

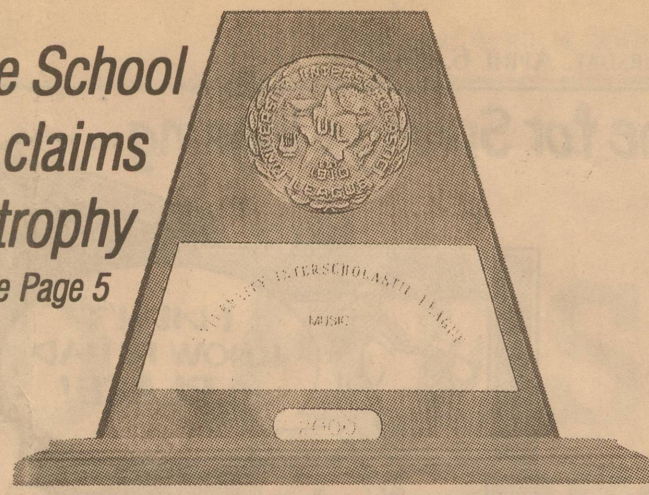
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## Quilting club sets up shop in Schleicher County Museum

Twenty excited quilters met for the first time at the Schleicher County Museum on Tuesday, April 4, 2000 to begin their first group quilting session. A whole-cloth quilt top belonging to Clara Mae Donaldson was put in the frame and the stitching began.

The first group of quilters are: Mary McGinnes, Clara Mae Donaldson, Peggy Grelle, Norma Lynn Mund, Ann Barker, Eloise Day, May Runge Kissko, Wanda Edmiston, Dorothy Clark, Bessie Causey, Dorothy Harris, Charlotte Wilha, Flora Hubble, Agnes Lozano,

Louella Sauer, Princess Gruben, Charlene Edmiston, Janet Felver, Vernel McCalla, and Barbara Jackson.

Standards for the quilt frame the group is using were supplied by George Spinks, industrial arts teacher at Eldorado Middle School.

The group will be quilting at the Museum every Tuesday starting at 1:30 p.m. with evening sessions also being planned. The group is searching for a name and more interested quilters. Come and join in, even if think you cannot quilt...the group can use needle threaders!



photo by Kathy Mankin

**Quilting Bee** — Twenty ladies answered the call to form a quilting club at the Schleicher County Museum. On Tuesday, they gathered round to work on a quilt belonging to Clara Mae Donaldson (center). Also pictured are Agnes Lozano (left) and Ann Barker (right).

## F.Y.I.

**For Your Information**

**Electronics Top Export List**

The Tom Green County Community Action Council Child Care Services is making appointments to determine if parents are eligible for subsidized child care.

Funding is available and the time frame for enrollment has been extended.

Anyone working or attending school and needing help paying for child care, please call Child Care Services at 915-653-2411 or 800-326-5440 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

Also, if your child is in school now but you will need care for him/her this summer NOW is the time to call and get your name on the summer list.

—★★★★—

**Electronics Top Export List**

Electronic equipment and components lead the list of Texas exports to Mexico. Fifteen industries account for 95 percent of all Texas exports to Mexico; the top five industries make up more than 60 percent of all Texas' exports.

Overall electronic equipment and components accounted for 27.5 percent of Texas exports or \$11.4 billion. Transportation equipment brought in \$6.2 billion in export dollars. Industrial machinery, chemical products and rubber & plastic products rounded out the top five.

—★★★★—

**On This Date**

On this date in 648 BC the earliest known total solar eclipse was chronicled by Greeks. In 1862 the Union defeated the Confederacy in the Battle of Shiloh. In 1909 the North Pole was reached by Americans Robert Peary & Matthew Henson. In 1917 the US declared war on Germany entering World War I.

Birthdays of note include: 1483 painter Raphael [Raffaello Sanzio], Neth; 1866 outlaw Butch Cassidy; 1874 magician Harry Houdini; 1937 actor Billy Dee Williams.

—★★★★—

**Odds and Ends**

It takes 25 cigarettes to produce the same amount of carbon monoxide created by one large cigar.

Nursery and greenhouse production adds almost \$1 billion to the Texas agricultural economy.

## Kindergarten and Kids Kampus registration slated for April 18

Eldorado Elementary will hold registration for all students who will be entering kindergarten on April 18 in the Elementary Kitchen from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Any child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2000 is eligible to attend kindergarten. The

school will also be holding registration for Kids Kampus on this date. Children ages 4 and 5 may attend Kids Kampus as long as their permanent residence is located in Schleicher County.

Please bring shot record, Birth Certificate and Social Security Card.



courtesy photo

**Top students** — Ten EHS scholars were honored by the State Board of Education last Thursday at Angelo State University. They are (L-R) Sarah Mankin, Haley Edmiston, Lindsay Beach, Hillary Hodges, BreeAnne Davis, Kayla McCravery, Ben Edmiston, Kayla Kohls, Joey Bullard and Steven Valero

## Ten EHS students honored by State Board of Education

The Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence awards, now in its sixth year, honors students in grades 9-12 who have excelled academically in the foundation areas of the curriculum. Hosted by the State Board of Education and Angelo State University the event honored 9 Eldorado High School students on Thursday, March 30, 2000. The students were: Seniors Haley Edmiston, Hillary Hodges, Kayla

Kohls, Sarah Mankin, and Steven Valero; Juniors Lindsay Beach, Joey Bullard, BreeAnne Davis, Ben Edmiston and Kayla McCravery.

The students attended a ceremony with High School Counselor Maureen Hodges which featured an awards and recognition program where the students received the Celebrations of Education Excellence medallions from the board.

## Know the signs of child abuse

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and parents, grandparents and teachers are encouraged to know the signs of child abuse. The law requires any person who believes that a child is being abused, neglected, or exploited to report the circumstances to the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Abuse Hotline. 1-800-252-5400 Texas Abuse Hotline is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A person making a report is immune from civil or criminal liability, and the name of the person making the report is kept confidential.

No one sign speaks of abuse, however, two or more should be considered as an indication of possible abuse.

**Physical Abuse**

Physical Indicators: Surface

area injuries; non-accidental bruising patterns; loop or wrap around injuries; injuries in various stages of healing; complications from old injuries; imprint of instrument on skin; cigarette burns; signs of overall poor health.

Behavioral Indicators: Unable to explain injury of explanation inconsistent with injury; unusually fearful; non-spontaneous; overly eager to please adults; discomfort about undressing in front of peers.

**Sexual Abuse**

Physical Indicators: headaches, stomach aches, and overall not feeling well; pain in and or genital area; recurring vaginal or bladder infections; sexually transmitted disease; oral, genital or anal bleeding; redness, swelling, itching, or trauma to the genital or anal area; pregnancy.

Behavioral Indicators: sudden change in behavior; fears and phobias; retreat to fantasy; disturbed sleeping patterns; changes in relationships to adults (avoidance or clinging); problems in school; withdrawal from friends and family; running away; inappropriate and obsessive sexual awareness; promiscuity; depression; low self-esteem; self critical; appearance of retardation; child states an adult is bothering him or her; verbalization of sexual assault; discomfort or extreme sensitivity to physical contact; discomfort about undressing in front of peers; having friends who are several years older; acquisition of unexplainable toys, money, or clothes, regression to more childish behavior; delinquent acts; suicidal gestures or attempts; plays parental role.

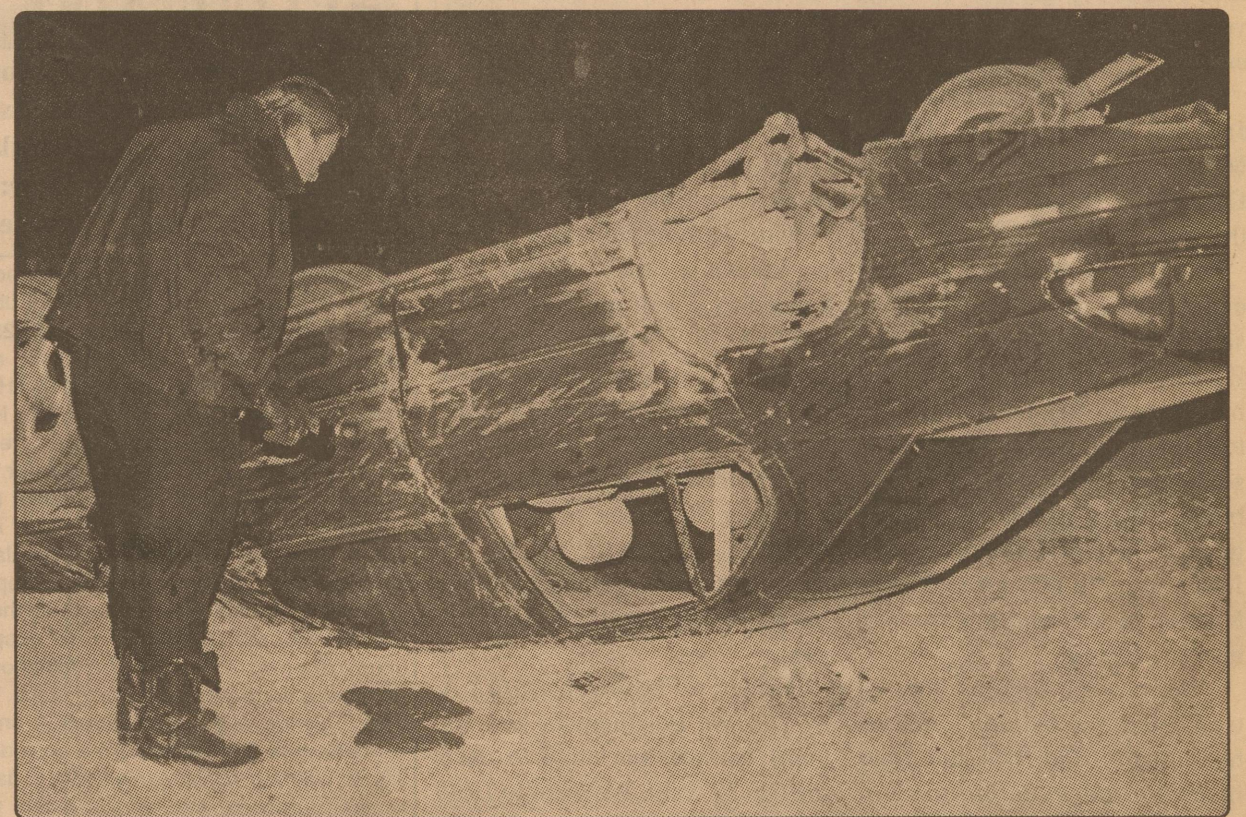


photo by Kathy Mankin

**Almost like Cinderella** — Chief Deputy George Arispe was one of the officers involved in searching for a missing driver during the early morning hours of Friday, March 31, 2000, after this 1999 Chevy Lumina rolled 5.5 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. Also joining in the search were Deputy Eddie Rodriguez and several Fire Dept. and EMS volunteers. The driver, Richard Sepeda Sosa, 17, of San Angelo was finally located two hours later by

DPS Trooper Robert Bybee, who noticed the man standing on the roadside. A shoe left at the scene of the accident, matched the single shoe Sosa was wearing, officer's said, identifying him as the vehicle's driver. Sosa was reportedly uninjured except for a few scrapes and bruises and "lots of stickers." He was cited by Deputy Eddie Rodriguez for "failing to give information and render aid" and for "failure to control speed."

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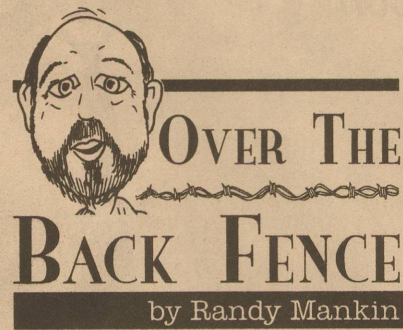
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## What "Lite" through yon window breaks?



### OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Here at the Success office, we receive hundreds of press releases each week. Most are churned out by public relations firms which mistakenly believe they can dupe a newspaper into promoting a product or service if they disguise their ad as a news story. As my old granddad used to say, "I was born at night, but it wasn't last night." So, almost all of these press releases go straight into the "round file" next to my desk.

Every once in awhile, however, one of these bogus news stories will catch my eye and I'll take the time to read through it before tossing it away.

Last week, I received an unusual one. This press release was from the Miller Brewing Company which claimed it was in negotia-

tions to become the exclusive sponsor of the Marfa Mystery Lights. The story went on to say that, if the deal is finalized, it would be the first time any company had negotiated sponsorship rights for an unexplained phenomenon. Once the deal is concluded, the story claimed, the company, which bottles Miller Lite Beer, intends to change the name of the lights to the "Marfa Lites."

That got me to thinking, maybe Eldorado could land a corporate sponsor, too. Since the drought and the government take turns at wrecking our farm & ranch economy, and since the oilfield is subject to constant boom and bust cycles, maybe...just maybe we could do better by looking for corporate help.

Not every corporation wants to sponsor something as flashy as the Marfa Mystery Lights. In fact, most companies shy away from that type of image. Surely somewhere on the corporate landscape there's a good solid company looking for a community like ours into which to pour its dollars.

Take Cadillac, for example.

They already have a car named Eldorado...even if they don't know how to pronounce it. If Cadillac would give everyone in town a new car, I'm sure we could be persuaded to name the company as our official car maker.

There's also the Eldorado Casino in Reno, Nevada. Maybe they would like to adopt a small West Texas town. And, it just might help them attract some Texas high-rollers into their casino.

There is a timber company named Eldorado, a computer manufacturer, a chemical company and a stone veneer dealer. There's even a 4-star hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico named... "The Eldorado."

If more than one company expresses an interest, we could always divide up the action. You know, let a company like Culligan sponsor Eldorado's crystal clear drinking water, while Windjammer Cruises sponsored our ever present wind.

We could even get a Madison Avenue ad agency to send out bogus press releases to promote it all. For example:

Arid Extra Dry announced this week it is negotiating with the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the Drought of 2000. When asked why his company chose Eldorado, a spokesman for the company replied, "Well, we originally considered sponsoring Saskatchewan...but the name Canada Dry was already taken."

## State health department tracks TB cases

AUSTIN — More than 1 million people in Texas are infected with tuberculosis, according to the Texas Department of Health.

Highest risk groups include people born in a foreign country, substance abusers, those with HIV infection, inmates in correctional facilities, people with diabetes and the homeless.

Stopping or slowing tuberculosis in Texas acts as a firewall for 18 other states, especially among migrant workers, said Charles Wallace of the health department's Tuberculosis Elimination Division said.

### State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



Texas supports a tracking and TB treatment completion project called TB-Net that follows migrant workers from clinic to clinic.

Tuberculosis usually can be cured with multi-month regimen of antibiotics.

**Anti-Child Abuse Effort Begins**  
Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services last

week launched a statewide media campaign to prevent child abuse and neglect.

New television advertisements point parents to an Internet site, itsuptoyou.org, which includes parenting tips, local resources, activities for children and parents and volunteering opportunities.

"We need parents to know 'it's up to you' to make a difference in your child's life," said Marla Sheely, public information officer for the agency. "Looking at the research, it's obvious what areas this campaign must target."

In 1998, the most frequently confirmed form of abuse or neglect was neglectful supervision with 18,817 cases. The second highest category was physical abuse with 13,460 confirmed cases.

The number of Texas children dying from abuse and neglect declined 21 percent from 1998 to 1999, the agency reported.

Specifically, 171 Texas children died of abuse and neglect during fiscal 1998 and 135 in fiscal 1999. The state's fiscal year ends Aug. 31.

Anyone who suspects a child is being abused or neglected can call the state's toll-free hotline, 1-800-252-5400.

### Court Hears School Prayer Case

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn on March 29 presented oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in Doe v. Santa Fe Independent School District.

Cornyn asked the court to uphold the school district's policy of allowing a voluntary student mes-

sage during pre-game ceremonies of home varsity football games in which the student can choose whether or not to include a prayer.

"We have over 1,000 school districts in Texas who want legal guidance on this issue. The Santa Fe policy should be our model. It neither endorses nor inhibits religion. It strikes a careful balance between the free-speech rights of the students and maintains the separation of church and state," Cornyn said.

The court's opinion is expected by the end of its term in June.

### Trainees Will Get State Jobs

State agencies have 800 unfilled computer technology positions.

To address the shortage of qualified applicants, the state Comptroller's office plans to "grow its own" by opening the new Texas Information Technology Academy in late June.

Twenty to 30 students will receive entry-level pay for 12 weeks while training, and in exchange will sign a two-year commitment to work for a state agency.

### Regent's Case Revisited

Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner and Matthew Paul, a state prosecutor, urged the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to reinstate the conviction of former Texas A&M University regent Ross Margraves.

Margraves, a Houston lawyer, was placed on four years' probation after using an A&M aircraft for a \$1,435 trip to his son's col-

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## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Adventure Out West

We flew to California over spring break. The plane stopped in Las Vegas enroute and the landing was very rough. I asked the stewardess: "Did we landed on purpose or were we shot down?"

We went west to visit Disneyland with our 9 year old grandson, Jackson. When we arrived at the amusement park Tuesday morning, I actually had a lump in my throat. It was a sentimental moment My last visit there was in 1975 when we took our two sons, then 11 and 8 years old. The deja vu made me feel 25 years younger.

The first thing I did was buy Jackson an exclusive Mickey Mouse Pin, the type sold only at Disneyland. He wore it on his shirt the whole trip.

There were some Disney characters greeting guests. We saw Minnie Mouse, the White Rabbit, Pocahontas and others. I bought Jackson a Disneyland autograph book and ball point pen so he could get them to sign his book. He set a goal of 10 autographs. He reached it easily. Jackson had a private visit with Mickey Mouse and has the picture to prove it.

We rode the teacups, the Astro Orbiter, the Indiana Jones vehicle, the rocked rods, the space mountain roller coaster, the Disneyland Railroad and Monorail. We explored Tarzan's tree house, toured the Haunted house, visited the small world, experienced Peter Pan's flight, Snow White's Scary adventures and Pinocchio's daring journey into the belly of a whale. Jackson said it was the best day of his life. By the way, the weather was perfect, despite

predictions of rain the previous week.

Wednesday morning we boarded AMTRAK and spent twelve hours getting to San Francisco. It is something everyone should do once. The ocean is to the left, the strawberry fields, almond trees and grape orchards are on the right. The scenery is spectacular.

Our son BZ met us at the train station. He has a recording studio in downtown San Francisco and creates music for TV shows, movies, and web sites. He arranged a special treat for us on Thursday. We took the ferry to Alcatraz, where some of the most notorious criminals from the 20's to the 50's spent some time.

Our walking tour of the prison, known as "the rock" was enhanced by a well produced audio tape which we listened to with headsets. Prior to becoming a prison, Alcatraz was a fort and a lighthouse. It's located in the heart of San Francisco bay, just a mile and a quarter from one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Today, Alcatraz is a national park and has more than a million visitors a year.

Friday we headed back to LA by car. We got there in just six hours, half the time it took to make the trip by train. We went to Hollywood, ate on Wiltshire Boulevard, saw Rodeo Drive, the famous shopping street and drove through some beautiful neighborhoods. Then we did something I had been wanting to do for some time: visit the La Brea Tar Pits. That didn't take much time at all. We got on the plane and came home. We saw a lot in 4 days.

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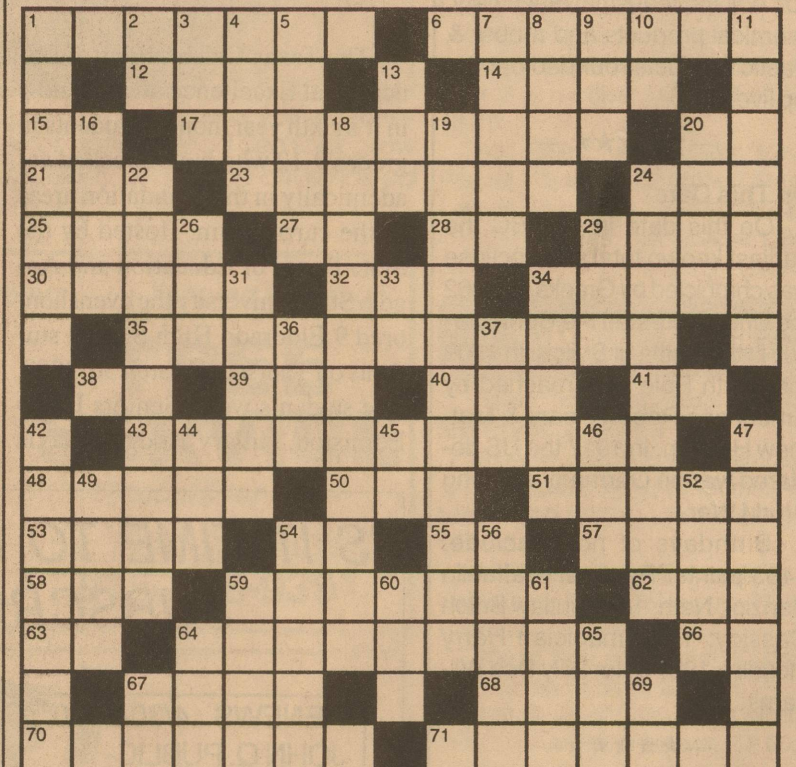
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6 Orbs	55 In the direction of	22 Accentuate
12 Store dealing in salads & cooked meats	57 Brown algae	24 Russian navy's stronghold
14 _____ sapien (human)	58 Metal-bearing mineral	26 Couplet
15 Half dozen	59 1920s & 30s artistic movement	29 Flimflam man
Romans	62 Mound builder	31 Uralic language
17 Aromatic seasoning in New Delhi	63 Rigid connective tissue in vertebrate skeletons	33 I am
20 Jr.'s dad	64 LBJ or RWR	34 High tidal wave
21 Poisonous viper	66 Alcoholics Anonymous (abbr.)	36 Exclaim
23 Christian recluse	67 Boatswain	37 Make lacework by knotting or looping
24 Fluffy feathered scarf	68 Division of geological time	42 Educational institutions
25 Celtic warrior god	70 Glycine max	44 Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
27 Improving	71 Undone	45 Unit of weight equivalent to 1000 kilograms
28 Thus	<b>DOWN</b>	46 Append one's signature to
29 Heavy open vehicle used for transport	1 Two shelled mollusk	47 Conversation designed of arouse enthusiasm
30 Locale	2 Bismark's state	49 Boat blades
32 Chapeau	3 Following Nov.	52 Arm bone
34 Thessaly dialect	4 A wing of an insect	54 Fairy bluebird
35 Following as a consequence	5 Semitic deity	56 Indian or Atlantic
38 Expressing a rate or position	7 Picture of a person or scene	59 Londonderry derrier
39 Endeavor or attempt	8 Family habitation	60 Behaved
40 A small cloth	9 Ambulance org.	61 Singles
41 Whenever	10 Artificial language	64 Call box
43 Unbalanced	11 Deal with an itch	65 Summate
48 Omnivorous mammal of Central and South America	13 Dike	67 So as to pass a given point
50 So on and so forth	16 Small island	69 Alphabetic character in Corinth
51 Flow from	18 Allocations of armed forces	

This week's solution on Page 6



This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

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# OBITUARIES

## Carlene Nutt Keel

Carlene Nutt Keel, 69, formerly of San Angelo, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2000, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Ill.

Arrangements are pending at Arron Cremation and Burial Services in Urbana and there will be a memorial service at a later date in San Angelo. The family has requested that memorials be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

She was born Feb. 27, 1931, to West Texas ranchers Jimmie M. Nutt and Ida Elliott Nutt. She attended school in San Angelo and on July 1, 1950, she married Airman Ben R. Keel of Missouri. Mrs. Keel and her husband settled in the San Angelo area where they owned ranch and farm land in Irion and Schleicher counties. She also was active in their business of making and marketing gourmet jellies and candies. The last two years of her life, she resided in Champaign, Ill., where her son could be close by. She was a Baptist.

Mrs. Keel gave of herself in the 1960s to medical science as treatment for pituitary tumors was being researched. As the end of her life drew near, she again gave to the field of medicine by being available to the teaching staff and medical students at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Carlene Keel was an avid animal lover and never failed to go the extra mile to see that God's little creatures were taken care of. She always was taking in stray animals and would think nothing of stopping on the busy Beauregard Street bridge to rescue an injured bird.

Mrs. Keel was preceded in death by her parents and her only sister, Mildred Nutt Hamilton.

She is survived by her husband, Ben Keel of San Angelo; her son, Richard Keel and wife, Marie, of Savoy, Ill.; two nephews, Jim Hamilton and wife, Susan, of Houston, and Michael Hamilton and wife, Darlene, of Mertzon; one niece, Teresa Steckbeck and husband, Tom, of Mertzon; four great-nephews, Shawn Hamilton and wife, Carolyn, of Hamilton, Ohio, Larry Hamilton and wife, Crissy, of Stafford, Va., Mark Hargreaves and wife, Becky, of Irving and Jake Hamilton of Mertzon; five great-nieces, Mylia Pisaturo and husband, Rob, of Houston, Kathryn Phariss and husband, Eddie, of Midland, Amy Fox and husband, Ben, of Fredericksburg, Amber Hamilton and husband, Kevin, of Corpus Christi and Jamie Hamilton of Mertzon; and numerous great-great-nephews, great-great-nieces and friends.



Tara Yocham and Adam Reynolds

## Yocham/Reynolds to wed

Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Yocham of Spring, Texas and Carolyn Whitten of San Angelo, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara, to Adam Reynolds of San Angelo. The couple plan to marry on May 13, 2000 in Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School. She is currently attending Angelo State University.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reynolds of Silverdale, WA. He graduated from Central Kitsap High School in Silverdale before attending Angelo State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Remembering Eldorado way back when

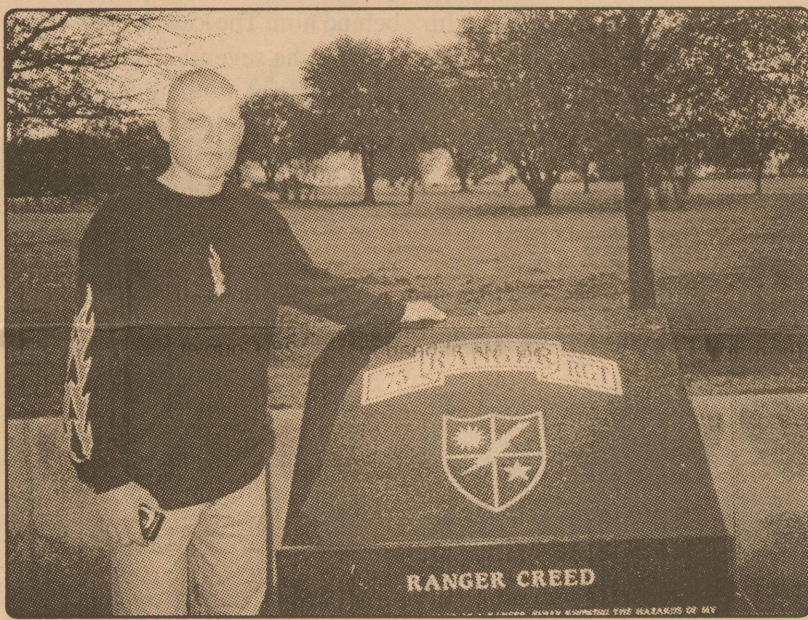
Dear Editor:

I look forward to reading the Success each week. I almost wrote to you sometime back when you were talking of one of the recent football teams as being one of the best ever. I was thinking of the late 1939's when we won the district, the bi-district and the regional. We beat Hondo 27-0 for the regional championship. Some names many of you may remember are Jack Hext, Johnny Clemens, Earl Bryant, the McGinnes brothers and also Ed Meador. That year Eldorado had 408 points and our opponents had only eight for the year. I failed to mention Richard Bruton. I played right end and in practice I was supposed to block him. He nearly killed me several times, I think we called him the brute. Then there was Jack (Mousie) and Orval Edmiston and Bob (Kirk) Bradley. Also, we had some fine cheerleaders. I also notice several that I went to school with have died recently such as

Willie Bridgeman and Odell Green. They were about the same age as me. This makes me very nervous.

I hope this doesn't sound silly to you, but it's good just to sit and think about the good things that happened in our school days.

W.W. Newlin  
Waldron, Arkansas



*courtesy photo*  
**Army Specialist Brian Jones**, son of Gordon and Lana Jones of Eldorado, graduated from Ranger Training recently at Ft. Benning, GA. He is a 1995 graduate of Eldorado High School.

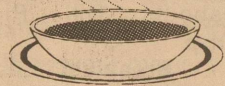
## Jones graduates Ranger training

Specialist Brian Jones, son of Gordon and Lana Jones, recently graduated from the Ranger Training Brigade in Fort Benning, Georgia. The Ranger Course is 65 days in length with an average of 19 hours of training each day. It is divided into three phases: the Benning Phase, conducted at Camp Rogers and Camp Darby at Ft. Benning; the Mountain Phase conducted near Dahlonega, Georgia;

and the Florida Phase conducted at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Emphasis is placed on the development of individual leadership abilities through application of principles of leadership, while further developing skills in dismounted infantry, airborne, airmobile, amphibious, and independent squad and platoon-sized training.

Of the 340 men whom began the course, only 90 men graduated. Brian's parents attended the graduation which took place at Victory Pond at Camp Rogers on March 10, 2000.

### Meals for Friends Menu



#### Monday, April 10

Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

#### Tuesday, April 11

Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Rolls, Brownies w/Nuts, Juice, Milk

#### Wednesday, April 12

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Coleslaw, Chocolate Cake, Milk

#### Thursday, April 13

Pork Chops, w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Cornbread, Pineapple Waldorf, Milk

#### Friday, April 14

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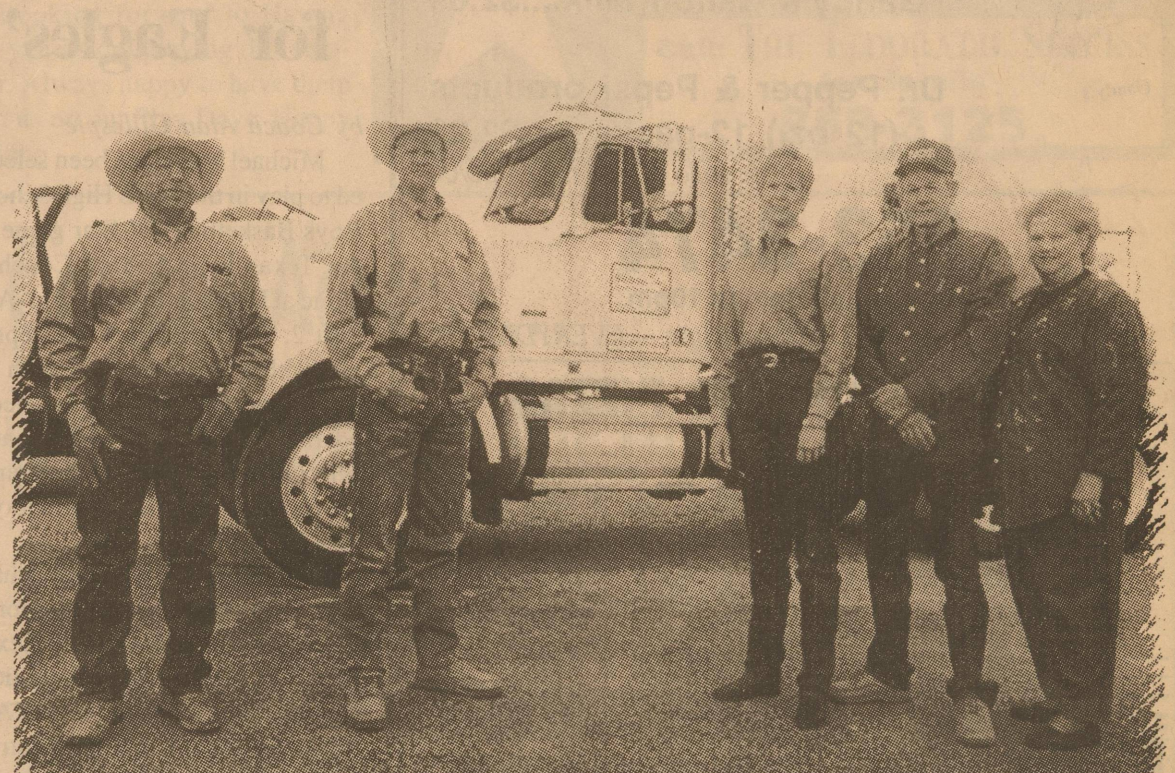
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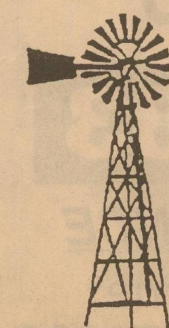
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## Eagles golf completes district

by Coach Melissa O'Harrow  
The Eldorado Boys and Girls Golf teams competed in the District Tournament on Wednesday, March 29th, 2000 at the Riverside Golf Course and Monday, April 3rd, 2000 at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo. Members playing on the Boys #1 Team were Clay Whitten, Andrew Anderson, Michael Ramirez, Wesley Jones, and Landon Nixon. The team finished fourth overall. Clay Whitten was 3rd Medalist and will represent our school at the Regional Tournament

the end of April. Boys #2 Team members were Anthony Leal, Tanner Haynes, J.L. Mankin, Matt Curtis, and Thomas Ballew. Ross Hodges competed as a Medalist.

The Girls Team of Jennah Richters, Kate Kosub, Brittany Key, Blake Snelson and Hannah Robledo finished second and will be competing in the Regional Tournament. Jennah Richters was second medalist. Playing as medalists at district were Toni Martin and Maci Schwiening. What a really great these golfers have had!



Winning on the links — Coach Melissa O'Harrow (left) posed with the EHS golfers who will be advancing to Regional later this month. They are (Front L-R) Hannah Robledo, Blake Snelson, Brittany Key, (Back L-R) Kate Kosub, Clay Whitten and Jennah Richters.

photo by Kathy Mankin

## EMS tennis results listed

Results from the Reagan County Junior High Tennis Tournament held on Saturday, April 1, 2000. The day was overcast, drizzle and cold.

7th Grade Boys Singles: 1st - Logan Neal; 4th-Ryan Cathey; 7th Girls Singles: 4th-Emily Newman; Consolation-Betsy Green.

8th Grade Boys Doubles: 2nd-Dillon Greer and Robbie Young; 8th Grade Girls Singles: 2nd-

Andrea Leal; 3rd-Janet Gardiner; 8th Grade Girls Doubles: 2nd-Lacy Ragsdale and Heather Homer.

Eldorado team members Shay Parker, Trey Chavez, Adrian Arispe, Homero Hernandez, Mikinzie Holley, April Nixon, Nathan MacDonald, Frank Ortega, Katey Blair and Jessica Roberson also participated and braved a wet and windy day of tennis in Big Lake.

## EHS rodeo team news

On Saturday, April 1st, 2000 the Eldorado High School Rodeo team competed in Odessa.

Leigh Ann Neal placed 2nd in Breakaway with a time of 4.0. Leigh Ann also placed 5th in Poles with a time of 21.54.

Cory Lloyd of Eldorado and Stetson Hall of Sonora placed 3rd in Team Roping with a time of 9.9.

On Sunday, April 2nd Leigh Ann Neal placed 8th in Barrels with a time of 16.39 and took fifth and sixth place in Breakaway with a time of 4.0.

Cory Lloyd placed 9th in Calf Roping with a time of 13.6 and placed 8th with partner Stetson Hall of Sonora in Team Roping, time 13.9.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Kicking up dust — Casey Poyner rounded third to bring home the winning run as the Eagles nine downed the Sonora Broncos 4-3 last week.

## Eagles nine beat Broncos, Owls

The Eldorado Eagles went 2 and 0 last week on the baseball diamond. EHS won both a district and non district game.

Last Tuesday the Eagles hosted rival Sonora at Eagle Field. Eldorado came away with a 4 to 3 victory. This was an excellent game to watch as Eldorado had a 1 to 0 lead until the top of the 7th when Sonora scored 3 runs. The Eagles then came back with some clutch hits and excellent base running to score 3 runs of their own in the bottom of the 7th for the win.

Ricky Huichapa pitched 6 no hit innings in the game. Manuel Hernandez came in and got the save. Each team had 2 errors a piece.

Offensively, Will Robledo (2), Casey Poyner, Jason Brock (3), and John Ray Espinosa all had singles. Rocky Robles had a double and Robledo had a triple. Brock had the game winning RBI.

Coach Molina commented after the game, "Ricky pitched a great game and the defense played great behind him. The kids really battled back in the seventh for the win."

On Friday, Eldorado hosted the Reagan County Owls in a non district contest. This was not a close contest as Eldorado came away with a 16 to 0 win. Big Lake had 5 errors in the game and Eldorado took full advantage of those mistakes for the win.

Manuel Hernandez got the win for the Eagles.

Eldorado traveled to Ozona on Tuesday to complete the first round of district play.

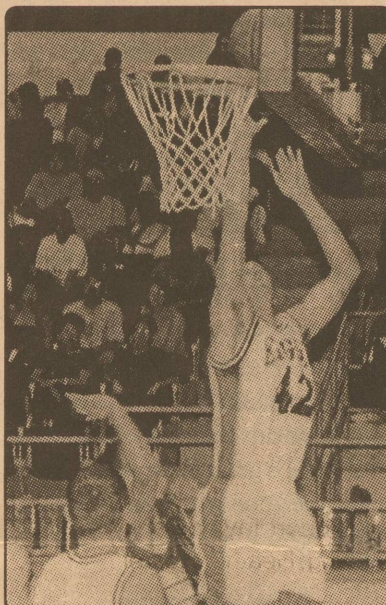


photo by Kathy Mankin  
Michael Mayo



photo by Kathy Mankin  
Anthony Pina

## Basketball careers continue for Eagles' Mayo & Pina

by Coach Alan Gillespie

Michael Mayo has been selected to play in the Texas High School Boys Basketball All-Star game at the Texas High School Coaches clinic at Houston from July 31-August 2, 2000. Michael will represent either the North or South as one of only two AA players selected from the state to participate. The other members of the teams are from the various classifications A-AAAAA.

In addition to this honor Michael was selected to the AA Region I All-region First Team by the Texas High School Basketball Association. He was an All West Texas AA MVP, District 2-AA All-District MVP, a Texas Basketball Magazine 1st Team Pre-Season All State, a

Texas Basketball Magazine "Big Man", the Ballinger Tournament MVP, Mason All-Tournament, and Rocksprings All Tournament this year in addition to other honors.

In related news Anthony Pina will join Michael Mayo in playing for an area AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) team that will compete in various tournaments in Texas and the nation from May to August. The sponsored team had two try-outs beginning with 40 hopefuls. The first cut was to 21 and the last cut was to 15. Anthony and Michael will be on the team along with players from San Angelo Central, Lake View, Ballinger, Brownwood, and Ozona. Anthony Pina also gathered many honors this year so far including 1st Team All-District, All-Tournament at Ballinger and Mason, and the tournament MVP at Rocksprings.

Together the two EHS seniors led their team to a 26-8 season and a 9-1 District Championship for the first time since 1989. They set numerous individual and team records in many categories.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Bringing the heat — Ricky Huichapa pitched 6 no-hit innings for the Eagles last week as they beat Sonora 4-3

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## School Lunch



### Menu

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**Monday, April 10th**  
Super Nachos, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread, Applesauce Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, April 11th**  
Pork Chopets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli (Cheese Sauce), Peach Cobbler

**Wednesday, April 12th**  
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pineapple Slices, Cornbread, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

**Thursday, April 13th**  
Turkey Pot Pie/Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

**Friday, April 14th**  
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickles, Applecrisp

### Breakfast

½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

**Monday, April 10th**  
Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup

**Tuesday, April 11th**  
Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy/Ham

**Wednesday, April 12th**  
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

**Thursday, April 13th**  
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

**Friday, April 14th**  
Pineapple Slices, Toast/Eggs/Jelly

### Fast Food Line

**Monday, April 10th**  
Sausage & Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Mixed Fruits, Applesauce Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, April 11th**  
Turkey Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Cobbler

**Wednesday, April 12th**  
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomatoes/Pickles, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

**Thursday, April 13th**  
Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Pear Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

**Friday, April 14th**  
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## Crumbley celebrates 100th birthday next week

Verda Montgomery Crumbley was born April 12, 1900 in Llano, Texas and later moved to McCulloch County.

She married Hubert Crumbley August 4, 1918 and they went on a cotton picking honeymoon in a covered wagon to Dallas, Texas. They were married 76 years and lived in McCulloch, County all their mar-

ried life.

Verda was active in church, 4-H Club, and Senior Citizen Club. She enjoyed her neighbors, friends and grandchildren. She enjoyed working in her home and garden and enjoys playing dominos.

They have 3 children: J.C. Crumbley and Verba West of San Antonio, Texas and Nevella Sallee of Eldorado. Ten grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

She has been living in Schleicher County Nursing Home the last 4 years and enjoys the friends and wonderful care she has received.



courtesy photo  
Verda Montgomery Crumbley



Showing off the trophy — The Eldorado Middle School band's 8th graders (above) and 7th graders (below) took turns showing off the Sweepstakes Trophy they won at the U.I.L. concert and sightreading contest in Ballinger last Thursday.



## EMS band earns Sweepstakes trophy at U.I.L. concert and sight-reading contest

The Eldorado Middle School Band received the Sweepstakes trophy at the U.I.L. Concert and Sight-reading Contest in Ballinger on Thursday, March 30, 2000.

In the concert portion of the contest, the band performed "2001: A March Odyssey" by Shaffer; "Shenandoah Valley" by Kinyon, and "Tunbridge Meadows" by Williams. Two of the three judges awarded the band Di-

vision I ratings in the concert phase while the third judge gave the band a Division II.

In the sight-reading portion of the contest, band director Tom Hollingsworth had seven minutes to prepare his young musicians to play a piece none of the students or director had seen or rehearsed. The selection was "Olympia Hills." Two of the three judges gave the band a Division I rating. The other judge

gave the band a Division II.

Sight-reading judge Pat Norton praised the director and band in his written critique saying, "Good director uses a counting system. Students seem very attentive and businesslike."

Concert Judge Louis Thomson stated "Overall, you did a good job today. Keep up the good work. You are on the right track. Congratulations."

EMS band members include: Sheryl Alexander, Laurie Almazan, Adrian Arispe, Manuel Arispe, Teresa Barajas, Katey Blair, Neal Brenner, Mayra Bustos, Jennifer Bybee, Maria Contreras, Jessica Cook, Kayli Daniels, Kolby Dombroski, Ashley Doran, Alan Dykstra, Marco Escobar, Virgilio Escobar, Amanda Figueroa, Gus Figueroa, Eric Garcia, Janet Gardiner, Betsy Green, Will Griffin, Daniella Guadarrama, Homero Hernandez, Joey Hernandez, Clara Herrera, Julie Hight, Mikinzie Holley, Heather Homer, Andrea Leal, Nathan MacDonald, Sonia Mills, Oscar Munoz, Ashton Murr, Logan Neal, Emily Newman, Frank Ortega, Shay Parker, Lacy Ragsdale, Lance Roberts, Jessica Robertson, Tanner Robledo, Tico Robles, Selina Rojas, E.J. Samaniego, Chris Sanchez, Danny Sanchez, and Courtney Whitten.

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Compiled by Ed Sterling

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lege graduation in Baton Rouge, La., in 1993.

A decision by the 14th Court of Appeals set aside Margraves' 1996 felony conviction for misapplication of state funds.

### Other Highlights

• Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, a former All-Pro linebacker with the Dallas Cowboys, drew the winning ticket in a \$28 million Texas Lottery in March. Henderson is a community activist in Austin.

• Christine Schmidt, a University of Texas chemical engineering professor, has developed a new "biomaterial" of plastic and sugar that could be used to heal damaged tissue better and faster.



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- 7th Martha Buitron, Fonzie Covarrubiaz, Glenda McCravery
- 8th Albert Fuentes, Amy Green, David Hill
- 9th Robert Taylor, Becky Sterling, Heather Homer
- 10th Mack Shepard, Bill Wells, Jimmy Belk
- 11th Colton K. Lively, Gentry Newman, Rachel Pool
- 12th Clay Whitten, Debbie Griffin, Harper Hargraves, Jo Ann Heffernan, Henry Robles

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### PETA reveals April Fool prank

Dear Editor,

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has always suspected "sportsmen" can't take a joke. Our proof came last week, when organizers of the Red Man Cowboy Fishing Tournament, held Saturday, April 1 (April 1-hello?), at Lake Palestine, outside Tyler, Texas, fell for our April Fool's fish prank-hook, line and sinker.

In a news release sent to Texas media, PETA predicted tournament participants would have plenty of time on their hands, because the event's star attraction, the fish-would be lying low. The release said PETA members planned to put a tranquilizer into the water the day before the tournament, to ensure that the fish would be sleeping safely at the bottom of the lake when anglers arrived to reel them in. Please!!!

No, the fish weren't really napping on Saturday, but we do wish the anglers had slept in. Fish, like all animals, can feel pain. According to Dr. Donald Broom, animal welfare advisor to the British government, "The scientific literature is quite clear. Anatomically, physiologically and biologically, the pain system in fish is virtually the same as in birds and mammals. In animal welfare terms you have to put fishing into the same category as hunting." Adds Dr. Austin Williams, a U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service zoologist, fish "are sentient organisms, so of course they feel pain."

Angling doesn't just hurt fish. Every year, anglers leave behind a trail of tackle victims that includes countless birds, turtles and other

animals who suffer debilitating injuries after swallowing fish hooks or becoming entangled in fishing line. Wildlife rehabilitators discard fishing tackle is one of the greatest threats to aquatic animals.

Fishing is not a harmless pastime. That's why PETA urges anglers to pitch their poles and try more animal-friendly activities instead, such as hiking, camping or canoeing. Or maybe anglers should work on developing their sense of humor.

Sincerely,  
Paula Moore

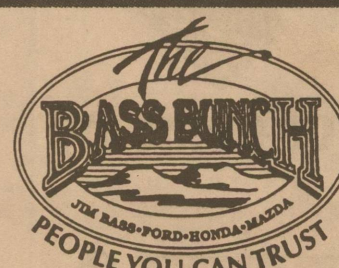
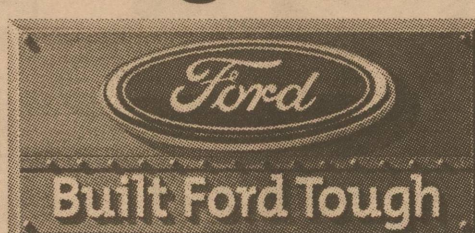
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**Lots of ribbons** — Dist. 4-H Specialist Cody Stone (2nd from Right) posed with local Consumer Judging Team members (R-L) Kate Kosub, Dest Sudduth and Hillary Hodges after they won 1st place at the District contest.

## Local 4-Hers win Consumer Judging event at Dist. contest

Kate Kosub, Brittany Key, Hillary Hodges and Dest Sudduth won first place at the District 7 Consumer Judging Contest held in Brady on Saturday, March 25.

They won the privilege of representing District 7 at the State Contest to be held in conjunction with State 4-H Roundup this summer. Kate Kosub was recognized as 2nd high individual.

Judging categories included: Healthy Snack Foods, Athletic Shoes, Compact Disc Players, Cellular Phones, Jeans and Sunscreens. Team members received study information before the contest and made wise consumer decisions based on their research. State 4-H Roundup will be held at Texas A & M University.

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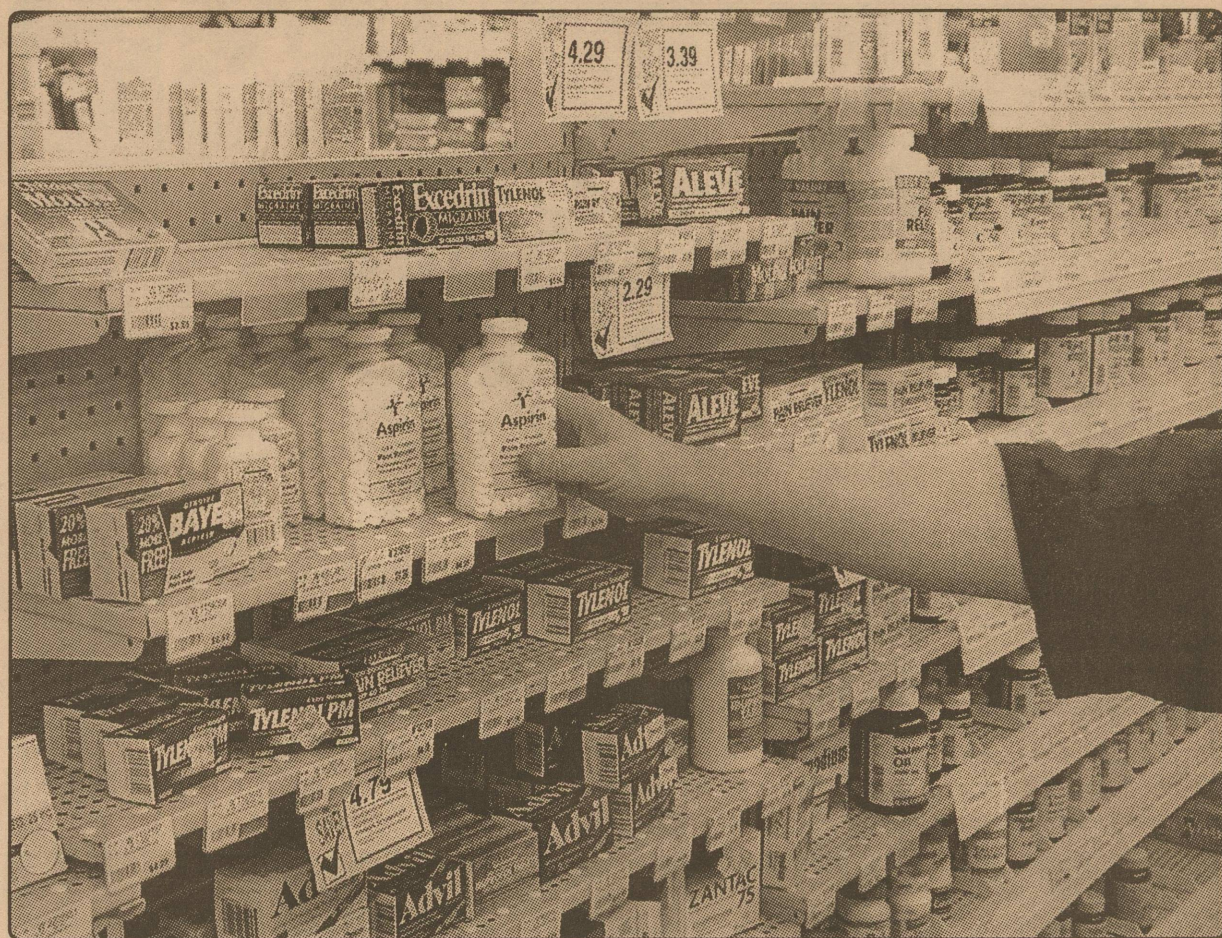
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## Club honors Barbee, Powell for 68-years of loyal service

Mrs. Ola Ruth Barbee and Mrs. Eleanor Powell represented Schleicher County at the District Convention of the Family and Consumer Education Clubs held in San Angelo on March 28 at the Suez Shrine Temple. Both were recognized for their length of membership in the organization. Mrs. Powell joined the Home Demonstration Club in Blanco County in 1932. Mrs. Barbee joined in Big Spring in 1932. They were recognized for their dedication and work throughout the years. Both of them recalled the days of making mattresses and doing large amounts of home canning. They are members of the Good Neighbor Club in Eldorado. Nancy Lester attended the meeting along with the honorees.



**68-year member** — Ola Ruth Barbee of Eldorado posed with Dist. 7 Extension Agent Renee Sanders at the Dist. Convention of Family and Consumer Education Clubs.



**Reaching for tax relief** — An Eldorado shopper took advantage of the new sales tax exemption on over-the-counter medicines this week. The exemption took effect on Saturday, April 1st and applies to approximately 100,000 separate products sold in Texas.

## Sales tax exemption now in place on over-the-counter medicines

Starting April 1, Texas consumers will no longer pay sales tax on most non-prescription pills, potions and ointments kept in the average home medicine cabinet to treat minor illnesses and injuries.

The tax break is expected to save Texas families about \$160 million in state and local sales taxes during its first full year, 2001.

To be tax exempt, a product must be a drug or medicine: an article or substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease or suffering. The drug or medicine must be intended for human use and must have a National Drug Code (NDC) number issued pursuant to U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations.

Approximately 100,000 prod-

ucts manufactured by about 800 companies qualify for the sales tax exemption. The following are examples of product categories that will be exempt from the sales tax. The list does not include all tax-exempt drugs and medicines, but is intended for use as a guideline.

Allergy treatment products, analgesics, antacids, anti-diarrhea and anti-nausea products, anti-microbial products, antiperspirants, anti-rheumatic products, anti-vomiting products and vomiting inducements, blood fortifiers (heatinics), bronchodilator and anti-asthmatic products, cold remedies, cough suppressants, dandruff products, dental products (medicated), ear care products, eye care and contact lens products, hemorrhoid products, laxatives, prophylactics, sedatives and sleep aids,

stimulants, sunburn prevention and treatment products, vitamins and minerals, wound care dressings and supplies. Any product that has an NDC number, meets the definition of a drug or medicine, or prevents disease must be tax exempt.

The sales tax exemption does not apply to medical equipment, appliances and devices such as thermometers, heating pads, toothbrushes and dental floss. However, the legislature voted specifically to apply the new sales tax exemption to blood glucose monitoring strips. Previous law exempts orthopedic braces, such as neck and back braces, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids and their batteries, hypodermic needles, and syringes from the sales tax. That will not change.

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## Great Texas Trash Off set Thursday, April 20

All Eldorado residents are being encouraged to participate in the Great Texas Trash off on Thursday, April 20. Local sponsors include Eldorado Pride, Schleicher County, the City of Eldorado and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Carrie Hill, Keep Texas Beautiful county chairman, has announced that this year's clean up will be held on a weekday instead of a Saturday! We will have two major goals this year. The first goal is to clean up large items of trash and debris. The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court made the initial supportive move for this effort with the commitment of the County Road Workers for the day to help beautify our community. The second goal is to encourage the planting of trees and other life giving plants. We will be emphasizing those that do not require large amounts of water for main-

tenance. The Schleicher County ISD is working to involve students in this service activity. Principals from all three campuses are targeting areas to assist in this effort. City employees are active in mulching and shredding as well as helping in other areas. Citizens are asked to put tree and shrub clippings by the dumpsters and city crews will get to them as soon as possible for Clean Up Day. There is no guarantee that they will get to all of them that day but city crews will be out working on this effort throughout the week. Call City Hall at 853-2691 and get an the "Chipper-Shredder" list. Volunteers will be needed to help in all areas of clean up day.

County Judge, Johnny Griffin, and County Road Superintendent, Clay Burleson, have stressed that

the County will be happy to pick up any items in the alleys on April 20 but cannot go on private property. If you have any large items that need to be picked up, please call the County Extension Office at 853-2132 and we will try to help make arrangements for pickup. Unfortunately, we do not have any means for tire disposal. Others involved in the Cleanup effort include the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office and the Chamber Pride Committee.

All volunteers are asked to meet at the Extension Office at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, to sign up. Highway Cleanup Groups will be working on Thursday, April 6, to clean roadways. For more information on the Cleanup Effort, please call Carrie Hill at 853-3278 or the County Extension Office.

## Ft. Concho Speakers Series schedule is announced

This year's schedule is set for one of the fort's most popular programs, the Fort Concho Speakers Series. Talks are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday during April. The presentations will be held in the Commissary building at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark. Admission to the

program is free. Attendees may bring a sack lunch or reserve a lunch for \$5 by calling 481-2646 or 657-4441 no later than the preceding Monday afternoon.

Fort Concho speakers; Wed., April 5 "Texas Rangers" Henry Adams, Sgt., Fort Concho Cavalry. Wed., April 12 "Concho Avenue" Tanya Norris, Local Historian and Researcher. Wed., April 19 "Battle of San Jacinto" Joyce Gray, Local Historian and member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Wed., April 26 "Horsehead Crossing" Joe Allen, Researcher of the Crossing and Former School Superintendent at Crane ISD. In the Fort Concho Commissary from 12 noon to 1 p.m..

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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# Eldorado Woman's Club News

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, March 21, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Memorial Bldg. The theme for this meeting was "Our Future".

Club President Bobby Sanders opened the meeting with a welcome to 15 members and 5 guests. Pauline Burkhalter led in Prayer and Linda Spence led in the pledge to the flags. Program chairman Jo Callison introduced 4 students and their coach Mary Doran, elementary librarian, in "Presenting Our Youth". The students gave their UIL recitations. Each student had chosen a humorous poem. Lupe Contreras' poem was "Crazy Dreams", Tiawna Vannett's was "The Sad Story of Tommy Mc-Trevor", LiAna Danford's was "I Wish I Could Meet The Man That Knows", and Jorge Chavez's was "The Nap Taker". We thoroughly enjoyed these students and thought each a champion.

Following the program, club president Bobby Sanders asked for roll call which was answered by special memories of "School Days, School Days, a red apple memory." Some told about walking to school, one told about her mother heating a big rock in their wood stove on a winter night so she could wrap it in a big towel and use it as a foot warmer in the car. One remembered winning a Blue Ribbon in declamation as her special memory. Another remembered walking

miles to catch a school bus which had canvas over the windows instead of glass. One member recited a poem for us that she learned from her 5th grade teacher. Even though times were very different we all agreed that school was great.

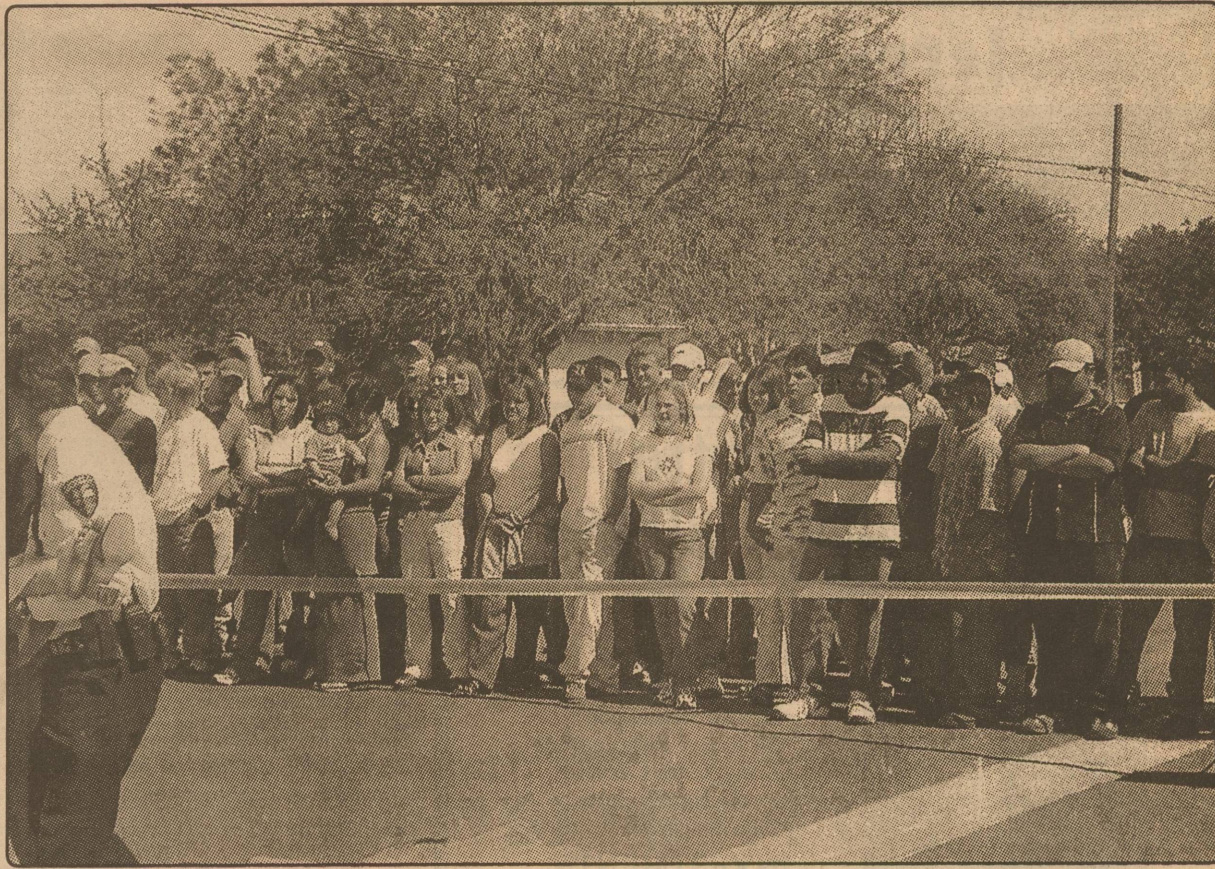
President Bobby Sanders opened the business meeting. Imogene Edmiston gave the secretary's report. Nelva Martin gave the treasurer's report. Shine Spigarello, member of the executive board, announced the boards recommendation that Felrcia O'Keefe be accepted as a member of the club. The club voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

Next a discussion of our field trip to be April 11th. We will meet at the Memorial Bldg. at 9:30 a.m. and travel to Dan Brown's "Hummer House." Dan has a great place to see the hummingbirds as well as deer and turkey. There will be a \$5 charge. We will lunch in San

Angelo then return to Eldorado. Charlene Edmiston made a request that the Club purchase a United States Flag and a Texas Flag and staffs for our Club Room. A motion was made and seconded. A voice vote of approval was made. The business meeting was closed with the club collect.

Hostesses Shrine Spigarello, Linda Spence, and Penny Bland worked their magic with a lovely Irish feast complete with enchanting green and white table appointments.

The thought from our yearbook for this meeting is "Every child born into the world is a new incarnate thought of God, an ever fresh and radiant possibility," by Kate Douglas Wiggin. May we guard and guide our youth in the way they will be proud to be Americans, proud to be strong in mind, body, and soul to look forward to each day of this new millennium. The future is in our youth, may we train and lead them wisely.



Stunned silence — Most EHS students who witnessed a mock accident last Thursday appeared to take the show very seriously. Here students look on as Sheriff David Doran assists EMTs in removing a "body" from the scene. Lindsay Beach, Haley Edmiston, Kate Kosub, Jennah Richters and Shannon Gillespie assisted in the drill by portraying wreck "victims." The event is staged each year to coincide with Prom night.

## Minutes of April 3rd EMS meeting released

Members Present: Bobby Andrews, Connie Andrews, T.J. Rodriguez, Lee Barajas, Michael Faull, Tim Vasquez, Melissa Stanford, Susie Richters, Dr. Dorie, Soila Rojas, Juakin Rojas, Brenda Greer, Sheila Prater, Joey Jones.

I. Call to order 5:15, minutes from previous meeting read and ap-

proved motion Brenda seconded Juakin.

II. Discussion of training meetings, possible changes to the content of these meetings as well as time and frequency. Changes made to training meetings, they will now consist of hands on training meetings. Additional discussion of the training meetings and having two members assist in running these meetings. The next training meeting will be held on May 15th, and will be over spinal immobilization and the AED. Connie and Melissa will be helping with the next meeting.

III. Discussion of recent meet-

ing that Tim and Bobby had with the Hospital. Discussion of recent runs and other specific issues.

IV. Report on Operation Prom Night. Overall it turned out very well, we have gotten lot of positive feed back. Tim thanked all those involved with this project.

V. EMS week coming up in May. Melissa asked for help for the members in coming up with a program.

VII. Instructors Course - Bobby asked that if any members were interested to please sign up or let the office know so that he can begin work on setting a class up. VIII. Meeting Adjourned.

## From the desk of: Superintendent's Notes:

by Hal Porter, SCISD Superintendent

The Regular April Meeting of the SCISD Board of Trustees will be on 4-10-00, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A few of the items that will be reviewed for information or possible action include: monthly financial reports; graduation requirements; regular May meeting date; surplus property sale; foreign exchange student issues; minutes from previous meetings; Administrator and Program Director's reports; Trustee Election (May 2000); out of district field trips; Media Honor Roll Resolution; 2000-2001 Budget Planning.

There will be several other items reviewed, but at this time it is hard to predict. We will post the certified agenda for this meeting by Thursday, April 6, 2000. The agenda may be seen at the SCISD Superintendent's Office, The Eldorado Success, First National Bank of Eldorado, Schleicher County Court House, and the Schleicher County Library.

The District recently received from the Texas Education Agency a preliminary report regarding the Spring TAAS administration, and it showed the following results:

In Mathematics 10th Grade received 96 percent mastery and in Reading received 94 percent mastery. These results are excellent and the praise for accomplishment goes to the students, the teachers, and you-the parents. As all of the results become finalized the Campus Site-based Decision Making Committees will target the areas of growth for the 2000-2001 school year.

UIL Literary Contests are just winding down and we have had an excellent showing in the contests that have already been completed. Mr. Mankin does an excellent job of reporting those results for you, and I hope you will take time to praise our students and their coaches. Still left to compete is our 2000 One Act Play "Scenes from the Foreigner." I am sure that Ms. Garlitz and her charges will be putting on another public performance in the near future. We will host the High School District 2AA Track Meet

on April 13th and High School District Tennis will be held in Big Spring and Forsan on Wednesday and Thursday. If you need a schedule of these contests, please call Mrs. Rachael Nixon at 853-2771, ext. 221.

The "MIGHTY EAGLE BAND" will be competing in their Concert & Sight-Reading Contest at Coleman on April 19th and the "MIGHTY Middle School EAGLE BAND" received Sweepstakes in Ballinger on Thursday, March 30th. Congratulations!

These extracurricular activities, along with baseball, softball, choir, FFA, FHA and others, will give you an opportunity to witness students and sponsor/coaches that put in many extra hours to represent our school and community. The students must maintain high academic achievement in order to compete, and they, along with their sponsor/coaches, have always tried to bring honor home for their actions and competitive efforts.



Royal couple — Kim Jones and Lance Mitchel were sporting crowns Saturday night after being named King and Queen of the EHS Junior-Senior Prom of 2000.

## Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

The "Coffee Pot" was the main attraction at the Eldorado Golf Club on Sunday, April 2nd for our regular Play Day. The sky was "overcast" and the wind was "brisk" for 31 adults and 3 youths, Wesley Jones, Ross Hodges and Hanna Robledo.

1st Place Score 58; Jon Cartwright, David Daniels, Joe Garza, Pedro Garcia and De Lux  
2nd Place Score 58; John Mitchell, Don Richters, Sam Hernandez, Steve Short and Ross Hodges. Score card play - off.

3rd Place Score 59; Tip Finley, Guy Crippen, Gordon Jones, Lynn Griffin and Wesley Jones. A score card play - off for 3rd place with the team of: Brett Poynor, Tommy Hunley, Hunter Preston, Chatlie Bradley and Albert Torres.

Set your team for the 2- Man Select Shot Tournament on April

15th and 16th.

Our next regular Play Day will be Sunday, May 7th.

Looking forward to Having our youths out playing this summer. Always happy to have them join us on out Play Days. Happy Golfing

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Ann Fagan-Cook  
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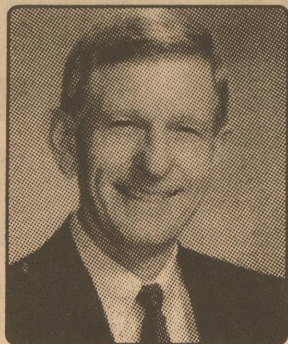
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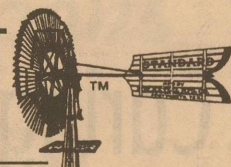
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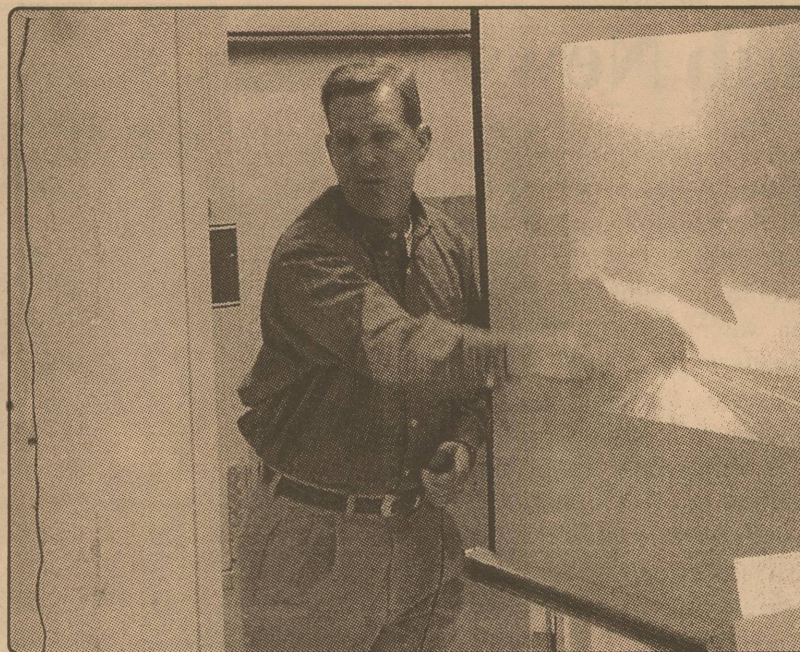
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And this is a wall cloud — Buddy McIntyre, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service conducted a weather spotter training session for local emergency services personnel at the Eldorado Fire Hall on Tuesday night. He gave the volunteers tips on how to identify several types of threatening clouds.

## Top 5 myths & misconceptions about deadly tornadoes

**Myth #5....Highway overpasses are a safe place to shelter if you are on the road when you see a tornado coming.**

WRONG! A popular documentary film entitled "Terrible Tuesday," shows a film crew hiding under an overpass and surviving a near-direct hit from a tornado. Since that video aired, many people have come to assume that this is a safe shelter, perhaps because the news crew survived. But this is a modern-day myth. Scientists and meteorologists warn against this practice. In fact, during the May 3, 1999 Oklahoma tornadoes, dozens of drivers pulled over on the highway and ran up under highway overpasses. Not only did this put them at risk, but they put many other motorists at risk by blocking the roads in the area of the overpass. An informal survey of storm chasers showed that 9 out of 10 storm chasers felt that overpass-

es were extremely dangerous places to be during a tornado.

**Myth #4....Opening windows to equalize air pressure will save a roof, or even a home, from destruction by a tornado.**

WRONG! The idea that moving one thin pane of glass is going to protect a roof or house from one of the most violent natural forces on the planet has a certain absurdity about it. It is probably born of wishful thinking and faulty logic, stemming from the need to do something .... anything. In reality, opening windows is a dangerous and useless waste of time, and could actually be harmful to the house.

**Myth #3....Tornadoes never strike big cities.** WRONG! The fact that the downtown area of most big cities is relatively small greatly reduces the odds that it will be hit by a tornado. However, that small patch of ground is no less susceptible to a tornado strike than any other equally sized piece of ground in Tornado Alley. Remember Lubbock, Wichita Falls and most recently Ft. Worth. The city of St. Louis and its suburbs have been hit by tornadoes 22 times in recent years.

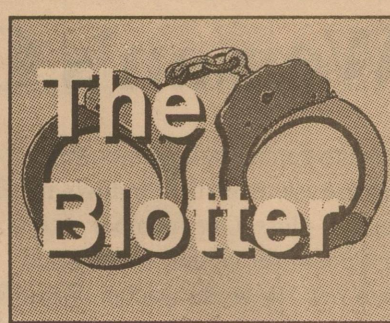
**Myth #2....Some towns are "protected!"**

WRONG! The myth that rivers or hills protect towns from tornadoes has been proven false, time and time again. Emporia, Kansas, for instance, had sat "protected" between the Cottonwood and Neosho Rivers, in native Osage territory, for over a century. Emporia was free of damaging tornadoes until June 8, 1974 when a tornado killed six people and destroyed \$20,000,000 worth of property on the northwest side of town. Another tornado did \$6,000,000 in damage along the west side of Emporia on June 7, 1990. Part of the path of the 1974 tornado was also the site of a deadly twister on September 29, 1881, but the area was farmland then.

The idea that one's town is "protected" is a combination of wishful thinking, short memory, the rarity of tornadoes, and a distorted sense of "here" and "there."

**Myth #1....The southwest corner of a basement is the safest location during passage of a tornado.**

WRONG! The truth is that the part of the home towards the approaching tornado (often, but not always, the southwest) is the least safe part of the basement, not the safest. This is also true of the above-ground portion of the house. In most tornadoes, many more homes will be shifted than will be blown completely free of a foundation. Homes that are attacked from the southwest tend to shift to the northeast. The unsupported part of the house may then collapse into the basement or pull over part of the foundation, or both. Historically, the few deaths in basements have been caused by collapsed basement walls, houses, and chimneys, rather than by debris that was thrown into the basement from the outside.



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

### ARRESTS

#### March 29

Hinojos, Manuel Israel, male age 26, arrested by Drug Task Force, charge warrant out of Denton County. Released on \$500 Cash Bond.

#### March 31

Franzoni, Philip Charles, male age 32, arrested by SC Officer, Bench Warrant.

#### April 1

Huskey, Phillip Gene, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Making Alcohol Available to a Minor. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Davis, Will Tanner, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, charge Making Alcohol Available to a Minor. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

#### April 2

Trevino, Jeannie Carol, female age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces); Minor In Possession of Alcohol. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Jones, Leslie Deshay, female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Minor In Possession of Alcohol. Released on Citation.

#### April 3

Laurel, Ricardo, male age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Jackson, Floyd Dwayne, male age 28, arrested by SC Officer, arrested on DPS Warrants. Released, paid fines of \$150.00.

Gavirio, Fernando Garcia, male age 41, arrested by SC Officer, charge No Liability Insurance.

### REPORTS

#### March 28

5:18 p.m. Complainant called to let Sheriff's Office know that they had come into town earlier and when they got home they realized that they had a set of key in their front seat that did not belong to them. They left a number in case anyone reported missing keys.

7:05 p.m. Disturbance, complainant reported people fighting on Lee Street at their residence. Subjects left residence to continue the fight at another location. Two officers responded.

9:58 p.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to a San Angelo hospital. EMS 2 responded.

#### March 29

7:38 a.m. Hospital requesting an ambulance for a transport to San Angelo Hospital. EMS responded.

8:00 a.m. Complainant was standing in Sheriff's Office when they heard a loud noise. Complainant looked out the window and saw the

accident scene on Murchison and Divide. Two officers, Volunteer Fire Department EMS 1 & 2 responded.

12:36 p.m. Complainant on E. Fields called 911 and requested an ambulance for their brother who is a seizure patient.

8:42 p.m. Complainant reported a runaway who might be traveling through Eldorado from Rocksprings. Officer responded.

9:40 p.m. Complainant reported a possible illegal out on Hwy. 190 West.

#### March 30

2:30 p.m. Complainant reported five possible illegals on McIntosh. Border Patrol was contacted.

6:05 p.m. Complainant reported a beige and baby blue van driving recklessly on San Saba Street. Officer responded.

7:00 p.m. Report of six illegals out on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded. Consumer Alert

10:33 p.m. Complainant reported a semi truck traveling southbound swerving back and forth across the highway. Officer responded.

#### March 31

3:05 a.m. One care vehicle accident reported three or four miles north on Hwy. 277. Three officers, EMS and Fire Department two units.

3:44 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle on the side of the road occupied by one elderly male. Officer requested to check on the status of subject.

2:32 p.m. Subject reported 2 possible illegals on Hwy. 1829.

4:05 p.m. Complainant reported they lost \$100 cash. Unsure where it was lost.

4:50 p.m. Complainant reported suspicious person around their house. Complainant wanted officers to keep a close watch on their home. Officer responded.

6:30 p.m. Complainant found a 5 year old wandering on West Street unattended. Officer responded.

8:50 p.m. San Angelo DPS wanted officers to be on the look out for a brown Chevy that may have been involved in a possible hit and run. Officer responded.

10:36 p.m. Complainant called to notify the nursing home would be conducting a fire drill between 11:00 and 12:00.

#### April 1

7:10 p.m. 911 sounded on Northwest Avenue due to the weather. Officer responded.

#### April 2

10:32 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. EMS 2 responded and officer.

11:10 a.m. Control bum 8 miles east.

4:14 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver. Two officers responded.

5:56 p.m. Complainant requested a officer to Concho Avenue. Brother was drunk, cursing and being very loud. Subject left house for the night. Officer responded.

#### April 3

10:01 a.m. Hospital requested a ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

10:01 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to assist store employees in getting a cat out of a local grocery store.

#### April 4

3:30 p.m. Bee Call.  
10:55 a.m. Report of fire on Tonnel Trail.

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## Texas down to one infected herd! "Don't give up now," says State Veterinarian

For the first time in the 50-plus years of the cattle brucellosis eradication program, Texas has only one herd known to be infected with the bacterial infection that can infect humans, cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk. Compare this to the 20,000 infected herds in the state in the early 1950s, 412 in April 1991, or 47 in same month in 1995.

"Since March 9, we've held the line at one cattle herd (which is located in Live Oak County) under quarantine," reported Dr. Terry Beals, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state livestock health regulatory agency. "Nearly every long-time cattle rancher in Texas has had a brush with brucellosis, or knows someone who lost a herd because of the disease. That ugly memory may be our best ally for final eradication. Complacency could be our worst enemy."

"We can't let up until we're certain every last infected herd has been found and depopulated or cleaned up," said Dr. Beals. "I feel sure there are several infected herds in the state that have not yet been detected. With the incidence of infection so low, clinical signs of the disease are rare in herds. We have to depend on testing at the livestock markets, adjacent herd testing, epidemiological traceback

and testing, and risk assessments to find those last infected herds."

He reminded producers that state and federal funds are available to buy out infected herds at market value. Through a "fee-basis" testing program, ranchers can have their private veterinary practitioner handle testing of "at-risk" herds. In calendar year 1999, 22 infected cattle herds were detected in Texas, and because of the attractive state/federal buy-out program, 18 of the infected herds were indemnified at market value and depopulated, quickly eliminating a source of infection for other herds. To be declared officially "free" of infection, Texas may have no infected herds for at least 12 consecutive months.

"Ireland is a prime example that 'close enough for government work' won't do when it comes to eradicating this disease," said Dr. Beals. "In 1989, after nearly wiping out infection, Irish animal health regulators relaxed testing requirements and dropped stringent disease control measures. In less than a decade, infection in Ireland had rocketed to 681 newly affected herds, and 224 herds had been depopulated because of the disease."

Dr. Beals noted that Ireland no longer holds European Union Official Brucellosis-Free Status, and the impact on the country's ability to sustain international trade has been significant. The Irish eradication

program is back into "combat mode," with testing required for movement, testing the adjacent or "neighborhood" herds around infected animals, and a revamped awareness and education campaign.

"If we lower our guard and leave even one infected herd to 'fester,' we could lose ground—just like Ireland—in a very short time," he said.

"Dr. Beals recalled that 11 years ago, ranchers met in Beaumont in Jefferson County as the TAHC and USDA drew the battle plan for area testing every herd in the county. By the time testing was completed a few months later, Jefferson County's infected herd tally topped 100 infected herds. The herds were "cleaned up, and for the past two years, Jefferson County has had no infection detected."

Dr. Beals praised the outstanding producer cooperation, when area testing was carried out in 19 other Texas counties or portions of counties that experienced either a high rate of brucellosis or recurrent infection. Many of these counties have been free of infection for many months.

"Brucellosis eradication in Texas 'ain't over, till it's over," said Dr. Beals. "Forty-seven states have already whipped this disease and are free of infection. We either get it all now, or it will come back to haunt us."



photo by Kathy Mankin

**Exploring the world of firefighting** — Members of the Explorer's Post 33 learned first-hand last week how firefighters attack a vehicle fire. Volunteer firefighters, EMS personnel and Sheriff's Dept. officers teamed up to stage a vehicle fire for the Explorers behind the local Fire Hall. Post members participating in the exercise included: Lindsay Beach, David Doran, Gloria Garcia, Maria Hernandez, Kimberly Hight, Heather Homer, J.L. Mankin and Lilly Valejo.

## Field crops workshop scheduled April 13

by Scott Edmonson,  
Co. Extension Agent - Ag

Agricultural producers are invited to participate in a Field Crops Workshop focusing on advanced crop production, entomology and marketing on Thursday, April 13, at the Memorial Building. Speakers will include Dr. Billy Warrick, Dr. Chris Sansone and Dr. Jason Johnson. Cain Cline with the Texas Department of Agriculture will discuss laws and regulations.

The program will start with registration at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

There is no fee for this course and a break will be taken for lunch. Three Continuing Education Units will be received by attending this training. Please call the County Extension Office to register for the workshop or for more information.

## State officials: Turkey hunters beware of ticks

AUSTIN, Texas — Unwary turkey hunters could carry more than a trophy gobbler out of the woods this spring. State officials are urging anyone spending time afield in the months ahead to take precautions against disease-carrying ticks.

"Millions of outdoor enthusiasts head afield in Texas each year," said Bryan Richards, a wildlife biologist with TPW who contracted Lyme disease in Wisconsin several years ago. "While the exact number of tick-borne illnesses in humans is unknown, it is probably less than one thousand per year. It's not a reason to stay home, but it is a reason to become informed and take reasonable precautions, which is what we're advocating here. With common sense and diligence, you can have a safe time outdoors in Texas."

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis. Ticks are especially prevalent in wooded, brushy and grassy areas.

"Turkey hunting increases your chances of exposure to ticks. Hunters are walking through the woods and sitting for extended periods on the ground up against a tree," added Richards. "Awareness and precaution are a hunter's two greatest allies."

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), Lyme disease is the most frequently diagnosed tick-borne disease in the nation and in Texas, with more than 1,680 possible cases reported in this state since 1990.

Julie Rawlings of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at TDH points to the Lone Star tick, common throughout the southern and central United States, as one to watch for. "In Texas, this is the tick likely to car-

ry diseases," she said. "People usually are infected April through June, months when the Lone Star tick is most active."

Richards noted that Lone Star ticks, especially the nymphal stage ticks which are active in the spring, are much smaller than common dog and cattle ticks and can go unnoticed without careful inspection. In their larval and nymphal stages, they are no bigger than a pinhead. Adult ticks are slightly larger. "Ticks can attach to any part of the human body but often attach to the more hidden and hairy areas such as the groin, beltline, ankles, armpits and scalp."

## Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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### Have Reasonable Expectations About How Your Mate Can Change

**QUESTION: What advice would you give to a woman whose husband just won't respond to her emotionally? That's my situation. Darrell is a good man, but he's not romantic and he'd rather keep his thoughts to himself. How can I deal with the longing inside me?**

**DR. DOBSON:** Some men will never be able to meet the needs of their wives. They don't understand how women think and have never been required to "give" to anyone. Women who are married to these unromantic and noncommunicative men must decide what is reasonable to expect and how they can forge a meaningful life together. Or they can seek an early divorce. I think former is better!

If Darrell is such a man, my advice is that you attempt to show him, without nagging or becoming angry, how you are different from him and what your unique needs are. Work to change that which can be improved in your relationship, explain that which can be understood, resolve that which can be settled, and negotiate that which is open to compromise. Create the best marriage possible from the raw materials brought by two imperfect human beings with two distinctly unique personalities.

But for all the rough edges that can never be smoothed and the faults that can never be eradicated, try to develop the best possible outlook and determine to accept reality exactly as it is. The first principle of mental health is to accept that which cannot be changed. You could easily descend into depression over the circumstances in your life. But you

can also choose to hang tough and be contented in spite of them. The operative word is "choose."

Can you accept your husband just as he is? Seldom does one human being satisfy every longing and hope in the breast of another. Obviously, this coin has two sides: You can't be his perfect woman, either. He is no more equipped to resolve your entire package of emotional needs than you are to become his sexual dream machine every 24 hours. Both partners have to settle for human foibles, faults, irritability and fatigue — and occasional nighttime "headaches."

A good marriage is not one where perfection reigns; it is a relationship where a healthy perspective overlooks a multitude of "unresolvables."

I don't mean to imply that the advice I've given is easy to implement or that it will take away the longing you described, but every human being eventually encounters difficult situations that are beyond his or her control. At that point, a person is either going to collapse, to run, to become angry, or to do all three. I submit that acceptance is a better alternative.

**QUESTION: My former girlfriend and I were absolutely certain we were in love because we were crazy about each other from the moment we met. We were together every day and all our friends thought we would get married. But the relationship cooled off very quickly, and now we can hardly stand each other. I don't even like to be around her. What do you think hap-**

pened to us?

**DR. DOBSON:** Not knowing either of you, it is difficult to say for sure. But I can tell you that the way your relationship began had something to do with the way it ended. A love affair is usually doomed when it begins with great intensity. It almost always burns itself out in time. You may recall an old song that described a love affair that was "too hot not to cool down." That's the way it often works.

In a manner of speaking, you and your girlfriend ran your race together as though it were a 100-yard dash. It should have been approached like a marathon. That's why you exhausted yourselves before your journey together ever got started. If a love relationship is to go the distance, there needs to be a comfortable pacing that keeps the two parties from consuming each other. That will give the bond a chance to form — and allow "the glue to dry."

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Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.focus.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.  
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Saturday, April 1st

**Varsity Girls**

Team Totals: 1. Sterling City, 132; 2. Eldorado, 100; 3. Blackwell, 57; No Field Events due to weather  
**400 Relay:** 1st-Eldorado (Poynor, Lloyd, Smith, Gonzales) 53.31;  
**800 M Run:** 2nd-Marina Lozano, 2:37.46; 3rd-Nancy Cawley, 2:56.99;  
**100 M Hurdles:** 1st-Tabitha Lloyd, 16.83.  
**800 Relay:** 1st-Eldorado (Megan Poynor, Vanessa Gonzales, Marina Lozano, Samantha Smith), 1:53.38;  
**300 Hurdles:** 1st-Tabitha Lloyd, 52.17;

**Varsity Boys**

Team Totals: 1st Eldorado, 122; 2nd-Irion County, 115; No Field Events due to weather  
**3200 Meter Run:** 1st-Sammy Cabrera, 10:30.34; 2nd-Martinez, 11:55.31;  
**400 Relay:** 1st-Eldorado (Luis Santellano, Mitch Wilkerson, William Robledo, Lance Mitchel), 45.96;  
**800 M. Run:** 1st-Sammy Cabrera, 2:12.53; 2nd-Arispe, 2:13.55;  
**100 M. Dash:** 1st-Lance Mitchel, 11.90; 3rd-Mitch Wilkerson, 12.00;  
**400 M. Run:** 1st-Kenny Covernrubiaz, 52.57;  
**200 M. Run:** 2nd-Mitch Wilkerson, 24.65;  
**1600 M. Run:** 3rd, Martinez, 5:35.49  
**1600 R. Relay:** 1st-Eldorado (William Robledo, Johnny Lee Arispe, Kenny Covernrubiaz, Joey Bullard), 3:41.21.



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**Just a little stick** — Katrina Torres of United Blood Services drew blood from Donny Fuentes last Thursday at a blood drive hosted by the EHS Health Occupations Class.

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