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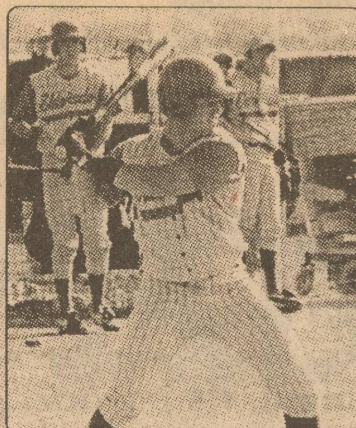
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Lions recognize top EHS students...



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Eagles baseball team keeps on keeping on....



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For Your Information

Pray for rain

The Ministerial Alliance has called a special prayer meeting for rain next Monday, May 11, at 12:00 noon in the Memorial Room. Everyone is needed to come and pray for rain. In the event of rain, we will still meet, in order to offer prayer of thanksgiving.

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On this date

On this date in 1789 the first Presidential inaugural ball was held in New York City. Each lady in attendance received, as a gift, a portrait of George Washington. In 1912 Columbia University approved final plans for awarding the first Pulitzer Prize. In 1915 the British ocean liner Lusitania was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland. 1,198 lives were lost. In 1945 baseball owner Branch Rickey announced the organization of the United States Negro Baseball League, consisting of six teams.

Birthdays of note include: 1812 poet Robert Browning; 1833 composer Johannes Brahms; 1840 composer Peter I. Tchaikovsky; 1885 actor Gabby (George) Hayes; 1901 actor Gary Cooper; and 1933 NFL quarterback Johnny Unitas.

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Texas EMS Week

Have you hugged an EMS volunteer lately? Well, here's your chance. May 17-23 has been designated as Texas Emergency Medical Service Week in recognition of the thousands of committed EMS personnel across the state. Seek one out and let them know how much you appreciate their dedication to our community.

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News of yesteryear

The May 17, 1940 edition of the Success reported:

The local Volunteer fire department has the spotlight for the moment in the city. The boys have just completed a play which, with the help of a ram donated by J.E. Jones, substantially replenished the treasury. Even after the boys had shaved admission price from 50 to 35 cents, they netted a substantial profit.

The July 11, 1941 edition of the Success reported:

A livestock ordinance recently passed in the city will be rigidly enforced and animals running at large will be impounded, members of the city's governing body emphasized this week.

Hunter raises the bar for Texas' 2-A high jumpers

Eagles send three to State track meet

Kyle Hunter, Eldorado's high jump phenom, set a new Region I-2A record in Abilene last Friday with a leap of 7 feet 2 inches. The jump proved to be the best ever by a Texas athlete from a class 2-A school. The old record, which stood at 7-0 was set by Cedric Barrer of Beckville in 1986. Hunter tied that mark last month at the Texas Relays in Austin.

While fifteen competitors battled to stay in the event, Hunter sat out the early rounds. Then, with the bar at 6-0, he stripped off his warm-ups and took command.

Hunter missed on his first try at 6-6 then cleared 6-8, 6-10, 7-0 and 7-2 before missing on three straight attempts at 7-4. By then, his challengers, who had long since dropped out, were standing nearby cheering him on.

The previous Region I-2A record was held by Joe Brown of White Deer (1987) and Mark Young of Hawley (1992).

Aron Graves of West Texas High School placed 2nd with a jump of 6-4. Adam Biertel of Albany was 3rd at 6-2. Eldorado's Michael Mayo cleared 6-0 but dropped out at 6-2.

While Kyle Hunter was winning the high jump, Stormi Sessom of Eldorado was center stage in the adjacent shot put ring. Sessom won the girls Shot Put a throw of 37 feet. Leandra Tate of Albany was 2nd with a throw of 36-6¼ and Sharla Cruse of Post was 3rd at 36-6¼. Eldorado's Stacy Nicholson also competed in Shot Put but did not make the finals.

Sessom also placed in the Dis-

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Regional Champ — Stormi Sessom released a throw of 37 feet to win the Region I-2A girls shot put championship in Abilene last Friday. She will compete in Austin next week at the State Track Meet.

Eldorado Lions Club hosts academic awards banquet

The Eldorado Lions Club's yearly academic awards banquet was held Sunday afternoon, May 3, in the high school cafeteria. EHS students, who have maintained a 90 or better average through the 5th six weeks, were hosted by the Lions Club and Schleicher County Independent School District. Other family and friends were also in attendance.

Lions Club President Andy Anderson welcomed the crowd and offered the invocation. Following a meal of barbecue brisket & sausage, the crowd moved to the high school auditorium where medals were presented to each student being honored.

Those students who advanced to the Regional UIL Meet received a second medal in recognition of their achievement. They included:

Kirk Curtis, Macario Esparza, Tabitha Garcia, Lindsey Griffin, Anna Loomis, Beau Sallee, Gerard Barrera, Jeff Parker, Hannah Wolfe, Haley Edmiston, Hillary Hodges, Ashley Holt, Sarah Mankin, Steven Valero and Breeanne Davis.

The Current Events team, consisting of Anna Loomis, Sarah Mankin and Steven Valero, were honored with a plaque in recognition of their 1st Place finish at Regional. It was noted they will be advancing to the State UIL Meet in Austin this weekend.

The Lions Club Scholarship awards were also presented during the banquet. Each year the Lions Club recognizes the boy and girl from EHS with the top grade point average. This year's recipients

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photo by Randy Mankin

He makes it look so easy — Kyle Hunter cleared 7 feet 2 inches to win the high jump event at the Region I-2A Track Meet in Abilene last Friday. The jump broke the old meet record of 6-11 and the state record of 7-0.

Voters decide school, city & hospital elections

Local voters went to the polls Saturday, May 2nd to decide races for Schleicher County ISD board of trustees, Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees and the Eldorado City Council.

Incumbent school trustee Ilse Williams won re-election over challenger Raymond Loomis in Single Member District (SMD) #4 by a 60-34 vote margin. Voters returned former school trustee William Edmiston to his seat on the board by a 37-14 vote margin over Lee R. "Smokey" Taylor in the SMD #6 race. Trustee Berta

Nicholson was unopposed in SMD #3. In all, 145 voters cast their ballots in the school election.

In the Hospital District board election five candidates faced off for four seats. Former board member Tom Enochs received the most votes with 157. Incumbent board members Ricky Fuessel and Delia Pina also won with 131 and 120 votes, respectively. Brian Edmiston edged out Anita Jones for the fourth seat by a 118-117 vote margin. There were 194 voters who cast ballots in the hospital election.

Sherry Lux won election to the

Eldorado City Council in Ward #1 with by a 36-11 over Juacuin A. Rojas. In Ward #2 incumbent Richard D. Mendez and Robert E. Bybee tied at 18 votes each while Domingo Pina received 16 votes.

Bybee and Mendez agreed to settle the election by drawing lots. The drawing was held at Tuesday night's City Council meeting and Robert Bybee was declared the winner.

In Ward #3 incumbent Tommy Minor was unopposed. In all, 107 voters cast ballots in the City Council election.

Eldorado netters advance to State Tennis tourney

Kim Beach and Whitney McGinnes won the Region I-2A girls doubles championship last week at the Regional Tournament held in Abilene. They defeated the team from Spearman in the semifinals before avenging their district loss to Tarr and Martinez of Ozona in the finals with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 score. McGinnes, making her fourth regional appearance, and Beach, making her third regional appearance, will advance to state for the second straight year.

Makenzie McCravey battled a

flu bug as well as her regional opponents to advance to the State tournament for the fourth time. She defeated Suni Jo Petty of White Deer 6-2, 6-4 in a playback match. In the finals McCravey lost to Kristin Beedy, the 1996 state champion, 6-3, 6-4.

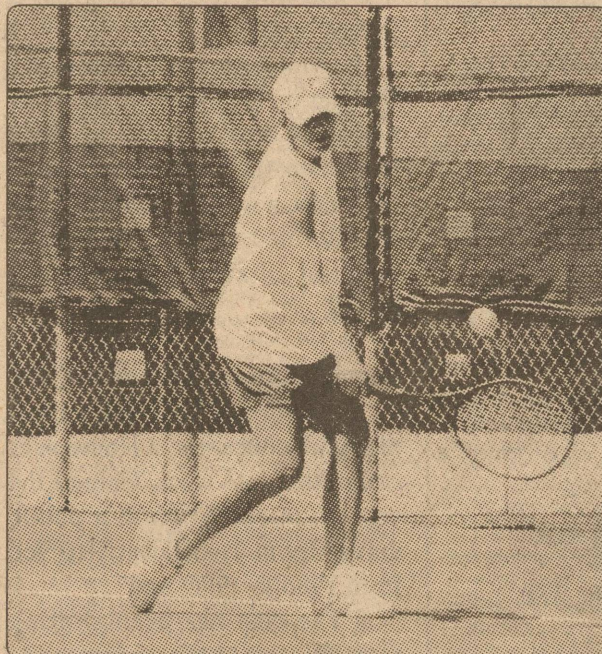
Casey Snelson fought through a tough singles draw and placed fourth.

Playing some of the best tennis of his career, Snelson defeated Felipe Trevizo of Tornillo 7-5, 7-5 to earn a return trip to the semi-

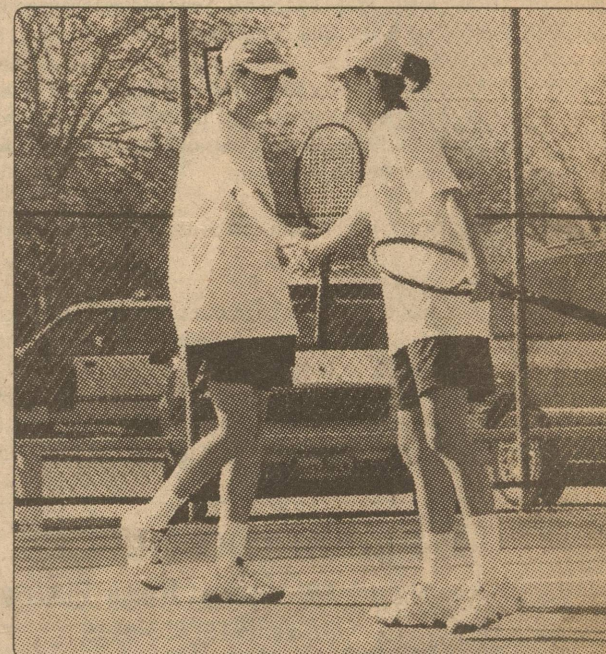
finals. Snelson was then defeated by defending state champion Kareem Abdullah in the semifinals, and lost a close match to Justin Smith of Jim Ned in the third place match ending a brilliant UIL career.

In other action Juan Montalvo and Andrew Sauer won their first round match and then ran in to the #2 seeded team from Spearman who they lost to in a marathon match by the score of 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.

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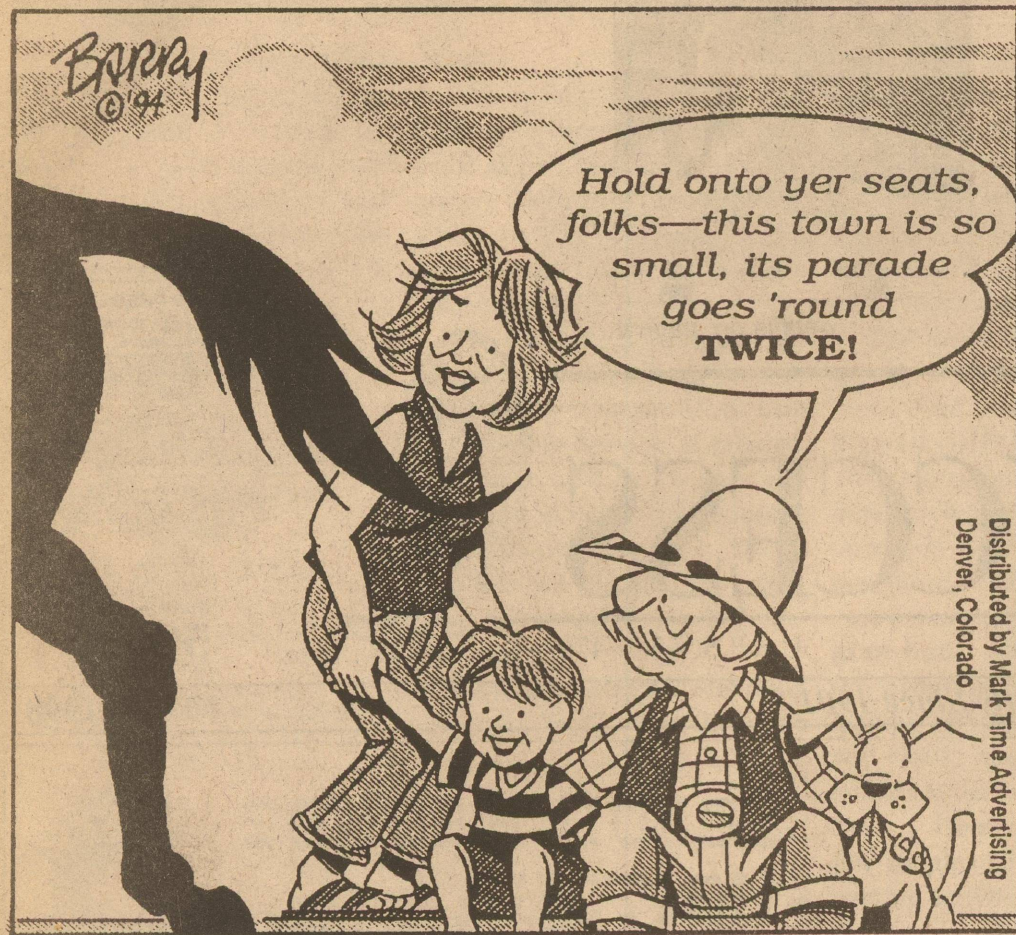
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State Bound — Makenzie McCravey (L) will represent Eldorado in girls singles while Whitney McGinnes and Kim Beach will compete in girls doubles at the Class 2-A State Tennis Championships in Austin next week. This will be McCravey's fourth trip to Austin. McGinnes and Beach are returning for the second time.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams

Social Security Trust Fund: No Real Improvement



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The annual report on the Social Security Trust Fund provided some hope to those of us who are working to preserve Social Security for current and future generations of recipients.

The projected time when Social Security will begin paying out more than it takes in has been put off for a couple more years—until 2013.

This is welcome news, but it is hardly a reason to celebrate. Putting off the slide toward bankruptcy for this important program does not provide the "security" that its name implies. We need permanent solutions.

Recent polls show that Americans are deeply concerned about the future of Social Security. According to an April CNN/Time survey, most Americans under the age of 50 believe Social Security will run out of money for benefits before they retire. And I know from many conversations with senior citizens in the district that they have concerns about their Social Security checks.



Lamar Smith

U.S. Representative,
21st Congressional
District of Texas

One other opinion is clear from both the polls and my own discussions with constituents that have taken me to half the 21 counties in the district in the last month alone: Texans are increasingly interested in having the option of controlling some portion of their Social Security savings for themselves.

Eighty percent of those surveyed for the CNN/Time poll want to control their retirement money themselves rather than have the government control it. That reflects the fact that most people don't trust the government with their money—a healthy attitude to hold. Some people have reservations about being able to invest some portion of their Social Se-

curity savings themselves. And that is understandable. Americans believe, overwhelmingly, that Social Security ought to provide the security of a minimum level of retirement income to supplement pensions or other private savings.

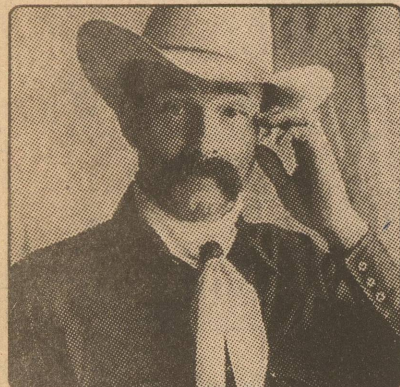
Our first priority must be to preserve Social Security. Next, we must look for ways to get a better return for Social Security recipients' money. For example, the money each of us pays into Social Security has grown by only about 2 percent annually—less than the rate of inflation that reduces our real income.

Americans who want to exercise the option of investing some portion of their Social Security taxes for themselves should have that opportunity.

We have all paid into Social Security and we all have a stake in preserving the system. I will continue to work for solutions to Social Security's problems and will continue to listen closely to retirees and other constituents as Congress looks for ways to protect Social Security.

Loose in the Sale Barn

BAXTER BLACK



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

They weren't in the habit of raisin' wild cattle in that part of Michigan, so the fences aren't that high. But when the heifer cruised into the sale ring like a shark in the kiddie pool, everybody knew they might not be high enough.

As the bidding began she never slowed, but circled the ring scatterin' cowboys, plastic whips, rubber boots and cups of coffee. One of the cowboys ducked behind the wooden screen just as the heifer planted one big paw on its top and vaulted over rails into the crowd.

The Marion sale barn was packed that day. Jim was one of the buyers who worked for the facility. He watched from the walkway at the top, back behind the bleacher seats as the heifer climbed the stairs six at a time headin' his way.

The crowd was plenty excited. Folks were yellin' and clearin' a path. The bidding had stopped at seventy-five cents.

The heifer weighed less than 500 lbs and was a Limousin mountain goat cross. When she leveled out on the walkway at the summit of the sale barn, all those gathered in the back were looking for a hole! She raced back and forth between the solid walls of concrete on one side and the solid wall of farmers on the other, occasionally smearing a dab of green about waist high.

Jim was mashed in the crowd watching when suddenly he recalled... "Wait a minute? I work for the company!"

"Let's get her, Larry, before somebody gets hurt!"

"How?" asked Larry, who was sort of enjoying the diversion.

"I don't know!" hollered Jim, who then dove on the heifer as she made her next pass. They went down and skidded in a pile. Larry, who was almost as big as the heifer, fell on Jim. It knocked the breath outta all three of them.

A regular, who'd enjoyed the show, whipped off his dress belt and made a collar around the calf's neck. Jim and Larry wallered her around awhile by the collar and tail till someone brought'em a good chunk of rope. As they started out the door with the heifer, the original owner shouted, "Hold on! She's not sold yet!"

Jim hollered back through the door, "Seventy-six!"

The gavel came down.

Two days later they ran the heifer through the sale ring again still wearin' the rope. She brought sixty cents.

Jim was in the ring and asked the buyer, "Can I have my rope back?" "Sorry, son," the buyer said, "that's the only reason I bought the heifer!"

The Light Crust Doughboys were there. So was Miss Texas, Reagan Hughes. A stage full of young violin students played Fiddle Faddle. The house was sold out. 1600 people were in the audience. It was the final pops concert of the season for the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorus. It was called a "Lone Star Tribute" and took place in a Confederate Air Force Museum hanger at the Midland airport. The night raised \$100,000.

Permian Basin folks are proud of their orchestra. The evening featured the premiere of a musical number called BIG RANCH by singer and songwriter Will Hadden. The night culminated five years of work by Will and launched him into a new career. Now he's headed for Nashville to try to peddle some of the songs he has written.

Will is 80 years old. He flew B-17's in World War Two, then was a commercial pi-

Will Hadden's Star-Studded Night

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

lot for TWA. He spent forty years as a lawyer before starting his music career. Will is not quite through with the legal profession. He still has one client that keeps him active.

As he was winding down his practice in 1992, Will started listening to about twenty Eddy Arnold songs as he drove around Odessa in his pickup. He learned

them all and decided he could write some songs himself. His first one was about a cowboy hat.

Will quit singing in his church choir, something he had done for sixty years, and started singing country and gospel music at the Brand New Opry, which takes place Saturday nights in Odessa's Globe Theater. He started using the name Clark Bond (for Clark Gable and James Bond) on stage.

Two years ago Will signed up for a class in computer music at Midland college. He took four semesters of harmony and music theory. He learned how to compose music for an entire symphony on computer. He took his computer version of BIG RANCH to Rob Hunt, director of the Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra, who said if Will would shorten it (from 9 minutes to 6) and add some variety, he would have the Symphony and Chorus perform it at the salute to Texas concert.

Will dedicated the song to his

wife who passed away recently. For the premiere he was dressed in a western suit that sparkled when the lights hit it. He wore a black hat with a sparkling hat band. The chorus sang backup.

The applause for BIG RANCH was long and loud. The audience stood.

Afterwards, at a reception his honor, Will told me, "I feel like it went over real well. I couldn't believe it. I didn't dream I could do something like this. The orchestra only had three rehearsals, but everything fell into place tonight."

Will doesn't know if he will write another symphony. But he is still going to write and sing and try to sell his songs. "I don't plan to sit in my rocking chair and wait for my social security check so I can go eat at Luby's," says Will.

I told him I hoped his star continues to rise. Will replied, "It's sure shining bright tonight."

Lottery sales decline after prize money reduction

AUSTIN — Lawmakers cut the amount of winnings the Texas Lottery paid last year in hopes of increasing the state's share of the revenue, but it hasn't worked.

Lotto ticket sales have slowed since Sept. 1, when prize money was cut to 52.5 cents of every dollar in tickets sold, and because of slow sales, the state expects a \$328 million shortfall in proceeds.

Sen. Ken Armbrister last week said the Legislature should consider returning prizes to the previous level — 57 cents of every dollar in sales — or let the Texas Lottery Commission find a better way to increase profits.

"It was a bet trying to get us to the same place," said Armbrister, D-Victoria, regarding the Legislature's decision to cut the prizes. "We didn't have that expertise and now it is costing us, it seems."

Lawmakers can't make any changes on the lottery prize structure until they convene in 1999. Until then, the lottery commission will offer new games, keep players informed and wait, said commission chairwoman Harriet Miers.

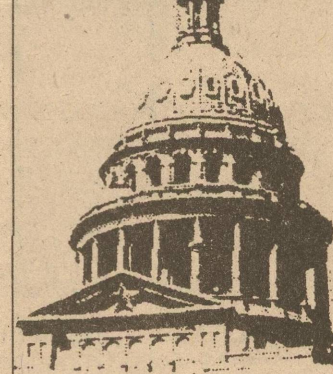
Panel Examines Education Cost

In examining the soaring costs of higher education, a House subcommittee last week learned the cost of an education at a public university in Texas nearly tripled from 1986 to 1996; and

- The cost has been shifting from the state to the student; and
- The average cost of an education at a public university in Texas is \$10,481 a year.

"Money is always going to be

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

tight, but I think we can do some things to make sure the money we are spending is spent wisely and that a college education is looked at more as an investment than a cost," said Rep. Jim Solis, D-Harlingen, chairman of the subcommittee.

Bennat Mullen, a professor at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, told the subcommittee he has conducted studies that show Texas is doing a poor job of accounting for how universities are spending students' tuition and fees.

The Legislature should require colleges and universities to disclose in detail how much of student fees and tuition are being spent on a student's education, Mullen recommended.

Mullen pointed out that some universities may be using student fees for athletics and other purposes. "If we are going to meet the needs of tomorrow, there needs to be a greater emphasis on academics," he said.

Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, chairwoman of the

House Higher Education Committee, said that getting an education loan is a tough obstacle for many students, particularly minorities.

"It's hard for someone to get a loan to start a new business when they have \$40,000 to \$50,000 in college loans to pay off. No bank would help them in that case," she said.

Pollution Report Released

More than 40 percent of Texas' industrial plants illegally bypass pollution rules, according to a report released last week by the Sierra Club and the Galveston-Houston Association for Smog Prevention.

Of Texas' 2,500 plants, 1,070 that existed prior to (or were under construction during) 1971 operate under a "grandfather clause" exempting them from air quality standards in the Texas Clean Air Act imposed that year.

Those plants emit air pollution equaling the exhaust output of 18 million cars, or 37 percent of the state's total industrial air pollution, the report said.

The days of unregulated emissions are numbered. Officials for companies that emit industrial pollution said that by 2000, grandfathered plants will be under federal standards because of changes made in 1990 to the federal Clean Air Act.

Presently, a voluntary state program is helping to reduce emissions. Gary Rasp, a spokesman for the Center for Energy and Economic Development, told the *Austin American-Statesman*, "The ball is already rolling. There are serious reduction efforts in place."

Four areas of Texas presently

do not meet federal and state air quality standards: Houston-Galveston, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Dallas-Fort Worth and El Paso; Austin, Corpus Christi and San Antonio are not far behind, the *American-Statesman* reported.

Other Capital Highlights

- Birdwatching is becoming big business in Texas. The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife reports, for example, that birders spend \$20 million each year visiting the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge in the Rio Grande Valley, and 70 percent of the birdwatchers visiting the Texas coast are from out of state.

- Cecile Richards, daughter of former Gov. Ann Richards, decided last week not to seek election as chairman of the Texas Democratic Party. Cecile Richards serves as executive director of the Texas Freedom Network, a group she founded in 1995 to counter the political power of religious conservatives.

- Personal income in Texas grew 6 percent to \$23,656 last year, while the rest of the nation's personal income averaged a gain of 4.8 percent. Connecticut was the state with the largest gain: 6.1 percent.

- Attorney General Dan Morales said last week he will not represent the University of Texas in its effort to appeal the "Hopwood" case which prohibited the use of race as a criterion in college admissions.

- An April 28 earthquake with a magnitude of 4.2 — centered near Lawton, Okla. — was felt as far away as Dallas.

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OBITUARIES

Jesse Lee "Jake" Spencer

ELDORADO - Jesse Lee "Jake" Ashmore Spencer, 86, died Saturday, May 2, 1998, in a local nursing home. Services were held Monday, May 4, 1998 at the First Baptist Church with burial in Bailey Ranch Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born July 31, 1911, in Rockwood and was a longtime

resident of Eldorado. She was a homemaker and a Baptist and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Ed Spencer of Burleson and Claude Spencer of Eldorado; two sisters, Catherine Kennerly of Brady and Barney Peterson of Fort Worth; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Paul Chrisman

ELDORADO - Paul Milton Chrisman, 84, died Sunday, May 3, 1998, in a local nursing home. Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 6, 1998 in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born March 21, 1914,

in McDonald County, Mo., and had lived in Eldorado since 1978. He was a retired gas plant operator.

Survivors include three sons, Gordon Riskus of Abilene, Dan Chrisman of San Francisco and Gerald Chrisman of Eldorado; and five grandchildren.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Spring Festival Queen's Court — Amika Gonzalez (2nd from right) is the 1998 Spring Festival Queen for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She is joined on the parade float by last year's queen Erica Bultron (right) and this year's queen candidates Mi-ki Jasmine Romero and Josi Diaz.

Festival raffle winners named

The winners of the Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Spring Festival raffle are: 1st Prize- \$400.00 Shopping Spree donated by Walmart, H.E.B. and Super S, J.J. Treys of Midland; 2nd Prize - Half a Beef donated by the Mertz Family,

Mariano Gonzalez; 3rd Prize-100 gallons of gas donated by Shelton Oil and Gas, Gerardo Barrera; 4th Prize Woolen Mill Blanket donated by Mary Leggett - Steven Valero; 4 Tickets to Schlitterbahn went to Antonio Mejia.

Eldorado Girl Scout News

The Girl Scouts of Eldorado will be celebrating the year's activities with a Court of Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Building. Parents, friends, and relatives are invited to come.

The girls will be given the badges, patches, and try-its that they have earned during the past year. We will also recognize top

cookie and nut sellers. Those groups participating are Brownie Troop #152 led by Lou Ann Clark, Brownie Troop #156 led by Mary Doran, and Junior Troop #87 led by Brenda Lumpkin of the El Camino Girl Scout Council.

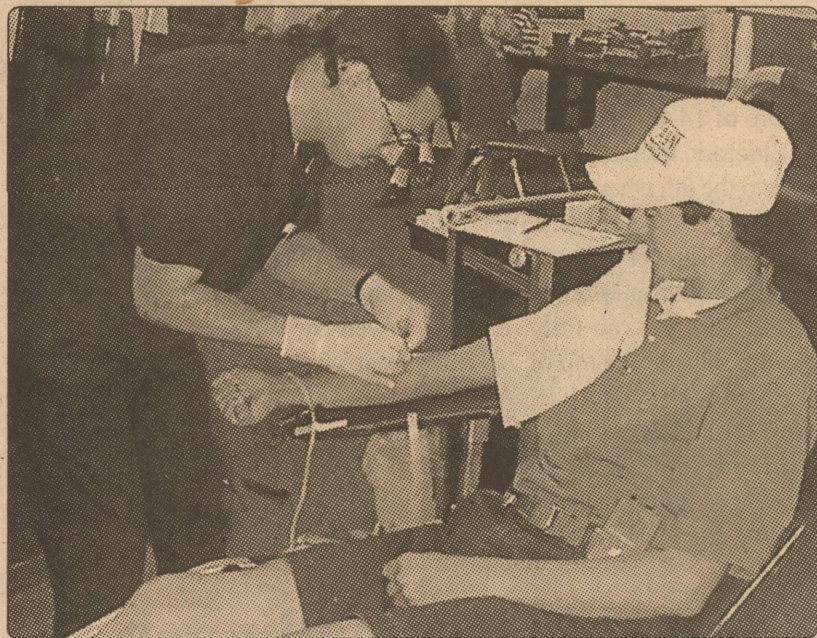


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This won't hurt a bit — T.J. Rodriguez donates blood Tuesday during a blood drive sponsored by the Eldorado High School health occupations classes. Also pictured is Richard Navarro, an employee of United Blood Services.



Beta Sigma Phi News

submitted by Dorothy Dacy

Seven members of Kappa Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at Barbara Jackson's home on Tuesday, April 28th, 1998 to travel to Sonora for our 67th annual Founder's Day Celebration. We dined at Sutton County Steak House. Afterwards, our message from International was lead by Kim-et Nelson, the Founders Day Pledge by Rose Ridgeway, and the announcement of the 1998-1999 theme "From Dust into Stardust" by Dorothy Dacy.

New officers for the coming year were installed: Flora Hubble President, Rose Ridgeway Vice President, Kim-et Nelson Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary Dorothy Clark, Recording Secretary Linda Linsey, Barbara Jackson, Extension Officer and Tele-

phone Girl, Dorothy Dacy. Sunshine Girl and Secret-sister gifts were exchanged. Our "Secret Identities will be revealed at our Christmas Party. Barbara Jackson was presented with "Girl of the Year" for all her hard work and efforts to keep us together during Flora's absence to be with her sister, Belle. We've really struggled as a group this past year, but we remain committed and our new theme is truly an inspiration for all of us!

We are having a bake sale on Wednesday, May 20th at the Dairy Mart from 8:00 to? Proceeds from this will fund our High School Scholarships we give each Graduation to deserving seniors. Our next meeting will be May 12th at 7:00 in the home of Dorothy Dacy.



by Mabel Freitag

With so many other activities going on, we had a great turn-out for our Play Day this past Sunday, May 3rd. A total of 30 adults and 7 youths; Joseph Wink, Wesley Jones, Chris Hegefeld, Bobby Phillips, Aaron Sales and Luis Martinez.

1st score 57: John Nikolauk, Guy Crippin, Cy Griffin and Jack Halbert.

2nd score 58: Tip Finley, Bill Wells, Jim Childress and Chris Hegefeld.

3rd score 59: Moses Hill, George Scott, Bill Freitag, Nancy Lester and Bobby Phillips.

A score card play-off for 3rd place with Aaron Sales, Tip Van Court, Mike Hegefeld and Andy Kelly.

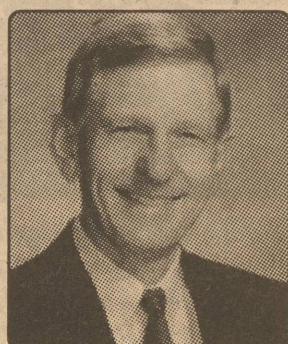
Our next Play Day will be May 31st.

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Grand Jury indicts seven

A Schleicher County Grand Jury met Monday, April 27th and handed up seven felony indictments. Included among those were:

Sylvia Claudine Smith of Eldorado, Possession of Marijuana.

Sandy L. Warren of Mertzon, Endangerment of a Child.

Felix Ruben Holguin of Eldo-

rado, Driving While Intoxicated.

Four other indictments have not been made public pending arrests. The Success will print those indictments as they become available.

Meanwhile, Sylvia Claudine Smith and Felix Ruben Holguin remain in custody. Sandy L. Warren is free on bail.

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Fast on her feet — Ashlie Whitten (L) placed second in the 200 Meter Dash at the Region I-2A Track Meet held in Abilene last weekend. Whitten's time of 26.23 was good enough for a silver medal and a trip to the State Track Meet in Austin next week.

Eagles tracksters compete at Region I-AA meet in Abilene

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Ashlie Whitten became the Eagles third entry to the State Track Meet when she placed 2nd in the girls 200-Meter Dash. Whitten's time of 26.23 edged out Amy Odhams of Memphis who ran the distance in 26.24. Tiffany Green of Hamlin won the event with a time of 25.19.

Eldorado's girls 400 Meter Re-

lay team of Ashley Finley, Ashley Whitten, Victoria Mitchel and Megan Poynor, placed 3rd with a time of 51.23. Panandle won the event at 50.36. Clarndon was 2nd at 50.74.

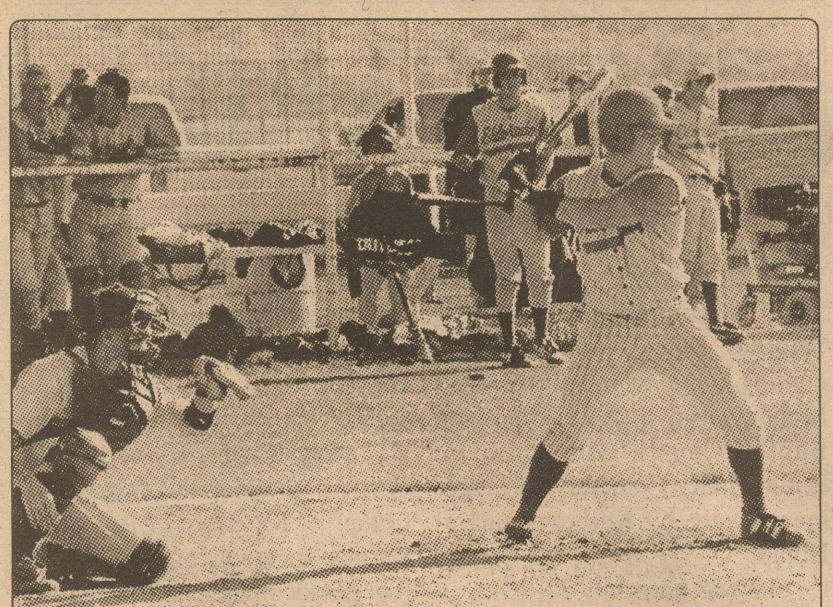
Garrett Bownds placed 4th in the boys 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11.40.

The Lady Eagles 800 Meter Relay team of Ashley Holt, Ashley Finley, Victoria Mitchel and Ashlie Whitten were 6th with a time of 1:51.65.

Mark Fryar ran the boys 300 Meter Hurdles and advanced to the final round but did not place in the event.

The boys 400 Meter Relay team of Lance Mitchel, Mitch Wilkerson, Zach Steele and Garrett Bownds also competed but did not advance to the finals.

Kyle Hunter will jump at the State Track meet at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15 in Memorial Stadium in Austin. Stormi Sessom will be competing in the Shot Put at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th. Ashlie Whitten will run in the 200 Meter Dash that same day at 2:30 p.m.



Eye on the ball — Garrett Bownds waits on a pitch against the Wall Hawks. The Eagles downed the Hawks 14-8 on April 28. Bownds went 4 for 6 at the plate.

Local coaches schedule summer basketball camps

Coach Alan Gillespie and Coach Kane Harris announced this week they will hold summer basketball camps for boys and girls who will be entering the 4th through 9th grades in the 1998-99 school year.

Coach Gillespie will hold the boys camp on June 15-19 in the EHS gym. Hours are 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. There is a \$30 registration fee if paid by June 8th. Late registration is \$5 extra.

Coach Harris will conduct the girls camp on June 22-26. As with the boys camp, the hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The registration fee is \$30 if paid before June 15. Late registration is \$5 extra.

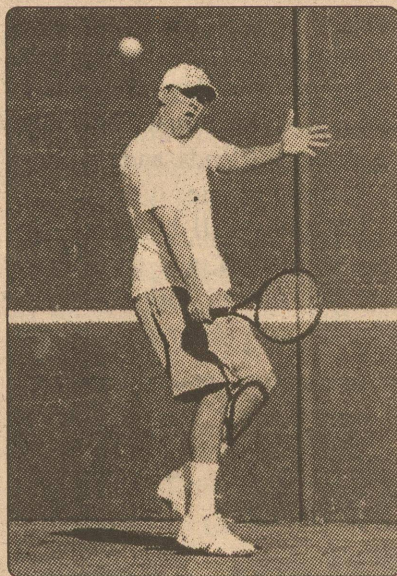
For more information about either of these camps contact Coach Alan Gillespie at 853-4006 or 853-2514 ext. 334, or Coach Kane Harris at 853-1017 or 853-2514 ext. 333.

Region I-2A Tennis Tournament

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Following an outstanding '97 season, the 1998 Eldorado Eagles tennis team once again fared better than any other school in region I-2A by placing 3 entries in the semifinals, and finishing with a first and second. District 8-2A accounted for half of the entries from Region I in the state tournament, and seven of twelve players.

The State tennis tournament is set for Friday, May 15 at the Whitaker Tennis Center in Austin. Beach and McGinnes will play their first match at 9:00 a.m. while McCravery's opening match is scheduled for 11:00 a.m.



Returning serve — EHS senior, Casey Snelson ended his UIL tennis career with a 4th place finish at the Region I-2A Tennis Tournament in Abilene last week.

Eagles come from behind in 9th inning to win over Wall

by Coach Steele

The Eagle Hardballers kept their district title hopes alive with a come from behind victory over Wall Tuesday, April 28, 1998 with a score of 14-8.

Eldorado trailed Wall 4 to 1 going into the 6th when the Eagle bats finally came out of hibernation for 4 runs and a brief 1 run lead. Wall went back on top in the bottom of the 6th with a 3 run rally. Eagles scored 2 runs in the top of 7th and then held Wall in check to send the game into extra innings with the score tied 7 to 7. After a scoreless 8th the Eagles powdered the Wall pitching for 7 run rally in the 9th.

Wall scored only 1 run in the bottom of the 9th sealing the 4th district victory for the Eldorado Eagle Baseball team.

Chris Pena "hanging tough" pitched all 9 innings progressively getting stronger as the game got tighter. Casey Poynor did a great job behind the plate and went 2 for 5 at the plate. Garrett Bownds and Lance Mitchell went 4 for 6 followed by William Robledo who went 3 for 5 at the plate. Chris Pena went 2 for 6 to help put the Wall Hawks away.

I'm proud of these young men who struggled early but never, never, never, gave up!

Eagles nine vs Ballinger JV

by Coach Steele

Eldorado Hardballers picked up a game last Thursday, April 23, 1998 with the Ballinger JV to fill an open date. The Eagles brought home an 11-1 victory in 6 innings.

With freshman Manuel Hernandez on the mound and Jason Brock behind the plate Ballinger could only manage the 1

run on 5 hits with Hernandez striking out 8 Bearcats.

The Eagles bats were cracking with William Robledo going 3 for 3 with single/double and a triple. Lance Mitchell 2 for 3 with a single and a double, Rocky Robles 2 for 4, Mitch Wilkerson 2 for 4, Randy (Nate) Spears 2 for 3; Jason Brock 1 for 2 and Micah McKinney 1 for 3.



Up and over — EHS sophomore Michael Mayo cleared 6-0 in the high jump at the Regional Track Meet in Abilene last Friday. His teammate, senior Kyle Hunter, set a new State 2-A record by clearing 7-2.

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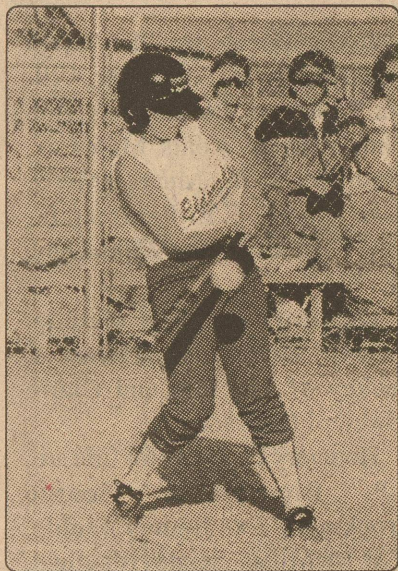
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Angela at the bat — EHS softball player Angela Ballaw gets a hit during a recent game.

EHS Softball season ends

by Trisha Martinez

The Lady Eagles Softball team traveled to Ballinger, Tuesday, April 28, to face Anson's Lady Tiger in the bi-district playoff game. The Lady Eagles lost the game and brought their play-off journey to a halt, but our team did not walk off the field with their heads down.

The team walked off proud and tall because they have come a long way, considering this is Eldorado's first softball team in the history. These girls have proven themselves as prestigious players, worthy of our community's respect.

Congratulations to the softball team for their well-deserved District Champion title and thanks for a memorable season.

Eagles down the Hawks

by Ernie Martinez and Shelly Kelley

On April 28, the Eldorado Eagle baseball team came off with another victory by beating the Wall Hawks for the second time this season. When asked about the outcome of the game, baseball player William Robledo commented, "I was really happy with the outcome of the game and I hope we will win this next game against them as well."

Robledo was also asked who he believed was the MVP for the game and his sincere comment was "No one; we all contribute in some way." Another question asked is what he thought of his coach, Harold Steele, and William responded by saying, "He's a great coach and a great motivator as well." William also stated that he plans on playing next year and that he hopes the team will go far.

His last comment was, "I love to play baseball because I like the atmosphere around the team. We all come together when we play."

Yet another key player in baseball is Lance Mitchell who also commented on the game results. Lance thought the team's expectations were high and hopeful. Lance stated that, "We have great potential and if we can do the little things (well), hopefully we will go a long way." The next game after Wall will be against Ozona on May 5, 1998.



photo by Kathy Mankin
OK ladies, no seconds until you clean those plates — Eldorado Elementary Principal Brian Brownlow chats with a group of EES Moms during a "Mother's Tea" held at the school on Tuesday.

Lions Club's annual academic awards banquet held

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were senior Beau Sallee and sophomore Sarah Mankin.

Freshmen students receiving Lions Club awards for academic excellence included: Lindsay Beach, Joseph Bullard, Nancy Cawley, Matt Curtis, Breeanne Davis, Ben Edmiston, Jesus Esparza, Amy Green, Cayla Jeffery, Kate Kosub, Daniel Mata, Kayla McCravey, Stacy Nicholson, Sandra Rodriguez, Suzanne Rojas, Jeffery Stafford, Clay Whitten and Sarah Wolfe.

Sophomores were: Haley Edmiston, Patrick Fuentes, Hillary Hodges, Ashley Holt, Kimberly Jones, Kayla Kohls, Sarah Mankin, Jess Martin, Lance Mitchel, Larry Nicholson, Alana Oliver, Anthony Pina, Jennah Richters, Steven Valero and Joseph Wink.

Juniors included: Margaret

Anderson, Melissa Andrews, Gerard Barrera, Ashley Finley, Kaci Hunter, Yadira Iglesias, Leland Lacy, Catherine Lloyd, Juan Montalvo, Jeff Parker, Ginger Reynolds, Victor Saldivar, Andrew Sauer, Jennifer Stafford and Hannah Wolfe.

Senior students were: Kimberly Beach, Mindi Blair, Garrett Bownds, Tiffany Case, Kirk Curtis, Renee Edmiston, Macario Esparza, Victoria Esparza, Mark Fryar, Tabitha Garcia, Lesli Green, Lindsey Griffin, Estella Guzman, Sonia Herrera, Madolyn Joy, Anna Loomis, Makenzie McCravey, Whitney McGinnes, Micah McKinney, Victoria Mitchel, Jennifer Nixon, Leticia Nixon, Jason Richters, Frances Saldivar, Beau Sallee, Sabrina Samuels, Juan Sanchez, Stormi Sessom, Casey Snelson, Andie Sterling and Ashlie Whitten.

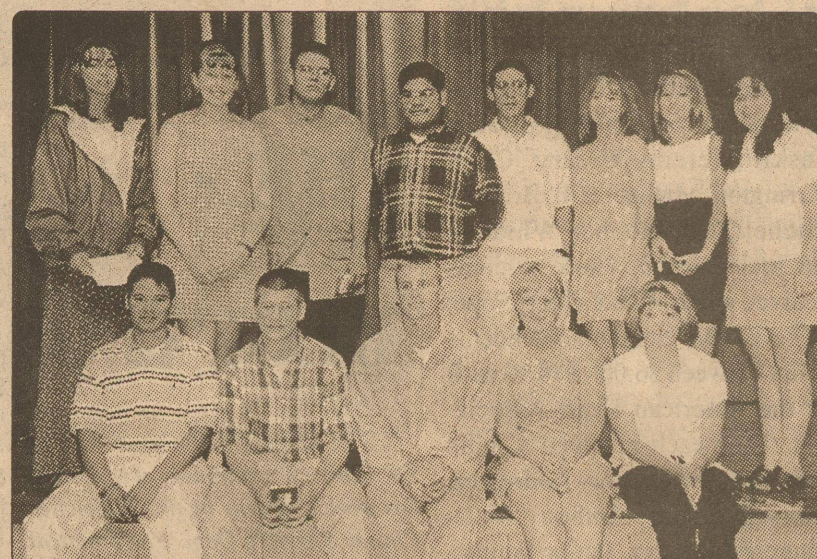


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Fifteen sophomores received medals for academic excellence at the annual Lions Club Academic Awards Banquet held Sunday.

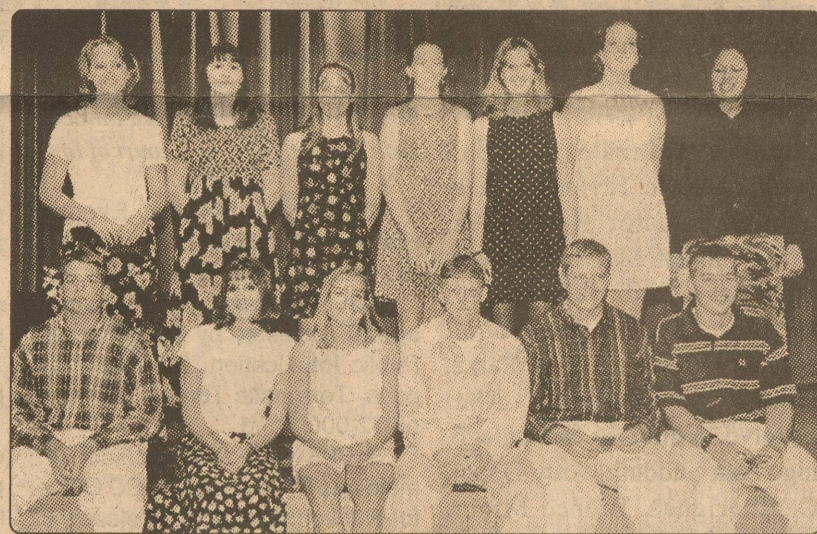


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Eighteen freshmen received medals for academic excellence at the annual Lions Club Academic Awards Banquet held Sunday.

EHS awards assembly slated

Eldorado High School's annual awards assembly will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 18, in the High School Auditorium.

The purpose of the program is to recognize students who have achieved excellence in academics during the 1997-98 school year. Students will receive recognition and individual awards in such areas as U.I.L. literary, academic honor roll, and all A honor roll for four years. Also, science awards, merit awards, and scholar awards will be received by various recipients. Parents and grandparents of students in high school this year are invited to the awards assembly.

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Top scholars — Sarah Mankin and Beau Sallee had the highest grade point averages this year at EHS. They were presented with Lions Club Scholarship Awards at the Academic Awards Banquet held Sunday.

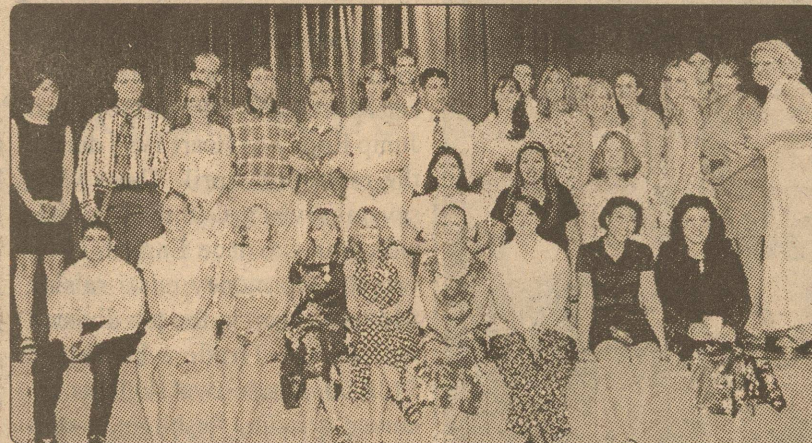


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Thirty-one seniors received medals for academic excellence at the annual Lions Club Academic Awards Banquet held Sunday.



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Fifteen juniors received medals for academic excellence at the annual Lions Club Academic Awards Banquet held Sunday.

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Wednesday, May 13th
Pork Chopette/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Peach Cobbler

Thursday, May 14th
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Tots, Dill Pickle Slices, Apple Crisp

Friday, May 15th
No School, Weather Day

Breakfast

Monday, May 11th
Peaches, Waffle Stix/Syrup

Tuesday, May 12th
Mixed Fruit, Hot Oatmeal/Toast

Wednesday, May 13th
Sliced Apples, Cheese Toast

Thursday, May 14th
Applesauce, Bran Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Friday, May 15th
No School, Weather Day

Fast Food Line

Monday, May 11th
Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Tartar Sauce, Lettuce, Lemon Bars

Tuesday, May 12th
Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Wednesday, May 13th
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Eldorado City Council meets

The Eldorado City Council met Tuesday evening, May 5, 1998 and, among other business, canvassed election returns from Saturday's city council election.

It was noted that Richard Mendez and Robert Bybee tied at 18 votes each in the Ward #2 election. Both men were present and each indicated they preferred to settle the election by drawing lots. With that, Mayor John Nikolauk conducted the drawing and Robert Bybee was declared the winner.

Sherry Lux was also present, she had been elected in Ward #1. Tommy Minor had no opponent in Ward #3. Neither did Mayor Nikolauk.

In other business, the council reviewed the city's finances and approved a budget amendment. The council unanimously approved paying the month's bills.

Next, City Administrator John Callison told the council that he had received a letter from Administrative Law Judge Leslie Craven in which she indicated a telephone conference had been set up to handle Wayne

Joiner's protest to the city's landfill permit application. Callison noted that Bill Taylor had dropped his protest and said he hoped the one remaining protest could be dismissed during the telephone conference on May 11.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean told the council of problems at the city's sewer plant. Dean said warm weather was causing algae to grow in the ponds which resulted in the plant being out of compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission rules.

Dean said adding Tilapia perch to the pond would help reduce the algae. He told the council he would be checking with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Service to see if there were any regulations concerning stocking the sewer plant with the perch.

Before adjourning, the council okayed cleaning up three piles of debris located on private property in the Christian addition. Mayor Nikolauk said approval was given as an extension last month's spring clean-up day.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Jump Rope for Heart 1998 - These elementary students raised \$60 or more for the American Heart Association they are Front (L-R) Clark Meyer, Mason Baker, Dylan Dombroski and Aubrey Martinez; Second Row (L-R) Victoria Fuentes, Emilio Vallejo and Garrett Lux; Third Row (L-R) Chandra Wanoreck, Maxie Holley and Diego Barrera. Allison Reynolds, Alison Sproul; Fourth Row (L-R) Taylor Niblett, Taylor Baker, Rachel Rios and Brittany Jennings. Not pictured Timothy Cuevas.

Elem. students raised \$2,746 in Jump Rope For Heart

Elementary students raised a total of \$2,746.08 for the American Heart Association in the annual Jump Rope For Heart 1998 during the month of April. There were several divisions. In the top division was Candace Engdahl who was the top money raiser raising \$148.00. Also, in the top division was David Tirado who raised \$130.00. These two students received a radio, flashlight, t-shirt and jump rope.

In the \$60 or more division were Clark Meyer, Mason Baker, Dylan Dombroski, Aubrey Martinez, Victoria Fuentes, Emilio Vallejo, Garrett Lux, Chandra Wanoreck, Maxie Holley, Diego Barrera. Allison Reynolds, Alison Sproul, Taylor Niblett, Timothy Cuevas, Taylor Baker, Rachel Rios and Brittany Jennings.

In the \$35-\$60 division were

Michael Redish, Chris Brown, Matthew Hill, Aubrey Martinez, Adrian Ortega, Jorge Mata, Chris Chavez, Artie Montalvo, Marcos Hernandez, Holly Ford, Lauren Holt, Rachel Joiner, Timothy Maskill, Jeremy Ussery, Chris Harrington, Michael Hill, Bridgett Mitchell, Christopher Whiddon and Joel Esparza. These students received a t-shirt and a jump rope.

Forty-five elementary students raised between \$6.00 - \$34.99 each for the American Heart Association. They each received a jump rope. They are Gregory Rodriguez, Emily Espinosa, Anthony Mata, Maureen Martinez, Junior Trujillo, Chris Minor, Corey Roberts, Alicia Hernandez, Corie Williams, Josh Taylor, David Ramirez, Misti Daniels, Lupe Contreras, Pedro Garcia, Christopher Harrington, Jessica Vallero, Alicia Corrales, Sandra Garza, Kristin Mittel, Samantha Gonzales, Chelci Rodriguez, Kyle Taylor, Micaela Gonzalez, Nestor Hernandez, Tiawna Vannett, Marybel Fuentes, Liana Danford, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Austin McBroom, Kassandra Tyler, Sylvia Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Abel Montalvo, Kimberly Samaniego, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Amy Doran, J.C. Rodriguez, Brence Minor, Stacey Ferguson, Veronica Villa, Krystal Dominguez, Wes Brown, Jim Chadwick, Kori Ann Holub, and Kali Roberts.

Sheep & Goat Raisers will elect new directors

Members, directors and interested sheep and goat producers in TSGRA District 5 will meet Friday, May 15, 1998 at the Isaac's Restaurant in Junction, Texas. The meeting will get under way at 10:30 a.m., and the noon meal will be hosted by local businesses. David Whitworth of Junction is District Chairman and is in charge of local arrangements.

TSGRA President Tim R. Turner will report on Association activities, the increase in imports, animal health issues and private property/environmental rights matters. State Representative Bob Turner of Coleman will report on legislative matters at the state level and William Edmiston, DVM, president of the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board, will report on Board activities in the area of predator control. Directors to serve the district for the 1998-1999 term will be elected at the close of the meeting. District 5 is made up of Kimble, Menard, Schleicher and Sutton counties.

Now serving as directors for

Schleicher County are: Mary Leigh Dunagan, Brian Edmiston, William Edmiston, Pat Jackson, Bob Johnson, Kathy Kohls, Mike Lux, Johnny Mayo Jr., Michael Mertz, Mike Moore, C.E. Renfro, Jr., Ross Whitten and Ray Willoughby, III.

Directors at Large include: Aubrey I. Kothmann and Henry A. Lackey of Junction and Claire Powell of Eldorado.

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TSGRA past-presidents include: Vestel Askew, Armer Earwood, Ralph P. Mayer and Norm Rousselot, Sonora; James T. Hunt, Weslaco; Howard Derrick and Mort L. Mertz, Eldorado; James L. Powell, Ft. McKavett and Gene Whitehead, Menard.

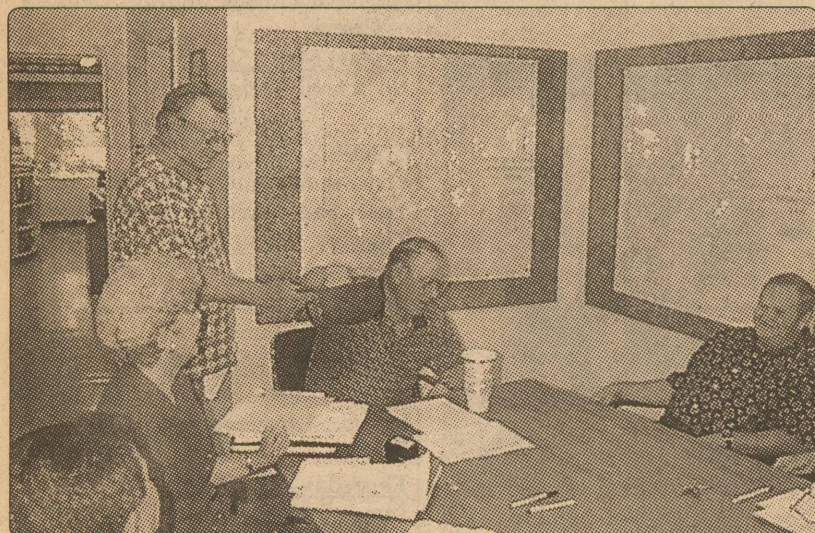


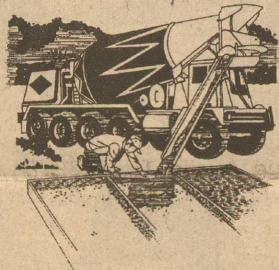
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And the winner is — Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk draws to determine the winner of the City Council election in Ward #2. Richard Mendez (left foreground) and Robert Bybee (right) tied at 18 votes each. Bybee's name was drawn and he was declared the winner.

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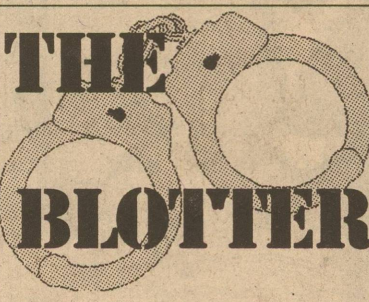
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Arrests

4/29/98 Hernandez, Everado Hielalgo, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer for J.P. Warrants.
4/29/98 Iglesias, Jose Luis, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer for Public Intoxication, Criminal Trespass, Terroristic Threat. Released on \$2,000 Bond.
5/1/98 Garza, Francisco, Jr., male age 17, arrested by SC Officer for Public Intoxication. Release on citation.
5/1/98 Davis, Paul Calvin, male age 25, hold for Irion County. Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
5/3/98 Venegas, Jorge Luis, male age 30, hold for Irion County. Non-support. Released to Bell County.
5/4/98 Morales-Jimenez, Juan Pablo, male age 18, US Border Patrol Marshal Hold. Released to USBP.
5/5/98 Sorrells, Peggy Denise, female age 44, arrested by SC Officer for theft. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Reports

4/30/98 Larceny Theft - com-

plainant reported that a 22 Automatic Pistol had been taken from a parked Chev. Pickup. Description: Ruger Automatic 22 pistol MK2. Also taken was a box of shells. Est. value \$235.

4/30/98 Complainant reported a pickup blocking traffic on Fields Street. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

4/30/98 Complainant phoned Sheriff's Office of gas drive off. Subject was contacted and stated that they would contact the store. Amount \$6.00.

5/1/98 Vehicle Accident - Complainant reported that his wife had wrecked 9 miles South on 2129. Need an officer and requested a wrecker.

5/1/98 Complainant requested a close patrol on vehicles. Complainant stated that they had been having problems.

5/1/98 Complainant reported reckless driving habits in the school zone by female subject.

5/1/98 Report of reckless driver on Hwy 277 North. DPS Trooper was advised.

5/1/98 Criminal Mischief reported on County Rd 245 on ranch.

5/3/98 Complainant phoned in on mobile phone and reported a possible drunk driver approx. 4 miles North on U.S. Hwy. 277. Complainant stated that the subject was driving a small pickup truck or utility vehicle and that they were south-bound and had driven off the road a number of times. Officer responded and was unable to locate any subject.

5/3/98 Controlled Burn was reported to Sheriff's Office.

5/3/98 Complainant called to request assistance from the Fire Dept. Subject stated that there were bees at their residence and requested the Fire Dept. Officer and Fire Dept. took call.

5/4/98 911 Call was received by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. by a female that was stating that she had taken too many pills. While on the phone with dispatcher, subject became unconscious. Two officers took the call and EMS was dispatched. Female was taken to the Schleicher County Medical Center.

5/4/98 Child Neglect - The complainant came to the Sheriff's Office and reported that his soon to be ex-wife was leaving his children with his sister-in-law and that he is not being allowed to see them. The reporting officer was told that the apartment that the children were living in had no power. This report will be investigated.

5/4/98 Disturbance was reported on Lea Ave. Officer responded.

5/5/98 Loose Livestock - A loose horse approximately 5 miles North on Hwy. 277 was reported. Complainant also added that the horse was brown in color and he claimed he might have clipped the animal with his pick-up. Officer responded and dispatch attempted to locate the possible owners of the horse, but was unsuccessful.

5/5/98 Theft - Complainant stated that there was a female shoplifting and wanted an officer. Peggy Denise Sorrells, was arrested.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0218930
DATE OF ISSUANCE: MARCH 18, 1998

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the RPC OPERATING INC, 210 N MAIN ST, MIDLAND TX 79701, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease line to: drill Well No. 1, Mann Lease, 320 Acres Sec. 37, Blk. K, GH & SA RR CO/CS Bramblett Survey, A-1076, Page South East (5030 SD) Field (s). Schleicher County, being 15 miles in a southeast direction of Eldorado, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

50' from the west line and 2545' from the south line of lease.

50' from the west line and 2545' from the south line of survey.

Field rules for the Page South East (5030 SD) field are 467/1200-, 40 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5700 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37(h)(2)(A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received.

An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Michael J. Daniel, at (915) 686-0066. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6748.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY MAY 21, 1998 AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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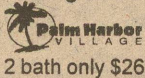
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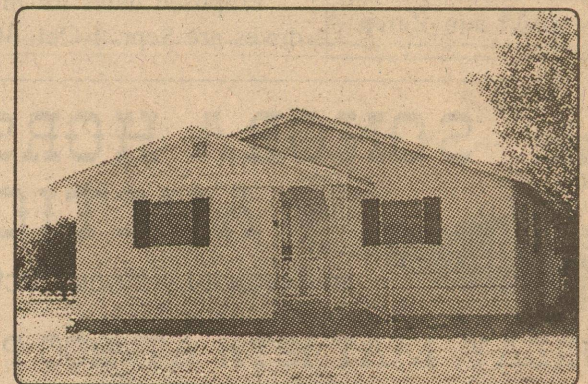
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The residence of the independent executor is Schleicher County, Texas. The attorney for the independent executor is C. Morris Davis, on behalf of McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 1300 Capitol Center, 919 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

All persons having claims this estate that is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. All claims are to be presented to the independent executor at the following address:

Estate of James Thomas Williams,
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TPWD seeks few changes to migratory game bird regs

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) proposes to shift the opening date of the nine-day September teal season from the second Saturday in September to the third Saturday (September 19, 1998) to correspond better to teal migrations and hunter preferences.

The agency is currently taking public comment on the proposal as part of the 1998-99 Migratory Game Bird Proclamation, which will be finalized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in June.

The Central Flyway again has requested an additional week of teal hunting from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; if granted, the season will be 16 days and will open on the second Saturday in September (Sept. 12, 1998). The Service has denied extensions to the teal season in previous years.

Proposed dates for mourning doves are Sept. 1-Oct. 30 in the

North Zone; Sept. 1-Oct. 18, Dec. 26-Jan. 6 in the Central Zone; and Sept. 25-Nov. 8, Dec. 26-Jan. 9 in the South Zone. The department is proposing no change in either the daily bag limit of 15, the season length of 60 days or all-day shooting hours.

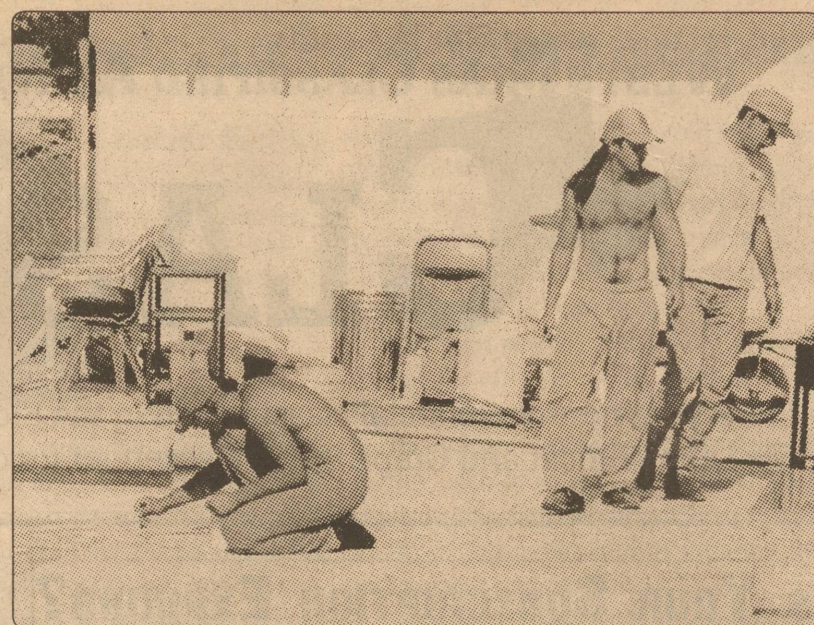
The department is proposing to fully implement the Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) in Texas this year. This is a nationwide program administered by the USFWS in cooperation with the states to obtain more reliable national harvest estimates for all migratory game birds. All states will be in the program by the 1998 fall hunting season. License vendors will certify migratory game bird hunters at the time of license purchase. Hunters will be asked a few simple questions about their hunting activity. Other proposed changes include simplifying and liberalizing wording for nontoxic shot and requiring documentation for transport of migratory game birds that are over the possession limit.

The proposed white-winged dove season is Sept. 5, 6, 12, and 13 in the Special White-winged Dove Area of South Texas. Bag and possession limits would be 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggre-

gate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. Shooting hours would be noon to sunset. It is also proposed that the closed sanctuaries that have alternated from year to year be eliminated within the special white-winged dove hunting area.

As last year, the department proposes to hunt rail and gallinules concurrent with the waterfowl seasons. Proposed dates for 1998 are Sept. 19-27 and Nov. 7-Jan. 6 but these will likely be modified if waterfowl season dates change.

Anyone wishing to comment on these proposed changes can write to Jay Roberson at TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or call 1-512-389-8011. Comments may also be made at the public hearing held at the Commissioners Hearing Room, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department headquarters, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin on June 4, 1998 at about 9am. These rules, if approved by the Commission June 4, will be tentative until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) sets the federal regulations June 25. If approved by the commission and the USFWS, the proposed changes would go into effect September 1, 1998.



Getting ready for opening day — Schleicher County Reserve Deputy Tommy Terrell (R) supervises jail inmates as they paint at the county swimming pool. The two inmates shown here were among a crew of eight who also renovated the courtroom on the second floor of the Schleicher County courthouse.

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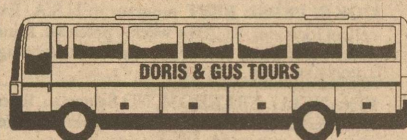
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Open letter from State Rep. Bob Turner

To the People of
Texas House District 73:

Since August of 1997, I have watched and studied the development of the Central Texas Rare Species Conservation Plan. The plan is still currently under development, and will not be completed earlier than August of 1999. However, it has become clear to me that the protection for landowners the plan is trying to achieve will not become a reality.

The proposed benefit of the plan is that it would allow landowners to sign a "Safe Harbor" agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). According to the FWS, the "Safe Harbor" program was developed because "property owners recognize the benefits of proactive habitat conservation activities to help listed species [but] some are still concerned about additional land-use or resource restrictions that may result if listed species colonize their property or increase in numbers or distribution because of their conservation efforts." Under this agreement, a landowner would have the right to "modify" any endangered species habitat the landowner grew on that property above the amount of suitable habitat already on the land. However, the landowner still may not "modify", or affect in any way the suitable habitat which was already on the property because it is considered "baseline" habitat needed by the endangered species. So, the incentive of the "Safe Harbor" agreement is that FWS won't fine you or put you in jail if you grow habitat on your property above the amount of "baseline", and then decide to remove it. However, you are still restricted from using your land that is covered by "baseline" habitat. And you can only remove the additional habitat you grew, if the TPW biologist

agrees the planned removal isn't more than what is allowed under the "incidental take" permit held by TPW. I don't see any positive incentive to private property owners under those circumstances.

Another problem I see is that the "Safe Harbor" agreement may not be covered under the wildlife management plan "confidentiality law" I wrote and passed through the Texas Legislature in 1995 to protect landowner's habitat information from being released to the federal authorities. The state law only covers wildlife management plans with our Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPW), and the "Safe Harbor" agreement is a federal program entered into with the FWS. I have said from the beginning stages of this Central Texas Rare Species Conservation Plan that if I felt a landowner's information could not be kept confidential from the FWS, then I would oppose the plan. I don't believe the FWS will accept conditions within the plan which will provide landowners with that protection. If the FWS cannot receive individual information on a landowner enrolled in the "Safe Harbor" program then they would not be able to enforce violations by that participant under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In my opinion, the FWS will not, and cannot under the ESA, agree to such restraints on their regulatory control.

I want to commend the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and all the members of the plan's steering committee for trying to protect private property owners from regulation by the FWS. However based upon the current federal "Safe Harbor" guidelines and the ESA, I don't feel "Safe Harbor" agreements will provide the protection sought. Accordingly, I feel that I must oppose the continued development of the Central Texas Rare Species Conservation Plan.

Sincerely,
Bob Turner
State Representative
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