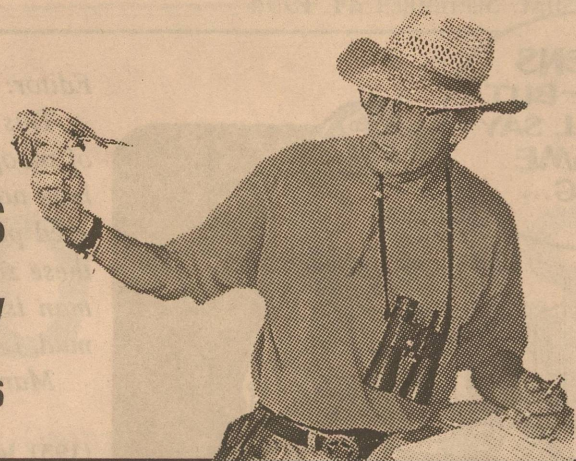


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For Your Information

Social Security Rep. to Visit

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Eldorado on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at the Community Resource Center located at 105 W. Callendar. Hours will be 1:30 p.m. till 2:30 p.m.

New From Yesteryear

The March 17, 1939 edition of the Success reported:

"New Refrigerator To Be Shown Here by W.T. Utilities"
"Women no longer need to cover cooked foods placed in the refrigerator, according to Jerry Pennington, local manager of the West Texas Utilities Company, who said an outstanding scientific and engineering improvement had been added to the 1939 Frigidaire which will be introduced to the public here at a 'premier showing' scheduled on March 21 and 22."

Westward Migration

Of the top ten U.S. states gaining population in 1990-96, nine of them are in the west. Texas grew by 2,141,929 a 13% increase. The other eight western states were: New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The only state in the top ten which wasn't located west of the Mississippi was Georgia which recorded a 14% increase in population.

On This Date

On this date in 1933 radio's first dramatic presentation "Roses and Drums" was heard on WABC in New York City. In 1934 Babe Ruth bid farewell to the New York Yankees. In 1961 Bullwinkle J. Moose and his friend, Rocket J. (Rocky) Squirrel, were seen in prime time for the first time on NBC-TV. In 1968 "60 Minutes", the longest-running news magazine show on television, began on CBS-TV.

Birthdays of note include: 1755 4th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Marshall; 1896 author F. Scott Fitzgerald; 1921 sports commentator Jim McKay; 1936 "Muppeteer" Jim Henson; 1946 football Hall of Famer "Mean" Joe (Charles) Greene.

Odds and Ends

Right field was the only baseball position not identified in Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First" comedy routine. The remaining players were named as follows: first base - Who, second base - What, third base - I Don't Know, shortstop - I Don't Care, catcher - Today, pitcher - Tomorrow, left field - Why, & center field - Because.

SCISD joins Texas Tech's distance learning program

Educational opportunities in Schleicher County are expanding, thanks in part to an agreement between Schleicher County Independent School District and Texas Tech University.

SCISD trustees met Monday night and, among other business, voted to enter into an "academic partnership" with the Texas Tech Independent School District (TTUISD), a subsidiary of Texas Tech University.

According to SCISD Superintendent Hal Porter, the agreement will make available courses of study in six potential areas: 1) concurrent courses in high school and college; 2) specific summer school courses; 3) adult continuing education; 4) credit by exam for specific courses; 5) specific "at-risk" courses; and 6) specific Alternative Education Program (AEP) courses.

"I don't think this is the be all

and end all, and it's not where we want to be three years from now," Porter said after the meeting "But, it's better than what we've had."

Porter said that courses for at-risk students through SCISD's AEP program would be paid for by the local school district while other courses, particularly elective courses for extra credit and adult continuing education courses would be paid by the student.

"It just gives us more opportunities to serve our students," Porter stated.

In other business, the school trustees called to receive sealed bids for route buses and 15-passenger vans. The bids are to be opened on November 5th.

Next, the board entered into an executive session for a Superintendent's evaluation. They emerged into open session taking

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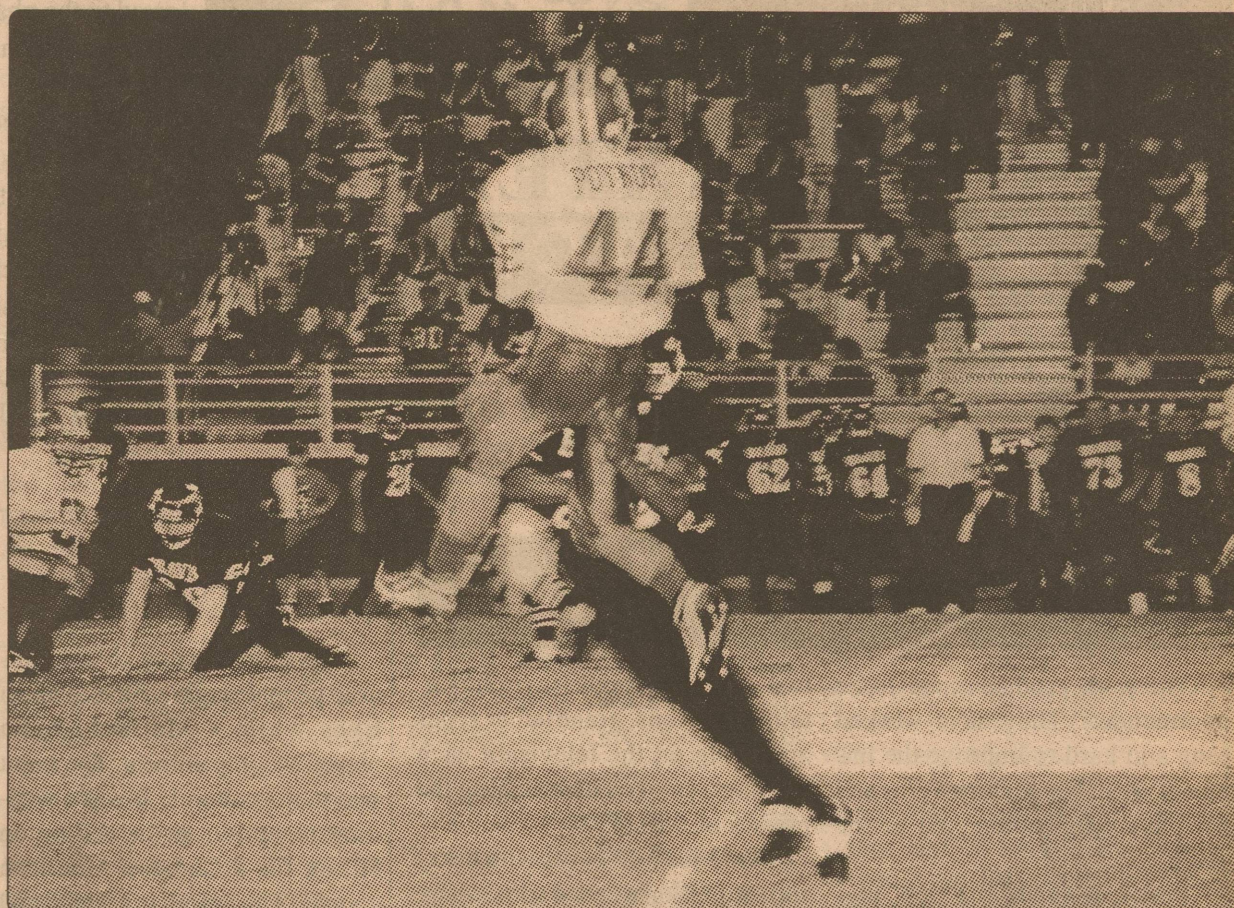


photo by Randy Mankin

The air up there — Eagles receiver #44 Casey Poyner went airborne to catch a pass from quarterback Joey Bullard last Friday night as Eldorado took on the Iran Braves. The Eagles fell 35-6 to a very good Iran team.

Success named to "Media Honor Roll"

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) recognized reporters and media outlets from throughout Texas recently when it announced its 1998 Media Honor Roll. Among those being honored was "Eldorado Success" editor Randy Mankin who was nominated by the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees.

An article titled "Let's hear it for balanced reporting" in the August/September edition of the "Texas Lone Star" recognized the honorees for their "fair coverage of schools."

"Reporters have the power to shape community attitudes about public schools, and the TASB Media Honor Roll is a way to recognize fair and balanced reporting about our schools," the magazine said.

Responding on behalf of the

Eldorado Success, Mankin said he considered the recognition an honor and offered his appreciation to the school board and administration.

"A big part of what weekly newspapers do is focus on school activities," Mankin stated. "Here at the Success we attempt to cover academic accomplishments just as extensively as athletic achievements. We also strive to give our readers a picture of what's going on at the school...in the classroom

and the boardroom."

TASB's president David Sublasky said of the honorees, "Districts across Texas appreciate these members of the media for their balanced an accurate approach to sharing both the challenges and the successes achieved by local teachers, students and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goals of providing the best public schools we can for every child."

Vote registration deadline is Oct. 5

October 5, 1998 is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in the November 3 election, according to Lou Ann Turner, Voter Registrar.

Any changes or corrections that need to be made on current voter registration certificates also need to be done by this date.

All registrations and changes should be taken care of in the County Tax Office.

State Sales Tax rebates reported

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$255.8 million in monthly sales tax payments this week to 1,092 Texas cities and 118 counties this week, a 4.5 percent increase over the \$172.7 million allocated in September 1997.

In that allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$6,080.56, up 5.50 percent over September's payment last year. The city's year to date total is \$58,588.18, down 3.69 percent from the same period one year ago.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate totalled \$10,854.62, up 65.63 percent over September of 1997. Schleicher County has received \$109,643.19 year to date.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate was \$5,284.51, down 23.63 percent from last year's September 1997 totals.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in July and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in August.

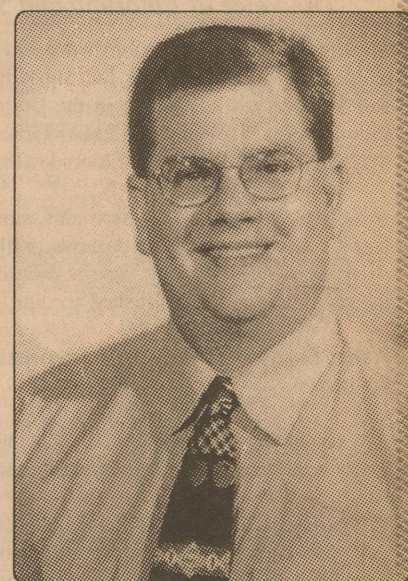
Schleicher County Family Clinic to host Open House

Schleicher County Family Clinic is inviting the community to tour the facility and meet the staff during an open house Thursday, September 24, 1998 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. The clinic is located at 404 W. Murchison Avenue in Eldorado.

New staff members include Dr. Brian J. Kingston, who began practicing at the clinic this past summer, and Bertha Castillo, L.V.N.

Dr. Kingston came to Eldorado from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Amarillo, where he served as resident physician since July 1996 and as chief resident for the past year. He also completed his family medicine internship there. Kingston received his bachelor of science degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M University at College Station and his M.D. from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

He is certified in basic life support, advanced cardiac life support,



courtesy photo
Dr. Brian Kingston

pediatric advanced life support, neonatal life support and advance trauma life support.

Kingston and his wife, Sharai, have one daughter Emily Grace. He enjoys church and family activities and backpacking in the Rockies.



photo by Randy Mankin

Senior Olympian — John Callison will be competing in Temple this week at the Texas Senior Olympics. His events include horseshoe pitching, basketball freethrow shooting and basketball around the world shooting.

Callison in State Sr. Olympics

John Callison of Eldorado will be competing this week in the State Sr. Olympics in Temple, Texas. Callison, advanced to the State event by notching up wins at the district level when the Sr. Games were held in San Angelo earlier this year.

Callison will be competing in Horseshoe Pitching, Basketball Freethrow Shooting and Basketball Around the World Shooting. Prior to leaving for Temple, Callison was presented with a jacket denoting him a Senior Olympian from Eldorado by Charlie Bradley and James Kosub.

In an interview earlier this week Callison predicted his best chances of advancing to the National Senior Olympics would be in the basketball events. He said the freethrow shooting will consist of 25 shots from the freethrow line. The around the world shooting contest requires the contestants to shoot from 13 designated stations.

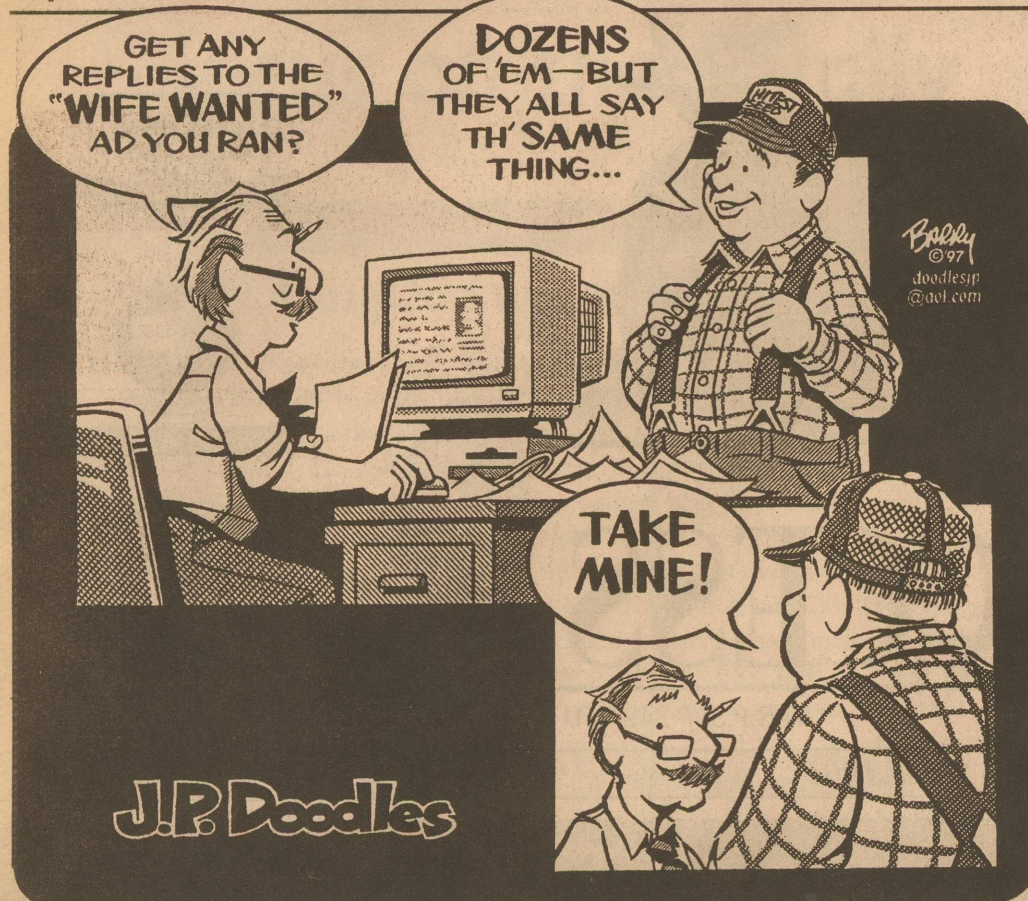
Senior athletes winning a gold, silver or bronze medal in Temple will qualify to advance to the National Senior Olympics in Orlando, Florida, later this year.

Good Luck, John!

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Editor:
This case, sir, is a witch hunt. Years of snooping by corrupt investigators have turned up nothing. Now a beady eyed pencil pusher has dredged up these so called charges and a good man is being dragged through the mud. Leave him alone!
 Mary Daello

(1931 letter to a Chicago Newspaper concerning the tax-evasion charges which finally brought an end to the reign of mob boss Al Capone)

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, the public was told...and many believed...that Al Capone was wrongly accused. The gangster, who supplied much of Chicago with booze during the prohibition era, often referred to the phalanx of federal agents pursuing him as a "persecution squad."

The most notable among Capone's adversaries was Elliott Ness. The U.S. Treasury Agent headed a handpicked group of investigators widely known as "The Untouchables". They were so named because of their inability to be bribed or intimidated. Most of the Untouchables were single men without close family ties. Ness preferred it that way.

OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

The Untouchables were relentless in their pursuit of Capone and his brother, Ralph "Bottles" Capone. Others targeted by Ness were Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik and Frank Nitti.

Capone's supporters were numerous. He had paid his dues in New York City where he worked for Johnny Torrio. One of his associates there was a gangster named Lucky Luciano who later gained prominence of his own.

In 1920 Capone joined Torrio in Chicago where they both worked for Big Jim Colosimo. After Colosimo's violent death, Torrio became boss with Capone as his right-hand man and enforcer. In 1925, after an assassination attempt left Torrio seriously wounded, he turned control over to Capone and quietly retired to New York.

Under the tutelage of Torrio and Colosimo, Capone had learned the importance of cultivating allies in positions of influence. He was a careful

man and spread his ill gotten gains liberally to those who could protect him. If he went down, he told an associate, he would take half the cops and all the judges in Chicago with him.

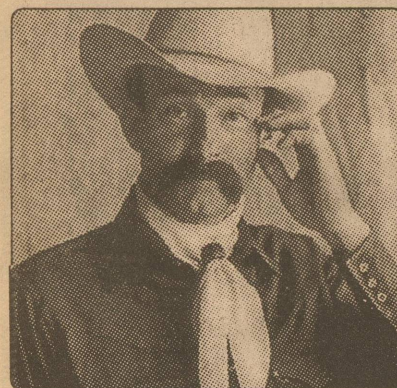
The Untouchables harassed Capone, they intercepted shipments of bootleg alcohol, smashed his warehouses and poured hundreds of thousands of gallons of booze down the sewer. But other than a minor weapon charge, which cost Capone six months in jail in 1929 and 1930, the Untouchables discovered they just couldn't touch Al Capone.

The tax evasion charge which proved to be Capone's undoing came about when a bookkeeper in the Treasury Department questioned why a man with Capone's obvious wealth didn't pay income tax. While Chicago lawmen and newspaper reporters smirked at the seemingly petty allegation, a team of auditors were brought in to methodically inventory Capone's riches.

In the end, Capone went to prison. He had gotten away with murder alright, but he couldn't avoid the tax collector.

Giants can stumble over the smallest of things...and they sometimes fall.

(Elliott Ness responding to reporters questions in 1931 following the conviction of Al Capone.)



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Duroc or Chardoney

The pork producers are to be commended. They have worked long and hard to improve the image of pork. For centuries pigs and fat have been connected at the hawl.

Porky, piggish, pig pen, pig-headed, pig-eyed, hoggish, ham handed, hamstrung, pork barrel, hog wash, sow's ear, boar's nest, pig sty and pig in a poke are all terms that have become common when wishing to insult some human's appearance or behavior.

I've always admired those resolute loyal women who wore the banner proclaiming them Pork Princess.

But when the farmers changed the product (the market hog himself), they changed the public's perception of pork as well.

I thought "The other white meat" advertising slogan - a clever tie-in with chicken, was imaginative. I'm amazed how well it has sunk into the consumer's brain. 'Course when they named it that, I don't think the pork producers ever figured it would be the same price!

But be that as it may, I've been plotting their next piggy back advertising relationship. One that will move them into a new level of sophistication and acceptance. How does this sound, "We shall serve no swine before it's time."

That's right friends, National Hog Farms can become the Ernest and Julio Gallo of pork. Imagine

two obviously happy, environmentally conscious, grandfather types appearing on the television each holding a smoked ham singing the praises of pork.

We'd see billboards with thirty somethings on a beach somewhere smiling and toasting each other with a cracklin'. North Carolina would become the Napa Valley of the pig business. People would plan vacations to swine country. They could go by the individual swineries for samples of head cheese, pickled pigs feet, Baco bits, and sausage.

On college campuses faculty would engage in swine and cheese parties. Swine tasting would become an art form. At restaurants the Hammelier (swine server) would bring out your entree, cut your first bite using special tongs and a pig sticker (sorry) and proffer it to your lips. You would sniff, suck, masticate, savor and swallow.

"Excellent Herve. It has a certain candor, a frankness that says I'm from Oklahoma and proud of it. Haughty, but not coy, a boldness reminiscent of Javelina '55. Yet juicy and succulent, stepping into the new millennium while keeping a cloven appendage firmly ensconced in..."

"OH SHUT UP!"
 Forgive me, I got carried away. But it's not often I can see this clearly into the future. Pop the Cork on Pork!

Some Enchanted Evening

It was interesting to see Chinese people singing Blue Spanish Eyes while a Mariachi band played accompaniment. The event was multi-cultural. It was a wedding reception at the Arlington Hilton for a Chinese-American couple. The groom is a friend and former student of mine, Jerry Liu. His wife's name is Regina. Jerry came to the US from Taiwan seventeen years ago to study journalism. He chose the University of Texas of the Permian Basin because it is a small school and didn't have a large number of Chinese students. Jerry knew he would have to learn English.

He got a job as a waiter at Red Lobster in Odessa. By working hard and living thrifty Jerry was able to save \$10,000 his first year in America. A girl borrowed a large amount of money from Jerry and moved away without paying him back. Jerry chased her all the way to Chicago and got his money back.

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

When Jerry took some broadcasting classes from me at UTPB, he sometimes invited me over to eat lunch with him in student housing. He served the same thing every time: cabbage, onion and squid. We drank water.

By working part time as a waiter while in school, Jerry was able to help get his parents to the US. His two brothers also came

to America and started businesses of their own.

Jerry went to UT Austin and received a Ph.D. in journalism. Later he owned a couple of businesses with his brothers (restaurants and bars), made money and lost money.

Last year Jerry got a job with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. After his training, he was stationed in El Paso. He felt he was ready to settle down. He let his mother know he was thinking about getting married. All he needed was a girl! His mother found one. Jerry went to Taiwan to meet her.

Regina was a nurse with a good job at a hospital in Taiwan. She met Jerry and decided her future was with him. She left Taiwan and came to Texas.

The wedding was a civil ceremony in Jerry's parents' home in Arlington. Jerry works at the INS with a woman whose husband has a 7 piece Mariachi band (two trumpets, two violins, a string bass and

two guitars). Jerry hired the band to come to Arlington and play at his wedding reception.

Only family and close friends were invited. The food was lobster, crab legs, salmon and fried shrimp with all the accouterments. There was a compete bar.

Little kids danced to the Mexican Hat Dance, Malaguena, Aquellos Ojos Verdes, Quizas, Cuando Caliente El Sol, Jalisco and other tunes played by the strolling musicians, all dressed in brown suits that featured round silver buttons on their coats and trousers. They wore large hats. The two trumpets provided plenty of sound and some of the kids covered their ears.

Jerry brought over Regina's three sisters and her parents for the festivities. He offered to take them to Las Vegas, but they said they had rather go fishing, so he took them to Granbury.

Jerry and Regina make a beautiful couple. I wish them well

Texas agency assumes wastewater regulatory duties

AUSTIN — The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission now has the authority to administer a statewide wastewater and sludge management program.

Authority was granted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, effective Sept. 16.

TNRCC officials said the agency will implement a Texas version of the federal program that formerly covered all permitting, inspections, effluent monitoring, public assistance and enforcement powers over sludge and wastewater pretreatment and discharges from:

- Industrial and municipal wastewater treatment works;
- Concentrated animal feeding operations; and
- Runoff from industry, construction sites and city storm sewers.

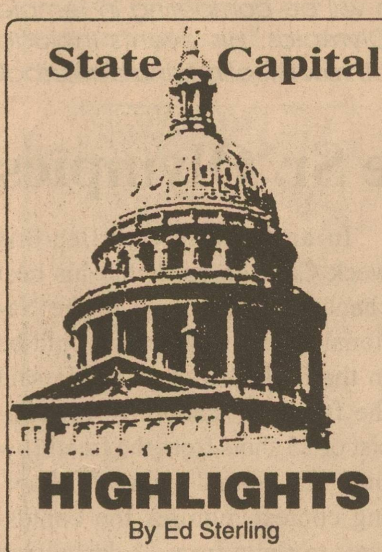
In 1979, Texas began submitting applications to the EPA to gain control of its own wastewater management and oversight.

The federal agency has granted similar authority to 42 other states.

AG Addresses Sunset Review

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales recently wrote to legislators regarding the Texas Sunset Commission's review of his agency's child support operations.

Morales asked for an expanded review of the child support program — beyond a decision whether



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

support rolls, and the demand for services created by this increase will overwhelm existing resources within the program, he wrote.

"If we intend to keep pace with this burgeoning caseload which now exceeds one million cases," Morales wrote, "the Legislature must look seriously at significant increases in funding for child support operations."

Bush's Eyes Are on Texas

Last week, as the focus on President Clinton's public and personal life tightened, Gov. George W. Bush said a decision whether to run for president would hinge on his family's wishes.

Bush has been showing more concern with getting re-elected Nov. 3 and working with the 1999 state Legislature than with answering questions about his presidential aspirations.

Other Capital Highlights

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is reviewing construction bids to rebuild the execution chamber at the Walls Unit in Huntsville.

The interior of the single-story, red brick building in use since 1924 will be redesigned to increase seating in the viewing area to accommodate five witnesses for the condemned inmate and five survivors of the victim.

- Austin Independent School

District altered results of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test administered last spring to boost the ratings of three elementary schools, a private auditing firm reported.

Last week, the Texas Education Agency lowered the schools' ratings in response to the auditors' findings.

The State Board of Education on Sept. 11 approved 85 new publicly funded charter schools. After the board took action, Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses expressed concern that the issuing of so many new charters will make it hard for his staff to monitor all of the schools.

Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas honored retiring Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock with the 1998 James Madison Award, recognizing the career public servant for his support for and defense of First Amendment rights.

A July study by Dun & Bradstreet, the business consulting firm, rates the Austin-San Marcos area as the fifth-best spot in America for entrepreneurial activity. Ahead of Austin on the list were Monmouth/Ocean, N.J., Las Vegas and Salt Lake City (tie) and Orlando, Fla.

Gov. Bush was one of nine governors who called on the U.S. House last week to approve more visas for specially skilled foreign workers.

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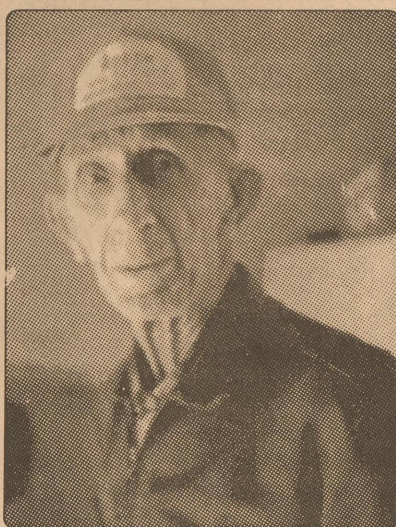
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OBITUARIES

James Evett



ELDORADO - James Newton Evett, 88, died Monday, Sept. 21, 1998, at his residence. Graveside services were held Wednesday, Sept. 22 in the Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 4, 1910, in Kyles, Alabama. On July 5, 1931 he married Emma Mae Bennet of Maxwell, Alabama. They first moved to Eldorado in 1943. In 1956 they returned to Eldorado

where they lived out their lives. He worked for the city of Eldorado for more than 20 years before he retired. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife Emma Mae on Sept. 6, 1989. He is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Smith and husband Willard of Breckenridge and Alma Pearl Oliphant and husband Donnie of La Marque; five grandchildren, Judy Booher and husband Mike of Graham, Roger Smith and wife Sue of Graham, Tommy Oliphant and wife Carmen of League City, Johnny Oliphant and wife Gina of La Marque and Donald Oliphant of Austin; nine great-grandchildren, Michelle Booher of Graham, Tiffany and Ryan Smith of Graham, Jeremy and Candice Oliphant of League City, Dustin & Dylan Oliphant of La Marque, Misty Harris Ford of Breckenridge and Jason Harris of Breckenridge; two great-great-grandchildren, Lacey and Emma Jo Ford of Breckenridge; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Frankie Russell Davis, Historian National Society of USD 1812

Looking for Daughters of 1812

The Texas State Society of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 held their annual workshop in Salado, Texas, September 9, 1998. State President, Mrs. Richard L. Eash of San Antonio presided over the meeting of representatives of the twenty chapters in Texas.

The State Society has two meetings a year. Texas has the largest number of members in the United States. The National Society holds an Associate Council in Washington, D.C. in April each year.

State Historian, Frankie West Davis (Mrs. Otis Davis) announces that she will be glad to recommend any lady who would like to join the Daughters of 1812, and can produce authentic records that she is descended from one of the approximately seven percent of the American Colonists who served their country in civil, military or naval service from 1784 to 1815 inclusive. Her phone number is 409-251-9171.

Frankie Russell Davis is a member of the Captain James Asbury Tait Chapter in Houston. A lady does not have to live in Houston to belong to Tait Chapter. Tait Chapter has one hundred and fifty members. It has members living all over the United States. The present President National first joined the Tait Chapter when she lived in Caracas, Venezuela where her husband was working.

Tait Chapter has five meetings a year, in September, November, January, March and May. However, attendance is not a requirement. Tait Chapter is the largest chapter in the United States.

There are chapter of Daughters of the War of 1812 in Midland, Texas and Odessa, Texas. Anyone interested may call the above number or write 602 West Third Street, Brenham, Texas 77833-4041.

Frankie West Davis is also a Charter member of the Goose Creek Chapter of the National Society of the U.S.D.A.R., The San Jacinto Descendants and the Houston Colony Magda Charta Dames.

It's A Girl!

Hugh and Linda Lindsey announce the homecoming of their daughter, Kaitlyn Michelle Xiaowang Lindsey, on September 5, 1998. Kaitlyn, who was born on November 21, 1997, in Jiangmen, Guangdong, China, was adopted on August 31, 1998. Also welcoming Kaitlyn home are here grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. O'Keefe of Eldorado and her aunt, uncle and cousins Diane, Tom, Brian, and Danny Anderson of Ozona.

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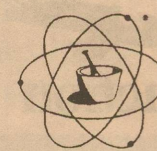
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It's a family thing...healthy individuals = marriages

by Glen R. MacDonald, M MFT

When emotionally healthy individuals marry, they are apt to gravitate toward another who is at approximately the same level of emotional health and maturity as they are. It is this very factor which invariably constitutes a major, perhaps even a somewhat unconscious, aspect of the basis for a strong, positive attraction. It is from the unions of two healthy, high well being adults that healthy families are born and grow.

The following is a list of nine characteristics which constitute the basic dimensions of a strong, healthy family:

1. **Adaptive ability:** referring to the family ability to adapt to predictable life cycle changes as well as to stressful events. Such abilities are related to external resources as well as good communications and other internal family processes.

2. **Commitment to family:** involves both the recognition of individual worth and acceptance of the value of the family as a unity.

3. **Communication:** refers to clear, open, and frequent communication patterns.

4. **Encouragement of individuals:** refers to the family's ability to encourage a sense of belonging while at the same time individual development is encouraged.

5. **Expression of appreciation:** refers to doing things consistently that are positive for the other person simply for their sake.

6. **Religious/spiritual orientation:** described by many as a characteristic of healthy families, although their is no consensus regarding the particular aspects of spiritually that are important to functioning.

7. **Social connectedness:** refers to a connection with the larger society, i.e. extended family, friends, and neighbors and participation in community activities. These typically make available the external resources necessary in assisting a family in adapting and coping.

8. **Clear roles:** refers to clear and flexible role structure in which family members know their roles

and responsibilities and thus are able to function effectively in times of crisis as well as during normal times.

9. **Shared time:** refers to the sharing of both quality and quantity time by family members to the degree to which this is enjoyable to them.

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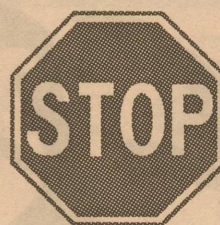
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Looking over the defense — Eagles quarterback #10 Joey Bullard eyed the Iraan defensive alignment last Friday night as his teammates remain set for the snap of the football. Eldorado lost to state-ranked Iraan Braves 35-6.

JV "White" beats Wall 14-6

The Eldorado JV "White" team traveled to Wall last Thursday and defeated the Wall Freshman team 14-6. Luis Enriquez scored both touchdowns for the Eagles on long runs and David Elias ran the ball in for a 2-point conversion. Elias also hauled in two passes for 30 yards, one from quarterback Aaron Fuentes and the other from tailback Luis Enriquez on a sweep pass.

On special teams, Elias recovered an on-side kick for the Eagles. Defensively the Eagles held the Hawks to three first downs. Elias

and Wesley Jones each batted down a Wall pass attempt.

Following the game Coach Alan Gillespie praised his players. "Ismael Sanchez, Wesley Jones and Luis Enriquez had a good game on defense while fullback Bryan Sproul ran the ball well on offense," Gillespie said.

The JV "White" team will host Brady's JV "White" team here tonight at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to turn out and support the Eagles JV.

Eagles fall to Iraan 35-6

by David Hill

The Eldorado Eagles lost to the state ranked Iraan Braves in Iraan Friday night 35-6. The highlight of the game for the Eagles was an 81 yard interception return for a TD by Dusty Nolen with 7:22 in the first quarter. The Eagles had tough night on both sides of the ball with the third quarter being the turning point of the ball game.

The Eagles lost the opening coin toss and the defense stopped a strong drive from the Braves with the Nolen interception with 7:22 remaining in the first quarter. The PAT was missed and the Eagles led 6-0. IHS answered quickly with a 44 yard drive and took the lead 7-0. In the second quarter the Braves got on the board again with 4:26 left in the second. At half time the Eagles were trailing 14-6 and still in the ball game. The third quarter was the turning point of the ball game as EHS never got untracked

offensively. Eldorado never reached Iraan territory and a tired defensive unit gave up 14 third quarter points. In the fourth quarter, after an IHS touchdown, the Eagles threatened with a good drive but it stalled with an interception. All in all it was a tough night for EHS.

Eldorado continues its tough pre district schedule when they host the Rocksprings Angoras. Coach Fryar's comment on Rocksprings, "They are a solid program we need to get going early." Be sure to be there and WEAR YOUR GREEN!

STATISTICS

Eldorado	6	0	0	0	6
Iraan	7	7	14	7	35
	EHS		IHS		
1st Downs	11	22			
Rushing Yds	188	332			
Passing Yds	25	118			
Total Yds	213	450			
Comp/Att/Int	2/15/2	7/11/2			
Penalties/Yds	9/75	6/35			

EMS 8th loses 38-0 to Braves

by Coach Wanoreck

The Eldorado Middle School 8th Graders made a trip to Iraan and played a real good Braves team. Iraan ran up a 22-0 lead at half-time. The second half was pretty much the same with the Braves scoring 16 more points. E.M.S. had a touch down called back on a 55 yard pass from Quisto Gonzales to Ryan Adame.

Long runs, mistakes and turn-

overs were the demise of the Eagles. I felt we got a good effort from kids and they never gave-up. Iraan was a big, fast, physical team. We had a difficult time matching up with them.

Outstanding Play: Quisto Gonzales, Ryan Adame, Nathanel Wolfe, Timmy Martinez, Philip Martinez, Miguel Segura, Matt Greenwood, Ross Hodges, Jessie Guadarrama, and Sergio Garcia.

JV "Green" swamped 28-0

The Eldorado JV "Green" team hosted the Iraan JV last Thursday and suffered a 28-0 defeat in a driving rain storm.

The game began with Iraan running the opening kickoff back to the 10 yard line. Andrew Anderson ran the ball carrier down from behind, preventing a score on the play.

Blocked punts led to Iraan scores in the first half as the Braves JV led 20-0 at the half. In the second half the Eagles defense stiffened but miscues on offense continued to thwart any chance for an Eldorado comeback. Iraan's final score came

on a fumble in the endzone.

Offensively, quarterback Johnny Herrera found receiver Sammy Cabrera several times for good gains.

"Our defense really tightened up in the second half," Coach Alan Gillespie said. "We must be more intense at the beginning of the game. Cole Pina blocked well and Rocky Robles played good defense in the second half."

The Eagles JV "Green" squad will travel to Rocksprings tonight with kickoff slated at 6:30 p.m., following the 8th grade game.

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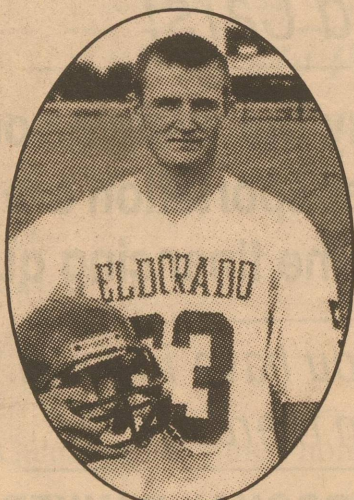
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9/11	8:00 p.m.	Menard	8-14
9/18	8:00 p.m.	Iraan	6-35
9/25	8:00 p.m.	Rocksprings	Here
10/2	8:00 p.m.	Reagan County**	Here
10/9	8:00 p.m.	Wall*	There
10/16	8:00 p.m.	Junction*	There
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Meet champions — EMS boys cross country team members posed for the camera at the Reagan County meet last week. They are (L-R) Jeffery Bybee, Trey Chavez, Buddy Greer, Tanner Robledo, J.R. Arispe, Homero Hernandez, Koda Lozano, Virello Escobar, Alvero Mora, Pedro Hernandez, Joe Arispe. (Not pictured) Nathanael Wolfe and Dillon Greer.

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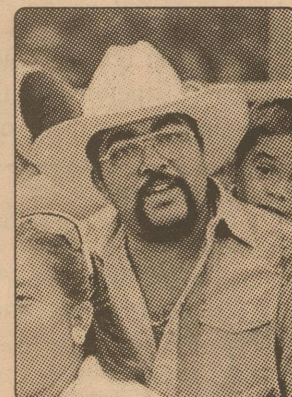
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Eldorado boys C-Country teams sweep Reagan County's inaugural meet

The Eldorado boy's cross country teams made a clean sweep of the Reagan County Cross-Country Meet, Saturday, September 19, 1998. The Middle School boys easily outdistanced the field by scoring 32 to Reagan County 50 points. Receiving medals for their efforts were Nathanael Wolfe 2nd, 13:13; Buddy Greer 5th, 13:28; Tony Chavez 7th, 13:50; Pedro Hernandez 8th, 13:53; and Joe Arispe 13th, 14:18. Other runners include Jeffery Bybee 21st, 15:00; Koda Lozano 22nd, 15:04; Alvero Mora 24th, 15:15; J.R. Arispe 25th, 15:17; Trey Chavez 26th, 15:20; Tanner Robledo 29th, 15:48; Homero Hernandez 36th, 16:22; Dillon Greer 37th, 16:31; and Virello Escobar 38th, 16:37. The Middle School boys ran a two mile course in Reagan County first ever Cross Country meet held in Reagan County Park.

Eldorado High School boys dominated the competition in the

nine-team field with a winning score of 38 points. Reagan County came in second with score of 62, followed by Stanton with 73, Ozona 106 and Water Valley 121, Wall 134, Forsan 164, Reagan County "B" 185, Rankin 207 and Reagan County "C" 290.

Leading the field on the three mile course for the Eagles was Sammy Cabrera, winning his third straight meet in a time of 16:13. Also earning a medal were Daniel Mata 3rd, 16:56; Joseph Wink 4th, 16:59; Anthony Pina 8th, 17:32.

Other team members included Johnny Lee Arispe 24th, 18:36; Josh Taylor 39th, 19:24; Bernardo Romo, 51st, 19:38; Frank Martinez 63rd, 20:39; Jimmy Aguilar 71st, 20:54; and Aaron Fuentes 82nd, 21:34. There were 96 individuals competing in the high school varsity boys division on Saturday, September 19, 1998 in what was to be Reagan County's first ever cross country meet. The Boy's Middle and High School Cross Country Teams are under the direction of Coach Harvey Wink.



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1998 EMS Girls Cross Country Team (Front L-R) Liza Sanchez, Clara Herrera, Ashton Murr, Jennifer Rodriguez, Teresa Barajas, Jessica Cook, Mayra Bustos; (Middle L-R) Monica Moreno, Leah Wolfe, Jeannette Villavicencio, Naomi Gonzalez; (Back L-R) Monica Muniz, Mikinzie Holley, Courtney Sauer, Jennifer Bybee, Martha Lively, April Nixon, Courtney Whitten and Coach Cris Griffin.

EMS girls C-Country place 4th at Big Lake

On Saturday, September 19, 1998 the Eldorado Middle School Girl's Team under the direction of Coach Cris Griffin placed 4th in Reagan County's first cross country meet. The girls ran a two mile course. Eldorado had two medalists Jennifer Rodriguez 6th, 14:44 and Courtney Sauer 15th, 15:23. Other team members are Leah Wolfe 29th, 16:04; Clara Herrera 38th, 16:34; Mayra Bustos 39th, 16:36; Mikinzie Holley 42, 16:38; Monica Moreno 50th, 16:46; Jennifer Bybee 51st 16:48; Naomi Gonzales 54th, 17:06; Jessica Cook 64th, 17:55; Jeannette Villavicencio 66th, 17:59; Martha Lively 68th, 18:16; Courtney Whitten 69th, 18:22; April Nixon 74th, 19:11; Teresa Barajas 76th, 19:21; Monica Muniz 80th, 19:29; Liza Sanchez 90th, 21:16; and

Ashton Murr 96th, 26:43.

The Lady Eagles had two runners participating out of field of 114 in Saturday's, September 19 Reagan County three mile course. Sarah Wolfe placed 30th with a time of 15:25 and Marina Lozano

placed 31st with a time of 15:28. Wall won the event with 59 points followed by Reagan County with 68, Water Valley 93, Sterling City with 110. Stephanie Weiss of Water Valley won the girls varsity Cross Country in a time of 13:21.



photo by Kathy Mankin

On your mark — EHS boys cross country team lined up for the start of the race last week in Big Lake. Team members are (L-R) Daniel Mata, Johnny Lee Arispe, Joseph Wink, Anthony Pina, Josh Taylor, Bernardo Romo, Frank Martinez, Jimmy Aguilar, Aaron Fuentes, Sammy Cabrera

School Lunch Menu



Cafeteria Line

Monday, Sept. 28th
Meat & Macaroni, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Sept. 29th
Beef Tacos/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

Wednesday, Sept. 30th
Hot Dogs/Chili, Corn Chips, Pork & Beans, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, Oct. 1st
Fish Strips, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Rosy Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Icing

Friday, Oct. 2nd
Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apple

Breakfast
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Monday, Sept. 28th
Sliced Peaches, Waffel Stix/Syrup

Tuesday, Sept. 29th
Mixed Fruit, Hot Oatmeal/Toast

Wednesday, Sept. 30th
Pineapple, Cheese Toast

Thursday, Oct. 1
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

Friday, Oct. 2
Applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line

Monday, Sept. 28th
Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Sept. 29th
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

Wednesday, Sept. 30th
Chili Burritos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, Oct. 1
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Cake/Icing

Friday, Oct. 2
Same as Cafeteria Line

Elementary library plans Monday Night Book Bash

"Monday Night Book Bash" is a program hosted by the Eldorado Elementary Library. Each Monday night parents and students are encouraged to come to the Elementary Library to read together and/or check out books together. The Elementary Library will open at 5 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. Parents and students may come and stay and read in the library together or they may come and check out books and leave.

The purpose of the program is to promote parents and students sharing the world of reading. Parents must accompany their children to the library and stay with them. Reading is a very important skill for everyone and by opening the Elementary Library one night a week, it is our hope that students and parents will

participate and read together.

The name "Monday Night Book Bash" was submitted by Mrs. Debby Griffin's Kindergarten class. All elementary classes had the opportunity to submit a name for a contest. After tallying the votes, Mrs. Griffin's name won by a significant margin. Her class will be treated to a coke party hosted by Mr. Brownlow, principal of Eldorado Elementary.

When coming to the Elementary Library on Monday night, please park in front of the Administration building and follow the arrows to the side entrance of the Elementary school. We are very excited about this reading program and really encourage all parents and students to come visit us at the library and check us out!

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I was in the Air Force for 8 years and as an officer I was immediately placed in a position where I was responsible for budget preparation, supervision of others, and other tasks which taught me the necessary skills needed for a successful civilian career. After leaving the Air Force, I went to work for an electronics company in Oklahoma and stayed with them until 1982, at which time I was their Chief Engineer and had 50 other engineers and technicians working for me.

For the next ten years, I had my own electronics company (in partnership with three other friends), selling it in 1992. I currently divide my time between computer work and ranching.

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Has Schleicher County gone to the birds?

by Randy Mankin

Birding is an activity, some say an obsession, which is gaining increased popularity in Texas. Avian birders flock to prime spots across the state to catch a glimpse of some of its 605 documented species.

Spots like the Texas Gulf Coast, Big Bend and Hill Country are high on the list of Texas birders' favorite places. But lesser known, out-of-the-way places are popular, too. Especially with the serious birders.

Two such serious birders are Ross Dawkins and Delbert Tarter of San Angelo. For several years now the men have been coming to Schleicher County where they set up their nets on Clovis Olsak's farm southwest of Eldorado.

While many birders work in Wildlife Management or Nature Conservancy Areas, Dawkins and Tarter prefer areas like Schleicher County. "That way we can catch birds never seen in the area before," Tarter said.

It's a competition which only

birders understand. Each enthusiast maintains a detailed log of the areas in which they've traveled, and the number and species of birds which they've seen and/or captured.

The delicate nets used by the two men are from Japan. Almost transparent, the nets are placed near sources of water, food or shelter. There, they capture birds without injuring them. The birds are then inspected, banded and released.

Dawkins, a chemistry professor at Angelo State University, has a Master Personal Permit from the U.S. Bird Banding Lab. Several other birders work under the umbrella of his permit. To obtain a permit, a person must have a valid scientific reason and demonstrate that they can handle birds safely and know how to properly identify them.

Since birds come in all sizes, so do the bands which birders attach to the birds' legs after they are captured. Each band is stamped with a unique 9-digit number which is re-



Let's see, that looks like a... Delbert Tarter (L) and Ross Dawkins (R) inspect a Bunting captured on the Clovis Olsak farm southwest of Eldorado.

photo by Randy Mankin

corded and forwarded to the Bird Banding Lab periodically.

Occasionally, the men capture birds which have been previously banded. "Since there are relatively few birders in this area, the odds aren't very good that another birder will find one we've banded," said Dawkins. "But it does happen."

The men hold the longevity record for a Cave Swallow they caught and banded then recaptured 11 years later. Also, of all the Green Kingfishers ever banded, almost half of them have been banded by Dawkins and Tarter.

Tarter is retired from ASU where he also taught chemistry. Together the two men have been birding since the mid-1970s. In that period of time they have caught and banded more than 69,000 birds, including over 300 species.

One of the best days the two men have had was on Dan Brown's place near Christoval. There they captured and banded 380 birds, mostly Hummingbirds, from sunrise to about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. "That was quite a day," Dawkins said.

While banding goes on year round, the worst time according to Dawkins is in the Summer months. "The birds are in molt and you don't want to leave them hanging in the nets very long due to the heat," Dawkins said. For that reason, the men usually collapse their nets during the heat of the day.

"This is the only way to tell where birds go, what their age is and what the overall bird population is doing," Dawkins stated. "We see a bird at a distance and have a pretty good idea what it is. But, when we have the bird in hand it can be positively identified. Another thing that is good is being able to measure long-term trends and see how a particular species is doing."

Sometimes birders discover that birds are doing something entirely unexpected. For example, Cave Swallows once lived primarily in caverns and caves, a habitat which has come under increased pressure from humans. However, they bird was recently found making their nests in highway culverts and similar dark places. "That was good news," Tarter said.

Birding is a hobby more and more people are taking up. Locally, County Attorney Marian Bland Overstreet has caught the bug. "It's a great way to relax," she stated.

Texas is beginning to realize an economic benefit from birding. Tens of thousands of people visit Texas every year to observe the great variety of birdlife found here. The Whooping Crane and the Golden-cheeked Warbler have received much publicity. However, there are many others, such as the Black-capped Vireo, Altamira Oriole, Green Jay, Lucifer Hummingbird and the Colima Warbler, which are attracting birders from around the world to Texas.

In fact, more than 75 percent of all birds occurring in the U.S. have been reported from Texas.

One of the highlights in any birders career is to identify a hybrid or capture a particularly unusual bird, such as the Albino Cardinal which Dawkins and Tarter captured near the Texas coast. And, that brings us back to the competitiveness of birders. So far only eleven Brown Jays have ever been banded. Dawkins and Tarter can proudly claim to have banded four of them. And, only two Varied Buntings have ever been captured and banded, one of those was caught by Dawkins and Tarter. The other one? "Well...ours was prettier," Tarter said.



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The two extremes — Ross Dawkins displays a band used for a Barn Owl around his index finger. The tiny band sitting on his fingertip is used for Hummingbirds. The bands are issued by the U.S. Bird Banding Lab. Each is inscribed with a unique 9-digit number which is recorded when individual birds are banded.

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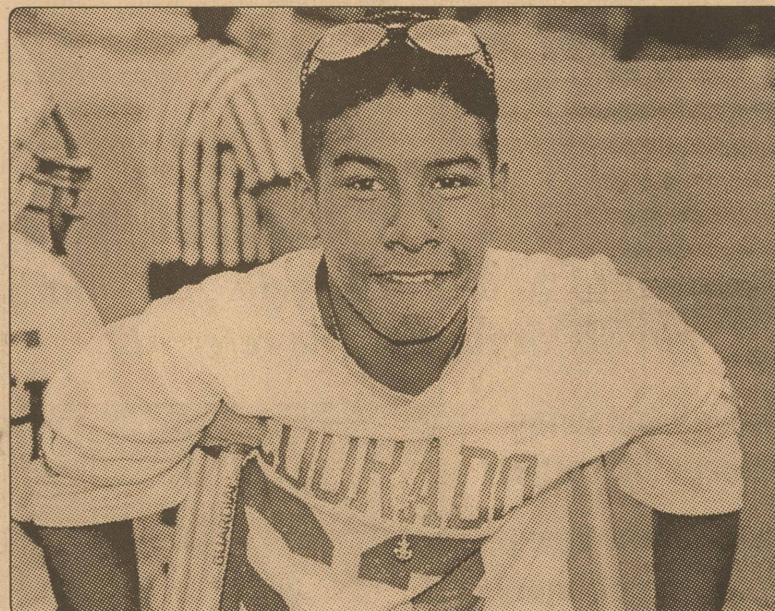
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Setting it free — Kim Sayer, granddaughter of Clovis and Betty Olsak, prepares to release a Nighthawk which was captured and banded on the family farm last month.

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This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Jordan Fay. Jordan is an eighth grader at Eldorado Middle School. The Spotlight camera caught up with Jordan at a football game where he was cheering on his teammates. Jordan had injured his knee and was unable to play.

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Watch out for the blades — Volunteer firefighter Tim McAngus (L) and Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. dispatcher Mike Hester (R) looked on Tuesday night as Medivac 1 pilot Evan Ralph demonstrated how flexible a helicopter's blades are. The chopper landed near the Memorial Building for a training session with emergency workers.

Library will continue "Old Main Street" sidewalk

The Schleicher County Public Library started a fund to replace the broken and cracked sidewalk on the North side of the building with brick and granite pavers matching those used in the 100 block of SW Main St.

The new sidewalk became a reality when the City of Eldorado pledged proceeds from newly ac-

quired Eldorado Townsite Company stock. Others shareholders have joined in by giving proceeds from their Townsite shares. The Schleicher County Commissioners Court matched the City money as their contribution to the project. Each Commissioner has agreed to personally share the cost of a paver listing their names and the date. Two trees have been donated as memorials in the landscape portion of the sidewalk.

The Eldorado Masonic Lodge #890 was the first to purchase a granite paver for the Library project. The Masonic Emblem will be etched into the paver with the Lodge name and other information.

If you or your organization would like to help with the worthwhile and much needed project, see any Library Board Member or call the Library at 853-3767.

S&WCD election and tour slated

The Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District will be conducting a tour of G&G Manufacturing's fiberglass facility beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, 1998. Following that segment of the program, participants will travel to the Eldorado Airport at 10:30 a.m. to view the airplane used by the weather modification program and learn more about that project. State Representative Bob Turner is scheduled to attend the tour.

Prior to the beginning of the tour the District's annual election will be held at the Eagle Dairy Mart at 8:00 a.m. Directors will be chosen this year to represent Zones 1 and 2.

The Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District is co-sponsoring the tour. Everyone is invited to attend this interesting and informative tour.

School board meeting held

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no action on the topic.

The board then reviewed the district's accounts payable report and learned that the district's auditors would be on campus this week.

Before adjourning they looked over correspondence including a letter from Governor George W. Bush concerning the district's resolution against school vouchers. In the letter Bush repeated his support for the school vouchers.

Trustees also learned of an upcoming visit from State Representative Bob Turner.

TxDOT: No campaign signs allowed in hwy right-of-way

As the November 3 election fast approaches, candidates and campaign workers are reminded to be careful where they place campaign signs.

Such signs are not allowed on state highway right-of-way, which is reserved for official traffic control signs. Campaign signs erected on highway right-of-way will be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the owner can be charged for removal costs.

In addition, a person placing an unauthorized sign in highway right-of-way can be fined up to \$500 per sign.

The law keeps highway rights-

of-way clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public, according to Walter McCullough, San Angelo District Engineer.

Campaign signs can be placed off highway right-of-way as long as they:

- are solely related to a public election
- are no larger than 50 square feet
- are erected no more than 90 days before an election and removed 10 days after the election; and,
- are made of lightweight material.

Signs within city limits may be subject to local ordinances.

Lisa Alastuey joins Shannon Health System

Lisa Alastuey has joined the Shannon Health System Community Health and Wellness department in San Angelo.

As a community health educator, Alastuey will act as a health education resource with schools, churches and service clubs in Eldorado and other towns in Shannon Health System's 19 county service area.

Alastuey schedules, plans and implements health related events such as cholesterol education, health fairs and flu shot clinics. She also conducts presentations and arranges for speakers on such health-related topics as asthma education, disease prevention, stress management, diabetes, nutrition, weight management and fitness.

"The health and wellness of the people in Eldorado is important to

us," Alastuey said. "I would like school officials, service clubs, churches, local governments and health organizations to think of me and of Shannon Health System when they need a resource."

A graduate of Lohn High School in Lohn, Texas, Alastuey received a bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She earned her master's of education in

health and wellness promotion from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, where she was awarded the prestigious Jessie Helen Haag scholarship for two years.

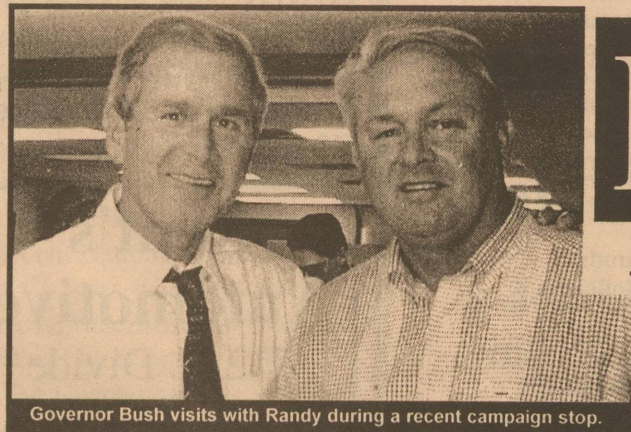
Alastuey can be contacted at (915) 657-8298, through Health Care Clinic of Eldorado at (915) 853-3153, Schleicher County Family Clinic at (915) 853-3137 or at Shannon Community Health and Wellness Department at 915-657-5264.

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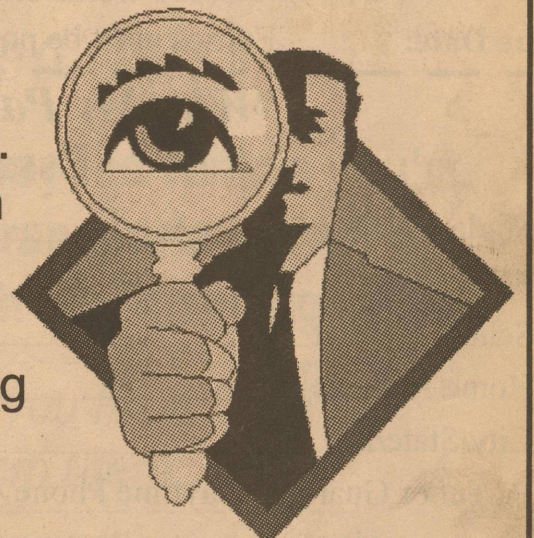
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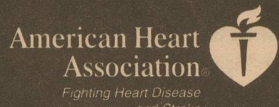
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1. HOMEBOUND.
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5. PATIENT/CAREGIVER MUST BE TEACHABLE.

THE ALTERNATIVE TO HOME HEALTH IS A LONG TERM CARE FACILITY. THESE ARE A FEW OF THE GUIDELINES BEING MONITORED BY MEDICARE.

Applications taken for Game Warden Academy

AUSTIN — Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is taking applications for a game warden cadet class scheduled to start June 1999. Applications will be available starting October 1 and will be accepted through October 31.

Twenty-five cadets will be accepted in the 46th Game Warden Academy, which will begin its seven-month training on June 1,

1999. More than 600 people applied for the 25 positions in the previous cadet class that graduated in November 1997.

Applicants must be 21 years old on or before June 1, 1999 and have a bachelor's level degree, from an accredited college or university, with major course work in criminal justice, natural resources, environmental science, fish or wild-

life management, parks and recreation or a closely related field. The degree requirement must be met prior to the starting date of the cadet class.

To be accepted, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements and successfully complete a written examination, regional interview, final interview, a physical agility test held in Austin, and an extensive background investigation. Applicants must successfully complete each step before advancing to the next step.

After graduation, the new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives enforce the Water Safety Act and conduct standard peace officer duties.

Applications may be obtained from TPW regional law enforcement offices or by writing to TPW, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 or by calling 800-792-1112. Packets may also be obtained at the following TPW regional law enforcement offices: San Angelo 915-651-4844; Fort Worth 817-831-3128; Rusk 903-683-2511; Houston 281-646-0440; Mount Pleasant 903-572-7966; Temple 254-778-2851; or Corpus Christi 512-289-5566.



Eyes on the drum major — The Mighty Eagle Marching Band took the field in Irion Friday night during halftime of the Eagles game against the Braves. photo by Randy Mankin

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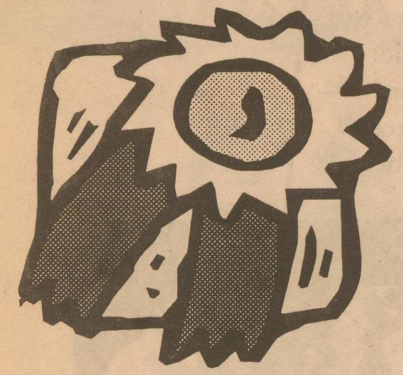
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Please think about this important topic and send Secretary Gonzales your essay. And, if you need help writing your essay, talk to your mom or dad about the importance of voting!

Entry Divisions: Grades K-5(100-300 words), 6-8(400 words or less) and 9-12(500 words or less)

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The Secretary of State's essay contest is generously supported by this newspaper.



THE BLOTTER

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

9/16/98 Rodriguez, George R., male age 21, hold for Sterling Co., charged with Motion To Revoke/ Sexual Assault of a Child. Released on \$25,000 Bond.

9/19/98 Bain, Leah Nicole, female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charged with DPS Warrants out of Bryan, TX in the amount of \$460.

Watkins, James David, male age 37, arrested by DPS Officer, charged with Driving While Intoxi-

cated (2nd Offense). Released on \$2,000 Bond.

9/21/98 Gutierrez, Robin M., female age 23, hold for Irion Co., charged with DPS Warrants. Released paid fines in amount of \$335.

REPORTS

9/15/98 Disturbance - Male subject is ramming complainant pickup with his pickup. Subject left outbound on 915. Attempt to locate teletyped to Irion Co.

Found Property - Complainant advised they saw a local youths abandon a bicycle in an alleyway near their home. They were unable to identify most of the kids.

Loose Livestock - Complainant stated that there were about 10 cows out in the highway.

Complainant stated that there was a vehicle parked into the weeds out on Old Sonora Hwy.

9/16/98 Phone Outage - Night Dispatcher noticed phone service down at 12:25 AM. All systems down including 911 (with the exception of TLETS which remained operational).

Officer on duty made contact with GTE via cellular, and discovered service down city wide. Officer patrolled banks. EMS Personnel established communica-

tion link with hospital and patrolled city streets. Phone service resumed at approximately 1:25 AM with no incidents reported and 911 test successful.

Complainant reported an incident that happened on 9/15/98 at their residence. Complainant stated that a male subject had come to their residence and requested a trumpet that had been in their possession for the past 2 years. Subject also made verbal threats to the complainant and had also thrown a rock at the mother's vehicle. Request for a Criminal Trespass Notification.

Larceny Theft - Complainant requested to talk to an officer about a theft at a job site.

9/17/98 Major Traffic Accident - Determined accident was in Tom Green County.

Assault - Complainant requested an officer to respond to an assault call. Officer responded.

Larceny Theft - Complainant reported that her mother's purse was taken from the inside of the owners vehicle. Purse is a small reddish/brown with beige knitting on the front. Purse was found in son's pick up.

Assist Motorist - Complainant reported that there was an elderly female with a flat tire. Officer responded.

Complainant reported a vehicle on Hwy 915 and FM 1828. This vehicle was reported to have had front end damage. Irion County SO was contacted and stated that they would contact the school. Officer notified.

9/18/98 Suspicious Person on Cottonwood - Complainant advises there is a male subject medium build lingering in the area of Cottonwood and Brooks. Complainant further advises the subject is behaving in a suspicious manner. Officer unable to locate.

9/19/98 Telephone Harassment Christoval - Complainant advises that male subject has been calling them throughout the night. They ask subject never to call them again. Subject persists. Dispatch advised complainant to contact Tom Green Sheriff's Office because as the call terminated in their county, it was their case. However, dispatch advised caller that the matter would be discussed with Chief Officer when he arrived this AM to see if a plan could be developed to assist Tom Green Co. because the calls are originating in Eldorado.

Shoplifter on S. Divide - Complainant stated they had a shoplifter in custody at local grocery store.

Complainant stated that on FM 2129 across from oil service company all the signs had been knocked down and some of the mail boxes.

9/20/98 Minor Accident Private Property - The complainant stated that a certain individual had hit their car from behind.

Complainant requested officer to assist in an unattended death. Officer responded to call.

9/21/98 Complainant stated that an old chevy pickup kept on passing up & down the road speeding.

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Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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Allow Children to Suffer Some Consequences

QUESTION: How can I acquaint my 12-year-old with the need for responsible behavior throughout his life? He is desperately in need of this understanding.

DR. DOBSON: One important objective during the preadolescent period is to teach the child that actions have inevitable consequences. One of the most serious casualties in a permissive society is the failure to connect those two factors, behavior and consequences. A 3-year-old child screams insults at his mother, but Mom stands blinking her eyes in confusion. A first-grader defies his teacher, but the school makes allowances for his age and takes no action. A 10-year-old is caught stealing candy in a store, but is released to the recognition of her parents. A 15-year-old sneaks the keys to the family car, but her father pays the fine when she is arrested. A 17-year-old drives his Chevy like a maniac, and his parents pay for the repairs when he wraps it around a telephone pole. All through childhood, loving parents seem determined to intervene between behavior and consequences, breaking the connection and preventing the valuable learning that could and should have occurred.

Thus, it is possible for a young man or woman to enter adult life not really knowing that life bites, that every move we make directly affects our future, and that irresponsible behavior eventually produces sorrow and pain. Such a person secures his first job and arrives late for work three times during the first week. Later, when he is fired in a flurry of hot words, he becomes bitter and frustrated. It is the

first time in his life that Mom and Dad can't come running to rescue him from the unpleasant consequences. (Unfortunately, many American parents still try to "bail out" the grown children even when they are in their 20s and live away from home.) What is the result? This overprotection produces emotional cripples who often develop lasting characteristics of dependency and a kind of perpetual adolescence.

How does one connect behavior with consequences? By being willing to let the child experience a reasonable amount of pain or inconvenience when he or she behaves irresponsibly. When Jack misses the school bus through his own dawdling, let him walk a mile or two and enter school in midmorning (unless safety factors prevent this). If Janie carelessly loses her lunch money, let her skip a meal. Obviously, it is possible to carry this principle too far, being harsh and inflexible with an immature child. But the best approach is to expect boys and girls to carry the responsibility that is appropriate for their age, and occasionally to taste the bitter fruit that irresponsibility bears. In so doing, behavior is wedded to consequences, just as in real life.

QUESTION: Could you summarize your philosophy of child-rearing in a paragraph or two? What's the bottom line?

DR. DOBSON: Let me emphasize my approach by stating its opposite. I am not recommending that your home be harsh and oppressive. I am not suggesting that you give your children a spanking every morning with their ham and eggs, or that you make your boys sit in

the living room with their hands folded and their legs crossed. I am not proposing that you try to make adults out of your kids so you can impress your adult friends with your parental skill, or that you punish your children randomly, swinging and screaming when they didn't know they were wrong. I am not suggesting that you insulate your dignity and authority by being cold and unapproachable. These parental tactics do not produce healthy, responsible children.

By contrast, I am recommending a simple principle: When you are defiantly challenged, win decisively. When the child asks, "Who's in charge?" tell him. When she mutters, "Who loves me?" take her in your arms and surround her with affection. Treat him with respect and dignity, and expect the same in return. Then begin to enjoy the sweet benefits of competent parenthood.

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Overwhelming Constituent Opinion

It's unusual to hear nine out of 10 people agree on anything. It's remarkable to see 90 percent of those calling, faxing and sending e-mail messages to my offices in the District and Washington saying the president should resign or be impeached.

There has never been an issue that has generated so many strong opinions among constituents of the 21st Congressional District.

Since the release of the Starr report, more than 3,000 constituents have contacted my Texas and Washington offices. In one 24-hour period alone I had about 750 telephone calls from constituents.

Many of those who have contacted me begin by saying, "I've never written a member of Congress before, but?"

"I am so angry that President Clinton would cause such turmoil in our nation," said a constituent in New Braunfels. "What kind of an example is he setting for our children?"

"If I had an employee who conducted themselves in a like manner, I would seriously question



Lamar Smith
 U.S. Representative,
 21st Congressional
 District of Texas

their business judgment, their ability to represent me and my company, and their motives behind any actions or decisions they attempted to make," wrote a business manager in Midland.

From a constituent in San Antonio. "What if China or Iraq or some terrorist group had put the squeeze on President Clinton and threatened to turn information about the affair over to the press unless his administration transferred some missile technology, reduced some sanctions, etc.?"

"Imagine the young recruit or midshipman who is expected to act with integrity at a very young age because life or death may hang in the balance based on his actions,"

an active-duty military officer in San Antonio said in an e-mail message. "Yet we tell them on the other

hand that 'never mind about the Prez. He's just a politician'."

"Despite my opinions regarding his overall leadership as favorable," wrote one constituent from Williamson County, "I believe he is unfit to remain as our President. I do not trust him."

Some constituents who identify themselves as supportive of the president expressed their views that, "This is a private issue between the president and his family. Sex is not an impeachable offense."

While those who do express support for the president are small in number, I do hear their pleas that the process for considering impeachment of the president be both fair and bipartisan.

Aside from a declaration of war, there is no greater issue that can come before Congress than possible impeachment of the president.

As a member of the House Judiciary Committee that will, more likely than not, recommend that the full House approve an impeachment inquiry, I hope and pray that we will proceed in a fair and wise manner.

Texas drought continues despite good rains

COLLEGE STATION — Tropical storms Charlie and Frances recently poured much needed rainfall into parts of Texas; however, for many agricultural producers all over the state, the drought is not over.

"Much of the northwestern part of the state did not receive any of the rainfall, and it is still in the midst of a serious drought," said Dr. Carl Anderson, agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Much of the area east of Interstate Highway 35 and south of a line from Temple to Del Rio received rainfall in August and September. However, the rest of the state did not benefit, and the rains have not been enough to break the drought in any region, the economist said.

While estimates of drought-related losses remained at \$2.1 billion loss for producers, with a statewide economic impact of \$5.8 billion, there is still potential for loss estimates to climb, Anderson said.

Continuing drought conditions in the Panhandle and in the Rolling Plains region around Wichita Falls could still lead to further crop losses. In particular, the lack of rainfall has prevented the early seeding of traditional winter wheat pastures.

These planting delays are already serious enough that they will cause financial losses for cow/calf

and stocker cattle operations that were counting on the wheat pasture for grazing this fall and winter, said Dr. Mark Waller, Extension agricultural economist.

"If rain does not begin to fall soon, ranchers will not only suffer substantial grazing losses, but 1999 wheat yields could also be adversely affected," Waller said.

In the Rolling Plains, for example, the soil profile is dry to at least three feet in most places, said Extension entomologist Emory Boring.

Wise and Montague counties at the eastern edge of the Rolling Plains recently received rains of 1 to 1 1/2 inches, he said, but many areas have received only isolated thundershowers since April.

That is not good news for wheat farmers in the area. Growers in that region traditionally plant more than one million acres of wheat from September to November to capitalize on fall rains. It is the area's number one crop and is grown either for cattle grazing or for human consumption, Boring said.

Some producers have "dusted" in wheat seed, planting dryland acreage, but most are waiting for rain.

"We need to fill the soil profile. We need six inches of rain and then need another rain after that," Boring said. "We're a long way from coming out of the drought."

Statewide, the cotton crop is estimated at 3 million bales, the smallest since 1989, Anderson said.

"Much of the dryland crop was lost before harvest," he said. "Yields on remaining dryland are poor, and the quality is below normal. Irrigated acreage will account for about two-thirds of the production."

In the Rio Grande Valley, Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension agricultural economist, said tropical storm Frances was a "drought-denting rain."

"I can't say the drought is over,

but our situation has improved dramatically since the middle of August," he said. Since then, the capacity of Lakes Amistad and Falcon — major reservoirs for the area — has increased from 19 percent to 33 percent, providing irrigation water for fall vegetables.

The rainfall will improve soil moisture conditions for farmers planting fall vegetables and row crops, he said.

The Valley produces about 40 varieties of vegetables that are shipped all over the United States. It ranks sixth in the nation for onion production and second in cabbage production.

The increase in reservoir water, Johnson said, has encouraged producers to plant. Few farmers wanted to plant vegetables that might cost them \$2,000 an acre to produce when they might not have enough irrigation water to carry them through, he said.

Citrus also will benefit from the rainfall, Johnson said, but estimates will have to wait until producers begin harvesting in mid-October.

"There was significant damage done to the trees during the drought, especially in irrigation districts where the water was cut off. We'll be fortunate to surpass last year's production, given the damage that occurred." The Valley produced more than 130 million pounds of oranges and 384 million pounds of grapefruit last year.

Even though rains were too late to help most field crops, they have helped improve grazing conditions.

"Green grass is a welcome sight to ranchers and may help their pastures recover to some extent as we head into the winter months," said economist Mark Waller. "With hay reserves depleted, many ranchers will still have a difficult time finding enough forage to feed their cattle through the winter."

Ranchers in Grimes County, which ranks 10th in the state in number of beef cattle, welcomed the rain, said Rodney Finch, county Extension agent. That county, located about 75 miles north of Houston, received from 6 to 14 inches from tropical storm Frances, enabling producers there to begin planting rye, wheat and oats for winter pastures.

"It was a good slow soaking rain; however, we're still not where need to be at this stage of the game," he said, noting that stock tanks remain down.

"We are going to need more rain in the near future," he said. "We had 100-degree days early in May that stayed until September, so what moisture we had was sucked right out."

With cooler temperatures and more rain, he said, "we're going to be setting pretty good."

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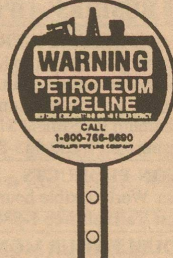
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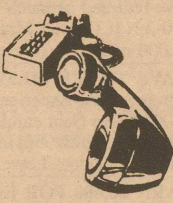
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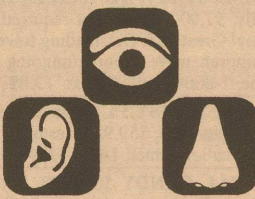
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