

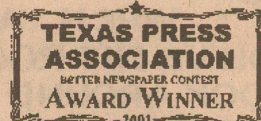
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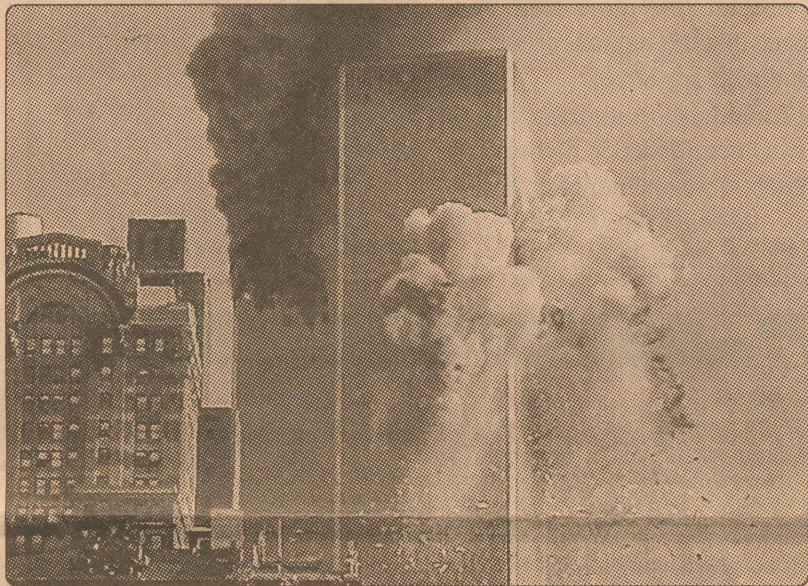


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## 21st Century Pearl Harbor

### Tuesday's terrorist attack numbs the nation

#### Official response to tragedy felt even here in Schleicher County



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**Terrorist attack** — United Airlines flight 175, a Boeing 767, is shown crashing into the south tower of the World Trade Center. The hijacked plane, carrying 65 people on board, slammed into the building about ten minutes after another Boeing 767, carrying 81 passengers crashed into the north tower. About two hours later both 110-story towers collapsed.

Thousands are feared dead and thousands more are injured after the most deadly terrorist attack in American history Tuesday. That's when three hijacked commercial airliners crashed into the twin 110-story towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth plane, also believed to have been hijacked, crashed northwest of Washington in rural Pennsylvania.

Federal offices across the nation were closed Tuesday as officials feared more attacks. Here in Schleicher County, the USDA Service Center on South Divide was closed. Also, the City of Eldorado, on orders from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), increased security around its water supply system. The U.S. border with Mexico was closed, as well, and all U.S. air traffic was grounded as officials came to grips with the enormity of the catastrophe.

At 8:42 a.m. EDT, American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767-200, carrying 81 passengers, nine flight attendants and two pilots, crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The plane was on its way from Boston to Los Angeles when it was hijacked shortly after take-

off from Logan International Airport.

About ten minutes later, as emergency personnel gathered at the base of the damaged and burning tower, a second plane, United Airlines flight 175, a Boeing 767 with 65 people on board, slammed into the WTC south tower. That plane was bound for Los Angeles and was also hijacked moments after takeoff from Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C.

At 9:43 a.m. EDT, American Airlines Flight 77, a Boeing 757 enroute from Washington Dulles

Airport to Los Angeles International with 58 passengers and six crew members, crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A 60-foot section of one side of the five-sided structure quickly collapsed in flames.

As burning jet fuel heated and weakened the building's frame, the damaged section of the WTC south tower collapsed at 10:05 a.m. EDT. The lower floors pancaked under the weight of the upper floors and the entire building collapsed in giant plume of ash and

debris. A fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, a 757 en route from Newark, N.J., to San Francisco, crashed about 10:10 a.m. EDT, approximately 8 miles east of Jenkinstown, Pa. It was carrying 38 passengers, two pilots and five flight attendants. Only a few minutes earlier, an emergency dispatcher in Westmoreland County, Pa. received a cell phone call from a man who said he was a passenger locked in the bathroom on that

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## Smith arrested, charged with stalking local high school girl

Norman Smith, 45, of Eldorado was arrested Thursday evening, September 6, and charged with stalking a local high school girl. Chief Deputy George Arispe apprehended Smith about 10:30 p.m. in a neighbor's garage and took him into custody. Smith was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and released the following day on a \$10,000.00 surety bond.

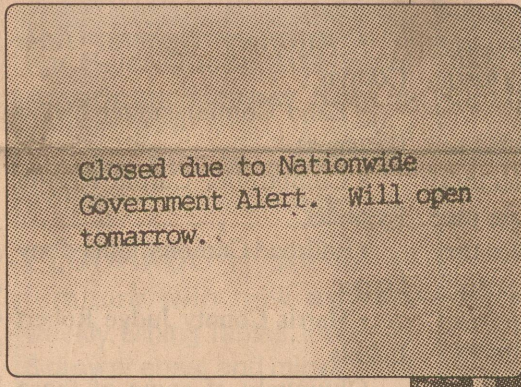
Smith's arrest came after a weeklong investigation into a series of at least four anonymous letters and notes the girl received. Investigators concluded that Smith was the author of the letters after handwriting analysis.

Deputy Arispe reports that he sought the girl's cooperation and convinced her to respond to a letter left on the windshield of her car. A reply note was left on the windshield of the girl's car during school hours on Thursday, September 6, and the car was then kept under surveillance until Smith reportedly retrieved the note. Witnesses report seeing Smith pick up the note from the car, which was parked at the high school. Arispe said the girl's reply invited Smith to meet her in her parent's garage later that evening.

At that point, a warrant was issued for Smith's arrest and a stakeout of the garage was planned. Later that evening, when Smith reportedly entered the garage, he was confronted by Arispe and taken into custody.

A Schleicher County grand jury will likely get the case next and, if an indictment is handed down, the case would go to District Judge Barbara Walther's court.

The charge of Stalking has been on the books for years. However, on September 1, a mere two weeks ago, the crime was upgraded from a Class A Misdemeanor to a 3rd Degree Felony. It carries with it a penalty of 2-10 years in prison and up to a \$10,000.00 fine.



Closed due to Nationwide Government Alert. Will open tomorrow.

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN

**Closed** — The note above appeared on the door of the USDA offices on South Divide Tuesday as federal buildings across the nation were closed in the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Gasoline panic** — A nationwide run on gas stations stretched all the way into Schleicher County on Tuesday after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the U.S. Pentagon. Here, cars are shown lining up on North Divide Street in order to get to the pumps at Texaco Star Stop.

## Mayor's Proclamation

I hereby proclaim the week of September 11-17, 2001 to be Prayer and Pride Week in the City of Eldorado. I urge all citizens to join me in prayer for our fellow countrymen who suffered so tragically in the attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. Please join me in flying your flags at half mast in memory of those who perished in the dastardly attacks.

John Nikolauk, Mayor  
City of Eldorado

## City council meets, votes to increase water rates

by Pat Ragsdale

The Eldorado City Council met Monday night and voted unanimously to raise water rates. After a public hearing, at which no one from the public appeared, the council voted to increase the minimum charge for 3,000 gallons of water from \$7 to \$9. They also approved an increase in the charge for each additional 1,000 gallons. That charge went up from \$1 to \$1.50. Present for the meeting were

council members Robert Bybee, Richard Mendez, Tommy Minor and Dora Bosmans, as was Mayor John Nikolauk who called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

After dealing with the issue of water rates, the council approved the minutes of meetings held on August 6, 20 & 30. They also reviewed the August tax report, the monthly financial reports and okayed the payment of monthly bills.

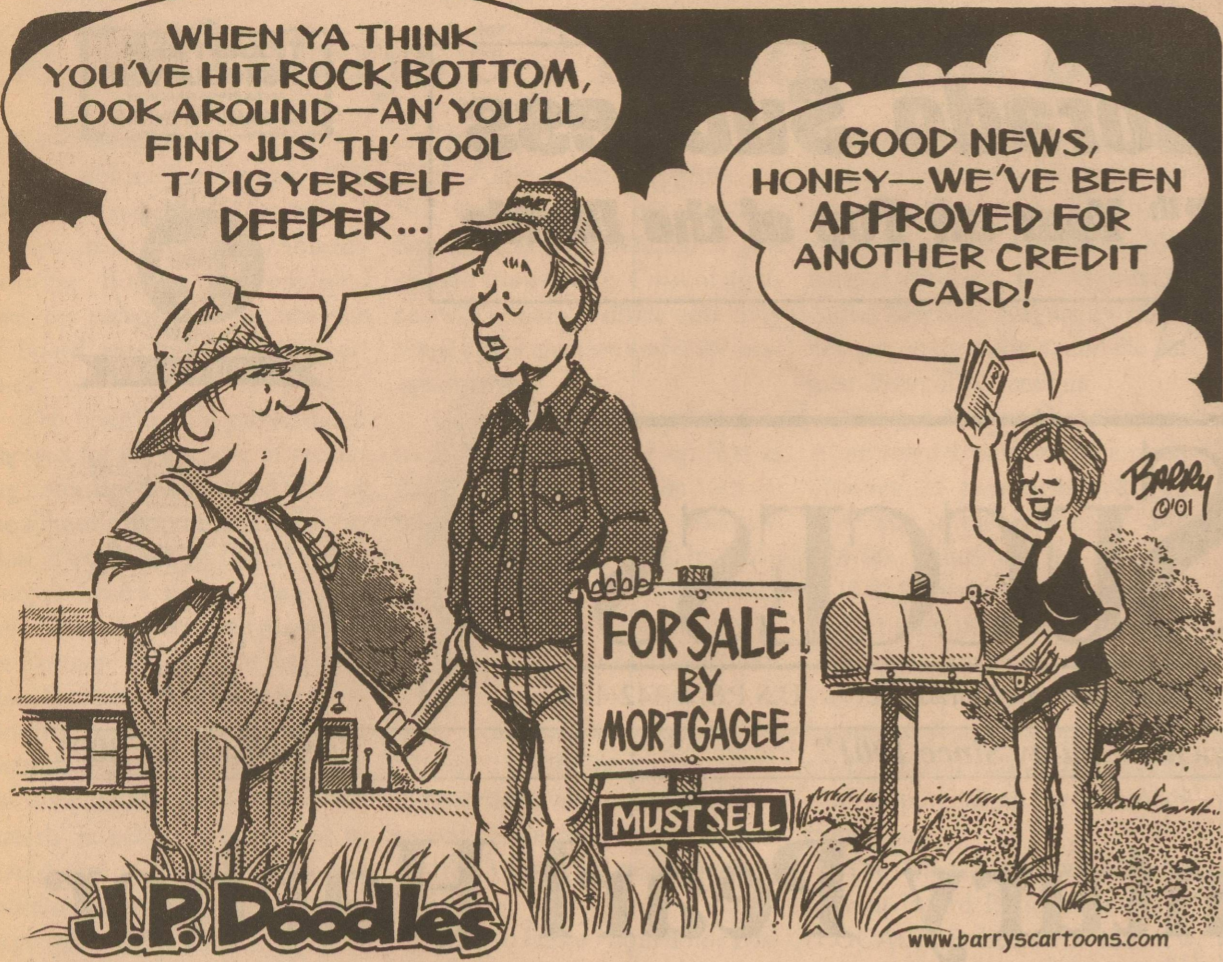
City Administrator Randy Man-

kin reported that the city is now enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program. He explained that as part of the programs, people will be prohibited from building in flood prone areas. Mankin told the council that he had recently learned that many lenders are requiring a flood zone certificate before okaying loans for real estate.

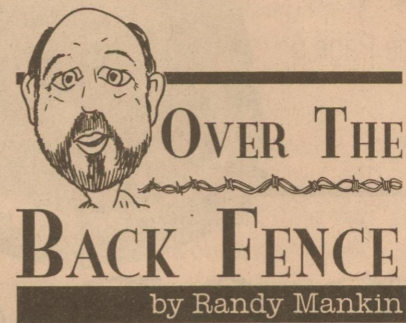
Mankin then discussed the subject of flood prone property within the city limits. He explained re-

quests by citizens that the city redirect the flow of water through neighborhoods will be difficult, or impossible to grant. Mankin noted that any steps the city takes to redirect the flow of water could result in heavy financial liability to the city. "We may try to help one person, but end up hurting another," Mankin said. "If we do that we could be held liable for the damage."

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# Hey, Bin Laden, how about a cruise missile for a proportional response



I'm angry. My country was attacked Tuesday and I'm furious. People across the country are calling for swift reprisals against the terrorists who carried out the hijackings and the aerial attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. I agree with them.

If Osama Bin Laden is responsible for Tuesday's tragedy, I want to find him and take him out. They carpet bomb the nation that has been hiding him.

I'm angry with the Palestinians, too. They were celebrating in the streets after learning about our tragedy. So were the Iraqis...and the Iranians...and the Syrians...

I want to turn the Middle East into a sheet of very shiny glass. Start at the Jordan River and head east. Nuke them all the way back to the stone age.

I want to forget the timeworn niceties employed by diplomats. I would ignore the people who argue against massive retaliation and in favor of a "proportional response." Here's your cruise missile, Osama! Here have another! How's that for proportional?

sen specifically because they carried full loads of fuel in order to make such a trip. The heavy load of fuel made them even better flying bombs.

I consider all this and I'm angry. I want to adopt the tactics of the Romans. Once upon a time a Roman citizen could walk from one end of the empire to the other without fear of harm. That sense of security was legitimate and it was supported by the full force and fury of the Roman legions.

Consider how we treated our enemies at the end of World War II. Remember, we rebuilt Europe and Japan and gave them the tools to become our economic competitors. Then consider how our enemies treat us. Today, I want to forget that we're an enlightened nation and send in the Roman legions.

I'm angry and I want revenge. Because of this, I'm glad that it will be President Bush and not I who decides how to respond to this malicious and cowardly crime. I would probably overreact.

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## Rumor was true: Gramm announcement sets off speculation

AUSTIN — Last week, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's spokesman said there was no truth to the rumor that the three-term lawmaker would not seek reelection.

A few days later, on Tuesday, Sept. 4, Gramm announced he would not be running.

Gramm's emotional announcement proved again that in Austin, Washington and elsewhere, the old saying that "where there's smoke there's fire" is as useful a rumor assessment tool as there is.

The announcement by the College Station economics professor that he was out of the Senate race was big news in Texas and nationally.

From the national perspective, it means that three Republican Senators will be out of the picture in the next election. With the current 50-49 Democratic lead in the Senate (there's one independent),

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox.



the stakes in the next election are enormous to both parties.

Here in Texas, Gramm's absence from the ballot will take some of the luster off the Republican ticket. Political analysts say it will be particularly harmful to Gov. Rick Perry's campaign.

Since Gramm's announcement, there's been more calculating going on in Austin among potential candidates and their potential supporters than in all the state's mainframe computers combined.

With some potential candidates likely to readjust their electoral scope to focus on the Senate race instead of whatever other race they

may have contemplated, there are so many trial balloons floating in the air over Austin it looks like someone decided to have an international lighter-than-air competition here.

By party, these are some of the possible Senatorial candidate names making the rounds:

- Democrats:**
- Former Attorney General Dan Morales
  - Current Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk
  - U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen of Houston
- Republicans:**
- Rep. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio
  - Attorney General John Cornyn
  - Land Commissioner David Dewhurst
  - Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander
  - Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza
  - Harris County Judge Robert Eckels

Obviously, if some of these folks decide to seek Gramm's Senate slot, room will be made for other candidates.

Democratic State Rep. Tom Ramsay of Mt. Vernon, for instance, is said to be pondering a race for agriculture commissioner.

This is the thinking behind that: If Dewhurst decides to change his

electoral priorities, Republican Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs may enter the lieutenant governor's race. So might former state Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott.

And while Tony Sanchez and Marty Akin will be duking it out for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, Democrat John Sharp looks as if he has a lock on the nomination for lieutenant governor.

If Cornyn decides to seek Gramm's seat, announced Democratic challenger Kirk Watson's odds go up. Watson is currently mayor of Austin.

No matter how the ballots shape up, thanks to Gramm's announcement, 2002 is going to be a memorable year in Texas political history.

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### La Especial Bakery: A Valley Institution

When the doors of La Especial bakery open at 6:30 every morning, customers who've been waiting patiently in line outside file in and start buying some of the fifty tasty products on the shelves.

"We're busy all day long," says Enrique Ornelas, owner of the business. "We run out of bread every day."

The bakery is a fascinating place. It has an old brick oven built by Enrique's father more than fifty years ago. The floor of the oven is eight square feet. The ceiling is arched. A small door to the oven is built into a wall in the kitchen. "It's operated by gas now, but originally it was a wood burning oven."

When Enrique turns on the gas, a flame shoots out of one corner of the oven. "If I leave the gas on twenty minutes, the oven will stay hot all day."

His father, Enrique Sr., used to tell his grandchildren the flames came from the mouth of a dragon.

The bakery is open seven days a week, selling breads, pastries, cakes and cookies. "Our customers like empanadas and molletes," says Enrique. "My wife, our son and his wife make and decorate the cakes."

La Especial is the oldest Mexican bakery in San Benito and one of the most popular in the Rio Grande Valley. His father started the business fifty-seven years ago. Enrique's two sons work there now. "Hopefully they will be here

with me until I retire and then stay with the bakery."

The bakery cooks brisket. "They bring in the brisket and we cook it, slice it and put barbecue sauce on it. We charge seventy-five cents a pound for doing the work."

One of the most popular weekend items is barbacoa, a baked cow's head. "It's got the tongue, the eyes, the brain, the cheeks. The cheeks are the best part."

Although the bakery has large commercial ovens, the cow heads are baked in the brick oven. "You just stick them in there at night and the next morning they're done."

The heads weigh around 25 pounds to begin with. They yield about nine pounds of barbacoa. The oven can hold fifty heads at a time. "We can cook fifty turkeys at a time, too."

He shoves the heads to the far corners of the oven by using a paddle with a long handle. "We call it our head paddle." The oven was built in 1944 brick by brick, the same way bakers in Mexico built ovens for generations.

Enrique's father bought the building, which was a shoe store at the time, with three hundred dollars he had saved by selling fruit from his car as he drove through the countryside. He built a small three-bedroom home in back of the bakery and lived there until he died in 1993. "He told us we would never be out of a job because people always eat bread," says Enrique.

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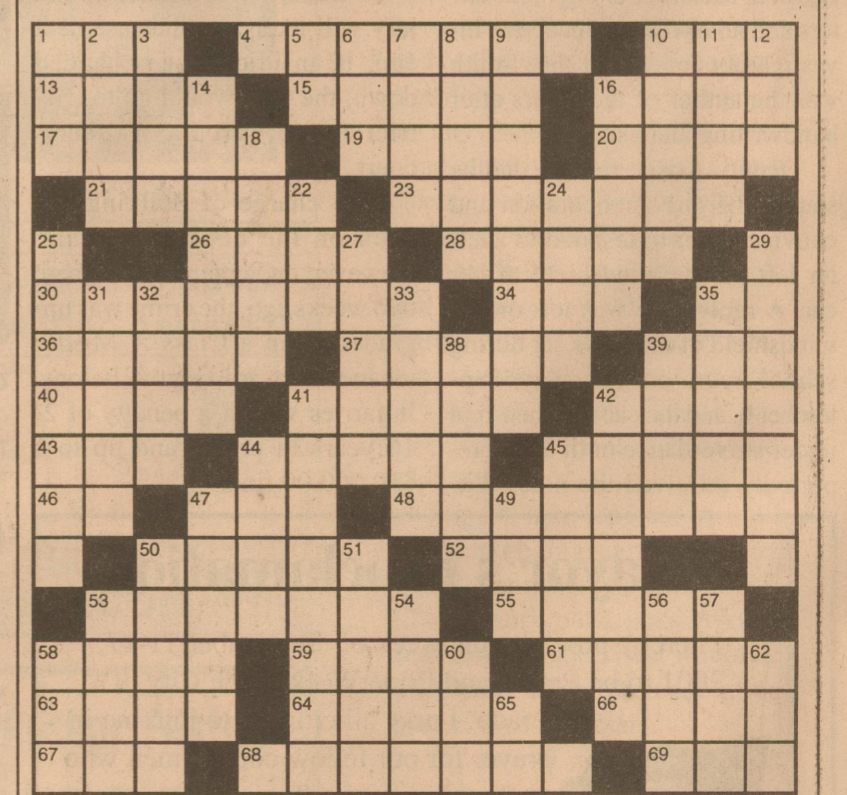
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## Eldon "E. L." Turner

GRANDFALLS — Eldon "E.L." Turner 85, of Grandfalls, died September 10, 2001, in Ward Memorial Hospital. Graveside services were held Wednesday September 12, 2001 in the Tamarisk Cemetery in Grandfalls with Rev. Mull of Union Church officiating. Arrangements were by Harkey Funeral Home.

Eldon "E.L." Turner was born July 26, 1916 in Rising Star, Tx. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a retired automotive mechanic and a member of the Union Church. He lived in Grandfalls for 20 years. Survivors include a sister Audrea Colls of Eldorado, a niece Vickie Schwiening of Eldorado, and five nephews.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Mad Hatter Day** — Aaron Parsley was among the local youngsters signing up for 4-H last week. The theme for the sign-up day was "Mad Hatter" and Aaron is shown here wearing one of the many hats that were on hand to make the day more fun.

## Head, Heart, Health, Hands and...Hats!

by Nancy Lester  
County Agent

Schleicher County 4-H members enjoyed a "mad hatter" theme for 4-H sign-up last Wednesday at the County Extension Office! Official photographers, Dest Sudduth and Will Whitten, photographed all members who came by to sign up for 4-H activities this coming year. Everyone who plans to be in 4-H Foods and Nutrition, Live-

stock Projects, Shooting Sports, Method Demonstrations, Camp, Sewing or any other 4-H activity needs to come by the Extension office and sign up!!!

Cooking projects will be starting in about 2 weeks so it is important to register so that you can be in a group. Livestock validation will also be taking place very soon. Call the County Extension Office for more information.

## Dr. Tijerina to assist 8th graders with history project

submitted by Ilse Williams

On September 21 and 22, our little community "in the middle of nowhere" is in for a very special treat. Dr. Andres Tijerina, a history professor at Austin Community College, has agreed to work with our 8th grade students and teachers as part of their special "History Project". The project also ties into the nationally declared "American Freedom Week" (the last week in September). Dr. Tijerina's visit with our 8th graders is scheduled for Friday, September 21, from 12:30 to 2:30.

\* Tijerina is an Associate Professor of History at Austin Community College. A native of Ozona, and a 1963 graduate of San Angelo Central High, he married Juanita Garcia of San Diego, Texas, and now lives in Austin. He received his B.A. Degree in Modern Languages from Texas A&M University (1967), an M.A. Degree in History from Texas Tech University (1973), and a Ph.D. Degree in U.S. History from the University of Texas (1977).

Dr. Tijerina has taught U.S. History at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Texas Tech, and the University of Texas at Austin, and at San Antonio. He has served as a state agency executive director of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission and a group manager for Motorola, Inc., where he managed the Employee Communications Group in Austin. His most widely read work is the publication of his Vietnam War memoirs in the final volume of the Time-Life Books series "The Vietnam Experience." His memoirs are included in the volume entitled "A War Remembered."

As a pilot in the Air Force, Dr. Tijerina flew over 100 combat

missions in Vietnam, receiving the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired as a Major of the U.S. Air Force, where he served as the Liaison Officer for the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Dr. Tijerina's latest work is a novel, "El Mesquite," which he co-edited for republication by Texas A&M University Press. Originally written in 1935 by Elena Zamora O'Shea, the novel describes the colorful ranch life of the pioneering Spanish and Mexican families of South Texas. Dr. Tijerina edited the novel for use as a high school reader. His award-winning book, "Tejanos and Texas Under the Mexican Flag," published by Texas A&M University Press, reviews the Mexican heritage of Texas. It won three state book prizes, including the Presidio La Bahia Award from the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Kate Brooks Bates Awards from the State Historical Association, and the T.R. Fehrenbach Award from the Texas Historical Commission.

Another book, "Tejano Empire: Life on the South Texas Ranchos," was published in 1998 also by Texas A&M University Press, and recently won the Heritage Book Award from the Webb County Heritage Foundation. Dr. Tijerina pioneered publishing a full-length e-book entitled "Early Te-

jano Ranching in Duval County," which is available as a hard bound book or online.

He has published other books as well as chapters, articles, and book reviews in publications such as the Southwestern Historical Quarterly and the American Historical Review. Sr. Tijerina is a member and a fellow of the Texas State Historical Association and a member of the American Historical Association. He is frequently called on as a keynote speaker and as a consultant for historical events and organizations.

The following Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Building, community members and students from other grades will have the opportunity to learn firsthand from this very engaging teacher of U.S. and Texas history. Conversations can be continued during lunch served around noon.

The Saturday morning lecture by Dr. Tijerina will incorporate a few comments from Eldorado students and senior citizens who took part in last summer's oral history study. Please feel invited to participate in this unique event!

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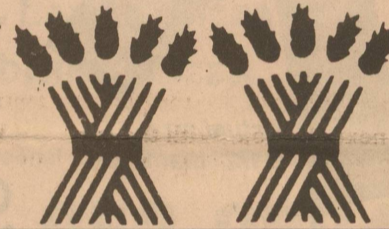
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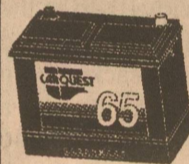


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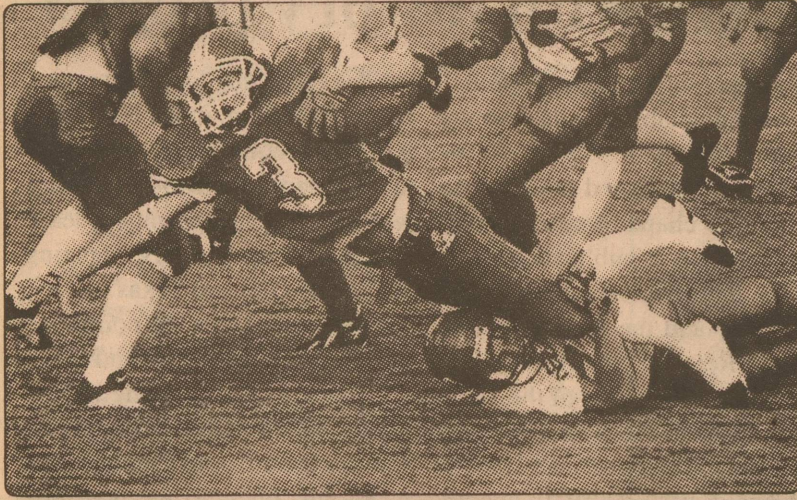


PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Whoa there — #90 David Elias brought down this runner Friday night as the Eagles took on the Bangs Dragons. The Dragons defeated the much improved Eagles 21-0.

# Eagles team appears much improved in 21-0 loss to Bangs

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles traveled to Bangs last Friday night to take on the Dragons of District 9-2A. Eldorado came out on the short end of a 21-0 decision. Eldorado came into the game knowing that Bangs was much bigger on both sides of the ball. In fact, the Eagles were giving up over 20 lbs. per man up front and more than that in the backfield; however, EHS played tough all night especially on defense. The loss drops the Eagles to 0-2 for the year.

The final score was not indicative of how the Eagles played most of the night. Defensively, EHS only gave up one touchdown and basically stifled the Bangs offense all night from sustaining any long drives. Offensively, the Eagles just could not get untracked. EHS backs would get a big play each series but the Eagles just could not sustain any drives that would get them to the end zone. Turnovers again hurt the Eagles.

Eldorado received the opening kick off and couldn't move the chains and had to punt the ball away to Bangs. Eldorado fans would then see a defensive unit that would make several big stops on the night, force a Bangs punt. EHS would then take the ball and move the ball some 38 yards on the ground. Eldorado would see the drive end with a turnover as the Eagles fumbled the ball and Bangs recovered. The Eagle "D" got the ball back quickly however, as the Bangs QB was forced out of the pocket and threw an interception to Benji Gonzalez.

At the opening of the second quarter, Eldorado took advantage of the turnover and moved the ball on the ground. With 10:46 in the quarter, Johnny Herrera dropped back to pass and was sacked from the blindside. The hit caused a fumble and Bangs returned it 46 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was good and Bangs led 7-0. The balance of the quarter saw both ball clubs trading possessions. Then with 1:24 left in the half, Bangs got a big run inside the Eagle 10 yard line. Eldorado's defense had a huge goal line stand and forced Bangs to give the ball back to EHS. Eldorado then ran out the clock to end the first half.

The Eagles kicked off to Bangs to open the second half. The next several possessions saw both teams go three and out. The quarter was dominated by good defense.

The fourth quarter opened with Bangs continuing a drive for some 57 yards and scoring its only offensive TD of the night. The Dragons scored on a 5-yard run with 8:40 remaining in the game. The PAT was good and Bangs led 14-0. On the next possession, the Eagles moved the ball well as Johnny Herrera got a 15-yard run, then the drive

stalled and EHS was forced to punt. Bangs took the Andrew Anderson punt and went down the right side of the field for a 51-yard punt return for a TD. The PAT was good, BHS 21 EHS 0. The balance of the game saw both teams trade possessions and the game ended with Bangs letting the clock run out.

Quisto Gonzalez led Eagle rushers with 42 yards, Jimmy Rodriguez had 31, and Benji Gonzalez had 14. EHS had a tough time through the air as Herrera went 3 for 6 for 2 yards. Coach McCormack commented on the Eagles offense, "We just can't keep making the mistakes that end a drive the way we have the last two weeks. Turnovers continue to hurt us. We are, however, starting to come together as a unit and play with a purpose on the offensive side of the ball."

Defensively, Wesley Jones led all Eagles with 17 tackle points, Quisto Gonzalez had 14, Juan Diego Guzman had 13, and Ramon Ray Barajas had 10. On the defense, McCormack said, "The defensive

unit had another good week. They hung in there and stifled a pretty good offensive team. We are going to the ball well and hitting someone when we get there."

Eldorado will take on Menard next week at Eagle Stadium. Menard won by forfeit over Gorman last week. This game is always a tough game for both teams and this year should not be any exception. Menard dropped its opener to Winters 21-20 on a missed PAT. The scouting report on the Jackets is that they move the ball well on the ground and are aggressive up front. Menard is led offensively by 190 lb. Sr. running back Matt Williamson. On defense, the Jackets look to 175 lb. Linebacker Blane Cordes and defensive end Rome Nichols. Coach McCormack on Menard, "They have been one of the best 1A programs in West Texas over the last 8 or 9 years. Coach Byrd will have them ready to play and this should be a good game."

Kick off is scheduled for 8 pm and everyone is encouraged to come out to Eagle Stadium and support the Eagles. WEAR YOUR GREEN AND BE LOUD!



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Rejected — Eagles defenders turned away this Dragon scoring threat last Friday night with a magnificent goal line stand. Here, the runner is turned away on 4th down. He recovered his own fumble but the ball went over to the Eagles on downs.

## Eagles JV douse Dragons 18-6

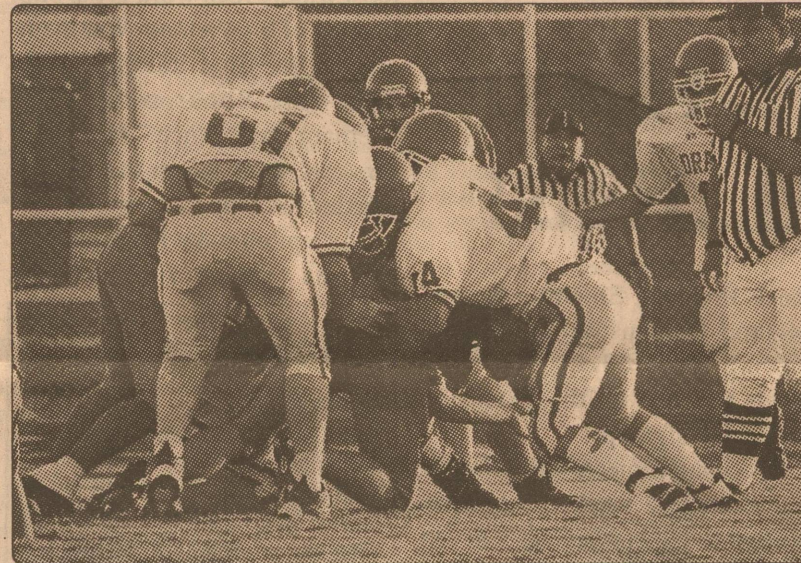


PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Plowing across the goal — Alan Dykstra pounded ball across the goal line before being brought down by a host of Dragons last Thursday as the Eagles JV defeated Bangs 18-6.

The Eldorado JV scored 3 touchdowns to defeat the visiting Bangs JV 18-6. The Eagles defense dominated the game as the Dragons could not mount a sustained drive. Bangs only score came when the quarterback broke loose for a 48 yard run late in the third quarter.

The Eldorado defense even scored a touchdown when Trey Chavez recovered a fumble in the end zone. Seth Taylor made the hit to seize the ball.

The other Eagles scores came

in a 40 yard touch down pass from Travis Lively to Eric Garcia with 10 seconds left in the first half. Alan Dykstra scored in a 3 yard run in the 3rd quarter to complete the scoring for the Eagles.

Trey Chavez, Scott Cawley, and Francisco Duran recovered fumbles for the Eagles. Dillon Greer will be able to start against Menard this week. The Eagles are 1-1.

"We had some great blocking up front, much better than last week," said Coach Alan Gillespie after the game. He noted a good job of blocking by Joey Hernandez, Alvaro Moya, Cole Wilkerson, J.R. Aprise, and Tony Chavez. Gillespie also credited the defensive play of Scott Cawley, Justin Phillips, Alan Dykstra, Will Griffin and Chris Sanchez.

The Eagles JV will meet the Menard Yellow Jackets at 6:30 p.m. in Menard.

	SCORE BY QUARTER				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Eldorado	0	0	0	0	6
Christoval	0	7	0	14	21

	STATISTICS	
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First Downs	7	14
Rushing Yds.	87	179
Passing Yds.	2	66
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Penalties/Yds.	6/45	4/30
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# First Baptist Church celebrates a "Centennial of Great Faith"

by Kathy Mankin

First Baptist Church came into being during September, 1901. Now, 100 years later the church is still a vital part of the community of Eldorado.

This past weekend, months of preparation by current and former members came together, as the congregation gathered to celebrate a century of faith.

Buildings come and buildings go, but a church is comprised of people. The people of First Baptist Church showed their vision, hope and faith this weekend. They and their church sparkled during an impressive Centennial Celebration.

On Saturday, members once again experienced the church chimes. Having been out of commission for several years, the chimes were put back into service when former a Eldoradoan, Danny

Boyer of Irving, located the parts to fix the chimes, then traveled to Eldorado to carry out the repairs. Now, the chimes will once again greet Sunday morning worshippers.

The church's Fellowship Hall was bustling with activity on both days. Each room opening into Fellowship Hall contained displays of photos and mementos of FBC's 100 year history. Tours of the buildings and grounds were offered and a continuous reunion of members went on among the sandwiches and desserts.

Saturday night a slide show outlining the church's past played to a packed house. Current Pastor Andy Anderson, greeted the guests and introduced two former pastors Cliff Johnston and Doug DuBose, who now lives in Pampa.

Music was the main course on Saturday night as the "Rejoice!



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
**Making a joyful noise** — The First Baptist Church Reunion Choir greeted worshippers Sunday morning as the church marked its 100th anniversary.

Handbell Choir," consisting of Eva Jo Sessom, Sharon Mittel, Glenda Nix, Mary Barton Robinson, Chris McCravey, Susie Richters, Randy Mitchel, Marilyn Whitten and Director Pearl Vinlove, performed two selections. Other musical selections were performed by Trey Walker, Pearl Vinlove, Mitzi Sessom, Sherry Belk, Michelle Walker Fairchild, Renetta Robinson Moore, Mabel Blaylock, Billie Gayl McKinney and Eva Jo Sessom.

Cloudy skies on Sunday failed to dim the faces in the Reunion Choir as they greeted a packed sanctuary. Musical selections were performed by the Handbell Choir, Terry Phelps Bledsoe and Marilyn "Mikki" Phelps Boyd, Creola Phelps, Wanda Rogers and Mabel Blaylock and Susan Stark Unruh.

Cliff Johnston then led Invo-

cation and the Offertory Prayer was given by Granvil Hext. An Offertory Piano Special was played by Holly Mankin.

The Reunion Choir, under the direction of Jim Chancellor, performed special selections, accompanied by pianist Vickie Schwiening and organist Jan Wanoreck.

Guest speaker Doug DuBose, who pastored the congregation from 1957 to 1962, delivered a sermon titled "A great crowd of witnesses," based on Hebrews 12:1

The service concluded with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

Sunday's service was followed by a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall. The menu included fried chicken and catfish. It was a perfect beginning for the next 100 years!

# Thousands killed in terrorist attacks on NY and DC

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flight. The man told officials the call was not a hoax and said that the plane was being hijacked.

At 10:28 a.m. EDT the WTC north tower also collapsed. Almost seven hours later, a third building WTC building 7, collapsed. That building was heavily damaged when it was struck by portions of the two taller buildings as they fell.

President George W. Bush, who was scheduled to speak in Florida, was whisked away on Air Force One as military and administration officials sought to assess the threat to the national leadership. Just after noon the president addressed the nation from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana. "Make no mistake, the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts," Bush said.

Air Force One left Barksdale Air Force Base and flew to the Strategic Air Command headquarters in Nebraska. Then, against advice of Secret Service agents, President Bush returned to the White House just before nightfall. He addressed the nation from the Oval Office saying, "Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve." Bush then asked Americans to join him in prayer for those killed and injured in the attack.

Initial blame for the coordinated attack was cast on alleged Saudi terrorist Osama Bin Laden. Politicians and pundits alike called for military strikes against Bin Laden and his host nation Afghanistan. And, there was early speculation

that a retaliatory strike had begun when a series of explosions rocked Kabul, the capitol of Afghanistan. However, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld denied any U.S. connection with the action.

In the U.S. fallout from the terrorist attacks was swift. With the island of Manhattan under virtual lockdown, the nation's financial and merchantile markets ground to a standstill. Gasoline prices across the nation skyrocketed as Americans lined up to fill up their tanks. Even here in Eldorado, motorists worried about escalating prices and dwindling supplies, lined up at local stores to top off their tanks and Sheriff's Department officers were called out to maintain order.

Responding to reports of price gouging, Texas Governor Perry Tuesday evening announced a temporary state of emergency lasting until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14. In a teletype order, Perry directed law enforcement officers to monitor gasoline prices and to report any price gouging to Attorney General John Cornyn. He also asked private citizens to assist. The Attorney General's hotline number is 1-800-337-3928.



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## SCISD okays 5-2 redistricting plan

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees met for several public hearings on Monday evening. Eddie Albin presided over the meetings in the absence of board president Phil McCormick.

The board's first public hearing was for the purpose of receiving comment for the third time on the school's proposed redistricting plan. Two members of the public were on hand to express their opinions about the proposed plan. Victor Belman opposed the proposed plan, because it would create 5 single-member districts and 2 at-large districts. Belman said he preferred the 7 single-member district plan already in place. Belman said he feared that a Hispanic candidate could not win election in as an at-large candidate.

Thelma Bosmans explained that she favored the 5-2 plan proposed by the school board. She said that a change might be good and argued that a Hispanic candidate could win an at-large election if they would solicit the support of the voters.

The current 7 single member district plan has been in force for the last 10 years. A population shift uncovered in the 2000 Census forced the school district to redraw lines according to voting population.

Trustees Jo Helen Kotsch, Kur-

tis Homer, Berta Nicholson and Eddie Albin voted to approve the 5-2 redistricting plan. Steve Sessom and Sam Whitten Jr. abstained from voting. Current trustees will remain in office until they come up for election under the new system.

Current single-member districts 1 & 6 will come up first in the election cycle as the two at-large districts. Trustees who will face election in 2002 will be Steve Sessom (1) and Jo Helen Kotsch (6). Trustee Sam Whitten, Jr. who currently holds District 5 will have to seek reelection in District 1 in 2003. Trustees Kurtis Homer who currently holds District 4 and Berta Nicholson who holds District 3 seat will run for District 2 and District 3 positions, respectively in 2004.

Trustee Eddie Albin holds District 7 and will run in 2003 for District 5 and Phil McCormick who holds District 2 seat will run in 2003 for District 4 seat. This will give most voters the option to vote twice for a school board trustee.

The board also held a hearing to seek public input on the proposed tax rate of \$1.3344 per \$100 valuation. There being no objection from the public, the board voted to adopt the \$1.3344 rate, the highest which the district could set without triggering a roll back election.

In other business the board reviewed and approved the district's

financial reports. They went on to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2001 public hearing on redistricting, the August 13, 2001 regular meeting, the August 20, called Meeting, August 29 public hearing on the budget, and the August 29th called meeting.

Sessom, Homer, Nicholson and Albin voted to purchase an air-conditioned 35 passenger bus from Blue Star in the amount of \$48,689.00. Funds for the new bus (\$43,848) was placed in the new budget after being held out of the Capital Acquisition Program last year. The new budget will have to be amended to make up the difference. Kotsch and Whitten voted against purchasing the air-conditioned bus.

The Trustee then repealed the current Board Policy Manual of (LOCAL) Policies for the new Board Policy Manual Of (LOCAL) Policies prepared by TASB Policy Service. Superintendent George Blanch reminded everyone there are several of the new policy manuals available for public review on the district's three campuses.

The Trustees approved out of district field trips to the West Texas Boys Ranch for the Ropes Challenge for all the Eighth Grade classes. Supt. George Blanch then updated the board on the question of exchanging property between Schleicher County and the school district. He explained that a 100-year lease, complete with a clause giving the school district first usage of the Ag Building, along with other legal papers, will be available for the board to sign at the October 8th board meeting.

Trustee Eddie Albin then instructed the trustees to be considering possible nominees for the Appraisal District Board of Directors. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## County commissioners set 75.25¢ tax rate

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, September 17 and voted set the county's tax rate for fiscal year 2002 at 75.25¢ per \$100 valuation. The vote came after a public hearing at which no one from the public appeared to address the issue.

Commissioner Ross Whitten presided over the meeting in the absence of Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark and Kirk Griffin were also in attendance. After the public hearing and the vote on the tax rate, the commissioners received the sealed bids for the sale of surplus county vehicles. Three bids totaling \$1,291.00 were accepted and a 1985 Chevrolet Suburban, a 1973 Ford pickup and a 1982 Ford pickup were ordered sold.

Next, Sheriff David Doran and Jail Administrator Kathy Faulk met with the court discuss the issue of compensatory time and overtime for jailers. They told the commissioners that adding a part time jailer would actually save the county money by preventing the accumulation of compensatory time. By law, employers are re-

quired to pay time-and-a-half for time worked beyond 40 hours in a work week, or allow employees to take time off (compensatory time) at a rate of 1.5 hours for each hour of overtime worked.

After discussing the issue, the commissioners agreed and voted to allow the hiring of a part time jailer. The Sheriff explained that the new employee would not work more than 50-hours per month and would not receive benefits like insurance and vacation pay.

Sheriff Doran then updated the commissioners on problems he has experienced with billing on the cellular phones used by his officers. He stated that the original contract with Cellular One was for his department to be charged \$24.99 per month for each of five phones. Doran explained that examination of the bills revealed that the phone charges had been increased without a new contract being approved by his department or the court. The Sheriff explained that he had already contacted the company and had received assurances that the bill would be adjusted to reflect the contract price.

Next, Sheriff Doran advised the

court on his efforts to establish a volunteer Sheriff's Posse. He explained that such a posse would be beneficial in assisting with numerous calls to round up loose livestock and handling other calls like a search for a missing child that was carried out here last year.

Doran noted that horses for the volunteer posse can be obtained from the government through the surplus property program. He explained that any Sheriff's Department officer or Sheriff's Posse volunteer is eligible to get a horse through the program. He further explained that Posse members will be required to feed and care for their horses at their own expense and assured the commissioners that Schleicher County would bear none of the cost of the program.

A horse trailer obtained by the department through the Surplus Property Program was paid for through the Sheriff's seized property fund.

Among other business, the court agreed to renew its contract with the Tom Green County Juvenile Probation Services to house local juvenile offenders.

## City council approves water rate increase

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The discussion came as result of a study requested by citizens on Highland Avenue and Lee Avenue.

Next came a discussion of natural gas rates. Randy Mankin explained that the price of natural gas is trending lower, compared to the high prices experienced last year. He noted that the city's cost of delivering gas continues to rise while the \$1.90 markup it is allowed per thousand cubic feet (MCF) has not increased in a number of years.

After a brief discussion the council directed Mankin to schedule a public hearing for the October 8th meeting so that a 10¢ increase in the markup can be considered. Currently the city charges its customers its cost plus \$1.90 per MCF. The city purchases natural gas from Conoco under a contract based on the "spot" market for gas.

Next, City Superintendent Jack Dean reported that his crews had recently submitted water samples from various parts of town for

analysis by an independent lab. Dean noted that all but one of the samples were returned without problems. One of the samples, however, showed trace amounts of coliform bacteria. Dean said that the sample in question came from the Orient Heights neighborhood, outside the city limits. He explained that there are a number of septic tanks in that neighborhood and speculated that heavy rains may have contributed to the faulty sample. Dean said the lines in the area were immediately treated and purged. He said that a second sample has been collected and is being analyzed by the lab.

Dean told the council that an annual inspection of the two city water towers is scheduled for November 5. He also announced that the landfill is back in full operation, following heavy rains that had closed it for three days last week. He explained that portable pumps rented for the purpose had worked well in removing the water from the pits.

Mayor John Nikolauk then noted that Jack Dean and city employee George Wipff had recently completed a week-long school covering landfill management. He presented Class "C" Landfill Operator Certificates for Dean and Wipff and offered his congratulations to the pair on completing the course.

In his administrator's report, Randy Mankin reported that he had rented two pumps to help remove water accumulated in recent rains from the city landfill. He also noted that all paperwork has been completed in connection with a grant the city received for the new recycling center. He noted that a Grand Opening for the facility is tentatively planned for September 24.

Mankin then told the council that engineer Steve Dennis is estimating repairs to the city wastewater treatment plant to cost near \$40,000.00. He said Dennis' engineering fee should not exceed \$5,000.00.

Mankin then reported on paving work being carried out by Seidel Construction. He estimated that work on Brooks Avenue and Honeysuckle Street would be completed before the ending the project for the winter.

An item of new business was considered but postponed to the Oct. 8 meeting. That involved nominating a director to serve a two-year term on the Schleicher County Appraisal District board of directors.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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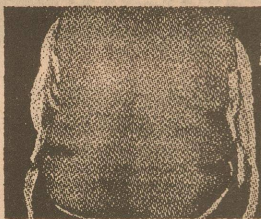
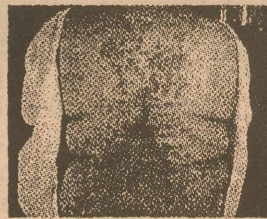
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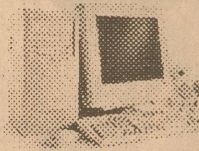
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