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## F.Y.I.

### For Your Information

#### Achoo!!!

Kleenex tissues were originally manufactured as gas mask filters during the first World War. The transition of the highly specialized product to a household name was largely due to a massive promotional campaign during the 1920s. The rest is history.

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#### Population Numbers

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Schleicher County's population in 1992 was 3,056. That equates to 2.3 people per square mile. Of that total, 32.5 were age 18 and under while the over 65 population counted for 15.4 percent.

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#### On this Date

On this date in 1856 the tintype camera was patented by Professor Hamilton L. Smith of Gambier, Ohio. In 1878, inventor Thomas Alva Edison patented the phonograph. In 1984 the XIV Winter Olympic Games ended at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, now a part of Bosnia. In 1985 Cherry Coke was marketed commercially for the first time by the Coca-Cola Company in New York City. Notable birthdays include: 1473 Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus; 1893 actor Sir Cedrick Hardwicke; 1911 actress Merle Oberon; 1916 jockey Eddie Arcaro; 1924 actor Lee Marvin; 1940 rock 'n' roll singer Smokey Robinson; and 1942 NFL great Paul Krause.

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#### News From Yesteryear

The Nov. 2 1961 edition of the Success reported:

About 65 Air Force men were here with a Radar Train which was parked on a siding near the local depot. The train provided a simulated target for Strategic Air Command bombers.

The Oct. 30, 1931 edition of the Success advertised:

Bill Mittel, proprietor of Eldorado Coal Yard, has Deep Shaft McAlester Coal at \$15 a ton.

Five lbs. of blackeyed peas cost 33¢, six Delicious apples were 20¢ and a pound of Red and White Coffee was 37¢ at M.O. Shafer's store.

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#### Poison Control Centers

Texas has Poison Control Call Centers in Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Galveston, San Antonio and Temple. Nurses and pharmacists are on staff to answer emergency calls year round 24 hours a day. The number is 1-800-POISON-1 (764-7661).



photo by Randy Mankin

**Over their heads** — Michael Mayo fires a jump shot over Ozona defenders Tuesday night as the Eagles secured a playoff berth with a 74-68 win over the Lions.

## Filing begins for city council, school and hospital boards

The period for filing for seats on three local governing bodies began Monday, Feb. 16th. Positions on the Eldorado City Council, Schleicher County I.S.D. board of trustees and the Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees will be decided by voters on May 2.

On the City Council, the seats currently held by Mike Sproul, Richard Mendez and Tommy Minor are to be decided. The Mayors post, currently held by John Nikolauk will also be voted on in May. City Council members serve Single Member District Wards while the Mayor is elected at large. Candidates wishing to file for a place on the May 2 ballot may do so at City Hall.

On the Hospital District board,

the seats held by Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Shari Wink and Bertha Castillo are up for election. Hospital board members are elected at large. Anyone wishing to file to run for the hospital board may obtain an application for a place on the ballot at the hospital business office.

Meanwhile, on the school board, the Single Member Districts 3, 4 and 6 will be put to the voters. Berta Nicholson, Ilse Williams and Tip Finley currently represent the three districts, respectively. Applications for a place on that ballot may be obtained at the School Administration office.

The last day to file is March 18. Early voting will be held April 15-28. Election day will be May 2.

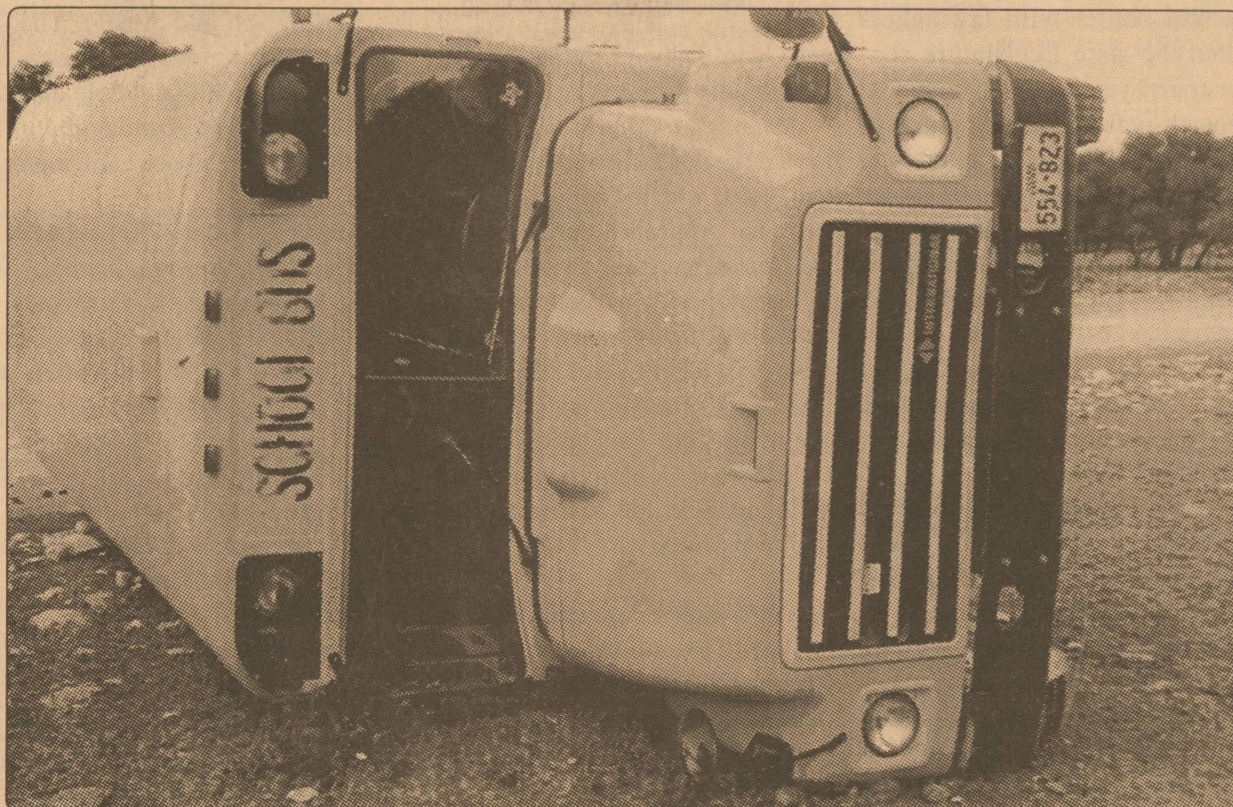


photo by Kathy Mankin

**Close call** — Fortunately no one was injured when this Schleicher County I.S.D. bus overturned on Rudd Road Tuesday morning. The driver, Sherry Criswell, told investigators that the accident occurred when she swerved to miss a deer. There were no children on the bus at the time of the accident.

## Eagles defeat Ozona to clinch playoff berth

Anthony Pina scored 20 points and Michael Mayo added 17 more to lead the Eldorado Eagles basketball team to a 74-68 win over district rival Ozona Tuesday night. The victory guarantees Eldorado a spot in the class 2-A State playoffs.

Played on the Eagles home court, the game was almost a do-or-die affair for Eldorado. A loss would have dropped the Eagles into a second place tie with the Lions who won the first game the two teams played this season. And, under that scenario, Ozona would have controlled the tie-breaker. So, there was plenty on the line when the opening tip-off began the game.

Ozona grabbed an early lead in the contest, but a three-pointer from Zach Steele and a 9 point quarter from Anthony Pina gave the Eagles a 14-12 lead at the end of the opening period.

The Eagles extended their lead to 7 points in the second quarter but the Lions weren't ready to roll over and came back to take a 32-31 advantage at the intermission.

In the second half, the Eagles 6'7" post, sophomore Michael Mayo, took charge under the basket, counting for 10 points and numerous rebounds. At the end of the third quarter, Eldorado had pulled even with the Lions at 49-49.

Ozona's leading scorer Justin Browne fouled out in the 4th period and Eldorado went to the free throw line seven times in the quarter. In all, the Eagles scored 11 points from the line in the final period.

"I always thought we had the ability," said Coach Alan Gillespie after the game. "We had to believe in ourselves. All year we've emphasized playing together...if we do that we will always have a chance."

Anthony Pina led all scorers in the game with 20 points. He hit 5 field goals, 2 3-pointers and sank 4 from the line in the fourth period.

Michael Mayo ended the game with 17 points, making 8 shots from the field and hitting 1 free throw.

Zach Steele counted for 12 of the Eagles points, sinking 2 3-point shots and making 6 of 8 free throw attempts, including 5 crucial buckets in the 4th quarter.

Casey Snelson was also in double digits, making 7 of his 10 points in the final period.

Rounding out the scoring for the Eagles were: Jason Richters 5; Kyle Hunter 5; Juan Sanchez 4; and Mark Fryar 1. Also seeing action in the game was Dusty Nolen.

The win gives the Eagles an 8-3 record and assures them of no worse than a 2nd place finish in District 8-2A. However, a district title is still a possibility.

The Coahoma Bulldogs finished the season Tuesday night with a 9-3 record. If the Eagles win

in Winters Friday night, they could match that mark and force a play-off game with Coahoma to decide the district title.

It should be noted that one of Coahoma's wins came when Winters was forced to forfeit a game it had won over the Bulldogs, after UIL rules violations were made public.

Eldorado is slated to take on the Blizzards in Winters at 8:00 p.m. Friday night. Everyone is encouraged to make the trip and support the Eagles as they continue their pursuit of a district championship. Remember...Wear Your Green!

## Water damage closes Library



photo by Kathy Mankin

**What a mess** — Librarian Jeri Whitten and Carolyn Mayo try to salvage books that were soaked when a water line in the Schleicher County Annex/Library building burst over the weekend.

The Schleicher County Public Library will be closed at least until Tuesday and possibly even longer. The announcement was made Tuesday by Librarian Jeri Whitten after a water leak in the building saturated carpeting along with items that had been left on the floor. Whitten said insurance adjusters are scheduled to come inspect the damage early next week.

The leak was discovered Sunday morning by Duge Yates who

reported seeing water running from beneath the Library's front door. Inmates from the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center were soon dispatched to assist with the cleanup.

Employing squeegees normally used at the school's tennis courts and a wet-vac, much of the water was removed from the building. However, carpeting, baseboards and items on the floor were soaked.

Whitten said the leak originated next door in the County Annex's kitchen. According to City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, the city's water meter indicated at least 2,200 gallons of water had leaked into the facility.

"We'll try to get the library open as soon as possible," Whitten told the Success, "But right now I don't know how long it will take."

Damage on the County Annex side of the building where County Agents Mike Harbour and Nancy Lester office doesn't seem to be nearly as severe. While some of the water did seep under a wall and into Lester's office, most of the liquid ran down the hall and through the doorway leading to the library.

## Co. jail passes State inspection

The Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center passed its annual inspection on Friday, Feb. 13th. According to Paul Scarborough, inspector for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the local lockup complied with his department's regulations. His written report revealed no deficiencies.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran said gave credit for the good report to Jail Administrator Kathy Faull and her staff of jailers. "They really do a good job," Doran stated.

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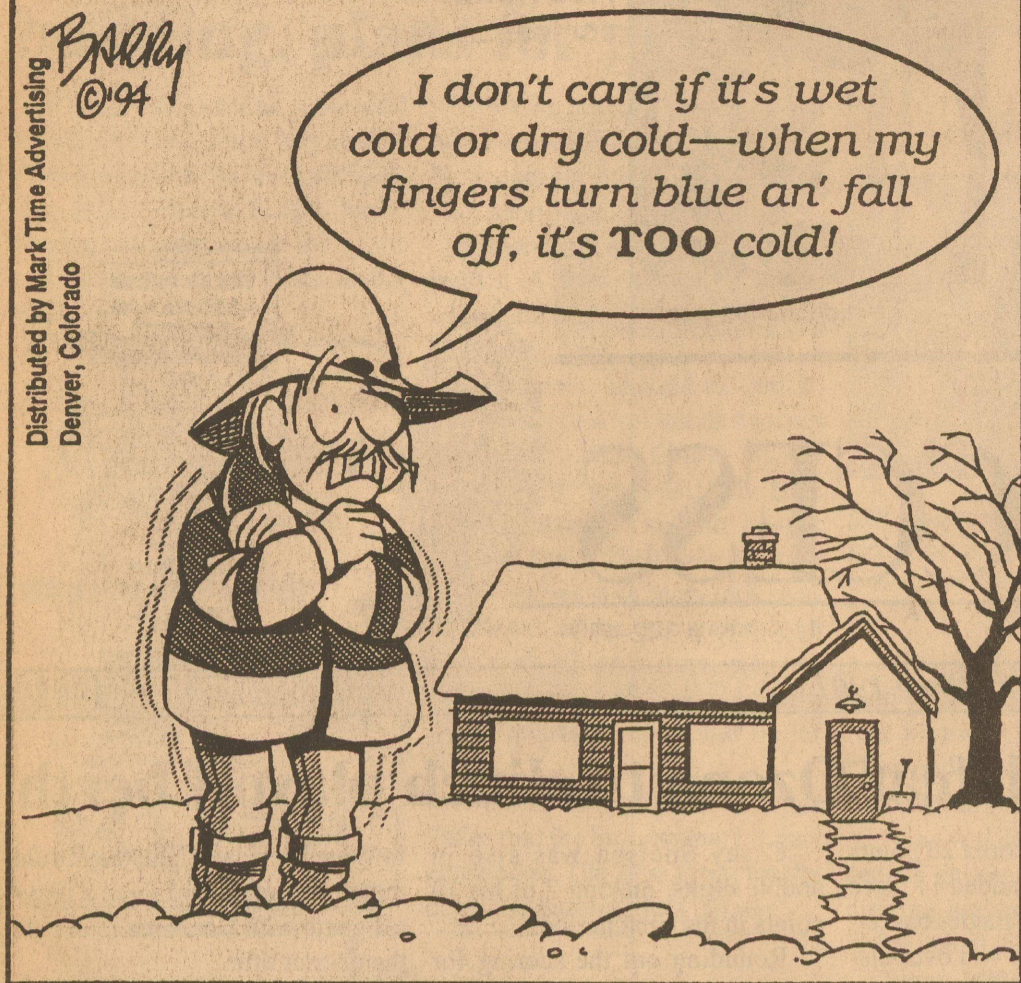
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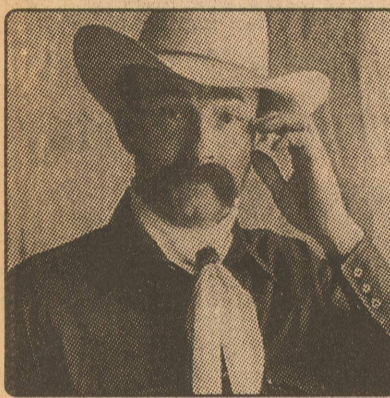
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**ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE**

Calving season is a good time of the year to invite those assorted anti's and detractors' to visit your "Factory Farming" operation. Suit up the cynics in the requisite factory farm uniform, i.e. insulated coveralls, mud boots, scarf, work gloves and the Elmer Fudd cap. Make sure they get to help stack bales on the wagon. That way they will be warm enough to ride on the back out to the field.

Pause after you've scattered the hay, long enough for them to look back at the cows. Sometimes it looks a painting. It can actually give the viewer a peaceful feeling.

Shut off the engine. Let them soak up the clatter and the roar of contented cows. The screeching and screaming of sunlight hitting the snow. The racket and banging of no cars, no phones, no faxes, no television.

Then back to the barn to check the new mothers. Let the skeptics help as you load the day old babies onto the little trailer and carry 'em to the turn-out pasture. They can watch from the tractor as the new

mamas follow protectively. Your guests might get an inkling of the importance of the cow-calf relationship. It's not exactly like collating a 10 page PETA report on "How to spot animal abuse."

Mount the visitors a' horseback, so they can take part in the mothering-up check. Let them sit with you, patiently watching and occasionally helping as you make sure each new baby has found his own mother. It may be difficult for them to understand the importance of this bonding if they still think of animals like pieces of paper, inanimate units to be stapled together and filed.

After lunch at the Drab Factory Workers' Cafeteria where the family sits at a table of simple bounty basking in aromas not found around the office microwave, the visitors can join you to check the heavy bunch.

They can watch your concern as you work a cow that needs assistance, into the chute. Invite them to pull on the chains as you keep a hand in the birth canal to guide. Stand behind them and help as the new life plops out into their lap.

Let them share those first anxious moments as the calf lies still in the palm of their hands. Then the calf twitches, he snorts, he blinks, he gives us that sign that tells us everything is okay. That we did good. He reassures our soul that God was right when he put these animals in our care.

If we were able to allow each of these galvanized critics to experience this little miracle that is part of our daily lives, it could change how they look at life. Maybe even change how they look at us.

But that may be expecting too much. They have been programmed and shrinkwrapped, and it's hard to feel a baby calf's heartbeat through an animal rights solicitation envelope.

I've heard a few people grumbling recently about poor TV coverage of the Winter Olympics. One man told me that he was disappointed with CBS Sports and their "lackluster" effort in televising the games. I had to agree.

I'm not sure why, but I have always enjoyed the Winter Olympics, even more than the summer games. Maybe if we had more snow around here I'd feel differently.

Regardless of the reason, I've been looking forward to watching and tuned in on more than one occasion only to be disappointed. It seems CBS was more interested in airing segments on Japanese culture than in showing the individual sporting events.

One night I settled down in my recliner with the intention of watching Picabo Street pursue a gold medal in the Women's Super Giant Slalom. What was televised, however, was a half-hour segment about a man in Nagano, Japan who makes plastic replicas of food for local restaurants.

According to the story, most Japanese eateries display plastic representations of their dishes in their front

**OVER THE BACK FENCE**  
by Randy Mankin

windows so that passers by may see the delicacies that await them inside.

The food shown in the report, half of which was raw, looked like...well, it looked like bait. So, the plastic versions looked like plastic bait.

The reporter was mightily impressed and droned on about the man's artistic ability and his entrepreneurial savvy. I, however, thought it would have been just as effective to empty out any fisherman's tackle box. Disgusted with the whole thing, I switched channels.

I learned later that Picabo Street won her gold medal, but I didn't get to see it. I also heard somewhere that the Nielsen ratings for the CBS' Olympic coverage have been dismal. I'm not surprised.

The 24-hour news channels, on the

other hand, have seen their ratings soar. Competing for journalistic supremacy, they've engaged in a contest of their own as reporters scurried to be first to air the latest tidbit about President Clinton and/or Monica Lewinsky.

CNN, Headline News, C-Span, MSNBC, CNBC and FOX News have pursued the story from every angle. They've even come up with titles like "Scandal in the White House", "President Under Fire" and "White House in Crisis".

Using the Olympic system of judging, I'd have to give CBS Sports a 4.3 for technique and a 4.8 for style in their Olympic Coverage. The news networks, don't fare much better. Collectively I'd give them a 5.3 for technique. We won't even talk about style.

According to CBS, the USA has won three gold medals. Picabo Street in the Super Giant Slalom, Jonny Mosely in the Men's Moguls and the Womens' Hockey Team.

But, fear not, according to the pundits on the news networks, President Clinton still has a chance to win a very close race with Sadaam Hussein and claim a gold medal in thin ice skating.

**Fathers of Texas**

**Rolling Along With**



**Tumbleweed Smith**

K. R. Wood is a musician who likes to preserve Texas history. His latest CD is called FATHERS OF TEXAS and contains songs about the battles leading up to Texas independence. It is first class.

The CD release party was held at Luckenbach on March 2nd of last year. In case you've forgotten, that's Texas Independence Day. Texas musicians who appear on the CD include Rusty Wier, Steven Fromholz, Gary P. Nunn, Skeet Anglin and K. R. At Luckenbach, they performed selections from the CD.

"I've never had a better audience," says K. R. "They were all listening and it was real special."

K.R. was born in Pampa and raised around Wichita Falls. "I got Alamo fever when I was a young man," he says. "I saw movies and TV shows about Davy Crockett and kinda got hooked on the Alamo story."

When John Wayne's movie

about the Alamo came out in 1960, K.R. really got interested. "I don't know if I had been there in another life or what, maybe even died at the Alamo and came back recycled somehow, but I really have a feeling for that place."

In 1976 he was inspired by an album called WHITE MAN-SIONS, which featured Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Jesse Col-

ter and the Ozark Mountain Dare-devils singing songs representing the southern view of the Civil War. K.R. thought someone ought to do a similar album about Texas History.

He wrote ten songs which stayed in a brief case for ten years. In 1985 he wanted to do something special for the Sesquicentennial, so he wrote fourteen more songs and got the attention of a record producer.

"The album tells the story of the Texas Revolution from when Moses Austin died and his son Stephen F. Austin took over colonizing Texas with his old 300, on through the Come and Take it Cannon, the Battle of San Antonio with old Ben Milam, the Alamo, Goliad, to the Battle of San Jacinto."

K.R. has written another eight songs he hopes to put into another volume about the time Texas was an independent nation.

When he's not writing or performing, K.R. runs "Cowboy Cleaning Company" in Austin, a

business he started six years ago. "We don't horse around," states his business cards, which contain a picture of a horse with a mop tied to its tail pushing a vacuum cleaner.

K.R. has played guitar for 40 years. He used to perform at a club just across the Red River in Oklahoma that had chicken wire in front of the stage to keep the flying beer bottles from injuring the musicians. He later moved to Houston and played with a country rock band, then started playing folk music and cowboy songs.

Fathers of Texas is his biggest undertaking. "Never has one project run out of money so many times," says K.R. He hopes to get the CD into schools as a supplemental teaching aid. He says it's a fun way for kids to learn Texas history.

FATHERS OF TEXAS is available on cassette or CD at most state parks and museum stores.

**Attorney General candidates want clemency reform**

AUSTIN — In the aftermath of the Feb. 3 execution of convicted pickax-murderer Karla Faye Tucker, attorney general candidates John Cornyn and Jim Mattox came out in favor of clemency reform, and in particular, a life-without parole law.

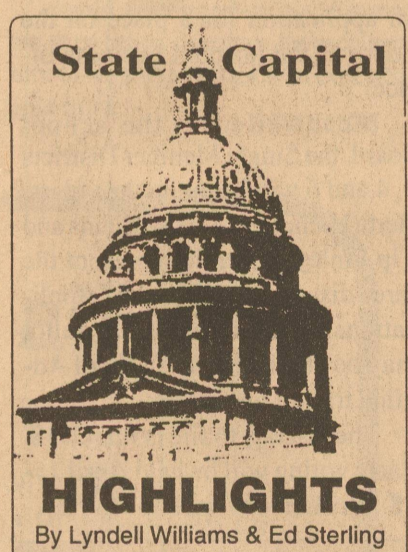
"The clemency process is not simply a rubber stamp for what takes place in the court. There ought to be some standards developed," Mattox was quoted in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Gov. George W. Bush has said he will confer with lawmakers when the state Legislature convenes next year regarding proposed changes in the clemency process.

Mattox, a Democrat and former Texas attorney general, and Cornyn, a Republican former Texas Supreme Court justice, said they favor a law requiring that jurors considering death sentences be told that a life sentence carries a minimum 40-year term. Jurors are not informed of the minimum length of a life term under current Texas law.

"I think jurors need to be told the truth," Cornyn said. "We somehow have the strange notion that juries can't handle the truth, and we filter the kind of information they receive. I have the utmost confidence in the jury system. I think it functions effectively, but only if (jurors) are told the whole story and given the truth."

Mattox faces Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet and Universal City law-



**State Capital**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

yer Gene Kelly in the March 10 Democratic primary.

Overstreet, who has proposed legal remedies to the clemency system, voted with the majority of the Criminal Appeals Court in denying Tucker's appeal. In the majority opinion, Overstreet wrote, "I would say that clemency law in Texas is a legal fiction at best."

Cornyn faces former GOP state chairman Tom Pauken of Dallas and Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson in the March 10 Republican primary.

**Sex Offender Program Eyed**

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is trying to find out how many of the state's 23,000 convicted sex offenders might be classified as predators.

Meanwhile, a Senate Interim Committee on Sex Offenders is conducting hearings on a proposal that would put Texas' worse sex

offenders into treatment programs. Subcommittee chair Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said, "We must put into place a new system with which to protect the public."

Such a program may cost dearly. A Washington state program to treat sexual predators costs about \$68,000 per person a year.

**On the Campaign Trail**

• First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will headline Feb. 15 fundraisers for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro in Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin. The events, featuring coffees, receptions and a \$10,000-a-couple dinner are expected to add about \$500,000 to the Mauro campaign coffers.

• Steve Stockman, a Republican candidate for Railroad Commissioner, has notified state officials he forgot to tell them he returned \$75,000 of the \$169,000 he reported raising last year. Chris Cupit, a campaign spokesman, said he advised Stockman not to respond to questions about returning the contribution from James Lightner, a retired Dallas defense contractor.

• Fund raising in the 5th District Congressional race between Democrat Victor Morales and freshman Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, appears to be lopsided. Morales, a school teacher who was the Democrats' 1996 U.S. Senate nominee, has raised \$34,000, while the Sessions campaign has raised

\$335,000. Meanwhile, Sessions has signed a resolution initiating an impeachment investigation of President Clinton.

• While campaigning in South Texas, Rick Perry, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, proposed using the tobacco settlement money to track children's immunizations, control communicable disease, pay health-care needs for working adults without insurance and retire bonds for water and sewage projects where a lack of running water helps spread disease.

• The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund endorsed Gov. Bush for re-election. The group is the Farm Bureau's political action fund.

**Other Capital Highlights**

• In a move to protect its revenues, the Texas Lottery has ordered security officers to begin forcing lottery sellers to get rid of their eight-liner gambling machines. Lottery Commission chairman Harriet Miers said the three-member commission supports Attorney General Dan Morales' legal opinion that the casino-style machines are illegal.

• Pat Wood, chairman of the Public Utility Commission, traveled to Texas-Mexico border last week to offer Spanish-speaking consumers tips on how to avoid becoming prey to unscrupulous telephone solicitors. PUC officials said telephone scam complaints have increased sevenfold since September.

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# OBITUARIES

## A.G. McCormack



A.G. McCormack of Eldorado passed away on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, in Schleicher County Medical Center at the age of 74. Graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 16, in the Eldorado Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at the First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born in Fannin County to John Russell and Icy Ellen McCormack on May 28, 1923. He attended school in Fannin County and graduated from Gober High School. Work on a "doodlebug" crew brought him to Eldorado, where he met and married Danell Baker on Nov. 19, 1949. Danell and A.G. had three sons, Karl, Kyle and Keith. The boys were always very active in athletic events and A.G. enjoyed watching them play and was always a dedicated supporter of their activities.

He was seriously injured in an accident in 1955, and made a tremendous recovery. In spite of his physical limitations he led a very active life. He served as Schleicher County treasurer for 28 years. His active involvement in the Texas County Treasurer's Association was an important part of his career. He served as president of this organization as well as holding many other offices. He also served as a member of the Schleicher County Volunteer Fire Department and the Eldorado Lions Club. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. A.G. was loved his wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. He enjoyed life and people and was rewarded with many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Danell McCormack; sons, Karl McCormack of Llano, Kyle McCormack of Odessa and Keith and Tiffany McCormack of Bandera and their children, Cody Russell and Shane. He is survived by five brothers, James McCormack of Hurst, Paul McCormack, Willard McCormack, Tommy McCormack of Bonham and Jerry McCormack of Richardson; two sisters, Betty Odum of Sherman and Doris Mayo of Denton; a sister-in-law, Janice Ratliff of San Angelo; and a brother-in-law, Buddy and Lyla Baker of Lyford.

Honorary pallbearers were John Pitts, Bob McWhorter, Bob Lester, Jim Bob Brame, E.C. Peters, Orval Edmiston and L.D. Mund.

## Gloria H. Dodd

GATESVILLE - Gloria H. Dodd, 56, of Gatesville died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1998, at home. Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Don Grogan officiating.

She was born Jan. 16, 1942, in Rochelle, Texas. She graduated from Rochelle High School in 1961, and graduated from Lon Morris College in Jacksonville in 1964. She began her career with the NASA Space Center in Houston. In 1964, she began working as a civil service secretary for the U.S. Air Force in Wiesbaden, Germany, until 1973 when she returned to Houston and worked for Stratford Industries and later for Cooper Industries.

She married Grady Dodd in 1974 and in 1984 she moved to Gatesville with her family, where they owned and operated Gatesville Florist. She was a member, deacon and elder of the First

Presbyterian Church in Gatesville. She was preceded in death by her parents, A.C. and Lena Mae Haywood; and a sister, Helen Harris. Survivors include her husband; one son, Trey Dodd of Gatesville; five sisters, Lillian Johnson and Evelyn Farris of Brady, Margaret Posey of McAllen, Sue Glidden of Eldorado and Carol Haywood of Mason; and her church family and many friends.

Memorials may be made to the Scholarship Fund, First Presbyterian Church, 1110 Main St., Gatesville, TX 76528.

## Eldorado Woman's Club news

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the club room of the Memorial Building at 2:30 p.m. Shine Spigarelli, president, opened the meeting with Florence Williams giving the prayer and Charlene Edmiston leading the pledges to the flags.

During the business session, the roll call was answered by 13 members naming a favorite color. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Noweita Briggs.

Helen Blakeway, chairman of the nominating committee offered the following names to be considered for the 1998-2000 term: President, Bobbie Sanders; 1st Vice President Jo Callison; 2nd Vice President Jerre Holley; Secretary Pat Pitts; Treasurer Nelva June Martin. Charlene Edmiston moved the nominations be accepted by acclamation. The motion was voted on and carried.

Glenda McCravey, conducted a

program on beauty essentials including skin care, hair care and sun protection. A door prize was won by Florence Williams. Club members enjoyed the beauty demonstration.

The meeting adjourned with the reading of the club collect.

Helen Blakeway, Zee Hickman & Ethel Etheredge served refreshments using a valentine motif in table decorations and deserts.

## Tech lists grads, names honor students

Travis Cole Turner of Eldorado was among more than 1,700 students receiving degrees during fall commencement exercises at Texas Tech University. Turner completed his course of study with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

The University also released its list of honor students. Included on that list was Erin Meador of Eldorado. Meador is a sophomore majoring in Food Technology.

## A&M recognizes area students

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1997 fall semester. Among the students recognized for outstanding academic performance are Lindsay Johnson, Matt McCormick and Toni Whitten of Schleicher County.

Johnson, a senior, is majoring in Agricultural Economics. McCormick and Whitten are freshmen majoring in Agricultural Development.

## Sr. Ambassadors meeting held

The First Baptist Church Senior Ambassadors met Monday evening, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a Mexican Haystack supper. Mabel & Billy Frank Blaylock were hosts. There were 24 who attended. Leon Stricklan led the prayer when the group gathered in a hand circle. The fellowship and food was enjoyed by all as Leon shared Mary Etta's valentine with the group.

There will be 16 members of the Senior Ambassadors leaving on March 16th on the "Capitol Plus Tour".



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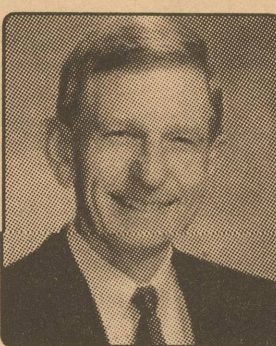
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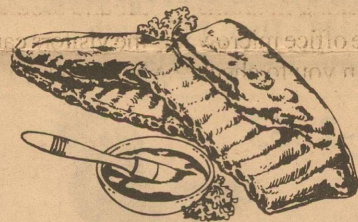
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**All around players** — The 1997-98 Lady Eagles Junior Varsity squad consisted of (clockwise from front center) Haley Edmiston, Amy Green, Jennah Richters, Sarah Mankin, Vanessa Gonzalez, Kasey Griffin, Ashley Barton, Cayla Jeffrey, Stacy Nicholson, Rikki Bosman, Lyncinda Halbert, Dee Martinez, Lindsay Beach, and Meg Anderson. Not pictured Meagan Poynor

**LADY EAGLES J.V.**

January 16, 1998  
**Eldorado 31 - Forsan 27**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Haley Edmiston 2; Cayla Jeffrey 3; **Vanessa Gonzalez 7 pts, 1-3 pt goal**; Lindsay Beach 5; Dee Martinez 2; Rikki Bosmans 2; Stacey Nicholson 6; Sarah Mankin 4.  
 Total by Quarters  
 Eldorado 06-05-11-09=31  
 Forsan 07-06-05-09=27

January 16, 1998  
**Eldorado 33 - Winters 35**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Jennah Richters 5; Cayla Jeffrey 5; **Vanessa Gonzalez 8, 1 3pt goal**; Lyncinda Halbert 2; Stacy Nicholson 13.  
 Total by Quarters  
 Eldorado 10-11-06-06=33  
 Winters 11-07-12-05=35

January 24, 1998  
**Rocksprings Tournament**  
**Eldorado 36 - Rockspring 20**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Haley Edmiston 4; Jennah Richters 3; **Cayla Jeffrey 10**; Lindsay Beach 2; Lyncinda Halbert 8; Stacy Nicholson 7; Melissa Hinojosa 2.  
 Eldorado 04-11-12-09=36  
 Rocksprings 06-04-04-06=20

January 24, 1998  
**Rocksprings Tournament**  
**Eldorado 50 - Junction 30**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Haley Edmiston 8; Cayla Jeffrey 7, 1 3pt goal; Amy Green 3; Lindsay Beach 8; Dee Martinez 2; Lyncinda Halbert 2; Stacy Nicholson 7; **Vanessa Gonzalez 13, 13pt goal**.  
 Total by Quarters  
 Eldorado 13-15-14-08=50  
 Junction 06-09-04-11=30



**HOOP SCORES**



**LADY EAGLES J.V.**

January 27, 1998  
**Eldorado 36 - Ozona 58**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Haley Edmiston 2; Meg Anderson 2; Cayla Jeffrey 2; Lindsay Beach 5, 1-3pt goal; Dee Martinez 4; **Stacy Nicholson 10**; Vanessa Gonzalez 3; Rikki Bosmans 2; Sarah Mankin 6.  
 Total by Quarters  
 Eldorado 07-08-06-5=36  
 Ozona 10-25-10-13=58

February 3, 1998  
**Eldorado 27 - Wall 50**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Haley Edmiston 2; Cayla Jeffrey 4; Lindsay Beach 3; Dee Martinez 2; Lyncinda Halbert 4; **Stacy Nicholson 4; Sarah Mankin 6**; Meg Poynor 2.  
 Total by Quarters  
 Eldorado 08-06-11-02=27  
 Wall 13-12-12-13=50

February 6, 1998  
**Eldorado 22 - Roscoe 36**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Haley Edmiston 2; Jennah Richters 2; Lyncinda Halbert 4; Vanessa Gonzalez 2; **Sarah Mankin 7**; Meg Poynor 5.  
 Eldorado 06-05-02-09=22  
 Roscoe 08-12-14-02=36

**LADY EAGLES J.V.**

February 13, 1998  
**Eldorado 25 - Forsan 40**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Jennah Richters 2; Cayla Jeffrey 4; **Vanessa Gonzalez 5**; Dee Martinez 4; Lyncinda Halbert 4; **Stacy Nicholson 5**; Sarah Mankin 1.  
 Total by Quarters  
 Eldorado 10-04-06-05=25  
 Forsan 09-16-05-09=40

**LADY EAGLES**

February 3, 1998  
**Eldorado 59 - Wall 35**  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Victoria Mitchel 10pts, 1-3 pt. goal; 2 rebounds, 5 steal; Makenzie McCravy 10 pts, 2-3 pt. goals; 5 rebounds, 7 steals; **Ashley Finley 15 pts, 1-3 pt. goal**; 2 rebounds, 3 steals; Kim Jones 1 steal; Stormi Sessom 8 pts, 11rebounds; Ashlie Whitten 12 pts, 6 rebounds 1 steal; Angela Ballew 4 pts, 1 rebound, 1 steal; Kaci Hunter 1 steal.  
**Total by Quarters**  
 Eldorado 09-18-17-15=59  
 Wall 05-08-13-09=35  
 Overall 17-10, District 6-4

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**Wednesday, Feb. 25th**  
 Hot Dogs with Chili, Corn Chips, Mixed Fruit, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Rice Krispie Treats  
**Thursday, Feb. 26th**  
 Fish Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Cole Slaw, Chocolate Cake/Icing  
**Friday, Feb. 27th**  
 Hero Sandwiches, Waffle Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping  
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**Monday, Feb. 23rd**  
 Diced Pears, French Toast Sticks/Syrup, Peanut Butter  
**Tuesday, Feb. 24th**  
 Grape Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast  
**Wednesday, Feb. 25th**  
 Apple Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Oatmeal  
**Thursday, Feb. 26th**  
 Pineapple Juice, Biscuits/Ham/Gravy  
**Friday, Feb. 27th**  
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**Monday, Feb. 23rd**  
 Turkey Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Halves, Chocolate Chip Cookies  
**Tuesday, Feb. 24th**  
 McRib Sandwiches, Tater Tots, Carrot, Pineapple, Raisin Salad, Fresh Apple Wedges, Coconut Pudding  
**Wednesday, Feb. 25th**  
 Beef & Bean Burritos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Mixed Fruit, Rice Krispie Treats  
**Thursday, Feb. 26th**  
 Beef Tacos/Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pineapple Slices, Carrot Sticks, Chocolate Cake/Icing  
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To enter tournament call Bill Wells at 853-3235 or Ken Thomas at 853-2815.

**BIRTHDAYS**

February

19th Dustin Ramos, Patrick Fuentes, William Robledo, Matt Peters, Carlos D. Estrada, Abby Fuentes, Lee Brewer, Randy Beach, Sharon Ussery, Edward Dominguez, James Beach  
 20th Richard Adame Jr., Stacey Reeves, Manuel Martinez, Wes Adkins  
 21st Chelsey Martinez, Orval Edmiston, Luiz Martinez,  
 22nd Eric Cheatham, Emilio Valejo Jr., Heather Nixon, Jimmy Powell, Josh Young, Ricky Fuessel  
 23rd Buffy Harris, Ericka Schooley, Mike Prater  
 24th Abelardo Montalvo, Scott Barton, Janell Caulder, Marina Lozano, Toni Martin, Amanda Wanoreck, Hallie Behrens  
 25th Leslie Elvick, Shanna Edmiston, Levona Lloyd, Kymm Nixon  
 26th Jaime Martinez, Jennifer Martinez  
 27th Lacy Ragsdale, Mary Adame, Rosemary Adame, Claude Jenkins  
 28th Catrina Lloyd, Dee Ann Lloyd, Lee Ann Lloyd, Doug Ward, Andre Fay, Brianah Creek, Rudy Spigarelli, Luis Santellano  
 29th Juan Montalvo Sr.

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### School board candidate workshop

SAN ANGELO - Area school board candidates and interested citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about the challenges and rewards of trustee service at a school board candidate workshop, Thursday, February 19, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 South Irene Street, San Angelo).

The workshop will provide school board candidates and other interested citizens with a better understanding of what is involved in

being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

The workshop is open to all school board candidates, interested community members, and current school board members. Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-0580-8272, extension 6161.

### Financial aid workshop set for Jrs. & Srs.

All EHS seniors, juniors and their parents are invited to listen to guest speaker, Mr. Jim Parker, Director of the Financial Aid Office at Angelo State University.

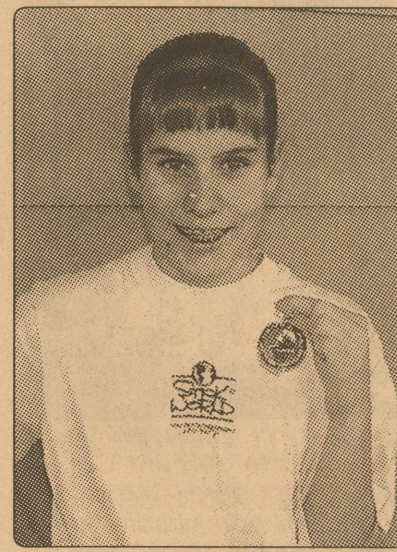
The meeting will be held in the Schleicher County ISD's Multi-Purpose Room on Monday, February 23, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hodges, high school counselor encourages all junior and senior students contemplating college to bring their parents and learn about the many aspects of applying for financial aid for the 1998-99 school year.

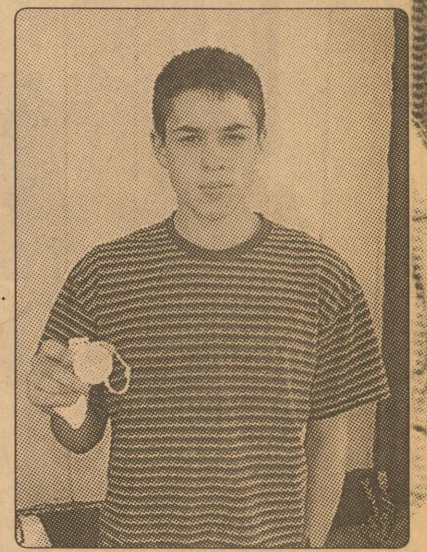
### Local youths win K of C Dist. Free Throw titles



Christina Redish



Samantha Smith



photos by Kathy Mankin  
Joey Bullard

Three Eldorado youngsters captured gold medals at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship held in Sonora on Saturday, Feb. 14th.

Christina Redish won the girls 12-year-old division by sinking 17 of 25 shots.

Samantha Smith won the 14-year-old girls division by tying for first with 10 of 25 shots, then winning a shoot-out where she hit 4 out of 5 attempts.

Joey Bullard won the 14-year-old boys division by making 17 out of 25.

The three youths will advance to the Regional Championships in Wall on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The contest will be held in the Wall High School gymnasium.

Congratulations, Christina, Samantha and Joey!!!

### McCamey holds practice UIL meet

by Trisha Martinez

On Saturday, February 7, six girls represented Eldorado High School at the McCamey UIL meet. The spelling team consisted of Tabitha Garcia BreeAnne Davis, and Evelyn Quintana. Tabitha Garcia placed 1st, while BreeAnne Davis placed 5th.

In current events, Anna Loomis placed 4th and Sarah Mankin placed 5th. In feature writing, Sarah Mankin also placed 5th. Sarah Wolfe competed in literary criticism.

## Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out (G.E.E.S.O.) Winners



photo by Kathy Mankin

**SECOND GRADE 1998 G.E.E.S.O. CHAMPIONS** - (Back L-R) Boys 1st Austin McBroom shot 10 of 12 baskets (New Record); 2nd J.P. Joiner; 3rd Michael Redish; 4th Jorge Mata; 5th Leo Aguirre; 6th Matthew Hill. (Front L-R) Girls 1st Lynley Glass shot 8 of 12 baskets; 2nd Abigail Salazar; 3rd Chelsey Hill; 4th Amika Gonzalez; 5th Jessie Valero; 6th Heather Brock.



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**THIRD GRADE 1998 G.E.E.S.O. CHAMPIONS** - (Back L-R) Boys 1st Adam Dominguez shot 8 of 15 baskets; 2nd Gabriel Vasquez; 3rd Briley Leggett; 4th Artie Montalvo; 5th Buddy Arispe; 6th Chris Chavez; (Front L-R) Girls 1st Kimberly Samaniego shot 7 of 15 baskets; 2nd Juanita Segura; 3rd Chelsi Sellers; 4th Sandra Garza; 5th Ana Cordova; 6th J.C. Rodriguez.



photo by Kathy Mankin

**FOURTH GRADE 1998 G.E.E.S.O. CHAMPIONS** - (Back L-R) Boys 1st Coy Cook shot 11 of 20 baskets; 2nd Nestor Hernandez; 3rd Diego Barrera; 4th Jaaron Crawford; 5th Tony Vasquez; 6th Frank Edmiston. (Front L-R) Girls - Ivonne Granados shot 8 of 20 baskets; 2nd Maxine Holley; 3rd Sandra Guzman; 4th Taylor Baker; 5th Charlotte Adame; 6th Rachel Joiner and Alison Sproul.

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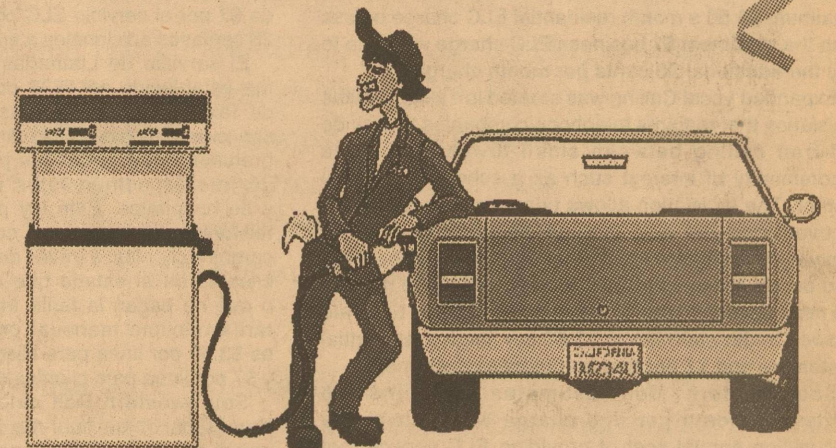


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**Passing inspection** — The County Law Enforcement Center successfully passed its inspection by the Jail Standards Commission last week. Here, Sheriff David Doran and Jail Administrator Kathy Faulk display the certificate the facility received from the commission. See related story Page 1

## X Bar Ranch needs volunteers for Bike Race

The X Bar Ranch is seeking volunteers to help with X-Bar Shoot Out Mountain Bike Race being held on Sunday, March 8, 1998.

The X Bar Ranch will be hosting their first mountain bike race on their new nature trails. Volunteers will be needed to help with various duties.

Volunteers must be at least of high school age and should report on Saturday evening March 7th to receive instructions. At that time, a dinner will be served for those volunteering.

On Sunday, March 8th volunteers will report to Live Oak Lodge 20 miles southwest of Eldorado on Bailey Ranch Road on Farm Road 2129 at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping call Stan Meador at 853-2688.

## THE BLOTTER

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### Arrests

2/15/98 Lucy, Eric E., male age 28, arrested by SC Officer for Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 Bond on 2/15/98. Savannah, William T., male age 22, arrested by SC Officer for Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 Bond on 2/15/98. Camacho, Juan A., male age 31, hold for US Border Patrol for Marshal. Released to US Border Patrol 2/16/98. Kinabrew, Dale W., male age 43, hold for Irion Co., DWI 1st Offense. Released to Irion Co. 2/15/98. 2/16/98 Villanueva, Paul N., male age 17, hold for Irion Co. for Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle/Theft. Released on \$5,000 & \$750 Bond. 2/17/98 Aguillaz, Ernesto S., male age 20, hold for US Border Patrol. Released to US Border Patrol 2/17/98. Lopez, Juan M., male age 30, hold for US Border Patrol. Released to US Border Patrol 2/17/98. Hicks, Michael A., male age 18, hold for Irion Co. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle.

hicle.

### Reports

2/9/98 Burglary-complainant called to report that someone had broken into their mother's house. They reported nothing missing or broken.

Vehicle Theft - complainant reported that their motorcycle had been stolen.

Assist Motorist - Unlock Vehicle.

2/11/98 Complainant walked to Sheriff's Office to report phone harassment. Complainant talk to officer and officer would talk to second party.

Control Burn reported to Sheriff's Office.

Dispatch was notified by fire alarm linked to hospital, Fire Chief was notified as well as two officers. Area of alarm was kitchen of nursing home. All was found ok.

2/12/98 Complainant came into Sheriff's Office to report that their father had taken off in their vehicle. Their father beening unable to drive due to medical conditions requested that the Sheriff's Office help them locate their father. Officer took call. Father returned home ok.

Loose Livestock - complainant reported a loose Emu near the work vehicles at the cemetery. Also, stated that the animal was reported before and was unable to be located, but returned. Officer responded to call.

Loose Livestock - complainant reported that a truck driver had reported loose livestock at the first curve on 2129. Dispatch notified owner.

Vehicle Accident - Crockett County S.O. phoned in and reported a one vehicle accident approx. 15.3 miles on Hwy 190 West. Three officers responded along with EMS-1. No serious injuries were reported but one passenger was transported to SCMC.

2/13/98 Sutton County call to see if Sheriff's Office could help a motorist to county line. Officer responded en route to Tom Green County Line.

Complainant reported a drunk pedestrian. Complainant also added that the subject cursed the clerks out for not selling them alcohol. Officer responded and was unable to locate this subject.

2/14/98 Ambulance requested to transport a patient.

Assist Motorist-complainant asked to leave their travel trailer keys and instructions for the repairs on their vehicle. Also requested a ride to the bus station for the 2:45 bus. Officer responded to call. Vehicle will be disabled until wrecker can pick it up.

Criminal Mischief - complainant came into office to report that someone tore the windshield wipers off their 1998 Mercury. Complainant stated that this happened while he was in a local food store. Est. value of damages \$306.00. Officer took call and no arrest were made.

Criminal Mischief - complainant reported Criminal Mischief done to her vehicle, 1995 Mazda MX-6. Someone keyed the hood of the car and the front driver side. Back left tire was slashed. Est. value of damages is unknown at this time. Officer responded and no arrest were made at this time.

Reserve Officer arrested two male subjects during traffic stop. Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

Disturbance - Someone knocked on door then occupant heard window open in the bathroom. Officer was called and responded.

2/15/98 Loose Livestock - Big Lake Sheriff's Office called stated that a female had called and reported a bull in the middle of Hwy 190 West of Eldorado.

Complainant reported that her boyfriend had not come home from work. Welfare concern has been put out over the teletype.

Criminal Mischief - complainant requested to see an officer. Officer responded. Officer reported criminal mischief to the complainants gate.

Disturbance - complainant called to report loud music disturbance on Pelt St. Officer took call and reported that he advised the resident to turn the music down.

2/17/98 Vehicle Accident - complainant phoned and reported a one vehicle accident out approx. 25 miles out on Rudd Rd. Complainant also stated that the vehicle was a school bus and was occupied by onley the driver, no injuries were reported.

Complainant reported a jewelry sales person selling door to door without a permit.

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### NOTICE OF ELECTION

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The filing dates are from Monday, February 16, 1998, through Wednesday, March 18, 1998. Office hours will be 8:00 - 4:00 daily. Spring Break office hours will be 9:00 - 12:00. Election Day is May 2, 1998. If you have questions or need more information you may call 853-2514, ext. 221 or come by the Administration Office.

**SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**

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and  
PRECINCT 6  
Special Election  
(for a 1 year, unexpired term)  
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Wednesday, 3/18/98, 5:00 PM. Applications may be picked up between 8-4 Monday-Friday Administration Office Open during Spring Break 9:00 a.m.-Noon (for your filing convenience)

Early Voting in Administration Office, 205 Fields April 15, 1998 through April 28, 1998  
Call Hal Porter or Rachael Nixon @ 853-2514 ext. 221 for more information. Please Vote.

### PUBLIC NOTICE AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

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## 853-3125

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: February 4, 1998 in The Eldorado Success.

1. Notice is given that the West Texas Weather Modification Association 8696 Hangar Road, San Angelo, TX 76904, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the first newspaper publication of this notice.

2. The West Texas Weather Modification Association submitted an application for a Texas Weather Modification License on January 15, 1998.

3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall. The period of the permit is April 1, 1998 through March 31, 2002.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for an on behalf of the West Texas Weather Modification Association, 8696 Hangar Road, San Angelo, TX 76904.

5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and a "target area" to cause intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area including Coke, Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, and Upton Counties, which is the target area; and those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Andrews, Concho, Crane, Ector, Edwards, Howard, Kimble, Martin, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Runnels, Taylor, Terrell and Val Verde.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as Coke, Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Upton Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumulus clouds or other appropriate clouds for cloud seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecasting techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodide crystals, from airplanes equipped with flare racks and/or generators.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant or George Bomar, MC 158, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.

9. Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the chief clerk's office, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-3300. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides, or owns, property in the operational area; and, (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to issuance of the permit. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.8b

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**Ozona - Front Yard Sale - Feb. 21; 8 a.m. - ?; 157 Santa Rosa; All types of clothes, toys and dishes. Cancel if raining.**

**Ozona - Methodist Youth Sale - Clothing and household items. 12:30-1:30; Sunday, Feb 22 at the church.**

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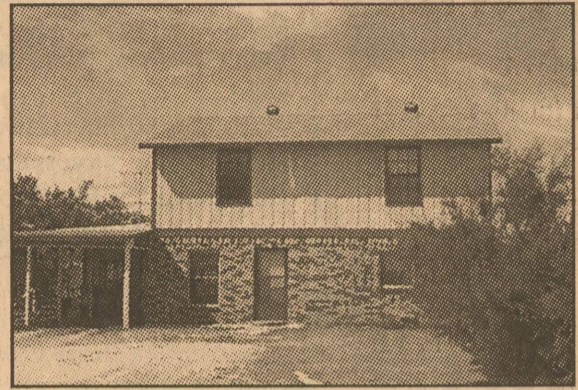
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### Public Notice

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUTH DELONG HARPER, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RUTH DELONG HARPER were issued on February 17, 1998, in Cause No. 1500, pending in the County Court of Schleicher, County, Texas, to:

**EMILY ANNE HARPER AINSLIE AND MYRTA BOB HARPER RATHBONE**

The address of such Executrices are c/o MARIAN BLAND OVERSTREET, P.O. BOX 492, Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas 76936.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 17th day of February, 1998. BY: MARIAN BLAND OVERSTREET Attorney for the Estate

The Texas Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the following position located in Sonora, Texas:

**Job Title: General Engineer Technician I**

**Job Vacancy Number: 8-07-E192-225**

**Salary: \$1521.00 to 1936.00 Per Month**

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Under supervision, performs routine work related to transportation engineering and maintenance activities such as construction inspection, plant inspection, maintenance contract inspection, roadway maintenance, drafting, laboratory work, surveying, construction record keeping or engineering data collection. Work requires contact with the public.

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Inspects construction methods and workmanship to ensure that contractors build roadways, bridges, traffic signals and related highway and conducts lab tests to ensure that construction materials meet Department specifications. Analyzes maintenance problems and implements solutions. Inspects routine maintenance contract work. Performs hand and/or computer aided drafting and calculating work. Determines placement of traffic control devices and installs devices. Work on a survey crew, learns to operate survey instruments.

#### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Working knowledge of engineering calculations. Some knowledge of methods, materials and procedures used in transportation engineering and/or maintenance work; the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Skill in the use of engineering and roadway maintenance engineering calculations; communicate effectively; deal courteously and effectively with the public; work under varying weather conditions; maintain effective work relationships; move 50 pounds; occasionally move 100 pounds.

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Address: Sonora Area Office, U.S. 277 North, Sonora, Texas 76950.

For additional information on the job vacancy notice or applications call Telephone Number: 915-387-3166 or 387-2155 or contract any TxDOT office in the state of Texas.

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## Meyer purchases historic building, plans for growth

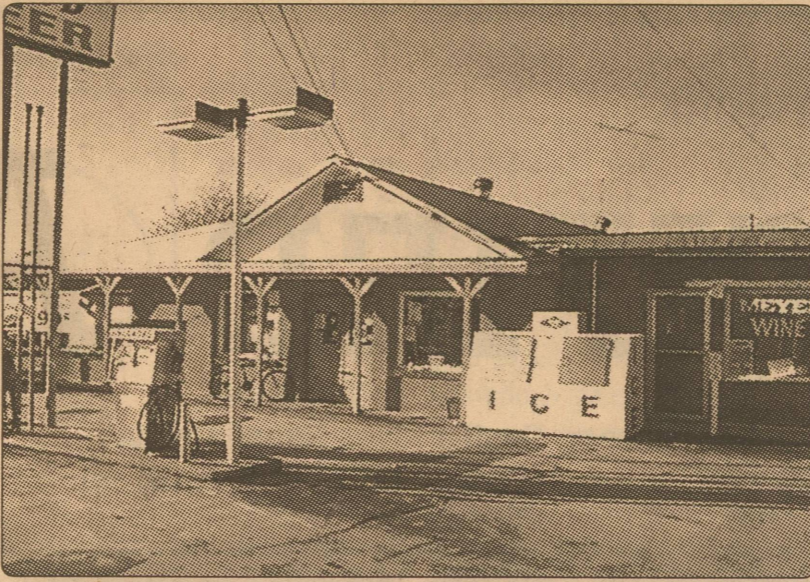
Philip Meyer has operated Meyer Grocery since July, 1986. That's when he leased the buildings from Cramer Sofge. Now, Meyer has purchased the store and is planning to make some changes.

"We're going to be adding a name brand of gasoline and we'll be accepting major credit cards very soon," said Meyer.

Other changes are already in the works. A deli section is being added and other conveniences will be coming soon.

The store, located at 700 E. Murchison first opened its doors in 1937. That's when George W. and Sally Jane Sofge opened "The Blue Front" gasoline station on the Menard road. Their son, Cramer Sofge and his wife Mary took over operation of the gas station and over time added a store, a liquor store, a three bedroom, two bath living quarters, motel and trailer court.

In a 1986 interview, Cramer Sofge told the Success that his parents named The Blue Front for the color the building was painted.



*Still prospering* — Meyer Grocery began its life as The Blue Top gasoline Station in 1937. It later became Sofge Grocery before being leased by Philip Meyer. Now, Meyer has purchased the building outright.

"The road was still caliche and didn't follow the course of the current highway," Sofge continued. "You had to go to (Fort) McKavett first then to Menard."

"Gas was selling for 16 and 18 cents a gallon, with white (no additives) and red being offered," Sofge stated.

Since Meyer took over from Cramer Sofge he added a hardware department to the store.

Meyer has also been busy with other business ventures. A found-

ing partner in the Tres Amigos chain of convenience stores, Meyer has seen that business grow to include stores in Menard, Mason, Eden Big Lake and recently, Christoval.

But Meyer Grocery was and is Philip Meyer's first store and its been the backbone of his success.

"The people here in Eldorado have been very good to me," Meyer said. "There's a good base of local customers here and we really appreciated them."

## Dry weather leaves dormant trees and shrubs in need of water

by Mike Harbour

County Extension Agent - Agriculture

Many plants are in need of water now! Insufficient rain, snow, or ice has left landscapes in Eldorado parched. Even older established trees, shrubs and lawns can be damaged from root die-back associated water stress during winter.

The last few weeks have shown above average daytime temperatures. This encourages root growth. If soil moisture is lacking, the opposite can occur.

We should apply at least one inch of water to lawns, trees, and shrubs each month if no precipitation occurs. Trees and shrubs should receive a good soaking every two or three weeks. If no water is applied, soils will crack and allow cold air to penetrate the root zone and cause damage.

There is no truth to the belief that watering during warm winter weather will encourage early bloom of fruit trees. Not only is the water necessary to the health of the tree, but wet soil remains cooler than dry soil and can hold a tree dormant longer.

Newly planted trees and shrubs will benefit from a weekly watering. Too much water can cause slow establishment in our heavy clay soils. In this case, an every two week watering may be all that is necessary. Soils require both aeration and moisture for good root growth.

One thing we should remember while watering is that conservation in usage is important. Early morning is still best and most efficient application time. Also, watering during windy days results in high evaporation rates.

Avoid watering when temperatures are at or below freezing. An excellent time to water is just prior to an expected cold front.

## SCISD recognizes community effort

by Hal Porter, S.C.I.S.D. Superintendent

The Schleicher County Independent School District has and will be undergoing several improvements that enhance the facilities to optimize the ability of those facilities to meet the needs of students and patrons. Recently, in the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (2-9-98), some of these projected improvements were reviewed. Those projected enhancements include: Sprinkler System & Timers on the Football Field; Press Box Renovations; Additional Bleachers; Eagle Bus Barn; Elementary Office Improvements; Paving Products; Tennis Courts Lights and Improvements; and Football/Track Scoreboard

The S.C.I.S.D. Maintenance Department does a tremendous job to maintain and improve the wonderful facilities the taxpayers of this District provide for its children. The last three improvements listed involve contributions of time or money from other organizations in our community that may be unknown to many, and certainly deserve that acknowledgment.

On the paving project, the City of Eldorado will work with the SCISD Maintenance Department to improve parking facilities and

increase the use of those areas in upcoming months with the donation of time, equipment, and labor. Schleicher County has donated time and materials, in the form of rock for the base on paving projects, dirt for the baseball field, etc.

Southwest Texas Electric Coop, Inc. has contributed countless man-hours and equipment to improving the lighting of the tennis courts. The B.J. Services Company of Eldorado has contributed time and services to improve the area around the tennis courts. The Eldorado Tennis Association has promised to help financially with needed improvements. The Schleicher County Commissioners have donated extra bleachers for patrons of this facility.

First National Bank of Eldorado will be purchasing a new scoreboard that can be used for both Football and Track. The cost of this scoreboard is approximately \$7,000.

The Companies and Organizations are to be commended for their support of our school system. Also, the individual employees or managers will never know how much their support is appreciated by the children, staff, and patrons of the Schleicher County I.S.D.



*Pitching in to help out* — Guillermo Sanchez, a senior equipment operator for BJ Services, loosens a fitting after completing a cement job at the SCISD tennis courts. The oilfield service contractor showed its community spirit by donating labor and materials. Other BJ Services employees helping out at the job were George Brock, Marco Guano and Mickey Romero.

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This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Schleicher County maintenance man Ramon Avila (foreground). Here Ramon is assisted by Juan Mata in installing an awning canvas at the Schleicher County Annex. The old awning was destroyed in a storm last year.

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