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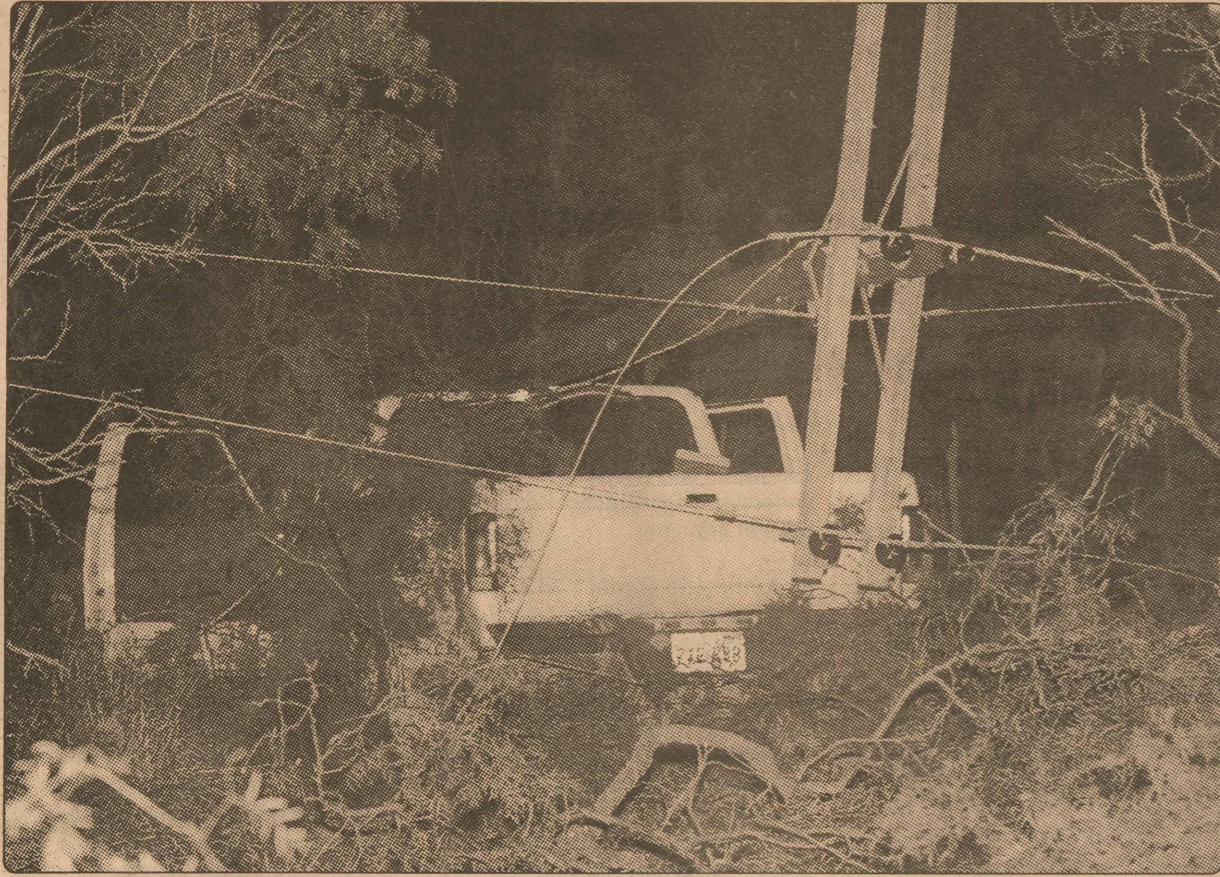


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High voltage — This pickup left the roadway, crashed through a fence and a dense mesquite thicket Sunday evening before downing this utility pole. The power lines remained "hot" until a crew from Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative could disconnect the electric supply. That didn't stop the five men inside the truck from escaping, however. Two of the men were taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where they were treated for injuries. One man was arrested at the scene for giving false information to a police officer and an arrest warrant has been issued for a second man on charges of reckless driving and giving false information to a police officer.

Accident investigation leads to arrest, second man sought by authorities

Two hospitalized after Sunday evening wreck

Two San Angelo men were taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment late Sunday evening, after the pickup truck they were riding in left the highway, crashed through a fence, numerous mesquite trees and a utility pole on F.M. 2129, 10 miles south of Eldorado. A third man, Randy Tinney, 42, of San Angelo, was arrested by Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe and charged with giving false information to a police officer after witnesses came forward to dispute Tinney's account of how the wreck happened.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Tinney's brother, Freddie Keith Tinney, 37, also of San Angelo. According to the accident report prepared by Sheriff Deputy Kevin Herbert, Freddie Keith Tinney was the driver of the 1997 Ford pickup truck, and was one of the two men taken by ambulance to the local hospital where he was treated and release. He is wanted on charges of reckless driving and giving false information to a police officer.

Word reached the Sheriff's Dept. dispatcher at 10:24 p.m. Sunday night that an automobile accident had occurred somewhere in the county. The call, placed by an unknown party on a cellular phone, came in on the 9-1-1 switchboard. However, before the location of the accident could be determined, the call was terminated. At that time, Sheriff's officers were notified about the incomplete reported, and emergency person-

nel were placed on alert, in hopes that more information would be forthcoming. At 10:32 p.m. the Crockett County Sheriff's Department notified the local office that they had received a 9-1-1 call via cellular phone and relayed the approximate location of the wreck.

Sheriff's officers responded to the call, as did several units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and an EMS ambulance. When the first emergency units reached the wreck they found a white 1997 Ford pickup buried in a dense thicket of mesquite trees. An electric utility pole lay atop the

truck and live electric wires sent sparks flying as occasional arcs of electricity illuminated the nearby pasture. The driver and four passengers managed to escape the pickup and avoid the electric lines before help arrived.

As EMS personnel assessed injuries, Sheriff David Doran, and Chief Deputy George Arispe and Deputy Kevin Herbert began their investigation into the cause of the wreck.

The men, a drilling rig crew from San Angelo, reported that they were enroute to their rig in

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City council meets, takes up budget

by Pat Ragsdale

A detailed study of the city's financial status topped the agenda at Monday night's meeting of the Eldorado City Council. It's budget time again and the council reviewed revenues and expenditures for the 2001 fiscal year.

Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with council persons Richard Mendez, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth and Robert Bybee in attendance. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, whose responsibilities include keeping the city's

books, made her report and offered a number of suggestions as the council began work on the 2002 budget.

City Administrator Randy Mankin explained that taxable values within the city declined in the past year. In 2001, the city collected \$198,611.68 in tax revenue. For the city to collect the same amount in 2002, the tax rate will have to increase by almost 2 cents. Mankin noted that while county-wide taxing entities like the school, hospital district and county are currently enjoying a boost in ap-

praised values due to the upturn in the oil and gas business, the city has no oil or gas minerals to tax. He said that fortunately the city realizes most of its operating revenue from its utility department.

An initial view of the 2002 budget numbers revealed a deficit of about \$240,000. The sizeable gap between revenue and expenses prompted the council to begin looking for ways to cut back expenses and increase revenues.

One idea was to increase the minimum water charge from \$7 per

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PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Wreck investigation — Deputy Kevin Herbert and Chief Deputy George Arispe questioned Randy Tinney of San Angelo Sunday night after the pickup in which he was riding left the roadway and struck a utility pole. A short time later, Tinney was arrested and charged with giving false information to a police officer.

Schleicher County ISD earns more honors from the Texas Education Agency

Schleicher County Independent School District and its three individual campuses were honored this week by the Texas Education Agency. For the second year in a row Eldorado Middle School received the coveted 'Exemplary' rating. That's the highest rating possible under the state's accountability system. Statewide, only 1,567 campuses earned the 'Exemplary' rating.

Eldorado High School and Eldorado Elementary each received 'Recognized' ratings, as did SCISD as a whole. Across the state, 463 districts and 2,326 individual campuses earned the 'Recognized' rating. That's the most ever.

The Middle School received special recognition for student scores in Math as well as student attendance. The High School and Elementary were also acknowledged for student attendance.

TEA's accountability system was begun in 1993 to measure the quality of education being provided to Texas school children and to encourage improvement in schools falling below the TEA's acceptable standard. The ratings are based a number of factors including student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), dropout rates and attendance rates. Since the program began, SCISD has fared very well in the ratings. Last year, for the first time ever, all three local campuses, as well as the school district, received 'Exemplary' ratings.

Statewide, rising scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test and declining dropout rates caused the State of Texas as a whole to reach the equivalent of the recognized rating, Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson announced last week.

"Texas schools are making headway. They are keeping more students in school and those students are reaching higher achievement levels," Nelson said. "But we can't stop now. Schools must continue to improve performance levels in order to prepare students for the upcoming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, which will replace the TAAS in 2003, and the dropout rate, no matter how it is measured, remains too high," the commissioner said.

Additional accountability information, including ratings for individual districts and schools can be found by visiting our website at: <http://www.myeldorado.net> and following the Accountability Rating link.

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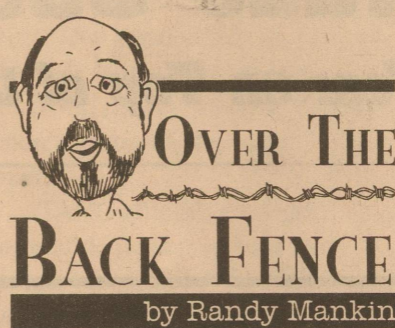
Eldorado Middle School — "Exemplary" campus 2001

Education...it ain't what it used to be

President Bush's education initiative, modeled after the Texas "accountability" system, relies heavily on testing. Despite strong opposition, two education bills, one in the U.S. House, the other in the Senate, have passed with comfortable majorities. On Tuesday, President Bush told an audience in Independence, Missouri that he believes the two bills can be reconciled into a law that he can sign. When that happens, testing will become the national norm and public school students across the land will be required to demonstrate a minimum level of knowledge and skills before they can graduate. Believe it or not, some folks are outraged.

The folks who oppose testing, mostly the national teachers unions, usually add the word "standardized" when they make their case. No two students are alike, they argue. Consequently, they say that standardized tests would be a foolish waste of time.

Testing isn't a new idea...far



- 8. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
- 7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per metre?
- 8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
- 9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods?
- 10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

from it. In fact, this week I stumbled across a test that was given to 8th graders in Salina, Kansas in 1895. The youngsters were required to pass the following final exam before they could move on to high school.

8th GRADE FINAL EXAM

- ### Grammar (Time, one hour)
- Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.
 - Name the Parts of Speech and define those that have no modifications.
 - Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph.
 - What are the Principal Parts of a verb? Give Principal Parts of do, lie, lay and run.
 - Define Case, Illustrate each Case.
 - What is Punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.
 - Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1.25 hours)

- Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
- A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
- If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50 cts. bushel, deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?
- District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
- Find cost of 6720 lbs. coal at

- ### U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)
- Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
 - Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
 - Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
 - Show the territorial growth of the United States.
 - Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
 - Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
 - Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
 - Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour)

- What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?
- What are elementary sounds? How are they classified?
- What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocal, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals?
- Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.
- Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e'. Name two exceptions under each rule.
- Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
- Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: Bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
- Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the

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Comings and goings mark the dog days of summer

AUSTIN — It may be the dog days of summer, but for state workers, Aug. 31 is New Year's Eve.

The pay raise approved by the Legislature last spring goes into effect Sept. 1, giving 200,000-plus state employees either an extra \$100 a month or a 4 percent hike, whichever is higher.

Many state employees choose the last day of August, which precedes the first day of the state's fiscal year, as their official retirement date.

New hires also tend to take up their new positions on Sept. 1.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



One of those starting a new job will be the next director of one of the largest state agencies, the Department of Transportation.

Picked by the three-member Transportation Commission on Aug. 15 as the successor of the retiring Wes Heald was Michael Behrens. The 53-year-old engineer

previously held the third-ranking job in the agency.

Behrens has been with TxDOT since 1971.

At the Department of Public Safety, the state law enforcement agency that protects the roadways TxDOT builds, the highest-ranking retiree this year is Senior Capt. Bruce Casteel, head of the Texas Rangers.

Casteel has been commander of the Texas Rangers since Sept. 1, 1996 and a Ranger since 1967.

His successor has not yet been selected.

AG's race shaping up

Another personnel change this month does not involve a state agency, but it could in the long run. Austin Mayor Kirk Watson resigned his office Aug. 14 to run for attorney general.

The 43-year-old Democrat is the first member of his party to announce for the race against Republican incumbent John Cornyn. Watson was elected as mayor in 1997.

By the mile insurance

Down the road, Texas motorists may be able to save as much as \$300 a year on their car insurance.

Effective Sept. 1, a law will be on the books enabling insurers to offer automobile coverage based on the number of miles driven.

A lot of Texas grandparents may soon be saying, "Where was this when my kids were teen-agers?"

For those who don't drive much, the by-the-mile insurance will save some money. The best analogy is comparing this new concept to the way we pay for electricity—based on usage.

Seniors, people who carpool and families with more than one vehicle will benefit from this new method of coverage.

But don't rush out looking to buy a mileage-based policy. The Department of Insurance still has to develop rules for such a program, and no timetable for implementation has been announced.

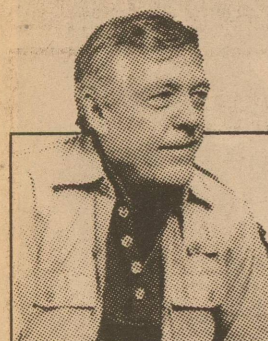
Watch the water

The Department of Health is warning Texans to be careful when swimming in fresh water after two youngsters died from amoebic meningoencephalitis.

The children contracted the amoeba, which enters through the nasal passage and attacks brain tissue, while swimming in Lake Palestine and Lake Hawkins.

The organism is common in fresh water, but it tends to proliferate when temperatures are high and water levels drop.

When swimming in fresh water, especially if doing any diving, a person should wear ear and nose plugs.



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A Collector of Everything

Bill DeBrooke was in the movie rental business in Harlingen for years, then sold out to Blockbuster. Now he collects things. He has one of the world's most extensive collections of electric razors, hundreds of toy trains, movie posters, advertising signs and transistor radios. He even has a couple of wire recorders.

He lives among his collections in a three-story building in downtown Harlingen. He bought the building for just a few thousand dollars. The previous owner wanted to keep an office in the building, so Bill charged him a fair rent. Every month, Bill took the man a check for \$400 and in return, the man gave Bill a check for \$250. A sweet deal for everybody.

"We used to buy Navajo rugs," says Bill. "But they got expensive. So after the first seventy or eighty, we gave up."

His collection is housed on the third floor of his building. That floor has 7,000 square feet. A hallway is filled with old scales, the type that used to cost a penny to give your correct weight. "Everybody wants one of those old lollipop scales," says Bill. "Don't you love that white enamel finish? Then we have several smaller scales, too. We have a bunch of pin ball machines. How do you have just one? Then there's the candy machine. Everybody remembers pulling the little lever to get you a candy bar. Just the other day I got one of the old cigarette machines. It goes right with the candy machine, which goes with the juke

boxes, which go with the coke machines."

I told Bill he could never move. He says he has no plans to get rid of anything. He's leaving that up to his kids. I asked him how he got all this stuff. He said, "You start early and work hard at it." He has hundreds of photographs of people he doesn't even know. "Well, there was this auction last Saturday and there were three or four generations of photos. Pretty neat."

He has floor to ceiling shelves filed with scale model cars, doll houses, tools, typewriters and movie projectors. "And how about a 1929 Johnson outboard motor?" He likes old vacuum cleaners. "They're really fun."

He has counter-top displays of smoking pipes, batteries and ball point pens. "The only thing wrong with that is collecting all the old pipes, batteries and ball point pens that go in the displays. This is real work here. Collecting is hard."

I asked him how many cameras he had. "At a thousand I gave up and quit counting. We're gonna have to take them down to the second floor. I've got another 7,000 square feet down there. We've got another building, too. We also collect buildings. We have about twenty-five or so."

He collects paint-by-numbers. "We started buying paint-by-numbers as a joke. All of a sudden they have become totally collectible and expensive."

I asked him to name something he does not collect, but he couldn't think of anything.

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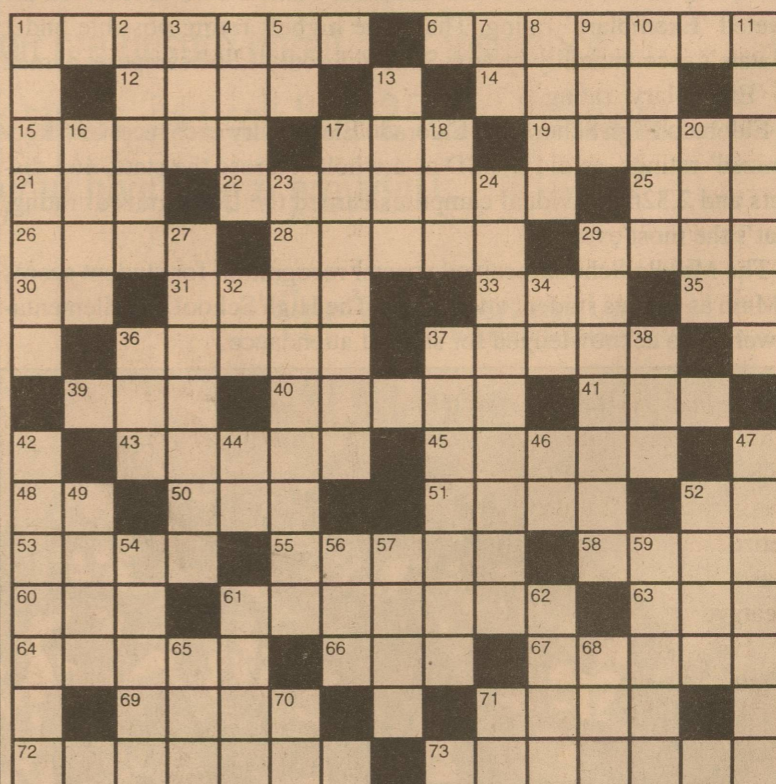
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| 14 Reverse | 60 Celtic deity | 29 Building |
| 15 Social class | 61 Person riding a bicycle | 32 Bivalent and trivalent metallic element of the rare earth group |
| 17 London toilet | 63 Sweet potato | 34 Former |
| 19 Davenport native | 64 Sound | 36 British rule over India (1757-1947) |
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| 35 Conjunction introducing an alternative | 3 Cathode-ray tube (abbr.) | 56 Computer code |
| 36 Blush | 4 Capital of the Ukraine | 57 Trudge |
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| 41 Watch chain ornament | 9 Tokyo formerly | 65 Variety |
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| 48 Overdose | 13 Mistletoe wielding god of myth | 71 Compass direction (abbr.) |
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| 51 Millisecond (abbr.) | 17 Accolades | |
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OBITUARIES

Jamie R. Kothmann

MENARD — Jamie R. Kothmann, 73, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, at his residence. Service was Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the First Baptist Church with interment in Resthaven Cemetery. Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home.

Jamie was born Aug. 8, 1928, to Walton and Bertha Kothmann in London, Texas, and attended school in London and Menard. He married June Cates on Aug. 20, 1947.

A leader in the West Texas sheep industry, Jamie attended Texas A&M University then returned home to help in the family livestock buying business. He and his brother, Carlton, went into partnership in 1947 and founded Kothmann Commission Co.

Jamie was a member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association for over 45 years and in 1994 received the Fred Earwood Award for lifetime achievement. Over the years, Jamie served as chairman of the Lamb Committee of the National Livestock and Meat Board, was on the executive committee of the National Wool Growers and American Sheep Producers Council and was president of the National Lambfeeders Association. In 2001, he was presented

the Shepherd's Award by the NLFA in appreciation of his many years of service. Jamie also served on the National Sheep Improvement Panel and Lamb Promotion Coordinating Committee.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, June Cates Kothmann; two sons, Jack Kothmann of Menard and Jay Kothmann and wife, Ann, of Menard; one daughter, Joretta McAllister and husband, Walter, of Menard; grandchildren, Jud and Joe Kothmann, Kristen and Wylen McAllister; brother, Carlton Kothmann and wife, Barbara Rue, all of Menard; and his extended family of many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Jud and Joe Kothmann, Wylen McAllister and his nephews, Eric, Kirk and Kyle Kothmann, all of Menard. Honorary pallbearers are Gene Whitehead, Roy Jacoby, Charles Ray Pfluger, J.L. Smith, Dr. Richard Wooten, Joe Andrews III, Larry Decker, Dr. Mark Sherrod, Dr. Dave Cook, Dr. Dick Mathews and Reymundo Lopez.

The family requests that memorials be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch, Vista Hospice or a charity of choice.

Myrtle Helen Johnson



ELDORADO — Myrtle Helen Johnson, 95, of Eldorado died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2001, in the Schleicher Co. Nursing Home.

Her funeral service was Sat. Aug. 18 at the Community Baptist Church in Eldorado with John Herring her grandson officiating. Myrtle was born Sept. 30, 1905

in Hico, TX. to Robert Oscar and Jennie Lackey. She lived in Buffalo Gap until retiring and moving to Eldorado. Myrtle was the owner and operator of Myrtle's Cafe in Buffalo Gap. She will be remembered for her wonderful cooking and craft gifts that she shared with everyone.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her parents; sisters and a brother; and one son Raymond Herring.

Survivors include children, Wilma Huddleston of Irving; Charles Herring and wife, Pat of Ft. Worth; Don Herring and wife, Beth of Springdale, AR; Sid Johnson and wife, Suzanne of Eldorado; daughter-in-law Clea Herring of Crowley; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and wonderful care-givers at the nursing home.

Arthur Montgomery

Arthur A. (Monty) Montgomery 80, of San Angelo died Tuesday Aug. 14, 2001, in a local hospital.

Funeral service was Saturday, Aug. 18, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Monty was born June 23, 1921, in San Angelo to James and Amie McGill Montgomery. He married Bernice Parker Sept. 21, 1941.

Mr. Montgomery was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II. While serving as an aerial gunner on a B-17 bomber he was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 10 months.

He managed service stations in Eldorado and Van Horn, was a highway patrolman for the Texas Department of Public Safety and retired as a lieutenant from the El Paso Fire Department after 22 years of service.

He was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church. He was a Gideon, past master of Wallace Hughston Lodge 1393 in El Paso, a member of Suez Shrine Temple and the Concho Valley Chapter of American Ex-Prisoner of War.

He was an avid and talented runner and was given an honorary lifetime membership in the San Angelo Road Lizard Running Club.

Mr. Montgomery was preceded in death by his parents; his wife,

Bernice Parker Montgomery; and a sister, Elizabeth Elder.

Survivors include a son, Arthur A. "Lonnie" Montgomery Jr. of Las Cruces, N.M.; two daughters, Donna Montgomery of Los Angeles and Candy Gregg of San Angelo; two brothers, James Montgomery of San Angelo and L.C. Montgomery of Sierra Madre, Calif.; a sister, Maxine Morgan of San Angelo; five grandchildren, Shawn Montgomery of Las Cruces, Patrick Gregg of Albuquerque, N.M., Jody Montgomery of San Angelo, Rhenie Fackenthall of Dallas and Randie Osgood of Los Angeles; and three great-grandchildren.

BreeAnne Davis awarded Abell-Hangar scholarship

BreeAnne Nicole Davis, a 2001 graduate of Eldorado High School, has been awarded a \$6,000 scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Davis received an Abell-Hangar Foundation Scholarship, in the amount of \$6,000 payable \$1500 each semester of the first two years. The Abell-Hangar Foundation awarded 76 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. One of the scholarships was awarded to a student who plans to major in nursing.

This year the TILF awarded 445 new awards and will renew approximately 250 awards for a total of 695 scholarships for 2001-02 with an approximate value of \$1,334,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Davis placed first in Spelling & Vocabulary at the 2001 UIL Academic State Meet. She also participated in UIL Ready Writing,



FILE PHOTO
BreeAnne Davis

Science, Marching Band, and Solo & Ensemble throughout her high school career. She was Drum Major, Yearbook copy editor, and a member of National Honor Society, in addition to being a member of the all-state band for three years. Davis was Valedictorian of her graduating class, and was active in the community through her various volunteer efforts.

Davis plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in music education.



Airman Casey A. Poynor

Air Force Airman Casey A. Poynor has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits

toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Teresa Poynor of Eldorado, Texas. Poynor is a 2000 graduate of Eldorado High School, Texas.

It's A Girl!

Micaela Diane Forlano arrived at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo at 7:08 a.m. on Thursday August 2, 2001. Her proud and happy parents are Dr. Rico and Cheryl Forlano. She came into the world weighing 6 lbs 9 1/2 oz's and 19 1/2 inches long. Helping to welcome her home are big sister Sierra, her grandparents Dr. Albert and Marie Forlano and Denis and Linda Niehues.

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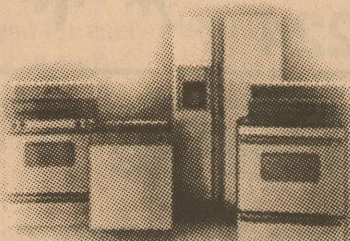
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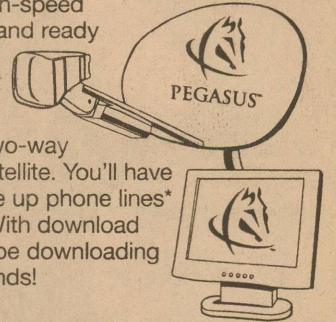
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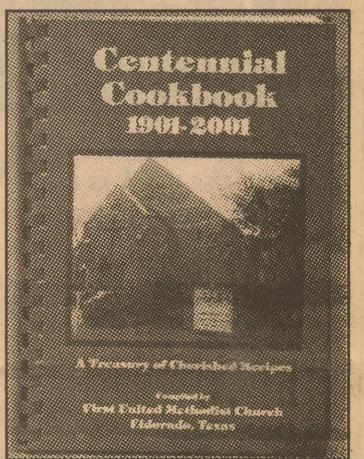
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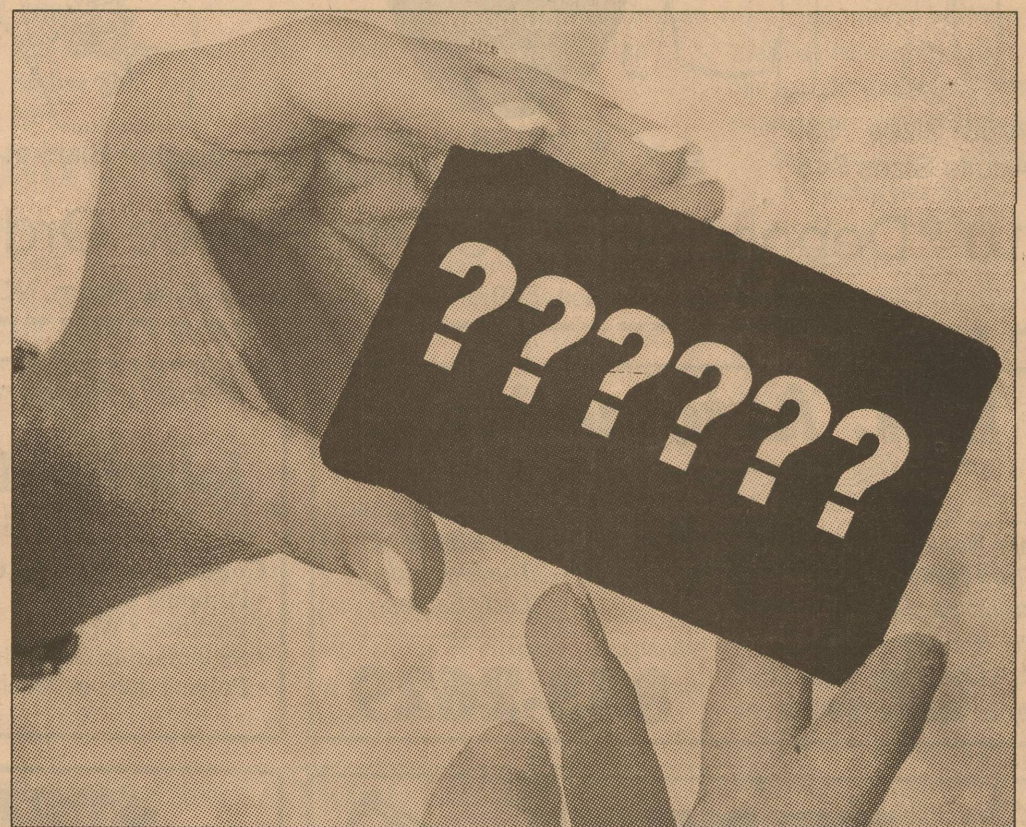
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Goin' deep — Eagles backup quarterback Aaron Fuentes surveyed the field looking for a receiver as the War Birds took on the Stanton Buffaloes in scrimmage action last Saturday. The Eagles met Stanton in Big Lake for the preseason tune-up.

Eagles will face a tough schedule in 2001

by David E. Hill

Ask any Coach about "pre-season" predictions and they all shrug their shoulders and remind you that no one has played a down of live football this season. But if you rely on some of the "experts" on high school football, the Eagles will have a fairly tough schedule in the upcoming weeks.

Following the scrimmage tonight against Rankin (ranked #3 in Class A in one poll), Eldorado will open their 2001 campaign. Eldorado's non-district schedule is made up of 3 1-A teams and 2 AA teams. Three of the five teams are picked to win their district and the other two are picked to go into the playoffs.

Eldorado will then take on the Bangs Dragons. Bangs is returning their starting QB and RB and picked to go deep into the playoffs after winning Dist. 9 2-A. EHS will then face our neighbors to the east, Menard. This is always one of the best games of

the year. Menard, like Eldorado, has a new coach and they look to return to the playoffs after missing last year.

Blanco will be next for the Eagles (thank goodness they make the trip this year). Blanco lost to three Dist. 2-2A teams last year with the last one being the Division I championship game. They return 17 lettermen and are again picked to go deep into the playoffs.

The final non-district game of the year will be against Rock-springs. Yes, this year they will finally come back to Eagle Stadium. They should be improved over last year and are considered to be a playoff contender.

The district schedule sees Eldorado taking on Mason, Junction, Wall, Grape Creek, and wrapping up the season in Sonora. Most all the "experts" pick Sonora, Wall, and Eldorado to be in the playoffs, as Mason will be rebuilding and Junction, and Grape Creek continue to struggle. Sonora is expected to make a run deep into the playoffs again; however, it will probably be in Division II, which has historically been the tougher division. Wall returns the most lettermen and starters in the district and should be tough as well. The Eagles will again be in the hunt as they look for their 8th consecutive playoff run.

The 2001 Eldorado Eagle football team got started last Saturday with a scrimmage against the perennial power Stanton Buffaloes on neutral ground in Big Lake.

In most first scrimmages, the defensive squad is usually ahead of the offense and Saturday was no exception. Stanton outscored Eldorado 1 to 0; however, the coaching staff was not interested in final scores. They wanted to get a good look at personnel and see how they performed "under the gun."

Coach McCormack came away from the contest feeling positive about his ball club. "Our defense played well and really reacted to the ball. They got after the man on the other side of the line of scrimmage," McCormack continued,

"Our techniques were good and we continue to improve on a daily basis." About the offense McCormack stated, "Offensively we sputtered some, our timing will continue to improve with each repetition and we need to finish off our blocks and fakes." Eldorado got inside the "red zone" but left the ball on the ground during the contest, which would have evened the score.

All in all the coaching staff came away from the scrimmage with a good feeling about this year's Eagles. Eldorado will travel to Rankin today for their last scrimmage of the season. The J.V. will begin at 5:30 and the Varsity will take the field at 6:15. The Eagles will open the season "for real" on the 31st against Christoval, at Eagle Stadium.

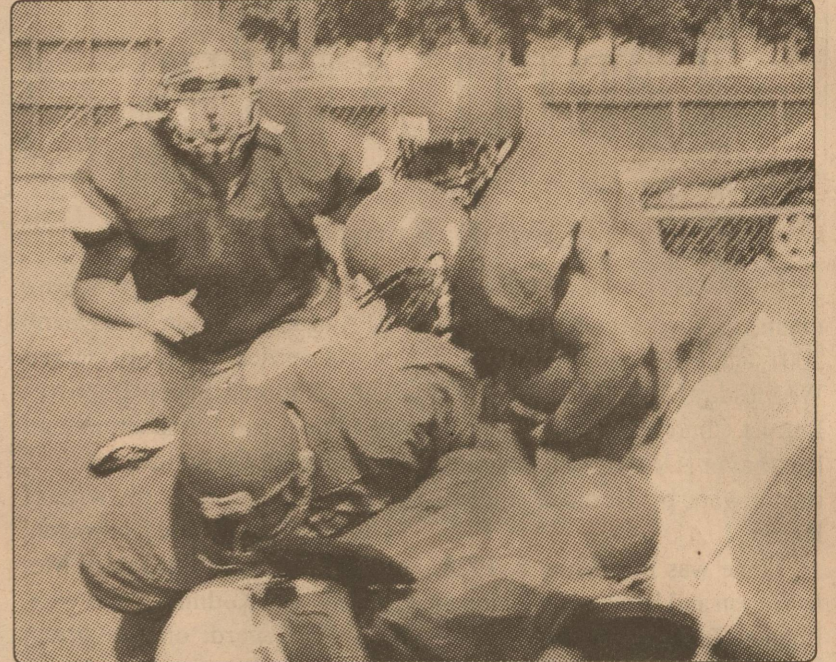


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Lookin' for daylight — An unidentified Eagle ball carrier found a hole behind good blocking during a scrimmage Saturday morning against the Stanton Buffaloes. The two teams met in Big Lake for the Scrimmage.

Eagles open 2001 campaign with scrimmage against Stanton

by David E. Hill

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Acrobatic catch — Ramon Barajas hauled in this pass from Eagles quarterback Johnny Hererra Saturday as Eldorado took on the Stanton Buffaloes in the first scrimmage of the season. Just like last year, the two teams met in Big Lake for a preseason test. The 1st teams for both squads held one another scoreless. Stanton's 2nd offensive unit scored a TD on the Eagles 2nd defensive squad, however.

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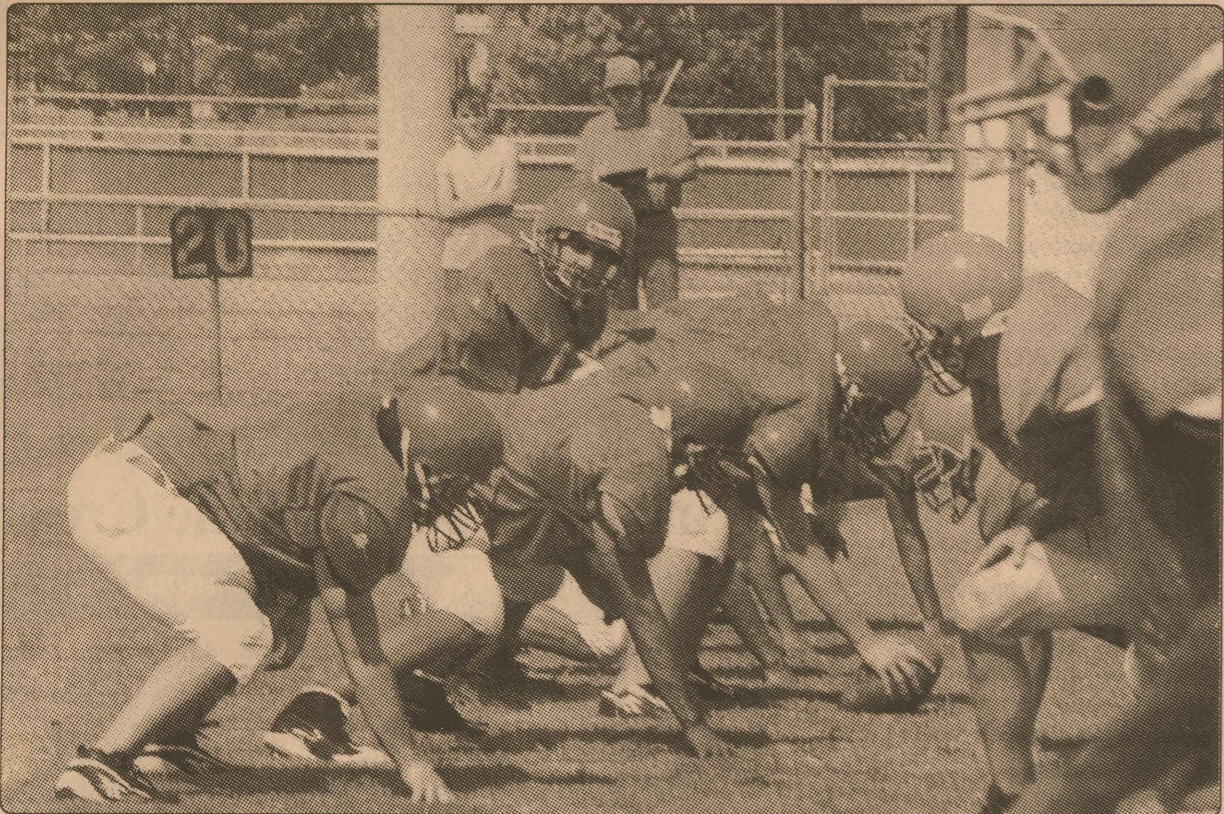
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U.I.L. unveils new football rules for 2001

An official shall declare a referee's timeout when the runner's helmet comes off. Any charged team timeout shall be 30 seconds in duration upon an approved visual signal made by the head coach of the team requesting

the timeout. Such signal must be made promptly after the timeout is requested on the field of play. Personal fouls against the passer during a successful two-point try will be enforced on the succeeding kick off or from the succeeding spot in extra periods.

The runner is exempted from the rule prohibiting hurdling. Other Rules- All penalties for offensive team fouls that occur behind the neutral zone will be enforced from the previous spot.



Line of scrimmage — The Eagles faced Stanton last week in the first scrimmage of the 2001 season. The War Birds were a little rusty as they tried out coach McCormack's new offense, but they held their own against the Buffaloes. They look to improve tonight as they travel to Rankin to take on the Class 1-A powerhouse Rankin Red Devils.

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Common questions about water testing

by Cindy Cawley, Plateau Water District

DO I NEED MY WATER TESTED? The City of Eldorado maintains a water quality testing program for all wells which service the City. However, rural wells are the responsibility of the landowner. Generally, problems can be detected and solved before an irre-

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I'VE NEVER HAD TROUBLE BEFORE, SHOULD I WORRY? Hopefully, you will never have trouble with your water well. However, as the old saying goes, An ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. Play it safe instead of sorry.

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WHAT'S INVOLVED IN TESTING MY WATER? Answer a few questions and direct the Water District personnel to the location of your water well.

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- Tuesday, August 28**
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- Wednesday, August 29**
Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Peach Cobbler, Milk
- Thursday, August 30**
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Sweet Pepper, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk
- Friday, August 31**
Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Honey, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp, Milk

U.I.L. warns about rules violations

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Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Score
Sat. Aug. 18	10:30 a.m.	Stanton (Scrimmage)	Big Lake	
Thur. Aug. 23	6:30 p.m.	Rankin (Scrimmage)	There	
Aug. 31	8:00 p.m.	Christoval	Here	
Sept. 7	7:30 p.m.	Bangs	There	
Sept. 14	8:00 p.m.	Menard	Here	
Sept. 21	7:30 p.m.	Blanco	Here	
Sept. 28		Open		
Oct. 5	8:00 p.m.	Rocksprings	Here	
Oct. 12	7:30 p.m.	Mason	There	
Oct. 19	7:30 p.m.	Junction	Here	
Oct. 26	7:30 p.m.	Wall	There	
Nov. 2	7:30 p.m.	Grape Creek	Here	
Nov. 9	7:30 p.m.	Sonora	There	

2001 Eldorado Eagles Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Score
Sat. Aug. 18	9:30 a.m.	Stanton (Scrimmage)	Big Lake	
Thur. Aug. 23	5:30 p.m.	Rankin (Scrimmage)	There	
Aug. 30	6:30 p.m.	Christoval	There	
Sept. 6	6:30 p.m.	Bangs	Here	
Sept. 13	6:30 p.m.	Menard	There	
Sept. 20	6:30 p.m.	Ozona	Here	
Sept. 28		Open		
Oct. 4	6:30 p.m.	Rocksprings	There	
Oct. 11	6:30 p.m.	Mason	Here	
Oct. 18	6:30 p.m.	Junction	There	
Oct. 25	6:30 p.m.	Wall	Here	
Nov. 1	6:30 p.m.	Grape Creek	There	
Nov. 8	6:30 p.m.	Sonora	Here	

2001 Middle School 8th Grade Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Score
Sept. 13	6:30 p.m.	Menard	HERE	
Sept. 20	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Sept. 27	6:30 p.m.	Iraan	There	
Oct. 4	5:30 p.m.	Rocksprings	There	
Oct. 11	6:30 p.m.	Mason	There	
Oct. 18	6:30 p.m.	Junction	HERE	
Oct. 25	6:30 p.m.	Wall	There	
Nov. 1	6:30 p.m.	Grape Creek	HERE	
Nov. 8	6:30 p.m.	Sonora	There	

2001 Middle School 7th Grade Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Score
Sept. 13	5:00 p.m.	Menard	Here	
Sept. 20	5:00 p.m.	Ozona	Here	
Sept. 27	5:00 p.m.	Iraan	There	
Oct. 4	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Oct. 11	5:00 p.m.	Mason	There	
Oct. 18	5:00 p.m.	Junction	Here	
Oct. 25	5:00 p.m.	Wall	There	
Nov. 1	5:00 p.m.	Grape Creek	Here	
Nov. 8	5:00 p.m.	Sonora	There	

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Wreck sends two to hospital, one to jail

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Crockett County when a second pickup began harassing them. Two of the men reportedly told officers that the second truck would speed past their pickup, swerve into their lane, then slam on the brakes. This happened several times, the men said, until eventually, their truck was forced off the roadway. At that point, the second pickup drove away without stopping to offer assistance.

Sheriff Doran said he and his officers began questioning the men's story when tire marks on the pavement and in the ditch didn't match their account of the incident. Moments later it was learned that two juvenile males had telephoned the Sutton County Sheriff's Department to report the accident.

The two juveniles were brought to the scene of wreck by two Sutton County deputies. The teenagers told local officers that they were driving from Eldorado to Ozona on F.M. 2129 when they were harassed by the five men in the wrecked truck. The juveniles reportedly said that the truck would speed up on their rear bumper with its lights off. The pickup would also pass them, swerve into their lane and slam on its brakes, the teens said. The young men said they witnessed the wreck but had been too frightened to stop. They said they continued driving southward, stopping at several ranches in hopes of finding a telephone. The juveniles said that when they finally located a telephone, they called authorities

to report the incident. The two teens were questioned and released by Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe. Moments later, Randy Tinney was placed under arrest by Deputy Arispe. He was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charged with giving false information to a police officer. Tinney was later released on \$1,000 surety bond.

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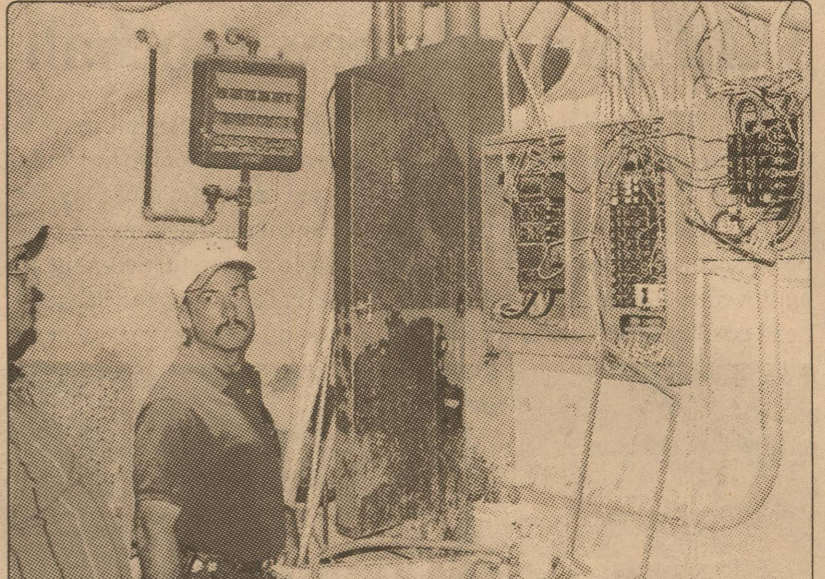
Education...it ain't what it used to be

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sign that indicates the sound: Card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last. 9. Use the following correctly in sentences: Cite, site, sight, fane, faint, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays. 10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour) 1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend? 2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas? 3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean? 4. Describe the mountains of North America. 5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco. 6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S. 7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each. 8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude? 9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers. 10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give inclination of the earth.

It remains to be seen if President Bush will get to sign his education bill. If he does, then the experts will have to hammer out a "standardized" test for high school students. I doubt very much if that test will be anything like the one administered to the 8th graders of Salina, Kansas in 1895, but it might be a good place to start.



Now there's a rat's nest — SCISD trustees Kurtis Homer and Sam Whitten, Jr., inspected wiring in the Elementary School gym Monday night. The school board was considering borrowing money to fund projects like electrical repairs.

School board makes health insurance deal with Blue Cross

Trustees continue to eye capital acquisition program

by Kathy Mankin An employee health insurance plan was finalized Monday, during a special meeting of the SCISD board of trustees. Several representatives from Blue Cross and Blue Shield, as well as and Shannon Hospital's Legacy plan, presented their proposals to the board. At one point, Will Ashmore, representing both insurance providers, suggested that since both policies were about the same price, and offered similar services, it might be wise for the district to stay with BC/BS for another year. Ashmore noted that the State of Texas is slated to offer insurance to school employees next year and pointed out that if they chose to stay with Blue Cross, the trustees would only need to worry about the funding for one more year.

to interpret the law to as allowing CAP contractual repayment obligations to be considered as "debt" for Tax Code purposes. Leon's letter noted, however, the possibility of adverse court rulings and pointed out that such a ruling could place the district in jeopardy. School board president Phil McCormick told his fellow trustees that his main concern wasn't how to repay the money, but how borrowing money under the CAP would affect the district's finances if the tax levy were to decline next year. He noted that SCISD experienced a 14 percent increase in tax revenue this year but said that it could easily experience a decrease if oil and gas revenues falter as in years past. One of the reasons the trustees are considering borrowing money under the CAP, is to fund repairs to the Elementary gymnasium. Repairs to the tennis courts and transportation needs could also be addressed.

After discussing the matter, the trustees agreed and voted to continue health insurance coverage with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The plan the board agreed to will cost the school district \$232.76 per month, per employee. In return, school district employees will receive a policy with a \$1,000 deductible, \$25 co-pay on office visits, a 70 percent co-pay once the deductible is met and a three-tier prescription card which would have the employee pay \$10, \$25 or \$40 per prescription, depending on whether or not generic drugs were prescribed.

Next, the board was split three ways on a request for the transfer of a student whose family moved into Tom Green County. Stephanie Luna, who has attended Eldorado schools for several years asked the board to allow her to transfer back to Eldorado so that she could complete her senior year here. Luna asked the board to waive about \$1,900 in transfer fees. After discussion, Kurtis Homer and Sam Whitten voted in favor of waiving the transfer fee. Berta Nicholson and Eddie Albin voted against the measure while Steve Sessom and Phil McCormick abstained and the motion failed.

School employees will have the option to "buy up" and strengthen the plan. Employees wanting better coverage can have it, but at a cost of \$101.25 per month for the employee alone. Coverage for family members would cost extra. On hand for the meeting were trustees Eddie Albin, Sam Whitten, Jr., Kurtis Homer, Steve Sessom, Berta Nicholson and board president Phil McCormick, who called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Jo Helen Kotsch was absent. The meeting was held in the High School library. After considering the previously mentioned insurance plans, the trustees revisited a discussion on a proposed Capital Acquisition Program (CAP). Superintendent George Blanch presented the board trustees with a 12 page document prepared by their lawyer Sarah Leon concerning the issue of whether money borrowed to fund a CAP could be repaid from the Maintenance & Operation "M&O" side of the school's budget, as opposed to the Interest & Sinking "I&S" side of the equation. Traditionally, governmental entities repay debt from the I&S portion of the budget. Attorney Leon cited several legal opinions and concluded that it is reasonable for the school board

to accept a proposed tax rate of \$1.3344 and set September 10 as the date of the public meeting to discuss and act on the tax rate. (See notice on page 10) There being no further business, the trustees adjourned the meeting and proceeded into a budget workshop where they explored ways to cut the budget. One idea was to consider discontinuing some bus routes. They also discussed a long list of proposed projects and tried to determine which were the most pressing. Several of the trustees then visited the Elementary gymnasium in order to see the condition of the budding's electrical circuits.

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25th Marcy Glidden, Casey Kidd, Judy Jones, Bentley Kennedy, Chris Phillips, John Isaac Lozano
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The City of Eldorado is eligible to participate in the NFIP effective July 31, 2001. Residents of the City of Eldorado will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Emergency Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before the coverage goes into effect. For single fami-

ly homes, this limit is \$35,000 and \$10,000 for the contents. Renters can also protect their belongings through the contents coverage. For commercial properties, this limit is \$100,00.

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Memories of grand old house offer links to Schleicher County pioneer woman

by Kathy Mankin

Among the many benefits of working at the newspaper office is the tie we have to the history of this place. Eldorado's and Schleicher County's past is recorded on the pages of the back issues of The Eldorado Success. For much of its history, the newspaper was bound into volumes, making the task of researching the past even easier. Sadly, due to the age and brittle condition of many of the older papers, we have had to limit access to the treasures, so that they may be preserved until they can be archived on CD-ROM.

I was looking through one of those back issues recently, doing a little research for the newspaper's centennial, when I came across the July 7, 1944 issue. There, on the front page, was a story by Miss May Hoover. Titled "College Senior Writes Interesting Article About Eldorado Woman's Pet Dog and Collection Hobbies" the story was all about Mrs. C.C. West and the wonderful house she called home. My eyes quickly filled with tears.

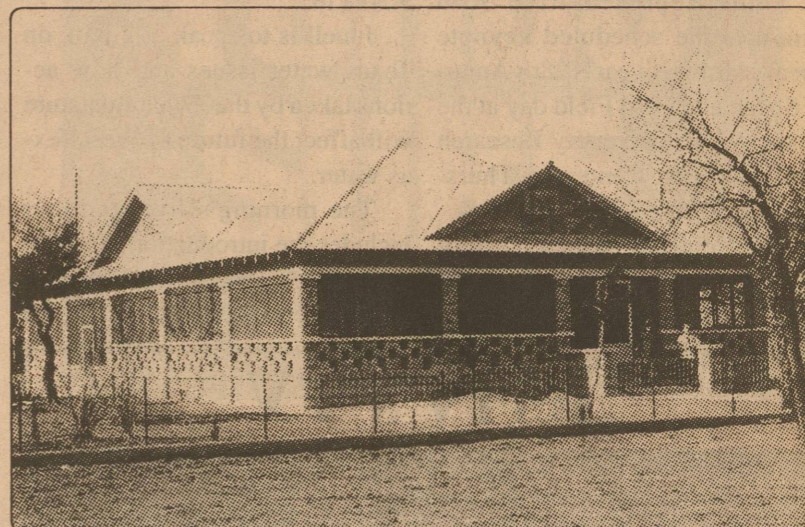
Of course, World War II was in full swing and, according to another front page story, the allies were

charging across Europe toward Germany. But it wasn't the monumental story that caught my eye. Neither did the story about courageous men from Schleicher County winning medals for heroism and bravery. That, too, was reported. Although I am proud that Sgt. Raymond Reynolds was won the Purple Heart and Sgt. Jimmy Danford received an Air Medal, an Oak Leaf Cluster and the Distinguished Flying Cross, for a dangerous mission over enemy territory. There was even a proclamation from Eldorado Mayor L.L. Baker urging local citizens to "Work, Not Wait For Victory." But, the story that caught my eye was one about an Eldorado housewife, her home and her odd collecting hobby.

May Hoover began her story by noting that Mrs. C.C. West owned a Scottie dog. For Schleicher County it was a famous Scottie dog. You see the dog was the uncle of President Franklin Roosevelt's dog Fallos. The article went on to mention how Mrs. West came to Eldorado 75 years earlier with her husband and how she was the mother of the "first white child born in Schleicher County." At the time, ten of her eleven children were still living.

As I mentioned earlier, Mrs West's collected things. Things like soil samples from 70 Texas counties, and 93 milk bottles, and not one them alike. There was a glass collection numbering around 380 from a small brass glass one inch in height to an large old goblet which would hold a quart.

Reading on, I came to a paragraph about Mrs. West arranged her glass collection on shelves in a sun room on the east side of her beautiful rock home, built by her husband in 1925. That's the part where I started choking up. You see, my in-laws, James and Dora



COURTESY PHOTO

This old house — The historic C.C. West home as it appeared in the decent past. The home was located just west of the Schleicher County Airport.

Mankin were living in that same house when I first met them. Randy and I were dating and he brought me to Eldorado to meet his parents. That was Thanksgiving, 1974. And that was when I first saw the little sun room described in Miss Hoover's article. James and Dora were renting the home from Agnes Womack, the oldest child of Mrs. C.C. West. Mrs. Womack was the "first white child" described in the story.

Dora used the sun room as a breakfast nook. It was wonderful So was the rest of house and I fell in love with it, although at the time I was completely unaware of the home's history. There was more to love about the house than Mrs. West's sun room, however. There was a huge screened in porch that enclosed three sides of the home, a claw-footed bathtub and a long hallway running the full length of the house. During the hot summer months, the huge trees that surrounded the house shaded the screened in porch and the hallway carried cooling breezes throughout the home. In the front yard was a huge old Magnolia tree. As I said, I loved that house.

My tears weren't so much for the memory of the stately structure. But for other memories...recollections of an Easter Sunday morning a couple of years ago when, as a newspaper photographer, I followed fire trucks to that old house. It was devastating to watch the grand old home burn. I watched as the home passed into memory. With me that morning was Mrs. C.C. West's grandson, Floyd West. We both cried as the roof collapsed.

Having access to old newspapers connects us with Eldorado's past. But, this particular issue connected me with so much more. It brought me to a better understanding of the lady who first lived in the home. In a way, I feel linked to her, if not by blood, then by the love we both had for that wonderful old house.

City council studies budget

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month to \$8. It was estimated that the city would realize almost \$12,000 per year from such a move. The possibility of increasing rates for out-of-county haulers disposing of garbage at the city landfill was also discussed.

A big question mark in the budget is the cost of natural gas. The city currently purchases gas from Conoco, then transmits it through distribution lines and resells it to city customers. Mankin advised that he worries that last winter's "sky-high" gas prices could be repeated during the coming winter.

Another area of concern is the city's wastewater treatment plant. The city is currently facing a \$15,000 penalty from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission due to the plant operating outside regulatory guidelines. Mayor John Nikolauk pointed out that the penalty is paltry compared to costs the city may incur in bringing the sewer plant into compliance.

Randy Mankin cautioned the council that the budget numbers were "very preliminary" and promised to pare some of the expenses down before the council meets to vote on the budget next week. In the meantime, the council directed him to schedule a public hearing for the purpose of considering a \$1 monthly rate increase on water. Mankin was also told to implement a 7.5 percent rate increase on garbage being hauled to the landfill by Duncan Disposal from Sonora, Ozona, Menard and Junction.

A meeting is tentatively set for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30 for the purpose of discussing the water rate hike and voting on the new budget.

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Their goal in speaking is to help children realize that authors are

real people, and they too, can be authors.

The couple do this by telling the students interesting and exciting stories, and then telling them that these stories can be printed in books. All it takes to become an author is a good imagination!

The public is invited.

Construction to begin on IH 10

Beginning on Wednesday, August 22, 2001, motorist on IH 10 in Crockett County can expect the westbound lanes to be reduced to one lane for short distances between Sonora and Ozona.

Contractors will begin a project that will involve replacing the raised pavement markers and restriping the lines on IH 10 in Crockett, Sutton and Kimble Counties. The work in Crockett County is expected to be completed within two weeks.

Button and striping crews

should begin the westbound project in Sutton County after Labor Day. When work on the westbound lanes have been completed in Sutton County, the contractors will begin work in Kimble County.

Motorist are advised to reduce their speed in work zone areas and drive with caution.

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Annual Sheep and Goat Field Day slated at A&M Research Center in San Angelo

by Steve Byrns
State Representative Rob Junell is the scheduled keynote speaker for this year's 28th Annual Sheep and Goat Field day at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center on Thursday, September 6.

The Center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. Registration runs from 8:30-9:30

a.m. Morning field tours begin at 9:30 a.m. Junell is to speak at 2 p.m. on Texas water issues and how actions taken by the 77th Legislature will affect the future of West Texas water.

The morning's five-stop tour includes the introduction of a new interactive compact disc sheep production series authored by Dr. Ed

Huston, the Center's range nutritionist. The CD offers novice and veteran producers alike a quick reference covering a wide variety of sheep management topics. Dr. Andres de la Concha, another San Angelo researcher who also shares time at College Station, will update producers on sore mouth cases in meat goats previously vaccinated against the disease.

Dr. Frank Craddock, state Extension sheep and goat specialist, will man a stop dealing with the growing hair sheep industry. Other tour speakers and their topics include: "Desert Termite/Grass Die Off/Rangeland Monitoring," Dr. Darrell Ueckert, San Angelo range researcher and Dr. Allan McGinty, San Angelo range specialist; "Sheep Reproduction," Dr. Tom Spencer, College Station Reproductive Physiologist; and "Wildlife Food-Cottonseed and Spineless Pear," Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, Sonora Station superintendent.

A lunch catered by San Angeloan Kenny Blank is scheduled from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$8 per person.

The afternoon program begins at 1 p.m. with industry updates from the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, National Sheep Improvement Center, Mohair Council of America, Ranchers' Lamb, and the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board.

Junell will conclude the day's activities with his scheduled 2 p.m. address.

For further information contact the Center at (915) 653-4576 or <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/>.



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Ready...Aim — (L-R) John Cody Brenner, Ashley Paulson and Jaymie O'Harrow learned how to sight a rifle during the first meeting of the 4-H Shooting Sports group Sunday afternoon in the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

Warning — flood damaged vehicles finding their way to Texas used car lots

The devastation caused by Tropical Storm Allison continues to mount across Texas with damage approaching \$5 billion and the death toll at 23.

Tallying the numbers from flooded vehicles will keep insurance companies busy for months, with increased personnel working around-the-clock to resolve tens of thousands of claims.

Although not a record-setter for a Texas disaster, the fact that the majority of the flooding occurred in the heavily populated Houston area added greatly to the devastation.

The effects of Allison could also harm Texans outside the flood-stricken area. Vehicles salvaged from such floods are sometimes resold to consumers who are completely unaware of the vehicles' flood history. It's called washing the title. It's a car that can be rebuilt

and restored is often re-titled in another part of the state or country.

If the car sustained only minor damage there is no reason it should not be a good used car. But buyers need to protect themselves by looking for clues that the car has been salvaged from a flood.

Some vehicle components, on the other hand, are not normally affected by water. For example, the radio, air conditioning and cooling system are all closed off and unaffected by the elements. The steering suspension and brake systems are designed for use in wet and dry conditions, and power steering should function again after being drained. Progressive advises consumers who are in the market for a used car to protect themselves by following these steps:

• Buy only from a reputable used car dealer.

• Ask the dealer if the vehicle has been flood-damaged. Get the answer in writing with the bill of sale.

• Take the vehicle to a trusted mechanic to be checked for any signs of flood damage.

• Ask to see the title. If it is not stamped "Salvage" or "Flood," ask for the car's history to see if it came from a state that recently experienced flooding.

• Look for dried mud or rust in the compartment, trunk, under the dashboard and under the seats.

• Check the instrument panel to see that all gauges are working properly.

• Find out if the car was flood damaged by salt or fresh water. Salt water is more corrosive and can cause more serious damage.

• Look for discolored, faded or stained upholstery or carpeting. If the carpeting fits loosely or the color does not match the interior, it may have been replaced because the vehicle was flood damaged.

• Check on the outside of the engine, inside garnish moldings and "kick plates," inside rear compartment for a distinguishing water line to see how deep the car was submerged.

REPORTS

August 14 • 9:00 a.m. Subject reported that someone had shot a deer feeder on their lease property. Subject that shot the feeder admitted to shooting the feeder. Estimated value \$600.00. Case turned over to game warden.

10:00 a.m. Complainant reported to Sheriff Office of 2 controlled burns on FM Hwy 915 and Country Road 412.

5:40 p.m. Complainant reported having a bunch of bees in a mesquite tree on a ranch out on Hwy. 190 East. Fire department responded.

5:50 p.m. Complainant reported that their son's bike was stolen from the Middle School bike rack. Bike is a black and yellow.

6:20 p.m. Complainant on East Street requested to speak with an officer and officer responded.

7:40 p.m. Complainant reported a possible tornado 8 to 9 miles out on Hwy. 915. Two officers responded.

9:18 p.m. Complainant in Christoval requested an officer check their renters residence. Officer responded.

August 15 • 9:20 p.m. Complainant reported that the back door of a neighbors home was open and the family was out of town. Officer secured the door and check the residence. Dispatch contacted family member and asked if they had a key and could check the front door.

12:32 p.m. Subject requested to be transferred from home to the hospital without lights and sirens. EMS responded.

7:25 p.m. Subject reported 3 missing horses. They are each 1 year old with white face and feet, last seen on Rabbit Road. Horses found 8/16.

August 16 • 7:30 p.m. Subject on W. Callendar reported a small terrier missing. Dog is white with black spots, and is wearing a blue collar.

August 17 • 4:57 p.m. Complainant on County Road 414 requested an ambulance for a 16 year old female.

Officer and EMS 2 responded.

9:17 p.m. Complainant advised that there was a very large fire across from Huldale Gas Plant. Subject advised that owners of ranch have a security gate. Owners phone line was busy. Officer and Fire Department responded. 9:42 p.m. Dispatch made contact with the owners of the ranch and they advised they were burning a brush pile and everything was OK. All units disregarded.

August 18 • 7:45 a.m. Complainant requested an emergency message be delivered to their grandfather.

2:00 p.m. Subject on N. Divide reported a gas meter had been hit and requested an city employee on call.

7:12 p.m. Complainant on Rudd Road reported an exotic animal on their property. Game warden responded.

9:38 p.m. Complainant on Nance advised that 2 male subjects were fighting in the middle of the road on Mary Street. One subject was driving a white car and the other subject was driving a blue-green truck. Three officers responded.

August 19 • 3:38 a.m. Complainant on S. Divide reported that a male subject walked out of the store with a pack of beer. Subject was identified by clerk. Estimated amount \$27.04. Subject driving a red Chevy S-10 truck.

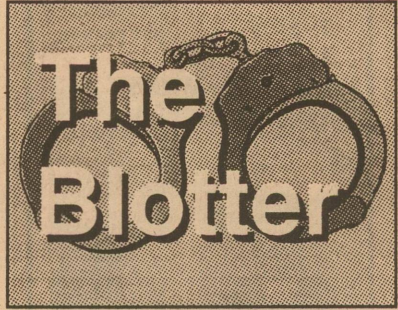
5:38 a.m. Complainant on S. Main stated that there were 2 males subjects at their residence bothering them. Subject stated that these two persons were at the location officers were called to earlier this date.

10:01 a.m. Subject of E. Fields requested to speak with an officer about criminal mischief that was done to their vehicle.

1:44 p.m. Subject requested an officer for a disturbance on Old Sonora Road. Officer responded.

10:24 p.m. Unknown male subject advised that a truck had left the roadway and hit something. Subject's cell phone went dead. Two officers, EMS and Fire Department, put on standby. 10:32 p.m. Ozona Sheriff Office advised that an accident was on Hwy. 2129. Vehicle hit a pole and there were live wires. Four officers, EMS 1 and 2 and Fire Department responded. 10:47 p.m. Sonora Sheriff Office advised that 2 male subjects called and advised that the truck had wrecked that was chasing them. Deputies from Sonora will bring 2 males back to the scene of the accident.

August 21 • 5:23 p.m. Complainant reported a oversized truck traveling at a high rate of speed heading North on Hwy 277. Officer responded.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

August 16 • Castro, Martinez Arturo, male age 35, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication, Released to Maverick County.

• **San Agustin, Cecilia, female age 40,** arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

August 20 • Tinney, Randy Lee, male age 42, arrested by SC Officer, charge Making False Statements to Officer. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• **Middleton, Lonnie, male age 20,** arrested by SC Officer, charge Minor In Possession/Theft Class C. Released on Citation.


• **Roop, Verna Frazer, female age 37,** arrested by SC Officer, charge Escape/Motion To Revoke.




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CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)
District: **San Angelo**

Contract 6071-63-001 for METAL BEAM GUARD FENCE UPGRADES in SCHLEICHER County will be received on September 20, 2001 until 11:00 a.m. and opened on September 20, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$166,322.00

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 4392

State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)
San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Schleicher County ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., Sept. 10, 2001 in the Schleicher County ISD Elementary Kitchen. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.3914	\$-0-	\$1.3914	\$3,233	\$3,713
Proposed Rate	\$1.3344	\$-0-	\$1.3344	\$3,761	\$3,672

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$26,380	\$26,860.
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 9,427	\$ 9,737
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.3914	\$1.3344
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 131.17	\$129.89
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$-1.28)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is **1.3344** This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of **1.3344**

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Eldorado for Fiscal Year beginning 9/1/01 and ending 8/31/02. Hearing is set for Monday, August 30, 2001, at 6:00 PM at the City Hall, 6 S Cottonwood St.

Said proposed budget reflects \$1,436,228 budgeted for the Utility/Sanitation/Street Funds and \$490,127 for the General Fund.

Interested citizens are encouraged to give oral or written comment or ask questions at said hearing. A copy of the proposed budget and work figures are available for public review between the hours of 8AM and 5PM weekdays.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Schleicher County Hospital District

2002 Budget and Tax Rate

Schleicher County Hospital District will hold a Public Meeting at 6:00 PM, August 27, 2001 in the Hospital Board Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Hospital District's 2002 Budget and Tax Rate.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will hold a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2001 at the Schleicher county Annex Building to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2001 - 2002. The proposed tax rate is .049 cents per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District by 2.7%.

Employment

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

The City of Eldorado is accepting applications for a full-time position in the Public Works Department. Applicants must be High School graduates and hold a valid Commercial Driver's License. Salary shall be commensurate with experience and ability. The Benefits Package includes Group Health Insurance and retirement benefits. The City of Eldorado is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Application forms may be obtained and returned to the City Hall during regular office hours. 31-35b

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)

District: San Angelo

Contract 0907-00-051 for UPGRADE PERMANENT SIGNING in TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on September 06, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and / or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 4291

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 33-34b

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Schleicher County ISD is seeking applications for (1) Full-Time Maintenance Position. Applications are available at the SCISD Administration Office, 205 Fields, Eldorado, Texas. Phone 915-853-2514, ext. 221. SCISD is an equal opportunity employer.34b

PUBLIC NOTICE

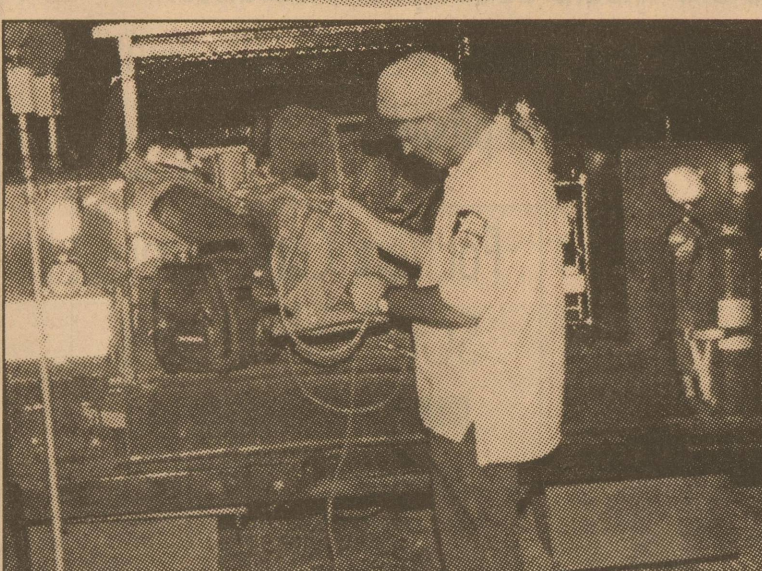
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Contact: Berta Nicholson RN, DON at 915-853-2507.

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LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAXES	\$750,097.00
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$750,097.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$171,568,210
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.4372/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY) / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE (AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY) = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$750,032.12 / \$196,716,150 = \$0.3812/\$100
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LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION) / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE + THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE = THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	\$750,032.12 / \$196,716,150 = \$0.3812/\$100 X 1.08 = \$0.4116/\$100 + \$0.0000/\$100 = \$0.4116/\$100
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STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Schleicher County Hospital District adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.3812 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 by \$3,966.54

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$288,457.00

Schedule B
2001 Debt Service NONE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. you can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The Hospital Administrative Office or the County Tax Assessor's Office.

Name of person preparing this notice Lou Ann Turner
Title Tax Assessor/Collector
Date prepared 8/14/01

Mosquitoes 2001, a threat to human & livestock health

By day, the hovering needle-nosed pests attack silently, evidenced only by a bloody "splat" or ugly welt. In darkness the mosquitoes dive bomb, their high-pitched drone cutting a swath through slumber. In late summer 2001, however Texas health officials are the ones losing sleep because of mosquitoes. While most of the time, the pests are just unpleasant and troublesome, this year mosquitoes are threatening the health of humans and livestock. Staff members from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, are pooling resources to prevent, track and alert Texas about cases of mosquito-borne viruses.

West Nile Virus

In mid-August, West Nile Virus (WNV) was detected in a dead bird in a suburb of New Orleans, meaning this virus, first discovered in the US in 1999 in New York City, has made significant progress in its migration toward Texas. The disease, common in Africa, Middle East and West Asia, was not documented in humans or animals in the Western Hemisphere until 1999. This year, a dozen states and the District of Columbia have detected WNV in mosquitoes or birds: New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana.

"WNV will eventually come to Texas," said Dr. Joe Garrett, veterinary epidemiologist for the Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division, which tracks animal diseases which can affect humans. "As soon as it is detected in Texas, state agencies will alert veterinarians and physicians so they can be prepared to recognize the disease in their patients."

"WNV is carried by at least 54

species of wild birds that die from the disease," explained Dr. Garrett, who is also a former TAHC epidemiologist. "After mosquitoes feed on affected birds, they're then able to transmit the virus to people or other animals."

He said most WNV-infected humans will have no symptoms of illness. However, a small number of victims develop fever, head and body aches, skin rashes and swollen lymph glands. Fewer than one in a hundred infected persons may develop inflammation of the spinal cord, known as meningitis, or encephalitis, a swelling of the brain. Symptoms may involve coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

"Horses affected by WNV usually don't have signs of illness. Like human victims, however, a few may develop acute illness, and may stagger, become weak, be unable to rise and eventually, could die," he said. Twenty-four horses have tested positive for the disease in 2001; 23 in Florida and one in Georgia.

Dr. John Irby, the TAHC's equine issues specialist and director for counties in northeast Texas, noted that the US Department of Agriculture's Center for Veterinary Biologics has issued a conditional one-year license to Fort Dodge Laboratories for a West Nile vaccine for horses. He said the product will require two doses, administered three to six weeks apart. Final approval for the vaccine may be granted after information on the effectiveness and potency of the drug is reviewed.

Through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control, TDH staff is conducting surveillance on mosquitoes, dead crows, bluejays and hawks. To submit a bird for laboratory examination, call your regional Texas Department of Health office or the Texas Department of Health in Austin at 1-512-458-7255.

Encephalitis, or "Sleeping Sickness"

Also being diagnosed are various other forms of encephalitis, also known as "sleeping sickness." At least nine persons in Louisiana have been hospitalized with encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, caused by a virus carried

from birds to humans by mosquitoes. One person died in Louisiana in 1998 from the ailment that causes fever, nausea, vomiting, confusion and speech and vision impairment.

TAHC officials are urging Texas equine owners to have their animals vaccinated for "sleeping sickness," after a horse in Henderson County and another in Jasper County tested positive for Eastern

Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Encephalitis vaccines for horses require two injections, 30 days apart.

Whenever we see encephalitis diagnosed in equine, it is an indication that infected mosquitoes are in the vicinity," commented Dr. Garrett. "To protect human and animal health, destroy breeding grounds for mosquitoes and protect yourself and your animals with insect repellent."

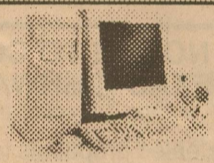


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You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream — Addye Chatham, a kindergartner at Eldorado Elementary, enjoyed a bowl of homemade ice cream last week during the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance's annual Ice Cream Social. The event is held each year on the Courthouse lawn.

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