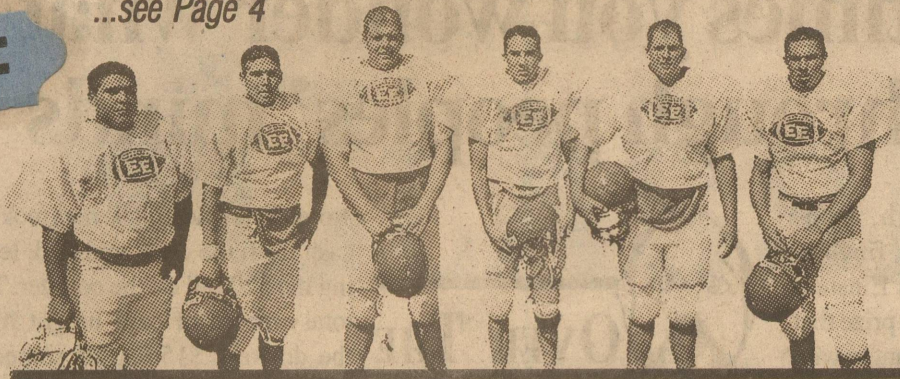


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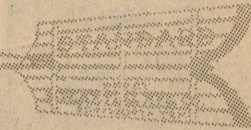
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## City council concerned with dropping water levels

Drought plan prompts new look at aquifer

by Pat Ragsdale

Eldorado City Council members learned Monday evening that the city's water supply may not be as plentiful as previously believed. Cindy Cawley, Manager of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District met with the council to deliver the disturbing news. Cawley explained that the ongoing drought appears to be reducing the available water in the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, the underground reservoir from which Eldorado and much of Schleicher County draws water.

Cawley explained that she and City Administrator Randy Mankin had been working on a Drought Contingency Plan, as required by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Cawley explained that in the process of gathering data for the plan a chart recorder had been placed on a well near the municipal well behind City Hall. The recorder records changes in the level of water in the well as the city's pump is cycled on and off. Cawley noted that the water level in the well had dropped some 35 feet since the well

was drilled in 1939. Compounding the problem of assessing the drought's impact on the water table is the fact that no records exist to show water levels during the severe drought of the 1950s.

Pointing to the chart as evidence, Cawley noted that the water level crept upward shortly after the heavy rain of June 19th. The recharge was short-lived, however, and the aquifer again continued to drop reaching 318 feet only last week.

Randy Mankin and Utility Superintendent Jack Dean reported to the council that they had witnessed evidence of the city's southernmost well, referred to as the Jefferies Well, is pumping off. This, too, was seen as a cause for concern. Discussion then turned to locating other abandoned wells around town to be used as monitoring stations. Also, the need to educate the public on the necessity to conserve water.

On hand for the meeting were Mayor John Nikolauk, Mayor Pro-Tem Tommy Minor and Council members Robert Bybee, Toni Suduth and Richard Mendez. Council

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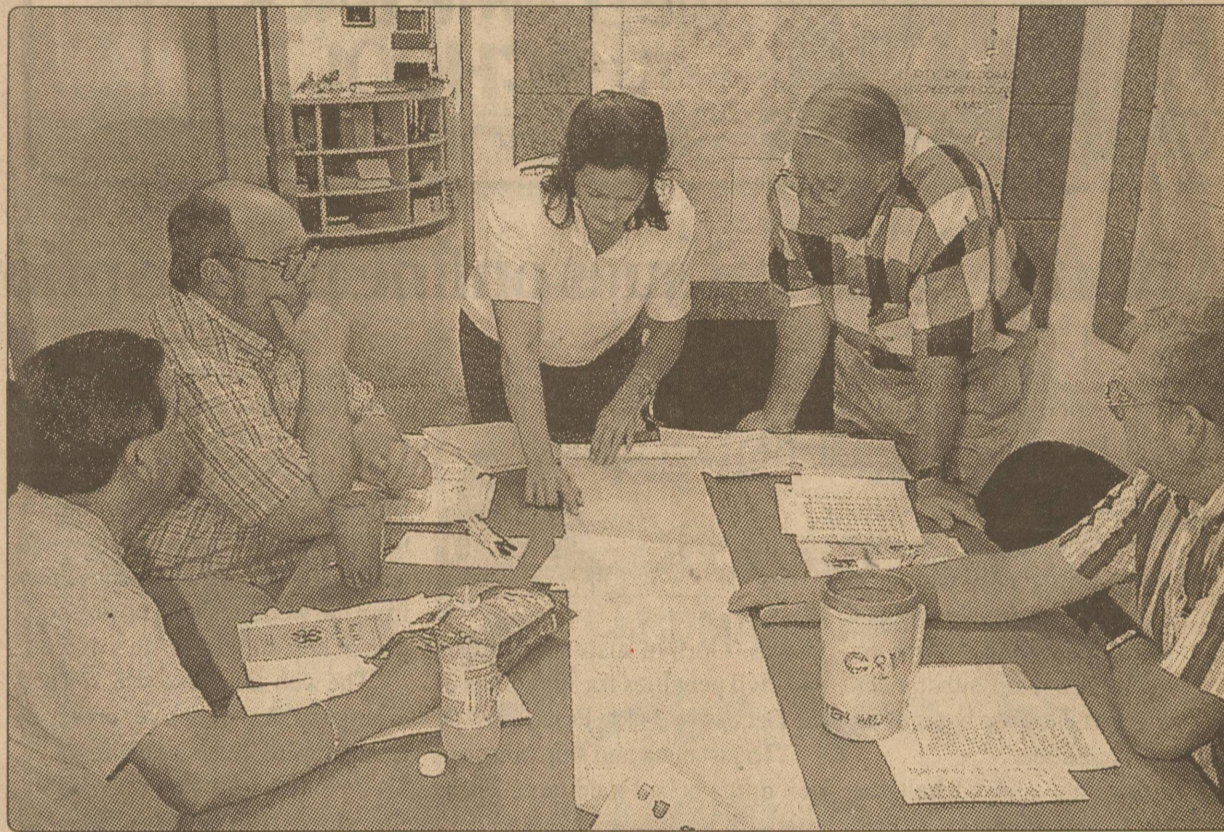


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**Paper trail** — Cindy Cawley, manager of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District, discussed falling water levels Monday night with the Eldorado City Council. Here she displays a chart depicting water levels in a nearby well as the council looks on. Pictured (L-R) are City Council Member Richard Mendez, City Administrator Randy Mankin, Cindy Cawley, Mayor John Nikolauk and City Council Member Robert Bybee.

## Edmiston receives Donnelly Award from Billie Jean King Foundation

CHICAGO — Haley Edmiston of Eldorado, Texas, and Drew Silow of Dresher, Pa., have been selected as the recipients of the third annual Donnelly Awards, presented by the Billie Jean King Foundation in cooperation with the American Diabetes Association. Tennis legend Billie Jean King will present both Edmiston and Silow with a \$5,000 award following the DuPont World Team Tennis (WTT) Finals at the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing New York on August 26.

The Donnelly Award is presented annually by the Billie Jean King Foundation to two scholar-athletes with type I diabetes. Personal character also plays a big part in the selection process, as award winners must show strong values, commitment, sportsmanship and community involvement.

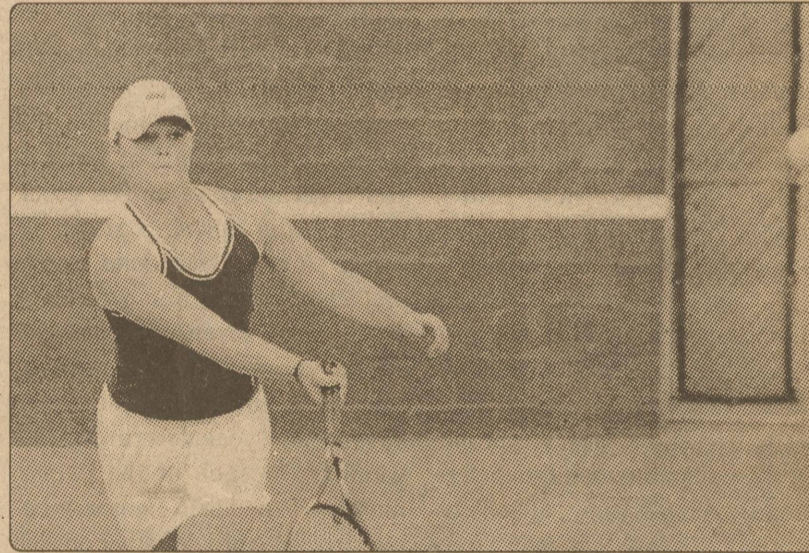
King established the Donnelly Awards two years ago to honor the achievements and determination of Diane Donnelly Stone and Tracey Donnelly Maltby, two sisters diagnosed at a young age with type I diabetes. Diane serves as WTT's vice president and Tracey is the league's former Director of Communications.

Edmiston, a 19-year-old high school student at Eldorado High School, was diagnosed with type I diabetes in 1984. She began playing tennis as a third grader after hearing about a local summer tennis clinic. As a freshman at Eldorado, Edmiston made the varsity tennis squad and became one of the top six players at her school. During her sophomore year, she won the State Team Tennis Championship, going undefeated in singles and doubles. This season, Edmiston captured the "A" girls doubles titles at the West Texas High School Championships. On May 19, 2000, she graduated third in her class and plans on attending Texas A&M University later this fall.

Silow, 18, of Dresher, Pa., graduated from Upper Dublin High School this summer, where he carried an impressive 3.5 GPA. After first picking up a racket at seven years old, Silow was elected the captain of his varsity tennis team this season. In 1999, he helped lead doubles championships. He finished the season as the #1 doubles player on the varsity team. Silow was also elected First-team All-League as a defensive back in foot-

ball and he also competes with his father and brother in triathlons. When he's not playing sports, Silow has been volunteering his time for the past eight years with an organization called Manna on Main, preparing meals for those less fortunate. He will attend George Washington University this fall.

For more information on applications for the 2001 Donnelly Awards, please contact Diane Donnelly Stone at 1-312-245-5300.



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**Scholar-Athlete** — Haley Edmiston was named as the 2000 Donnelly Award winner by the Billie Jean King Foundation. The award, along with a \$5,000.00 scholarship, is presented annually to two scholar-athletes with Type I Diabetes. Edmiston was diagnosed with the disease in 1984. She went on to excel in the classroom and in the field of athletics. Edmiston graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eldorado High School last May. She is slated to accept the award following the DuPont World Team Tennis (WTT) Finals at the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing New York on August 26.

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The Texas Forest Service coordinates the Big Tree Registry program. The registry locates and recognizes the largest known tree species in Texas. Hidalgo County has the most state champions - 36 - while Brewster County is second with 17. Texas ranks number three in the nation with a total of 83 trees that are either national champions or co-champions.

The largest Liveoak in the state is located near Rockport with a height of 44 feet and a trunk circumference of 422 inches. Boerne boasts the biggest Mesquite tree in Texas at a height of 57 feet and 172 inches around the trunk. Other massive trees include the giant Cottonwood tree at Ft. Davis - 123 feet tall and 366 inches around; Weatherford's giant Pecan tree - 118 feet tall and 251 inches in circumference; and Jasper's giant Southern Magnolia tree - 57 feet tall and 172 inches around.

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On This Date

On this day in 1807 Robert Fulton's steamboat Clermont made its first trip up the Hudson River. In 1846 U.S. troops take Los Angeles during the Mexican-American War. In 1896 gold is discovered in Alaska's Klondike River. In 1939 "Wizard of Oz" opened at Loew's Capitol Theater in NY. In 1959 a magnitude 7.1 earthquake occurred in Yellowstone National Park. In 1961 construction began on the Berlin Wall. In 1969 Hurricane Camille claimed more than 250 lives. In 1987 the Dow Jones Industrial Avg closed above 2,700 for 1st time (2,700.57).

Birthdays of note include: 1786 frontiersman Davy Crockett; 1892 actress Mae West; 1921 actress Maureen O'Hara; 1929 US spy and U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers; 1943 actor Robert De Niro; and 1960 actor Sean Penn.

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Odds and Ends

Among the prizes won by this year's Miss Texas USA are: a 2000 Ford Mustang; an all expense paid trip to Thailand; a \$10,000.00 employment contract; a full length ranch mink coat; a 14K white and gold official crown ring with 32 diamonds; a complete Miss USA competition wardrobe including a cocktail dress, custom gown, swimsuit & interview suit; custom 14K gold & diamond Miss Texas USA pendant; a 14 K gold dinner ring; and much, much more!



photo by Kathy Mankin

**Veterans on the job** — (L-R) Mario Robles, director Billy Green, Roger Dane and Chuck Jones were presented with service pins at SWTEC's annual membership meeting and barbecue. Jones received a 20-year pin while Robles, Green and Dane each received 15-year pins.

## SWTEC annual membership meeting and barbecue held

A steady breeze and the canopy of shade from pecan trees on the lawn of the Schleicher County Courthouse kept the heat from bothering the 900 plus members and guests gathered for the 55th annual meeting of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. The continuing West Texas drought had members talking as they arrived for the meeting on August 8th to register for attendance prizes, enjoy a catered barbecue meal, and hear reports about the status of their coop.

Board President, Fred Case, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. He quickly turned the meeting over to Board Secretary Jerry Johnson for the proof of quorum and approval of the minutes from the previous year. After telling the members that a quorum was achieved, the official business of

the cooperative began.

General Manager, Buff Whitten, introduced the cooperative's special guests. Guest included Jim Reaves, Campaign Manager for State Representative Bob Turner; Joe Morris, Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator Jeff Wentworth, and Bob Tate with Cummins Supply in San Angelo. Also introduced were two retired managers, Jim Martin and his wife Nelva, and Elton McGinnes and his wife, Mary.

Manager Whitten then addressed the crowd with his annual report. Commenting on the Cost of Service study, Whitten explained the adjustments to the rates that were implemented in June. "The majority of the adjustment was in the monthly meter charge," explained Whitten. He went on to explain that the actual cost of pro-

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# Sometimes you wonder what goes through peoples' minds



promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer? \$15.00. (If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, was a crime committed?)

### EYE WITNESS

As a female shopper left a convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police had apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, Officer...that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

### HIGH OCTANE

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find an ill man, curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

Special thanks to Betty Potter for e-mailing me this group of semi-finalists.

### HAVE IT YOUR WAY

The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 8:50 a.m., flashed a gun and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.

### KEEP THE CHANGE

A man walked into a Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk

Each year in March, I announce the semifinalists, finalists and winner of the Albert Einstein Award, a tongue-in-cheek prize that few sane people would want to win. To qualify, the finalists have to demonstrate an advanced level of ineptitude, a poor sense of timing and/or an underdeveloped survival instinct. Recent months have provided a bumper crop of qualifiers. So it is that, with six months still remaining before I name the winner, I am proud to announce these first round semifinalists for the 2001 Albert Einstein Award.

### SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL

Two men tried to pull the front off a cash machine by running a

standards, schools that have TAAS passing rates of 90 percent and dropout rates of 1 percent or less for all students and student groups earn the coveted "exemplary" rating.

Other changes Nelson ordered for schools in 2001:

- Elimination of attendance rates in determining district and campus ratings.
- Consideration of a district's special education compliance status.
- Changes to size requirements for student groups.

### Cleanup Funding Still Needed

Across Texas, there are more than 7,900 underground petroleum storage sites in need of remediation, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission told a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee last week.

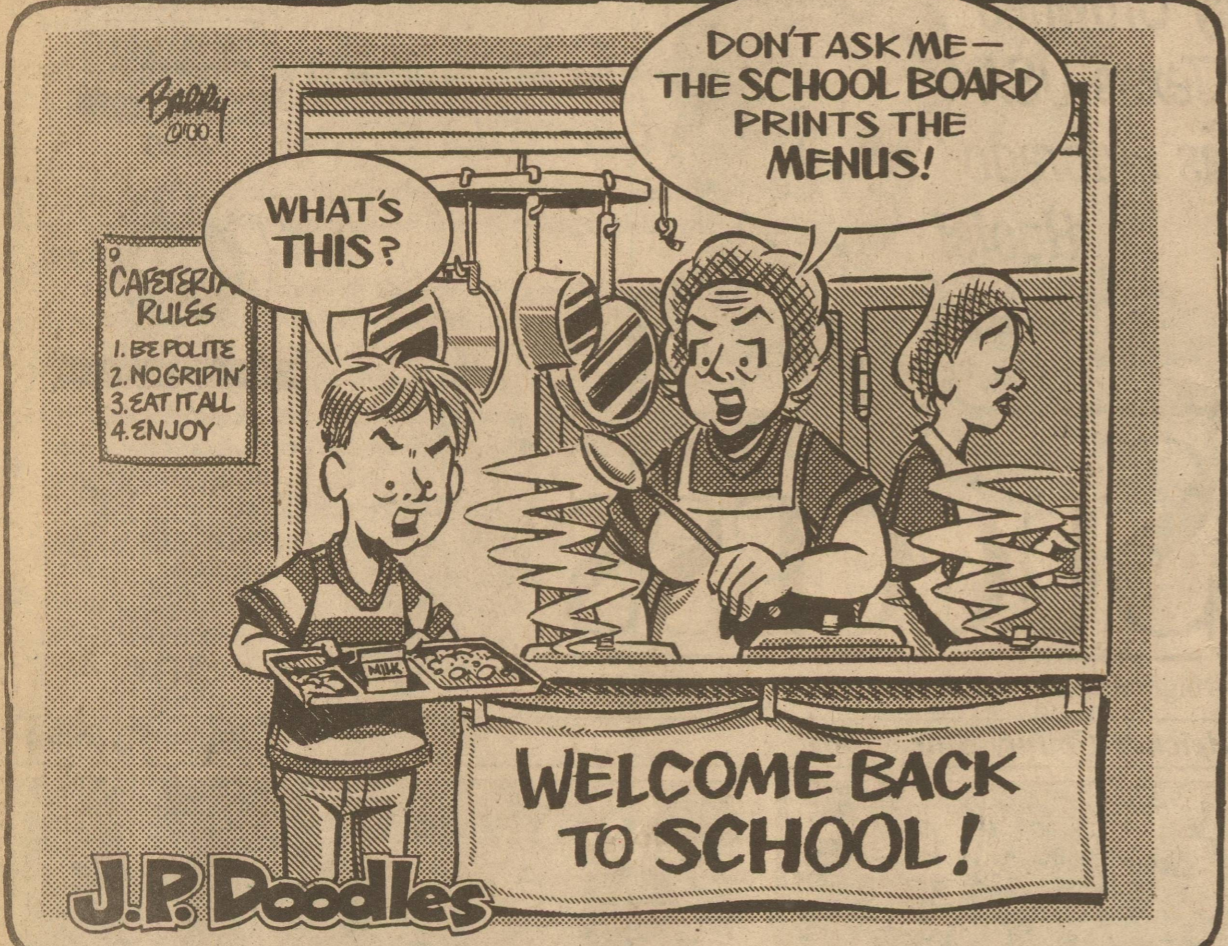
Since 1989, 14,943 sites have been closed. Fees charged to underground petroleum storage tank owners fund closures and remediations.

TNRCC representatives said if the fees are discontinued, there will not be enough funding to continue the cleanup of the remaining 7,900 sites.

The Legislature intended the program to end, but at the current rate of remediation, it will take years to complete the cleanup, the TNRCC said.

### Other Highlights

- In a meeting of the House Education subcommittee on Char-



## Attorney general sues online prescription companies

AUSTIN - Ever hear of the web sites ExpressToday.com or MedPrescribe.com?

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week filed lawsuits against the two "online pharmacies." Cornyn alleged the web sites misled consumers and threatened their health by selling dangerous drugs and controlled substances over the Internet on the basis of an "online consultation."

The lawsuits seek to halt the sales through an injunction to prevent the defendants from advertising, selling, prescribing and dispensing prescription medications to Texas consumers without proper safe-

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guards. Cornyn also seeks costs and civil penalties for violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

"To just click and ship prescription drugs is bad medicine. These unlawful businesses mislead consumers about the safety of these drugs and put consumers' health at risk," Cornyn said.

"Online pharmacies offer tremendous convenience and freedom for homebound patients, rural Tex-

ans and others, but like any business, they must operate in compliance with the law."

Investigators from the attorney general's office created an online identity of a 53-year-old man and purchased Viagra and Phentermine from the web sites with no prescription or consultation with a doctor.

The web sites advertise, sell and arrange to ship or deliver prescription drugs to Texas consumers.

### Standards Revised for Schools

Texas Public schools will have to work harder to earn the labels "acceptable," "exemplary" and "recognized" in 2001, Education Commissioner Jim Nelson announced last week.

Starting next year, the state's school accountability system will have new, tougher standards for performance on both dropout rates and the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, the two measuring sticks on which school district and campus ratings are based.

Schools will be rated on TAAS scores and dropout rates of all students and students in each of four groups: African-American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged.

TAAS tests are given in reading and mathematics in third, fifth, sixth and seventh grades, and in reading, writing and mathematics in fourth, eighth and 10th grades. Eighth-graders also take TAAS tests in science and social studies.

Students must pass the 10th-grade "exit-level" exam in order to receive a diploma.

Under current accountability



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### I Don't Believe the Weatherman Anymore

I don't think I've heard so many wrong weather forecasts as I've heard in the past year. I can't believe that with all the advancements in technology we can't seem to predict the weather accurately. In dry areas where I live we hear the weatherman tell us it's going to rain. He doesn't say it might rain or there's a chance for showers. He says it is going to rain. And it doesn't. We get our hopes up, then are disappointed. It isn't fair.

Farmers depend on knowing what the weather will do. Because of their years at keeping records about sky conditions, wind, rainfall and temperature, they are probably more accurate than the meteorologists. Why do they call it meteorology, anyway. Do they study meteors? A meteor is a shooting star. What does that have to do with whether it rains or not?

Over the years I've interviewed several people with various weather beliefs and stories. Some of them, maybe most of them, couldn't possibly be true. Like the superstition that says if you sleep with a flower under your pillow the weather will be fair the next day. Or if a turtle bites you, it won't let go until it thunders.

People are always sending me things about the weather. Weather is a natural happening that occurs despite what the weatherman says. Some West Texans say people who predict weather out here are newcomers or crazy.

A long time ago, people relied on signs and sayings for predicting the weather because they had nothing else to rely on. It's surprising that several of them do hold true. A legend supposedly started by the

Indians says the direction of the wind on March 22 determines what type of crop the year will bring. If it's out of the east or northeast, expect a bumper crop. South or southwest means a bad crop.

Some other weather folklore: If clouds have a tint of green, they contain hail. Sit in the middle of a room and hold a glass of water in your hand and you won't be struck by lightning during a storm. If smoke sinks to the ground, rain is predicted. Rain comes in cycles of seven years; seven years wet and seven years dry. The type of weather occurring the first twelve days of the year determines the weather for each of the twelve months. Thunder in February begets frost in April. Weather on Ash Wednesday determines the type of weather for the next six weeks. If it rains on July 15 (Saint Switchen's Day) it will rain off and on for the next six weeks. If it snows on Christmas day, Easter will be green. Cows bawl when there's a change in the weather. Throw a dead snake in the air and if it lands with its belly up, it will rain soon. If squirrels have big bushy tails, it will rain soon. If you see woolly worms on the road, it will rain soon. If crickets holler, it will rain soon. When you see yellow-breasted blackbirds, it will rain soon. When red ants build up their hill, it will rain soon. When the sun sets in a red sky for three nights in a row, it will rain soon. A ring around the moon means it will rain soon.

Comparing folklore and modern weather-forecasting technology, I'd say the old stuff has as much a chance as being accurate as the weatherman.

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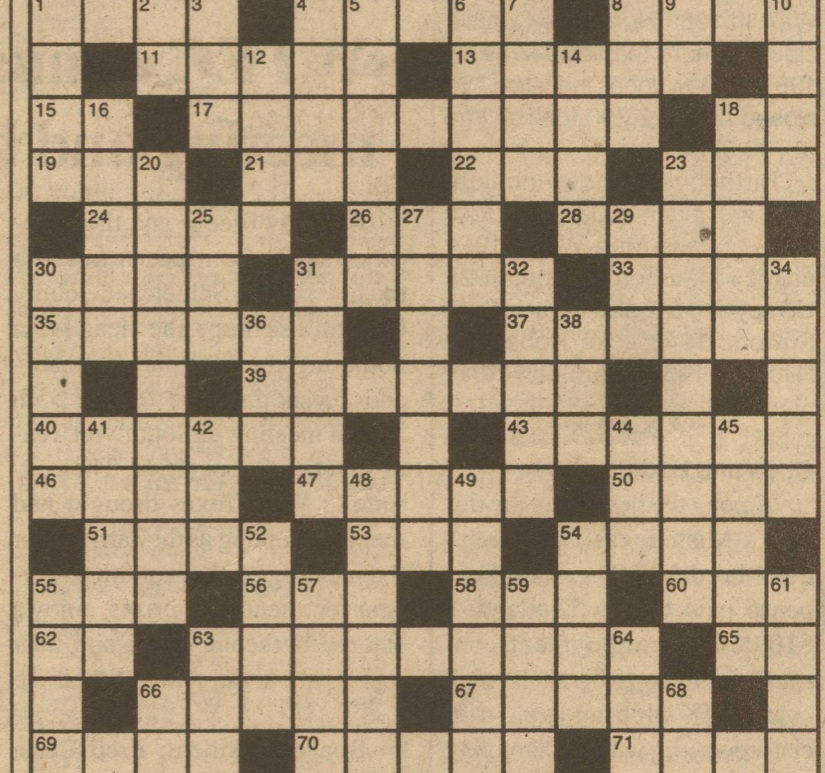
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# OBITUARIES

## Ben L. Isaacs, Jr.



ELDORADO — Ben L. Isaacs Jr., 84, of Eldorado died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2000, in a local hospital.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 15, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Andy Anderson and the Rev. Clive Johnston of Northern Ireland officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Junior was born March 4, 1916

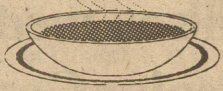
in Eldorado. He married Wenona Enochs on Aug. 30, 1935.

Junior was the last surviving charter member of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department. He was retired from Shell Pipeline Company.

Junior was a wonderful husband, father and "Pappy" to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Wenona Enochs Isaacs of Eldorado; two daughters and their husbands, Sharon and Ronnie Wicker of Seabrook and Shirley and Ronald Storie of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Rhonda Norman and husband, Kim, of Post, Greg Storie and wife, Sherry, of Lubbock, Renee Hale and husband, Nathan, of League City and Jeff Wicker and wife, Cathy, of Dallas; five great-grandchildren, Stace and Steffi Norman, Jordan Storie and Sydney and Shelby Hale; numerous nieces and nephews; and many cousins, including Danelle McCormick of Eldorado and Janice Ratliff of San Angelo, with whom he was very close.

## Meals for Friends Menu



### Monday, August 21

King Ranch Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Carrot Salad, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk

### Tuesday, August 22

Roast Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Lettuce, Leaf, Tomato Slices, Bread, Pea Salad, Peach Halves, Milk

### Wednesday, August 23

Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Buttered Peas, Spinach, Cornbread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk

### Thursday, August 24

Chick Fajita Salad, Tomato Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

### Friday, August 25

Hamburger on a bun, Whole Baby Carrots, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Seafoam Salad, Fresh Grapes, Milk

## BIRTHDAY LIST

### AUGUST

- 17th Lisa Brown, Frankie Short, Rick Singleton, Leigh Ann Neal, Mitzi Lux, Earl Yates, Shirley Joiner, Mike Sproul, Marty Joe Powell, Nikkita Herrera
- 18th Kimberly Williams, Weldon Jenkins, Lana Jones, Shine Spigarelli, Elida J. Estrada, Charlie Niblett, Ray David Buitron Jr., Hugh Lindsey
- 19th Jonathan Belman, Michael Hill, Will Kessler, Paul Michalewicz, Justin Paxton, Trey Walker, Jerry Richards
- 20th Katey Blair, Brent Moore, Craig Gutierrez, D.J. Criswell, Keith Corley
- 21st Hal Porter, Juan Carlos Escobar
- 22nd Johnny Lozano, Rebecca Rodriguez, Milton Fitts, Amy Henderson, Winona Isaacs, Linda Creel, Colleen Swartzell, Sonia Covarrubiaz
- 23rd Benita Fuentes, Charlotte Crain, B.J. Key, David Lloyd, Stoney Harriman, Gary Thomson Sr., Kasey Lynn Gonzales, Caleigh Buntyn, Douglas Ussery

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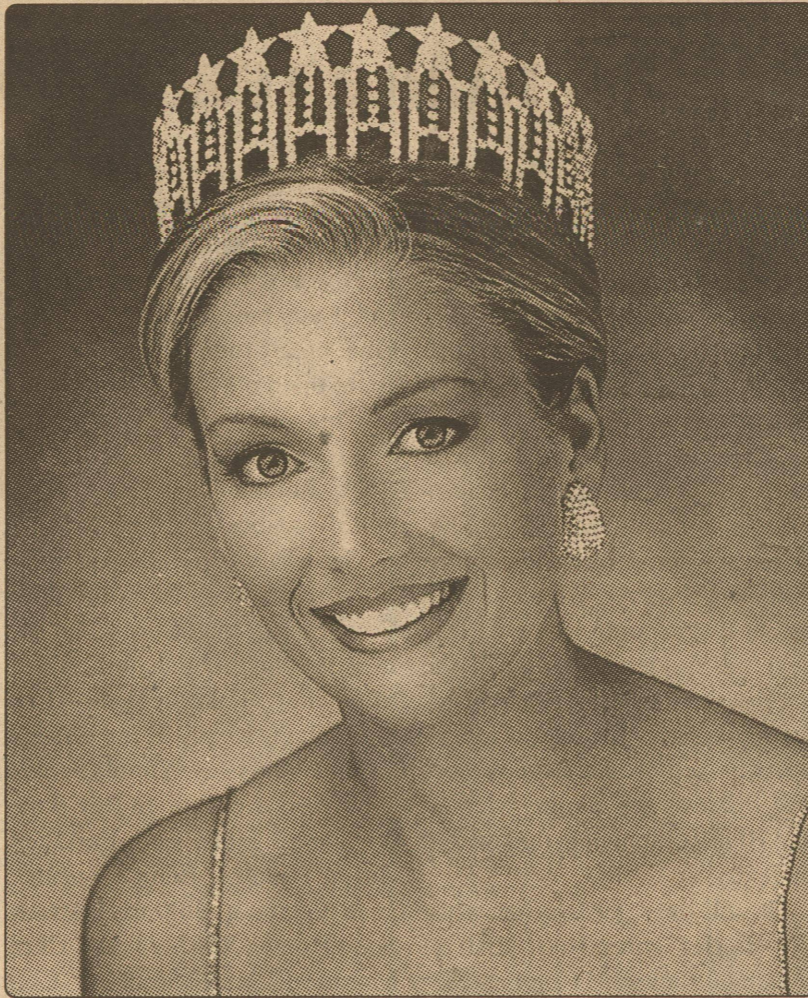
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- 18th Bessie & W.H. Clifton
- 20th Herman & Deanne Walker

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*Texas Beauty* — Kandace Krueger of Texas A&M University was crowned Miss Texas USA on July 17, 2000. The 24 year old beauty is the daughter of Barbara Johnson Krueger of College Station and the granddaughter of Lilly Johnson and the late Lloyd Johnson, who made their home in Eldorado for over 50 years.

## Newly crowned Miss Texas USA has Eldorado roots

Kandace Krueger, twenty-four year old daughter of Barbara Johnson Krueger, was crowned Miss Texas USA at the pageant held in Lubbock on July 17, 2000. Krueger's grandparents, Lloyd and Lilly Johnson lived in Eldorado until 1997, when they moved to College Station.

Poised and gracious, after claiming the prestigious title, Kandace Krueger said that "everything happens for a reason." The tall hazel-green-eyed blonde is a senior Journalism student at Texas A&M University. She will represent the Lone Star State on the live CBS telecast of the Miss USA Pageant in February 2000.

Kandace describes herself as a "sports fanatic", but especially enjoys watching football and baseball (the Rangers, Cowboys and Aggies of course!). She aspires to a career in Sports Broadcasting. In addition to sports, her activities include dancing, cooking and working out. She has learned to balance school, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, and personal time by becoming highly organized. She is confident that she can achieve anything if she puts forth her absolute best effort.

Active in her community, Kandace supports the Special Olympics, the American Cancer Society and has a special interest in children that are victims of poverty and/or divorce. She has also been active in HOSTS (Helping One Student To Succeed) and Phoebe's Home (for battered women). She looks forward to appearing and speaking on behalf of Breast and Ovarian Cancer Awareness, the official charity of the Miss USA Pageant.

The person Kandace says she most admires is her own mother. Kandace respects her mother's constant faith and determination, and describes her as a "wonderful Mother and friend." She looks forward to having a family of her own, believing that in the 21st century, "the family as a single unit is going to be more important than ever before, and it will be the woman's role, as a mother and wife, to serve as the foundation of the family."

Kandace is proud of having won the Congeniality Award at her local pageant last year. She strives to be helpful and friendly to those around her, including her competitors, and she believes herself to be a good friend. As Miss Texas USA, the message Kandace would convey: "Never compromise your own morals and beliefs to fit someone else's. Be yourself and stand up for your convictions."

Kandace's grandparents Lloyd

and Lilly Johnson made their home in Eldorado for more than fifty years. Lloyd Johnson was employed by the Soil Conservation Service until his retirement. The couple raised four children in Eldorado including Debbie Johnson Segler, Patty Johnson English, Jerry Don Johnson and Kandace's mother, Barbara Johnson Krueger, who is a 1964 graduate of Eldorado High School.

The Johnsons moved to College Station in 1997. Lloyd Johnson passed away in August, 1998. Lilly Johnson continues to live in College Station, in a home just two blocks from her daughter and now famous granddaughter.

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Angela is married to John Mack Redish who is employed with Southwest Texas Electric Coop. They are the parents of two children. Christina, age 15 and Michael, age 10. She is a lifetime resident of Eldorado. Mack moved here in 1982 when they married.

Angela attended Ranger Jr. College in Ranger Texas and Sam Houston State University at Huntsville.

Angela enjoys watching the kids participating in their school and sporting events. Together, she and Mack manage the Eldorado Youth Little Dribblers. She enjoys tennis, softball, lifting weights, and spending time with friends. She is a member of a local investment club, Tennis Association and teaches Sunday School at St. Luke Baptist Church where she and her family are members.

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## It's A Girl!

Sierra Nicole Forlano arrived at Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo at 12:42 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2000. Her proud and happy parents are Dr. Rico Forlano and Cheryl Forlano. She came into the world weighing 6lbs., 1oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Helping to welcome her are her proud grandparents, Dr. Albert and Marie Forlano and Denis and Linda Niehues.

## School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered  
Menus Subject To Change  
Cafeteria Line

### Monday, August 21

No School, Parent/Teacher Conference

### Tuesday, August 22

Pork Chopped/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli/Cheese Sauce, Peach Cobbler

### Wednesday, August 23

Hot Dogs/Chili, Corn Chips, Pork and Beans, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Rice Krispie Treats

### Thursday, August 24

Turkey Pot Pie/Vegetables Whole Kernel Corn, Peach Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

### Friday, August 25th

Barbecue on a Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Strips, Apple Crisp

### Breakfast

1/2 Milk & 1/4 Juice Offered with each breakfast

### Monday, August 21st

No School, Parent/Conference

### Tuesday, August 22nd

Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burrito

### Wednesday, August 23rd

Applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal

### Thursday, August 24th

Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

### Friday, August 25th

Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy, Ham

### Fast Food Line

### Monday, August 21st

No School, Parent/Teacher Conference

### Tuesday, August 22nd

Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Cobbler

### Wednesday, August 23rd

Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Pineapple Slices, Rice Krispies Treats.

### Thursday, August 24th

Bologna Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peanut Butter Cookies

### Friday, August 25th

Barbecue on a bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Strips, Apple Crisp





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**Eagles make ready for 2000 football season**

The Eldorado Eagles will take to the field on Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. in Big Lake for a scrimmage with Stanton. Eldorado coaches will be getting their first good look at the team in game conditions against a very good squad.

The Eagles were 5-6 last year and made their 6th playoff appearance in as many years. The 2000 Eagles will have their work cut out for them, however, if they want to repeat that accomplishment. This year the Eagles face one of the toughest schedules in recent history. Among the pre-district opponents picked to win their respective districts are Bangs, Menard and Blanco. Blanco is ranked #10 in Texas.

It will only get tougher when the Eagles enter their district schedule, facing #11 ranked Mason and #5 ranked Sonora. Eldorado is picked to finish 5th in district 2-AA behind Sonora, Mason, Wall, and Grape Creek, according to *Dave Campbell's Texas Football*. Coach Fryar is more optimistic, though. "I really like the feel of this ball club. The lettermen returning are just a great group of kids and the Juniors coming up from the J.V. show a lot of tenacity and character last year," Fryar stated.

**Eagles season tickets on sale**

The Eldorado Eagles Football Season Tickets go on sale starting this week in the High School Office. The cost of season tickets will be \$24.00. For more information, please call Ken Newman and/or Abbie McCormick, 853-2549, ext. 321. The first home game will be September 8, 2000 at 8:00 PM against Bangs.

"On paper we are picked way on down the list," Fryar continued, "but this is a gutsy bunch of kids. They won't quit fighting till the end and if you have a bunch with that kind of attitude you can never count them out."

This year's team captains will be: Joey Bullard, Matt Curtis, Rocky Robles, Clay Whitten, Kenny Covarrubiaz and Cole Pina.

Seniors on the team include: Jason Brock, Joey Bullard, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Matt Curtis, Ben Edmiston, John Ray Espinosa, Alberto Fuentes, Blake Leggett, Alfredo Munoz, Rocky Robles, Isaac Saldivar and Clay Whitten.

Juniors are: Ramon Ray Barajas, David Elias, Luiz Enriquez, Aaron Fuentes, Benji Gonzales, Juan Guzman, Johnny Herrera, Scott Homer, Wesley Jones, Chris Martinez, Leonel Medrano, Cole Pina, Michael Ramirez are Jimmy Joe Rodriguez

Sophomore: Quisto Gonzalez  
Returning Lettermen include all the Seniors plus junior Cole Pina.

Returning starters include: Joey Bullard, quarterback and safety; Kenny Covarrubiaz, wide receiver and defensive back; Matt Curtis, offensive tackle; Cole Pina, offensive guard; Clay Whitten, offensive guard; Rocky Robles, defensive end; Isaac Saldivar, defensive tackle; and Ben Edmiston, linebacker. Other players that returned with varsity playing time or started at one time during last year's season include: Blake Leggett, defensive back and receiver, Alfredo Fuentes, defensive tackle; Jason Brock, tight end and defensive back; John Ray Espinosa, wide receiver; Alfredo Munoz, kicker; Ben Edmiston, offensive guard; and Rocky Robles, center.

Coach Fryar says Eagles fans can expect to see a few changes this year, including some players who are changing positions. One change will see quarterback Joey Bullard move to running back and John Ray Espinosa move from wide receiver to running back.

As the team goes through its second week of workouts the position assignments look like this:

Offense: Quarterbacks - Jason Brock and Johnny Herrera; Running Backs - John Ray Espinosa, Leonel Medrano, Luis Enriquez, Joey Bullard and Quisto Gonzalez; Wing Backs - Blake Leggett, Benji Gonzales and Wesley Jones; Wide Receivers - Kenny Covarrubiaz and Ramon Ray Barajas; Tackles - Matt Curtis, Alfredo Munoz, Scott Homer and Chris Martinez; Guards - Clay Whitten, Ben Edmiston, Cole Pina and Isaac Saldivar; Center - Rocky Robles and Juan Guzman; and Tight End - Jimmy Joe Rodriguez, Michael Ramirez and David Elias.



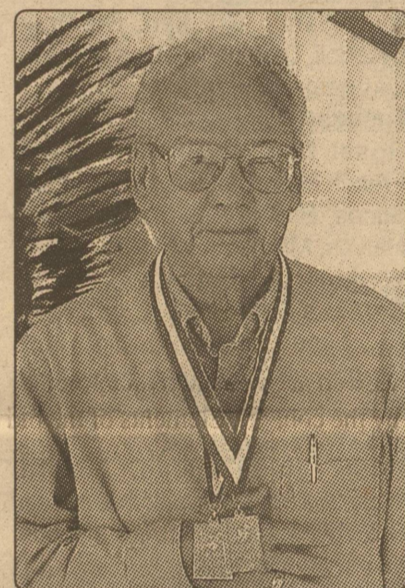
Team Captains — Leading the 2000 Eagles on the field are team captains (L-R) Cole Pina, Rocky Robles, Matt Curtis, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Clay Whitten and Joey Bullard.

Defense: Secondary - Joey Bullard, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Ramon Ray Barajas, Blake Leggett, John Ray Espinosa and Johnny Herrera; Linebacker - Clay Whitten, Ben Edmiston, Juan Guzman, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez, Benji

Gonzales, Wesley Jones and Leonel Medrano; Defensive Ends - Rocky Robles, Alfredo Munoz, David Elias, Luiz Enriquez and Michael Ramirez; Defensive Tackles - Isaac Saldivar, Alberto Fuentes, Matt Curtis, Cole Pina and Chris Martinez.

hold their annual "Meet the Eagles" night on Monday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Eagle Stadium. As usual, varsity, junior varsity and middle school teams will be introduced as well as the coaching staff.

**Callison medals at Senior Games**



More medals — John Callison won a gold and a silver medal at the Senior Games in Lubbock last week.

Only weeks after undergoing back surgery, seventy-four year old John Callison of Eldorado won a gold and a silver medal at the Senior Sports Classic held last week in Lubbock. Callison won the Gold in Horseshoe pitching, after eliminating the defending state champion in the first round of a round-robin tournament. Callison was undefeated in the event.

Competing in the 70-74 age division, Callison placed 2nd in the Free Throw competition to claim a Silver Medal. He will advance to the State Senior Games in Temple beginning on September 2nd. Once there, Callison will compete in three categories: horseshoe pitching, freethrow shooting and round the world basketball shooting.

On hand to watch Callison's victories in Lubbock were his wife Jo and his daughter Susan Unruh of Enid, Oklahoma.

In all, more than 400 Senior Citizens competed in the Lubbock Games which were held at the Texas Tech University Recreation Center. More than 1,000 spectators viewed the various competitions.

**"Meet the Eagles" set for Monday night**

Eagles head coach Jim Fryar invites the public to meet the Eagles Monday, August 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Eagle Stadium. Not only will the Eagles varsity squad be introduced, but so will the Junior Varsity, 8th Grade and 7th Grade teams. Also, the Eagles coaching staff and the Eagles Varsity, Junior Varsity and Middle School cheerleaders will be introduced. As will the EHS Flag Corps and Drum Majors.

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## City Council meeting held

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members Sherry Lux and Eddie Rodriguez were absent. City personnel attending the meeting included Randy Mankin, Jack Dean and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo. County Agent Scott Edmonson also attended the meeting and visited with the council briefly concerning a 4-H Shooting Sports facility near the city's landfill.

Edmonson told the council that he had received permission from representatives of the Patton Enochs Trust to use an abandoned compressor station building, located near the city's landfill, as site for 4-H Club Shooting Sports. He said that he had not been aware that the building was on property currently under lease to the city. Edmonson explained the purpose of the program and noted that leaders must be trained before attempting to teach the youth.

Edmonson told the of a survey he had conducted among the youth of the community. He said he was delighted to learn that an interest in shooting sports existed and that the program grew rapidly from there with volunteer labor being used to convert the building. After hearing Edmonson's presentation, the council voted unanimously to allow the Schleicher County 4-H Club to use the building, provided it did not conflict with TNRC regulations at the landfill. They also pointed out that at some point in the future the leased land will be returned to the Patton Enochs Trust and that the city would have no control over the land after that time.

Next, bids were opened for contract paving services. Seidel, Inc. of San Angelo was the only bidder. The company's five bids were reviewed and accepted unanimously by the council. Elements of the bid are as follows: 1) to rebuild Warner from its intersection with East Street to Mulberry: \$23,900.00; 2) to apply a seal coat from Mulberry to Cottonwood St. \$5,100.00; 3) to apply seal coats to various side streets (24' X 375') per ea. \$1,520.00; 4) to rebuild side streets to standard of 24" X 372', per ea. \$6,500.00; and 5) to re-work areas requiring caliche \$10.00 per square yard. Upon a motion by Toni Suduth, seconded by Richard Mendez, the Seidel bid was approved.

Following the award of the paving bid, the council entered into a budget workshop. Randy Mankin and Carolyn Mayo went over a draft budget proposal with the council, outlining several line items. The council discussed the proposal at length but took no formal action on the item.



**Mmmm Mmmm Good** — Bob and Joella Parker (R) sampled the ice cream as Mary Robinson (L) scooped out more during the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance's annual Ice Cream Social and Singalong held on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square on Wednesday, August 9th.

## County Commissioners hold regular meeting

by Pat Ragsdale

A decision to extend \$110 per month to Constable Tommy Hunley in lieu of family insurance coverage, brought about a rare tie vote of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday, August 14, 2000. County Judge Johnny Griffin broke the tie, voting with Commissioners Bill Clark and Johnny Mayo for the measure. Judge Griffin's vote became necessary when Commissioners Ross Whitten and Steve Minor voted against the issue.

At an earlier meeting, the commissioners had voted to drop employee's families from the county's health insurance coverage. At that time, an additional \$110 per month was given to each employee to help offset the cost purchasing family coverage. However, the \$110 per month was not offered to Hunley until Monday's meeting. It was explained that Hunley holds the position of Schleicher County Constable in name only, never having certified as a peace officer.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Griffin called the court to order at 9:21 a.m. Minutes of the July 28 meeting were read by County Clerk Peggy Williams and approved as read.

The court adopted a resolution authorizing the submission of Texas Community Development Program application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. This application is necessary to secure a grant to fund extension of sewer services to Orient Heights, adjacent to the city limits of Eldorado. A previous grant application failed. This is an attempt to gain the necessary funds from another funding agency. The

total amount of the request is \$277,551.00. The county's contribution to the project would be \$6,000.00 cash and \$8,248.00 in-kind services. Upon a motion by Ross Whitten, seconded by Johnny Mayo, the resolution passed.

Representatives of the local Emergency Medical Service (EMS) then brought their 2000-2001 budget request to the court for consideration. The EMS asked for no change in their budget but did request that the county continue its contribution of \$5,000.00 per month from the revenues generated by the half cent Emergency Services sales tax. Representing the EMS were Connie Andrews, Melissa Stanford and Tim Vasquez. The ambulance service's budget totaled \$88,031.00. A copy of the recent EMS recent audit was also presented to the court.

Sheriff David Doran then met with the court and requested no change to his department's budget with the three exceptions, the first being the purchase of a new patrol car. Doran noted the car had been withheld from the current year's budget due to financial constraints faced by the commissioners last year. Doran said he wanted to replace a 1995 model police car with 113,000 miles showing on the odometer. The sheriff also asked for \$6,200.00 to match a grant from the Concho Valley Council of Governments for the upgrade of radio equipment. The third addition to the sheriff's budget, cellular telephone service for patrol cars, had been previously agreed to by the court.

What followed was a discussion of whether or not the jail must comply with State Jail Standards rulings governing jail occupancy.

Commissioner Ross Whitten urged the sheriff to consider holding more out-of-county inmates thereby increasing revenue to the county. Sheriff Doran responded that, by law, jail occupancy may not exceed jail capacity by more than 15 percent over any 6 month period. He noted that on average his 15 bed jail has "11 or 12 inmates at any given time." The Sheriff further stated he had to maintain a few empty beds to handle any local arrests that might be made. Commissioner Whitten dismissed the sheriff's statement, however, stating, "We want paying customers."

A request for transportation for approximately sixty yards of fracsand from Brady to the 4-H Shooting Team's facility, located adjacent to the city landfill was approved by order of the court. The court also discussed and approved a bond for new Deputy David Olivan.

Transfers of funds from various accounts to the county's checking account were requested by County Treasurer Karen Henderson and approved. Current bills were authorized for payment.

The court spent then considerable time reviewing the proposed 2000-2001 budget without taking action or setting the tax rate for the new fiscal year. There being no further business the court adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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## School board considers borrowing \$300,000 to avoid triggering rollback

Schleicher County ISD trustees are eyeing the possibility of borrowing \$300,000.00 in order to avoid triggering a rollback election. The subject came up at a specially called meeting of the board on Thursday, August 10th. Present for the meeting were Board President Phil McCormick, trustees Steve Sessom, Sam Whitten, Jr., Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin and Kurtis Homer. Trustee Berta Nicholson was absent.

School trustees are faced with the unusual prospect of being unable to adopt the same tax rate as last year without triggering a rollback election. Part of that problem is being caused by the fact that the school must repay more than \$200,000.00 which the state overpaid SCISD last year. Trustees were openly critical of former superintendent Hal Porter with at least one blaming him for the error.

Compounding the school's problem is the fact that property valuations are up this year, mostly due to an increase in oil and gas prices. That puts the school in the position of exceeding the rollback

rate if they adopt the same tax rate as last year.

Trustee Eddie Albin explained that since the funds necessary for debt repayment aren't considered in the complex calculations used to determine the rollback rate, borrowing \$300,000.00 would allow the district to operate without giving voters the opportunity to rollback the tax rate.

Albin further explained that a capital acquisitions fund through the Texas Association of School Boards could loan the money to the school and sell bonds to finance the note.

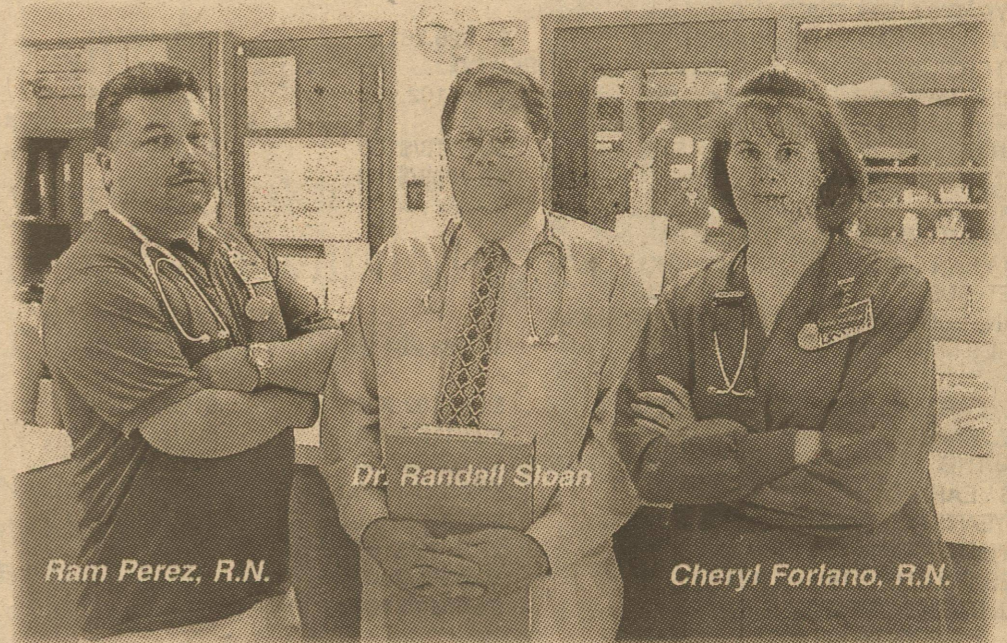
Phil McCormick polled the

trustees on the idea and, although they took no formal position, each of the trustees indicated their willingness to pursue the loan.

They also gave tentative approval to a \$5,407,550.00 budget for the school. If the loan is okayed by the board the \$300,000.00 would also be available. However, trustees indicated to Supt. George Blanch that they would hold \$100,000.00 back for use in next year's budget.

Another meeting was slated for Wednesday, August 16th, but since it will take place after press time it will be reported in next week's edition of the Success.

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## State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



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ter Schools, subcommittee chairman Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, expressed concern over the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in charter schools passing the TAAS (54 percent). The number passing the test in traditional public schools was 67 percent. "That's a real difference," Dunnam said.

• Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and the attorneys general from 29 other states and territories last week announced a lawsuit charging the nation's largest distributors of recorded music of conspiring with various retailers to fix the prices of compact discs and similar products. The lawsuit seeks millions of dollars in fines and penalties.



photo by Kathy Mankin

**A friendly warning** — Deputy David Oliván (L) and George Arispe (R) set up a radar controlled speed billboard in the school zone on Divide Street last week.

## High tech speed control gets test in school zone

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran arranged for the loan of two trailer-mounted radar signs last week from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The Sheriff said the signs would be utilized in the school zone on North Divide for a "few days" in hopes of reminding local motorists that school is back in session and to underscore the need to obey the posted 20 mile per hour zone during the hours the flashing yellow light is operating. Doran said he coordinated with Ken Harrison in

the Sonora TxDOT office. The radar signs clock motorists approaching and indicate the speed they are driving. The signs are adjusted to the speed limit, in this case 20 mph for the school zone, and a flashing light is activated when a motorist is approaching over the posted limit. Sheriff Doran said the signs have already had an impact and that his officers are noticing fewer motorists speeding through the school zone.

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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## 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

- August 11** • Johnson, Cliff Lee, male age 44, hold for Irion County, charge Assault on Family Member.
- Young, Venetra Jill, female age 40, hold for Irion County, charge Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- August 12** • Tenorio, Mario R., male age 27, arrested on DPS Warrant. Released per Capias DPS.
- Guerra, Daniel Jr., male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Organized Crime, Class A Criminal Mischief and Class B Criminal Mischief. Released on \$7,000 Surety Bond.
- August 13** • Parker, Jon Michael, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Assault. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
- August 14** • Griswold, Edward Ralph, male age 37, arrested by SC Officer, charge out of country warrant. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- Wilson, John Paul, male age 21, hold for Tom Green County.
- August 15** • Murdock, Dennis Lee, male age 35, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant Motion To Revoke-Possession of Control Substance.
- Martin, Linda Lea, female age 42, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant, Motion To Revoke-Forgery.
- Martin, Jimmy Wayne, male age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant, Motion To Revoke-Forgery.

### REPORTS

- August 7** • 8:15 a.m. Complainant of West St. reported an assault. Officer responded and took one male adult into custody.
- August 8** • 9:03 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident at courthouse. Officer responded.
- 9:39 p.m. Complainant reported

- a older model car parked in the middle of the road. The subjects were possibly having a disagreement. Officer responded.
- 10:50 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to remove her ex-husband from her residence. Officer responded.
- August 9** • 7:27 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transfer. EMS responded.
- 9:50 a.m. Complainant reported damage done to their vehicle.
- 10:26 a.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer. EMS 2 responded.
- 1:41 p.m. Report of a burglary of a vehicle. Officer responded. 4 CD's and 1 CD Player. Items recovered.
- 3:30 p.m. Report of a child left alone outside. Baby behind a car at the apartments without a guardian. Complainant advised the baby was about 1 year old and only wearing a diaper. Officer unable to locate.
- 8:50 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had tried to run her and her family over when they were walking. Officer responded.
- 10:32 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious male near her pickup. Officer responded.
- 11:97 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer to San Angelo.
- August 10** • 3:58 p.m. Complainant reported a burglar alarm going off. Officer responded to a false alarm.
- 9:51 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject in a silver truck driving recklessly through the apts. Officer responded.
- 11:28 p.m. Officer reported that someone had run over a gas meter. Vehicle still parked over the gas meter. City was contacted and responded.
- August 11** • 5:16 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS 2 responded.
- 7:28 p.m. Complainant reported that an alarm was going off at a local business. Officers responded and found everything all right.
- August 12** • 8:50 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle that was swerving on Hwy. 277 North. Two officers responded.
- 10:29 p.m. Complainant on W. Brooks reported a porcupine in their back yard. Officers responded and 2 shots were fired.
- August 13** • 3:00 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to respond to repeated loud music from a neighbors house. Officer responded.
- 4:45 a.m. Sonora Sheriff Office reported a possible intoxicated driver heading north on Hwy. 277. Officer

- responded.
- 10:04 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. Male subject may have had a possible heart attack. Officer and EMS 2 responded.
- 2:00 p.m. Complainant on Del Rio Street reported criminal mischief done to their vehicle. Officer responded.
- 8:14 p.m. Complainant reported a female subject needed an ambulance. Officer and EMS 1 responded.
- 9:15 p.m. Complainant reported that while at their mother's house they noticed a suspicious person standing by a business. When they were getting into their vehicle this person tried to approach them. Complainant was able to leave without being harmed. Officers responded but were unable to locate.
- 9:46 p.m. Complainant on McInintosh Road reported 30 goats loose. Owner was located and took care of the problem.
- 10:39 p.m. Complainant on Laredo Street reported loud music which was keeping their children from going to sleep. Officer responded.
- 10:31 p.m. Complainant on Dorris St. reported a disturbance that took place at their house and advised that someone had been hurt in the dispute.
- August 14** • 1:00 a.m. Complainant reported they had lost their wallet. The last place they remembered having it was at a convenience store on N. Divide around 10:00 p.m. on this date.
- 1:40 a.m. Complainant requested an officer at their residence on Dorris St. because someone had thrown a chair into their truck window. Officer responded.
- 5:20 a.m. Complainant called to report a gentleman had hit a deer 10 miles north on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.
- 5:45 a.m. Complainant reported 3 individuals were outside the apartments making a lot of noise and had just broken out a window. Officer responded.
- 2:42 p.m. Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department was paged out to assist Sonora Volunteer Fire Department.
- 4:37 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on Hill Street. Officers responded.
- 6:37 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance 6 miles on Hwy. 190 West. Two officers responded and EMS 1.
- 7:39 p.m. Complainant reported a female subject had stolen furniture from a family member. Officer responded but was unable to arrest without a warrant.

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### 2000 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SCHLEICHER CO. GENERAL

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2000 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR SCHLEICHER CO. GENERAL. IT PRESENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THREE TAX RATES. LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE IS THE ACTUAL RATE THE TAXING UNIT USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE RATE WOULD IMPOSE THE SAME TOTAL TAXES AS LAST YEAR IF YOU COMPARE PROPERTIES TAXED IN BOTH YEARS. THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THE TAXING UNIT CAN SET BEFORE TAXPAYER'S CAN START TAX ROLLBACK PROCEDURES. IN EACH CASE THESE RATES ARE FOUND BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES BY THE TAX BASE (THE TOTAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY) WITH ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. THE RATES ARE GIVEN PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	General Fund	Farm/Market Fund
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAXES	\$1,030,017.00	\$283,052.56
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$1,030,017.00	\$283,052.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$161,368,852	\$160,096,542
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$ 6.383/\$100	\$ 1.768/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>		
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES	\$1,028,261.27	\$282,489.01
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY)		
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$168,102,996	\$166,827,146
(AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)		
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.6116/\$100	\$0.1693/\$100
<b>Total Effective Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.7809/\$100</b>	
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:</b>		
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES		
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND INCLUDING TAXES FOR STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE)	\$1,028,261.27	\$282,489.01
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$168,102,996	\$166,827,146
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.6116/\$100	\$0.1693/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.6605/\$100	\$0.1828/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.0000/\$100	\$0.0000/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE FOR EACH FUND	\$0.6605/\$100	\$0.1828/\$100
THIS YEAR'S TOTAL ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.8433/\$100	
- SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT RATE	\$0.0385/\$100	
= ROLL BACK TAX RATE	<b>\$0.8048/\$100</b>	

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE**  
If Schleicher County adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7809 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 1999 taxes by \$1,317.91.

**Schedule A**  
**Unencumbered Fund Balances**  
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$325,000.00
Farm/Market	\$20,000.00

**Schedule B**  
2000 Debt Service NONE

**Schedule C**  
**Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax**  
In calculating the effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$65,056.67 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue. This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at **The County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.**  
Name of person preparing this notice **Lou Ann Turner**  
Title **Tax Assessor-Collector**  
Date prepared **8-14-00**

### 2000 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SCHLEICHER CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2000 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR HOSPITAL DISTRICT. IT PRESENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THREE TAX RATES. LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE IS THE ACTUAL RATE THE TAXING UNIT USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE WOULD IMPOSE THE SAME TOTAL TAXES AS LAST YEAR IF YOU COMPARE PROPERTIES TAXED IN BOTH YEARS. THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THE TAXING UNIT CAN SET BEFORE TAXPAYER'S CAN START TAX ROLLBACK PROCEDURES. IN EACH CASE THESE RATES ARE FOUND BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES BY THE TAX BASE (THE TOTAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY) WITH ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, THE RATES ARE GIVEN PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAXES	\$726,469.00
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$726,469.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$164,247,715
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.4423/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES	\$726,151.93
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY)	
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$171,051,600
(AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)	
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.4245/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:</b>	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES	
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION)	\$726,151.00
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$171,051,600
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.4245/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.4584/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.0000/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.4584/\$100

**STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE**  
If Schleicher County Hospital District adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4245 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 1999 by \$1,841.56

**Schedule A**  
**Unencumbered Fund Balances**  
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$239,904.00

**Schedule B**  
2000 Debt Service NONE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. you can inspect a copy of the full calculations at **The Hospital Administrative Office or the County Tax Assessor's Office.**  
Name of person preparing this notice **Lou Ann Turner**  
Title **Tax Assessor/Collector**  
Date prepared **8/14/00**



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**NOTICE TO VENDORS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Schleicher County Independent School District is accepting applications from vendors for the purchase of **technology equipment and/or service** to the school at 203 Field Street for the 2000-2001 school year. Applications are due to the school at 205 Field Street or PO Box W, Eldorado, TX 76936 by Wednesday, August 30, 2000. Request for copies of the application should be addressed to Loretta Edmiston, Business Manager, at 915-853-2514 extension 225. 35-36b

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Schleicher County Independent School District is accepting applications from vendors for the purchase of **petroleum products delivered** to the school at 203 Field Street for the 2000-2001 school year. Applications are due to the school at 205 Field Street or PO Box W, Eldorado, TX 76936 by Wednesday, August 30, 2000. Request for copies of the application should be addressed to Loretta Edmiston, Business Manager, at 915-853-2514 extension 225. 35-36b

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Eldorado for Fiscal Year beginning 9/1/00 and ending 8/31/01. **Hearing is set for Monday, August 28, 2000, at 5:30 PM at the City Hall.**  
Said proposed budget reflects \$1,170,207 budgeted for the Utility/Sanitation/Street Funds and \$432,990 for the General Fund.  
Interested citizens are encouraged to give oral or written comment or ask questions at said hearing. A copy of the proposed budget and work figures are available for public review between the hours of 8AM and 5PM weekdays.

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Alfred Sykes Agt. 915-853-2386  
Mobile 915-226-2796 33-36b

**Eldorado-For Sale:** Small building downtown Eldorado (Old Post Office). Call 853-3650 or 650-1052. 33-35b

**Eldorado-4/Bedroom, 3 1/2 Bath House for sale.** Large living room, den, yard and trees. 214 Bluebonnet; **\$88,000; 853-2762.** 22bfn

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**1992 Ford Explorer.** New tires, air, cruise, CD player. \$5,500. Call 387-2507 or 387-3925.p

**OZONA-RUMMAGE SALE**—Saturday, Aug. 19, 9:00 a.m. - ? 103 Native Dancer St. Lots of clothes, wood bookcase, small girl's bike, brass vanity, twin size, pine wood bed w/drawers underneath, includes Sealy mattress in excellent condition. For more information call Elaine at 392-5135 or leave message.

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Jo Ward, Agent 915-853-2339

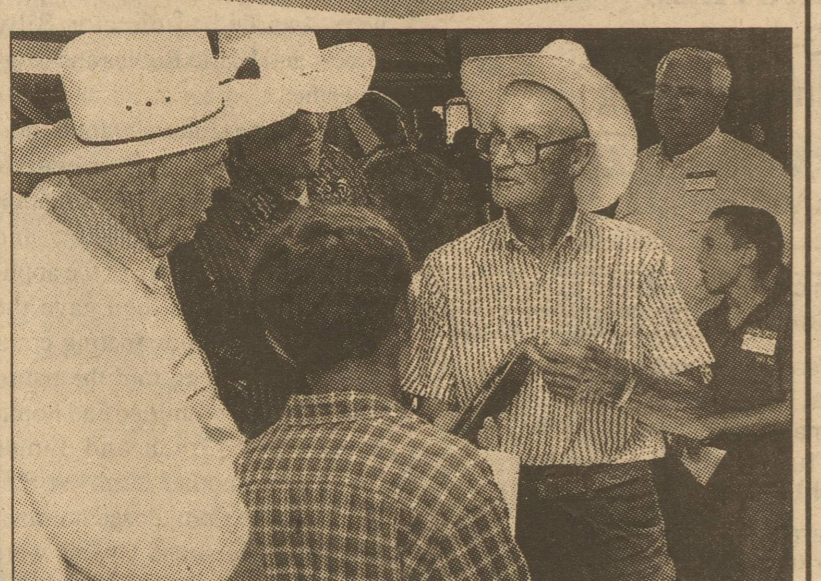
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SCHLEICHER COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
Schleicher County is giving notice of the county's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application requested is \$174,950.00 for water system improvements in Schleicher County. The application is available for review at Schleicher County Courthouse during regular business hours.

**Mittel Insurance Agency Eldorado Spotlight**



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Gene McCalla. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Gene he was guiding a tour through the Eldorado Woolen Mill. The group was in town to attend the meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association. Gene is shown here displaying a shuttle to the guests as he explained the day-to-day operation of the mill

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## Piano Voice and Guitar Lessons Offered

Mr. Leroy Moore will be offering piano lessons in Eldorado on Wednesday afternoons and evenings to beginner or the advanced pianist.

Lessons will be given in the Elementary Music Room. Time slots will be every thirty minutes. The schedule will be filled on a first come first serve basis. The cost for a 30 minute lesson is \$20.

Mrs. Jo Parker will be offering voice and guitar lessons in the Elementary Music Room beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays of each week during the fall semester.

The cost per lesson will be \$7.50. Each lesson is thirty minutes and the schedule will be filled out on a first come, first serve basis.

Piano, voice and guitar lessons payment schedules can be worked out. Both teachers need at least a day in advance if you will not be able to attend a lesson. Otherwise, you will be charged for the lesson missed.

If you are interested in any of these lessons contact Mrs. Jo Parker at 853-2022, ext. 569.



photo by Lori Stricklan  
**New Teacher** — Traci Teaff will be teaching 6th grade Language Arts at Eldorado Middle School this year. She comes to Eldorado from Kermit where she taught for three years. She is a Sonora native and has two daughters, Polli, age 6, and Victoria, age 3.

## EHS to host two-day parent/teacher conference

Eldorado High School will host a two-day parent/teacher conference in an attempt to visit with the parents of all students. Times have been chosen in order to allow parents more flexibility to attend this conference around their work schedule.

The conferences are scheduled for: Monday, August 21, 2000 from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday, August 28, 2000 from 1:00 p.m. - 7 p.m. on the High School campus

Monday's 7:30 a.m. meeting time was chosen in order to assist those parents who may want to meet before they go to work. The designated times for both days were selected so that parents may have some flexibility in their work

schedules to meet with the teachers. A private room will be available for those teachers and parents who wish to visit privately.

The high school counselor will be present to answer questions and to make available various material including information about financial aid for students nearing graduation, various testing options for all students, and graduation requirements and a 4-Year Plans for freshmen and sophomores. Spanish translation will be available.

The teachers of Eldorado High School hope each parent of a High School student will take this opportunity to ask questions and get to know who instructs their children.

## Dr. Albert J. Forlano presents lecture at SA retirement center

Dr. Albert J. Forlano presented a lecture to residents and guest of the Grand Court Retirement Center in San Angelo on August 10th. The role of free radicals and antioxidants, diet, nutrition and life-style changes as they relate to healthy living, was the focus of the presentation.

The diseases that were discussed were brain diseases (Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases), cancer, heart disease, diabetes, prostate disease, and the modalities that can be effectively used to decrease the chance of getting these conditions.

The effect of alcohol on heart disease and breast cancer was also covered.

The meeting was well attended and Dr. Forlano will speak again at the Grand Court at 6:00 p.m. October 12 to discuss preventive measures in heart disease. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Admission is free. For more information, call 947-0043.

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## WTU files with PUC for fuel surcharge and fuel factor change

American Electric Power's West Texas Utilities (AEP-WTU) says that skyrocketing natural gas prices have forced the company to file a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to recover through a surcharge approximately \$19.6 million in uncollected fuel costs and interest from retail customers. At the same time, WTU requested permission to increase fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customers bills in order to recover a projected increase of \$42.6 million in fuel costs that will be incurred to provide electric service in the future.

"The price of natural gas used to generate electricity at AEP-WTU's power plants has increased nearly 100 percent from January through August," said David Carpenter, AEP director of Texas regulatory services. "Since 60 percent of the electricity produced by AEP-WTU is generated using natural gas as a boiler fuel, these price increases have a tremendous impact on our cost of producing electricity."

"Fuel costs are an expense that AEP-WTU must pay to fuel suppliers," Carpenter continued. "It's important to remember that AEP-WTU does not earn any profit or return on fuel costs. In the past when fuel costs have declined, AEP-WTU made refunds to customers."

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like AEP-WTU, are required by the PUCT to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants. When actual cost of fuel significantly exceeds that which customers are paying in their monthly bills, PUCT rules require

the utility request permission to surcharge the additional amount. When the actual costs of fuel are significantly lower than what customers are paying in fuel charges, the electric utility is required to issue a refund. And when the fuel costs are anticipated to change from their current levels for an extended period of time, the electric utility must request permission to adjust the monthly fuel factors used to determine the fuel charge portion of customers' bills.

Without the increase in fixed fuel factors, AEP-WTU projects that it would under recover fuel and purchase power costs by approximately \$42.6 million for the period from October 2000 through September 2001. Consequently, AEP-WTU is requesting permission to adjust the fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills.

Since fuel under-recoveries and interest already have totaled approximately \$19 million for the period from August 1999 through June 2000. AEP-WTU has also requested permission to implement a new fuel surcharge in November to collect the under-recovered balance through June 30, 2000.

If approved as requested the new fuel factors would go into effect in October and the new surcharge would go into effect in November. The new fuel factor and surcharge would increase bills for typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month by \$20.53 per month for the period from November 2000 through April 2001 with the fuel factor equaling \$8.69 and the surcharge equaling \$11.84 of that amount.

## SWTEC holds annual meeting and barbecue

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viding service to the farm and ranch classification of meter was far larger than the increase. Manager Whitten also explained how the slow economy in our service territory is affecting our kilowatt-hour sales.

Manager Whitten continued his comments by stating "the cooperative is taking a cautious approach towards deregulation." Whitten continued by saying "there are a lot of rules being written by the Public Utility Commission and the legislature and those rules are still being interpreted." Whitten went on to remind the membership "co-ops were formed to serve the people, and as member/owners, they have a choice in the direction the cooperative goes, and that we (the cooperative) would like to hear from our members"

Board President Fred Case explained that the cooperative is facing many challenges, and that the board continues to work on issues and possible legislation, which could benefit the membership of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

Director Dick Runge then had the honor of presenting service awards to four employees and one director. Receiving a pin for 25 years of service was Steve Snelson. Receiving a 20-year pin was Chuck Jones, while 15-year pins were awarded to director Billy Green, and Mario Robles and Roger Dane.

Tom Gregg, attorney for Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, then turned the members' attention to the election of directors and briefly reminded them of the applicable bylaws. He then gave the report from the nominating committee. Mr. Gregg told the members that the committee had nominated Billy Green and James Owens for another term. A motion from the floor closed nominations and Green and Owens were elected by acclamation to each serve a three-year term.

It was then time for the awarding of a long list of attendance prizes, which included many small electric appliances, a portable gas grill, a custom hand-made knife, and numerous electric credits. Josh Jurecek, son of Stacy and Mitch Jurecek helped draw names from the drum of entries. After the 41 prizes were awarded, the business meeting was officially adjourned.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**  
The Schleicher County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm August 30, 2000 in Schleicher County ISD - High School Library, 205 Field Ave., Eldorado, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.  
The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.3499	\$ -0-	\$ 1.3499	\$3,117	\$ 3,690
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.258	\$ -0-	\$ 1.258	\$3,144	\$ 3,897
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.3184	\$ -0-	\$ 1.3184	\$3,443	\$ 3,897

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 26,040	\$ 26,360
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 9,162	\$ 9,427
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.3499	\$ 1.3184
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 123.69	\$ 124.29
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 0.60

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3184. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3184.

**Fund Balances**  
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:  
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 526,393.00  
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$ -0-