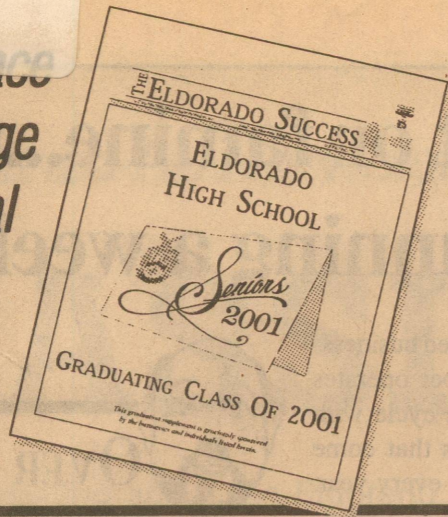


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## McCravey & Newman win State doubles championship

### Beach & Redish claim Silver Medal in all EHS final

Kayla McCravey and Gentry Newman defeated teammates Lindsay Beach and Christina Redish Tuesday in the girls doubles final match at the State Tennis Tournament in Austin. McCravey and Newman won 6-2 and 6-4 in a hard fought contest that saw the momentum swing back and forth more than once.

Both teams advanced through the tournament bracket after dispatching opponents in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. Beach and Redish defeated Rachael Thompson and Martie Thompson of Gilmer Harmony 6-2 6-1 in the quarterfinal round. Then they beat Aly Fox and Brittany Tapaj of Port Aransas 6-2 6-2 to advance to the final match.

McCravey and Newman defeated Kylie Tonn and Angela Greger of Rosebud-Lott 6-1 6-2 in their quarterfinal match. In the semifinal round they beat Sydney Zadow and Shelby Zadow of Van Alstyne 6-1 6-1 before defeating teammates Beach and Redish in the final match.

Although both teams breezed through the bracket on the way to the final round, the all Eldorado final match very nearly didn't happen. That because state tournament officials at first placed both Eldorado teams on the same side of the bracket. Coach Matt Rutherford protested the unprecedented pairings and quickly found himself allied with coaches from Sabinal, Dallas Highland Park and San Antonio Alamo Heights, whose players had been treated similarly.

After hearing the four coaches' requests, UIL officials relented and redrew the brackets so that doubles teams or singles players would not face their teammates until the final round. Eldorado was the only school to benefit from the ruling, however, as the other three schools saw at least one of their entries fall in the opening round.

Coach Matt Rutherford expressed his pride in both teams. "Both of these teams are awesome," Rutherford stated. "And they have both benefited from having each other to practice against. It's a tennis coach's dream."

The victory made history as McCravey and Newman became the first Eldorado girls doubles team to claim a state championship. It also served notice to the rest of the state that Eldorado's recent dominance in the sport is far from slipping. Although McCravey and Beach are graduating this year, Newman is a junior and Redish is a sophomore. They will be returning, of course. So will a

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PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN

**Cream of the crop** — The two best girls doubles teams in Texas call Eldorado home. They are shown above posing with their coach after an all Eldorado final in the 2A conference of the State UIL Tennis Tournament. They are (L-R) State Champions Gentry Newman and Kayla McCravey, Coach Matt Rutherford, and Silver Medalists Lindsay Beach and Christina Redish. The inset photos show action from the finals match Tuesday when the two teams fought it out for the State Championship Match.

## Natural gas pipeline explosion rocks southwest Schleicher County

What many Eldoradoans first mistook for thunder last Friday turned out to be a pipeline fire some 18 miles southwest of town. Calls flooded the Schleicher County Sheriff's office last Friday afternoon, as people reported hearing a low and rumbling roar. Others, particularly those with an unobstructed view, noticed a column of flames on the horizon. A few, who happened to be looking in the direction of the X-Bar Ranch at the moment the fire ignited, witnessed

a bright yellow fireball.

What everyone saw and heard was an explosion and fire resulting from a breach in a 20-inch diameter pipeline belonging to El Paso Natural Gas. Normally, the pipeline transports natural gas at 700 pounds of pressure per square inch of pressure.

The first calls were received at 5:50 p.m. and units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene. Schleicher County Sheriff's De-

partment personnel and Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Robert Bybee also responded to the call.

Deputy David Olivian was the first to arrive at the roaring fire, which was about two hundred yards east of FM 2129 near a compressor station. Olivian and Bybee quickly blocked the highway to prevent traffic from passing the blaze that at the time was climbing hundreds of feet into the air.

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## Bybee wins reelection to City Council

Eldorado City Councilman Robert Bybee was reelected Saturday by voters in City Council Ward #1. He defeated challenger Jim Nance by a 19-2 margin. The race was the only contested election in the county as hospital district, and school trustee races were cancelled when only one candidate filed to run for each available seat.

The Eldorado City Council consists of six council members, elected from 3 wards with two members serving each ward. They are elected for two-year terms that are staggered so that only one council member is elected in a given ward each year. The council is presided over by a mayor, elected at large once every two years.

John Nikolauk serves as mayor. Council members are: Ward #1 Robert Bybee and Sherry Lux; Ward #2 Richard Mendez and Toni Sudduth; and Ward #3 Dora Bosmans and Tommy Minor.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Gold Medal Winner** — BreeAnne Davis displayed the Gold Medal she won in Spelling and Vocabulary at the UIL State Academic Meet in Austin on Saturday.

## BreeAnne Davis wins State Spelling title

How do you spell champion? Well, among the elite spellers in the state it's spelled, BreeAnne Davis. At the UIL State Academic Meet in Austin last Saturday, the EHS senior bested a field of 19 to claim the State 2A title in Spelling and Vocabulary.

Davis scored 98 of a possible 100 points on the test. She edged out Stephen Kiepke of Big Sandy who scored 97 points to finish in 2nd Place. Will Srubar of East Bernard and Jon Teer of Salado tied for 3rd Place at 96 points. Justin Ibanez of Groveton was 5th and Meagan Mills of Post placed 6th. EHS English teacher Linda Thomas, who was Davis' coach this year, employed several techniques to ready her student for the contest. One was a CD-Rom based computer program.

The regimen worked as Davis

scored a perfect 100 at the District 2-2A contest then notched up a 96 at the Regional Meet before advancing to State.

Once in Austin, Davis faced a three-part spelling and vocabulary test. One part of the test had the students proofreading a list of words and selecting the misspelled ones. A multiple choice vocabulary test made up the second portion of the test with students being required to provide an accurate account and analysis of each word.

In the third section of the test Davis spelled 70 words spoken by a "pronouncer" who called off one word every 12 seconds.

After graduating later this month, Davis plans to attend West Texas A&M University at Canyon where she will study music education. She is the daughter of David and Tammy Davis of Eldorado.



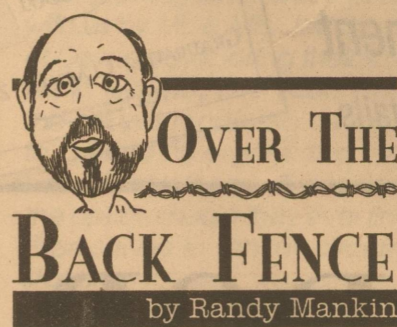
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Hot - Hot - Hot** — Viewed from nearly a mile away, the flames of a pipeline fire last Friday are shown climbing more than a hundred feet into the air. The blaze was caused after a 20-inch diameter pipeline belonging to El Paso Natural Gas ruptured and exploded. The blaze, which occurred on the X Bar Ranch, 18 miles southwest of Eldorado, was allowed to burn itself out after pipeline valves were closed, shutting off the supply of gas to the fire.





# Feast or famine...the problem with running a weekly newspaper



Like most established businesses, a weekly newspaper operates in a fairly predictable cycle with lots of routine stories that come around the same time every year. Sometimes, the cycle is so predictable that it seems as if we're running on auto-pilot. Then there are weeks like this week, when nothing is routine and the cycle goes out the window.

Our week doesn't begin on Monday, instead it starts on Thursday, as soon as the previous week's Success is on the street. That's when we start working on the following week's paper.

Last Thursday began with a bang when a couple of burglaries were reported to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. In one of the break-ins, the thief made off with a box containing 500

multi-colored condoms and a batch of birth control pills.

Later that day, the Eagles baseball team was in San Angelo to play Reagan County in the playoffs. The Eagles dropped the first game of a 3-game series but came back to win the second, thereby forcing a third game in Sonora on Saturday night.

Then, along with most of Eldorado, I tuned in to watch the finale of the TV show "Survivor." I'll admit that I was disappointed when Colby Donaldson finished in 2nd Place, but I was proud of how he played the game and of how well he represented Texas to the world.

It was at about this point that I began telling myself there would be plenty of front page news for this week's paper. If I had only known.

Friday afternoon, heavy rains blanketed the region. Some folks in the southwest part of the county reported as much as 3 inches. Then, just as the storms moved on, a pipeline explosion rocked the area and the resulting fireball was visible all the way to Eldorado. Since the fire that ensued was very near FM 2129, emergency crews

kept the road blocked until the pipeline valves could be closed and the fire burned itself out. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

While covering the fire, I had the opportunity to visit with EHS tennis coach Matt Rutherford. He updated me on a story we had printed in last week's paper. It seems he complained to the right people after officials at the State Tennis Tournament in Austin had placed both of Eldorado's girls doubles team on the same side of the tourney bracket. The officials relented and the mistake was corrected. That would allow both our teams to advance through the bracket until they faced one another in the State Finals. All of that being contingent, of course on the teams of Kayla McCravy & Gentry Newman and Lindsay Beach and Christina Redish winning their respective matches. Well, stay tuned, I'll get back to this one in a moment.

Before the pipeline fire was extinguished came word that a pilot, flying from Crane to Bronte was forced to land at the Eldorado Airport by the aforementioned storms. The problem was that the local runway still isn't complete. The pilot made it down, okay, but he bogged his Cessna down in the mud and it had to be pushed out by hand. Dee Jay Garvin saw the man's dilemma and helped move the plane onto paved ground.

On Saturday, EHS senior Bree-Anne Davis won the 2A State

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## Senator says state's tax system 'starving the Texas dream'

AUSTIN - When a lawmaker makes a speech in his home district, he usually paints pretty word pictures.

But when El Paso Sen. Eliot Shapleigh spoke to the Texas Associated Press Managing Editor's Association in his hometown recently, he focused on the reality of the situation along the Texas border. The picture is far from pretty.

He said Texas' 22 border counties, from El Paso to Cameron, amount to a third-world country. Combined per capita income in those counties, he said, is 33 percent lower than cash poor Mississippi's.

Problems along the border

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



range from low college graduation rates to lack of transportation infrastructure. He didn't even mention the poverty-ridden colonias scattered up and down the river.

The solution, he said, is a major revision of Texas' tax system.

While careful not to directly advocate a state income tax, the Democratic senator said the state must study ways to better provide for the needs of its citizens.

"The plain fact," he told the ed-

itors, "is our tax system is frugally and efficiently starving the Texas dream."

#### Fond memories

Most of us never forget that first kiss or the first car.

To drive that first car, however, you need a driver's license. Having a driver's license even plays a role in many a first kiss.

For years, when you turned 16, if you had taken a driver's education course and a certified behind-the-wheel course and could pass the test, you got a driver's license.

For teenagers these days, it's not that simple. And from their point of view, it may get worse.

From the perspective of safety-minded adults, a graduated licensing bill approved by the House is good news.

Newly licensed 16 or 17-year-olds would not be able to drive after 11 p.m. or before 5 a.m. without an adult in the car. The only exceptions are going to or from school or a medical emergency. That, of course, will play havoc with teenage romance.

But it also should impact teenage drinking and driving and the late-night cruising that often is a destination to trouble.

Though only 5.5 percent of Texas' licensed drivers are teenagers, their age group accounts for nearly 20 percent of the traffic fatalities logged each year in the state.

The sober truth is that the crash rate for 16-year-old drivers is 1.5 times higher than it is for 17-year-olds and three times higher than it is for 18 and 19-year-olds, still hardly the most safety minded members of society.

Forty-three other states have some form of graduated licensing law on the books. All have enjoyed reductions in teenage traffic fatalities involving 16-year-olds. Michigan, for instance, saw a 35 percent decline in traffic deaths from that vulnerable age group.

The version passed recently in the House is even stronger than the Senate version. Similar bills have come up before, but never gotten this far down the legislative road.

#### Gambling headed off at the pass

A bill that would legalize gambling on three Indian reservations in Texas passed the House, as reported last week, but it looks like it's still not going to get off the reservation.

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff has said the bill will not be debated in the Senate.

"I am adamantly opposed to casino gambling anywhere in the state of Texas," Ratliff said earlier this month.



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### The Voice From Ding Dong

Ding Dong is in Bell County. Where else, for goodness sake?

"Two brothers named Bell had a store here," says Ding Dong resident Tony Cleaver. "Those two brothers were named Ding and Dong. That's how the place got its name."

Tony Cleaver has spent a good part of his life in the pulpit, so you're inclined to believe most of what he says. Some of Tony's kin-folks say the place was named Ding Dong after Tony got there and was named for him. Tony has some cats.

"I think Six is back. Five is my lead cat and my new cat is Seven. I don't name my cats. I number them."

For a hobby and supplemental income, Tony creates sawdust. He actually makes and repairs furniture in his well-equipped shop near his house, which he calls Hallelujah House. "My wife's parents live with us and we laugh a lot."

He gets up early, way before sunrise. "I think it's genetic. My parents got up early and I think it was passed along to me in the genes. But I go to bed early. About 9 o'clock."

Tony taught elementary school for awhile, now is the counselor in the school at Florence, just down the road a piece. He likes to sit on his front porch with a cup of coffee at dawn.

"That's the best time to think, to read, to write, to meditate and just enjoy being in Ding Dong. When it's a full moon, you can see a lot of deer. The man who lives

above me and the man who lives below me feed deer. I don't feed them. But one morning I was out here and saw a white deer. I thought I had some real bad coffee. I didn't believe what I saw until I talked to my neighbor and he said yep, that's an albino deer. So I went back to drinking coffee."

Tony is a retired Army Chaplain. He teaches a Sunday School class at a nearby nursing home and occasionally does some preaching.

"I was a preacher, but always wanted to be a minister. Ministers make more money."

He spends a lot of time in his shop, using some of the tools his grandfather used. His son helped build the shop. "Right now I'm working on a table for a short lady. I'm trying to make the table low enough so that when she sits down she can be comfortable. The legs are from an old sewing machine. I'm trying to put a top on it and make it sort of fancy with one of those sliding computer drawers under it. That's my current project."

He says doing physical work in his shop makes him think. He writes for some religious publications. A recent article was about things you don't find in a church bulletin. For instance: "We had to get new offering plates because the other ones were too small. People were just giving too much money."

Here's another: "The parking lot had to have extra personnel to help people find a parking place because of the overflow crowds."

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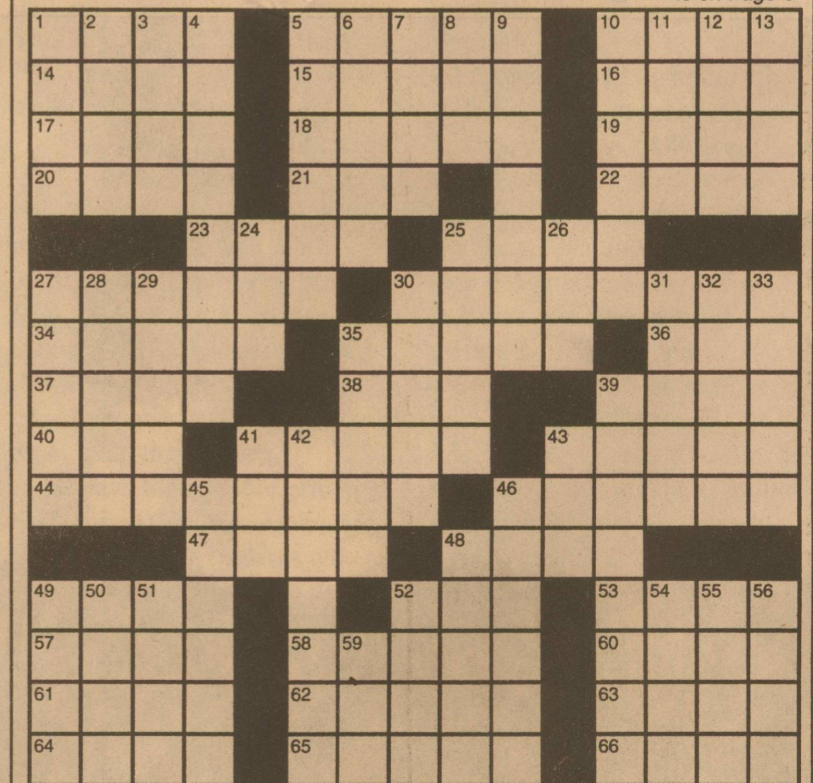
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# OBITUARIES

## Monica Elena Hernandez

SAN ANGELO — Monica Elena Hernandez, 23, of Miles died Sunday, May 6, 2001, in Eldorado. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Shaffer Funeral Home Pioneer Chapel.

Survivors include her daughter, Alexis Nicole, her mother, Peggy Hernandez Satterwhite, her brothers, Marcos David Hernandez and Nicholas Hernandez, and her sister, Amanda Hernandez, all of San Angelo.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Just read bout the overturned pickup south of town. In the April 19th issue of the Success. Reminded me of something I did a long time ago, I was about 16 or 17 I think, And had been down to Sonora lookin' for girls. Don't know why it was that the Eldorado boys went to Sonora looking for girls and the Sonora boys came to Eldorado, Greener pasture syndrome I guess, there were nice girls in both places.

Anyway on my way back from Sonora about 11 or 12 o'clock in my 29 Model A Ford, the lights went out. I thought I could make it back in the dark (no moon). Didn't get far though, ran out in the bar ditch and turned it over on the right side. Was kinda lucky though,

there was a big pile of sand the road workers had left and it landed on top of that and didn't do any damage at all. I stood around a while and some people came by and helped set it back on its wheels. I got back in and went to sleep and waited till daylight to go home.

Now some more about looking for girls in other towns, I and my to good buddies, Farris and Lester Nixon went to Menard not too long after that and found a family that had 7 daughters We wound up marrying 3 of them. Each of us thought we got the best one. I guess Lester won though cause his Leota is the only one left. My Dora Lee died from cancer in 1984 at age 64, Farris' wife Margaret went a couple of years later and Lester's Leota is still here.

Robert Mather  
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Mrs. Rex Howard Simmonds

## Edmiston - Simmonds are wed

Shanna Dell Edmiston and Rex Howard Simmonds were married April 28, 2001, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Grosse Mohler officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Max Edmiston of Mertzon and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Simmonds of Giddings.

Maid of honor was Errin Martin of Lubbock. Bridal attendants were Lindsey Edmiston of Del Rio and sisters of the bridegroom, Cody Simmonds of College Station and Jackie Simmonds of San

Angelo. Best man was Tom Wright of San Antonio.

Ushers were brothers of the bride, Carter Edmiston of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Justin Edmiston of Del Rio.

The bride is a graduate of Eldorado High School. She received an associate's degree in nursing from Angelo State University. She is a registered nurse and is employed by Dr. Don Lewis.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Giddings High School and attended Texas A&M University. He received a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Angelo State University. He is self-employed.

After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, Nev., the couple will live in San Angelo.



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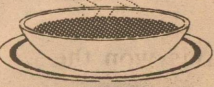
**New nurse —** Kerry and Debbie Joy are proud to announce the upcoming graduation of their daughter Carmen Preston from Angelo State University on Friday, May 11, 2001 with an associates degree of Applied Science in Nursing.

## Junction Pro Rodeo Starts This Friday

Make plans to attend the Fourth Annual PRCA Twist-Off 2001 Pro Rodeo this week-end, May 11, 12 and 13 in Junction. The event, sponsored by the Hill Country Fair Association, promises fun and entertainment for the whole family. This year's rodeo, produced by the Terry Walls Rodeo Company, is gearing up to be the best ever. The competition will feature team roping, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, bareback riding, steer wrestling and bull riding. Added money for this years' rodeo is \$10,800. Performances will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Hill Country Fairgrounds.

In addition to action packed rodeo performances, bull fighting clowns will provide laughs and entertainment while watching out for contestants' safety. There will also be a bicycle giveaway each day. Everyone is invited to celebrate Mother's Day by bringing moms to the Sunday performance. Mothers will be admitted free with a ticket from the previous nights' rodeo. There will also be a drawing for a Mother's Day prize. Dancing under the stars begins at 9 p.m. Friday night after the rodeo. Jeff Weber and the Usual Suspects, will provide the dance music until midnight at the HCFA outdoor pavilion. Saturday's after-the-rodeo dance features the music of West Texas band R.U. Redy until 1 a.m. For more information, contact the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce at 915-446-3190.

## Meals for Friends Menu



### Monday, May 14

Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Juice, Milk

### Tuesday May 15

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### Wednesday May 16

Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad, Milk, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing

### Thursday May 17

Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sw. Potatoes w/ Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk

### Friday May 18

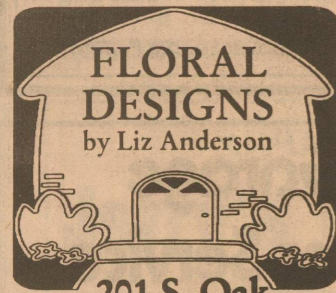
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana, Milk

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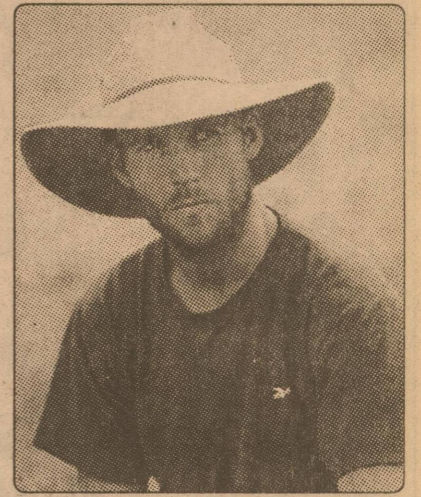
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## Colby Donaldson wins \$100,000 for second place Survivor finish

Christoval native Colby Donaldson made it to the final two on the CBS television show Survivor II last Thursday night but could not claim the show's \$1 million top prize. After winning the last immunity challenge and the right to name which of the remaining two challengers he would face in the final showdown vote, Colby opted to keep Tina Wesson in the game and voted Keith Famie out of the tribe.

Up to that point Donaldson's strategic approach to the game had been flawless. But, Tina proved more popular with the show's jury, a group of seven ex-survivors, each of whom had been voted out of the game by those remaining.

Colby didn't go away empty-handed, however, he received a \$100,000.00 second prize and is



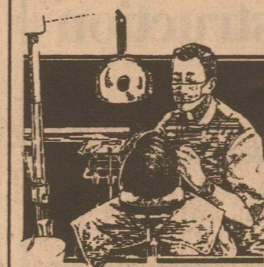
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Colby Donaldson

rumored to have several advertising deals in the works.

Colby's great aunt, Dorothy Harris of Eldorado, said she was proud of how he had played the game and noted he had represented West Texas very well.

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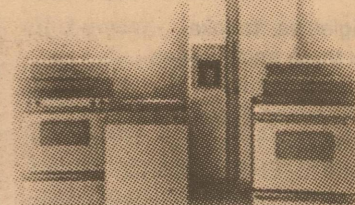
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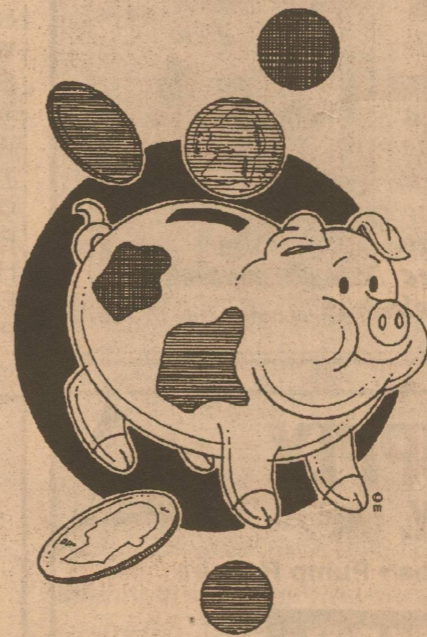


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Safe at third — Jimmy Aguilar slid in under the tag to reach third base safely last Thursday during the 2nd game of a three game series against Reagan County. The Eagles took 2 games from the Owls to win the Bi-District title.

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White Sox	4	0
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Tigers	1	3
All games rained out		

Eagles vs. Tahoka  
in a three game series  
Friday & Saturday  
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in Midland  
Game 1...EHS 1 RCHS 2  
Game 2...EHS 10 RCHS 2  
Game 3...EHS 11 RCHS 6

Eldorado Youth Baseball		
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All games rained out		



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## Eagles nine take 2 from Reagan Co. to claim bi-district crown

### Warbirds will face Bulldogs in 3-game series for Area Championship

By David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles are Bi-District Champions after taking a 2 of 3 series from the Reagan County Owls last Thursday and Saturday in San Angelo then Sonora. By virtue of the win, Eldorado will be taking on Tahoka in Midland this Friday and Saturday in another best of 3 series for the Area Championship.

Eldorado played the first two

games in San Angelo last Thursday and it was two different teams that showed up to play. Unfortunately for Reagan County, the team in game two hung around till Saturday and finished off the series.

RCHS took the first game 2 to 1. Big Lake held the Eagles to only one hit in the contest as Ramon Ray Barajas got a single and eventually scored. Manuel Hernandez took the hill for the Eagles and pitched a great game only giving up 4 hits and 3 K's. EHS had 3 errors in the game.

In game two, Eldorado saw Reagan County score a run in the top of the first and it would be the only time the Eagles would trail in the contest. EHS scored 3 in the second, 5 in the third, and 2 in the sixth to get the 10 to 2 victory.

Mike Adame took the mound for EHS and went the distance giving up 1 hit and striking out 6. Mike had a great game for the Eagles.

Offensively, Barajas, Rocky

Robles, Jason Brock (2), Hernandez, and Adame all had singles. Johnny Arispe had a triple.

Game three was played in Sonora under the lights on Saturday night. Once again, just as in San Angelo, Eldorado had a great crowd on hand to support the Eagles. Eldorado finished off the series with an 11 to 6 victory and the Bi-District Championship.

Eldorado came out quick in the first inning after RCHS got 2 in their half of the inning, EHS scored 4. The Eagles then got 1 in the second, 3 in the third, 1 in the fourth, and 2 in the fifth for the win.

Offensively for the Eagles, Will Robledo went 4 for 4 with 2 singles, a double, and a triple. Barajas, Robles, and Brock all had singles in the game.

Mike Adame, Homer Hernandez, and Manuel Hernandez all pitched for the Eagles.

"These guys just tried to hit the ball too hard in game one," Co

Ronnie Molina said after the series. "Once we relaxed, and started doing the things that they know how to do, we got our wins. Manuel pitched a good game in game 1 we just couldn't get him any support. Mike did well in game 2 and the entire staff combined for game 3. Manuel came in and closed them out."

Eldorado will take on Tahoka tomorrow night in Midland at 7 p.m. in the Area round. Eldorado has never advanced past the second round of the playoffs in baseball. Tahoka had a bye last week as they came out first in their district. Coach Molina and Mitchel scouted them in Lubbock on Monday and Molina stated, "We should match up with them very well." Game 2 of the series will be played on Saturday at 1 p.m., with game 3 (if needed) to follow 30 minutes afterwards. Make the trip to Midland and support these student athletes in their playoff run!

## School Lunch Menu



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**Tuesday, May 15**  
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**Wednesday, May 16**  
Chicken Fajitas/Tortillas, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, White Cake/Icing

**Thursday, May 17**  
Steak Fingers/Gravy Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Cherry Cobbler

**Friday, May 18**  
Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding/Topping

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**Tuesday, May 15**  
Grape Juice, Hot Oatmeal, Toast/Jelly

**Wednesday, May 16**  
Sliced Peaches, Waffles/Syrup

**Thursday, May 17**  
Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast

**Friday, May 18**  
Apple Sauce, Blueberry Muffins, Cheese of Cereal

**Fast Food Line**  
**Monday, May 14**  
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Apple Sauce Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, May 15**  
Fish Sandwiches/Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Cherry Crunch Cake

**Wednesday, May 16**  
Sausage and Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, White Cake/Icing

**Thursday, May 17**  
Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts

**Friday, May 18**  
Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding/Topping

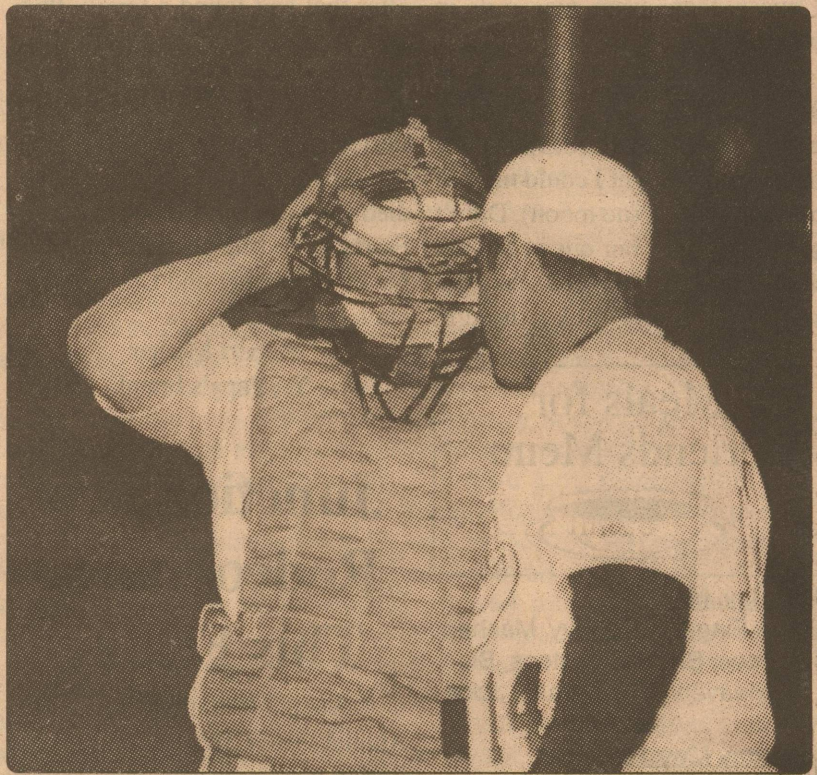
## Gold & Silver at State Tennis

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bevy of other players, many of whom saw success at the district and regional tournaments.

EHS is also the reigning State Champion in Team Tennis, a sport that dovetails nicely with the more traditional singles and doubles format and is especially helpful in developing younger talent.

This all means that the future of tennis in Eldorado is bright and glittering, much like the shiny silver and gold medals won in Austin this week.



Keep it high and inside — Coach Ronnie Molina gave instructions to Eagles catcher Rocky Robles during Saturday night's game against Reagan County. The Eagles won the game 11-6 to take the Bi-District series.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## Golf Club hosts 1-Person Select Shot Tournament

1 Person Select Shot Tournament was held April 28 and 29th Championship Flight Saturday:

1st Place Score -57 Sterling Abbott; 2nd Place Score -58 Andy Gonzalez; 3rd Place Score -61 Ed Price; 4th Place Score -61 Moises Hill

Championship Flight Sunday: 1st Place Score -59 Richard Gonzales; 2nd Place Score -59; 3rd Place Score -59 Sterling Abbott; 4th Place Score -61 Moises Hill

Presidents Flight Saturday: 1st Place Score -61 Kirk Griffin; 2nd Place Score -61; 3rd Place Score -64 Jeffery Jost; 4th Place Score -64 Robert Hernandez

Presidents Flight Sunday: 1st Place Score -60 Jeffery Jost; 2nd Place Score -62 Robert Hernandez; 3rd Place Score -63 Emil Jost; 4th Place Score -64 Richie Cravens

1st Flight Saturday:

1st Place Score -63 Chuck Bailey; 2nd Place Score -65 Bub Bailey; 3rd Place Score -66 Bill Wells; 4th Place Score -66 Rocky Valdez

1st Flight Sunday:

1st Place Score -60 Bub Bailey; 2nd Place Score -63 Brooks Blair; 3rd Place Score -64 Sam Henderson; 4th Place Score -65 Clint Griffin

2nd Flight Saturday:

1st Place Score -64 Phil McCormick; 2nd Place Score -66 Monty Jones; 3rd Place Score -66 Hunter Preston; 4th Place Score -69 CR Sproul

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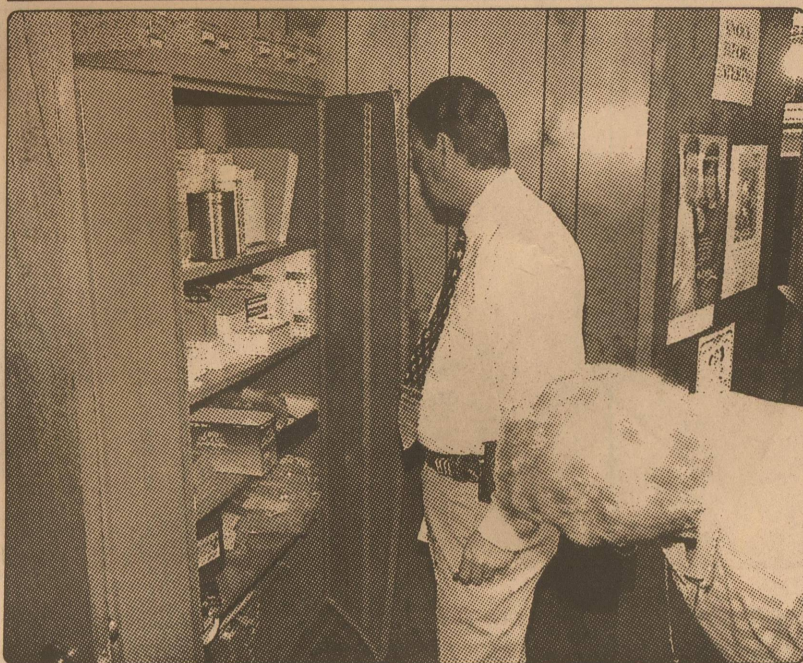


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**Burglary investigation** — Sheriff David Doran and Resource Center Director Patsy Kellogg survey the damage after a burglar ransacked the center office last Thursday. A second burglary at the Eldorado Golf Club was reported later in the day. Both incidents remain under investigation.

## Thief grabs 500 condoms in burglary at Resource Center

A burglar gained access to the Schleicher County Community Resource Center last Thursday by prying open the facility's back door. Once inside the thief broke into several locked drawers and cabinet doors. Taken in the burglary were a box of 500 Lifestyle brand multi-colored condoms, an assortment of birth control pills as well as prenatal vitamins, more than \$20 in coins as well as soft drinks and candy.

Resource Center director Patsy Kellogg discovered the break-in when she arrived to open the office and reported it to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff David Doran, who investigated the theft, reports that almost every locking file cabinet drawer and cabinet drawer had been damaged by the burglar in an attempt to open them. At press time, the incident remains under investigation.

That same day, a second bur-

glary was reported at the golf course. Sheriff Doran reports the front door to the club house had been jimmied and that several golf gloves and numerous boxes of golf balls had been taken. Also, an undisclosed amount of cash had been taken from an exterior lock box where green fees are deposited.

The sheriff notes that the two break-ins were very similar. He said that in both cases cabinet doors and storage drawers were pried open, resulting in considerable damage.

He further explained that it is not unusual for thieves to boast about their exploits to friends or relatives. Sheriff Doran asked that all citizens keep this in mind and report anything they hear concerning these two cases. Also, anyone who sees any of the stolen merchandise described above should immediately notify the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 853-2737.

## Medical examiner rules Miles woman died of natural causes

Monica Elena Hernandez, 23, of Miles, was found dead in the Sofge Apartments in Eldorado early Sunday morning. After apparent bruising on the woman's body caused investigators to begin asking questions, they learned that Hernandez had been in a fight in San Angelo the day before and that she had traveled to Eldorado to stay with a friend.

Although Hernandez was reportedly suffering from health

problems, the circumstances surrounding her death prompted Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle to order her body be sent to the Bexar County Medical Examiner's office for an autopsy. On Monday, the Medical Examiner ruled that the woman had died of natural causes.

After receiving the news, Sheriff David Doran said that there would be no further investigation into the woman's death.

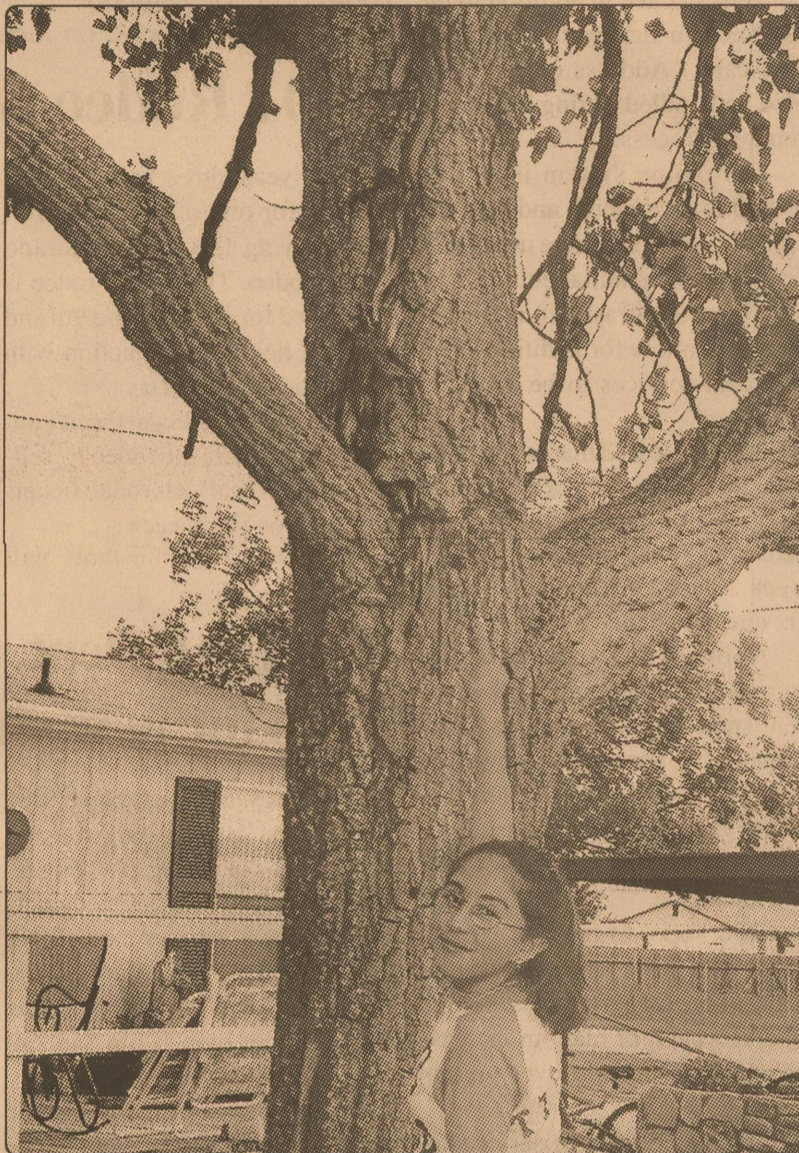


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**It hit right there** — Tiffany Hernandez points out where lightning struck during a storm on Monday, splitting a tree in the yard of her grandparents, George and Annie Arispe.

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## Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

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1st Place Score 57; Cy Griffin, Danny Halbert, Tommy Hunley and Joe Garza

2nd Place Score 59; Barry Lane, Howard Ledbetter, Su Scott and Albert Torres

3rd Place Score 59; Curtis Griffin, Mario Robles, Scott Edmondson, Jim Kosub and Nancy Lester.

Score card play off for 2nd and 3rd place.

Get your team together for the 2 person Select Shot Tournament on May 12th. Tee times 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call Tom or Branda Gray at 853-24884

Next Play Day will be June 3rd.

A special "Thank you" to Su Scott for working the Play Day for me, I was a little "out of pocket" It's great to have friends who will take over for you, I do appreciate it.

## Jim Bass to host annual Child Safety Day in San Angelo

Jim Bass Ford-Honda-Mazda will once again host Child Safety Day. The event will take place on May 19, 2001 at 2902 Sherwood Way, hours for the event are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Parents can bring their children in to receive free Kid Care Photo ID's performed by the San Angelo Police Department, Fire Prevention Information and Fire Truck and Ambulance Display, Seat Belt Safety information, Bicycle safety information, Poison Control as well as Infant Seat Checks and

giveaways.

Hotdogs, cokes, balloons and prizes will also be available. Over 500 children participated in the Kid Care ID event last year.

**High School Awards Assembly**  
Monday, May 14  
2:00 p.m.

**Spring Sports Awards**  
High School Auditorium  
Monday, May 14,  
6:00 p.m.

**Spring Band Concert**  
Tuesday, May 15  
High School Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.

**SCISD Staff Appreciation**  
Thursday, May 17th  
Ag Barn  
7:00 p.m.

**Baccalaureate**  
Sunday, May 20  
7:00 p.m.  
High School Auditorium

**Graduation**  
Friday, May 25  
8:00 p.m.  
Eagle Stadium

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**Getting ready for Mother's Day** — McKenzie McAngus (L) and Claire Wideman (R) were among a group of Building Blocks Preschool students who toured Cathy's Florist Jewelry & Gifts recently. They learned how to make flower arrangements.

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## Renew your Texas driver's license online, not in line

Computers across the state of Texas have become Driver License offices thanks to the new DPS Express Service.

Texans who qualify can renew their driver licenses and ID cards over the Internet or by telephone, charging the renewal fees to a credit card. (Users are charged a \$1 convenience fee in addition to the fee for their license or identification card.) Address changes can also be handled during the online renewal process.

The online system is secure, available in Spanish and was designed to handle a large number of transactions simultaneously. The systems and infrastructure are designed to allow for additional Department services to be added in the future.

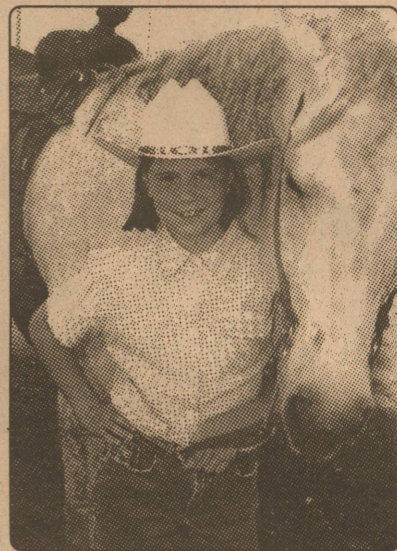
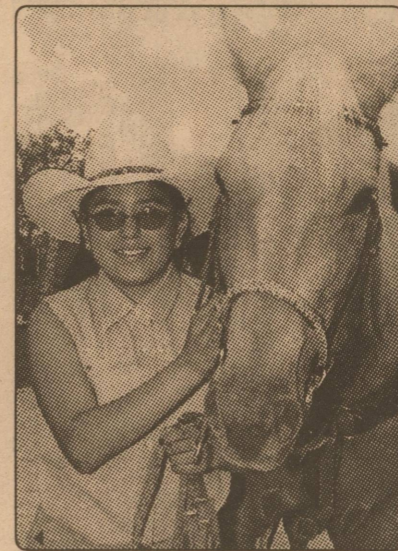
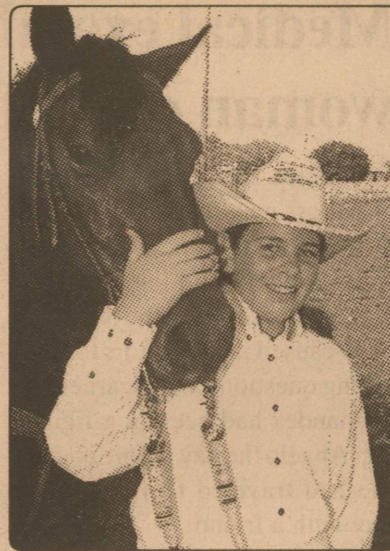
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The online license renewal is located on the DPS web site ([www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us)), as well as the state's e-business Web portal ([www.texasonline.com](http://www.texasonline.com)). Those preferring to renew their driver license or ID over the telephone may call a special toll-free number, 1-866-DLRENEW (357-3639).



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**Cowgirls** — This year's Rodeo Sweetheart candidates are (L-R) Holly Ford, Justina Chance Rodriguez and Tracy Brenner. The young ladies will compete for the title of Rodeo Sweetheart at the Eldorado Open Rodeo on June 8th & 9th.

## 2001 Rodeo Sweetheart contestants named

This year, three young ladies will vie for title of Rodeo Sweetheart during the 2001 Eldorado Open Rodeo. The annual rodeo is scheduled for June 8th and 9th and is being held in conjunction with Schleicher County Days.

One part of the Sweetheart contest is to promote the rodeo by selling tickets. This year rodeo tickets will sell for \$6.00 each.

Each of the contestants will

also have to display their horsemanship abilities.

Among this year's contestants are:

Justina Chance Rodriguez, age 12 is in the 6th grade at Eldorado Middle School. Justina is the daughter of Leo and Sylvia Rodriguez. Justina's horse's name is Blondie and she would like for you to contact her for rodeo tickets at 853-2351.

Tracy Brenner is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at Eldorado Elementary. She is the daughter of Mike and Patsy Brenner. Tracy's horse is named Reno. To purchase tickets from Tracy call 853-4427.

Holly Ford, age 12, is the daughter of Tracy Sauer and Tex Ford. She is a 6th grader at Eldorado Middle School. Holly's pony is named Ranger. To get your rodeo tickets from Holly call 853-3307.

## Texas Ag Dept. sponsors entrepreneurship workshop for new and potential rural business owners

For many, starting or operating a business is challenging and sometimes confusing. To help agriculture-related business owners develop their markets, the Texas Department of Agriculture is hosting a two-part entrepreneurship workshop on June 1-2 in San Angelo and June 22-23 in Dallas.

The first part of the workshop will be June 1-2 at the San Angelo Research and Extension Center, 7887 U.S. Hwy. 87 North, in San Angelo. On Friday, the session will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Individuals

will receive expert practical advice on such topics as product planning, developing and testing; understanding the consumer and retailer; costing; promotion and marketing; and finances and budget management.

The second part of the workshop will be June 22-23 at the TDA North Texas Regional Office, 1720 Regal Row, Suite 118, in Dallas. On Friday, the session will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. It will include tours of the Dallas International Gift and Gourmet Market during market time as well as presentations by industry leaders on addressing competitor, competition strategies and marketing avenues through a direct contact approach.

"This is a great opportunity for business owners to network one-on-one with buyers to learn what they are looking for as well as to possibly close some deals," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

For more information or to register for the free workshop, contact Sheri L. Dragoo, director of marketing and economic development for the North Texas Region at (214)951-9655.

"All of Texas cannot prosper unless rural Texas prospers," Combs said. "Through these workshops we want to be able to provide the knowledge, resources and contacts necessary for rural business owners to get started, thrive and grow."

These workshops are a result of TDA's Sheep and Goat Economic Adjustment Strategy Study. The Economic Development Administration funded the study to assist the sheep and goat industries and communities dependent on those industries. The study and workshops are a cooperative effort among TDA, EDA, A&M, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and community leaders to improve economic development in rural Texas.

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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# City Council studies street repairs, okays election results

by Pat Ragsdale

After visiting with City Superintendent Jack Dean on Tuesday night about street paving plans for the summer, the Eldorado City council authorized City Administrator Randy Mankin to prepare bid specifications for a round of paving projects. They also authorized City Secretary Carolyn Mayo to advertise for bids once the specs are complete.

Mankin explained that his plan is to seal coat a number of streets in the city and to completely replace portions of other streets. He said the work would be carried out until funds available in this year's budget are exhausted.

Street repairs begun last summer with profits from the city's landfill were completed this spring after being delayed for several months due to unusually wet weather. Mankin said the work this summer will be a continuation of that project, but will focus on streets in other parts of town.

The meeting was officially called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk at 6:02 p.m. following an invocation led by Rev. Janice Petty, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Council members present included Tommy Minor, Robert Bybee, Richard Mendez, Toni Sudduth. Attending as a guest was council member elect Dora Bosmans. She will be sworn in as a member in the group's next meeting.

It was noted that there was only one contested race in Saturday's city council election. Incumbent Robert Bybee defeated challenger Jim Nance 19-2. After canvassing the votes the council voted unanimously to certify the election results. In two uncontested races, council member Richard Mendez had no opponent in Ward #2. Neither did former council member

Dora Bosmans in Ward #3. The council had previously voted to cancel the election in those two wards and declare Mendez and Bosmans the winner by default.

In other business, the council discussed a request made by Cruz Sanchez regarding a desired relocation of a road across a utility easement. Following discussion the council determined that there were too many potential problems associated with the request. By unanimous vote the request was denied.

Discussion then turned to the rural gas pipeline, which serves eight families east of town. Mankin noted that a recent test completed on the line indicated that the line continues to leak, in spite of efforts by city personnel to repair the aging line. He noted that a meter technician is coming this week to check the line's master meter. Mankin said he would meet with the meter technician and had made arrangements for representatives of the rural pipeline customers to be present, as well.

City Supt. Jack Dean reported that recent rains had flooded the landfill and that work was progressing on pumping the water out.

The council then reviewed and approved the minutes of meetings held on April 9 and 23. The group then reviewed the city's financial reports.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo reported that general fund revenues are down from a year ago. She also requested an amendment to the city's budget to cover the purchase of the lot behind City Hall where the new recycling center is being constructed as well as to meet other expenses. Upon a motion by Toni Sudduth, seconded by Richard Mendez, amendment #6 to the 2000-2001 was unanimously approved. The monthly bills were then reviewed and all current bills were ordered to be paid.

Mayo then reported that she had received past due franchise fees from Classic Cable Company in the amount of \$2,100.00.

City Administrator Randy Mankin next reported on changes the Texas Railroad Commission is requiring all municipal gas system operators to make in their operations. He explained that rules calling for a self-administered Gas Operator Qualification Program

had been put in place and that the city is working to bring its training standards into line with the new regulation. He further noted that the city has until the autumn of 2002 to comply with the rules.

Mankin said that another new program the city is being forced to comply with has to do with Flood Plain Management. He explained that since the city has enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program, someone must serve as the Flood Plain Administrator. Mankin noted that there are very few flood prone areas in the city. However, lenders are beginning to require flood zone certification on real estate loans. The certification document required by the Federal Emergency Management Administration reportedly takes about three hours to complete. Mankin noted that as more lenders require the certification as part of their loan package, the work load at City Hall will increase.

Mankin then advised the council that a representative of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) had completed an inspection of the city's water system last week. He said a couple of minor problems were reported, mainly concerning the fences around the city's ground storage tank, and that repairs were already underway.

Mankin explained that one of the inspector's concerns would be more difficult to address, that being the amount of elevated water storage. He said the inspector had been particularly concerned that the city did not have enough capacity in its two water towers to adequately pressurize the water distribution system. According to the inspector, the city will be required to provide 100 gallons of overhead storage for each water system connection. Since Eldorado currently has 1010 water connections, 101,000 gallons of elevated storage is required. Currently the city has 100,000 gallon of elevated storage for water.

Mayor Nikolauk chaffed at the thought of having to construct a new water tower, only 10 years after completing the last one. "What are they thinking?" Ni-

kolauk asked. "Don't they realize that we got by just fine for years with one tower? We only built the second one to help with fire protection!"

Mankin agreed and said that he had already challenged the inspector's interpretation of the rules. He noted that TNRCC seems to believe that the city's water towers are used to pressurize the water distribution system. While in fact, water from the city's six wells are fed to the towers through the distribution system. It is the pumps, Mankin said, both at the wells and at the city's ground storage tank, that pressurize the city's water system.

Mankin further explained that TNRCC is requiring all municipalities to assess their ability to serve their water customers as required under a document called a Certificate of Convenience and Need (CCN). He said that thus far no one employed by the city can recall Eldorado ever having a CCN. He said that efforts are under way to find the documents so that the required assessment can be performed.

Next, the council agreed by consensus for Mankin to meet with representatives of Broadwing Communications, a company that is in the process of running a fiber-optic cable from Ft. Stockton to San Antonio. The company has contacted the city to request permission to run the line along city streets and alleyways. The council, however, indicated that it preferred the company bypass the city since it would be crossing several city utility lines. Mankin said he would meet with the company's representative and convey the council's wishes.

At 7:50 p.m. the council entered into an executive session for the purpose of discussion personnel matters. They emerged into open session at 7:58 and voted unanimously to approve Cathy Kuykendall as a full time employee. She has been working as a temporary employee for the past two months.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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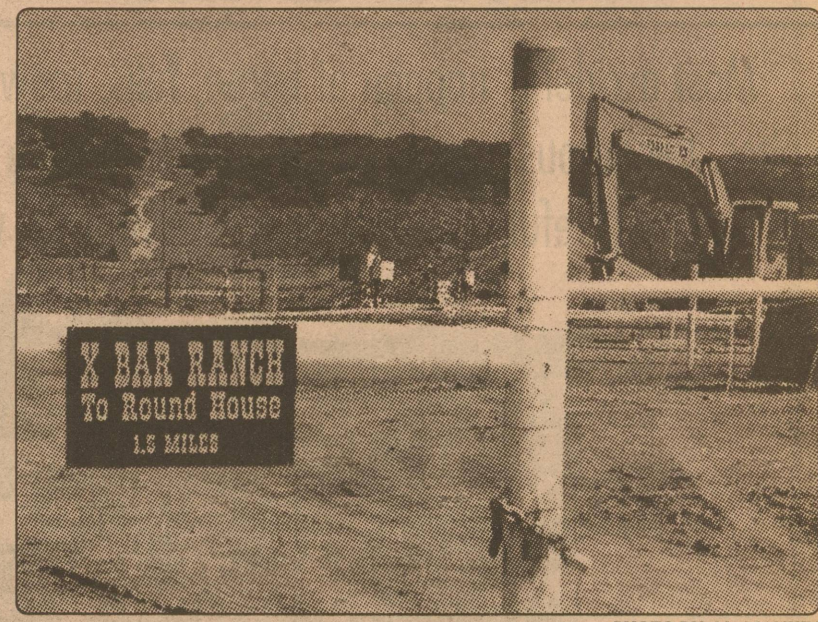


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**Aftermath** — Repair crews worked Sunday to repair damage following a natural gas pipeline explosion on X Bar Ranch, 18 miles southwest of Eldorado.

## Pipeline explosion rocks area

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After calling in a report to the dispatcher at the jail, the two officers worked their way closer to the fire in an effort to locate a pipeline marker or other sign identifying the line. When Deputy Olivan notified the dispatcher that a sign near the line bore the name of El Paso Natural Gas a call was made to the company. But at first, El Paso personnel reported that the company did not have a pipeline in Schleicher County.

That prompted the officers to make a second foray near the flames where they located another marker, this one bearing the name of Duke Energy. Duke employees Damien Beach and Felipe Pina were already at the scene, however, and advised emergency

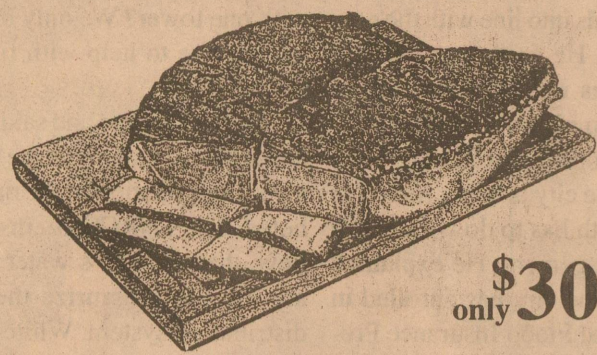
personnel that the burning line in fact belonged to El Paso Natural Gas.

So a second call to El Paso Natural Gas was made and pipeline crews were notified to close off valves on either side of the fire. About 9:00 p.m. the blaze had died down and emergency personnel returned home. Repairs to the line were underway the following morning and the line was quickly put back into service.

While an exact cause of the fire has not been determined, one company official speculated that recent repairs to the line coupled with heavy rains and shifting soil conditions contributed to the failure. Damage was limited to the line itself and a nearby compressor station operated by Duke Energy.



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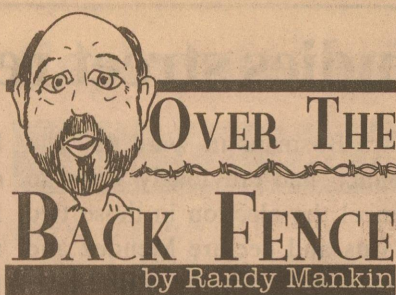


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Spelling Championship at the State Academic Meet in Austin. BreeAnne scored an amazing 98 points on the spelling test. She needed all 98 points, though as the second place finisher scored 97 and two others tied at 96. When I asked BreeAnne what word she missed told me it was "liaison." I tried to spell it but couldn't, at least not until BreeAnne corrected me.

Also on Saturday, Eldorado voters went to the polls and voted to keep incumbent Robert Bybee on the City Council. He defeated Jim Nance by a 19-2 in the only contested election in the county.

Saturday night, the Eagles baseball team took the field in Sonora and defeated Reagan County 11-7 to win the Bi-District title and advance to the Area round of the playoffs in Midland this Friday.

Tragically, early Sunday morning, a 23-year old Miles woman

died in an apartment in Eldorado. She had reportedly been in a fight the day before in San Angelo. Not knowing exactly why she died, Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle directed he body be taken to the Bexar County Medical Examiner in San Antonio. Word came back on Monday that the woman had died of natural causes.

Also on Monday we learned that both EHS girls doubles teams had won their quarterfinal matches. Later in the day news came that both teams had advanced past the semifinal round, as well, guaranteeing an all-Eldorado final.

On Tuesday, that final match was played on the World of Tennis courts at Lakeway Country Club. Kayla McCravey and Gentry Newman won over Lindsay Beach and Christina Redish and Eldorado brought home a gold and a silver medal.

You know, it was only three weeks ago that I was complaining about it being a slow news week. Then, I was concerned about not having any front page news. This week...well, this week the front page news is scattered throughout the paper and it looks like next week is shaping up to be humdinger, as well.



Future track stars — Janet Curtis and Nancy Doyle pinned ribbons on Emily Espinosa and Adriana Hernandez at the 13th annual Shannon Harbor Relays held in Eagle Stadium last Thursday.

### Leaking gas well closes CR 412

Gas spewing from a well operated by TXP, Inc. blocked traffic on County Road #412 (Rabbit Road) Tuesday morning. A call to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office at 6:00 a.m. reported the leak and Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe went to investigate.

The officers determined the gas was of sufficient quantity to be a

danger and they made the decision to block traffic until the well could be brought under control.

The Sheriff's office dispatchers telephoned people living on the road and advised them to take a different route into town. However, by 9:00 a.m., Pool Well Service crews had stemmed the flow of gas and the road was reopened to traffic.

### REPORTS

May 1 • 3:00 p.m. Lost 75-80 Spanish Goats.

• 8:10 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a dog. Officer responded.

• 10:24 p.m. Complainant reported two subjects trying to stop vehicles. Officer responded.

May 2 • 7:15 a.m. Report of an elderly female's vehicle broken down 6 miles south on Hwy. 277.

• Complainant reported a problem at the Middle School.

• 7:24 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on Gillis Ave. Officer responded.

• 8:49 p.m. Complainant on E. Fields Ave. requested to speak with an officer about a motorcycle. Officer responded.

May 3 • 2:45 a.m. Complainant on Northeast St. reported a vehicle driving across the yard of neighbor. Vehicle was described as a lighter colored Chevy Super Cab pickup with no tail lights.

• 3:10 a.m. Complainant stated that their son has not at home, and

that they had not given him permission to go out.

• 3:17 a.m. Complainant reported that there were two intoxicated individuals at residence. Officer responded and stated that there had been some criminal mischief.

• 7:55 a.m. Complainant reported goats out on Hwy. 190.

• 8:30 a.m. Complainant reported that approximately \$24.00 had been removed from the school library. \$15 in change, five dollar bill and four ones.

• 9:10 a.m. Complainant reported a burglary at the Community Resource Center. Officer responded to call.

• 10:20 Complainant on Brooks Street reported that a large Rotweiler dog was out of its owners fence, and in their aunt's yard. Dog would not let subject out of their home. City contacted.

• 1:50 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary at the golf course. Items taken.

• 9:46 p.m. Complainant on West Ave. reported kids shooting paint

balls. Officer responded.

• 10:15 p.m. Complainant reported their daughter had been physically harassed on school premises after a ball game. Officer responded.

May 4 • 9:50 a.m. Complainant reported that one of the Adult Probation Officers was 2 miles north of Sonora and needed an officer for an emergency. Sutton County was contacted and responded.

• 5:50 p.m. Complainant on County Road 110 reported an explosion on FM 2129. All units responded. Received several calls.

• 7:54 p.m. Federal Aviation Agency reported an airplane stuck in the mud at the airport. Officer responded.

• 11:07 p.m. Complainant on Carson Street reported a blue van driving by and cursing and yelling. Possible drunk driver. Officer responded.

May 5 • 1:19 a.m. Complainant reported hearing someone outside residence. It sounded like someone was hitting or kicking their pickup. Area checked by officer found OK.

• 9:51 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly female who had fallen and was not very responsive. Officer and EMS responded.

• 12:27 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS1 responded.

• 4:30 p.m. Repo company reported they would be taking a vehicle.

• 6:00 p.m. Complainant reported a strong order of gas out on Hwy. 190 West.

• 8:54 p.m. Complainant on Carson Street reported a fight in progress. All units responded.

• 9:15 p.m. Ambulance was requested on Carson Street.

• 11:38 p.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS dispatched.

• 12:45 a.m. Complainant reported that someone had fired paint balls at their vehicle. Officer responded to call. Vehicle description a teal Camero. Gun and paint balls confiscated. Officer spoke to parent of the subject.

• 2:52 p.m. Complainant called Sheriff Office and reported that she is separated from husband and husband would not let her leave with their son. Officer responded.

• 6:05 p.m. Complainant reported two vehicles driving recklessly. Tom Green County was contacted.

• 10:10 p.m. Complainant on S. Oak reported loud music on West Street. Officer responded.

May 7 • 5:26 p.m. Complainant requested a welfare concern for their daughter. Officer responded and located subject.

• 9:08 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about their son. Officer responded.

• 9:56 p.m. Complainant requested an officer go with them to check on a rent house. Renters advised complainant of some people outside with flashlights. Officer responded.

• 11:02 p.m. Complainant reported a car horn going off constantly. Officer responded.

May 8 • 6:00 a.m. Complainant reported a gas well was leaking on County Road 412 and requested an officer to block the intersection of County Road 412 and FM 915. Two officers responded to call.

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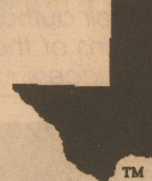


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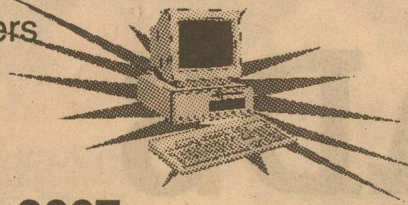
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birds" will be raising funds to fight the battle against neuromuscular disease and will also be helping to send children with these muscle-wasting diseases to summer camp.

So come by First National Bank and see if you can find a long lost friend or relative, or your boss may even be behind bars. You can make a tax-deductible donation to help have them released or you can drop off a donation in order to hold these "hardened criminals" indefinitely.

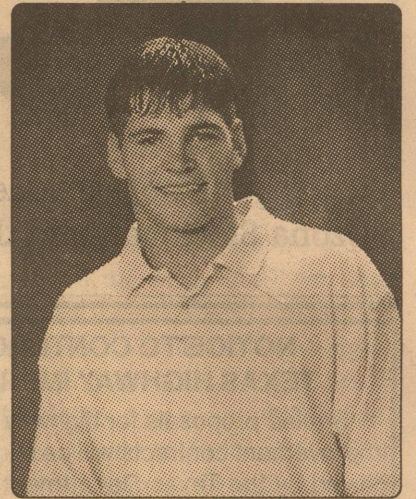


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
**Equipment manager** — 20-month old Taylor Molina helped collect the gear Saturday night after the Eagles baseball team defeated the Reagan County Owls for the Bi-District Championship. Taylor's father, Ronnie Molina is the team's head coach.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

The following letter was shared with us by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stuart of Ozona. After losing their son, Justin Browne, two years ago, the couple made the decision to donate his organs. It is their hope that others will consider the option should they ever find themselves in similar circumstances.



COURTESY PHOTO

Justin Browne

Dear Jeff and Rhonda,

I know the past year has been a difficult one for your family in dealing with Justin's death. I hope the following news of Justin's recipients will help ease the pain a bit.

The heart recipient is doing very well. All heart recipients have to have an invasive procedure performed in which a biopsy device is threaded to their heart and a small tissue sample is recovered to assess any rejection that might be occurring and their anti-rejection medication adjusted accordingly. At the one-year post-transplant mark, this gentleman shows no evidence of acute rejection whatsoever. Further, he has been totally compliant with his exercise regimen and has yet to miss or reschedule a single follow-up appointment. All recipients should be so motivated.

The liver recipient has likewise been doing very well. He is still employed in construction, and at his last clinical evaluation all was going well. The same good news applies to the recipient of Justin's right Kidney and pancreas; the transplant coordinator reports that lab tests that reflect organ function are "absolutely perfect."

Now for the really good news, I just got off the phone with a transplant coordinator in Florida, the little boy who received Justin's left kidney is doing "fabulously." She offered some additional insight that I did not know when I wrote you last year. Patients whose kid-

neys fail and who are on hemodialysis therapy sometimes have difficulty maintaining the special graft created so they may be attached to the dialysis equipment. All of this child's graft sites had, over time, failed and failing a successful kidney transplant, his long term prognosis was essentially nil. I don't mean to over dramatize what your special gift did for this little boy, but, as the coordinator told me, he's leading about as normal a life as one can expect for a 11-year-old.

I apologize for the time it took for everyone to get back to me and, in turn, get back to you. Please know that your family's loss is ever on the minds of many grateful recipients and their family members. If I may be of any help in the future, please do not hesitate to call

Respectfully,  
 Rick Stewart, RN, MS, CPTC

Anyone interested in donating to the Justin Browne Memorial Scholarship fund may do so by sending their donation to P.O. Box 1476, Ozona, Texas, 76943. He sister, Summer Browne, who will be graduating this year will be giving out the scholarship in honor of her brother.

## Secretary of State urges high school seniors to register to vote

AUSTIN — Secretary of State Henry Cuellar, working in collaboration with more than 3,000 high schools across the state, today unveiled a voter outreach effort. The Young Graduate Initiative, directed at more than 220,000 graduating high school seniors. All high school campuses will have received by today a graduation card containing a voter registration application for each graduating senior.

This innovative program is unique in Texas history. The graduation card is geared to a young adult population and a postage paid, official state voter registration application form is attached. Similar programs in California, Florida and other states have been well received by young adults.

"By stressing the importance of voting to our younger generation, we will teach them that voting is a privilege afforded to adults in a democracy," Secretary Cuellar said. "Soon these students will be making decisions that will affect their lives, and this is an excellent way to motivate them and help them mold their future."

By law, high school principals are required to distribute voter registration cards to students who are or will be 18 years of age or older during that school year. Secretary Cuellar has suggested the registration cards be distributed and

picked up at graduation rehearsals, but is encouraging high school principals to distribute the cards however they deem appropriate.

This campaign will play a major role in Secretary Cuellar's attempt to increase voter registration among the voting age population from the current 77.5 percent to at least 85 percent within the near future.

Currently, of the state's 14.96 million residents who are eligible to register to vote, only 11.6 million have followed through with their responsibility. Ideally, Secretary Cuellar would like to see 100 percent involvement from the voter population, and said he is doing everything possible to encourage voter registration participation.

In an effort to reach his goal, Secretary Cuellar is hoping high school administrators across the state will place special emphasis on this project and encourage the seniors to participate.

"We are excited about this partnership with Texas educators and hope we can teach our seniors one more important lesson about the value of participating in our democracy" said Secretary Cuellar.

For additional information, please contact Kim Sutton, Project V.O.T.E. Coordinator, at (512) 463-9873 or Eddie Zavala, Border Affairs Media Coordinator at (512) 463-5903.

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