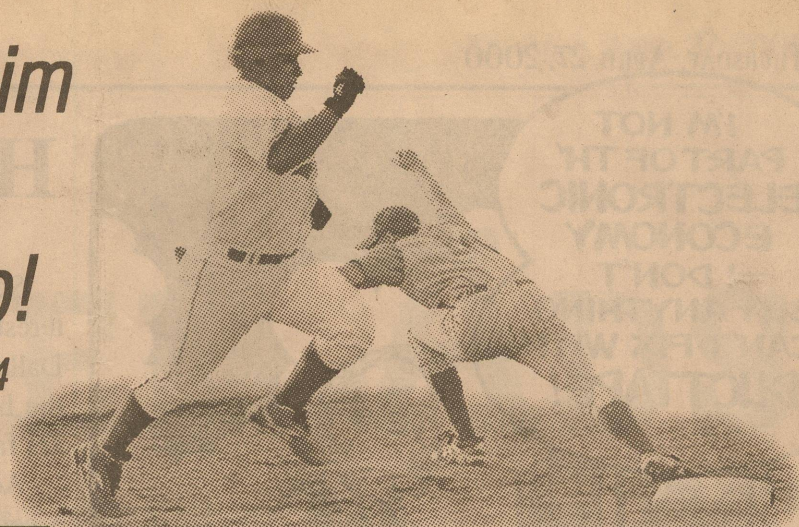




## Eagles nine claim District 2-2A Championship!

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## Twister damages barns on FM 2129

### No injuries reported in storms

by Kathy Mankin  
Late in the afternoon, on Wednesday, April 19th, about an hour after last week's edition of the Success was finished, a line of storms pushed through Schleicher County dumping much needed rain on some areas. With thunder rumbling ominously in the southwest, we shut down the computers at the newspaper office and hurried home. That's when the phone rang.

"Kathy, I think this may be newsworthy," a woman's voice on the phone said when I answered. It was Jane Kosub.

"A tornado just blew the roof off my barn," she continued.

After a brief conversation, I learned that Jane had been in the barn at the time of the storm. As the tornado lifted a large part of the barn's roof, and blew out one wall, Jane took shelter inside her pickup, where she watched as several tires, mounted on wheels, banged against her truck before being scattered around the barn.

The Kosub ranch is located on F.M. 2129, approximately 8 miles southwest of Eldorado. As the tornado moved away from the property, it left behind a trail of twisted sheet metal and splintered lumber.

The Kosub's barn wasn't the only structure damaged by the storm. Another barn, owned by W.F. Edmiston had suffered much the same fate only a few moments earlier. Fortunately, no one was injured in either incident.

Pea-size to marble-size hail was reported throughout the central part of the county as the squall line pushed through the area. Later that night, a second line of storms passed through the area, bringing more rain, mixed with small hail.

Rainfall totals varied across the county with some reporting as much as 1.5 inches. Other areas received as little as a quarter-inch.

Jane Kosub, who grew up on the ranch where she now resides with her husband James Kosub and daughter Kate, reports that this is the fourth tornado she has experienced on the property. Once, as a child, a twister narrowly passed between the family home and the barn.

James Kosub disagrees with statements by some that last week's damage resulted from a straight-line wind and not a tornado. He points to twisted Catclaw brush in his pasture and the fact that debris from a smaller barn was thrown away from the storm's direction of travel.

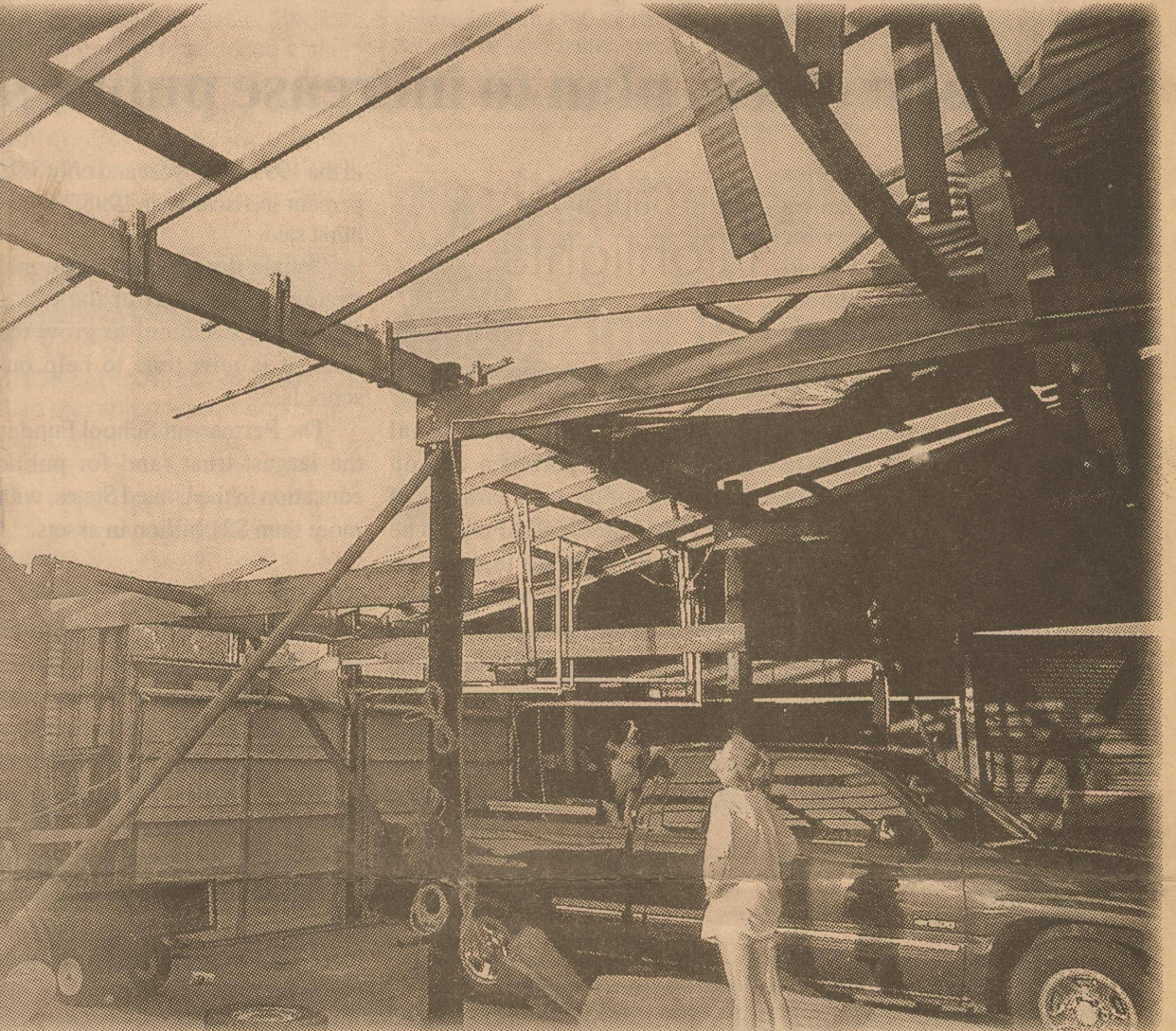


photo by Kathy Mankin  
**Barn with a skylight** — Kate Kosub inspects the damage a twister did to the roof of a barn on her family's ranch last week as her dog Dudley waits in the bed of a pickup where Kate's mother, Jane Kosub, rode out the storm.



photo by Kathy Mankin  
**Twisted sheet metal** — This barn, belonging to W.F. Edmiston was severely damaged by an apparent tornado, spawned by a line of storms which crossed the county Wednesday, April 19th.

## County withdraws from WTRCA insurance pool

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County commissioners voted unanimously Monday to withdraw from the West Texas Rural Counties Association health insurance pool, a cooperative plan funded by numerous taxing entities throughout West Texas.

In recent months, the court has spent a great deal of time addressing problems associated with slow claim payments being made by the pool's administrator. Delays in the payment of outstanding claims were attributed in part to two counties withdrawing from pool some months ago, after the same counties had filed exceptionally large claims. In addition, two other problems were pointed to as being re-

sponsible for the pool's failure: 1.) Not all participating counties have made premium payments in a timely manner and; 2.) The pool has reached its maximum growth potential. It should be noted, however, that Schleicher County has met all its financial obligations to the pool. Also local claims have amounted to less than local premiums paid to the pool.

Bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. for replacement health insurance coverage for county employees and only one bid was received. That was from Mr. Bobby Zesch, representing New England life Insurance Company, who met with the court regarding the coverage. Upon

## Jury finds Trevino guilty of theft

Rosa Trevino, 30, of Eldorado received a six-month suspended sentence, a \$1,000 fine and a five-year probated sentence Tuesday after a Schleicher County jury found her guilty of stealing \$22,000.00 from her former employer, Mittel Insurance Agency. She was also ordered to make monthly restitution payments to the business.

During the two-day trial, 51st District Attorney Steve Lupton presented the jury with Trevino's signed confession. He also introduced a

letter Trevino had signed admitting her guilt and promising to repay the insurance agency. Other evidence produced by Lupton showed that Trevino had systematically embezzled money from the agency over a four-year period.

Defense attorney Leila Bouhassiss of Dallas repeatedly argued that her client had not committed the crime. Instead, she accused the agency's owners, Bobby and Connie Andrews, of taking the money and other wrongdoings. That ar-

gument didn't set well with 51st District Judge Barbara Walther, and she refused to allow the jury to hear many of the allegations.

Following the prosecution's and defense's closing arguments, jurors left the courtroom to weigh the evidence and returned after a mere forty-five minutes later to deliver the guilty verdict.

Trevino was arrested by Deputy George Arispe on August 17, 1999, just two weeks after she was fired from her job at the agency.

## F.Y.I.

### For Your Information

#### Children's Health Insurance

Lupe Chappa, CHIP outreach coordinator, will be at the Eldorado Elementary School on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, from 1-5 p.m. She will be available to help parents fill out insurance applications for the new Texcare Partnership. Please bring pay stubs for two months and/or income tax returns with you. Documentation showing money paid for childcare is also helpful. For more information contact Susie Richters, R.N., at 853-2770 ext. 231.

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#### Computer Literate Students

Computers are readily accessible to students in Texas classrooms. Seventy-seven percent of fourth-grade classrooms in Texas have computer access, and the number of students sharing each computer is below the national average.

Nationwide, there is one instructional computer for each 5.7 students. In Texas that number is 5.1 students. Meanwhile, and average of 9.8 students share a multi-media computer nationwide. In Texas there is a multi-media computer for each 8.9 students.

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#### On This Date

On this date in 1773 British Parliament passed the Tea Act. In 1805 US Marines attacked Tripoli, Lybia. In 1861 President Abraham Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus for duration of Civil War. In 1861 West Virginia seceded from Virginia after Virginia seceded from US. In 1865 1,450 paroled Union POWs were killed when steamer "Sultana" exploded on Mississippi River. In 1937 the 1st US social security benefit payment was made. In 1961 the NFL officially recognized the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. In 1989 Beijing students took over Tiananmen Square in China.

Birthdays of note include: 1791 inventor Samuel Morse; 1822 18th US president Ulysses S Grant; 1896 baseball great Rogers Hornsby; 1900 animator Walter Lantz; 1922 actor Jack Klugman; 1932 radio personality Casey Kasem; 1959 singer Sheena Easton.

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#### Computer Literate Students

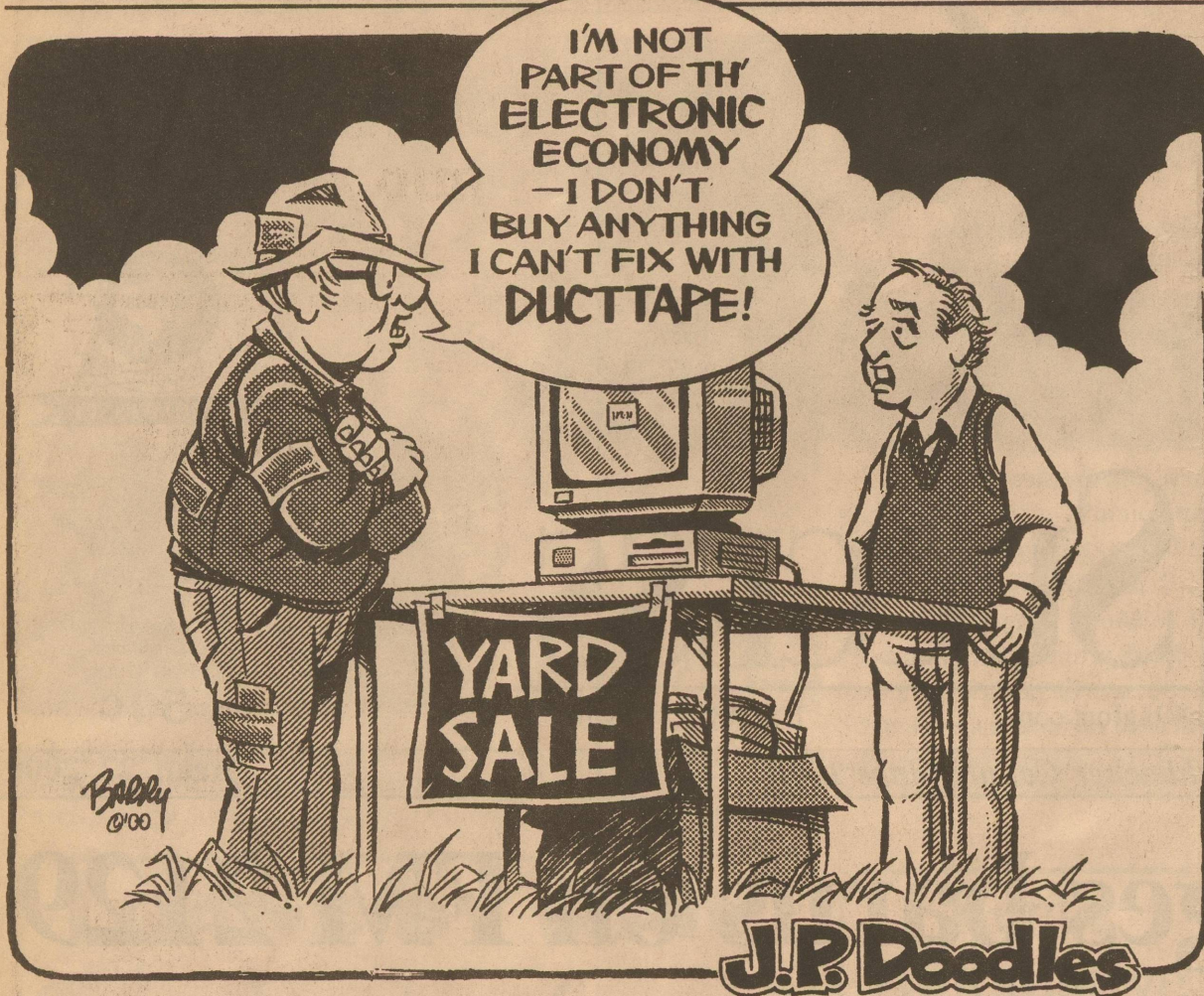
At one time, comedian Jay Leno was a Rolls-Royce mechanic. Leno's fifth grade teacher had this to say about him: "If he spent as much time studying as he does trying to be a comedian, he'd be a big star."



photo by Kathy Mankin  
**And the beat goes on** — EHS seniors show off the Eagle Band's fourth consecutive Sweepstakes trophy after earning Division "1" ratings in the sight-reading and concert contest in Coleman on Wednesday, April 19th. They are (Front L-R) Kasey Griffin, Alana Oliver, Patrick Fuentes, Hillary Hodges, Sarah Mankin (Back L-R) Asa Nixon, Louis Santellano and Larry Nicholson. Not present was Kate Kosub.

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# Here lies Arnold, deceased javelina

Scott Parks reported an interesting story last week in the Dallas Morning News all about the hazards that census workers face in rural West Texas.

According to Parks' story, a census worker from Fredericksburg named Edna Ann James was distributing census packets near Big Bend National Park in Brewster County when she arrived at the home of Juan Granado. That's when she met up with Mr. Granado's pet javelina hog named Arnold.

It seems Arnold was "lurking" under the porch of Granado's home and attacked Ms. James as she approached the house. The lady grabbed a chair



**OVER THE BACK FENCE**  
by Randy Mankin

from the porch and managed to defend herself with it long enough to retreat into the house.

Finding herself alone in the house, and with both her legs bleeding from the attack, Ms. James used Granado's phone to call 911.

Arnold the javelina was still agitated, however. When help arrived, he refused to let them approach the house, so he was shot.

Then, Ms. James and the body of Arnold the javelina were loaded into the same ambulance and transported 60 miles to Alpine. Arnold's remains were taken to a veterinary clinic for analysis, while Mrs. James went to Big Bend Regional Medical Center for treatment. She has since returned to her Hill Country home where, according to Parks' story, she remains wounded and unhappy.

Brewster County Judge Val Beard has weighed in on the is-

sue, stating that Arnold died needlessly. The problem, Judge Beard says, is the Census Bureau policy that allows census forms to be mailed to "city-styled" addresses like street name and number, but not to rural addresses like route numbers or even post office box numbers.

To compensate, census workers were forced to hand deliver forms to very remote places...places like Mr. Granado's home where Arnold the javelina lay in wait.

Judge Beard claims that the reluctance of census workers to do venture to such places will result in a many of her rural constituents being overlooked in the count.

The judge calls the policy absurd and wants it changed. Meanwhile, Mr. Granado is grieving for his lost companion, Arnold.

When considering all the other problems the 2000 Census has spawned, Arnold's demise may seem a trifling one. It does, however, underscore the vast gulf that exists between the urban rule-makers in Washington, D.C. and those of us who eke out a living in rural America.

I can't help but wonder, did Ms. James count Arnold before or after he was shot?

## Dewhurst offers plan to increase public school funding

AUSTIN — Land Commissioner David Dewhurst said a change in investment strategy for the Permanent School Fund could earn up to \$400 million in additional funds for Texas public schools and help reduce pressure on Texas taxpayers.

Dewhurst recommended the State Board of Education increase money to public schools without reducing the basic level of funding for public education, by:

- Changing state law to permit additional earnings from the Available School Fund to be distributed to school districts without a reduction in the basic level of funding to public education; and

### State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



- Passing a constitutional amendment to permit a certain percentage of the total earnings of the Permanent School Fund to be distributed to schools through the Available School Fund each year.

"During the last eight years, the stock market has maintained the longest running expansion in U.S. history, but the Permanent School Fund's investments returned only 3.26 percent to Texas schoolchildren

in the 1999 fiscal year and only 3.98 percent in fiscal year 1998," Dewhurst said.

"While this was an intentional strategy on the part of the [State Board of Education] to grow the fund, it is now time to help our schools."

The Permanent School Fund is the largest trust fund for public education in the United States, with more than \$21 billion in assets.

#### AG Sues Direct Mail Firm

Attorney General John Cornyn sued Dallas-area direct mail company owners Cecil Gaskamp and Christopher Etheridge whose businesses, The Lead Connection and Seniors Security Services, mail notices to senior citizens.

The notices appear to be official government correspondence and urge seniors to contact SSS for information on how to protect themselves.

SSS is paid to solicit leads for insurance salesmen who then attempt to sell seniors long term care and burial or "final expense" insurance, Cornyn said.

"I will not tolerate a sales pitch that begins by frightening seniors into thinking they're about to lose their Social Security or health-care benefits," Cornyn said.

SSS envelopes are designed to mislead recipients into thinking that they contain official communications from the federal government, Cornyn said.

The mailings bear the return address of Seniors Security Services and display an emblem that closely resembles a federal seal next to the address and the words

"Important Update" printed in large, bold letters.

The lawsuit asks the court for an injunction prohibiting the misleading mailers, civil penalties to be paid to the state of up to \$10,000 per violation, attorneys fees and investigative costs.

#### Shrimp Fishery in Danger

Texas' \$500 million shrimp industry is in danger of collapse unless actions are taken to reduce commercial harvest, according to an 18-month-long Texas Parks and Wildlife study.

"The population of adult spawning shrimp has been steadily declining because of excessive fishing pressure both in the bays and the Gulf," said Parks and Wildlife Director Andrew Sansom.

Since the early 1970s, shrimping activity in Texas bays has increased more than 300 percent, according to the research.

With technological advances in equipment during the same period, the number of bay shrimp harvested has climbed more than 400 percent.

#### Group Protests Inequities

Reimbursements for female-specific surgeries are 37 percent to 50 percent lower than reimbursements for male-specific surgeries, The Equal Health Care Alliance of Austin said last week.

The alliance, which formed this month and has 3,000 members, is encouraging companies to renegotiate contracts with insurers in an attempt to remedy what they see as gender-based disparities.

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## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Gourmet Gardens

When I first met Barbara Bradshaw she was living in a modest house in a corner of farm field near Rusk, barely making enough money to feed her children. That was in 1986. My, how times have changed. Now she runs a business that is expected to gross over two million dollars this year. Dozens of salesmen sell her products all over the world.

Upon meeting her for the first time, I found out quickly that she was made of good stuff. She had grit, guts, stamina. She was smart. She convinced the Texas Sesqui-centennial committee that the dolls she was making ought to be the official doll of the state's 150th anniversary celebration. She only made 500 of them and they sold for ninety dollars. She gave me one of those dolls, even though at the time she could barely afford to do so. That doll is one of my real Texas treasures.

Barbara married Bill Bradshaw, who has a combination Christmas tree and blueberry farm between Rusk and Jacksonville. She started making blueberry jelly in a big pot, stirring it with a wooden ladle, putting it up in jars and selling it at a small shed on the premises. That was the beginning of Gourmet Gardens, her company that now produces all sorts of chow chow, salsa, pickles, peppers, beets and other foods that people just love.

"Our business has doubled the last four years," says Barbara, "except for one year when it tripled. It's overwhelming."

She manufactures sixty items, adding a few new ones each year. "They're all old fashioned items. We don't create things that are

exotic. I love exotic foods, but the average person doesn't want to buy something exotic. They want to buy the old fashioned stuff, just like grandma made. Sometime at market a person will come up to me and tell me nobody can make pickled beets like their grandmother did. I get them to try my beets and they say wow, that's pretty good."

She says people in Washington state just love east Texas chowchow. Barbara sells tons of garlic. "We do pickled garlic. They'll look at the jar and say what is this. I suggest they try some and they're hesitant at first, but they take a bite. They buy the jar and come back the next day for another. It has a really good taste to it. It's pickled and doesn't taste like a regular piece of raw garlic. It's good for you. We even tell our customers they can use the juice in the jar to marinate steaks for cooking on the grill. It's healthy."

She started selling the garlic a year and a half ago. "We started making the garlic items and they immediately became our biggest sellers. Now garlic is ten percent of our sales. In the last two weeks we've got in 7500 pounds of peeled garlic."

Five different freight lines haul merchandise from her place every day. One of her new items is cobbler in a jar. "It has the crust already cooked in it. All you do is open it up and eat it, or you can take the lid off and microwave it for sixty seconds and then pour it on a plate and put ice cream on it, or you can put it in the back window of your car and drive around until you find a Dairy Queen."

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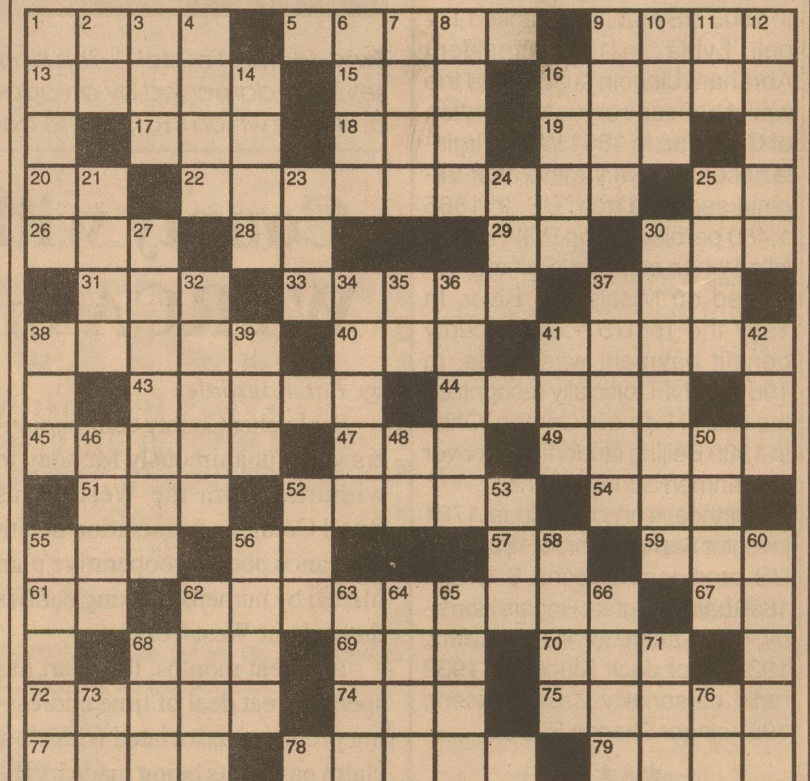
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13 Flick	62 Organism's makeup	30 Canvas feed bucket
15 Consumed	67 Be identical to	32 Pear-shaped string instrument
16 Speak with pomposity	68 ASU mascot	34 Young hooter
17 Frequently	69 Hedera helix	35 Musical syllable
18 Regret deeply	70 Rapid bustling commotion	36 Dissuade
19 Meshwork	72 Images	37 Linear accelerator
20 Centimeter	74 Needlefish	38 Benevolent gift
22 Unfitness	75 Swings	39 Cypriot monetary unit
25 Preposition expressing position	77 A light clear metallic sound	41 Fish spear
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38 Outdoor auditorium	6 Gibe	56 Units of electrical resistance
40 Itty-bitty	7 Small ornamental handbag	58 Opaque gem
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43 Calm down	9 Blue's foe once	62 Twinge of hunger
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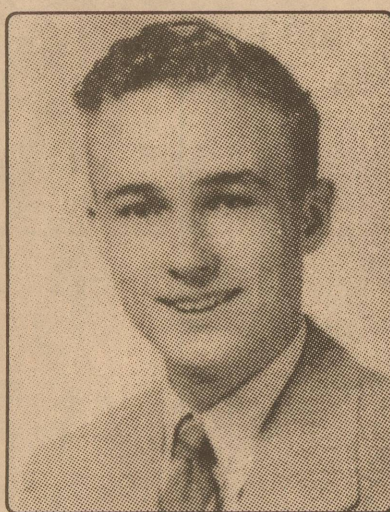
# OBITUARIES

## Maurice Ray Christian

TIGARD, Ore. — Maurice Ray Christian 67, of Portland, Oregon, passed from this life April 18, 2000, in Portland, Ore. He was born July 16, 1932 to Sallie and Driscoll Christian in Eldorado where he graduated from high school in 1951.

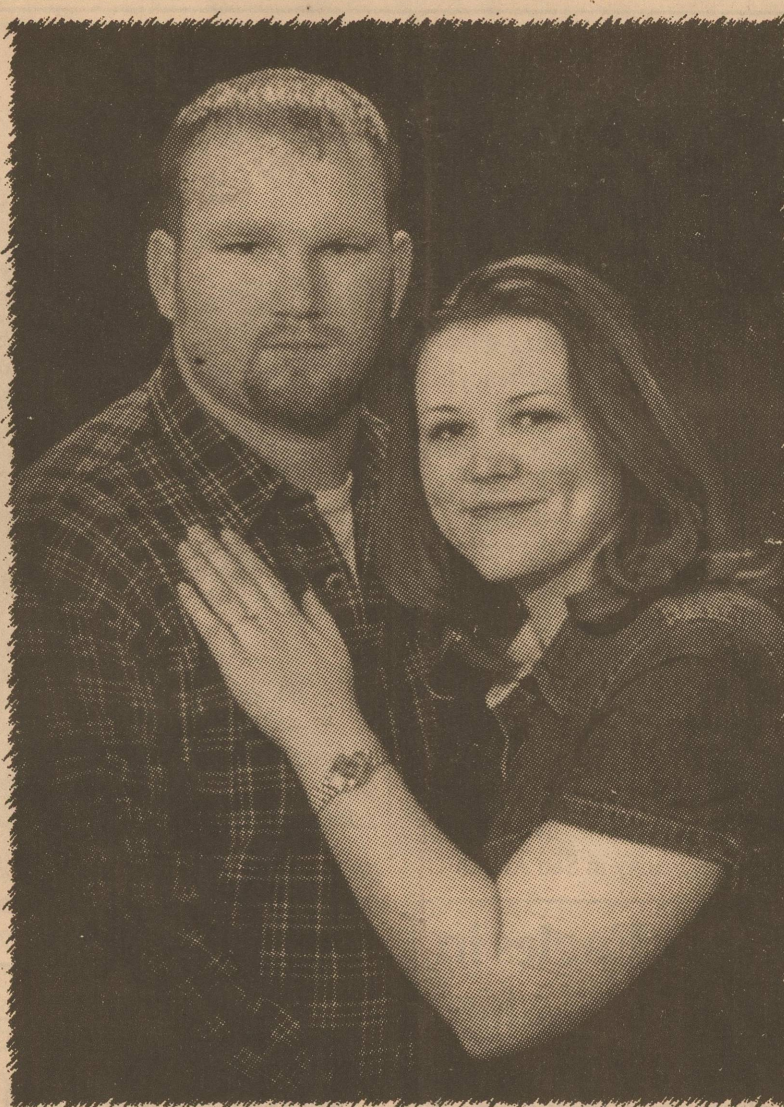
After high school, he went to work in the oilfields, advancing to drilling superintendent for Coastal States. For more than thirty years he was known to friends and co-workers as "Wimpy". His work and travels took him to many countries. He worked in the oilfields throughout West Texas, Lybia, Chile, Argentina, Venezuela and Turkey. He resided in San Angelo, Ft. Stockton, Monahans, Odessa, Lamesa and Ballinger.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include a son, William M. Christian, of Washington, D.C.; three uncles, Gene



McCalla and wife Vernell of Eldorado, Herbert McCalla of Stephenville and Leslie Weber Christian of San Antonio; and a host of cousins, classmates and close friends.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 22, in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Autumn Funerals.



Jason Clark and Amber Byers

courtesy photo

## Silver Haired Legislator Sought

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin recently received a request from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley requesting his assistance in obtaining a candidate from the southern region of the Concho Valley to serve as a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislator. The Texas Silver Haired Legislature works with elected representatives and senators to provide older Texans an opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the legislative process through in-

volvement.

To qualify as a candidate any individual who is, or was 60 years old on January 1, on even number years, be a resident of the Concho Valley and be a registered voter in the State of Texas. In addition to these qualifications a candidate must be willing to fill the position and on occasion be available to travel to Austin.

Local individuals interested in becoming a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature should contact Judge Griffin for details.

## Early voting underway in SCISD school board election

Early voting in the election to decide school board seats for Single Member Districts #2 & #7 is underway now. The period for early voting will continue through Tuesday, May 2, 2000. The administration office will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Election day balloting will be conducted in the Schleicher County Memorial Building on Saturday, May 6th beginning at 7:00 a.m. and continuing through 7:00 p.m.

Everyone in the two single member districts is encouraged to cast a ballot. For more information concerning the election, please contact SCISD Supt. Hal Porter or Rachael Nixon at 853-2514 ext. 221.

## Byers/Clark plan May wedding

Amber Byers and Jason Clark both of San Angelo will be married May 20, 2000 in an outdoor ceremony in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Byers of Burkett, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clark of Eldorado.

Miss Byers is a 1998 graduate of Coleman High School. She is presently attending Angelo State University. She is employed by GTE.

Her fiance is a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School and is attending Howard College. He is employed by Sitel Corporation.

## Judge Doyle attends seminar

Judge James C. Doyle was certified at the recent twenty-hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held April 9-12, 2000 in Corpus Christi, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their continuing judicial education requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the

Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as judicial ethics, new legislation, traffic laws, inquests, family violence, county courts, deferred disposition, landlord/tenant issues, hot checks, probable cause search and arrest warrants, juvenile law, school and criminal issues and legal research.

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## Elect Kerry Joy

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I, Kerry Joy, am announcing my candidacy for School Board member, Precinct # 7. I have lived in Eldorado for 26 year, having served as County Commissioner for Precinct #2 I am an active member of the First Presbyterian Church having served as a ruling Elder. I am married to Debbie Page Joy and have two grown daughters, Carmen and Madolyn; both of whom are graduates of E.H.S. and are continuing further education in the medical fields. Both have expressed how fortunate they were to have received quality educations from the excellence of our administration, staff and community. It is my ultimate desire to see that administration and staff are allowed to teach and instruct our students in the appropriate fashion. I believe the administration should be allowed their freedom to do their jobs without unnecessary interference from school board members. I believe in having a manageable and cooperative relationship between school board members, administration, staff and above all else, with our children. I believe in fairness and learning to talk less and listen more. I would appreciate your consideration an support in the May 6th election. Please get out and express yourself. VOTE!

Sincerely,  
Kerry Joy

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### BIRTHDAY LIST

**APRIL**

- 27th Dana Ray Owens, Jesse Fuentes Jr., Sundi Nix, Johnny Herrera, Lindsay Johnson, Carla J. Estrada, Johnny Estrada
- 28th Jeannifer Rivera, Buddy Key, Roho Rodriguez
- 29th Suzanne Rojas, Missy W. Sims
- 30th Prissy Paxton, Dora L. Arispe, Stoney Harris, Margarita Arispe, Landon Nixon, Kimberly Edmiston

**MAY**

- 1st Aubrey Raquelle, Joe Christian, Martinez, Isaac Saldivar, Richmond Adame
- 2nd LouAnn Turner, Machelle Ford, Charlie Lloyd, Mary Ann Blaylock, Cruz Sanchez, Robbin Hutto
- 3rd Martha Lively, Ramiro Buitron, Ryan Adame, Pauline Thompson

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## Lifelong Friends and Residents

They were childhood friends and have known each other all their lives. On returning to Eldorado after World War II, Orval and Charlene Edmiston decided to spend the rest of their lives together and raise their family right where they had been born. That is exactly what they have done.

Fifty-eight years later they have raised five children, most of whom still live in Eldorado, and they are proud grandparents and great-grandparents.

Their service to the community is, in itself, outstanding. Orval was the sheriff of Schleicher County for 31 years and a past president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He is also a life member of that association. Orval continues to be an active member of the Masonic Lodge #890 and the American Legion, as well as a rancher.

Charlene has been a homemaker, and a busy one. She is also an active member of the Eastern Star, the Schleicher County Library board, the Historical Society board, the Woman's Club, the Hospital Auxiliary, and the Wednesday Bridge Club.

They have both received the Schleicher County Pioneer Heritage Award and are members of the First Baptist Church.

The First National Bank of Eldorado wishes to thank Orval and Charlene for the many years of contributions to our community.

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# District 2-2A Champions!

**Eagles nine defeat Ozona 11-7 to clinch title**

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles won the District 2-2A baseball title for the second year in a row by defeating the Ozona Lions 11 to 7 on Tuesday night. Pitcher Manuel Hernandez went the distance for the Eagles and got the win.

Eldorado pounded out 14 hits and Ozona managed only 7. Leading the Eagles offensively with singles Lance Mitchel, Rocky Robles (2), John Ray Espinosa, Asa Nixon (2), Manuel Hernandez. Will Robledo, Mitchel and Hernandez had doubles while Robledo and Mitchel had a triple.

Robledo had 2 RBIs, Mitchel

had 3, Casey Poyner Rocky Robles, and Manuel Hernandez each had 1.

Eldorado had 5 errors in the game but also turned 3 double plays.

Coach Molina commented, "I'm really proud of the kids because they fought through adversity to get the win. Manuel had a tough 5th inning but really came through in the next two for the win. It's time to focus on the second season, the State playoffs."

One week earlier the Eagles were denied an undefeated district season when they lost a slugfest to Sonora 17-16.

In a game that saw many lead

changes, The Eagles tallied 17 hits to the Bronco's 18. Errors plagued the Eldorado nine and the team finished with 7 E's on the night.

Lance Mitchel and Rocky Robles each had home runs for the Eagles.

Coach Molina commented, "Sonora came out and hit the ball very well. This is not only a setback for the kids but me as well. Whenever we have a team down we must deliver the knockout punch."

Eldorado's playoff schedule is not yet certain and details will be in next week's paper. The Eagles will play Lakeview J.V. in a tune-up game this Friday in San Angelo.

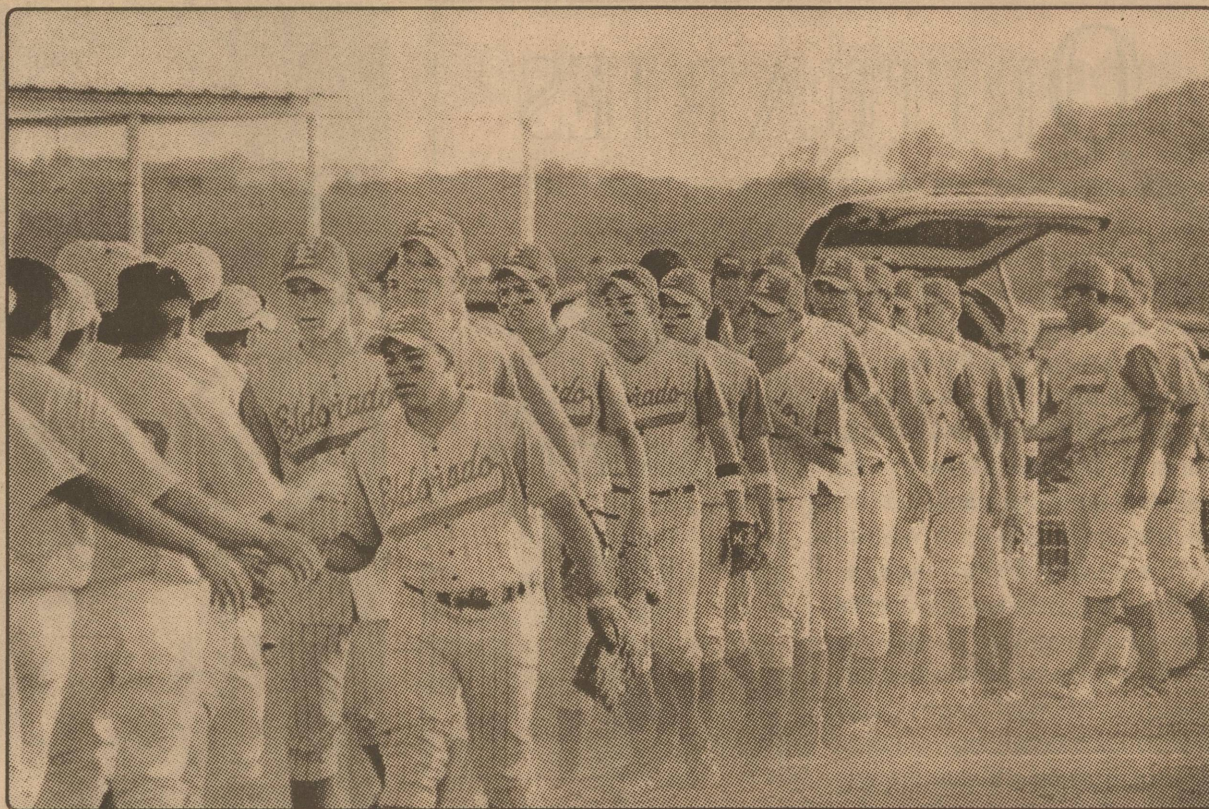


photo by Kathy Mankin

**District Champs** — The 2000 District 2-2A Champion Eldorado Eagles baseball team filed by the Ozona Lions team Tuesday evening for the traditional handshake. The Eagles defeated Ozona 11-7 to win the District 2-2A Championship.

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## Lady Eagles in playoffs tonight

The District 1-2A Champion Lady Eagles softball team will play the Petrolia Lady Pirates tonight in the Area round of the State 2A Playoffs. The game is slated for 8:30 p.m. at Willhare Field on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

Everyone is encouraged to make the trip to and cheer of the Lady Eagles. Remember, WEAR YOUR GREEN and BE LOUD.



photo by Kathy Mankin

**2000 Shannon Harbor Relays Torch Bearers**- 4th Grade 1200 M Runners (L-R) Chelsey Hill, Blake Chadwick, Ashley Lozano, Rhapsody Swyter, Samantha Gonzalez, Jorge Mata, J.P. Joiner, J. Lynn Barajas, Lalo Sanchez, David Ramirez, Louie Bultron.

## Senior Games 2000 slated in San Angelo

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fer recreational events, than we have you covered with bridge, forty-two, billiards, dance, and washers.

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Call today and get your registration forms since April 25 is the

deadline for registering. Don't get left out of great competition and fellowship.

## School Lunch



### Menu

**Milk & Bread Offered**  
**Menus Subject To Change**  
**Cafeteria Line**

**Monday, May 1st**

Meat & Macaroni, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread, Harvest Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, May 2nd**

Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

**Wednesday, May 3rd**

Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Pear Halves, Cornbread, Apple Pie

**Thursday, May 4th**

Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing.

**Friday, May 5th**

Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping

### Breakfast

½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

**Monday, May 1st**

Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup

**Tuesday, May 2nd**

Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy/Steak Fingers

**Wednesday, May 3rd**

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

**Thursday, May 4th**

Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

**Friday, May 5th**

Pineapple Slices, Toast/Eggs/Jelly

### Fast Food Line

**Monday, May 1st**

Fiestadas, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Harvest Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, May 2nd**

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cowboy Cookies

**Wednesday, May 3rd**

Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Pear Halves, Apple Pie

**Thursday, May 4th**

Sausage & Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing

**Friday, May 5th**

Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping.

## Region 1-AA track meet schedule

Abilene Christian University  
UJL Region I-AA  
Field Events

Friday, April 28, 2000

9:00 AM

3200 Meter Run.....AA Girls

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10:00 AM

High Jump.....AA Girls

Discus.....AA Girls

Long Jump.....AA Boys

Shot Put.....AA Boys

12:30 PM

High Jump.....AA Boys

Discus.....AA Boys

Long Jump.....AA Girls

Shot Put.....AA Girls

Running Events

4:00 PM

400 M Relay.....AA Girls AA Boys

100 M Hurdles.....AA Girls

110 M Hurdles.....AA Boys

100 M Dash.....AA Girls...AA Boys

800 M Relay.....AA Girls

400 M Dash.....AA Boys...AA Girls

300 M Hurdles.....AA Girls...AA Boys

200 M Dash.....AA Girls...AA Boys

1600 M Relay.....AA...Girls AA Boys

\* There will be a thirty-minute break after the conclusion of all divisions in these events.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

FIELD EVENTS

10:00 AM

Triple Jump.....AA Boys

NOON

Triple Jump.....AA Girls

Pole Vault.....AA Boys

### RUNNING EVENTS

2:30 PM AA FINALS

400 M Relay.....Girls Boys

800 M Run.....Girls Boys

100 M Hurdles.....Girls

110 M Hurdles.....Boys

100 M Dash.....Girls Boys

800 M Relay.....Girls

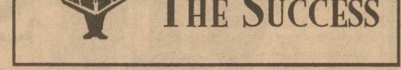
400 M Dash.....Boys Girls

300 M Hurdles.....Girls Boys

200 M Dash.....Girls Boys

1600 M Run.....Girls Boys

1600 M Relay.....Girls Boys



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# MILITARY MILITARY NEWS

## Airman Cody Whitten

Navy Airman Cody Whitten, son of Buff and June Whitten of Eldorado, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, which is home ported in Norfolk, Va.

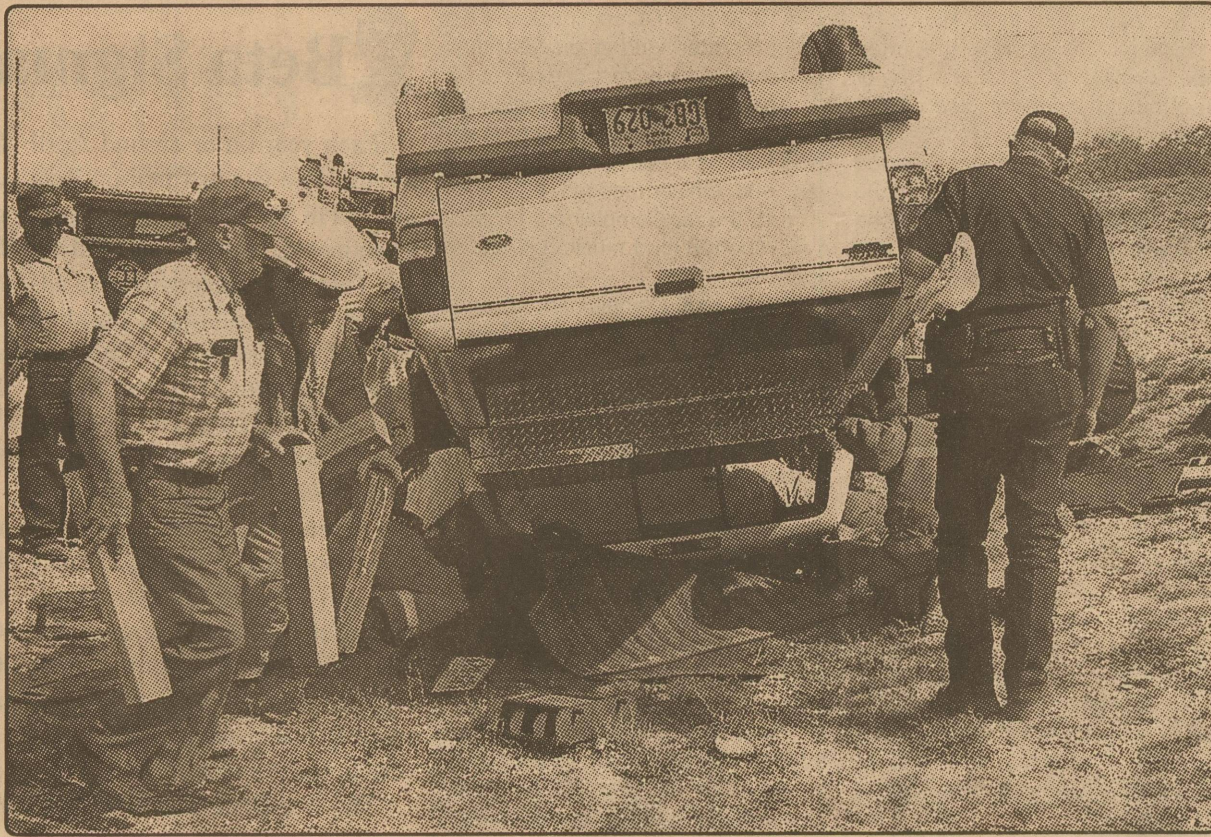
Whitten is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deploying aboard the ships of the Eisenhower's carrier battle group and the USS Wasp amphibious ready group. The groups are comprised of ten surface combatants, two submarines, nine aircraft squadrons and one Marine expeditionary unit.

During the deployment, Whitten's ship will defend U.S. policy and support international interests in the Middle East and Europe.

Prior to deploying, the groups participated in a 17-day Atlantic joint task force exercise. This exercise was designed to prepare naval forces for contingencies they may encounter during the deployment.

Carriers, like the Eisenhower, are deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide a rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped the most versatile and powerful aircraft available.

Whitten, a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School, joined the Navy in June of 1996.



*photo by Randy Mankin*  
**Upside down** — Volunteer firefighters Jerry Jones and Oscar Martinez (at left) hurried to block up under an overturned pickup Saturday as other firemen and EMS volunteers worked inside the vehicle to rescue an Eldorado woman and her 16-year old daughter. The pickup overturned after the left rear tire blew out, causing the driver to lose control.

## Local women injured in rollover on Hwy 277

An Eldorado woman and her daughter were taken to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo following a one-vehicle rollover on U.S. Highway 277 eighteen miles north of Eldorado. Melisa Mejia, 16, was airlifted to San Angelo while her mother, Marsela Mejia, 42, was taken by Schleicher County EMS ambulance.

According to DPS trooper L.D. Whitton, Marsela Mejia was driving northbound on U.S. Highway 277 when the left rear tire on her 1993 Ford Ranger pickup blew out

Mejia tried to maintain control of the vehicle, but over-corrected, Whitton stated. The pickup then spun completely around before overturning in a ditch on the east side of the road.

Schleicher County Sheriff, EMS and Fire Dept. units responded to the scene, which was actually two miles inside inside Tom Green County. Local EMTs Michael Faull and Juan Rojas spent 45-minutes inside the truck caring for and comforting the younger victim, until she could be extracted

from the vehicle. North and southbound traffic was blocked for a time and a landing zone was created in the roadway for Shannon Air-Med 1, which picked up the younger Mejia and transported her to San Angelo.

Marsela Mejia was released from the hospital that afternoon. Her daughter was released two days later.

Trooper Whitton reported that speed was not a factor in the accident.

## Eagle Band wins 4th straight Sweepstakes trophy

The Eagle Band which placed third at the State Marching Contest this year, proved it's more than just a great marching band last week by winning its fourth consecutive Sweepstakes Trophy at the Sight-Reading and Concert Contest in Coleman.

In the concert portion of the contest the band performed "Amarito Roca" by Texidor/Winter, "As Summer Was Just Beginning" by Daehn, and "Sea Songs" by Vaughn Williams.

All three judges in the concert portion awarded the band a Division "1" rating. In his critique, judge Mike Marsh said, "This is a very fine band, playing fine literature. You play with lots of gusto. Just don't let the enthusiasm carry you past the point of your best sound quality. Keep working with your find directors. You have much to be proud of. Congratulations!"

Judge Dr. Daryl Trent said, "Band played very musically, that shows great teaching. I enjoyed hearing you today!"

The band also received three Division "1" ratings in the Sight-reading portion of the contest, performing "Telford Moodrow Celebration" by Don Colquitt. The music was written specially for this contest and was a piece the band neither seen nor rehearsed. Director Gina Muela had only seven min-

utes to prepare the band before they played the piece for the judges.

Judge Jim Cude stated, "Great instructions from your director. Students seemed very attentive and business like in the sightreading room. It is good to see students active in the process. You all are fine musicians, continue to work and improve."

"A well taught organization. Very aggressive and competent band. My congratulations to you and your fine director," stated sight-reading judge Ralph Zanncrippen, Jr.

Eagle Band members include: Kristy Adame, Andrew Anderson, Cristie Jo Belman, Ray David

Buitron, Jessi Calcote, Georgina Caldwell, Kayla Case, Nancy Cawley, Jackie Crawford, Matt Curtis, Mandi Daniels, BreeAnne Davis, Ben Edmiston, Whitney Edmiston, Xochitl Esparza, Aaron Fuentes, Patrick Fuentes, Benjie Gonzalez, Quisto Gonzalez, Vanesa Gonzalez, Buddy Greer.

Also, Hallie Greer, Kasey Griffin, Tanner Haynes, Maria Hernandez, Johnny Herrera, Kimberly Hight, Melissa Hinojosa, Hillary Hodges, Ross Hodges, Scott Homer, Javier Iglesias, Wesley Jones, Brittany Key, Kate Kosub, Tabitha Lloyd, Stephanie Luna, J.L. Mankin, Sarah Mankin, Toni Martin, Chris Martinez, Melisa Mejia, Elibeth Montalvo, Layna Murr, Leigh

Ann Neal, Gentry Newman, Stacy Nicholson, Asa Nixon, Landon Nixon, Alana Oliver.

Also, Cole Pina, Kristina Prater, Michael Ramirez, Christina Redish, Hannah Robledo, William Robledo, Andrea Robles, Jennifer Rodriguez, Suzanne Rojas, Liza Sanchez, Courtney Sauer, Mitzi Sesson, Samantha Smith, Blake Snelson, Dest Sudduth, Lilly Vallejo and Tana Williams.

The band will be performing a Spring Concert on May 4th.



*photo by Kathy Mankin*  
**Here, have another ribbon** — 4th grade teacher Becky Moore pins a ribbon on 2nd grader Marty Powell at the Shannon Harbor Relays held at Eagle Stadium last Thursday.

## State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

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Susan Dell, wife of Dell Computer Corp. founder Michael Dell, is a co-chairwoman of the alliance.

### Other Highlights

• Yvette Saenz, an Alice fourth-grader, won the statewide contest to name the mascot of the Texas Tomorrow Fund. She named the 6-foot-tall, walking, talking diploma "Ima Scholar." Texas Tomorrow Fund is an investment plan that helps Texas parents plan and save for their children to attend college.

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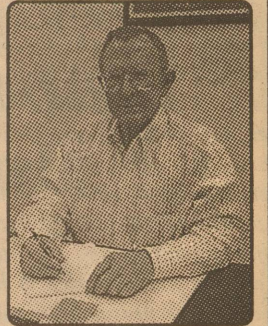
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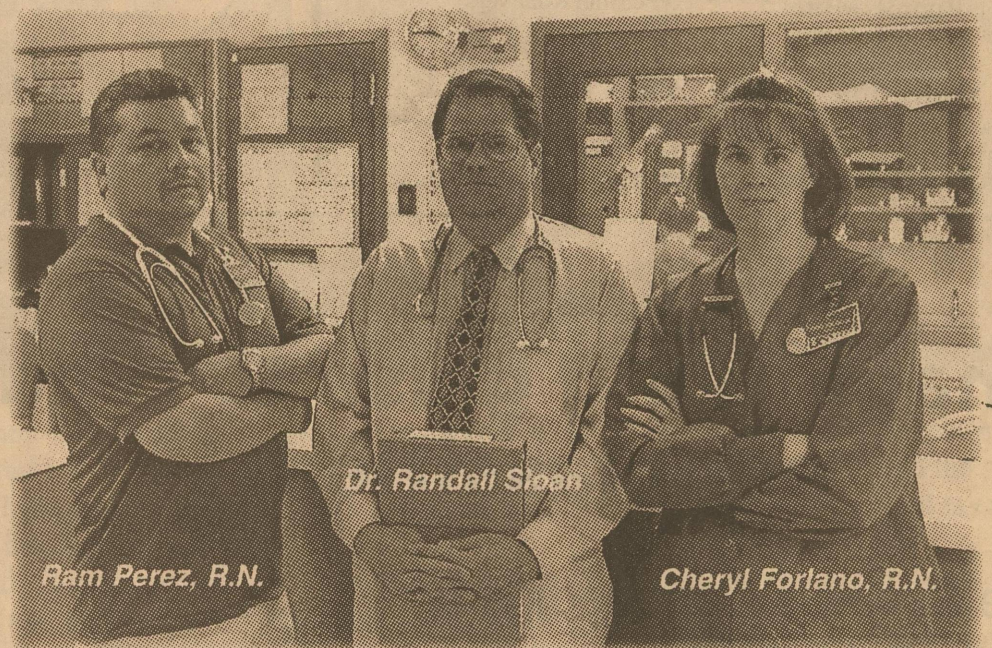
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# The Blotter

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### ARRESTS

**April 18** Rodriguez, Amelia Martinez, female age 49, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

**April 20** Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 36, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on \$500 PR Bond.

**April 21** Garza, Francisco, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

Gutierrez, Pedro H., male age 48,

arrested by DPS Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

**April 23** Meister, Terry Elison, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

**April 24** Jenkins, James David, male age 40, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

**April 25** Gilly, Sherry Shane, female, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

Butch, Carl Williams, male age 44, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$2,000 Cash Bond.

### REPORTS

**April 18** • 8:14 p.m. Complainant on Hall Street reported a younger couple fighting in a red car. Officers responded.

• 6:52 p.m. Complainant at grocery store in San Angelo reported possible child abuse case.

• 9:54 p.m. Complainant on Old Sonora Rd. reported a possible fight at their residence. Officers responded.

• 11:06 p.m. Complainant on E. Dorris reported loud music coming from neighbors. Officer responded.

**April 19** • 7:29 a.m. Tom Green County Sheriff Department reported a speeding vehicle was heading to-

ward Schleicher County on Hwy. 277.

• 5:05 p.m. Complainant reported a blue Honda driving at a high rate of speed forcing other vehicles off the road way. Officer responded.

• 6:50 p.m. Complainant reported that a possible tornado had blown the roof off her friends barn and had done some damage to a vehicle. Officer and Fire Department responded.

**April 20** • 12:00 p.m. Complainant reported items missing from Community Resource Center. Officer took report.

10:12 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated pedestrian at the Little League Field. Officer responded and male subject arrested.

**April 21** • 11:34 a.m. Complainant on Del Rio Street reported two vehicles driving by their residence causing trouble. Officer responded.

1:30 p.m. Complainant on Calender Street reported a white 10 pound Maltese dog missing from their yard.

4:32 p.m. Complainant from San Angelo reported someone had spray painted on a home that they own in Eldorado.

7:46 p.m. Complainant requested an officer speak to mother about the father of child not having any parental rights but still wanting to come into contact with the child. Officer responded.

10:23 p.m. Complainant requested an officer at their residence because her brother wanted to fight with her. Officers responded.

**April 22** • 4:14 a.m. Complainant reported a male subject was beating his wife at Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer responded.

• 12:45 p.m. Complainant on North Hwy 277 reported a one vehicle roll over. Officer, EMS and several Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department trucks responded.

• 6:47 p.m. Complainant on McIntosh Road requested officer to speak to subject on Lea Street who had their music too loud. Officer responded.

• 7:37 p.m. Complainant on Eastfield reported loud music coming from Lea Street. Officer responded.

• 8:12 p.m., 8:37 p.m. and 10:08 p.m. Complainant on Warner Street reported several times about loud music on Lea Street. Officer responded each time.

• 10:13 p.m. Complainant on East Street reported loud music near their residence. Officer responded.

**April 23** • 1:28 a.m. Complainant stated that the neighbors were slamming their door constantly, which was very loud. Officer responded.

• 1:36 a.m. Complainant on Mills Ave. reported loud music. Officer responded.

• 4:26 p.m. Complainant reported a businesses door was open. Owner was notified and took care of the problem.

• 5:50 p.m. Complainant reported two horses out on McIntosh Road. Owners were contacted.

• 8:31 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to their residence to speak about a civil matter. Officer referred the complainant to a judge about the situation. 9:49 p.m. Complainant requested officer to his residence to remove unwanted subject from his residence.

**April 24** • 8:25 p.m. Complainant advised that her mother had not returned home from San Angelo. Complainant was worried that something may have happened to her. Subject called later to let the Sheriff's Officer know that the mother was home and everything was all right.

## Beta Sigma Phi Report

Each year on or around April 29, the date of our funding, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority celebrates with a banquet and installation of officers. This year was no different as we met at the Memorial Building on April 24, 2000 to install long time sorority member, Dorothy Clark as our 2000-2001 President. Other members installed to assist her were: Vice President; Linda Lindsey, Treasurer; Kim'et Nelson, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy McCray, Recording Secretary; Mary Jenkins and Extension Officer: Flora Hubble. Before a table covered with white satin the executive Board read the installation ceremony by candlelight.

The dinner table was covered with white lace and the sorority's flower, the yellow rose. Flora Hubble led in grace before dinner. After dinner, catered by Nancy Mc-

Donald, outgoing President Dorothy Dacy welcomed members and guests Barbara Jackson read The Founder's Day Pledge, Kim'et Nelson read The Message from International and Flora Hubble presented awards to Girl of the Year Dorothy Dacy and Program of the Year went to Mary Leigh Dunagan for her program on Phobias.

After the awards Mary Jenkins read the 1999-1000 history and Rosemary Ridgeway announced the 2000-2001 theme "A Diamond Celebration-Our Future Shines". Celebrating The 70th. Anniversary Beta Sigma Phi.

Before the closing ritual secret sister gifts were exchanged with Mary Leigh Dunagan distributing gifts to Members. The new President appointed Dorothy Dacy as Telephone Girl and Barbara Jackson as Sunshine Girl.

## County opts out of health insurance pool

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He advised the court that there are 108 6-12 yr. olds, 40 13-16 yr. olds, and 45 girls signed up to participate in softball. Hill expressed concern for lack of communication between various groups using the county baseball and little league facilities. He proposed that the county consider allowing EYB to serve as schedule keeper, promising that cooperation would become much better if there was a central scheduling agent. The commissioners asked Hill to draft a proposal for their consideration and to present it to the court at a future date.

In a related item, Hill asked for and received permission for EYB to cooperate with the school in an effort to plant grass on the outfield at the high school field. He expressed his appreciation to the court for its continued support of the summer baseball program.

In other business the court acted on a resolution naming Schleicher County Emergency Medical Service as official designated provider for 911 Emergency Medical Service and for ground transportation of persons accessing the E.M.S. The court also approved a resolution naming U.S. Highway 277, from Eagle Pass to San Angelo as its choice of route for the designated Port-to-Plains Corridor highway.

Next, the commissioners okayed the purchase of a \$25,000.00 bond for secretary Lidia Vallejo. A joint meeting with Schleicher County Independent School District, to be held on May 1, 2000 was approved with the agenda for the meeting to be set by Judge Griffin.

Mr. Zesch agreed to be available to employees on Wednesday to answer questions and to advise them regarding available dependent coverage. The new plan is to begin coverage on May 1. The court agreed to pay an additional month's premium to the W.T.R.C.A. pool to ensure that coverage for dependents is extended one additional month to allow employees to investigate other insurance options regarding their families.

The court was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by County Judge Johnny Griffin. The reading of the minutes of the April 10 meeting were waived due to County Clerk Peggy Williams and her deputy being occupied with duties associated with District Court being in session. Commissioners present included Johnny Mayo, Ross Whitten, Steve Minor and Bill Clark.

David Hill, representing Eldorado Youth Baseball (EYB) met with the court to about projected participation in this year's program.

The court then approved a draft of a letter to Leggett Flying Services regarding various insurance coverages related to operations at the local airport.

A brief discussion followed regarding the possibility of the county joining a lawsuit against West Texas Rural Counties Association's health insurance pool. No action was taken on the matter, but Judge Griffin is to meet with James Kosub, attorney for the association, and with the pool's administrator this week in hopes of assessing the county's possible liability in a potential court case.

Before adjourning, the commissioners agreed to paying current bills, approved the quarterly investment reports and reviewed of the county's fund balances. There being no further business the court adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



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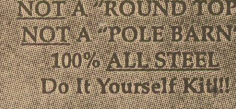
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**Scientifically inclined** — EHS student Kayla Case will be joined by her mother and science teacher, Angela Case, at the 40th Annual Texas Energy Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin.

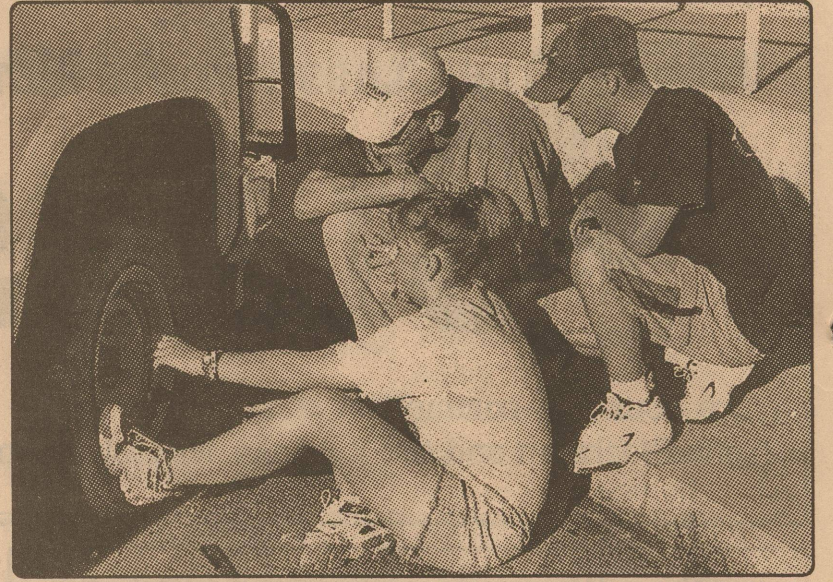
## Mother-daughter team to attend Energy Science Symposium

Eldorado High School student, Kayla Case and mother and science teacher, Angela Case, have been chosen to attend the 40th Annual Texas Energy Science Symposium at the University of Texas in Austin, June 6-9, 2000.

The Symposium is jointly sponsored by the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas. West Texas Utilities Company is one of the sponsoring companies in the Foundation and will pay all expenses for 50 students and teachers from their service area.

Kayla and Mrs. Case will be among 400 outstanding high school science students and teachers throughout the state attending the sessions in Austin. Participants will tour some of the finest scientific facilities available and attend lectures and workshops conducted by leading professionals in the scientific field.

According to WTU area business manager, Sharon Tinsley, "the symposium is a chance for WTU to help students and teachers learn more about science and energy outside the classroom."



**Changing a tire** — Brian Brownlow's Driver's Education students learned how to change a flat tire last week. Pictured above are (clockwise from front) Brandy Davis, J.L. Mankin and David Doran.

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The check amounts were determined by a formula, established by the Texas Department of Health, based on the amount spent on unreimbursed indigent health care in the previous year.

The funds are from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1988, and are separate from the \$15.3 billion settlement between tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million

was set aside for payments in 1999-2001. The 1999 payment totaled \$300 million.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the Comptroller's office will distribute \$50 million in April 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion was set aside in an untouchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

## Lamar Smith praises plan for improved rural phone service in Schleicher Co.

Congressman Lamar Smith Friday called an announcement by GTE that it will upgrade telephone service to about 1,200 of its customers in rural Texas "most welcome news that will finally allow those residents access to the digital age."

"It's time for the digital divide to come down," Congressman Smith said, referring to the fact that many rural telephone customers do not have fax and Internet services that

other Americans take for granted.

GTE officials announced at a meeting Thursday night that their customers in the Eldorado area exchange who are served by "radio Phones" will be provided state-of-the-art technology by the end of 2002 that will allow them to connect with the Internet, operate fax machines, and use other services that require telecommunications connections. The outdated technology of the current system made such connections impossible.

Smith praised GTE for its \$20 million commitment to improved service and the Texas Public Utility Commission, which pushed for the improvements.

All radio phone customers served by GTE's exchanges in the Junction, Llano, Mason, Menard and Sterling City exchanges will also be upgraded during the next three years.

Congressman Smith, who met earlier this week with his constituents in the area, said the outdated telephone service currently provided to many rural residents has unfairly restricted their ability to operate businesses from their homes that require Internet access and fax capabilities. He also noted that students, many of them the children of area ranchers, were hampered by limited telecommunications service.

## Focus on the Family

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### Homework in Elementary School Is Asking Too Much of Kids

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**DR. DOBSON:** Having written several books on discipline and being on the record as an advocate of reasonable parental authority, my answer may surprise you: I believe homework for young children can be counterproductive if it is not handled very carefully.

Little kids are asked to sit for six or more hours a day doing formal classwork. Then many of them take a tiring bus ride home, and guess what? They're placed at a desk and told to do more assignments. For active, fun-loving youngsters, that is asking too much. Learning for them becomes an enormous bore instead of the exciting panorama that it should be.

I remember a mother coming to see me because her son was struggling in a tough private school. "He has about five hours of homework per night," she said. "How can I make him want to do it?"

"Are you kidding?" I told his mother. "I wouldn't do that much homework!"

Upon investigation, I found that the elementary school that he attended vigorously denied giving him that many assignments. Or rather, the school didn't give the other students that much work. It did expect the slower boys and girls to complete the assignments they didn't get done in the classroom each day, in addition to the regularly assigned homework. For the plodders like this youngster, that meant up to five hours of work nightly. There was no escape from books throughout their entire day. What a mistake!

Excessive homework during the elementary school years also has the potential of interfering with family life. In our home, we were trying to do many things with the limited time we had together. I wanted our kids to participate in church activities, have some family time, and still be able to kick back and waste an hour or two. Children need opportunities for unstructured play — swinging on the swings and playing with basketballs.

Yet by the time their homework was done, darkness had fallen and dinnertime had arrived. Then baths were taken and off they went to bed. Something didn't feel right about that kind of pace. That's why I negotiated with our children's teachers, agreeing that they would complete no more than one hour per night of supervised homework. It was enough!

Homework also generates a considerable amount of stress for parents. Their kids either won't do the assignments or they get tired and whine about it. Tensions build and angry words fly. I'm also convinced that child abuse occurs at that point for some children. When my wife, Shirley, was teaching the second grade, one little girl came to school with both eyes black and swollen. She said her father had beaten her because she couldn't learn her spelling words. That is illegal now, but it was tolerated then. The poor youngster will remember those beatings for a lifetime and will always think of herself as "stupid."

Then there are the parents who do the assignments for their kids just to get them over the hump. Have you ever been guilty of doing that? Shame on you! More specifically, have you ever worked for two weeks on a fifth-

grade geography project for your 11-year-old — and then learned later that you got a C on it? That's the ultimate humiliation!

In short, I believe homework in elementary school should be extremely limited. It is appropriate for learning multiplication tables, spelling words and test review. It is also helpful in training kids to remember assignments, bring books home and complete them as required. But to load them down night after night with monotonous bookwork is to invite educational burnout.

In junior high classes, perhaps two hours of homework per night should be the maximum. In high school, those students who are preparing for college must handle more work. Even then, however, the load should be reasonable. Education is a vitally important part of our children's lives, but it is only one part. Balance between these competing objectives is the key word.

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