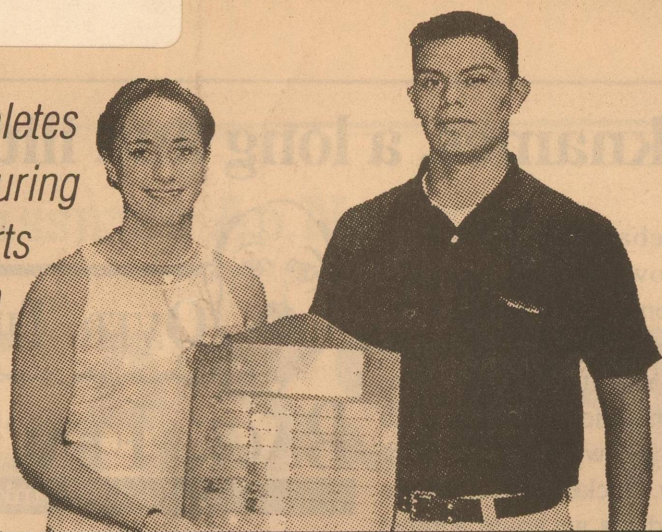


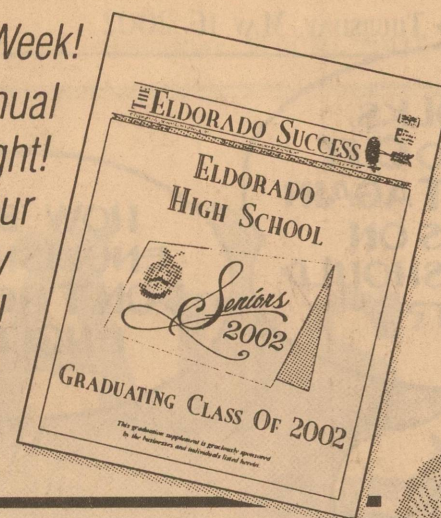
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## Fagan-Cook stepping down as SCMC Hospital Administrator



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO  
 Ann Fagan-Cook

Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook will be leaving her post on June 30, 2002, to pursue other career opportunities. Her resignation was made public Monday night at a special meeting of the Schleicher County Hospital District's board of trustees.

Following an executive session for the purpose of discussing the issue, the trustees returned into open session with board president Randy Mankin announcing that Fagan-Cook had submitted her resignation to her employer, Preferred Management.

Mankin noted that since Fagan-Cook is not an employee of the district, no board action was required on her resignation.

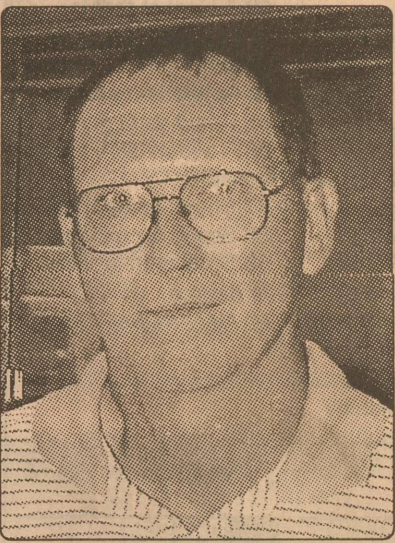
The trustees then voted to contract with Fagan-Cook for "continued consultations." The district will pay her \$21,000.00 in return for her continuing efforts on behalf of the hospital, in connection with current and future litigation.

Following the vote, Mankin praised Fagan-Cook for her work in Eldorado and thanked her on behalf of the board for her many accomplishments. Other board members on hand for the meeting included Delia Pina, Jim Callison, Ricky Fuessel, Shirley Joiner and Jim Martin.

In other business, the board met in executive session for the purpose of discussing a possible lease on the hospital's house on Honeysuckle Street. The board took no action on the matter, however, when they emerged into open session.

Also present for the meeting was Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor and the hospital's attorney, James Kosub. Mr. Kosub joined the board behind closed doors for the two executive sessions.

## McCormack leaving EHS, takes asst. position in Sonora



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO  
 Coach Karl McCormack

EHS athletic director and head football coach Karl McCormack confirmed Tuesday that he will be leaving Eldorado at the end of the school year to take an assistant coaching position at Sonora. McCormack informed his staff, then told his students and players before making his decision public.

McCormack is an Eldorado native, having graduated from EHS in 1973. He will be taking

over as defensive coordinator for the Sonora Broncos, a team that won the State Championship one year ago in Class 2A Division 1, and advanced to the semifinal round in the State playoffs this year before falling to Celina, the eventual state champion.

"These decisions are never easy," McCormack told the Success. "I have nothing but the utmost respect for the fine people of Eldorado. The school board and the administration, Mr. Blanch and Mr. Newman, have been great to work for."

McCormack said that ultimately the decision to leave Eldorado hinged on his love for defense. "I have been a defensive coordinator for many years. This year I enjoyed the challenge of being the offensive coach, but I really missed the day-to-day interaction with the kids that you get on defense," McCormack stated. McCormack noted that he would be tendering his resignation to SCISD Superintendent George Blanch on Wednesday.

## Accidents keep emergency personnel busy

A series of automobile accidents kept local emergency personnel hopping this week. One involved a man who struck a deer with his car, approximately 15 miles from Eldorado on F.M. 2596 (McIntosh Road). That accident occurred Friday evening, May 10, 2002. The driver, who was reported to be the lone occupant in the vehicle, was taken by private automobile to Schleicher County Medical Center.

A few hours later on the same highway, and about a mile farther from Eldorado, a 2002 Ford F150 pickup truck left the roadway, crashed through a fence and came to rest against a tree in a pasture belonging to Ann Mann. Three individuals, including Jeremiah McLaughlin, 19, Laurie Clark, 19, and a 16 year old juvenile, all of Sonora, were taken by Schleicher County and Sutton County EMS ambulances to Schleicher County Medical Center.

When 9-1-1 dispatchers received the report of the accident, during the early morning hours of Saturday, May 11, it was unclear exactly where the wreck had occurred. Sonora dispatchers sent Sutton County deputies and an ambulance on Meyer Road while Schleicher County officers and an ambulance headed out F.M. 2596. Ultimately the emergency units converged on the scene, about a

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Pickup sticks — The 2002 Ford pickup pictured above was found lodged against a tree Saturday morning after its driver, Jeremiah McLaughlin, 19, of Sonora lost control on F.M. 2596 and left the roadway. McLaughlin and two other individuals were taken to SCMC for treatment. The 1998 Dodge pickup shown at right ended up atop a short embankment, 13.2 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277, after its driver, William E. Pettijohn fell asleep and lost control.

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN



## Baccalaureate set for Sunday in EHS auditorium

The annual Baccalaureate service to honor the graduating seniors of Eldorado High School will be held Sunday, May 19, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., in the High School Auditorium. Graduating seniors will process in their caps and gowns, accompanied by the brass ensemble of the Eagle Band, led by Gina Muela. The band will play "God of Our Fathers" as the seniors enter the auditorium.

The Baccalaureate speaker this

year is Rev. Leonard Wideman, pastor of First Presbyterian Church. As is tradition at Eldorado High School, Principal Ken Newman will also present the American Legion Award to two of the graduating seniors.

Baccalaureate services are sponsored each year by the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance as part of their ecumenical community-wide ministry. Among the ministers taking part this year are: Rev. Walt

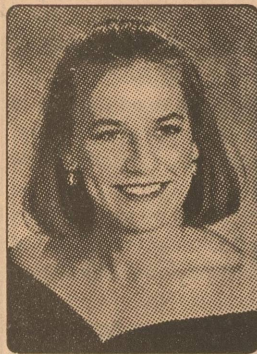
Griggs, Agape Assembly of God; Rev. Andy Anderson, First Baptist Church; Rev. Stan Troy, First United Methodist Church; Fr. George Varakukala, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church; and Dr. Byron Orand, Community Baptist Church. Other ministers may participate, as well.

Ushers for the service will be Quisto Gonzalez, Mike Adame, Mayci Schwiening and Courtney Sauer, all members of the EHS junior class.

As is customary, refreshments will be served in the high school courtyard following the Baccalaureate service in honor of the EHS graduates and their families.

Everyone in the community is cordially invited to attend and join in the celebration as the Eldorado High School graduating class of 2002 takes its first steps toward the graduation ceremony that will follow on Friday, 24, 2002.

## EHS Class of 2002 Honor Graduates



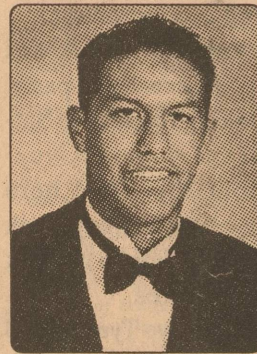
Tabitha N. Lloyd  
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Tana J. Williams  
 Summa Cum Laude



Maria L. Hernandez  
 Magna Cum Laude



Juan A. Herrera  
 Magna Cum Laude



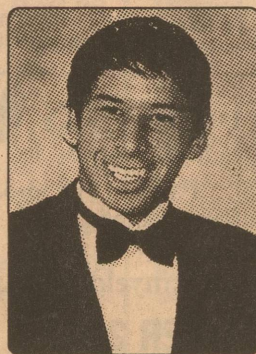
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Leigh Ann Neal  
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Andrew J. Anderson  
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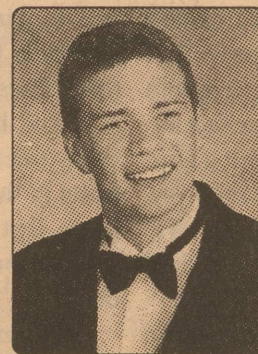
Tony A. Fay  
 Cum Laude



Kimberly M. Hight  
 Cum Laude



Mitzi J. Sessom  
 Cum Laude



Dest A. Sudduth  
 Cum Laude

### EHS Honor Graduate Criteria

Summa Cum Laude  
 99.0 gpa or above

Magna Cum Laude  
 97.0 - 98.999 gpa

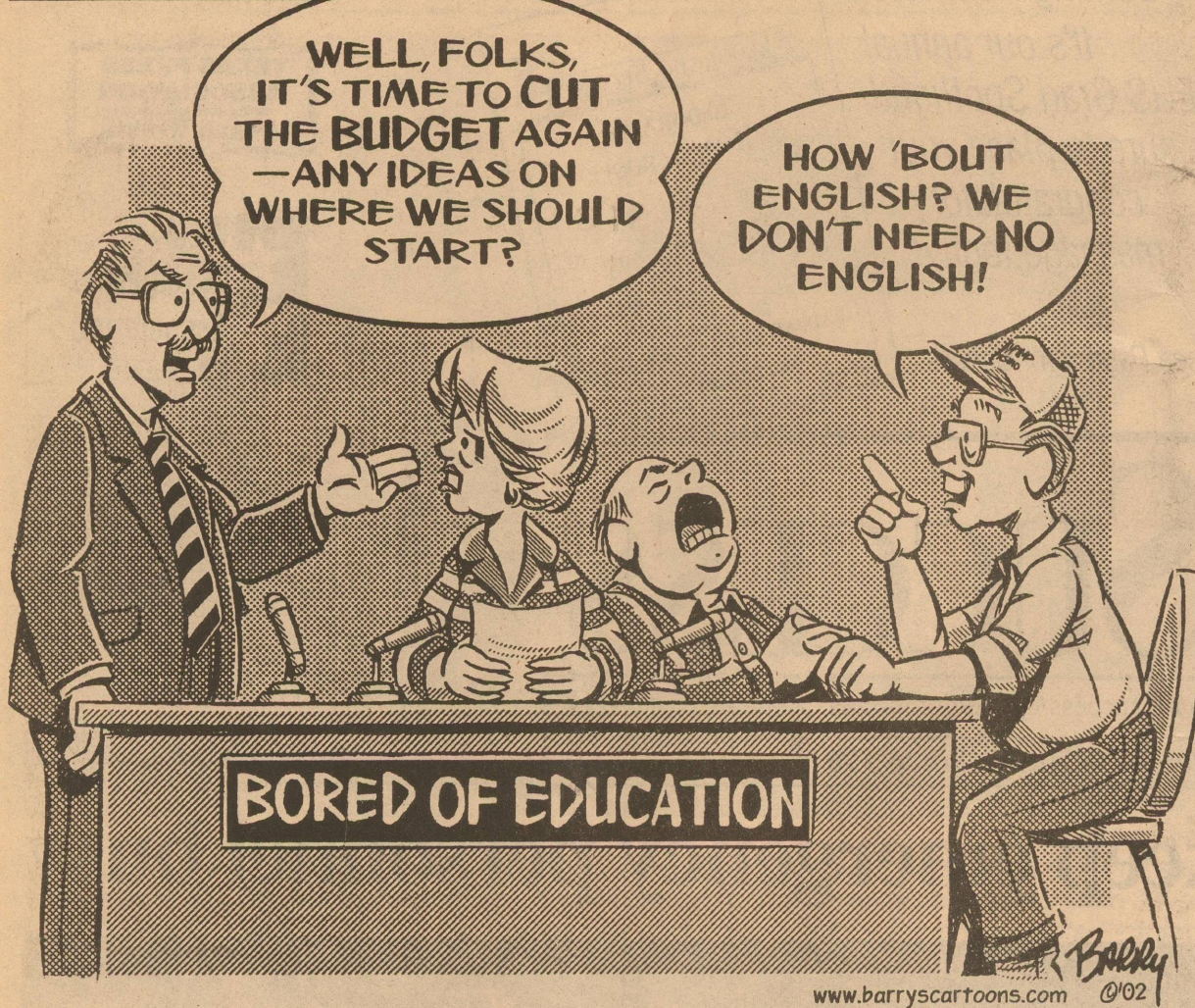
Cum Laude  
 95.0 - 96.999 gpa

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## Nicknames, a long and illustrious history



As debate has simmered around town about a proposed animal control ordinance the city council is currently studying, it came to my attention that there may be an easier answer. Instead of adopting new rules to limit and/or outlaw, chickens or roosters in town, perhaps we could address the issue by hiring someone with unique qualifications.

Edwin M. Jackson, Jr., better known to Eldoradoans young and old as "Rooster" Jackson, could be brought in to solve the crisis, provided the city council was willing to grant him the authority to make snap decisions. If Rooster likes your rooster, then you can keep it. If not, then its time to call Colonel Sanders.

There are other, equally qualified men in town. Men like "Burro" Griffin and "Rabbit" Sudduth. With their help, and a few others,

the animal control problem could be consigned to the ash heap of history.

Speaking of history, nicknames like Rooster, Burro and Rabbit, have a long and illustrious history in and around Eldorado. According to "The History of Schleicher County, Texas," as compiled by the Schleicher County Historical Society, Eldorado has had more than its share of animal nicknames. Names like Henry "Possum" Speck, Patton "Duck" Enochs, Lawson "Bear" Edmiston, and Jack "Mousy" Jones.

Also, Marshall "Bear Cat" Davis, H.T. "Dogie" Finley, Jack Ervin "Turkey" Mund and Hassell "Snake" Ratliff.

Let's not forget Jay Franklin "Jay Bird" Halbert, Bob "Dog Eye" McWhorter and Arthur "Buck" Bailey.

Then there's Hollis "Chicken Feathers" Alexander, Ben "Horshey" Isaacs, E.L. "Buck" Kent, Orlando "Coon Dog" Harris and Kenneth "Mickey Mouse" Homer.

I would love to hear the story behind nicknames like Willard "Pick Handle" Newlin and Marvin "Seven Whiskers" Mirike.

Equally intriguing are Thomas "Sucker Rod" Baker and Hollis "Buttermilk" McCormick.

Some of the nicknames seem to be self-explanatory. It's easy to imagine how Pauline Kent "Pretty Girl" Wyatt, Margaret Maurine "Doll" Weatherley, Mrs. Clyde "Sweet" Keeney and Morris "Rosebud" Whitten got their names.

Ed "Two-Bits" Meador, E.H. "Greasy" Sweatt, Sr., E.H. "Fats" Sweatt, Jr. and R.J. "Pitcher" Page have each contributed, and continue to contribute, to the colorful tapestry that is Eldorado.

Where else can you find names like Clyde "Pecos Pete" Meador, Melvin "Grassburn" Harris, Tom "Tom Dooley" Dempsey and Emil "Tom Ketchum" Danheim.

My own family has contributed a few nicknames. My father is still called "Driller" by many of the men who worked for him in the oilfield. Mom answers to "Doodle" just as readily as she does to Dora. My daughter Sarah, well we called her "Pookie" when she was a girl and my son J.L. is called "Jumbo" by his friends at school.

I never really had a nickname but I'm beginning to think that I should adopt one if I'm going hang around this place. Maybe "Deadline" would be a good one for a newspaper editor.

What about my wife Kathy? Well, around the Mankin household we simply refer to her as "The Boss."

## Attorney general rules Bush's papers public

AUSTIN — Republican Attorney General John Cornyn is running for the U.S. Senate, but his office has made a ruling a fellow Republican named George W. Bush probably was not overjoyed at.

Cornyn held that Bush's gubernatorial papers, which Bush gave to his father's presidential library at Texas A&M University, are state property and subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.

The presidential library is covered by the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and not state open records laws.

### Budget storm brews

Consider it a budgetary severe weather watch.

### State Capital Highlights

By Mike Cox

As the TV weather folks say, conditions are favorable for the development of a severe budgetary storm.

This is not a warning, which is given when dangerous conditions already exist, but the figurative skies are getting dark as local governments and state agencies enter their budget making processes.

Bad news "lighting" struck Austin last week when city officials learned that sales tax collections in the city were down 11 percent in March.

That is the worst one month revenue drop since September 2001 when spending dropped pre-

cipitously in the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Even before Sept. 11, sales tax revenues were down in Austin. The same thing is happening all across Texas.

"This is very bad news," Austin City Manager Toby Futrell told city council members shortly after hearing of the latest sales tax figures. "It means we are continuing to trend downwards," she said.

Since the Legislature meets every two years, the fiscal 2003 budget, which begins Sept. 1, already is in place.

But state agencies are already working on their budget proposals to the Legislative Budget Board, the beginning of the funding process that could reach "warning" levels next January.

If you're a city, county or state official, stay tuned for further developments and be prepared to take cover immediately.

### Valley water woes continue

Money is not the only scarce item in Texas.

Two irrigation districts in the Rio Grande Valley warned nine cities and a big industrial client last week that they believe they will run out of water within the next two months.

That means a strong possibility of water rationing in some Valley cities, higher costs and less water for agricultural users elsewhere in the Valley.

Receiving warning letters were the cities of Weslaco, Mercedes,

Elsa, La Villa, San Benito, Arroyo City, East Rio Hondo and Rio Hondo. Also getting warnings were the North Alamo Water Supply Co. and the Central Power and Light generating plant in San Benito.

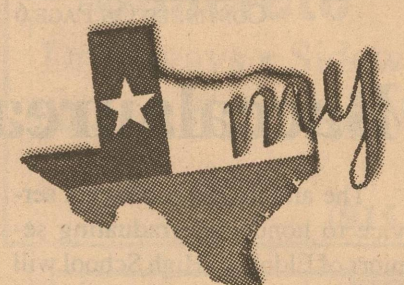
"The only thing that will stop us running out of water now is a big storm or Mexico releasing water to us," said Sonia Kaniger, general manager of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2. "Unfortunately, I think we have more chance of a storm, but that is pretty remote."

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison has requested that Mexico immediately repay 100,000 acre-feet of the water it owes the U.S., but Mexico has not replied yet.

The International Boundary and Water Commission says Mexico is 1.5 million acre-feet of water in arrears to the U.S.

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## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Adventures With Tangle-Eye Tye

H. H. "Mutt" Milford of Honey Grove was working on a pipeline in Canada when his buddy Tangle-Eye Tye was summoned to help with some pipe bending. He was a heavy equipment operator and had been lowering pipe into the pipeline trench. Mutt continues the story.

"They were running behind in the bending. They needed a side-boom operator. They decided they'd borrow Tangle-Eye Tye.

"Now Tangle-Eye was a good tractor driver. You just never did know exactly where he was looking.

"I was working at a road crossing as a welder. Tangle-Eye raised that boom up and here he comes. Had it in sixth gear. Those D-7 Cats go fast in sixth gear. Here he comes. Straight down the right-of-way.

"You'd think he'd be looking down the right-of-way where he was driving, but he was looking way over to his left driving that side-boom.

"Well here he comes to this road crossing. Wide Open. That side-boom was up the air about twenty-five feet. Now at this intersection there were about a hundred power lines over the roadway. He pulled posts up for four hundred yards on each side.

Finally all those wires snapped and Tangle-Eye just kept right on going.

"All the utility companies got called. Electric, Telephone, everything. It was a big 9-1-1 emergency to get all those people out there to repair the lines. It was on a weekend. Trucks were everywhere wiring that mess back together, poking those poles back in the ground and everything.

"Hours later their work was done. They were tired and ready for some

weekend rest and relaxation. As they were pulling off their coveralls at the site they were cussing these Texas pipeliners up here in Canada tearing up everything.

"But they knew their work was over and they were ready to party. They were looking forward to Saturday night.

"And about that time here comes a side-boom coming back from the other direction to go back to the lowering in area.

"It was Tangle-Eye Tye. He had it in seventh gear. "You're probably ahead of me on this.

"He come on down. His head was looking way off to the side. He come by this time and he hit those lines again.

"And he had to change gears three times because they put those posts in the ground real good this time. But changing gears three times worked. He got them all down.

"Those old boys who had their coveralls half off just started pulling them back on."

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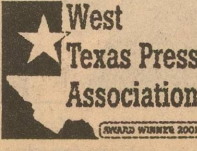
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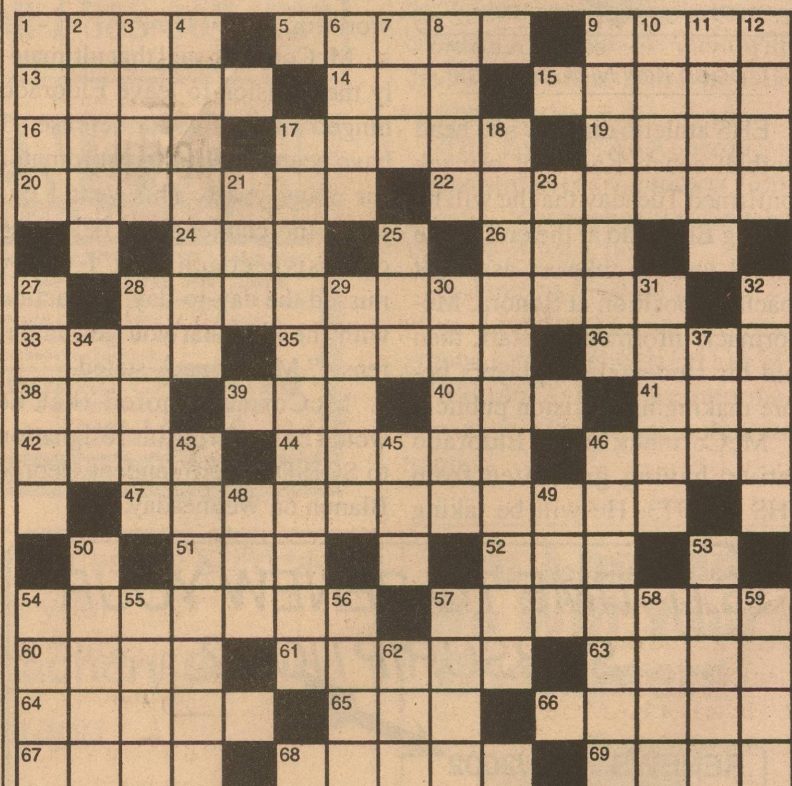
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| 5 Bowling lane                                 | 61 Estimate the value of something                | 27 Rental contract                            |
| 9 A useful or valuable quality                 | 63 Study intensively, as before an exam           | 28 Pen for young animals that excludes adults |
| 13 Province of northeastern India              | 64 Located  | 29 A thermosetting resin                      |
| 14 Over, to the poets                          | 65 Suffering                                      | 30 Very cold (archaic)                        |
| 15 Greek muse of lyric and poetry              | 66 Foundations                                    | 31 Data point                                 |
| 16 Self-importances                            | 67 Male monarch or emperor (especially of Russia) | 32 Brimless cap                               |
| 17 Lawn crop                                   | 68 Unau or three toed                             | 34 Any high mountain                          |
| 19 Vis-a-vis                                   | 69 Christmas Day                                  | 37 Posed for a portrait                       |
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| 35 Visual abstraction                          | 3 Cabbage   | 53 A blanket that is used as a cloak or shawl |
| 36 Comfort                                     | 4 Someone who is no longer popular                | 54 Actors in a play                           |
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| 40 Member of the Siouan people                 | 8 Gaelic  | 57 Shoes cover these                          |
| 41 Asphalt                                     | 9 Foolish talk                                    | 58 Space for movement                         |
| 42 Specification, for short                    | 10 A quick blow with a whip                       | 59 Smaller in amount or degree                |
| 44 Additional                                  | 11 Express audibly                                | 62 Also, as well                              |
| 46 Rope fiber                                  | 12 In the near future                             |   |
| 47 Elkhorn fern                                | 17 A small informal social gathering              |   |
| 51 Fire residue                                | 18 Secretary bird constellation                   |   |
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# OBITUARIES

## James W. Mabry

LLANO — James W. Mabry, 78, died Saturday, May 11, 2002. Graveside service was Monday in Llano City Cemetery. Arrangements were by Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Homes. Survivors include his wife, Ruby Mabry of Llano; sons, Jimmy Mabry and Robin Mabry, both of Llano; daughter, Regina Oestreich of Kingsland; and sisters, Ethel Parker and Allene Wilson, both of San Saba, and Bobby Higginbotham of Eldorado.

## Floyd (Junior) Butler

SAN ANGELO — Floyd (Junior) Butler passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer at his home in the company of his family.

He was the beloved husband of Norma; father of Darlene and her husband, Wayne Webb, of Coleman, Barbara and her husband, John Cheatham, of Eden and Ray and his wife, D'Aun, of San Angelo; dear grandfather of Clint, Bill, Clay, Chrissy, Tasha, Whit, Vanessa, Dillon and Brittany; and great-grandfather of Christian, Keldon, Morgan and Alex.

He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Sr. in 1979 and his mother, Lela in 1992.

Floyd was born Jan. 29, 1931, and raised in San Angelo. Floyd married his high school sweetheart, Norma, on Feb. 21, 1951, in Ballinger, Texas. Together they reared their children in a home filled with love. February of this year, they celebrated 51 blessed years together.

Floyd, a longtime resident of San Angelo, worked for many years with his dad as a partner in F.R. Butler & Son. In 1971, he and Norma moved to Eldorado to expand the family truck farm and retired in 1976. He then became involved in oil & gas exploration, development and a supply store from 1977 to 1985. He returned

to San Angelo and began development of the family owned farm, which is now Butler Farm Estates in 1988.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting and he and Norma traveled extensively, hunting in British Columbia and South Africa.

He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and was active in the jail ministry, Through God Comes Justice. He had a great love for helping his fellow man, and his presence on earth will be missed by all whose life he touched. All he was, all he did was always done to the glory of the Lord, and the profound love he had for his country, family and friends.

Pallbearers were Donald Boyd Cox, David Samuelson, Paul McClure, Mike Hitchcock, Marshall Gray, David Melton, Mickey Walraven and Terry Butler. Honorary pallbearers included his grandsons, Clint and Whit Cosper, Clay and Dillon Butler, and Bill Webb. Also, long-time hunting buddies, Oscar Lock and L. D. Cox, and his Sunday school class.

Funeral service was held Friday, May 10, in Johnson's Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jim Wilkerson officiating. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2600 Chestnut, San Angelo, TX 76901.

## R.J. Alexander, Sr.

BIG SPRING — R. J. Alexander Sr., 85, of Big Spring died on Sunday, May 5, 2002, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral service was Wednesday, May 8, in the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Wanda Hill, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating. She was assisted by Gregg Alexander, grandson, and Ed Humphrey, nephew.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1916, in Calf Creek, Texas, and married Marjorie Elizabeth Parks on Oct. 31, 1936, in Brady, Texas. She preceded him in death on Sept. 24, 2000.

Mr. Alexander graduated from Eldorado High School in 1936. He was awarded a football scholarship to Hardin Simmons University, but an injury prevented him from playing. He worked in Civil Service in San Antonio and Austin during World War II. He then worked as a lease operator for Skelly Oil Company and retired in 1981 from Texaco after 35 years of service.

R.J. was an avid golfer and loved playing and later watching. He was a master tinkerer and enjoyed working on cars and electronics. He was known in the community as being able to repair what others couldn't, but he wouldn't accept payment.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Suez Shrine Temple. He was a HAM operator and was known by the call sign, W5FAT.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Alexander and wife, Marjorie Ann, of Big Spring and Dr. Gerald Alexander and wife, Roberta, of Fresno, Calif.; five grandchildren, Gregg Alexander of Los Angeles, Calif., Michelle Alexander



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Celebrating Nursing Week** — Staff members at Schleicher County Nursing Home participated recently in Hat Day to celebrate National Nursing Week. They are (Front L-R) Laura Blaylock-RN, Maria Sanchez-CNA, Anna Luna-CNA, Julio Galindo-CNA, Vicky Esparza-CNA; (Back L-R) Elena Aguilar-Housekeeping Supervisor, Anita Jones-D.O.N., Lisa Romero-CNA, Housekeeping and Virginia Rodriguez-CNA.

## Nursing Home staff celebrates National Nursing Week

by Anita Jones, RN  
SCMC Nursing Home

Last week was Nurses Week at Schleicher County Nursing Home. Currently, the following nurses employed at the Nursing Home: Laura Blaylock RN - Patient Care Coordinator, Tammy Spinks LVN, Laura McMillan LVN, Connie Wells RN, Teri Dominguez, Laura Nowlin RN, Donna Aguilar RN - Asst. Director of Nursing, and Anita Jones RN - Director of Nursing.

Gifts, food and hugs were given all week to say thanks to our nurses at the Nursing Home. As part of the celebration, a Dress Up Day was held with the nursing home residents serving as the judges. Many of the staff came to work that day in their P.J.'s. Annie Arispe, our Activity Director, won the Dress Up contest.

Awards were presented to our Certified Nurses Aides in the areas of Dependability, Compliance and Safety. Our winners for Dependability were; Virginia Rodriguez and Vickie Esparza. Anna Luna and Norma Sanchez won for Compliance and Safety. Many of our other CNA's came close to winning also; Lucia Guajardo,

Jimmy Aguilar, Judith Sanchez and Peggy Ussery. Each award was for a 3 month period Feb. - April as the charge nurses monitored their performance in each of the three areas.

Another fun part of the week was our "Hats off to Nurses Day" with lots of resident and staff participating. Everything from hard hats to sombreros worn. Last Friday a drawing was held with money, T-shirts, pins and gifts being awarded. Also, ice cream sundaes were served to all the staff.

Also taking place during the week was a bake sale, sponsored by the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary. All the delicious goodies sold out quickly.

All in all it was quite a successful week with lots of fun and activities to remind us of the great people who work hard at the SCMC Nursing Home, ranging from our Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook RN, to the staff nurses, CNA's, administration staff, housekeeping, maintenance and medical records personnel.

Join Us for an Old Fashioned Gospel Singing!

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Saturday, May 18  
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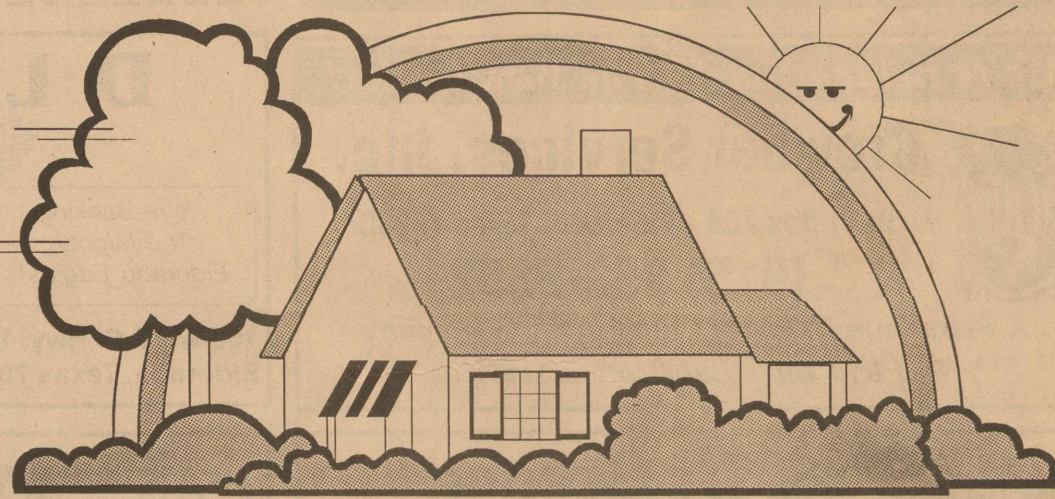


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# EHS athletes honored at annual Sports Awards Program

The EHS Spring Sports Awards Program was held Monday in the EHS Auditorium with a number of awards being presented in the various sports.

Girls track coach Vicki Williams began the presentations and announced sophomore Clara Her-

era as girls Most Valuable Runner. Junior Courtney Sauer was named as the girls Most Dedicated Cross Country Track Runner.

Coach Leslie Gooch then announced senior Leigh Ann Neal as the Most Valuable Player in girls basketball. Junior Christina Re-

dish was named Most Dedicated Player.

Coach Gooch also announced the golf awards, naming junior Hannah Robledo and senior Andrew Anderson as the golf team's Most Valuable Player girl and boy players.

Tennis coach Matt Rutherford then announced that State Doubles Champions senior Gentry Newman and junior Christina Redsh were the girls Most Valuable Players while senior Thomas Ballew was the boys Most Valuable Player. Most Dedicated Player honors went to the junior doubles team of Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer as well freshman Logan Neal.

Next, baseball coach Larry Mitchel announced junior Phillip Martinez as the team's Most Valuable Player

That was followed by boys track coach Don Richters who named freshman Eric Garcia as the boys Most Valuable Runner. Garcia was also named as the Most Dedicated Cross Country Track Runner.

Boys basketball coach Alan Gillispie then announced that seniors Ramon Barajas and Johnny Herrera were the team's Most Valuable Players. Senior Wesley Jones was tapped as Most Dedi-

cated Player.

Coach Gillespie also presented the softball awards, naming junior Amanda Wanoreck was the team's Most Valuable Player while senior Tana Williams was named Most Dedicated Player.

Head Football Coach Karl McCormack announced the following football awards:

Offensive Back of the Year: Leading Rusher -Quisto Gonzalez; 2nd Leading Rusher and Leading Receiver Ramon Barajas.

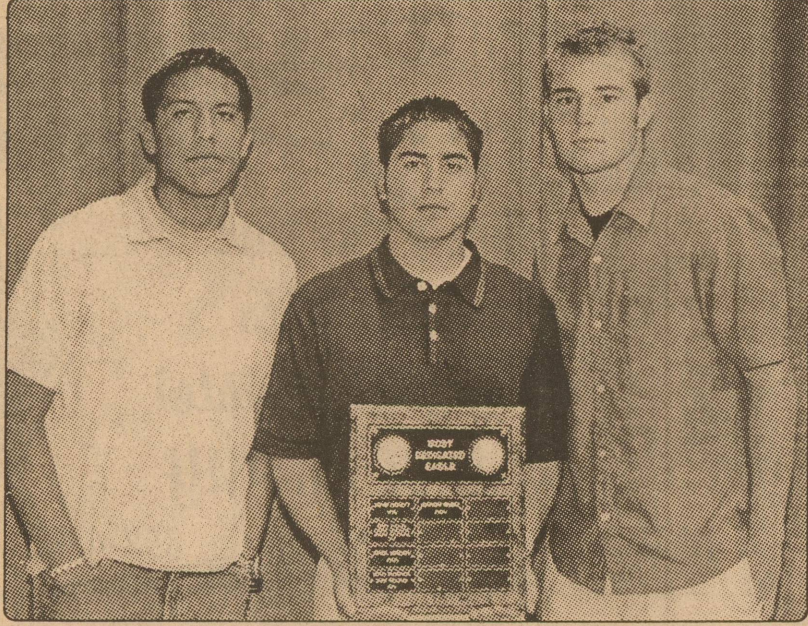
Defensive Back of the Year: Wesley Jones and Juan Guzman  
Linemen of the Year: Cole Pina and Scott Homer

Head Hunter: Ray David Buitron

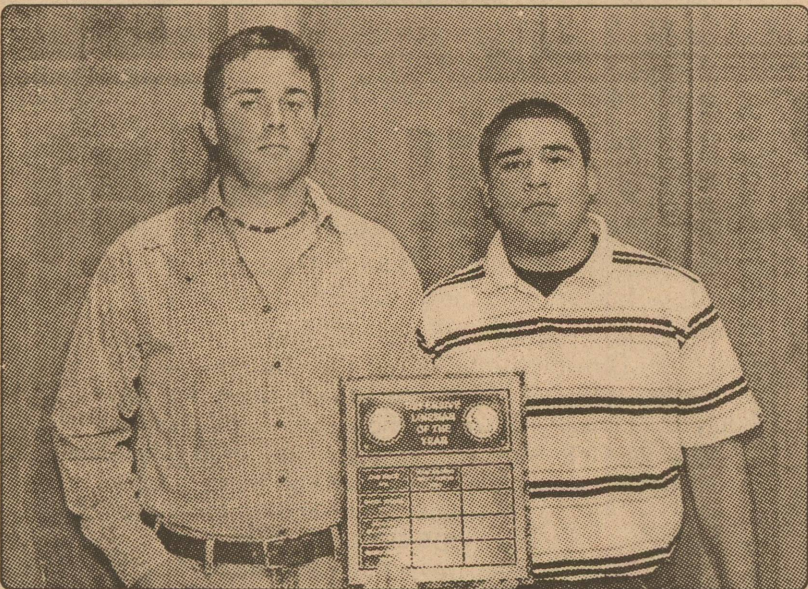
Most Dedicated Player: Aaron Fuentes, Johnny Herrera and Wesley Jones.

The highlight of the program came when the coveted Fighting Heart Award was presented by Coach Karl McCormack and Coach Leslie Gooch to Leigh Ann Neal and Benji Gonzalez.

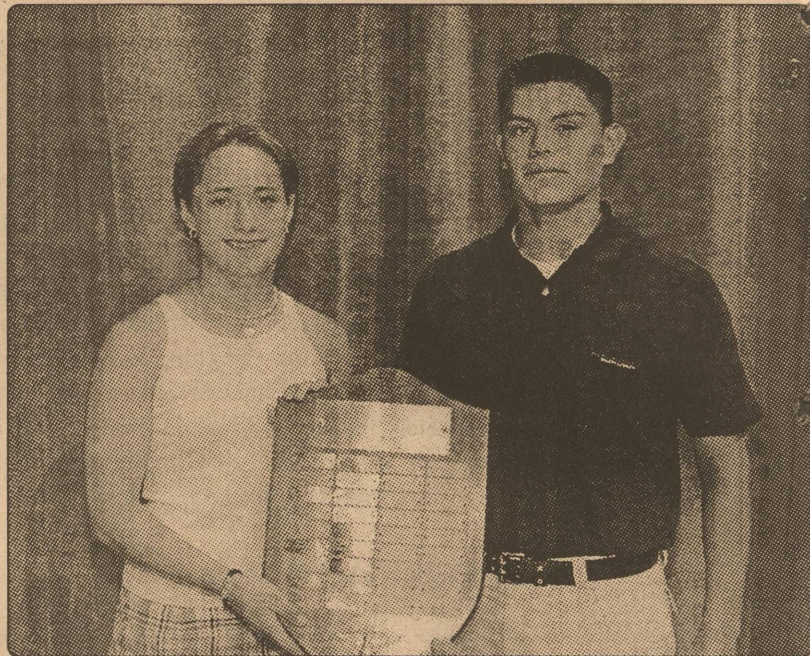
After the awards presentations, Coach McCormack read an inspirational story, written by former President Theodore Roosevelt. The EHS athletic Booster Club then served refreshments in the auditorium foyer following the program.



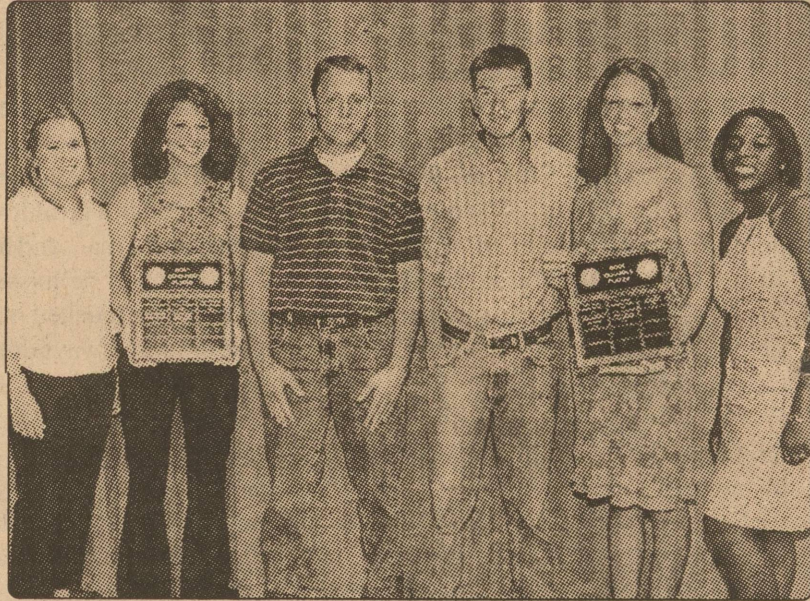
**Dedicated Eagles** — EHS football players (L-R) Johnny Herrera, Aaron Fuentes and Wesley Jones were named as Most Dedicated Eagles during the annual EHS Sports Awards Program held Monday night in the high school auditorium.



**Linemen of the Year** — EHS football players (L-R) Scott Homer and Cole Pina were named Defensive Linemen of the Year. Pina was also named Offensive Lineman of the year, for the 3rd consecutive year during the EHS Sports Awards Program held Monday evening.



**Fighting Hearts** — Leigh Ann Neal and Benji Gonzalez received the prestigious Fighting Heart Award during the annual EHS Sports Awards Program held in the high school auditorium Monday night.



**Tennis standouts** — EHS tennis players (L-R) Courtney Brown, Courtney Sauer and Logan Neal were named Most Dedicated Tennis Players while Thomas Ballew, Gentry Newman and Christina Redish were named as Most Valuable Tennis Players at the annual Sports Awards Program last Monday evening in the high school auditorium.

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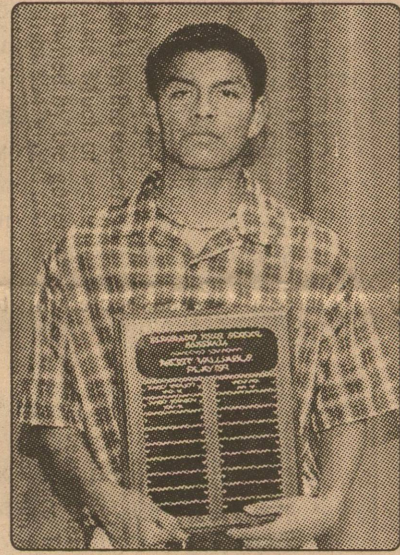
## Booster Club party planned

The Eldorado Athletic Booster Club will host a hamburger party on Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. Due to the overwhelming success the club has had in the past year, it is time to stop and say thank you to everyone for their time, hard work and donations that have come our way.

Anyone who is interested in the Booster Club or anyone who just likes hamburgers is invited to attend. There will be a Booster Club sign up table for those who want to join.

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**Monday, May 20**  
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**Tuesday, May 21**  
B.B.Q. Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Pudding w/ Topping

**Wednesday, May 22**  
Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Potato Chips, Apples

**Thursday, May 23**  
Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Peaches

**Friday, May 24**  
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**Breakfast**  
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**Monday, May 20**  
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**Tuesday, May 21**  
Dry Cereal, Crackers

**Wednesday, May 22**  
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**Thursday, May 23**  
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## Commissioners hire architect for Civic Center project

Mickey Rathbone and Phil McCormick were on hand Monday morning for the semi-monthly meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court. The men asked that the county serve as a purchasing agent for the golf club and the commissioners agreed.

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin, Ross Whitten and County Judge Johnny Griffin.

Representatives from Xerox and Minolta were also on hand and offered lease proposals to the commissioners for several copy machines. After hearing the offers, the commissioners voted to accept a lease agreement with Xerox for two copy machines, leasing at \$78.17 monthly plus a charge of \$.0169 a copy. One of the machines will replace the unit in the County Clerk's office while the other will be placed in the County Extension office.

Next, architects Mickey McCrea and Henry Schmidt met with the court to discuss renovating the County Civic Center. Mr. Schmidt presented the men with the first portion of a two-part contract, which would cover services for preliminary design and budgeting. The second part covers the services related to the final design and construction.

After reviewing the proposal the commissioners voted to accept the first part of the agreement, at a cost of \$4,000. McCrea and Schmidt will attend a future meeting and bring their recommendations, as well as blueprints for re-

modeling the Ag Building so that it can serve as a Civic Center.

Troy Daniels and Steve Nelson, representing the Schleicher County Rodeo Association, then came before the court to discuss needed repairs at the rodeo arena, in hopes of getting the work done ahead of a planned team roping, as well as an August Rodeo.

The men also discussed the possibility of painting the bleachers, shortening the arena, redoing the calf chute to accommodate an electronic clock, repairing the rest rooms at the facility and placing an awning over the bleachers in order to provide shade to rodeo patrons. The men also discussed removing a house that currently sits on the rodeo grounds. It was noted that an offer has been made by a San Angelo company to remove the structure in return for the lumber it contains. The commissioners indicated their agreement to allow the house to be moved away. Concerning other repairs, Commissioner Bill Clark said it would probably cost about \$1,800.00 for labor and equipment and another \$1,000.00 for paint to carry out the work the men requested. With the pressing need to get the work done quickly, the commissioners told the men to seek prices for painting the bleachers from local companies with access to a power sprayer and to report back with Judge Griffin. No formal vote was taken on this agenda item, however.

Next on the agenda was a request from Ilse Williams in regard

to a grant writer employed by the Rural Conservation & Development (RC&D) office in Brady. It was noted that the agency's two employees are looking for a place to relocate. Mrs. Williams thought this would be an excellent opportunity to for our community have the benefit of a successful grant writer. The commissioners agreed that it sounded like a good idea, however, they weren't sure where office space might be found. The men agreed to give the matter more thought before making a final decision.

Next, the court approved spending \$149.50 in dues to the Concho Valley Council of Governments for the year 2002.

Judge Griffin then updated the commissioners on the result of a recent safety inspection on county property. The inspection revealed cleaning products being stored improperly, fire extinguishers needing to be recharged, an exit sign not working, and gas cylinders not properly secured at the road department barn. Judge Griffin stated most of the items mentioned have already been remedied or are in the process of being fixed.

The court then reviewed a map provided by Broadwing Communication of a proposed route along Schleicher County rights-of-way just south of the Eldorado city limits. They also called for bids for a transport load of diesel and unleaded fuel for the county road department. The bids are to be awarded on Tuesday, May 28.

The county swimming pool was next on the agenda with County Judge Griffin noting that the facility represents a considerable liability to the county and said that much money could be saved if the pool was closed. It was explained that the pool operator has requested a canopy, or other type of shade, be placed over the kiddie pool. The commissioners discussed the matter but took no formal vote.

No action was taken on a resolution giving the Eldorado Housing Authority tax exempt status.

As the commissioners went over the monthly bills, Judge Griffin reported that the backup generator for the radio tower used by the Sheriff's Dept. is in need of an overhaul. He estimated the work would cost \$1,800.00. It was explained that the generator serves

to keep emergency communication up and running anytime electric service is interrupted. The judge said that the didn't think the work needed to be done since most electrical outages are remedied within 30 minutes. He added that the Sheriff's Dept. officers could use their cellular phones to communicate during such times.

It was noted that the generator in question also provides power to the transmitter used by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department to page out its firefighters. Johnny Mayo stated he was opposed to spending the money to repair the generator until someone could convince him of the need. At that point Judge Griffin said he would seek more input from Fire Chief Jerry Jones.

Before adjourning, the men reviewed the county's finances and okayed the transfer of \$142,000.00 to the General Fund from a money market interest-bearing account (MMIA). They also approved the transfer of \$3,000.00 from the Community Resource Center MMIA to the Resource Center operating account. They also moved \$40,000 from the Farm-to-Market MMIA to the Farm-to-Market operating account, \$30,000 from the Road and Bridge operating account, to the Road and Bridge MMIA and \$5,000 from the General Fund operating account to the Airport operating account for the payment of the engineering work.

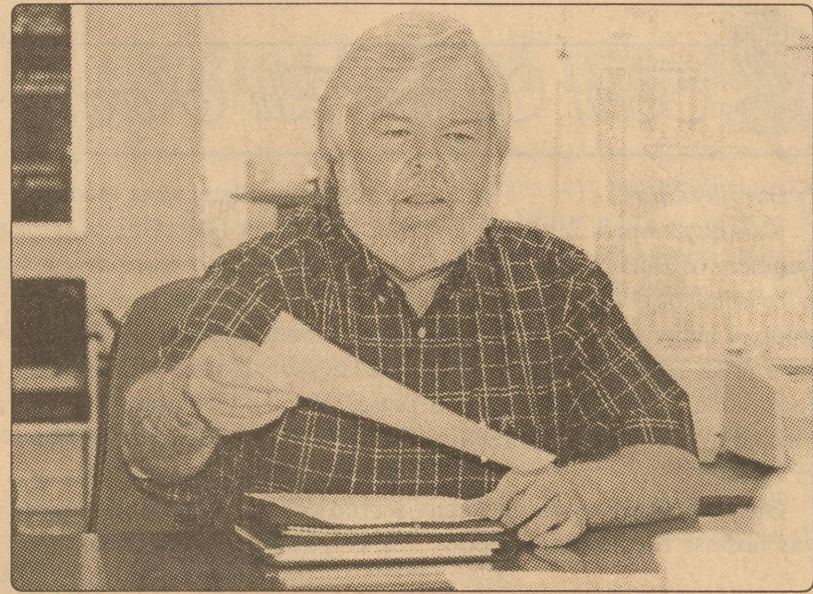


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**Paper work** — Architect Henry Schmidt distributed copies of an agreement Monday to Schleicher County Commissioners that would allow his firm to begin design work on a project at the Ag Barn. The commissioners approved the agreement and Schmidt will begin design work that will ultimately convert the Ag Barn into a Civic Center.

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Dallas was bad enough before the Yankees and the yuppies took

over, but just think about this, folks. Now, I know the problems with trying to expunge Dallas from Texas, but maybe we could just boycott them until they grind off the tongue? I know it would do my stress level good not to go to Dallas for a year or two. Take this opportunity to broaden your horizons and visit the other parts of our great state.

Giraffingly yours,  
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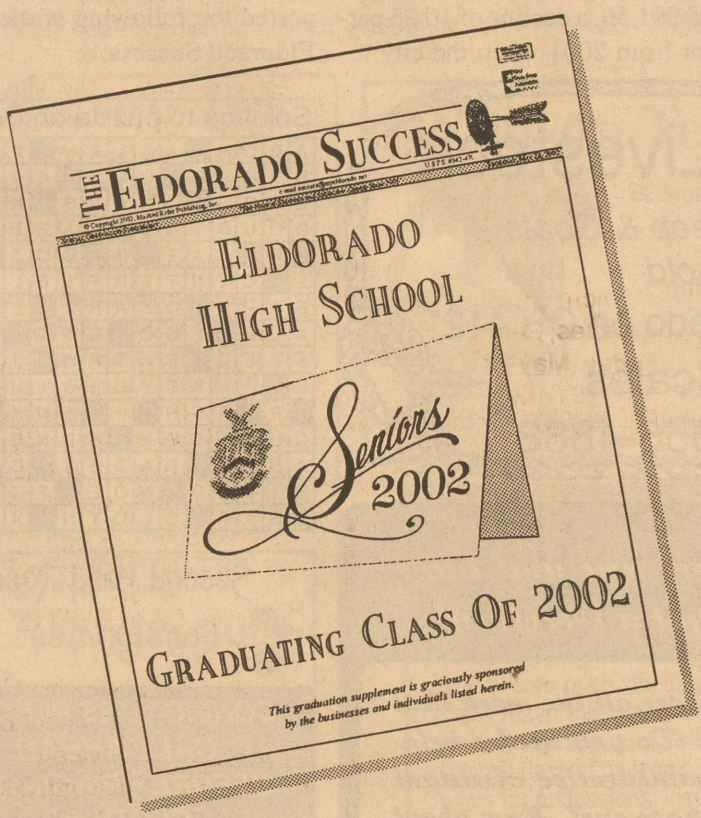
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## Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Dorothy Clark

Monday, April 29th, seven members of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Dorothy Dacy. The group of ladies traveled to Sonora for a great meal for their annual Founder's Day Celebration in which they exchanged "Secret Sister" gifts.

On May 13th, Barbara Jackson was hostess for our last meeting

of the year. Plans were made for our Schleicher Days Booth.

Dr. Al Forlano was our guest speaker in which he spoke to the group about preventive medicine used to protect our body from disease. We also welcomed his wife Marie who assisted her husband with the slide projector. Barbara served refreshments of sandwiches, chips and delicious cake.

## TDHS spends \$1 million locally on welfare programs in 2001

The state spent a total of \$1,037,448 last year for major welfare programs in Schleicher County, according to Barbara Evans, Regional Administrator for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Food stamps worth \$154,554 were issued for the fiscal year which ended August 31, while Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$19,948. Food stamps are funded entirely by the federal government, while the department determines eligibility of potential clients and non-

clients and issues the Lone Star Card.

The state and federal governments share in the cost of TANF to families where needy children are deprived of support because of the absence or disability of one or both parents.

"Nursing home costs of approximately \$620,819 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$229,985 for Medicaid related services and \$12,142 for non-Medicaid related services," Ms. Evans said.



**Top seller** — Chastity Willis was the top cookie seller this year for the local Girl Scouts. The 7 year old daughter of Angela Willis and John Taylor sold 317 boxes, earning several prizes, including \$60 in "Cookie Dough," money that can be spent at the council gift shop. Chastity says she plans to use the money to buy a new Girl Scout uniform. Chastity is the granddaughter of Joe Lee and Sylvia Luttrell

## Local Girl Scouts receive awards at year-end program

Eldorado girl Scouts gathered together recently to close another year, ending in our annual scouting program. All leaders and scouts were honored and received awards for the various projects they had completed this year.

Karen Robertson received a pin from the El Camino Girl Scout headquarters for being an outstanding volunteer. Susan Lloyd and Mary Doran also received honor pins at the annual meeting in Eagle Pass for their volunteer work and accomplishments in Girl Scouts.

Cookie awards were then handed out to each girl participating in

the cookie sale fund-raiser. Chastity Willis was the top seller with 317 boxes, earning for herself a large stuffed gecko, mesh tote, kerchief kit, patch and "cookie dough," which is money she can spend at the council gift shop.

The 1st runner-up was Victoria Garza selling 205 boxes, earning her a mesh tote, small gecko, patch and "cookie dough." There was a four way tie for third place with Sheryl Alexander, Tracy Brenner, Morgan Gillespie and M'Kenna Gillespie each selling 200 boxes. Each recipient received a mesh tote, small gecko, patch and "cookie dough" or campership money.

It was a great celebration to end the year. Many girls have already registered for Girl Scouts for next year, and we will continue our early registration until June 10th. If you are interested in signing up your child to participate in our scouting program next year, you may take advantage of this early registration. A fee of \$7 is due at time of registration. Please call Shannon Gillespie at 853-4006 for further information.

## Rash of accidents keep emergency crews hopping

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half mile east of Meyer Road on F. M. 2596. As it turned out, both ambulances were needed to transport the three subjects to the hospital.

While at the hospital, DPS Trooper Earlie Williams asked for a blood alcohol sample from McLaughlin, who was reported to be the driver of the truck. When McLaughlin refused the test, he was cited for Driving While Intoxicated. Under Texas law, drivers who refuse a breathalyzer test or a blood alcohol test automatically have their driver's license suspended for a period of 120 days.

The 16 year old juvenile was also cited by Trooper Williams for Minor in Possession.

Two days earlier, at 1:58 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2002, a 1998 Dodge pickup driven by William E. Pettijohn, 29, of Anson, wound up perched precariously on a short embankment some 13.2 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. According to DPS Troopers Ben English and Kurt Knapp, who investigated the accident, Pettijohn was traveling north when he reported-

ly went to sleep and lost control of his vehicle. He was transported by Schleicher County EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated for a leg injury. Pettijohn was cited for Failure to Drive in a Single Lane.

That same day, a pickup/bicycle accident at the intersection of South Divide Street and West Murchison Avenue sent an 8 year old Eldorado girl to the hospital. Clay Alan Whitten, 19, of Eldorado was driving westbound on Murchison at 5:44 p.m. when the girl on her bicycle left the sidewalk and entered the roadway in front of Whitten's pickup. According to Deputy Kevin Herbert, who investigated the accident, the right front section of Whitten's pickup clipped the front wheel of the bicycle.

The girl was taken by Schleicher County EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where she was treated for her injuries.

Herbert determined that Whitten had right-of-way and could not have avoided the accident. No citation was issued.

## Comptroller Rylander delivers sales tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered this week \$383.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts, a 5.6 percent decrease compared to the \$406.2 million allocated to local taxing entities in May 2001. Year-to-date sales tax allocations are down 1.7 percent, compared to 2001.

May sales tax rebates represent local sales taxes collected by monthly sales taxpayers in March, and by quarterly sales taxpayers in January, February and March, and reported to the Comptroller in April. The state's share of sales tax reported in April was \$1.16 billion, down 3.3 percent compared to one year ago.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax payments totaling \$259.8 million to Texas cities, down 5.9 percent compared to May 2001. Texas counties received \$20.9 million in sales tax, up 0.8 percent compared to a year ago.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$7,175.57, down 24.12 percent from the May payment last year of \$9,456.68. So far this year, the city has received \$35,001.50, a decline of 10.25 percent from 2001 when the city re-

ceived \$39,000.71 at this point in the year.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$5,671.45, down 39.72 percent from the \$9,409.04 received in May, 2001. Year-to-date, the county has received \$30,817.37. That's down 25.75 percent from \$41,508.91 received during the same period last year.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for May was \$6,957.33, down 6.11 percent from May, 2001's total of \$7,410.11. The year-to-date total for the Health Service tax stands at \$28,915.30. That's a decline of 24.22 percent from the same period last year.

As in the last four months, the steep decline in Schleicher County's sales tax rebate, as well as the Health Service tax rebate, is mostly attributable to an overpayment the Comptroller made to the county last year. That money is now being withheld, a practice that will continue until the overpayment is recovered by the state.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2002 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.

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# Cheerleader controversy dominates discussion at school board meeting

Two Middle School moms with differing views about the way Middle School cheerleaders were elected recently, appeared Monday night before the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees. Earlier, in an effort to appease both sides in the controversy, SCISD Superintendent George Blanch recommended that all eleven girls who tried out for cheerleader be placed on the squad. That solution suited neither side, however, and the issue came before the school board.

According to Eldorado Middle School Principal Julie Griffin, the problem began when two cheerleader candidates sought and obtained her permission to submit their entry forms after the deadline. Then, the mother of one of the candidates failed to make a mandatory meeting, due to a previous appointment. When the two women's daughters were elected as cheerleaders, a protest was filed by the mothers of two girls who failed to make the squad.

Edie Niblett, one of the mothers involved, told the school board that the deadlines the girls were required to meet had never been clear. She said that one document called for forms to be filed by March 8 while another stated that the forms need to be filed before tryouts began. Niblett noted that

attempts had been made to resolve conflicts in schedules by contacting Principal Griffin, as well as the cheerleader sponsor and reminded the board that in both instances the girls had been told that there was not a problem. She then asked that the eight girls who had been elected be allowed to serve as cheerleaders during the next school year.

Another of the mothers, Velma Mata, disagreed. She told the board that rules had been broken and that deadlines and mandatory meetings had been ignored by some parents and by administrators. She further questioned the way the cheerleader tryouts were judged, particularly the use of grade point averages. Mata said that requiring a the girls to maintain a specific grade point average discriminates against many girls who would otherwise try out for cheerleader.

In the end, the board chose Supt. Blanch's solution, if only by default. A motion to accept Blanch's recommendation received three votes in favor, no votes against, and four abstaining votes. Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer and Jo Helen Kotsch voted in favor of the motion while Phil McCormick, Eddie Albin, Sam Whitten, Jr., and John Paul Joiner abstained.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with the trustees bidding farewell to outgoing board member Steve Sessom. Sessom praised the work of the board and said that he admired how board members have put aside personal agendas in order to work for the betterment of the school and community.

Before getting down to business, the board heard a report from Elementary Principal Bob Wanooreck who updated the trustees on the highlights and disappointments of the 2001-02 school year. The board then got around to administering the oath of office to newly elected trustees Jo Helen Kotsch and John Paul Joiner.

Jo Helen was then elected as Board President, with Eddie Albin being elected as Vice President and Berta Nicholson elected as Secretary.

The board then reviewed and approved all seven financial items on the agenda as well as the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2002, as well as three called meetings. They also approved six out of district field trips.

Next, the trustees heard from Ray Ballew, Chief Appraiser of Schleicher County Appraisal District, concerning a request by the Eldorado Housing Authority for a property tax waiver. Ballew explained that his research revealed that the housing authority has been budgeting 10 percent of its operating funds for an expenditure called "payment in lieu of taxes" or PILOT, which under Texas law is divided among the various tax-

ing jurisdictions. However, the local housing authority has been asking for and receiving waivers for several years, allowing it to keep the PILOT funds. In the end, the trustees asked that a member or members of the Housing Authority board appear before the school board to explain the need for a waiver.

Ballew then went on to report that the school district may be seeing an increase in its property tax base by \$12-15 million, due to increased valuation of oil and gas properties.

Next, the trustees voted to allow Project Graduation to use school buses to transport graduating seniors, and their guests, to a

post graduation party in Christoval.

In other business, trustee Eddie Albin mentioned the need for repairs to backstops and other equipment at the baseball field. Supt. Blanch told the board members that he needed direction from them in order to carry out the repairs.

Blanch then updated the board on enrollment, noting 622 students in the district. He said that so far

39 kindergarten and 18 preschool students have pre-enrolled for next year. He then asked the board to review the cafeteria prices so that they can discuss them at a future meeting.

The trustees then went into an executive session at 7:43 p.m., for the discussion of personnel items. The group came out of executive session at 9:07 p.m. and adjourned without taking action on the subject.

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Perkins said the Texas Trauma System begins with an informed public able to recognize a medical emergency and make the call for help, and includes a network of trauma centers that provide highly specialized care for the most serious ill or injured.

To learn what you can do in an emergency before EMS arrives, order a copy of "When Minutes Count: A Citizens Guide to Emergencies" by calling (512) 834-6700, or call (915) 853-3456.

## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

All the news that's fit to print is in the Eldorado Success. But there is sometimes news that is not fit to print, and if your readers would like to find out more about the Sagima Saim, Stoplight Shenanigans, Circus 101 Class, Eldorado, Schleicher Museum Complex, Eldorado Artisans, Armchair Athletes Festival, April Foolishness Festival and other such important stuff, they can get these facts by sending their e-mail address to me at:

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 17th Isabel Arispe  
 18th Tony Martinez Sr., Chip Allen  
 19th Shelly Sanford, Victoria Alexis Oliván, Gracie Lozano  
 20th Ashley Finley, Kelly Porter, Charlotte Steele, Chris McCravy, Gene Nixon  
 21st Betsy Blaylock, Fred Gamez, Jacki Wade, Jovita Martinez, Rojello Adame, Rhonda O'Daniel, Dena Williams, Travis Joiner  
 22nd Camron Capps, Holly Mankin, Kyle Spinks

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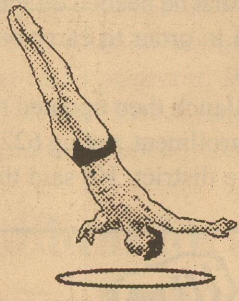
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



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**Toxic cleanup?** Members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department practiced recently in Hazardous Material (HazMat) suits provided for the exercise by the Texas Extension Service. Here, Albert Martinez is shown stepping out of a decontamination vat while Michael Felver cleans his boots with a scrub brush.

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**ARRESTS**  
 May 9 • Gander, Joe David, male age 26, arrested on Justice of Peace Warrants, charge Assault and Evading Arrest.

May 14 • Gander, Irma A, female age 24, arrested by DPS Trooper, charges DPS Warrants.

**REPORTS**  
 May 8 • 12:22 p.m. Complainant reported an electrical fire at a local grocery store. Officers and fire department responded.

May 9 • 8:11 a.m. Subject on County Road 302 reported finding several dead dogs and a deer on the east side of the road near a bridge. Officer responded.

• 1:50 p.m. Report of a one vehicle accident 14 miles North on Hwy. 277. Responding were DPS Troopers, Officers, EMS2 and Fire Department.

• 4:55 p.m. Complainant reported a \$32.70 gas drive off at a convenience store in Sonora, possibly heading toward Eldorado. Officers responded and were unable to locate.

• 5:44 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle had stuck a child riding a bicycle at the red light. Two officers, EMS 2 paged out. Air Med paged out and later aborted.

May 10 • no time-Report of a white calf in the ditch on Hwy. 190 East, 2 miles South of FM 2084.

• 2:07 p.m. A basic ambulance transfer was requested by the Hospital.

• 4:32 p.m. Complainant requested an officer deliver a message to apartments on Hill Street. Officer responded.

• 4:52 p.m. Subject reported a reckless driver in a dark blue Chevy dually pickup with a camper shell.

Vehicle was traveling North on Hwy. 277 South of Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 5:20 p.m. Complainant on Popular requested to speak with an officer about criminal mischief that is being done to their property. Officer responded.

• 8:38 p.m. Complainant reported a deer sitting in the highway 3 miles South on Hwy. 277. Game Warden notified.

• 9:15 p.m. Complainant reported that they had hit a deer 15 miles on FM 2596. Subject requested a wrecker.

May 11 • 12:44 a.m. Complainant requested an officer for a customer to speak with them. Officer responded.

• 1:28 a.m. A female complainant reported a one vehicle accident with 3 victims. Three officers, EMS2, three fire trucks and DPS Officer responded. Air Med 1 alerted, dispatched and then cancelled.

6:17 a.m. A subject reported a temporary street sign in the middle of the Hwy. 277 North. Officer responded.

• 12:45 p.m. Subject on Del Rio Street reported a swarm of bees at their grandfather's residence. Fire Chief notified and will investigate.

• 2:25 p.m. Subject on County Road 312 reported one missing 1 year old brown heifer with a white face and horns.

• 6:48 p.m. Complainant reported a red and white Ford pickup pulling a trailer that was about to break away from the truck. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 3:50 p.m. Complainant reported goats out on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded and was unable to locate goats.

• 8:28 p.m. Complainant reported someone had very loud music one block down on El Paso Street. Officer responded.

May 12 • 10:06 p.m. Complainant stated that a male subject was walking approximately 3 miles on Hwy. 277 North in the North bound lane. Officer responded and met Tom Green County Officer with subject at county line. Took subject to Christoval.

• 11:55 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for their father who was having trouble breathing. Two officers, EMS 2 and Air Med responded.

May 13 • 9:20 a.m. Subject from the High School requested an officer go pick up 2 male students that had not reported for school. Officers responded and found the subjects not at home.

May 14 • 10:07 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly woman who was lying on the floor unable to feel her legs. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 10:20 EMS2 responded to a basis transfer to a San Angelo hospital, then at 10:42 a.m. EMS 2 was requested to check on a patients lifeline.

• 4:50 p.m. Subject requested an ambulance for an elderly male.

**SCHLEICHER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures**

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:

- the value placed on your property;
- exemptions that may apply to you;
- cancellation of agricultural appraisal;
- whether your property is taxable;
- which local governments should be taxing your property; or
- you think the appraisal district has done something else that adversely affected you.

**Informal Review:** For an informal review of your property value, contact Ray L Ballew, Chief Appraiser, at the appraisal district office located at 1 W Warner Avenue.

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board:**

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board.

The appraisal review board (ARB) is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notification of the time, date, and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 1 W Warner Ave, Box 936, Eldorado, TX 76936.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires you to sign an affidavit saying that you haven't done so before the ARB hears your case.

**Review by the District Court:** After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

**More information:** You can get more information by contacting the Schleicher Co Appraisal District, Box 936, Eldorado, TX 76936, 915-853-2617. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Property Tax Board 4301 Westbank Drive, Building B, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78746-6565.

**Deadline for filing protests with the ARB**

(The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday)

**Usual Deadline**

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

**Late Protests** are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES**

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately \$9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

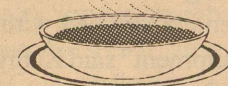
The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate approved in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.

**Meals for Friends Menu**



**Monday, May 20**  
 Swiss Steak w/ Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections, Milk

**Tuesday, May 21**  
 Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread, Pears, Milk

**Wednesday, May 22**  
 Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber w/ Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk

**Thursday, May 23**  
 Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Beans, Calif. Mix Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

**Friday, May 24**  
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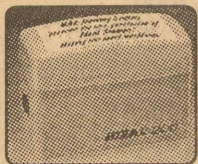
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### Card of Thanks

*I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who took the time to vote at the school board elections. Thank you for your support and encouragement.*

Jo Helen Kotsch

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Interested Parties should contact George Blanch at 205 Field Street or by calling 915-853-2514, ext. 222.

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- (5) 1983 Yellow Merc 4/dr vin # 1MEBP95F4DZ639956
- (6) 1979 Gray Chevy 2/dr vin # 1Z37J9R466395

Bids must be received no later than **Monday May 20, 2002. Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. Monday May 27, 2002** at Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 4 South Divide, Eldorado, Texas 76936 Telephone (915) 853-2737

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### PUBLIC NOTICE SCHLEICHER COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Schleicher County is giving notice of the county's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application requested is \$298,026.00 for sewer system. The application is available for review at Schleicher County Courthouse, 2 South Divide, Eldorado, Texas during regular business hours.

## Eldorado Spotlight



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**Work of art** — EHS art teacher David Charboneau and several of his students posed recently with employees of 1st Community Federal Credit Union in front of the recently completed Main Street Mural. The project was funded by 1st Community and carried out by the art students. Pictured above are (L-R) David Charboneau, 1st Community employee Misty Key, 1st Community manager Dorothy Dacy, Joe Arispe, Javier Iglesias, Juan Munoz, Luis Munoz, Daniel Iglesias and 1st Community employee Kim-et Nelson.

## Fort Concho announces Campfire Concerts

SAN ANGELO — May 18, 2002 kicks off the 4th season of Campfire Concerts Saturday night beginning at 7:30 PM at Historic Fort Concho. The live concerts are a family favorite for area residents and summer tourists. Roger Banks, talent coordinator for the event stated, "This season will be again bringing some of the very best western vocalist and instrumentalist to San Angelo. In addition to our regular live shows, we will be hosting a benefit concert for the Lone Star Chapter of the Western Music Association showcasing exclusively their membership. It has always been a tradition for westerners to entertain themselves with music, and that tradition will be kept alive by the balladeers, poets and storytellers riding in to Fort Concho this summer.

Stan Mahler will be the featured performer May 18, 2002. Born in Haskell, Texas and now living in Olney, Texas, Stan Mahler has "cowboyed" a little and still raises a few cows with his dad. He has performed his music from the Big Bend country to the corners of Texas and Arizona. Stan has shared the stage with western artist like Leon Rausch, Don Edwards, Waddie Mitchell and also a little girl by the name of Leann Rimes. He's been a featured performer in many concerts like the Lubbock National Cowboy Symposium, Johnny High Country Music revue in Fort Worth, Cowboy Christmas Ball in Anson, The Texas State Fair, San Angelo Cowboy Symposium and the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso, NM. Stan's powerful tenor voice and yodeling talent makes him a sure fire hit with every audience as he sings about the history and lifestyle of the west. "In my opinion," stated Banks "He is Texas Best Cowboy Tenor".

Ed Stabler will delight the June 15, 2002 audience with his brilliant fingerpickin' guitar style and rich singing voice. A Colorado ranch background and the gift of a guitar at age ten got Ed started

singing old cowboy songs early on. During his abbreviated college career in the sixties, he sang in various folk clubs and coffee houses, always including cowboy songs with what was then "mainstream" folk music. Ed's musical influences range from traditional performers such as Doc Watson, Hawaiian slack key guitarist Sonny Chillingworth to Bach and Mozart, the Flying W Wranglers, Woody Guthrie and a host of others. Many of his songs tell wonderful stories about people and events in the west. His music can best be described as, in the words of Canadian singer/songwriter Gary Fjellgaard as, "western roots music". He has been nominated for eight awards in 1996 by the Academy of Western Artists, including Entertainer of the Year. The Western Music Association nominated him for Instrumentalist of the Year in 1997 and 2000.

August 17, 2002 - Will be a benefit concert with proceeds being donated to the Lone Star Chapter of the Western Music Association (WMA). At press time, six artists from all around Texas had signed up to perform with several more expected to confirm their appearance before August. This venue will showcase various types of western entertainment, such as, traditional cowboy music, western swing, cowboy poetry, storytelling and comedy. "I think this concert is going to be more fun than gettin' that pony you always wanted for your birthday," stated Banks. "We may even have a special treat for the little buckaroos... Jessie, the Yodeling Cowgirl from Disney's Toy Story." The WMA is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is the preservation and promotion of traditional and contemporary music of the Great American West and the American Cowboy. The WMA takes their music, history and literature to the children of the community to teach them about the American West, the history and the heritage that all

Americans can call their own. They are committed to performances that lighten the spirit and bring a song to people's hearts. The WMA is about community and values and what it means to stand to a "Code". Their advisory board is comprised of many well known western artist and promoters, such as: Hal Spencer, Rex Allen, Jr., Roy "Dusty" Rogers, Jr., Chris LeDoux, Don Edwards, Dale Warren- Sons of The Pioneers, Alvin G. Davis, Johnny Western, Doug Green- Riders in the Sky, and Michael Martin Murphey.

The season finale guest artist has not been yet confirmed but all of the shows are hosted by The Pardes - Cowboy Balladeer duo. The artists Roger "Wrangler" Banks and Hayden Whittington have been hosting the concerts since its conception in 1997. "There is so much western talent in west Texas and so few places to hear it; we just thought that San Angelo was a natural place with our western history to showcase these artists. It's a real labor of love" said Whittington. The cowboy duo is well known for their brand of entertainment of authentic trail songs to arrangements from many Western movies. They have also just finished recording their second album which will be released this summer. The recording features the close harmony of the group and is available locally and on their website:

<http://pardes.20m.com>

## Summer training for CASA volunteers

SAN ANGELO — The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) staff are hoping the spring and summer seasons will bring volunteers to their program.

A summer training class will begin May 30 and will offer volunteers an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children in their communities.

CASA is currently appointed to represent abused and neglected children in more than 100 cases in a thirteen county area and desperately needs volunteers.

CASA volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children while their home placements are determined in court. Judges depend upon the input of CASA's to help them make well-informed decisions about where the children will live, for how long and under which conditions; which services and treatment will be ordered, and/or which steps will be taken to reunite the child with the birth parents or place the child in a new family.

The local CASA program serves and needs volunteers from counties throughout the Concho Valley and West Texas.

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## Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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## Cheating spouses are ingenious in transferring their guilt

**QUESTION:** My wife tried to make me feel guilty when she left. She angrily blamed me for the divorce despite my desperate attempts to hold things together. I'm not a perfect man, but I loved her and would never have left. But in her mind, I failed so miserably as a husband that she was forced to run around with her boss! Can you believe that? She blamed me for her adultery!

**DR. DOBSON:** Your wife is trying to transfer her guilt to you. Nearly every spouse does something similar when engaging in infidelity. Such people must find a way to deal with the condemnation of their own consciences. They have torn up a home, rejected their spouses, wounded their children and jeopardized their future. Such outrageous behavior demands an explanation of some sort. Thus, they construct a vigorous defense against moral condemnation, usually by shifting blame to the spouse.

Ask any victim of an affair; he or she has probably heard a version of the following rationalizations designed to handle four specific sources of guilt:

1. Marital guilt. "I know that what I'm doing is difficult for you now, but someday you will understand that it's for the best. I never really loved you even when we were young. In fact, we should never have gotten married in the first place. Furthermore, this divorce is really your fault. You drove me to it by..." (insert grievances here, such as frigidity, in-law problems, nagging, overwork or all the foregoing).

This message has a transparent purpose. The first sentence marvelously purifies the motives of the unfaithful spouse. It says in effect, "I'm really doing this for your good."

The second sentence is also a

beauty. It is designed to serve as an "annulment" to the marriage instead of a cruel abandonment of a loved one. By saying that they should have never gotten married, their union becomes an unfortunate mistake rather than a relationship that is ordained and cemented. Then by putting the remaining responsibility on the other party, the blame is successfully transferred from the guilty to the innocent. So much for wedding vows. Now let's deal with the children.

2. Parental guilt. "This will be hard on the kids for a while, but they'll be better off in the long run. It certainly isn't healthy for them to see us fight and argue like we've been doing. Besides, I will spend just as much time with them after things settle down as I do now."

Zap! Zap! Guilt over the children is also tucked away. Would you believe that Dad's escapade with another woman or Mom's flight with Don Juan is actually a constructive thing? Pay no heed to the conclusions the children draw about why Mommy or Daddy left, and why he or she doesn't love them anymore, and why the divorce may have been their fault, and why life is so painful and scary. Try to ignore the fact that everything stable has just come unstitched in the lives of some very impressionable and sensitive little people. Guilt over the children can be the toughest to rationalize, but, fortunately, hundreds of books and tapes are available today that will help you silence your writhing conscience.

3. Social guilt. "I'm sure our friends won't understand at first, and I can hardly wait to hear what your mother will have to say. But it's like I told the pastor last week, our divorce is really no one's fault. We've just outgrown each other."

If a woman is speaking, she may say: "Besides, I am entitled to do what's best for me once in a while. I've given my entire life to everyone else; now it's time for me to think of myself. Anyway, what's right for me will prove best for you and the children, too."

This line of reasoning is only one of many rationalizations by which selfishness can be purified and made to appear altruistic. Three down and one to go.

4. Divine guilt. "I've prayed about this decision and am now certain that God approves of what I've chosen to do."

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Dr. James Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or [www.family.org](http://www.family.org). Questions and answers are excerpted from books written by Dr. Dobson and published by Tyndale House.  
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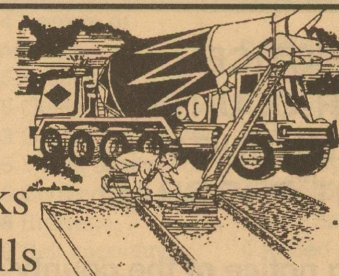


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