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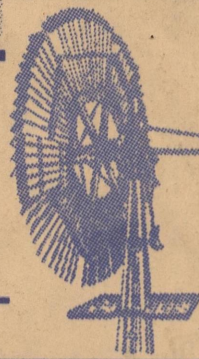


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## F.Y.I.

### For Your Information

The Schleicher County Public Library, located at 201 SW Main St. in Eldorado contains more than 12,000 books, video and audio tapes. In an average month, 1,000 of these are checked out to local patrons. The library's hours are 10-5 Monday through Friday.



On this date in 1675, the first corporation was chartered in the United States today. This may come as a surprise: it was the New York Fishing Company. On this date in 1935, Elvis Aron Presley, the King of Rock and Roll was born. He later changed the spelling of his middle name to Aaron.



According to the Texas Almanac, the highest temperature ever recorded in Texas came on August 12, 1936 in Seymour when it reached 120°F. Monahans tied that mark on June 28, 1994. Tulia and Seminole share the distinction of holding the record for the lowest recorded temperature in the State. Tulia reached -23°F on February 12, 1899. Seminole was just as cold on February 8, 1933.



In the Nov. 4, 1932 edition of the Eldorado Success, J.M. Tuck advertised, "I have opened up the City Cafe and will serve meals family style for 25¢." He was also a veterinarian.



In 1787 Benjamin Franklin said, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."



The top ten oil & gas producers in Schleicher County are:  
1) Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas  
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6) Oklahoma RB Operating  
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8) Ricks Exploration, Inc.  
9) Swift Energy Co.  
10) Williams Oil Company.



The people of Texas usually call themselves Texans. However, Texian was generally used in the early period of the State's history.

## Mohair Council looks to expand markets

When the directors and members of the Mohair Council of America meet in San Angelo for their annual session on Jan. 21-22, the main focus of the meeting will be developing markets for adult mohair.

"We must look for opportunities for adult mohair," said Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home, council president. The sale of adult mohair worldwide has been seriously limited over the past two selling seasons.

In early December, Leinweber called a meeting of industry representatives to discuss options surrounding the development of a value-added venture. Results of these discussions will be revealed at the annual meeting scheduled to begin on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. at

the San Angelo Holiday Inn. The council's executive committee will meet on Jan. 21 following the meeting of the Texas Mohair Producers Board.

According to Zane Willard, council executive director, even the South African Mohair Board is directing its efforts to find ways to improve the market for adult mohair. In a recent communication, the Mohair Board observed, "poor adult mohair demand is a problem that may continue for the short term. The industry should consider longer term measures to develop the market for mohair."

In addition to developing an added-value venture, the Mohair Council is working with the International Textile Center at Texas Tech University on 13

projects relating to product development, and also has begun talks with Boeing Aircraft Co. on the development of fabrics for use in commercial airplanes.

"It's very important that we have good attendance at the meeting," said Leinweber. "We have so many important issues to discuss that really affect our industry."

## Filing deadline passes...only one contested race in local elections

There will be only one contested local race in the March 10th primaries, that for County Commissioner in Precinct 2. Bill Clark and Cindy Cawley each filed on the Democratic ticket while Joe Christian filed on the Republican ticket. Incumbent commissioner Kerry Joy did not file for reelection.

All the other races will be uncontested with the current officeholders running on the Democratic ticket. They are: County Judge Johnny Griffin, Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle, County Clerk Peggy Williams, County Treasurer Karen Henderson and County Commissioner, Pct. 4 Ross Whitten.

## Public hearing on landfill slated for Tuesday, Jan. 13

A public hearing into the City of Eldorado's application for a landfill permit is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 13, 1998 in the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

The hearing was called by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission after neighboring landowners protested the city's application to expand its current landfill to a 75 acre tract immediately to

the north of the existing site. The hearing will be a legal proceeding conducted by an administrative law judge from the State Office of Administrative Hearings under Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. It is open to the public.

The hearing appears to be the only remaining hurdle the City must clear before a permit for the new landfill can be issued.



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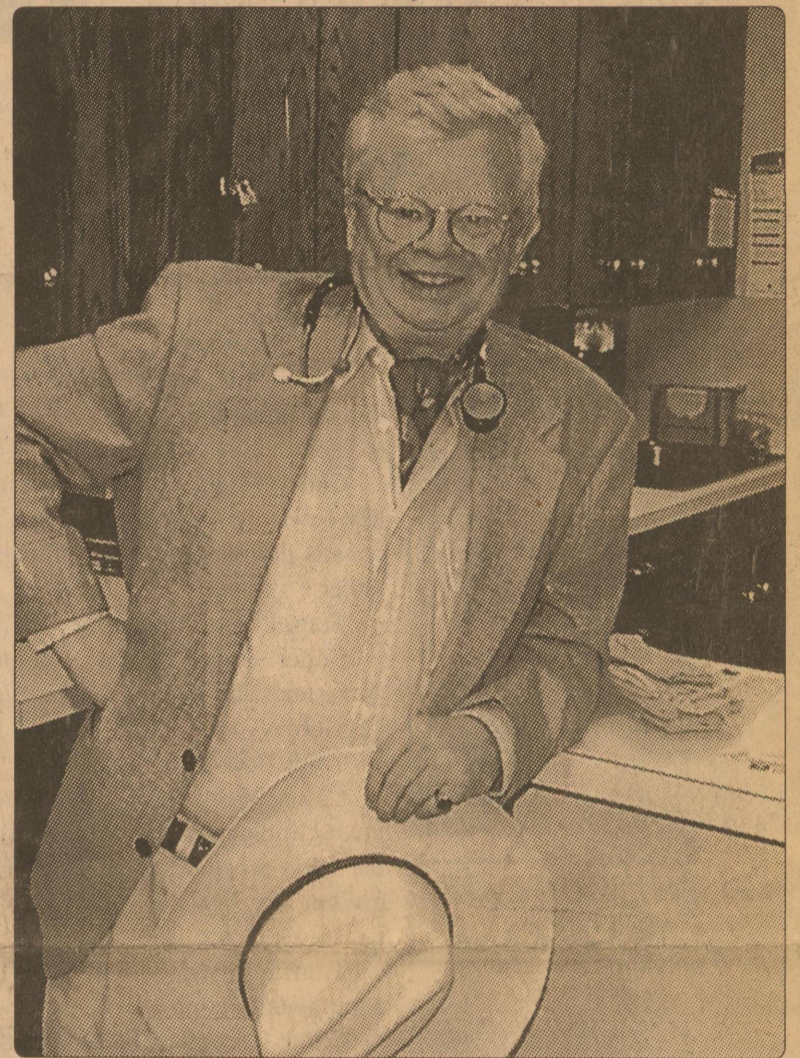
**It could have been worse** — The driver of this 1993 Ford Taurus, Rebecca Mylinda Patch, 19, of San Angelo, was treated at the scene by Schleicher County EMS volunteers after the vehicle rolled twice Sunday afternoon. The accident occurred 3 miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277. According to investigators at the scene, the driver was overtaking an oil transport truck and didn't realize it was turning west into the Rancho Pipeline Station. She managed to avoid colliding with the truck, but her car left the roadway and overturned.

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## Dr. McCrae opens practice in Eldorado



Dr. Bill McCrae photo by Kathy Mankin

The "hospital house" on Honseysuckle is now the home of Dr. Bill McCrae, his wife, Gabrielle and Dr. McCrae's mother, Mrs. McCrae senior, an alert 95-year-old.

Dr. McCrae was born in Toronto, Canada. He specialized in Urology for 35 years, 19 of them in Dallas. Discouraged by the threats to the quality of patient care introduced by HMOs in the last 3 years especially, he decided to seek the peace and quiet of a smaller community.

Dr. McCrae got became a US citizen in 1993. Gabrielle McCrae, born in Vienna, Austria, became a citizen in 1997. Both McCraes speak French and German as well as English and Dr. McCrae is studying "medial spanish" in order to better serve the patients here who prefer to converse in that language.

McCrae is completing additional postgraduate study via computer "online" for an MBA degree in business. He graduates

this June from the University of Phoenix. He has already earned an MD, BSc(Med) and an FRCS(C) degree (Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada).

McCrae will be doing family practice and ER work here in town, taking alternate weeks of call with Dr. Cleon Nunnally. The two doctors will be working closely with physician assistant Shelly Singleton.

McCrae's hobbies include military history. He collects 54mm "toy soldiers" both British and European. He and his wife ski in the winter time and enjoy cooking, travel and good music. McCrae says he is an "old trombone player."

The McCraes say they have quickly learned what everyone else in town already knows---that folks in Eldorado are friendly, informed and justly proud of their educational system and their school band. They say they are very proud to be in Eldorado.

## Cawley runs for Commissioner

My name is Cindy Cawley and I am running for County Commissioner, Precinct #2. I have been married to John Ben Cawley for 18 years and have two children, Nancy, 15 and Scott, 12. I have lived in Schleicher County for seventeen of those years and ranched in the southeastern part of the County.

I am an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado and work for the Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply district.

In my opinion, Schleicher County is the best place to live, raise a family and enjoy life. I



photo by Randy Mankin

Cindy Cawley

want to be a servant of our community and your voice on the Commissioner's Court.



# OBITUARIES

## James Williams

ELDORADO - James Thomas Williams, 87, passed away Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998, in a local hospital. Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 6, at First Presbyterian Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

James was born Oct. 10, 1910, in Eden to John Thomas and Mary Maetta Williams. They lived there until 1929, at which time the family moved to Schleicher County and settled in the Reynolds community. In 1935, James married Florence Podany of Buckholts. They lived in the Reynolds community for eight years, in Eldorado for 25 years and then moved to their place four miles east of Eldorado, where James spent the remainder of his life.

James loved farming and ranching - ever anxious for more rain. One of his last questions was "Did it rain last night?" During the 1960s, James worked with the Boy Scouts of America and was a member of the Lion's Club and the Chamber of Commerce. In 1952, he was elected as a member of the board of di-

rectors of the Federal Land Bank of Sonora and served in that capacity for 36 years.

James is survived by his wife, Florence Williams of the home; two daughters, Jimmie Dell Wiegand of Atlanta and June Davis and her husband, Morris, of Austin; one son, Keith Williams and his wife, Linda, of Austin; 10 grandchildren, Brandi, Jill, Vince, Vic and Jimmie Wayne Wiegand of Atlanta, and Tres Davis, Ellen and Imad Salem and Lynn Davis and Scott and Ross Williams, all of Austin; one brother, Harold Williams of Rye, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were W.F. Edmiston, Elton McGinnes, Ronnie Mittel, Duwain Sauer, T.P. Robinson and Jack Halbert. Honorary Pallbearers were Glen Richardson, Jack Smith, Orval Edmiston, Otis Deal, Skeet Mace and Ples Childress.

Memorial contributions may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 3001 S. Jackson, San Angelo, TX 76902.

## Eunice Ruth Nixon

Eunice Ruth Nixon, age 83, of San Angelo died Friday, Jan. 2, 1998, in a local hospital. Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, in Robert Massie Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Oneill of Northridge Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in Rock Church Cemetery in Rumley.

Mrs. Nixon was born March 16, 1914, in Lampasas. She was a licensed vocational nurse and a member of Community Baptist Church of Eldorado. She came to San Angelo in 1993 from Eldorado. She married Claude M.

Alexander Sr. in 1931 in Sonora. He died on March 29, 1979. She later married Farris Nixon in 1987 in Menard. He died Oct. 3, 1997.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, David Alan Alexander. Survivors include two sons, Claude M. Alexander Jr. and John T. Alexander, both of San Angelo; three grandchildren, Julie Alexander of Arlington, Janice Alexander of Aledo and Thomas Henry Alexander of Round Rock; and two great-grandchildren, Cami Riner and Alexander Patrick Riner, both of Aledo.

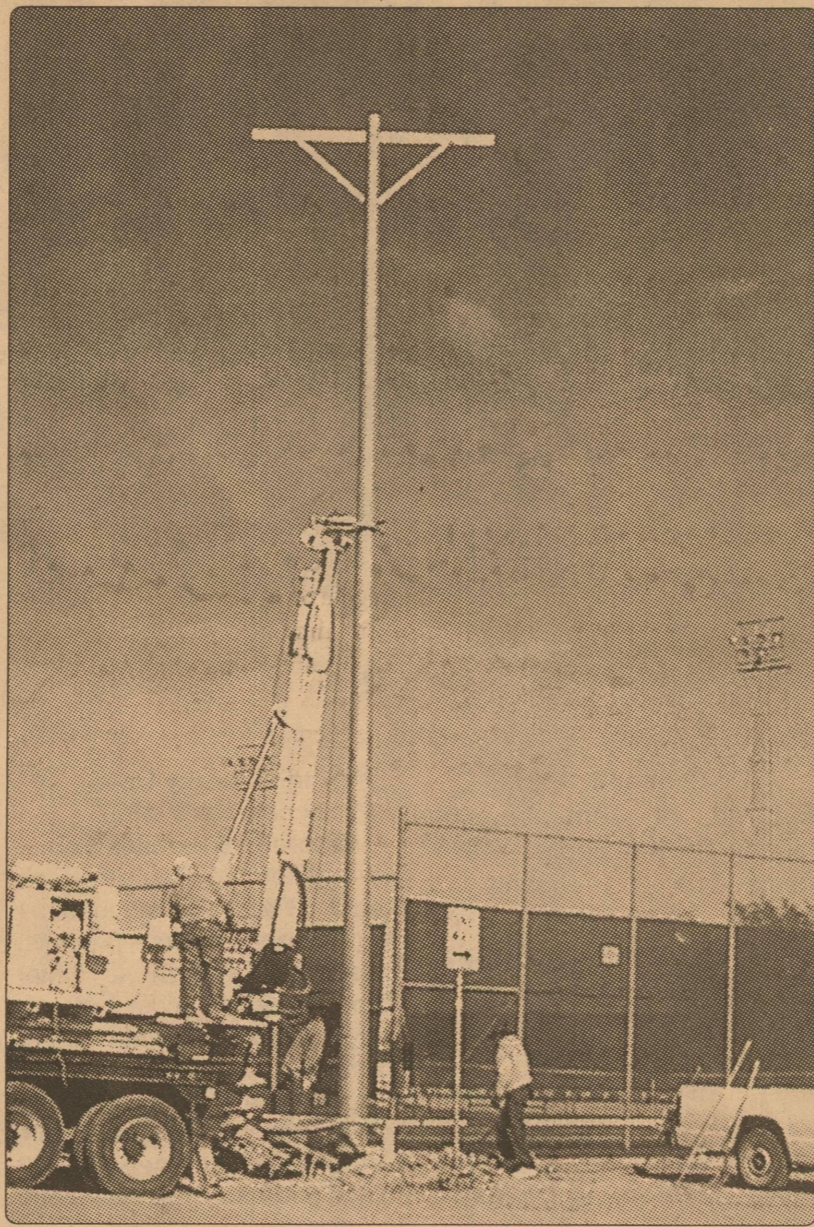
## Tom Duncan

BRADY - Tom Duncan, 87, of Brady died Friday, Jan. 2, 1998, in Houston. Services were held Monday, Jan. 5, 1998 in Wilkerson Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Rest Haven Cemetery.

He was born March 5, 1910, in Calf Creek and was a lifetime resident of Brady and McCulloch

counties. He was a cowboy and a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara F. Vaughn of Southlake; a son, Myrl Duncan of Houston; a sister, Pearl Bolt of Eldorado; a brother, Riley Duncan of San Angelo; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



Up they go — Workmen began installing new lights at the school tennis courts last week. Here one of the poles is installed by a boom truck.

photo by Kathy Mankin

## Home Extension Club News

by Mrs. Ola Ruth Barbee

On December 8, 1997, a Christmas luncheon and gift party was given in the home of Nancy Lester.

Ten Extension workers attended. All enjoyed the meal and entertainment.

On December 15th, 1997 The District Training Meeting of Extension Clubs met at the Recreation Hall at the city park in Robert Lee, Texas.

The mission of the Texas Association for Family and Community Education is to work with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and to strengthen and enrich families through educational pro-

grams, in leadership development and community service.

Nancy Lester, Elenor Powell and Ola Ruth Barbee attended this meeting and enjoyed the meal and program.

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11th R. Byron Orand, Ricky Jones, Sharon Spinks, Carolyn Hamilton, Emmanuel Gonzales, Rosa Trevino, Larry Marshall  
12th Teresa Thomas, Allen Kuykendall, Teresa Lux, Mike Lux, Jerry Jones, Kavin Tinney, Mary Nolen  
13th Gary Hanusch Jr., April Fuentes  
14th Casey Snelson, Tanner Haynes, Meredith Gruben  
15th Lindsay Fuessel, Leroy Reeves, Janet Curtis, Santos Trevino, Michelle Martinez, Allie Cheatham  
16th Nancy McAngus  
17th Tiffany Harris


## ANNIVERSARIES

- January**  
10th Lee & Kathy Brewer  
12th Roy & Melissa Lloyd  
14th Jimmy & Carolyn Gilstrap, Elmer & Willene Garlitz, Kevin & Wendi Lovette  
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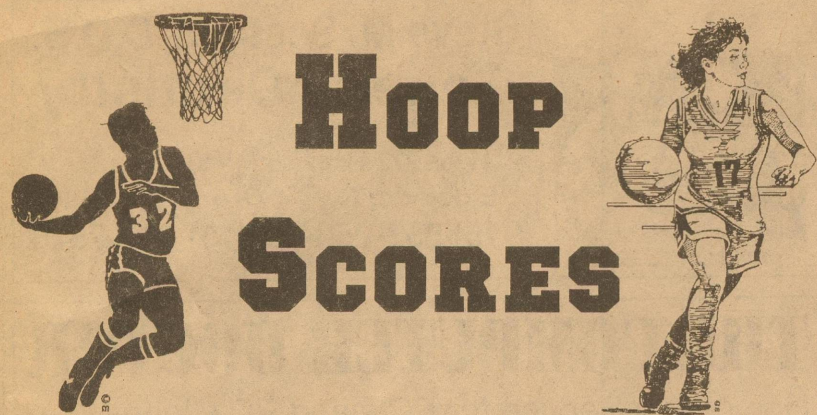
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**Eldorado 46 - Sonora 65**

Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele - 10 points, 2 steals; Jason Richters - 6 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; Kyle Hunter - 8 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal; **Anthony Pina - 11 points**, 1-3 pt goal; 2 rebounds; Mark Fryar - 3 points, 2 steals, 1 rebound; Joseph Wink - 2 points; Juan Sanchez - 2 points, 1-3pt goal; Casey Snelson - 2 points

**Ballinger Tournament  
December 4, 1997**

**Eldorado 74 - Sonora 81**

Scoring for the Eagles: **Jason Richters - 18 points**, 8 rebounds, 1 steal 1-3pt goal; Nolen - 2 points, 4 rebounds; Anthony Pina - 16 points, 1-3pt goal, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Mark Fryar - 9 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Joseph Wink - 3 points, 1-3pt goal, 1 rebound, 1 steal; Casey Snelson - 13 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 3-3pt goals.

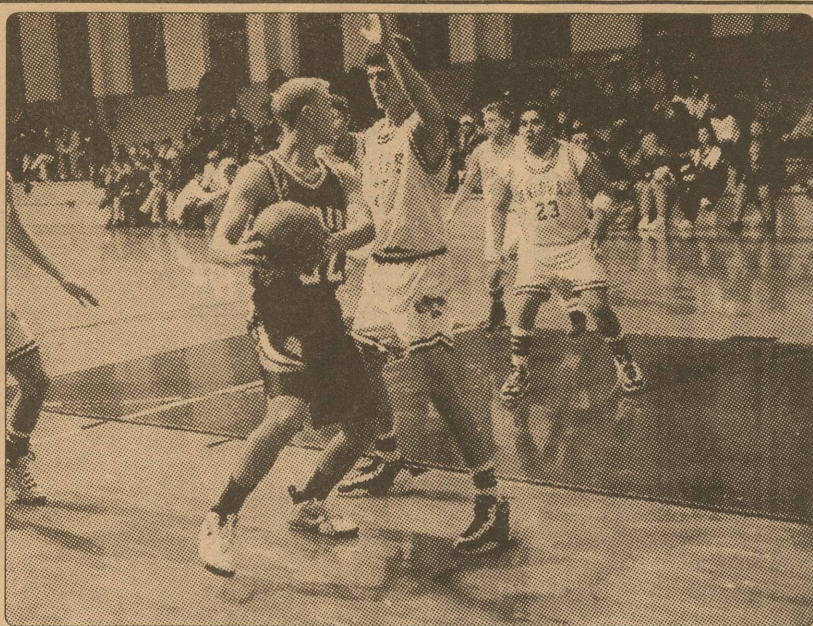


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Working the ball in — Dusty Nolen moves the ball around an Angora defender during recent varsity boys action in Rocksprings.

**December 5, 1997**

**Eldorado 44 - Comanche 65**

Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele - 3 points, 1 rebound, 1-3 pt goal; Jason Richter - 12 points, 11 rebounds, 6 steals; Kyle Hunter - 7 points, 6 rebounds 3 steals; Michael Mayo - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals; Dusty Nolen - 2 points; Anthony Pina - 3 points, 1-3pt goal, 4 rebounds, 2 steals; **Casey Snelson, 15 points**, 1 rebound, 1 steal and 4-3pt goals.

**Ballinger Tournament**

**Eagle Varsity Boys**

**December 6, 1997**

**Eldorado 72 - Miles 54**

Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steel - 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 steal; Jason Richters - 12 points, 9 rebounds, 6 steals; **Kyle Hunter - 15 points**, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; **Michael Mayo 15 points**, 9 rebounds, 1-3pt goal; Dusty Nolen - 3 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Anthony Pina - 9 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals 1-3pt goal; Mark Fryar - 4 points, 1 rebound, 6 steals; Joseph Wink - 2 points, 1 rebound; Casey Snelson - 10 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals, 2-3pts goals.

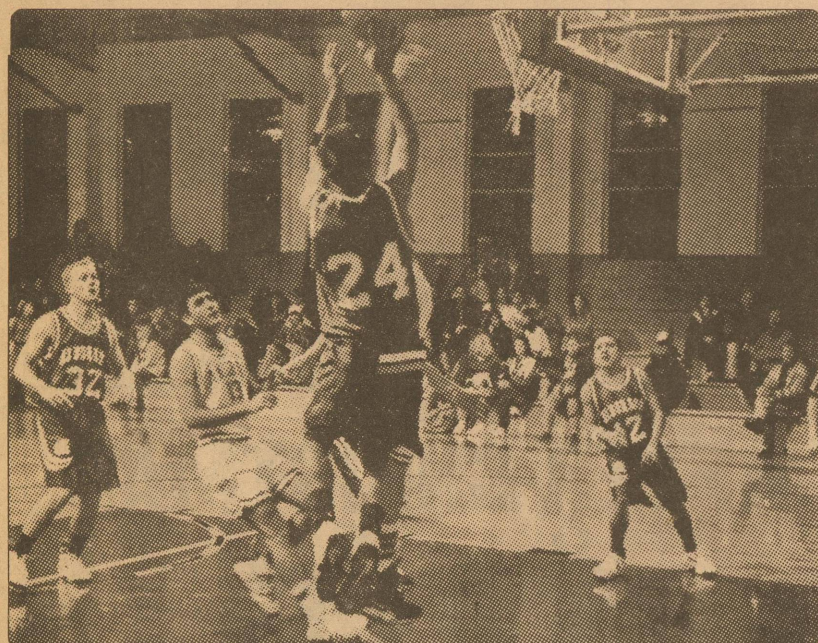


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Hanging in mid-air — Anthony Pina puts up a jump shot against Rocksprings during recent varsity boys action.

**Eagle Varsity Boys  
December 12, 1997**

**Eldorado 56 - Lakeview 58**

Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele - 10 points, 2 rebounds, 5 steals; Jason Richters - 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 steal; Kyle Hunter - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals; Michael Mayo - 12 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals; Dusty Nolen - 2 points, 3 rebounds; Anthony Pina - 8 points, 1 rebound, 5 steals; Mark Fryar - 1 point, 2 steals, 4 rebounds; Juan Sanchez - 4 point, 1 rebound, 2 steals; Casey Snelson - 15 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, 3-3pt goals.

**Eagle Varsity Boys  
December 19, 1997**

**Eldorado 70 - Christoval 64**

Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele - 6 points, 7 rebounds; Jason Richters - 9 points, 4 rebounds; Kyle Hunter - 17 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals 1-3pt goal; **Michael Mayo - 20 points**, 13 rebounds, 2 steals; Anthony Pina - 9 points, 2 rebounds 3 steals, 1-3pt goal; Mark Fryar - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Casey Snelson - 7 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and 1-3pt goal.

**Eagle's Varsity Boys  
December 15, 1997**

**Eldorado 52 - Sonora 63**

Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele - 5points, 1-3pt goal, 4 rebounds, 3 steals; Jason Richters - 3 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals; Kyle Hunter - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals; **Michael Mayo - 18 points**, 9 rebounds, 2 steals; Anthony Pina - 12 points, 1 rebound, 5 steals; Casey Snelson - 8 points 2-3pt goals; 2 rebounds, 3 steals.

**Eagle Varsity Boys  
December 9, 1997**

**Eldorado 61 - Miles 52**

Scoring for the Eagles: Zach Steele - 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Jason Richters - 8 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals; Kyle Hunter - 5 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 1-3pt goal; **Michael Mayo - 18 points**, 7 rebounds; Dusty Nolen - 4 points; Anthony Pina - 10 points, 2-3pts goals, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Casey Snelson - 13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals and 1 - 3pt goal.

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**Tuesday, Jan. 13th**  
Hamburger Steaks/Brown Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Carrot, Pineapple, Raisin Salad, Coconut Pudding

**Wednesday, Jan. 14th**  
Hot Dogs With Chilit, Corn Chips, Mixed Fruit, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Rice Krispie Treats

**Thursday, Jan. 15th**  
Fish Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Cole Slaw, Chocolate Fruit/Topping

**Friday, Jan. 16th**  
Hero Sandwiches, Waffle Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping

**Breakfast**

**Monday, Jan. 12th**  
Diced Pears, French Toast Sticks/Syrup, Peanut Butter

**Tuesday, Jan. 13th**  
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast

**Wednesday, Jan. 14th**  
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Oatmeal

**Thursday, Jan. 15th**  
Pineapple Juice, Biscuits/Ham/Gravy

**Friday, Jan. 16th**  
Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

**Fast Food**

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Turkey Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Halves, Chocolate Chip Cookies

**Tuesday, Jan. 13th**  
McRib Sandwiches, Tater Tots, Carrots, Pineapple, Raisin Salad, Fresh Apple Wedges, Coconut Pudding

**Wednesday, Jan. 14th**  
Beef & Bean Burritos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Mixed Fruit, Rice Krispie Treats

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# Conservation issues to follow in 1998

by Alan Allen, Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas

If you're a hunter or angler, or simply interested in Texas natural resources, you should be involved in how issues of concern are developing. Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas (SCOT) has been the voice for fish, wildlife, other natural resources, as well as sportsmen, for over 41 years. If you don't know much about SCOT, then you're not paying enough attention to what's happening to your choice of recreation in Texas and your state legislature.

The following are just a few issues that you should be tracking.

## Deer-Proof Fences

High, or "deer-proof" fences got a boost during the last legislative session. HB 2542 included the following language, now in the TPW Code Book: "...This code does not prohibit or restrict the owner or occupant of land from constructing or maintaining a fence of any height on the land owned or occupied, and an owner or occupant who constructs such a fence is not liable for the restriction of the movement of wild animals by the fence..."

The language was included because a few people with high fences have been sued by angry neighbors. I don't think high fences are a problem--for the deer herd-- right now. They've helped produce many great bucks. If high fences keep proliferating, there might be a genetics-related problem in the future.

The new language concerns all "wild animals," not just deer, and that's a bit short-sighted. I'm a strong believer in landowner rights, but if a wildlife problem develops from fencing, the state should have some recourse, because, according to law, the public owns wildlife.

## Texas Constitution Re-Write?

There's talk of rewriting the Texas Constitution. That likely will be done, and probably should be; but if a wildlife issue is involved, we should be very careful. A stroke of the pen could make a major difference in how wildlife is viewed and managed. If you don't know your state senator and representative, now is the time to make time to meet them; ask them to keep you informed.

## Mercury Contamination

Several Texas environmental groups are expressing concerns

about increasing mercury levels in fish in public water. There are EPA warnings about consumption of fish from Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Toledo Bend, Big Cypress Creek, Caddo Lake, and B.A. Steinhagen (Dam B). The groups are encouraging the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to put tighter limits on mercury emissions from power plants, municipal and medical waste incinerators, landfills and cement manufacturers. And they're pushing for the Texas Health Department to provide quicker warnings about mercury pollution levels.

## Deer Breeding/Cloning

The recent House Bill 3061 allows the TPW Commission to issue "Deer Management Permits," which they're looking at right now--and likely will act on in March. The permits would allow landowners with an approved management plan and high-fenced areas to trap, transport, pen and breed wild deer. The trapping and scientific breeding of deer is a risky business, including the loss of deer due to stress, and requires a great deal of knowledge, effort and cash. Only a handful of Texans have those, so hopefully the Commission, if it issues such permits, will limit the number. Otherwise, in the future, you might unknowingly be going "shopping" for pen-raised deer rather than hunting wild ones.

How will the Commission set the criteria for issuing permits? For instance, how long will a breeder be allowed to keep a doe, or her fawn, in a pen? Some are suggesting four years. Will qualified, professional trappers and large pens be required, so the number of deer dying from stress will be held to a minimum? By being involved, you can help how those questions are answered.

Much of the public currently disapproves of "trophy hunting". How will the public react to what

hunting may be in Texas in a few years? And, if anyone can go out and easily shoot a Boone & Crockett buck, trophy deer will lose the prestige they currently enjoy.

Cloning of trophy bucks is on the horizon too, which could really lead some hunters to become shoppers. With semen straws from monster bucks selling for over \$1,000 each, and privately-owned trophy bucks from out-of-state selling for tens of thousands of dollars, cloning a trophy could make a researcher extremely rich, despite the black-eye hunting might receive.

## General Licensing Authority For TPWD

The Texas Senate Interim Committee On Natural Resources is looking at giving the Parks and Wildlife Commission "General Licensing Authority"--the power to require any constituent to buy a license to pursue any activity governed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Granting of such authority would require legislative action.

If it's granted, assume TPWD will examine constituents to see if they should pay for special licenses. Theoretically, that might include bicycle riders and/or rock climbers on state-owned lands, fishing and hunting contests and/or organizers, bowfishermen, bass anglers, quail hunters, dove hunters, canoeists, tubers, catfishermen, raccoon hunters, speckled trout anglers, and others.

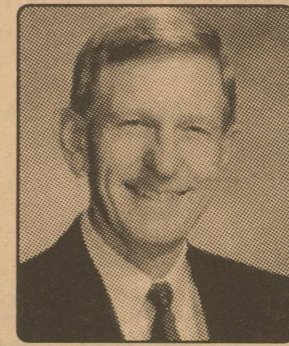
In some cases it might be a good thing. For instance, TPWD might create a sport-alligator license, which would allow more take of alligators by sportsmen.

I've talked to TPWD officials and, other than commercial salt-water fishing, there's not much interest in creating new licenses. That could change, of course, if the TPWD gets the authority. Whenever the TPWD is short on money, they look in sportsmen's pockets. Sportsmen already provide most of the TPWD's budget.

To comment, call the Committee clerk at 512/463-0390. You may also send comments by mail to Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources, c/o Clerk C. McGarah, 345 Sam Houston Bldg., Austin, TX 78711, or e-mail to carol.mcgarah\_sc@senate.state.tx.us. You may call the TPWD at 800/792-1112.

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**Family Shelter seeks volunteers for its Outreach Program**

The Emergency Family Shelter in San Angelo is proud to announce the hiring of Debra Thomas as the Outreach Program Coordinator. The Outreach Program is designed to extend services to family violence victims who live outside of San Angelo. Mrs. Thomas will be traveling to 13 counties, including Schleicher County to provide services similar or equal to those offered at the San Angelo Emergency Shelter.

Volunteers will be providing a range of services, including: peer crisis counseling; information and referral; court escort; and emergency shelter. Volunteers will receive 20 hours of free training, including crisis intervention skills, community resources management, and training related to the Texas Family Violence laws.

To make the Outreach Program a success, volunteers are essential. The Emergency Family Shelter is asking for volunteers to staff the Outreach Program in Schleicher County. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 655-5774 for a volunteer application.

Office space is also needed on a part-time basis to enable volunteers to meet with victims for counseling and other services. Any church, civic agency or business interested in donating part-time use of a facility is encouraged to call the Emergency Shelter.

**Sales tax rebates indicate local economy is growing**

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered final sales tax rebates for 1997 last month. Payments to 1,087 cities and 118 counties totalled \$164.7 million.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1997 topped \$2.1 billion, and were 6.8 percent higher than total rebates for 1996," Sharp said. The Comptroller's office also delivered \$793 million in local sales tax revenue to mass transit systems in eight of Texas' largest cities.

Payments to both the City of Eldorado and Schleicher County reflected an increase in business activity. Eldorado received a December payment of \$5,464.09. That's a 29.85 percent increase over the same month, one year ago. Year to date payments to the city totalled \$81,486.46, a 7.75 percent jump over last year.

Meanwhile, Schleicher County's December rebate check totalled \$5,180.85 which was a 70.63 percent increase over the same month, one year ago. Payments for the year totalled \$64,606.50. That figure represents a 14.26 percent hike over 1996's year-end total.

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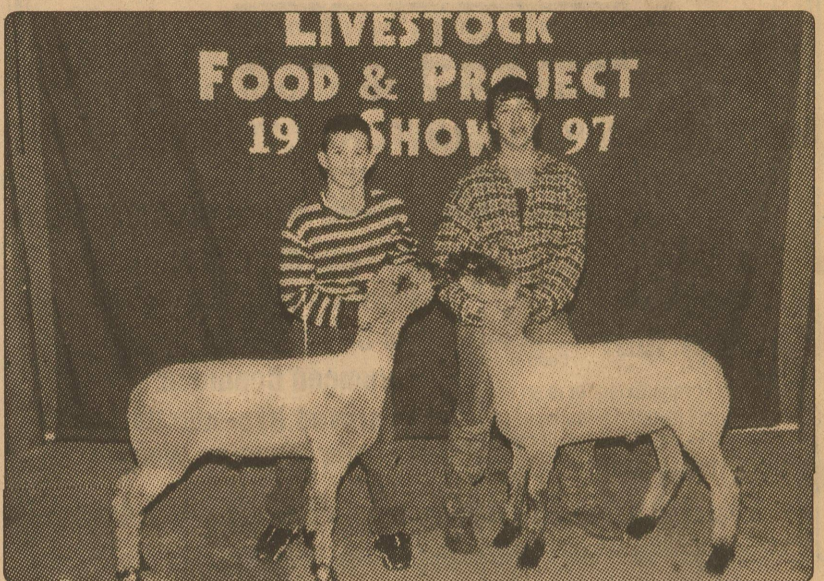
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Champion & Reserve Champion — Whitney Edmiston and Dest Sudduth present their Champion and Reserve Champion Medium Wool lambs at the Jr. Stock Show last month.



Finewool Cross Lambs— Scott Cawley and Brittany Key show off their 1st and 2nd Place Finewool lambs at the Jr. Livestock Show last month.



Medium Wool Lambs — Thomas and Michael Ballew swept the Medium Wool Class 1 Division at the Jr. Livestock Show last month. Thomas won 1st, 2nd & 6th while Michael won 3rd, 4th and 5th. Here, they show off a couple of their winning entries.

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