon, looking forward to start another great year of tournaments.

I am sure the ground-hog saw his shadow if he was out in Schleicher County today! So, keep your winter clothes out for another six weeks!

Until Sunday, March 2nd, Happy Golfing. If weather permits, that will be our next Play Day.



Hoop Scores



8TH GRADE GIRLS

8th Grade Girls
Eldorado Lost to Grape Creek
 Monday, December 16, 1997 in Grape Creek. Scoring: Megan Poyner 6; Kayla McCravery 5; Amy Green 2; Lindsay Beach 5; Vanessa Gonzalez 3; Stacy Nicholson 8. Also playing were Kayla Case, Rikki Bosman, Ashley Barton, Melissa Hinojosa, Nancy Cawley, Agatha Fuentes, Ruby Robledo.

Iraan Tournament
Eldorado lost to Ozona in tournament.
 Thursday, January 9, 1997 in Iraan. Scoring: Kayla McCravery 2; Lindsay Beach 4; Top Scorer - Vanessa Gonzalez 9. Also playing were Kayla Case, Rikki Bosman, Ashley Barton, Megan Poyner, Amy Green, Stacy Nicholson, Melissa Hinojosa, Nancy Cawley, Agatha Fuentes and Ruby Robledo.

Eldorado lost to McCamey in tournament.
 Saturday, January 11, 1997 in Iraan. Scoring: Megan Poyner 2; Top Scorer - Kayla McCravery 13; Amy Green 3; Vanessa Gonzalez 7; Stacy Nicholson 3. Also playing were Kayla Case, Rikki Bosman, Ashley Barton, Lindsay Beach, Melissa Hinojosa, Nancy Cawley, Agatha Fuentes and Ruby Robledo.

Eldorado Wins over Ozona
 Monday, January 13, 1997 in Eldorado. Scoring: Ashley Barton 1; Megan Poyner 8; Kayla McCravery 4; Melissa Hinojosa 2; Vanessa Gonzalez 2; Top Scorer - Stacy Nicholson 11; Ruby Robledo 2. Also playing were Kayla Case, Rikki Bosman, Amy Green, Lindsay Beach, Nancy Cawley and Agatha Fuentes.

Eldorado Loses to Sonora
 Monday, January 20, 1997 in Eldorado. Scoring: Rikki Bosman 2; Megan Poyner 2; Kayla McCravery 4; Amy Green 4; Lindsay Beach 6; Vanessa Gonzalez 3; Top Scorer

- Stacy Nicholson 11; Ruby Robledo 3. Also playing were Kayla Case, Ashley Barton, Melissa Hinojosa, Nancy Cawley and Agatha Fuentes.

Wall Tournament
Eldorado wins over Wall "B" in tournament.

Thursday, January 30, 1997 in Wall. Scoring: Rikki Bosman 2; Ashley Barton 1; Kayla McCravery 10; Amy Green 4; Lindsay Beach 8; Melissa Hinojosa 2; Vanessa Gonzalez 2; Stacy Nicholson 6; Ruby Robledo 2. Also playing were Megan Poyner, Nancy Cawley, Agatha Fuentes and Kayla Case.

Eldorado losses to Wall in tournament.
 Saturday, February 1, 1997 in Wall. Scoring: Ashley Barton 1; Megan Poyner 9; Kayla McCravery 6; Amy Green 6; Lindsay Beach 4; Melissa Hinojosa 2; Vanessa Gonzalez 10; Stacy Nicholson 1; Ruby Robledo 2. Also playing were Rikki Bosman, Kayla Case, Nancy Cawley and Agatha Fuentes.

Eldorado wins over Junction in tournament.
 Saturday, February 1, 1997 in Wall. Scoring: Megan Poyner 4; Kayla McCravery 2; Amy Green 2; Lindsay Beach 5; Vanessa Gonzalez 4; Stacy Nicholson 5; Ruby Robledo 3. Also playing were Rikki Bosman, Kayla Case, Melissa Hinojosa, Nancy Cawley and Agatha Fuentes.

Eldorado wins over Wall.
 Monday, February 3, 1997 in Wall. Scoring: Ashley Barton 4; Megan Poyner 3; Kayla McCravery 2; Amy Green 4; Lindsay Beach 3; Melissa Hinojosa 2; Vanessa Gonzalez 4; Top Scorer - Stacy Nicholson 10 and Ruby Robledo

Eldorado 8th grade girls won 8 games out of 14 this season and was coached by Don Richters. Total individual scores for the season are: Rikki Bosman 6; Ashley Barton 16; Megan Poyner 52; Kayla McCravery 76; Amy Green 35; Lindsay Beach 45; Melissa Hinojosa 12; Vanessa Gonzalez 61; Stacy Nicholson 99 and Ruby Robledo 22.



Kayla Kohls splits two defenders on a fast break last week as the Lady Eagles JV took on the Roscoe Plowgirls JV. Eldorado pulled out a 2-point victory.

8TH GRADE BOYS

8th Grade Boys were coached by Bob Wanoreck and their season record is 8 wins and 6 losses.

Eldorado 25 - Ozona 41
 Thursday, January 16, 1997 in Ozona. Scoring: Asa Nixon 4; Top Scorer - Joey Bullard 7; Sammy Cabrera 2; Daniel Mata 2; Kenny Covarrubiaz 6; Jimmy Aguilar 4. Also playing were J.B. Garcia, Coby Edmiston, William Robledo, Blake Leggett, Bryan Sproul, Clay Whitten, Rocky Robles, Matt Curtis, Anthony Leal, Jeff Stafford and David Ray Rodriguez.

Eldorado 26 - Sonora 40
 Monday, January 20, 1997 in Sonora. Scoring: Asa Nixon 6; Sammy Cabrera 2; William Robledo 4; Top Scorer - Ben Edmiston 11; Kenny Covarrubiaz 3. Also playing were J.B. Garcia, Sammy Cabrera, Blake Leggett, Daniel Mata, Clay Whitten, Jeff Stafford, Rocky Robles, Matt Curtis, Jimmy Aguilar, Coby Edmiston, David Ray Rodriguez, Bryan Sproul and Anthony Leal.

First Place in Wall Tournament
Eldorado 47 - Veribest 37
 Thursday, January 30, 1997 in Wall Tournament. Scoring: Joey Bullard 5; David Ray Rodriguez 2; William Robledo 2; Ben Edmiston 3; Top Scorer - Kenny Covarrubiaz 15 (1-3 point goal); Anthony Leal 2; Jeff Stafford 4; Matt Curtis 6; Jimmy Aguilar 8. Also playing were Asa Nixon, Sammy Cabrera, Blake Leggett, Daniel Mata, Clay Whitten, Rocky Robles, J.B. Garcia and Coby Edmiston.

7TH GRADE GIRLS

7th Grade Girls, coached by Harvey Wink had a season record of 10 wins and 4 losses.

Eldorado 41 - Wall 5
 Thursday, January 30, 1997 in Wall Tournament. Scoring: Kristina Prater 6; Mitzi Sessom 2; Tana Williams 2; Gentry Newman 4; Leigh Ann Neal 2; Top Scorer - Tabitha Lloyd 8; Samantha Smith 7; Cristie Belman 2; Jackie

Eldorado 37 - Eden 35
 Saturday, February 1, 1997 in Wall's Tournament. Scoring: Asa Nixon 2; Top Scorers - Kenny Covarrubiaz 10 and Joey Bullard 10; Sammy Cabrera 2; William Robledo 5; Clay Whitten 1; Rocky Robles 2; Matt Curtis 3; Jimmy Aguilar 2. Also playing were J.B. Garcia, Coby Edmiston, Jason Brock, David Ray Rodriguez, Blake Leggett, Nick Payne, Manuel Hernandez, Anthony Leal and Jeff Stafford.

Eldorado 48 - Junction 30
 Saturday, February 1, 1997 in Wall's Tournament. Scoring: Coby Edmiston 2; Asa Nixon 2; Joey Bullard 4; Sammy Cabrera 8; William Robledo 7; Top Scorer - Kenny Covarrubiaz 17 (1-3 point goal); Jeff Stafford 1; Rocy Robles 3 (1-3 point goal); Jimmy Aguilar 4. Also playing were J.B. Garcia, Jason Brock, Blake Leggett, Clay Whitten, Anthony Leal, Matt Curtis, David Ray Rodriguez, Nick Payne and Manuel Hernandez.

Eldorado 49 - Wall 28
 Monday, February 3, 1997 in Wall. Scoring: Asa Nixon 2; Joey Bullard 6; William Robledo, Ben Edmiston, Kenny Covarrubiaz 7; Clay Whitten 6; Jeff Stafford 2; Rocky Robles 2; Jimmy Aguilar 3; Coby Edmiston 2; Bryan Sproul 2; Manuel Hernandez 5 (1-3 point goal). Also playing were Jason Brock, Sammy Cabrera, Matt Curtis, J.B. Garcia, David Ray Rodriguez, Blake Leggett, Nick Payne and Anthony Leal.

Eldorado 20 - Grape Creek 12
 Saturday, February 1, 1997 in Wall Tournament. Scoring: Jackie Crawford 1; Marina Lozano 1; Mitzi Sessom 3; Leigh Ann Neal 2; Tabitha Lloyd 2; Top Scorer - Samatha Smith 8. Also playing were Hallie Greer, Cristie Belman, Kristina Prater, Brittany Key, Elibeth Montalvo, Whitney Jones, Tana Williams, Stephanie Mercado, Gentry Newman, Andrea Robles and Jessi Calcote.

Eldorado 14 - Junction 26
 Saturday, February 1, 1997 in Wall Tournament. Scoring: Marina Lozano 2; Mitzi Sessom 5; Tana Williams 1; Stephanie Mercado 2; Gentry Newman 2; Leigh Ann Neal 2; Top Scorer - Tabitha Lloyd 8; Samantha Smith 4. Also playing were Hallie Greer, Jackie Crawford, Cristie Belman, Marina Lozano, Kristina Prater, Brittany Key, Elibeth Montalvo, Whitney Jones, Andrea Robles and Jessi Calcote.

Eldorado 10 - Wall 12
 Monday, February 3, 1997 in Wall. Scoring: Mitzi Sessom 2; Leigh Ann Neal 2; Tabitha Lloyd 4; Samantha Smith 2; Also playing were Marina Lozano, Kristina Prater, Elibeth Montalvo, Tana Williams, Brittany Key, Jessi Calcote and Whitney Jones.

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Texas sheep and lamb inventory down 15 percent

AUSTIN - The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 1.4 million head on January 1, 1997, down 15 percent from last year's level.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 1.15 million head, down 12 percent from 1996. Breeding ewes one year old and older dropped 9 percent, to 980 thousand head, while replacement lambs decreased 24 percent, to 130 thousand head.

The 1996 lamb crop totaled 810 thousand head, down 100,000 head from 1995, State Statistician Dennis Findley reported.

Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 29 percent from last year totaling 250,000 head. Sheep for marketing totaled 15,000 head, the same as last year while lambs for market totaled 235,000 head, 30 percent below last year.

Lambs for market weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 95,000 head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 75,000; lambs weighing 85-105 pounds totaled 35,000; and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 30,000 head.

The Texas goat inventory on January 1 dropped 13 percent from last year's level to 1.65 million head.

Angora goats totaled 1 million

head, down 250 thousand head from last year, while Spanish and other goats remained the same as last year at 650 thousand head.

Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 7.94 million head, down 6 percent from 1996.

United States breeding sheep inventory on January 1, 1997 was 5.85 million head, down 6 percent from the previous year. Ewes one year and older, at 4.84 million head, were 6 percent below last year's record low.

The 1996 lamb crop was a record low 5.28 million head, down 6 percent from 1995. The 1996 lambing rate was 103 per

100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 1996, compared with 106 in 1995.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 1997. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total.

Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds account for 23 percent of the total; 65 to 84 pounds, 18 percent; 85-106 pounds, 31 percent; and more than 105 pounds 24 percent.

The Angora goat inventory in the four major producing states totaled 1.13 million head, compared with 1.4 million head last year.



Dorothy's Movie Time

by Dorothy Dacy

This week's movie is a chilling thriller about a baseball player and his psychotic fan. "The Fan" is rated R and definitely an adult film due to violence and language.

Robert De Niro is one of my favorite actors, but I was not impressed with his performance in this one.

Naturally he plays the obsessed baseball fan who not only has a favorite player but a favorite target as well. And picture this: Wesley Snipes in a baseball uniform? He plays the 40 million dollar per year player who doesn't take the game too seriously. This angers

"the fan" who proceeds to commit murder, kidnapping, or whatever it takes to make his idol realize that baseball is literally a matter of life and death.

By the end of the movie, I'd lost interest in the characters, was offended by the excessive use of bad language, and asking "what were these guys thinking?" But you can check it out and judge for yourselves. "The Fan" is locally available at Eagle Video.

Until next week: One kind word can warm three winter months.--- Japanese proverb.

Six Texas Tech students earn academic honors

LUBBOCK - More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall 1996 semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of advanced classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade

point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Those making the President's List were Senior Cory Jo Barton, Sophomore M'Lissa Leann McKinney and Freshman Erin Clair Meador.

Making the Dean's List were Sophomore John Reagan Bowns, Junior Catherine Ann McGregor and Sophomore William Travis Whitten.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Pinewood Derby Winners Consolation Bracket — winning the top three places in the consolation bracket from Cub Scout Pack 18 were (L-R) Jaaron Crawford, 1st Place; Neal Higgins, 2nd Place; and Tyler Dombroski, 1st Place.

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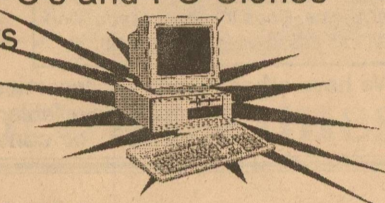
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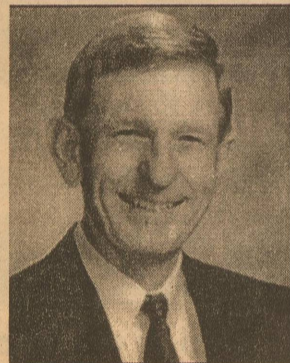
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Gov. Bush's tax cut proposal

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exempts most small businesses, but forces larger corporations to pay a heftier tax.

"This would allow small businesses to become large businesses," Bush explained. "Capital equals jobs...I'm a capitalist."

The governor's plan to refund school districts was completed by a half cent hike in sales taxes, excluding medicine and food. A motor vehicle sales tax increase is also included.

"For a household with a \$12,000 yearly income, approxi-

mately \$4,000 is spent on non-essential goods," the governor said. "That would generate about \$20 in sales tax."

Calling home ownership the "American Dream", Bush explained that the same household with an average-sized home would benefit with a \$280 yearly tax cut.

"Property taxes have doubled over the past ten years, yet values have declined," Bush said. "As property taxes are fixing to go out of the roof, owning a home in Texas is going (to be just a dream)."

According to the governor's plan, elderly taxpayers would benefit from the homestead exemption and property tax cuts, too. Their property taxes would also be frozen at a lower level.

"Some of our elderly are paying more in taxes for their property today than they paid for their first mortgages," Bush told the crowd.

Renters would see an increase in their rents as property taxes continue to rise, Bush stated.

"Reliance on property tax is a lousy way to fund our schools...if we don't do something about it...we're gonna be in the courthouse facing another costly battle over school funding," he said. "The state's number one responsibility is to fund schools."

The governor also proposed that proceeds from the Texas Lottery be used to fund public schools. He said this, along with all revenues under the new proposal, should be placed in a newly created Texas School Trust Fund, to ensure they will be used only for the purpose of funding schools.

Assuring the crowd that "property taxes would not go right back where they were", he pledged there would be no increases in maintenance and operating funds without a vote of the people, no raises of overhead and no reappraisals, unless rates would be decreased because of a reappraisal.

"Some do not think they should support public schools," Bush said. "I think you should. Everybody ought to pay some if you get a property tax cut. Texas needs to think beyond the century."



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