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TNRCC pushes City to fix sewer plant

Hot weather stimulates unwanted algae

by Pat Ragsdale

The City of Eldorado has two months to respond to a letter from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) concerning regulatory compliance issues at the city's sewage treatment plant. City Administrator Randy Mankin reported to the City Council at Monday night's regular meeting that the TNRCC had cited the city for not complying with discharge standards and had given the city 60-days to formulate a plan to address the issue. Mankin said the problem is one faced by most small towns in West Texas during hot summer months, runaway growth of algae in the sewer ponds.

Mayor John Nikolauk expressed his frustration with TNRCC to the council members in attendance, saying that in recent years the city had tried numerous plans to deal with the algae problem including aeration, recirculation, chemical treatment and the expansion of the facility. Most recently, the mayor explained, city crews had introduced fish into the plant in an attempt to control the algae growth. Nikolauk complained that TNRCC is always able to point out problems but never offers helpful solu-

tions. Mankin told the council he had already been in contact with the city's engineer, David Todd of Abilene, and that Todd would be discussing with TNRCC representatives the best way to address the noncompliance issue. Mankin speculated that a letter to the agency pointing out that the city continues to try new procedures, like the fish mentioned by Mayor Nikolauk, might satisfy the agency until cooler weather ends the algae's growth cycle.

At that point Nikolauk noted that he plans to send a separate letter to TNRCC's Austin office, inviting the agency's input on addressing the algae problem.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Nikolauk and council members Toni Sudduth, Eddie Rodriguez, Robert Bybee, Sherry Lux and Richard Mendez. Mayor Pro-tem Tommy Minor was absent.

Bobby Zesch, representing Zesch Insurance of San Angelo met with the council and advised that rates for health insurance are increasing 30 percent, provided the city keeps the same employee health policy it had last year. The

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photo by Kathy Mankin
Wastewater treatment plant — The City of Eldorado's sewer plant consists of three ponds covering more than 19 acres along the eastern edge of town. Last week the city was cited by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for non-compliance with state discharge standards. City officials say the problem is an ongoing one and blame it on hot weather which stimulates the growth of algae in the ponds.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Defense Dowsing Shuffles Jobs

Since 1988, Congress has recommended closing or reorganizing more than 500 military bases in the United States - seven of them in Texas. Jobs were lost, but local economic development strategies restored jobs and created others.

Chase Field Naval Air Station in Beeville was closed in 1993, costing the area 1,801 jobs. Since that time, 2,219 jobs have been created and/or restored at the facility. Similar results were seen with the closure of Carswell AFB in Ft. Worth where new jobs more than made up for the military jobs that were lost when the base was reorganized.

Other installations which did not fare as well include Bergstrom AFB in Austin, Reese AFB in Lubbock and Kelly AFB in San Antonio.

On This Date

On this date in 1519 Magellan's five ship set sail to circumnavigate the Earth. In 1833 Chicago incorporated as a village of about 200. In 1846 the Smithsonian Institution was chartered by Congress. In 1866 the transatlantic cable was completed. In 1948 ABC-TV began transmitting from WJZ in New York...Allen Funt's "Candid Camera" debuted on ABC that same day. In 1966 a daylight meteor was seen from Utah to Canada...it was the only known case of a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere & leaving it again.

Birthdays of note include: 1874 former U.S. President Herbert Hoover; 1874 jockey James (Tod) Sloan; 1899 actor Jack Haley; 1913 actor Noah Beery, Jr.; 1928 country singer Jimmy Dean; 1959 actress Rosanna Arquette.

Odds and Ends

Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood is famous for the scores of celebrity footsteps in the cement outside the theater. The tradition was started in 1927 purely by accident when silent screen star Norma Talmadge accidentally stumbled into the fresh cement that had been poured for a sidewalk out front.

In 1998, French archaeologists discovered what is thought to be Cleopatra's palace in the depths of the Mediterranean Sea off the Egyptian coast. The queen's palace was located on the island of Antirrhodos which sank into the Mediterranean more than 1,600 years ago following a series of earthquakes.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Welcome to my classroom — Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Claudia Droll went through school supplies Wednesday with Kevin Solis during his first day of school.

School trustees meet, ponder enrollment downturn

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening August 7th and voted to officially hire George Blanch as the district's new superintendent. They also appointed Blanch to serve as the school's chief investment officer.

Present at the meeting were trustees Phil McCormick, Kurtis Homer, Sam Whitten, Jr., Steve Sessom and Eddie Albin. Trustees Jo Helen Kotsch and Berta Nicholson were absent.

One of Supt. Blanch's first challenges will be to guide the trustees in adopting a new budget and setting a tax rate to service that budget. That task may be complicated by the fact that stu-

dent enrollment is expected to decline this year, negatively impacting the amount of funding the school receives from the state.

Helping the funding equation, however, is the fact that the district's tax base is higher this year, largely due to increased oil and gas valuations. The trustees noted that fact as they voted to certify the 2000 appraisal roll provided to the district by Ray Ballew, chief appraiser of the Schleicher County Appraisal District. The tax roll is up 4.4 percent over last year at \$157,510,770.00.

School trustees learned that the district's effective tax rate, the rate which will bring the school the same amount of money it received

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Moore & Mittel named local chairmen of Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab

Schleicher County ranchers Mike Moore and Ronnie Mittel have teamed up with West Texas Rehabilitation Center as local chairmen of the 41st Annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab—a program through which friends in the agriculture industry step forward in support of WTRC.

They are joined by 150 other volunteer chairmen throughout Texas—and by regional chairmen Carter Behrens of San Angelo and Mike Alexander of Abilene.

The message all these volunteers are delivering to ranchers in their areas is simple: Let's help Rehab help all who turn to them for assistance in overcoming disabling illnesses and injuries. Ways this can be done include:

- Donation livestock-cattle, sheep, goats or horses—to be sold

at one of Rehab's special auctions during September and October.

- Sending a cash donation to Rehab if this is the wrong time of year for you to cut out livestock for an auction.

- Attending one of the special sales and joining the bidding on livestock or novelty items.

- Notifying a local CRR chairman right now of an intent to have your auction house cut a check to Rehab for proceeds from one or more animals you sell later in the year.

Launching this year's Cattlemen's Round-Up for Rehab is the "up-front" commitment of four corporate underwriters who have put in a total of \$20,000. They include Bluebonnet Feeds, Lone Star Beef Processors, Federal Land Bank of Texas and First Ag Credit, Farm Credit System.

In acknowledging these gifts, Alexander and Behrens expressed hope that everyone in the livestock industry will join Rehab in thanking these businesses—and will help build on the momentum by adding their own support to this important fund-raising program.

The fall sale schedule includes cattle sales on September 21 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and September 26 at Abilene Auction and specialty sales on October 4 in Coleman, October 13 in Dublin, October 16 in Junction, October 18 in Stephenville and October 26 in Ranger.

For more information about CRR, contact a local chairman or WTRC-Abilene at (915)793-3507; WTRC-San Angelo at (915)223-6300; or WTRC-Ozona at (915)392-9872.

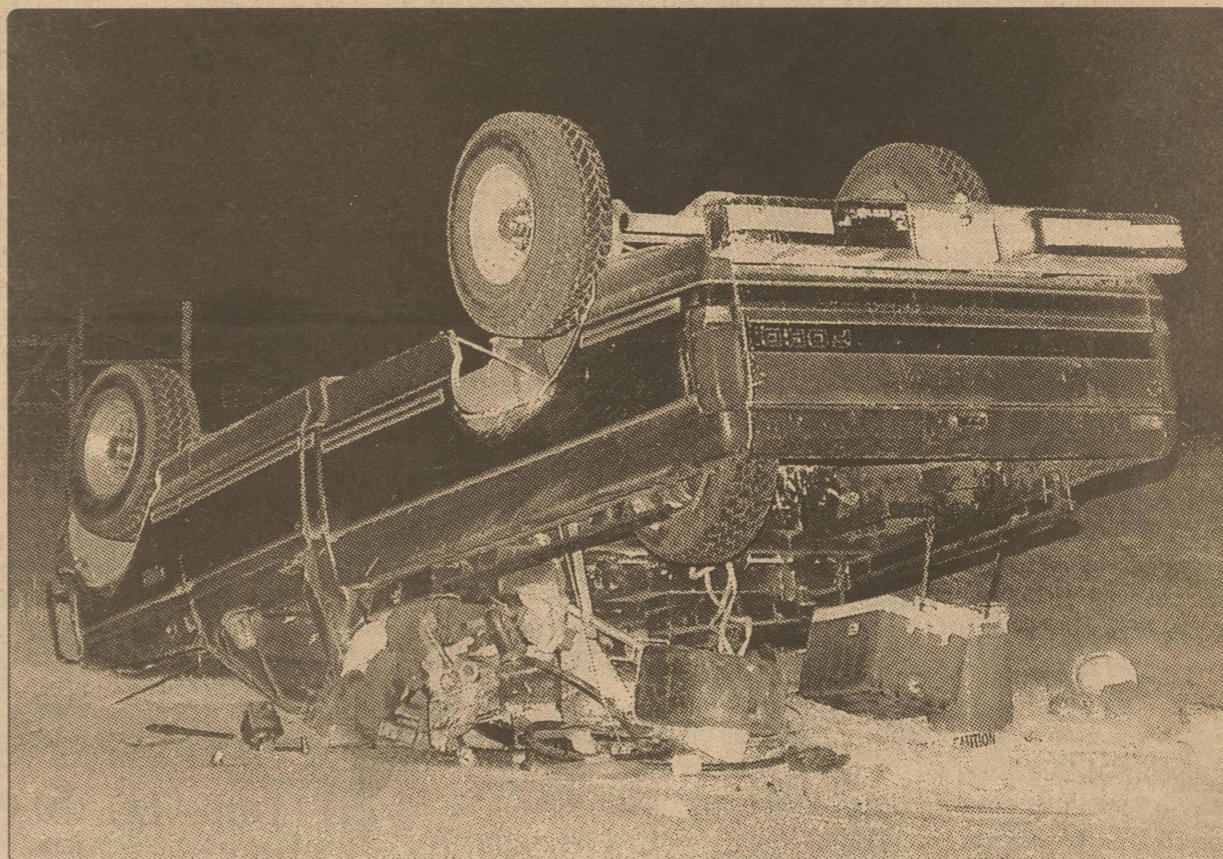
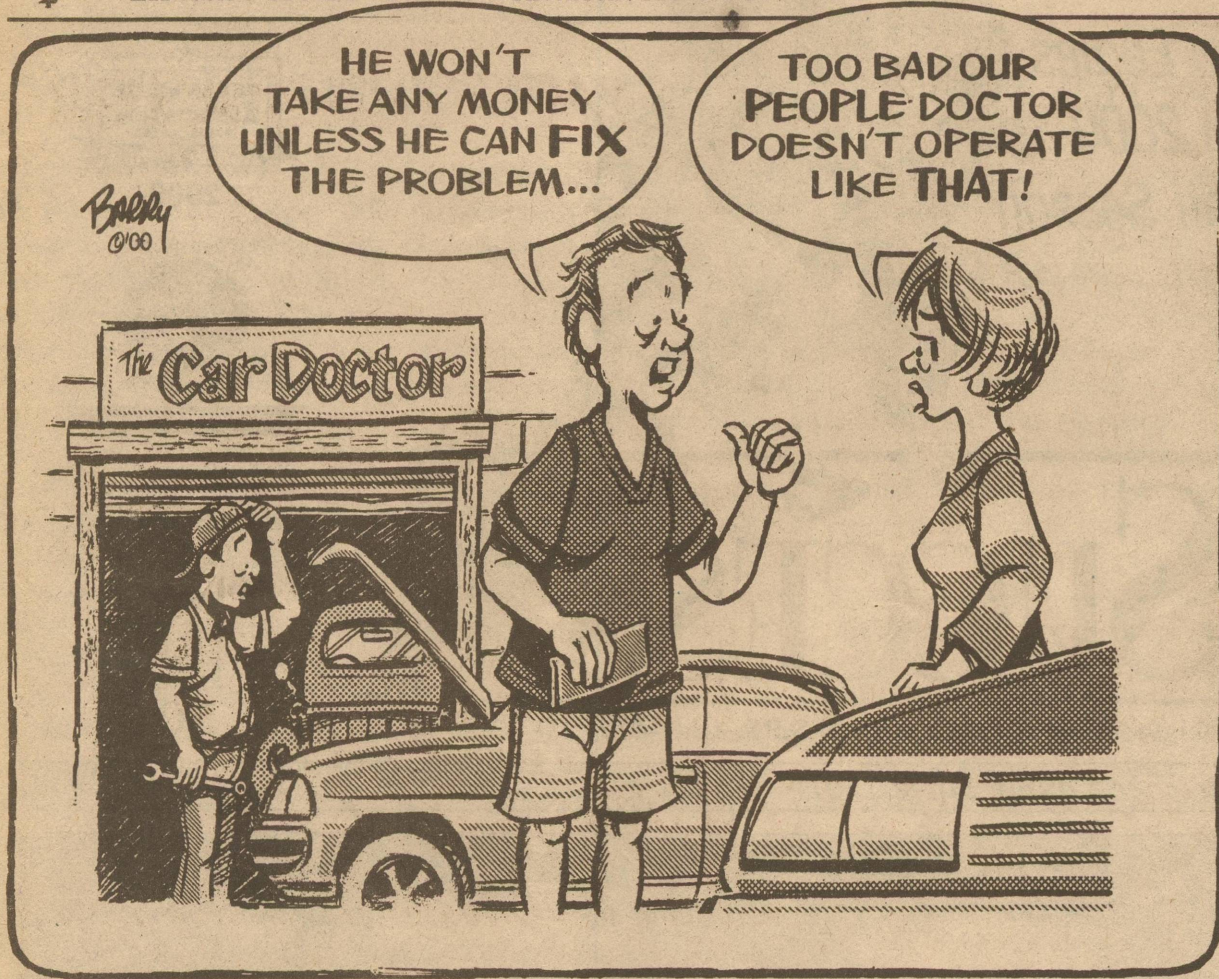


photo by Kathy Mankin
Upside down — Six local youths were transported by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center following this wreck near the intersection of West Fields Street and North Street in Eldorado around 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2000. According to investigators at the scene, the driver of the 1992 Ford pickup, a juvenile, disregarded the stop sign at the intersection and crossed a dip in the road before losing control and overturning. Three youths riding in the bed of the truck were ejected. All six occupants were treated and released from Schleicher County Medical Center. The vehicle is owned by Ramon Adame of Eldorado. No citations were issued in connection with the wreck.

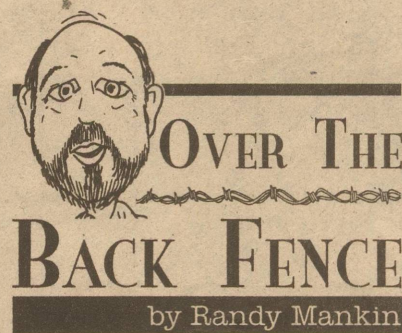


Back-to-School memories of a long ago time and a far away place

Human memory is a funny thing. While I may not be able to tell you what I had for breakfast this morning, I can clearly recall things that happened when I was a kid.

One childhood memory that stands out is of an early morning conversation I had with myself as I chunked rocks at tin cans, chased bugs and otherwise occupied my time while awaiting the arrival of the dreaded yellow school bus...that instrument of evil that would shortly transport me away from my summer vacation, and take me back to the drudgery of the classroom.

It isn't fair, I thought to myself, as I hurled yet another rock at yet



by Randy Mankin

another can. Only a day or so earlier I had been at my granddad's house, free as a bird. Yet, there I was, decked out in school clothes, with a new book satchel under my arm and a handful of pencils in my pocket. I leaned out to see if I could glimpse the yellow monster, hoping against hope that it would not come.

Maybe Mom was wrong, I thought to myself. Maybe school doesn't start until next week. Maybe I can go back home and change out of these new blue jeans with their rolled up cuffs. Maybe...just maybe.

But it wasn't meant to be because, just then, the bus rounded the curve and I took one last look around at the rapidly fading summer vacation.

Once on the bus I found my seat among all the other heartbroken kids. We sat there, barely looking at one another, contem-

plating our return to the daily grind of school.

It isn't fair, I said again. A redheaded, freckle-faced kid named Roger Carter was sitting in the next seat and overheard my comment. Ya sure got that right, Roger replied. Then he asked, why it is that a kid has to go to school when he's already learned to read and write and add and subtract? What else is there, anyway?

That was the first day of my third grade year in 1963. Somehow life became more complicated after that and summer vacation was never the same.

Not that Roger or I had discovered girls, or anything like that...although that, too, would come in time. It simply seemed that the world speeded up the day I stepped on that school bus. A few months later, President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. Then there was the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam, the Cold War, the Moon Race, Watergate...well you get the picture.

There are times when I wish I could go back to that late summer day in '63, back to the moment before that bus came around the curve...back when the world was less complicated.

Unclaimed property auction seen on Internet-simulcast

AUSTIN - Texas is the first state to have conducted an Internet simulcast of an unclaimed property auction, state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said last week.

Online bidders from the United Kingdom, New York, California, Connecticut, California and all corners of Texas were among the successful buyers at the July 22 Unclaimed Property Auction.

"The Internet simulcast of Texas' annual traditional-style Unclaimed Property Auction was an unqualified success," Rylander said.

"Seventy-one auction lots were sold to online bidders, for a total of

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



\$34,501. Though no state had ever before held an Internet simulcast of an unclaimed property auction, I am delighted to report that Texas pulled it off without a hitch."

Overall, the auction of jewelry, coins and other items found in abandoned safe deposit boxes raised \$365,769 for public education and other state programs.

Theauctionchannel.com, on its interactive Web site, allowed 384

online bidders from at least 25 states and six countries to compete in real time with approximately 300 bidders on the auction floor in San Antonio.

"Government is stuck in the age of Atari and Commodore, while the rest of the world is on fast-forward to web-based management and e-commerce," Rylander said. "The Unclaimed Property Auction demonstrated that state government can use technology in new ways to give the public the level of service they have come to expect."

AG Announces Settlements

Attorney General John Cornyn announced settlements with Allstate Insurance companies and their collection agency, Credit Control Services Inc., regarding collections practices against motorists that Allstate believed to be at fault in collisions with its policyholders.

Cornyn's office investigated complaints that the companies used misleading and deceptive tactics to collect auto "subrogation" claims against motorists that Allstate believed to be uninsured.

A subrogation claim results when an insurance company has paid a claim to its own policyholder, then seeks to recover money from the party the company believes was at fault, Cornyn said.

As part of the settlement the companies agreed not to characterize any subrogation claim as a debt, credit obligation or other matter that could affect a person's credit or credit rating report or to disclose any subrogation claim to any credit bureau.

Other Highlights

Larry Faulkner, president of the University of Texas at Austin, last week proposed an end to charging students per-credit-hour, plus various itemized fees, and instead roll all assessments together in a lump and call it "tuition." It is up to the Texas Legislature, which convenes in January, to consider the proposal.

Liberty County last month became Texas' latest - and 121st - county to be quarantined for Africanized honeybees, said Paul Jackson, chief inspector for the Texas Apiary Inspection Service, a unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. State bee inspectors are monitoring bee trap lines across the state. The bee has spread along a line from south of Houston to south of Lubbock, to El Paso.

Bo Pilgrim, senior chairman of the board of Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing in Pittsburg, Texas, received the Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award from the Texas A&M University System agriculture program.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs is looking for university or college students to work at the Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the state fair, Sept. 29-Oct. 22, and serve as paid interns in the agency's regional offices for the fall semester.

Claudia Martinez, a student at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Dallas, drew the winning entry in a contest to design the state's

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The History of Texas License Plates

The idea of requiring an automobile to display its own individual insignia originated in New York in 1901. Back then, the 954 vehicle owners in that state were required to place the initials of the owner's name on the back in a conspicuous place. Some people painted the initials on the body of the car. Others painted the information on a piece of wood or metal and fastened it to the vehicle. Such a device evolved into our present day license plates.

Texas began the registration of vehicles in 1907. The law stated that owners of vehicles should register them with the county clerk, who would write their names in consecutive order in a book. Numbers were issued in the order of their registration. The figures had to be at least six inches in height and displayed in a prominent place on the vehicle.

Owners paid the county clerk fifty cents for the registration. Only one plate was required and it had no date on it. Some drivers had wooden plates with hand painted numbers. Others went to a blacksmith shop and had a license plate made. Iron frames covered with leather were becoming popular in larger cities so some northern firms started making the blanks and selling them in stores throughout the country. Numbers made of aluminum (probably apartment-type figures) were attached to the leather by spread-type cotter pins. In 1916,

The Texas legislature approved the establishment of a state highway department in 1917. One of the department's responsibilities was to handle vehicle registration. The annual registration fee was \$3 for each motorcycle and 35 cents

per horsepower for a motor vehicle with a minimum fee of \$7.50. In addition to the license plate, a seal reading "Registered Motor Vehicle, Texas" had to be displayed on the radiator of each motor vehicle or the front of each motorcycle. The same license plates were displayed year after year, but the radiator seals had to be replaced annually. The license plates were black with white numbers. "TEX" was written vertically on the right side of the plates.

In 1920, the yearly renewal seal was changed from a round disk to a rectangular shape. In 1923, all existing Texas plates were declared void and new plates were issued to all vehicles. In 1925, the year of issuance was printed on the plates. In 1928, plates were manufactured with one plate showing the word "Front" and the other plate showing the word "Rear."

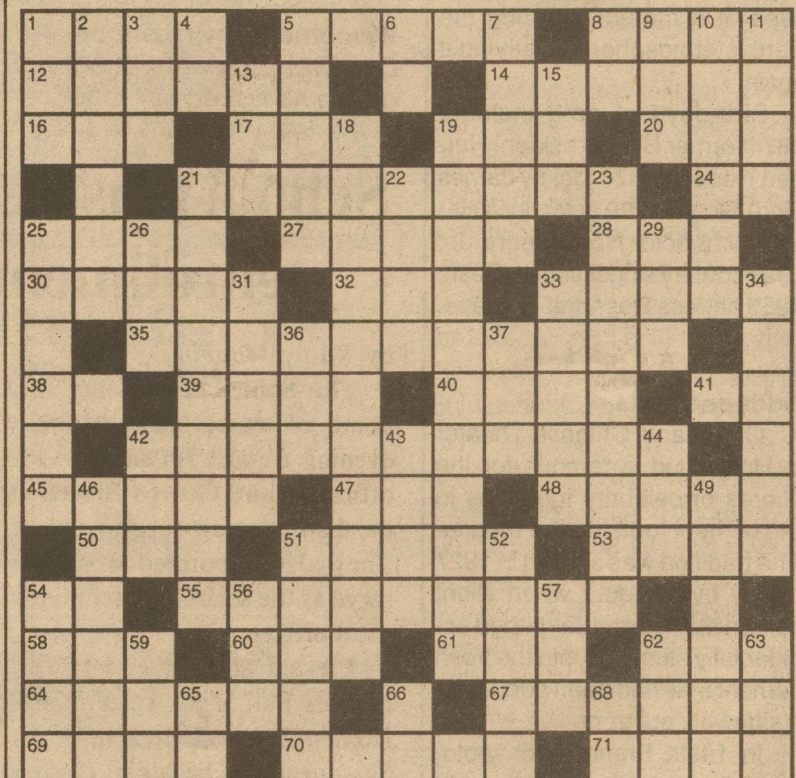
Letters were first issued in conjunction with numbers on Texas plates in 1931. The letter A represented 100,000, B represented 200,000 and so forth. The manufacturing of the license plates was undertaken by the state prison in Huntsville in 1935 and continues today. During World War Two, no new plates were issued, but small metal tabs had to be attached to the plates each year. In 1947 a shortage of license plates required the issuance of windshield stickers as evidence of registration.

In 1965, the issuance of personalized plates began and that triggered an avalanche of all sorts of license plates saluting various groups. The new Texas plates are red, white and blue and depict a series of oil derricks, a starry night sky, a man on horseback and tumbleweeds. All good Texas symbols.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	53 Australasian palm genus	19 A cotton imitation of flannel
1 Leaping parasitic insect	54 Change location	21 Two-winged insects
5 In line with	55 Old maids	22 Angolan monetary unit
8 Honey brew	58 Autonomic nervous system (abbr.)	23 Plebiscites
12 Rub elbows with	60 Small piece of cloth	25 German sovereign
14 Central African republic	61 Adam's rib	26 Dance steps
16 Liturgical vestment	62 Hotshot pilot	29 Corrode
17 Take into custody	64 Typewriter ink carrier	31 Mountainous province of Austria
19 Charge for professional services	67 Adverb, at the same time as	33 A broad horizontal band across a shield
20 Wyatt's OK Corral ally	69 Frosted	34 Membrane layer
21 Low-necked as a garment	70 Sharp hooked claw	36 Central Standard Time (abbr.)
24 Comprise	71 Contest of speed	37 Pronounce
25 Yachting cap		42 Polyvinyl acetate (abbr.)
27 Des Moines resident		43 Lubricates
28 Downwind	DOWN	44 Guileful as a fox
30 Conform	1 Federal Housing Administration (abbr.)	46 Humorously sarcastic or mocking
32 Range of what one can know or understand	2 Lounged about	49 Nauseant
33 Banquet	3 Wane as a tide	51 Behemoth
35 Any of various mostly tropical insects having long twiglike bodies	4 Indefinite article used before a vowel sound, and sometimes before an "h"	52 The Magnificent
38 Indeed	5 Tablets	54 Tapioca plant
39 Gaelic	6 Running as a motor	56 Anti's anti
40 Orient	7 Putting surface	57 Speed an engine
41 Part of a Ft.	8 Master of Arts (abbr.)	59 One point east of south (abbr.)
42 Hydrolysis of proteins	9 Conclusion	62 Mother of ancient Celtic gods
45 Contender	10 Sun-dried bricks	63 East southeast (abbr.)
47 Baked dish	11 Small European freshwater fish	65 Bachelor of Divinity (abbr.)
48 Thessalonian dialect	13 Nonpareil	66 Metric unit of volume equal to one thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
50 Campaigned	15 Moist	68 Ambulance's destination
51 Coats with gold leaf	18 Clerking	

This week's solution on Page 4



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

I have been wanting to write to you for a long time and tell you how much I enjoyed reading the Success.

After graduating from high school, I left Eldorado and went to Tyler to attend Tyler Commercial College. When I completed school there I came back to Eldorado for a week or so and then went to San Antonio and worked for an accountant. My brothers came to San Antonio and joined the Army at Camp Normoyle next door to Kelly Field.

My parents decided to move to San Antonio too and they had the Success sent to San Antonio. My Dad became a painting contractor and came home for lunch

every day and the first thing he would ask on Fridays was "Minnie, did the "Success" come today?" I don't think anyone has ever enjoyed reading the Success as much as he did unless it was me. When Dad died in 1970 Mother lived in San Antonio until 1973 and then she moved to San Marcos to live with us. My husband and I worked in Austin so she said she would come up and be our "foreman" on the farm. She liked feeding chickens and cows and having a beautiful garden.

I am sorry I told you all that to let you know that the Success has been coming to us in San Marcos since 1973. But if I don't get a check sent to you with this letter, we may not be receiving it any longer.

We had a wonderful trip to Eldorado. I always enjoy coming back to Eldorado. Everything looked so nice. We first visited the memorial area and found our names on the bricks. The flowers were beautiful and the little Gazebo was so pretty. The whole town just looked great. I graduated with Charline Edmiston in 1939 so I had told my cousins I wanted to call her. Would you believe it there was Orval going into the building just ahead of us. He called Charline and she came right down and took us on a sight-seeing trip of Eldorado and out to the cemetery.

Some years ago when my husband and I visited Eldorado, I had asked Mr. Spinks if he could build a cement border around my grandparents area there. I am sorry I never got back to tell him what a nice job he did and I was so proud of it.

Eldorado looked so nice. Everyone has been doing a great job. Charline took us by the schools and the churches. (I must admit that I miss the big two story red brick building), but the school buildings look great. The First Baptist Church still looks like I remember it.

Thank you both for making the Success such a "success". As I go down to our mailbox on Monday mornings I find myself wondering "Did the Success come today?"

Sincerely
Erma Neff



Mr. and Mrs. Will Edmiston

Terrell/Edmiston are wed

Raney Gwen Terrell and Will Ellis Edmiston were married in Christ the King Cathedral in Lubbock on July 15. The Rev. Ben Kasteel officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glen Terrell of Arlington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edmiston of Eldorado.

Grandmothers of the bride are Mrs. Edward N. Terrell of Humble and Mrs. Jack Hindman of Shepherd. The bridegroom's grandparents are Mrs. Imogene Edmiston of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fischer of Mereta.

Matrons of honor were the bride's sisters, Mandy Saucier and Tanya Terrell-Weideman, both of Arlington. Bridesmaids were Rachel Edmiston of Seattle, Washington, Renee Edmiston of College Station, sisters of the bridegroom, Lori Gray of Lubbock and Erin Meador of Eldorado.

Bestman was Eric McGinnes of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Seth Terrell of Seattle, brother of the bride, Pepper Nix and Jason Porter, both of San Angelo, Travis Whitten of College Station, Landon Neal of Abilene, Reagan Bownds of Eldorado, and Cody McCravy of Austin.

Ushers were Chace Aldridge of San Angelo, Laylan Stapp of Lubbock, and the groom's cousins, Ross Crawford of Ozona and Matthew Fischer of Rocksprings.

Hailey Mullikin of Grand Prairie was flower girl. Passing out programs for the ceremony was the groom's cousin Nicholas Fischer and the bride's nephews, Glen Weideman and Matthew Weideman.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Arlington High School. She received her bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and English and a masters degree in applied linguistics from Texas Tech University. She is pursuing a doctorate degree in educational technology. She is also a coach for the Elite Soccer Club in Lubbock and is employed by Texas Tech University.

The bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Eldorado High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary agriculture from Texas Tech University and is pursuing a master's degree at TTU. He is employed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock.

After a honeymoon to Saint Martin, the couple will be living in Lubbock.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, August 14

Bar-B-Cube Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Baby Carrots, Buns, Coleslaw, Peaches w/whipped topping, Milk

Tuesday, August 15

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Macaroni Salad, Cantaloupe Cubes, Milk

Wednesday, August 16

Beef Tips w/Gravy, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Tossed Salad w/Sliced Tomatoes, Banana Pudding, Milk

Thursday, August 17

Chicken Fajitas w/Onions & Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortilla, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday, August 18

Oven Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Beets, Dinner Rolls, Strawberry Banana Mix, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk

BIRTHDAY LIST

AUGUST

- 10th Timothy Lemons, Whitney Edmiston, Peggy Williams, Cory Lloyd, Amy Robinson, Cory Reeves, Sandra Garcia
- 11th Laura Garcia, Jesse Estrada, Claire Powell, Kadie Niblett, Will Henry
- 12th Elisa Fuentes, Amanda Ballew, Diana Fritz, Morgan Gillespie, Creel Goodman, Sylvia Griffin, Mike Porter, Virginia Davis, Karen Robertson, Raul Estaban Trevino, Morgan Gillespie, Ann McCormick, Liza Sanchez
- 13th Kayli Daniels, Steven Trevino, Madeline Mittel
- 14th Jeremy Steele, Lisa O'Harrow, Misty Williams, Sharon Lemons, Miles Mikeska, Misty Key, Kristy Adame, Kerry Rodgers
- 15th Jennifer Rojas, Kali Warnock, Tony Martinez Jr., Fran Robinson, Sonja Key, Helen Sanchez, Betsy Green, Delia Pina, A.T. Turner, Tony Martinez, Jr., Lowe Irvine
- 16th Kim-et Nelson, Leon Fuentes, Michael Ballew, Ray David Buitron Jr., Kristina Prater, Rocky Robles, Kristina Fritz, Jay Blaylock, Koda Lozano, Dana Ledbetter, McKenzie McAngus, M'Lissa McKinney Schoening, J.B. Garcia, Hallie Schwiening

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- AUGUST
- 10th Charles & Patsy Kellogg, Matt & Leisa Lloyd
- 12th Mike & Juanita Arispe, Jim & Stephanie Broome, Phil & Abbie McCormick,
- 14th Brian & Mary Doran
- 15th Jim & Linda Chancellor
- 16th John & Thelia Mayo, Debbie & Kerry Joy, Norris & Sharon Sauer

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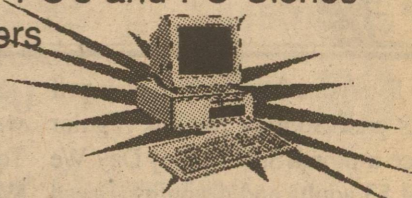
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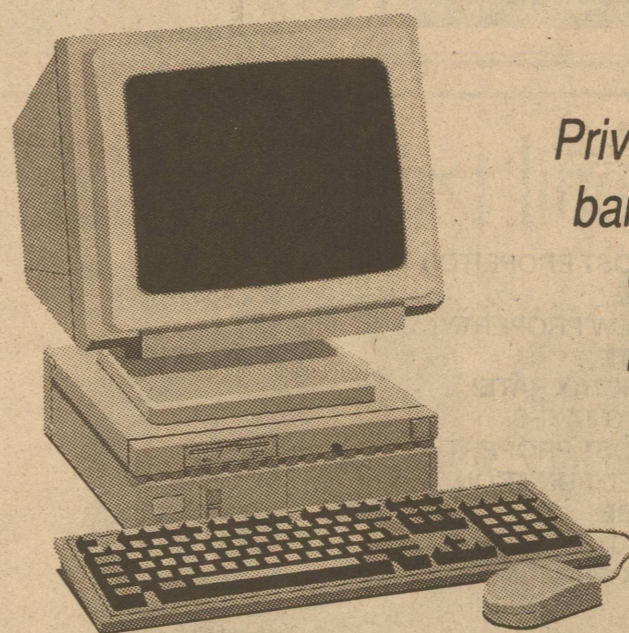
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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

Everyone was ready to play golf this past Sunday for our regular once-a-month Sunday Play Day. We had 53 adults and 4 youths; Bryan Gutierrez, Briley Ledbetter, Wesley Jones and Andrew Anderson.

1st Place Score 53; Jim Broome, Gordon Jones, Andrew Anderson, Bill Freitag and Wayne Jemmott.

2nd Place Score 56; David Daniels, Ronnie Sauer, Keith Nolen, Sid Bonner and Marilyn Whitten.

3rd Place Score 56; Jon Cartwright, Danny Halbert, Albert Torres, Mrs. Chris McCravey and Wesley Jones.

A putt-off on #2 Green for 2nd and 3rd place.

Our big tournament of the year "Jack Hext Memorial" will be on August 19th and 20th.

Our next regular Play Day will be on Sunday September 3rd.

Eldorado Club Championship Tournament will be September 23rd and 24th.

...And you guys line up over there...

Coach Jim Fryar led his Mighty Eldorado Eagles football team onto the practice field Monday as two-a-day workouts began in preparation for the 2000 season. The Eagles will be trying to advance to the playoffs for the 7th consecutive year. Joining the Eagles in District 2-2A will be Sonora, Junction, Mason, Wall and Grape Creek.



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EAGLES 2000 Varsity Schedule

Aug. 19 Stanton*.....at Big Lake
Aug 24. Rankin*.....Here
Sept. 1 Christoval.....There
Sept. 8 Bangs.....Here
Sept. 15 Menard.....There
Sept. 22 Blanco.....There
Sept. 29.....Open
Oct. 6 Rocksprings.....There
Oct. 13 **Mason.....Here
Oct. 20 ** Junction.....There
Oct. 27 ** Wall.....Here
Nov. 3 **Grape Creek.....There
Nov. 10 **Sonora.....Here
* denotes Scrimmage
** denotes District 2-2A game

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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TPW rates dove hunting prospects good

AUSTIN, Texas — Conditions are ripe for better than usual hunting in the upcoming Texas dove season, according to wildlife officials. In a state that boasts a dove population of more than 40 million birds, that equates to plenty of wingshooting action.

Mourning dove seasons will be as follows:

- **North Zone:** Sept. 1-Oct. 30
- **Central Zone:** Sept. 1-Oct. 17 and Dec. 26-Jan. 7
- **South Zone:** Sept. 22-Nov. 5 and Dec. 26-Jan. 9 (closes Jan. 5 in the special white-winged dove area).

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit is 15 dove in the aggregate.

The white-winged dove season is Sept. 2, 3, 9 and 10 in the Special White-winged Dove Area of South

Texas. Bag and possession limits are 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. Shooting hours are noon to sunset.

"We expect hunting success to be as good or better than last year," said Jay Roberson, Texas Parks and Wildlife dove program leader. "We've received reports of good numbers of birds except in the west central part of the state where a prolonged drought may have hurt production and doves tend not to persist in areas without adequate feed."

Texas boasts a fall dove population of more than 40 million birds, more than half of which are produced annually. In addition, several million more migrant doves from bordering states to the north make their way across Texas each fall. Last season, 393,000 Texas dove hunters spent a combined 1.2 million days afield and took 4.5 million birds.

"I believe those numbers will go up this year," Roberson added, "but it really depends on the weather we get between now and the season opener."

Cold fronts in late August tend to push locally produced doves south, and more rain means the dove may disperse over a greater area, making it tougher on hunters hoping to concentrate their efforts around stock tanks, he explained.

Need a place to hunt? For the price of a \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit, hunters can access dove hunting on 48,000 acres of TPW public dove leases. Funds generated by the sale of permits are used to purchase these hunting rights.

The 130 leases are scattered through all three dove zones; some cover more than 1,000 acres and the largest contains nearly 4,000 acres. Annual Public Hunting permits may be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold.

White-winged dove hunters are reminded that a \$7 white-winged dove stamp is required to hunt whitewings anywhere in Texas and that whitewing populations are expanding throughout much of the Central and South Zones.

"Whitewing populations continue to expand across the state, especially in urban areas," said Roberson, who noted breeding now as far north as Lubbock and Wichita Falls.

Dove hunters can avoid taking any chances by purchasing the Super Combo license package, which for \$49 includes resident hunting and fishing licenses plus all seven special stamps. Purchased separately, the package would cost \$91. Persons 65 years of age or older may purchase the resident Senior Super Combo license for \$25 which offers the same privileges as the Super Combo license and is available this year for the first time.

Hunters are also reminded to renew their hunting licenses, which expire Aug. 31, before heading out on opening day. Dove hunters must answer Harvest Information Program questions while buying their license.

HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.

School Lunch Menu

- Milk & Bread Offered**
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line
- Monday, August 14th**
Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Cream Style Corn, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies
- Tuesday, August 15th**
Burritos with Chili/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Lime Jello
- Wednesday, August 16th**
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Pie
- Thursday, August 17th**
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pineapple Chunks, Cornbread, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing
- Friday, August 18th**
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding
- Breakfast**
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast
- Monday, August 14th**
Apple Slices, French Toast Sticks/Syrup
- Tuesday, August 15th**
Pineapple Slices, Cream of Wheat, Toast/Jelly
- Wednesday, August 16th**
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza
- Thursday, August 17th**
Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick
- Friday, August 18th**
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice, Toast/Jelly
- Fast Food Line**
- Monday, August 14th**
Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies
- Tuesday, August 15th**
Chili Cripsitos/Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Pineapple Chunks, Lime Jello
- Wednesday, August 16th**
Corn Chip Pie, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrot Sticks, Apple Pie
- Thursday, August 17th**
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing
- Friday, August 18th**
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding



Green Bay Sweep — Eagles football players got their first taste of action this week as they reported for two-a-day workouts on Monday

2000 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CITY OF ELDORADO

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2000 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF ELDORADO. 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:	
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAX	\$120,902.00
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 72,773.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$193,675.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$23,183,486
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.8518/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES	\$196,970.96
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY) / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$22,453,810
(AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY) = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.8772/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES	\$120,592.11
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$22,453,810
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.5370/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.5799/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.3148/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.8947/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If the City of Eldorado adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.8772 per \$100 of value, the total levy for the City of Eldorado would increase compared to the 1999 tax levy by **\$1,135.00**.

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
Maintenance & Operating	\$5,867.00
Interest & Sinking (I&S)	-0-

Schedule B
2000 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1994 Certificate of Obligation	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 5,907.00	\$-0-	\$ 14,657.00
1999 Tax Anticipation Notes	\$45,000.00	\$14,625.00	\$-0-	\$ 59,625.00
Total required for 2000 debt service			\$74,282.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$-0-	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$-0-	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 5,128.00	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2000			\$69,154.00	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97% of its taxes in 2000			\$ 2,139.00	
= Total Debt Levy			\$71,293.00	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. you can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The Schleicher County Appraisal District or The City Hall.
Name of person preparing this notice Ray L. Ballew.
Title Chief Appraiser
Date prepared 8-08-00

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With school starting, please, be careful when driving around the school and watch out for the kids. Also, be aware of kids loading and unloading from buses. Thank You.

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Palmer West honored on Firemen's School Memorial

by Dale West Eubank

In June, while Gene and I were at the Mias Amigas barbecue, Fire Chief Jerry Jones gave us a letter he had received from the Texas Engineering Extension Service, Emergency Services Training Institute, The Texas A&M University System (TEEX-ESTI). The letter stated that they had established a Guest Instructor Memorial in tribute to those individuals whose dedication has made significant contribution to the Fire Service of Texas through the training programs of the TEEX-ESTI's annual Texas Fire Training Schools. The letter stated that the selection criteria included the requirement that an individual have at least 10 years service as an instructor and that the honoree be deceased. The formal dedication for this memorial was held July 26, 2000 at the Brayton Fire Training Field in College Station, Texas.

Listed among the honorees was my father, Palmer West.

Gene and I attended the formal

dedication of the memorial where 231 former instructors were honored. The event was held in conjunction with this year's Municipal Texas Fire Training School.

The advisor and director of the school, Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, opened the memorial services by stating that the names on the wall were those of firefighters who gave of their time over the past 70 years to make the training school what it is today, an institution of learning that resulted in a strong firefighter family and life-long friendships. He explained that Guest Instructors' salary are doubled each year which turns out to be the same "Zero Dollars" - True Volunteerism. Dr. Bennett said when the school started in 1930, before the days of liability and lawsuits, the firemen would pitch their welding torches and tools in the back of their pickup and head for the training site and start building. Today the training site hosts schools for firefighters from around the world. The schools are sponsored



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Memorial for a Fire Chief — Former Chief of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, Palmer West, was listed recently on the Texas Engineering Extension Service, Emergency Services Training Institute's Guest Instructor Memorial in College Station. The memorial was dedicated on July 26, 2000.

by the State Firemen and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas and TEEX-ESTI.

It was noted that many a wedding or a "honey-do" was put off by stating "Can't do that till after fire school". I know that daddy, "Chief", as some called him, was the happiest when he was either going to Firemen's School or coming back, whether he was a student or an instructor.

For those who might be new in Eldorado, I shall paraphrase a little bit of an article from the Standard Times in 1964 when daddy was retiring as Eldorado's first fire chief and President of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas "It was in 1939 that the native-born Eldoradoan and

others formed the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department. In those years most people thought of Volunteer Fire brigades as a bunch of rag-tag citizens rambling down main street like a band of clowns. Thanks to the efforts of West and other men, volunteer Fire Departments of small Texas communities and counties now are recognized for what they are—teams of dedicated trained men."

Because the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department has kept sending their firefighters to fire school, Eldorado and Schleicher County benefit from their training and certification. My love for this department and appreciation will never cease. Please give these firefighters all your support.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Firefighter's headgear — Three of the hats worn by Palmer West during his 26 years as Fire Chief of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department are on display at the Schleicher County Museum.

Wire recycling event underway at Wall

The fourth annual Safe Wire Event will begin on Tuesday, August 1st in Wall. This year, the event will run a full month ending at moon on Thursday, August 31st. The wire Recycling Event is the only known event of its kind in West Texas and the participation has been phenomenal.

In 1999, Commercial Metals baled the wire and metal and used fourteen dump trucks to transport the vales to Odessa for recycling. Barbed wire has been brought into these events that dated from the 1880's, indicating the length of time farmers and ranchers have been storing wire that had outlived it's usefulness. The 1999 event collected a much larger amount of scrap metal than previous years: cisterns,

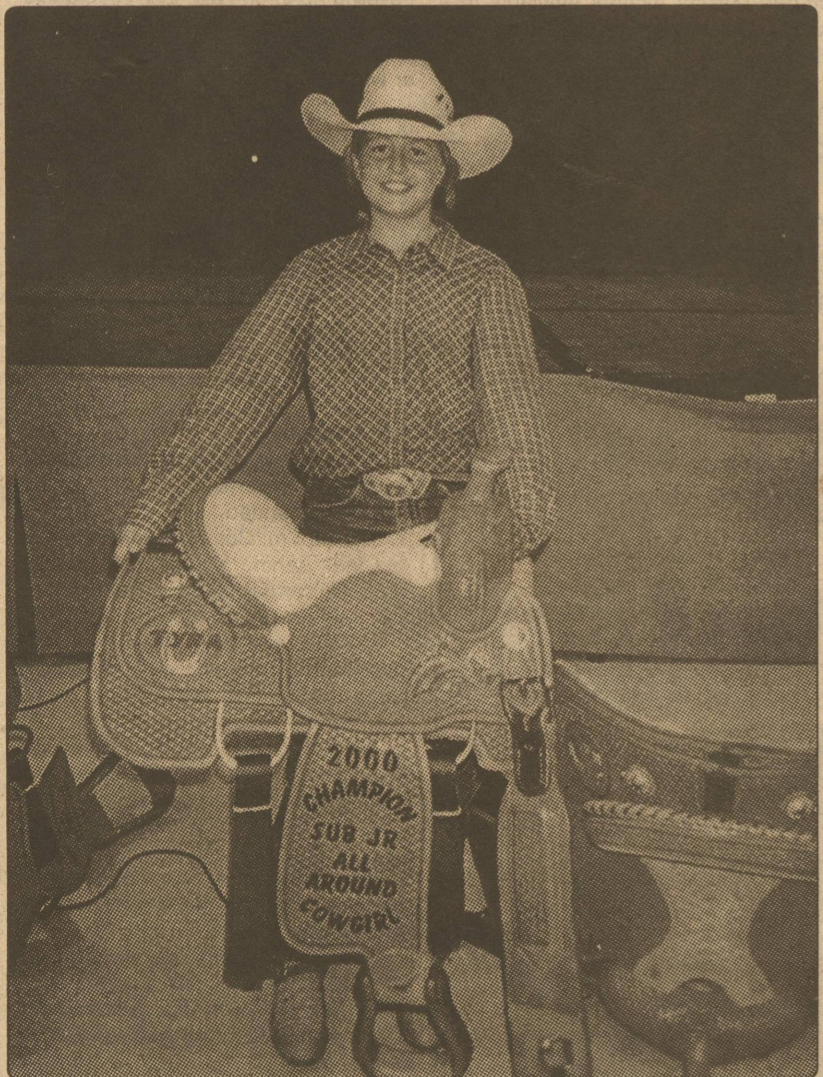
water troughs, windmills, household appliances, fence posts, cattle guards, corrugated sheet metal, etc. Because of the high level of participation, the long distances that many participants traveled, and the large amount of wire collected at the first three events, sponsors are very willing to participate in the 2000 event. However, they will be able to continue their sponsorship only as long as it is economically feasible.

Their years sponsors are: San Angelo Friends of the Environment (SAFE); Commercial Metals of Odessa; Acme Iron & Metal, San Angelo; Co-Op Gin Number 1, Wall; Community Supervision and Corrections Dept. (CSCD) Participants will be permitted to

drop off all types of wire and metal at the designated area in front of the Gin, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. No appliances with Freon in them will be accepted. Participants in previous years have traveled from Eden, Christoval, Grape Creek, Eldorado, Rowena, Miles, Vancourt, Bronte, Wall, Menard, Eola, Melvin, Ballinger, San Angelo, Veribest and Lowake. The event is not restricted to the Conch Valley; everyone is invited to bring in their wire or metal.

The Wire Recycling Event is held in conjunction with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission Country Cleanup, which will be held on August, 31 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Co-Op Gin Number 1. The event accepts pesticide containers (triple rinsed), oil, oil filters and lead acid batteries. The TNRCC Country Cleanup will no longer be able to accept tires due to changes made by the Texas Legislature.

For information about either of these events, contact Sharon Skrabanek at the SAFE Citizens' Recycling Center 659-0722.



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Rodeo Cowgirl — Kirsten Stubbs was named Sub Junior All Around Year End Winner by the Texas Youth Rodeo Association. Kirsten is the 9 year old daughter of Clint and Kriss Griffin of Eldorado and Jody Stubbs of Clint, Texas. Kirsten competed in Seguin, Texas on July 18-23, 2000 in the Cloverleaf Barrels, Pole Bending and Straightaway Barrels, winning this beautiful trophy saddle.

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EMS service lists minutes of monthly meeting

The Schleicher County Volunteer EMS held its regular monthly meeting on August 7, 2000. The members present were: Velma Tyler, Soila Rojas, Juquin Rojas, Melissa Stanford, Joey Jones, T.J. Rodriguez, Bobby Andrews, Michael Faull, Stoney Harris, Connie Andrews, Dr. Dorie. Lee Barajas, Luiz Martinez, Meg Anderson, Sylvia Belman

The minutes were as follows:
Call to order 5:18
I. Minutes from previous meet-

ing - Motion to approve by Juquin Rojas, seconded by Melissa Stanford
II. X-Bar Race 9/17, 8-3 - We will be standing by at the X-Bar Bike Race, Sign up sheet posted in the Ambulance Bays. We will have a 911 crew and a crew for X-Bar.
III. CPR Instructor Course, 8/26/00 -9-5 Cost \$75.00, Sonora - T.J. Rodriguez, Luiz Martinez, Melissa Stanford and Soila Rojas have signed up to attend we have one more slot available for a member of out service. If you are in-

terested you need to let Melissa know as soon as possible. Discussion of possibly holding a Red Cross First Aid Instructor Course here in Eldorado, Melissa is looking into it. We've had a lot of requests this year regarding first aid certification.
IV. Instructor Class, Report - Tim, Lee, Melissa have just completed the EMS Instructor Course, Connie is currently attending the Instructor course. They will be testing on 8/22/00. Susie will also be testing out as an instructor. We are hoping to host a EMT-B class in September.

V. Commissioners Court 8/14, 9:00 Budget 2001 - We will be presenting the EMS Budget for 2001, we have not made any changes to the budget from the previous year
VI. Football Season - The first

game of the season here in town will be 8/24, there is a sign up sheet in the ambulance bays. If any one would like to watch the video on "packaging the football patient", it is here in the office. If no one signs up for Football Coverage, the 911 crew will have to cover the game.

VII. Training Meeting, 9/18/00-5:15, EPIPEN, CPR TRAINING - Brief discussion of the upcoming training meeting.

VIII. Cardiac Monitor - Tim was out, he had hoped to discuss this monitor, Melissa showed the monitor which is on loan to the service. It can be used to monitor at this time but can not be used to defibrillate. Discussion of biphasic and monophasic. Discussion of protocols with ACLS and American Heart Assoc. This monitor is also a AED. Continued discussion of the new monitor

IX. Stoney Harris EMT -B- Stoney has been running with the service for 3 months now and his probationary period is up. Stoney voted in as a member, all in favor, none opposed motion carried.

X. Schedules - The 3 month trial period of mandatory 12hr weekend call per month is up, discussion of if we want to continue it, change, or discontinue it. Discussion of how well the schedules have been covered lately. Motion made to continue the 12 hrs mandatory weekend per month but they can be run in 6hr shifts. None opposed motion carried.

XI. Other Business - Velma off leave effective 8/7/00. Velma welcomed back to the service. There being no other business. Meeting adjourned 6:00.



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Donated school supplies — Duckwall's employee Nancy McCray places a collection box supplied by four local student groups. The groups are soliciting donations of back-to-school supplies.

Student groups seek donation of back-to-school supplies

As a service project, TAFE (Texas Association of Future Educators), High School Student Council, Middle School Student Council, and Nuevos Amigos are sponsoring a school supply drive for local needy students in pre school through 6th grade from August 6-

August 16. Green boxes for donated supplies are located at area churches, businesses, and school campuses. Any supplies would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Thomas at 853-2758.

• Rodriguez, Avelardo, M., male age 50, arrested by SC Officer, charge Class A Assault.

REPORTS

August 2 • 12:26 a.m. Complainant reported hearing suspicious noises coming from a local business on SW Main.

• 7:03 a.m. Complainant 12 miles on Hwy. 190 West reported loose calves.

• 8:00 a.m. Complainant reported that vandalism had been done to their rent house. 34 windows had been broken and cinder blocks were thrown through the windows.

• 12:30 p.m. Complainant reported one sheep and one goat were out near the feed store. Owner was contacted.

• 5:23 p.m. Complainant reported tire debris all over road. Officer responded.

• 7:59 p.m. Complainant reported a bad odor coming from their dumpster. City contacted.

August 3 • 11:17 a.m. Hospital EMS for transfer to San Angelo hospital.

• 5:11 p.m. Complainant reported a window open at a local business that is already closed. Officers responded.

• 8:32 p.m. Complainant reported minors drinking at the apartments. Officer responded.

August 4 • 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle on the side on East Hwy. 190 they felt needed to be checked for abandonment or being stolen. Officer responded and found vehicle to be off the road and OK.

• 7:36 p.m. Complainant on North Hwy. 277 reported black Angus cows loose on the highway. Owner was located and took care of the problem. Owner also reported that someone had been dumping their trash out on their property which caused their gate to open and their cows to be loose.

August 5 • 12:16 a.m. Complainant from Fort Worth stated that a van traveling north on Hwy. 277 veered into the south sound lane causing her run off the road and run into the fence. Officer wrote up an accident report.

• 12:55 a.m. Complainant reported that there was people fighting on Del Rio Street. Officer responded.

• 2:20 a.m. Complainant requested an officer, because their ex-boyfriend was harassing them. Officer responded.

• 2:30 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a fight in the street. Two officer responded.

• 8:50 a.m. Criminal mischief reported of 3 broken windows at their place of business on South Main. Officer responded.

• 10:10 a.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on North Street and Field Street. 3 Officers and EMS 1 and EMS 2 and Fire Units all responded.

• 3:00 p.m. Complainant reported a gas leak behind a local convenience store. Officer called a city employee on call.

• 7:51 p.m. Officer while on a traffic stop located marijuana on a juvenile. A report was sent to Tom Green County Juvenile Center.

• 10:18 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident on North Street and Field Street. 3 Officers and EMS 1 and EMS 2 and Fire Units all responded.

• 3:00 p.m. Complainant reported their windshield was busted out. Vehicle responded did exchange insurance information. All O.K.

August 7 • 1:00 p.m. Complainant reported a missing bull, about 2 years old.

• 6:13 p.m. Hospital requested a ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS 2 responded.

• 10:10 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to unlock his house. Officer responded.

August 8 • Complainant reported someone was disturbing them by knocking on their door and leaving before they could answer. Officer was advised about the problem.

State Capital Highlights



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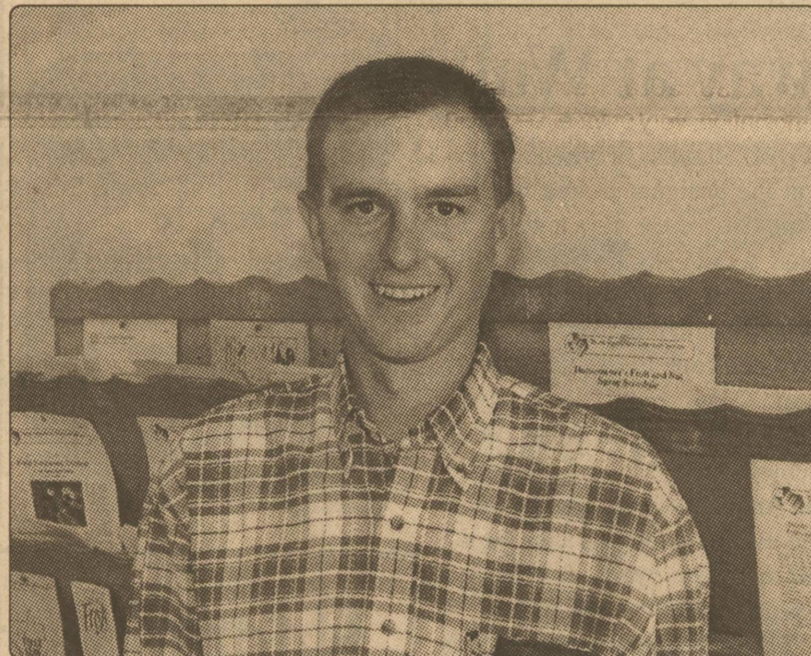
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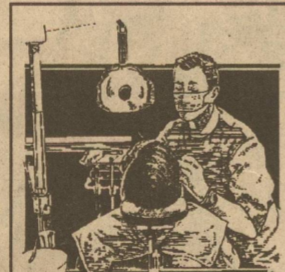
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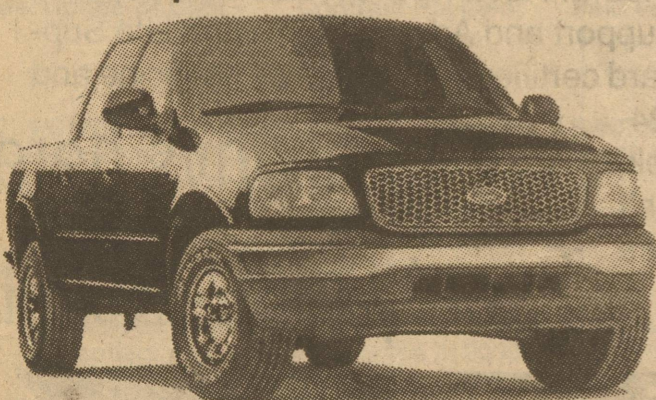
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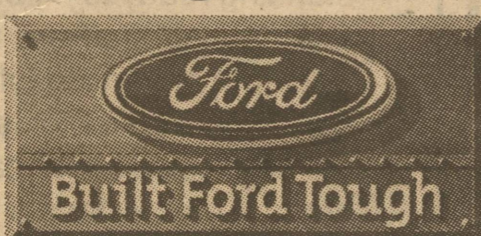
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School trustees meet, discuss tax rates

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last year, will be \$1.2584 per \$100 valuation. That's down significantly from the \$1.3499 rate the district levied last year. In fact, if trustees adopt a rate higher than \$1.3184, they will automatically trigger a roll-back election, it was explained.

In other business, the board hired Kay Creek, who recently resigned from her Middle School teaching position, as the district's "technology integrator". The position is part-time and will be funded with a \$17,000 state funded grant. One of Creek's duties will be to instruct teachers in software usage.

Supt. Blanch next presented a policy update recommended by the State Board of Education. The update was adopted as part of the district's local policy manual. The board briefly discussed the possibility of acquiring more real property around the school. No action was taken on that subject, however.

Board President McCormick then presented Kathy Mankin of the Eldorado Success with the statewide Media Honor Roll in recognition of the newspaper's "fair and balanced reporting." The newspaper was also commended for providing valuable information

to the community about public schools, their students, parents, and patrons by Schleicher County ISD.

The board then entered into an executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. The group emerged into open session taking no action on the matter.

Before adjourning the board heard from Mrs. Connie Fryar concerning the availability of grant funds to continue operation of the local Annenberg program. It was noted that news concerning the grant renewal should be released on August 17, 2000. In the meantime, Mrs. Fryar was directed by the board to continue recruiting a director for the Annenberg program.

Trustees will meet in special session tonight at 7:15 p.m. in the high school library to set a proposed tax rate. They will also set a date to hold a public meeting to discuss the a new budget as well as the proposed tax rate. Also on the agenda for that meeting will be the discussion of a part-time employee in the cafeteria.



Pick of the litter — 7-year old Carlí McAngus posed Tuesday with a newborn litter of Duroc pigs in their pen at the Ag barn. Carlí's sow "Summer" delivered the pigs only hours earlier. Carlí is the daughter of Tim and Nancy McAngus.

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City Council holds monthly meeting

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council reviewed several alternate plans before moving on to other business.

Randy Mankin advised the group that he had called for bids for contract paving services and hoped to have crews working in Warner Avenue this month. Other work would be carried out to the extent that money was available in the budget. He noted the bids would be opened at a special meeting of the council next Monday evening.

Mankin then reported that an inspection of the water improvement project in the western part of town had been carried out last week and that the contractor had met obligations as specified in the contract.

Mankin then told the council that he and Utility Superintendent Jack Dean had made a trip to Ft. Worth recently to view a landfill compac-

tor at the General Services Commission (GSC) yard. He described the machine as being a 1991 Caterpillar 816D with 2090 hours of use. He reported that the piece of equipment is designed for the purpose of compacting garbage in landfills and that it had been previously owned by the U.S. Energy Department in South Carolina. He said the machine is priced at \$35,000.00 and that he had made a verbal commitment to the GSC to purchase it provided the agency agreed that Eldorado had the most pressing need for the compactor. At least three other communities have asked for the machine, which Mankin said would sell for well over \$100,000.00 on the open market. The GSC is to decide this week which community may purchase the compactor.

Next, Mankin told the council that he had notified UniFirst, the city's uniform supplier, that the city would be ending its nine-year-long relationship with the company effective September 1, 2000. Man-

kin said billing problems and other issues relating to service had figured in his decision.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean then informed the council about curb and gutter work being carried out by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) near the intersection of East Street and U.S. Highway 190. Dean said that Reece Albert Construction is carrying out the work for TxDOT and that the project should be ending soon.

The council then entered into executive session pursuant for the discussion of personnel matters and emerged into open session without any action being taken on the subject.

The council then approved the minutes of the July 10, 2000 meeting, the July Tax Report, the July Financial Report, and ordered all current bills paid. A budget amendment was then approved allowing for the transfer of various funds within the city's budget 1999-2000.

By unanimous vote the council next approved three resolutions related to participation with Schleicher County in obtaining grants for the purpose of extending sewer service and upgrading water service in the Orient Heights Addition. The project is a cooperative effort between the city and county although the affected area lies outside the city limits. Should the grants be awarded, the city's participation in the project will amount to \$39,400.50 in cash, \$14,150.00 of in-kind services (labor) and the waiving of sewer tap fees in the amount of \$3,375.00. The neighborhood would then be receiving water, gas and sewer services from the city.

A handout noted that the city's landfill had received an average of 19.04 tons of garbage per day. Of this amount, 75 percent was hauled from neighboring communities with 20 percent arriving in the city's garbage truck. The remainder was came to the landfill in other private vehicles and was attributed largely to Schleicher County residents.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then distributed budget worksheets to each of the council members. Mayo briefly reviewed the worksheets and compared budgeted amounts in previous years with totals actually spent in those years. As the council looked over the preliminary numbers Randy Mankin asked for the council's input as the new budget is developed. As discussion turned to employee evaluations and the possibility of pay raises, the council entered into executive session. The emerged into open session at 9:10 p.m., taking no action on the subject and the meeting immediately adjourned.

Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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You Can't Be Too Careful When Protecting Your Kids

QUESTION: I have a friend who guards her kids as if they were in mortal danger. I feel like I should let mine spread their wings a little, even though they're only 9 and 11 years of age. Who do you think is right?

DR. DOBSON: Two decades ago I would have suggested that you give them space, because overprotection of children creates some characteristic problems. Today, however, I have to agree with your friend. The environment in which kids are being raised has changed dramatically in recent years. Unspeakable dangers haunt our schools and streets that were almost unheard-of a generation ago.

Yesterday's families didn't worry much about drive-by shootings, illegal drugs, sexual molesters and kidnapers. When I was a kid in the early 1950s, my folks were more concerned about a disease called polio than all sources of violence combined. As a 10-year-old, I moved freely around my hometown. If I was a half-hour late coming home for dinner, the Dobson household was not seized by panic.

But now we worry about our kids playing in the front yard. Indeed, little Polly Klaas was abducted in 1993 from her bedroom where she was surrounded by friends, and then was brutally murdered for the perverse pleasure of her killer. When that horrible news broke, a collective shudder was felt by every loving parent in the nation. Three years later, beautiful little 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was sexually assaulted and beaten to death in the basement of her own home on Christmas night, 1996.

Between these two tragedies, and in the years since, tens of thousands of other children have been

murdered or abducted. During my term of service on the Attorney General's Board on Missing and Exploited Children, I was dismayed by what I saw happening to innocent boys and girls.

There was a time when the culture interceded on behalf of kids to protect them from anything harmful or immoral. Movies were censored, music was monitored and young couples were chaperoned. But this generation is exposed to every kind of evil and violence. Some boys and girls live in a combat zone. Indeed, a child in the United States is 15 times more likely to be killed by gunfire than one growing up in Northern Ireland! More American children are shot per year than are police officers!

Parents in some inner-city neighborhoods make their kids sleep in bathtubs to protect them from stray bullets crashing through the walls. Some mothers keep short leashes on their little ones when walking through malls to protect them from potential molesters. Instruction is given to wide-eyed preschoolers on how to scream when approached by a stranger, and how to report unwelcome touches. Many children spend their after-school hours behind bolted doors and barred windows. That is the way it is in most Western nations today, and especially in the United States.

How can you as a parent protect your precious children? By watching them every moment! Never leave them in the care of those whom you don't know personally and aren't sure you can trust. Do not let teen-age boys baby-sit your girls. I know that is a controversial recommendation, but I've seen too many tragic cases of abuse resulting from masculine adolescence and the sexual curiosity that is typical of that age. Walk your

kids to and from school or the school bus. Pick them up on time. Watch for any unusual behavior that may signal sexual abuse or molestation from neighbors or child care workers. Protect them at every turn.

Does that sound unnecessarily cautious? Just remember this: The average pedophile abuses 150 children in the course of a lifetime. Each sexual exploitation lasts for seven years, typically, before the truth comes to light. Boys and girls are often too intimidated to call for help. Don't give a child abuser a shot at your kids.

As for your own anxieties, I suggest that you take them to the Lord in prayer. He loves your girls even more than you do, and I believe he will help you take care of them. Hold their names before him every day in prayer. Commit to intercede not only for their physical safety, but also for their spiritual welfare. Then when you've done everything you can to be a good parent, put your children in God's hands and let him help you carry the burden.

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