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Far West Texas residents brace for water war with GLO

Trans-Pecos water battle has local implications

Partisans in a growing battle over West Texas water rights gathered Tuesday in Alpine for a public hearing regarding a proposed lease agreement for water development on state lands. Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the General Land Office (GLO), chaired the meeting of the School Land Board where a proposed deal with Rio Nuevo was unveiled.

The deal, if approved three months from now, will allow Rio Nuevo to explore for water in the Trans-Pecos region of Texas and sell some 16 billion gallons of water each year from state-owned lands.

While the deal doesn't directly affect Eldorado and Schleicher County, the legal implications emanating from the lease agreement could make it easier for

outside entities to tap into the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, the county's only source of potable water.

At question is the state's ability to exempt itself from the guidelines adopted by local water districts.

A GLO spokesman dismissed the concern, pointing to a list of ten "talking

points" on the agency's website regarding the proposed lease. One of the talking points, titled Permits and Authorization, states, "Lessee to obtain all necessary permits and authorizations; must comply with all current rules of ground-

water conservation districts applicable to the subject activities and operations. May unitize portions of the Leased Premises only with consent of Commissioner."

But, a separate talking point appears to leave the agency some wiggle room by saying that the agency is "subject to local regulatory approval or adequate mitigation."

Local attorney James Kosub says that the term "adequate mitigation" is intentionally vague and could be interpreted several ways. An odd mix of farmers and ranchers, municipal water system operators and environmental activists have challenged the proposed Rio Nuevo deal. One group, headed by the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, said that the

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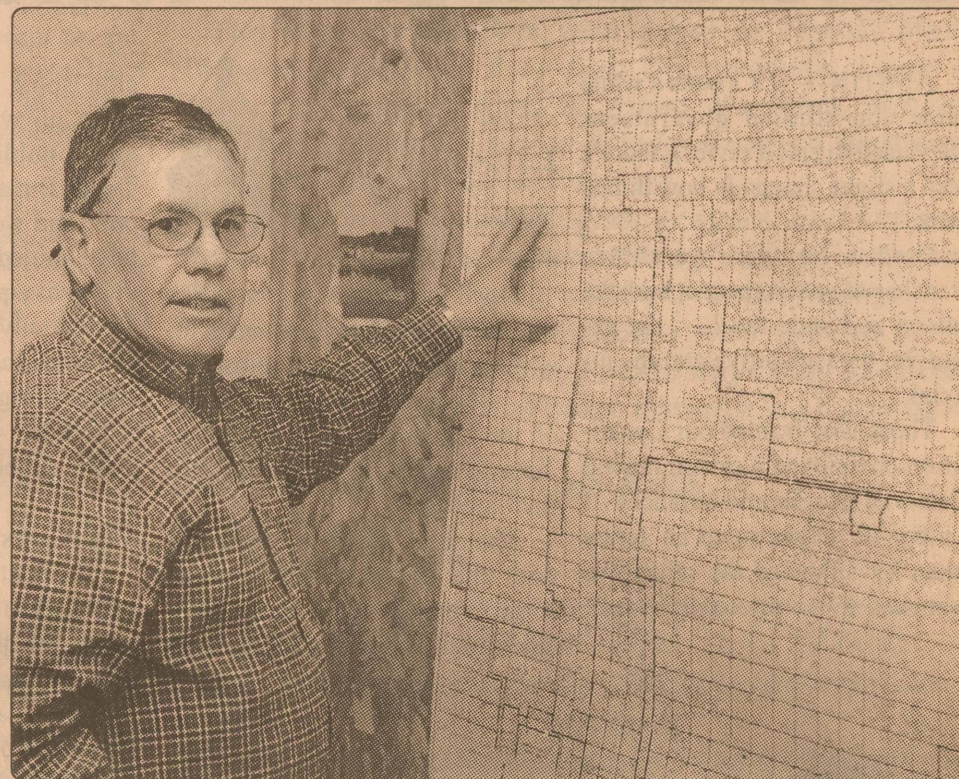
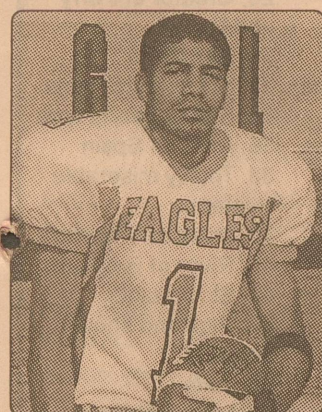


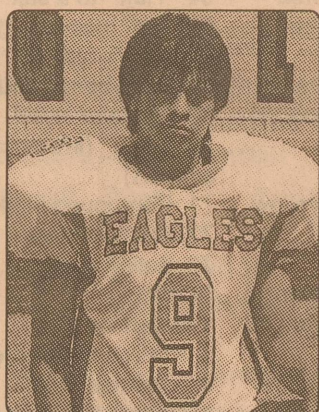
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61,000 acres — Scott Sutton, Chief Appraiser for the Schleicher County Appraisal District points out land owned by the University Lands System in northwest Schleicher County. A battle over water rights under state-owned land in far West Texas has prompted local authorities to take a fresh look at the ability of local water districts to regulate the use of water under University lands.

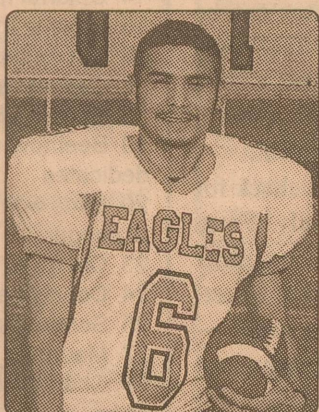
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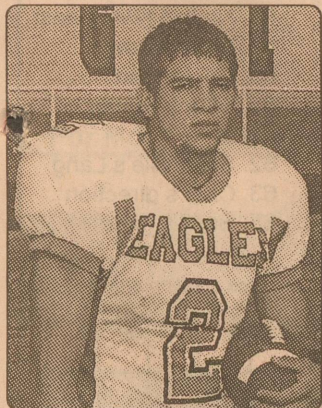
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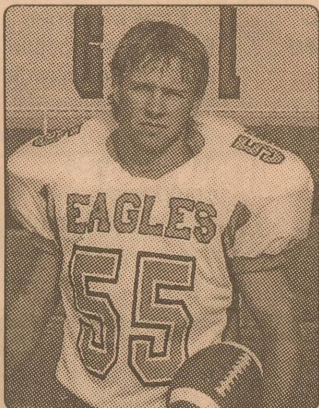
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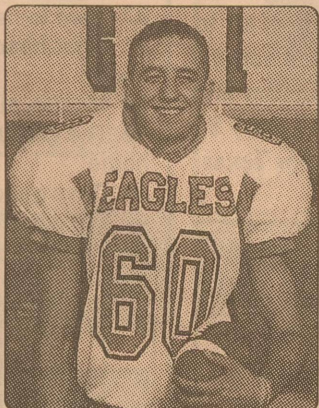
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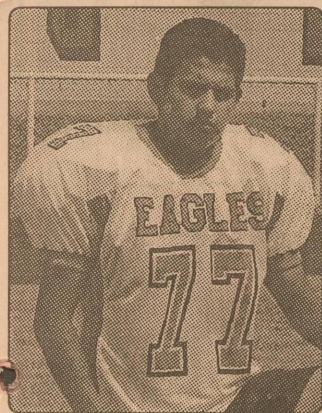
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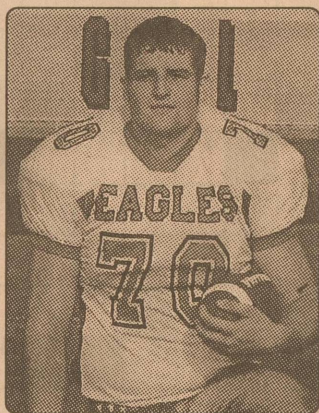
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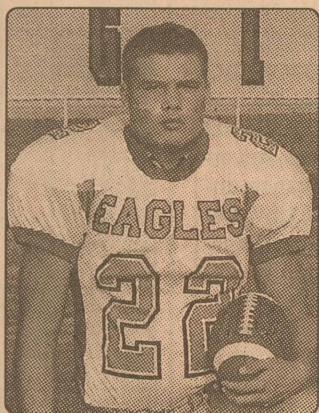
Senior - Cole Wilkerson
 Special Team Player



Junior - Simon Duran
 2nd Team Kicker



Junior - Will Griffin
 2nd Team Tackle



Soph - Kyle Taylor
 2nd Team Def. Tackle

With the elimination of Sonora last Saturday from the 2A State Playoffs, the All-District Team for District 2-2A was announced and the Eldorado Eagles placed a total of 15 players on the squad.

Junior wide receiver Terrell Boysaw, who counted for nearly 1,000 receiving yards, was named 2-2A Newcomer of the Year. He also earned 1st Team honors at wide receiver. Sophomore punter Jorge Bustos also earned 1st Team honors.

Senior wide receiver Frankie Arispe was named to the 2nd Team. So was senior linebacker Seth Taylor, junior kicker Simon Duran, junior offensive tackle Will Griffin and sophomore defensive tackle Kyle Taylor.

Senior Cole Wilkerson was named All-District Special Team Player.

Six Eagles were named to the 2-2A All-District Honorable Mention Team. They included senior linebacker Alan Dykstra, senior offensive tackle Chris Sanchez, junior offensive guard Manuel Arispe, junior offensive guard Joey Hernandez, sophomore linebacker Frank Edmiston and sophomore center Frank Wipff.

Senior Jaron Haney of Wall was named the district's Most Valuable Player while senior Jarryd Taylor of Ozona was named Offensive MVP and senior Brad Mayfield of Ozona was named Defensive MVP. Freshman Caleb Ramos of Sonora shared the Newcomer of the Year honors with Eldorado's Terrell Boysaw.

EHS Head Coach Gary Grubbs told the Success that he was proud of all his players this year and was especially pleased with this year's crop of seniors. He noted that the number of juniors and sophomores earning spots on the All-District squad points toward a good year in 2004.

The Eagles struggled through a disappointing season in 2003, their third in a row. That could change dramatically in 2004, especially if the University Interscholastic League realignment moves the Warbirds down into Conference 1A. The realignment numbers are due to be released in February, 2004.

deal "differs significantly from traditional state land transactions: selling groundwater pumping rights to state land means selling rights not only to the water immediately under that land, but also, essentially to any water that can be pumped from under adjacent lands."

The argument is an old one, tied directly to the state's "Right of Capture" laws. Currently, landowners and their lessees may pump any water they can capture in their wellbore, regardless of how that pumping impacts neighboring landowners.

For his part, GLO Commissioner Jerry Patterson says that he must consider the proposed Rio Nuevo lease from a statewide perspective. "Water is not a regional issue, it's a statewide issue," Patterson said. "The School Land Board is actively engaged on this issue across Texas with a constitutional mandate to earn money for the Permanent School Fund. This is a long-term goal of the Board, and as Land Commissioner, I will

be seeking input all along the way."

Many state and local officials disagree with Patterson's approach. Some point to a 1997 law that promised to leave decision-making on Texas water issues at the local and regional level.

One such is Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs who told reporters that Patterson is, "abdicated every bit of state responsibility to these guys."

Combs is joined by Kathleen Hartnett White, Chairwoman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in opposing the Rio Nuevo deal. They explain that the proposed lease was negotiated without competitive bidding and has not been reviewed for its impact on the area's aquifers. Hartnett, hails from Valentine, in Jeff Davis County. Combs is a rancher from Brewster County. Both counties contain land that would be subject to the Rio Nuevo lease.

Commissioner Combs accused Patterson of selling out the entire west-

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Gonzalez runs for Tax Assessor

My name is Mary Ann Pina Gonzalez. I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for the office of Schleicher County Tax Assessor Collector.

I am currently employed and have been since 1998 by the County & District Clerks office of Schleicher County. Prior to 1998, I was employed for 18 years in the banking business. I feel that my past working experiences would allow me to serve the citizens of Schleicher County in a professional manner in which the citizens deserve.

During the upcoming campaign months, I will do my best to see as many people as I possibly can. This will allow you to get to know me better and for what I stand for or even introduce myself to those who may not know me at all.

I would like to ask for your consideration in the March Democratic Primary.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Mary Ann Pina Gonzalez

Honorable Mention Team



Alan Dykstra
 Senior Linebacker



Chris Sanchez
 Senior Tackle



Manuel Arispe
 Junior Guard



Joey Hernandez
 Junior Guard



Frank Edmiston
 Sophomore Linebacker



Frank Wipff
 Sophomore Center

Commissioner Patterson must answer questions about Rio Nuevo water deal



Thankfully, the water in those lakes isn't under Commissioner Patterson's control.

Many of the Commissioner's colleagues have distanced themselves from him and his controversial decision, as well they should. Mining water, especially irreplaceable groundwater, for the profits it will deliver, is foolhardy at best, maybe even criminally negligent.

How does Commissioner Patterson suggest we replenish the 16 billion gallons of water he proposes to pump each year? He doesn't.

Add to all of this the fact that the agreement to lease water rights to a newly formed company called Rio Nuevo was made without public notice, without benefit of competitive bidding, and without the consent of the people, and the whole thing begins to smell pretty fishy.

Even the smallest of cities in Texas, and Eldorado is certainly among those, is required by law to notify the public when it intends to spend more than \$25,000 or before it can sell or lease any public property. Even then, they are prohibited from entering into an agreement solely for the benefit of a private individual or company.

Commissioner Patterson's wa-

ter scheme appears on the surface, at least, to be little more than a political boondoggle aimed at enriching a few well-connected investors. The Republicans who helped sweep Commissioner Patterson into office, and I count myself among them, should demand answers.

Why was Rio Nuevo allowed to develop the very water plan that stands to make its investors wealthy?

Why was Rio Nuevo the only company involved in the process?

Did the fact that many of Rio Nuevo's investors have strong ties to Lt. Governor Dewhurst play a part in the decision to limit competition?

Why harvest the water in the first place when many water planners argue that the aquifers in question cannot be replenished?

Will local water districts and the regional water planning groups created by the landmark legislation in 1997 have the right to limit, or even prohibit the commercial mining of water from beneath their territorial jurisdiction?

If not, why not?

Are the two universities funded by the GLO so strapped for cash that it has become necessary to throw caution to the wind and plunder the water reserves of the most arid portion of the state?

Does Commissioner Patterson believe that his 12 percentage point victory over David Bensen in 2002 really gives him a mandate to act so recklessly?

Does the Commissioner realize how soon the 2006 election will be upon us? Or, does he even care?

Houston native, and Commissioner of the General Land Office, Jerry Patterson has a plan to tap the water resources of far West Texas and add some money to the state coffers. I only point out that Commissioner Patterson hails from Houston because I find it odd that someone from such a wet and green part of the state should look to arid and usually brown West Texas as a source of water.

Patterson defends his decision to lease water rights in and around the Davis Mountains, that region of Texas where voters are few and far between, as being in the best interest of the state. I can't help but wonder if he would be so free with the water in the lakes around Beaumont, or Dallas/Ft. Worth where voters are a bit more plentiful.

asking that they consider a process called budget execution to shift funds and give state workers their first pay raise in years. That would enable state employees to get some relief prior to Sept. 1, 2005.

Rest In Peace...

In one of the first programs of its kind in the nation, the Texas Historical Commission has staff traveling the state to record and investigate historic cemeteries.

Funded by a grant from another state agency, the Department of Transportation, THC employees are expanding the Texas Historic Sites Atlas by adding information on historic cemeteries. They're calling it the R.I.P. program.

The agency currently is focusing on cemeteries in the state's fastest-growing counties, where historic sites in general are the most vulnerable. The program is expected to continue into 2005. The atlas of historic sites can be viewed by going to the THC Web site, www.thc.state.tx.us.

Insurance costs compared...

When you write that check for auto insurance, especially if you have a teenage driver living under your roof, you may think it's pretty expensive. But take heart — Texans only pay the 19th highest premiums in the nation.

According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the range of auto premiums in the U.S. is from \$586 to \$1,182 a year. The median national cost for liability, collision and comprehensive was \$817, only \$3 a year below the figure for Texas.



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Government grows fourth arm - litigation

AUSTIN — If it's been a while since you studied government (they used to call it civics), there's been a slight change in how things work.

Used to be, there were three branches of government at both the federal and state level — the executive, the legislative and the judicial.

Those who framed our Constitution envisioned a governmental system of checks and balances. If a judge or judges ruled an action taken by either of the other two branches to be unconstitutional,

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

that was that.

Now, in a figurative sense, the fourth branch of government is litigation. One example is redistricting, a constitutional requirement of the legislative branch. But in Texas, a federal lawsuit will be the final arbiter.

The same thing is happening with the complicated issue of school finance. Gov. Rick Perry has said he will call a special ses-

sion some time next spring to come up with a new way to finance public school districts in Texas. But a large number of both poor and wealthy school districts have joined forces in a lawsuit aimed at equalizing funding.

The only thing students of Texas politics can write down in their notebook right now is that in 2005, somehow, the way we support public schools likely will change.

TPEA asks for help...

The next regular session of the Legislature is more than a year away, but the Texas Public Employees Association already is gearing up to fight for more pay for state workers.

During the last session, a state budget shortfall resulted in a mini-budget shortfall for the state's then-200,000 or so person work force. Several thousand employees lost their jobs through layoffs and reorganizations. Lawmakers offered no pay raise and reduced benefits. That reduction, the Employees Retirement System estimates, amounts to about a \$900 annual cut in pay.

One manifestation of TPEA's focus on 2005 is a slick re-do of its magazine, Texas Public Employee. The association has hired a public relations firm to do all it can to show the people of Texas that they get their money's worth from state employees.

In the most recent issue of that magazine, Andy Homer, TPEA's director of government relations, said the association has sent letters to Perry and the 10 members of the Legislative Budget Board



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Josh Cosden was a Flamboyant Petroleum Pioneer

What a life. Back and forth from rags to riches. Joshua S. Cosden was born in Kent county, Maryland in 1889. As a young man, he worked as a drug store clerk, earning \$20 a week. Because of health reasons he moved to Bigheart, Oklahoma where he operated a small refinery. He got oil by skimming waste crude from the surfaces of ponds and rivers in the area, hauling it in a leaky tank wagon to his refinery. His main product was kerosene, which he peddled from house to house in the little town.

When the oil fields started opening up around Tulsa, Cosden sold his refinery and built another one in the center of the oil activity. Within a few years it was worth fifty million dollars.

In 1918 he built Tulsa's first skyscraper, a 15 story building with marble pillars and gold chandeliers in the lobby. He and his new wife set up housekeeping in the penthouse. They owned a nearby river front home which had an indoor tiled swimming pool and an outdoor tennis court made of clay from France. They acquired a lavish estate at Newport, a fine home in Palm Beach and a stable of 32 race horses at Saratoga. The Cosdens bought a yacht and sailed to Europe with friends and became popular with the most prestigious members of high society.

Cosden began trading on Wall Street and pledged the stock of the refining company in a venture that proved disastrous. When the market declined in 1921, Cosden lost heavily. His board of directors stripped Cosden of his control and changed he name of Cosden Re-

fining company to Mid-Continent Oil Company. Cosden sold his race horses, his Palm Beach estate and other properties at sacrifice prices.

With his social and financial position in ruins, he left Tulsa and headed to Texas. From 1924 to 1927 he operated a modest lease business in the northern part of the state. Then in Brown county he obtained oil leases and sold them for nearly a million dollars. With that money he established oil leases in Howard county and in 1929 built a refinery in Big Spring.

Both the oil production and the refining business proved successful and Cosden was well on his way to another fortune. He opened a plush office in Fort Worth and easily sold new stock in his company. Within three years he again was a rich man. Then ill fortune struck again. The stock market crash of 1929 reduced the value of Cosden stock to 25 cents on the dollar. The company was thrown into receivership. In 1933 a group of friends and business associates raised half a million dollars for him to use in buying back the refinery at the receiver's sale. Cosden worked to put the refinery on a paying basis, but by 1935 the company was again in receivership.

Cosden returned to Oklahoma, took over an idle refinery, obtained a \$100,000 loan, made a success of the refinery and sold it to Kerr-McGee. Cosden went back to Fort Worth, set up a small office and started working on another fortune. In poor health, he decided to go to Palm Springs, California for relief. He died on the westbound train in November of 1940. He was 51.

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OBITUARIES

Willie Elizondo

Willie Elizondo, age 79, of San Angelo passed away Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, in a local hospital.

Rosary services were Monday, Dec. 1, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel. Christian Mass was Tuesday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Terry Brenon officiating.

Willie was born on May 19, 1924, in Eldorado, Texas, to Guadalupe and Isabel Villareal Elizondo. Willie married Maggie Garcia on March 15, 1945, in San Angelo. He worked as a carpenter in new construction for the majority of his working career. Willie enjoyed his retirement by spending time with his family and playing with his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he has touched.

Willie also was preceded in death by two grandsons, Oscar Luna Jr. and Larry Asebedo.

He is survived by his wife,

Maggie Elizondo of San Angelo; sons, Bobby and Linda Elizondo of Sterling City, Texas, and Danny and Laura Elizondo of San Angelo; daughters, Alicia Elizondo, Connie and George Asebedo, Rosie and Oscar Luna, Hope Elizondo and Albert Rodriguez, Lucy Rodarte and Richard Reaves, and Virginia Flores, all of San Angelo; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; aunt, Carmen Bermea of San Angelo; and cousin, Javier Elizondo of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were David Rios, Michael Asebedo, Bobby Rodriguez, J.J. Luna, Matthew Elizondo and Ernest Duran. Honorary pallbearers were Gabriel Asebedo, Eric Duran, Marc Daniel Elizondo, Victor Rodriguez and Johnny Perez.

The family wishes are that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the St. Mary Catholic Church building fund, 7 W. Ave. N, San Angelo, TX 76903.

Noma B. Himmel

Noma B. Himmel, 91, of San Angelo, Texas, died at 11:34 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, in Eldorado, Texas. She was born July 29, 1912, in Aspermont, Texas.

She married Hugh Raymond Himmel on Nov. 17, 1928, in Crosbyton, Texas. She was a member of Ninth and Main Street Church of Christ and was a daycare worker and homemaker.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 2, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with John Hobbs officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wesley Wike, Art Rodriguez, Ron Blaylock, Tony Gonzales, Keith Forrest and Ronnie Blaylock.

Survivors include one son and

daughter-in-law, Howard and June Himmel, and one daughter, Donna Aguilar, all of San Angelo; three granddaughters, Janice Rodriguez of San Angelo, Laura Blaylock of Christoval and Donna Hernandez of San Angelo; one grandson, Wesley Wike of San Angelo; five great-granddaughters, Traci Forrest, Megan, Kameron and Kelsey Wike, and Alyssa Graves; three great-grandsons, Ronnie and Kyle Blaylock, and Gabriel Hernandez; and one sister, Carol Ulery of Thatcher, Ariz.

Noma was preceded in death by her husband; her parents, Howard J. and Mattie Cates Gholston; two brothers, Dolph and Don Gholston; and sister, Emma Jo Martin.

Apolonio "Paul" Romero Sr.

Apolonio "Paul" Romero Sr. was born to Pablo and Catherine Romero on the day of May 2, 1944, in Eldorado, Texas. Beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Apolonio Romero Sr. has gone home to be with the Lord on this day of Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003.

Surviving family members are the mother of his children, Mary C. Jones; sons, Gilbert Romero Sr. and wife, Sandra, of Big Lake, Texas, Apolonio Romero Jr. and wife, Hillary, of Arlington, Texas; daughters, Christine Villareal and husband, Jimmy, of Arlington, Texas, Andrea Thompson and husband, Robert, of Big Lake, Texas; grandchildren, David and Elizabeth Romero of Big Lake, Texas, Roy, Debra and Vanessa Calderon of Arlington, Texas, Malisa, Skylar and Jaesen Thompson of Big Lake; great-grandchildren, Elissa Galego and Jenathy Romero of Big Lake, Texas; surviving siblings, Ray Romero, Hector Romero, Maria Martinez, Rosa Romero and Lusía Cowart.

Visitation was Friday, Nov. 28, at Bethel Baptist Church in Big Lake. Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 29, at First Baptist Church of Big Lake with burial

following in Eldorado Cemetery.

Paul was loved and known by many. Dad leaves behind a wonderful legacy of enduring love and compassion for his family that has continued to grow within each one of our lives and in each person in whose lives were touched by this beautiful man. He meant so much to so many.

We will miss you more than words can express, Dad, Brother, we are thankful for the role you played in each one of our lives. Thank you, Dad, for teaching us how to love one another and for your caring and loving sense of humor that helped us laugh through so much. Thank you for putting our feet on the right path. Thank you for always being there for us and also for the memories we share. Rest in His joy, Dad, till we all come home. We love you.

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Six members of Kappa Delta Chapter of BSP met in the home of member Kim'et Nelson for the last meeting of November 2003.

The meeting was called to order by our president, Flora Hubble. Minutes from the previous meetings were read by recording secretary, Dorothy Dacy. She reported that all members, their husbands, some family members and one guest were present for the

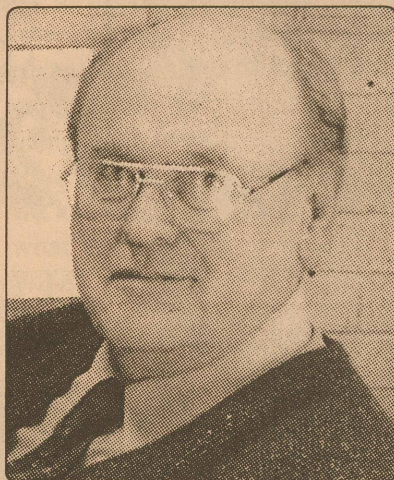


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New Postmaster Post — Dale Lipsett is the new Postmaster in Ozona. Lipsett takes over in Ozona after 4 years as Postmaster in Snyder. Prior to that he was Postmaster in Sonora. Lipsett, his wife Linda and their granddaughter Alexia Jade, make their home in Eldorado



MPI 2CI Randy Adame

Randy Adame, son of Richard and Yolanda Adame recently graduated from the Military Police Investigations School located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

As a graduate he is qualified to perform duties as Military Police Investigators (MPI). As an MPI, Adame is trained in the areas of criminal law; crime scene processing; testimonial evidence; forensics; investigations of crimes against persons and property; physical evidence; drug investigations; investigative report writing; protective services, economic crimes investigations and special investigative techniques.

Adame, a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School, has been in the Navy 7 years. His job in the Navy is a Master-At-Arms, equivalent to a Civilian Law Enforcement Officer with the current rank of 2nd Class or E-5.

His previous duty stations have been on the USS Fahrion FFG-22, USS Ticonderoga CG-47, USS De Wert FFG-45. He is currently stationed at Naval Air Station, Whiting Field in Milton, Florida just outside of Pensacola, FL where he has served as one of two investigators.

Adame has been married for 3 years to Heidi Adame who is a native of Kraemer, Louisiana.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, December 8**
Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potato, Italian Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange Half, Milk
- Tuesday December 9**
Ground Beef w/ Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortillas, Toss Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday, December 10**
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, December 11**
Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Friday, December 12**
Catfish w/ Tatar sauce, Spinach, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Thanksgiving dinner. Earl Dean and Dorothy Clark's names were accidentally omitted from the article in the Eldorado Success. A correction mentioned the presence of Mary and Keith Nolen. She also read "Thank You" notes from Concho Valley Home for Girls, scholarship recipient Jessie Guadarama, and Dorothy Clark for the plant she received after her open heart surgery earlier in the year.

Other business discussed was the SCMC nursing home project the chapter does each Christmas. A date to do this will be set at a later date.

Mary Nolen and Dorothy Dacy are hostesses for the chapter's Christmas adventure in December. A time and date to be set soon. The group plans to drive to San Angelo to view Christmas lights, eat out and exchange gifts.

Following a program on "Human Rights" by Flora Hubble the hosted served fresh fruit, veggies and dip and spiced tea.

Barbara Jackson will bring the "Sunshine Gift" to the next meeting on December 9th in the home of Laura McCutcheon.

Eldorado Forecast

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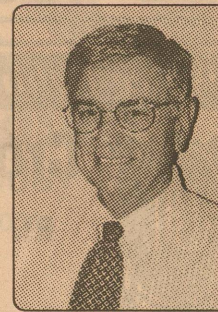
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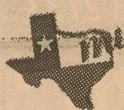


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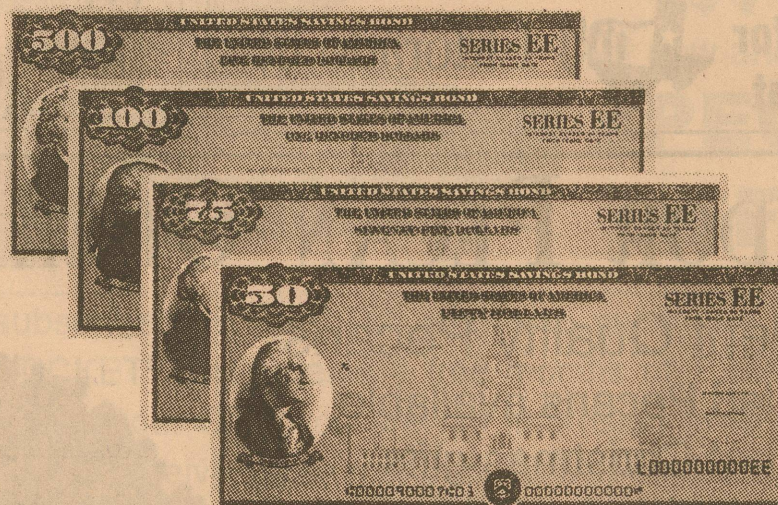
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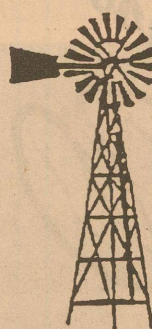
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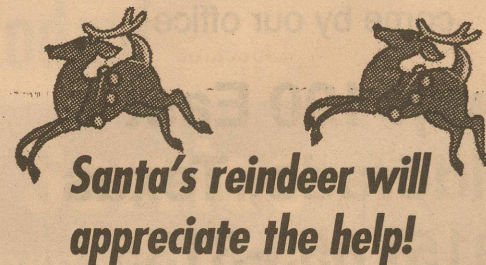
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VARSITY GIRLS
 November 24, 2003
 Eldorado 10-09-07-05=31
 Ft. Stockton 14-10-13-08=45
 Home Game: Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 13, Maxie Holley 2, Betsy Green 2, Chandra Wanoreck 4, Clara Herrera 8, Taylor Baker 2. Also playing: Brittany Sellers, Courtney Whitten, Jessica Robertson, and Lacy Ragsdale. 3 Point Goals: Herrera (1).

November 25, 2003
 Eldorado 12-05-03-10=30
 McCamey 14-07-12-13=45
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 13, Clara Herrera 13, Betsy Green 2, Taylor Baker 2. Also playing: Brittany Sellers, Jessica Robinson, Maxie Holley, Courtney Whitten, Chandra Wanoreck. 3 Point Goal: Herrera (1).

December 04, 2003
 Eldorado 12-09-09-10=40
 Brooksmith 13-10-08-15=46
 Home Game: Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 10, Courtney Whitten 7, Chandra Wanoreck 4, Clara Herrera 14, Jessica Robertojn 2, Lacy Ragsdale 2, Taylor Baker 1. Also playing: Maxie Holley and Brittany Sellers. 3 Point Goal: Whitten (1), Wanoreck (1).

J.V. GIRLS
 November 25, 2003
 Eldorado 05-03-02-06=16
 McCamey 00-14-14-07=45
 Scoring for the JV Lady Eagles: Liz Lacy 1, Karina Sanchez 2, Katey Blair 7, Josie Diaz 2. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were: Anna Fuentes, Chelsea Sellers, Tiffany Hernandez, Marianna Guzman, Sarah Craeker, Kimberly Samaniego, Kristen Mittel, Myra Robles, and Sandra Garza.

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HOOP SCORES



On the move — Ashley Lozano brought the ball down the floor for the 8th grade Lady Eagles as they took on Sonora on Monday, November 24.

VARSITY BOYS
 November 24, 2003
 Eldorado 14-12-20-15=61
 Ft. Stockton 15-10-17-12=54
 Eldorado defeated Ft. Stockton on 11/24 in Eldorado. Ft. Stockton shot 75% from the FT line but the Eagles topped that with an %80 clip. Three players were perfect, Trey Chavez 3-3, John Fay 2-2, Kolby Dombroski 3-3. The Eagles stayed close throughout the game and took control in the 4th. A Ft. Stockton player was ejected from the game in the 4th for an elbow that connected with Kolby Dombroski's nose. Kolby painfully played on and continued to contribute.
 Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 20, Michael Ballew 1, John Fay 10, Trey Chavez 21, Kolby Dombroski 7, Frank Wipff 2. 3-Point Goals: Three players shot 50% from 3 point land with Boysaw going 1-2, Fay 2-4, and Chavez 2-4. Overall the team shot a very good 45% from 3 pt. land. Boysaw had 10 rebounds, Dombroski 7 and Chavez 7. Chavez led the way in assists with 5. Eldorado outbounded Ft. Stockton 32-25. Eldorado v. McCamey.

November 25, 2003
 Eldorado 13 16 20 8 59
 McCamey 14 12 17 9 52
 Eldorado traveled to McCamey on 11/25 and came away with a victory to move to 3-0. Patient defense, an effective fast break and unselfish offense were the keys.
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Boysaw 25, Ballew 5, Fay 8, Cathey 5, Grubbs 4, Dombroski 7, Wipff 2, Sanchez 2. The Eagles out rebounded their opponent once again by a 54-41 margin with several timely offensive rebounds for scores. Boysaw led in rebounds with 14 (5 offensive), Chavez 10, Dombroski 10, Grubbs 6 and Fay 4. The Eagles once again shot excellent from 3 pt. range at 40%. Free throws almost got them into trouble with only a 2 of 7 for 29%. Chavez led in assists with 8 and had 5 steals.

December 4, 2003
 Eldorado 16-16-09-14=55
 Brooksmith 05-00-06-14=25
 Home game: Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 16, Michael Ballew 5, John Fay 4, Ryan Cathey 1, Trey Chavez 4, Kolby Dombroski 11, Frank Wipff 5, Danny Sanchez 7. Also playing were Jared Grubbs and Josh Trejo. 3 Point Goal: Sanchez (1).
 The Eagles will compete this weekend at the Irlion Co. Tournament Thur, Fri, and Sat.

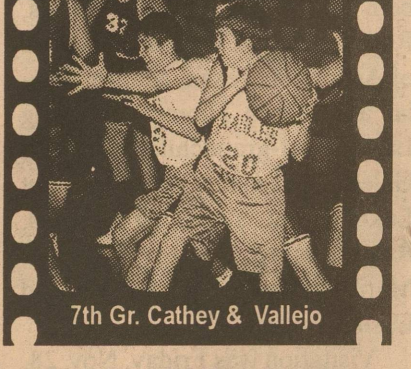
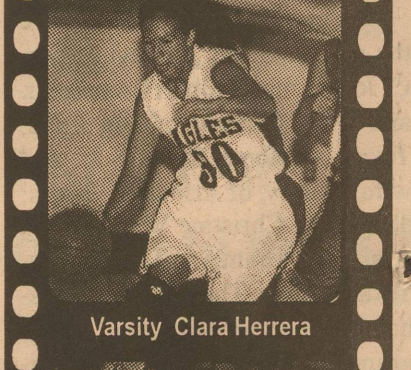
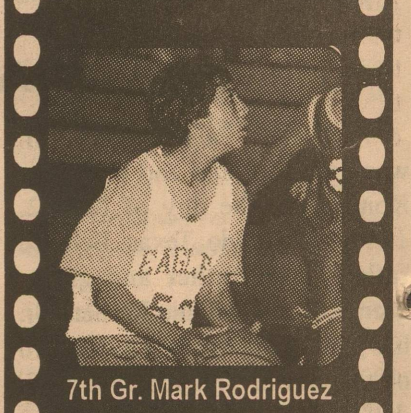
8th GRADE GIRLS
 December 01, 2003
 Eldorado 06-03-02-01=12
 Reagan County 06-10-04-08=28
 Scoring for the 7th Grade Lady Eagles were: Ashley Lozano 3, Chelsey Hill 7, Leslie Cruz 2. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were Deisy Rios, Blake Chatham, Amika Gonzales, Kassi Tyler, Alli Perez, Desiree Valeriano, Maygan Eubanks, Chelsea Pridemore, Nancy Hernandez.

JV BOYS
 November 25, 2003
 Eldorado 00-00-00-00=41
 McCamey 00-00-00-00=51
 Scoring for the JV Eagles: Eric Garcia 8, Epolo Herrera 2, Russell Cathey 6, Jorge Bustos 6, David Hernandez 5, Abel Montalvo 4, Sammy Estrada 4, Jeremy Ussery 9. 3 point goals: Cathey (1), Ussery (2). Also playing for the Eagles were Adam Dominguez, Aramando Moreno

8th GRADE BOYS
 December 01, 2003
 Eldorado 07-08-07-06=28
 Reagan County 09-13-08-11=41
 Scoring for the 8th Grade Eagles were: J.P. Joiner 11, Lalo Sanchez 8, Jorge Mata 3, Tyler Dombroski 5, Jordan Gesch 1. Also playing for the Eagles were: Clayton Sauer, Luis Huichapa, Richmond Adame, Pedro Garcia, and Manny Gonzalez.

7th GRADE BOYS
 December 01, 2003
 Eldorado 06-01-07-09=23
 Reagan County 10-10-02-04=26
 Scoring for the 7th Grade Eagles A Team were: Rance Cathey 3, Austin Grubbs 8, Milo Vallejo 5, Dustin Gauna 2, Joseph Turnbull 2, Timothy Maskill 2, Troy Russell 1.

7th GRADE "B" BOYS
 December 01, 2003
 Eldorado 00-00-00-00=45
 Sonora 00-00-00-00=59
 Scoring for the 7th "B" Grade Eagles B Team were: Mark Garcia 2, Jonathan Belman 2, Josh Taylor 6, Chris Minor 2, Taylor Jenkins 2. Also playing for the Eagles were Rolando Gonzalez, Mark Rodriguez, Oriol Granados.



School Menu
 Milk & Bread Offered
 Menus Subject To Change
 Breakfast
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast
Monday, December 8
 Cheese Toast, Cereal, Applesauce, Grape Juice, Milk
Tuesday, December 9
 Biscuits/Sausage, Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk
Wednesday, December 10
 Waffles/Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, December 11
 Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk
Friday, December 12
 Buttered Rice, Toast, Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk
Cafeteria Line
Monday, December 8
 Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, December 9
 Turkey/Giblet Gravy, Dressing/ Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sweet Potato Pie/ Topping
Wednesday, December 10
 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sliced Peaches, Choc. Pudding Cups
Thursday, December 11
 Cowboy Beans/ Cornbread, Potato Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Cowboy Cookies
Friday, December 12
 Cheeseburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Orange Halves
Fast Food Line
Monday, December 8
 Burritos, French Fries, Pork-Beans, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, December 9
 Turkey/Giblet Gravy, Dressing/ Cranberry Sauce, Greens Beans, Hot Rolls, Sweet Potato Pie/ Topping
Wednesday, December 10
 Chef Salad/Ham & Cheese, Crackers, Sliced Peaches, Choc. Pudding Cups
Thursday, December 11
 Crisпитos, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Cowboy Cookies
Friday, December 12
 Cheeseburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Orange Halves



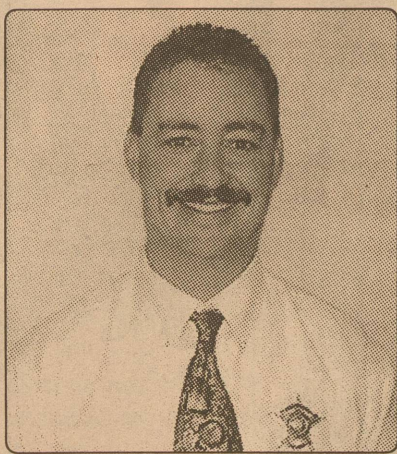
Fighting for position — Frank Wipff held his ground last week as a Ft. Stockton player tried to muscle him out of position. The Eagles defeated the Panthers 61-54.

Sheriff appointed to WTRCA advisory council

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran is one of fourteen sheriffs who have been invited to serve on the West Texas Rural Counties Association's Law Enforcement Advisory Council. The Council will be working with WTRCA and OSS-Law Enforcement Advisors, a professional consulting firm, retained by WTRCA.

The sheriffs have banded together to proactively address operational and training issues that are of common concern. OSS is providing each sheriff with the most up to date and comprehensive policies, procedures and training available in the state.

Eight of the fourteen sheriffs and members of their staffs attended a kickoff meeting in Abilene October 29, 2003. OSS presented each sheriff with model Policy and Procedures Manuals in both hard copy and CD-ROM, which will enable Sheriff Doran to customize the manuals for his office. The four-hour workshop was videotaped for the sheriffs who were not able to attend the kick-off meeting.



COURTESY PHOTO
Sheriff David Doran

The Law Enforcement Advisory Council has been asked by WTRCA to determine the most desirable format for the advanced liability training to be provided for their deputies and jailers by OSS-Law Enforcement Advisors. Regional training programs will be conducted throughout the year, bringing officers from member counties together for the specialized training. The cost and coordination of the entire project, including training, is being provided by WTRCA Risk Management Pool, Schleicher County's law enforcement liability carrier. This project is expected to save each sheriff training costs, while improving mutual support during emergencies.

Kathleen Hicks-Miller, Risk Manager for WTRCA, said, "We are very excited about the tremendous support we are receiving from this group of sheriffs. We may be in rural west Texas, but the professional assistance and training being provided by OSS-Law Enforcement Advisors is of the highest caliber and is equal or better to the assistance and training provided in very large, property-rich, metropolitan areas. Better yet, the topics and locations are being handpicked by the Law Enforcement Advisory Council, so we know our sheriffs are getting what they want and need. The WTRCA Board of Directors is very proud to bring this program to Schleicher County at no additional cost to Sheriff Doran's budget or the taxpayers of Schleicher County. Judge Johnny Griffin represents Schleicher County on the WTRCA Board of Directors.

Extension office offers training courses

The Schleicher County Extension office will be hosting a Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing on Monday, December 8th, 2003 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension office located at 203 SW Main here in Eldorado. This program will be for individuals who are interested in obtaining a Pesticide Applicators License in order that they may purchase and use restricted use pesticides. This course will be limited to the first 10 registered and paid individuals. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will begin at 9:00 a.m. A representative from the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to conduct the testing following the training session. Anyone wanting to participate in this program must come by the Extension office and purchase a Pesticide Applicators Manual. The cost of the manual is \$20. For more information or to sign up, please call the Extension office at 325-853-2132.

As part of the requirements for holding a Pesticide Applicators License, individuals are required to obtain 15 hours of continuing education units every 5 years. Within the next couple of weeks, applicators will have several opportunities to obtain several of these CEU's. The minimum requirements are 2 hours of laws and regulations, 2 hours of integrated pest management and the remainder of the 15 may be in any category.

On December 11th, 2003 there will be a Vegetation Management Workshop focusing on the Right-of-Way Applicator. This program, sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, will begin with registration from 8-8:20 a.m. There will be a "On Your Own"



County Agent's Update

By Scott Edmonson

lunch break and the program will conclude around 3:40 p.m. Topics to be discussed include: application timing and herbicide uptake with Dr. Darrell Ueckert, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Drift Minimization with Dr. Billy Warrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, public relations and cut stump applications, Rich Hendler with Dow Elanco, Application Techniques and Equipment Characteristics, Jim Crosby, BASF Corporation, weed resistance and new weed control methods, Jason Dunn, Estes Chemical and the final presentation will be on laws and regulation with Cain Cline, Texas Department of Agriculture. This program will be held at the Texas A&M Research & Extension Center in San Angelo and will offer a total of 5 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for those individuals with a Pesticide Applicators License. FMI, contact Cain Cline or Ken Weidenfeller at 210-820-0288.

On December 16th, 2003,

there will be a six (6) CEU course here in Eldorado at the Memorial Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. with registration. The program will begin at 9 a.m. with a discussion of Pesticide Laws and Regulations presented by Cain Cline with the Texas Department of Agriculture. At 10 a.m. Dr Alan McGinty, Range Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension will lead a discussion on Range Brush Control Strategies and at 11 a.m., Dr Chris, Extension Entomologist will give a presentation on Fire Ants and Africanized Honey Bee Management. Following a lunch break, Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist will give a presentation on "Coverage vs Drift: Environmental Factors Impacting Herbicide Performance. Next, Dr. Sansone will give a presentation on Insect Identification Around the Home and he will be followed by Dr. Billy Warrick who will discuss Winter Weed Identification and Control. The final presentation will be made by Scott Edmonson, Schleicher County Extension Agent and will discuss Tools for More Efficient Applications. There will be \$10 charge to cover the cost of the meal. For more information, please contact the Schleicher County Extension Office at 325-853-2132.

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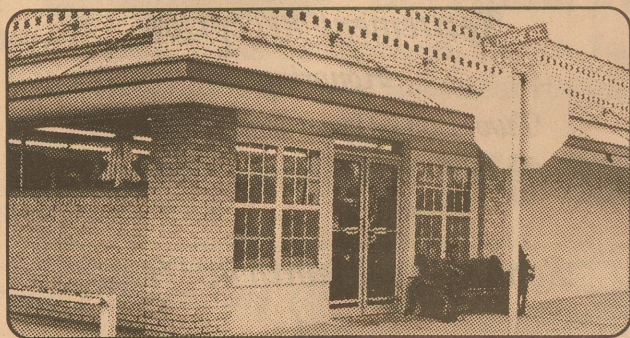
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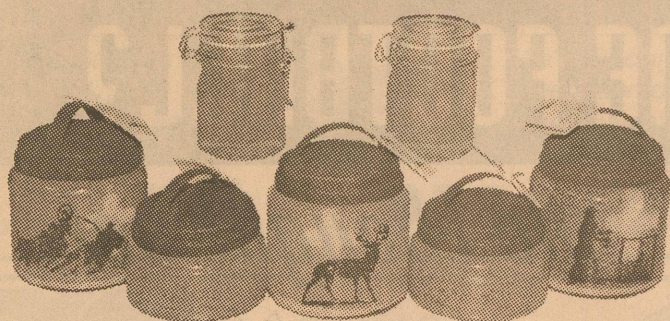
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**Trans-Pecos water war
worries local water officials**

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ern part of the state, "It's like 30 pieces of silver," she told reporters.

Tuesday's meeting in Alpine gave members of the public their first opportunity to express their opinion of the deal. Cindy Cawley, manager of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation District attended the meeting on behalf of her district. She tells the Success that GLO officials got an ear full.

"It was the first public hearing that I have ever attended that all of the public comment was in opposition of the topic. There was no public comment offered in favor of the Rio Nuevo deal," she said. "It was a very cohesive group saying the same thing...don't take our only water supply."

Cawley says she is concerned how the Rio Nuevo deal will be interpreted and acted upon by other state agencies, particularly the

Permanent University Fund, which administers 2.1 million acres of land in 19 West Texas counties. Included in that total are more than 61,000 acres in Western Schleicher County. The Permanent University Fund was set aside by the state's founding fathers to benefit the University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

The prospect of a reinterpretation of existing water rules worries Cindy Cawley. Those worries are magnified by the fact that the City of San Angelo has already expressed an interest in acquiring water rights within Schleicher County.

"I'm concerned that Commissioner Patterson's deal for Trans-Pecos water could be used as a tool to get around the rules we have adopted locally," Cawley stated.

Steve Hartman, Executive Director of University Lands and West Texas Operations for the Permanent School Fund, told the Success that his office already leases water rights to municipalities.

"We are currently providing half the water for Midland and the entire supply for the City of Andrews," Hartman said. He noted that other towns such as Wink and Kermit also get their water from well fields leased from the University Lands.

Hartman said that San Angelo officials have not contacted his office regarding water leases in Schleicher County.

Hartman added that he has never had any issues with the rules laid down by local water conservation districts. "We've always worked very closely with them and I've found them to be very helpful," Hartman said. He admitted, however, that he wasn't sure if local water districts have the authority to regulate underground water on state owned land. "That's a good question," Hartman said, "I don't think anyone really knows."

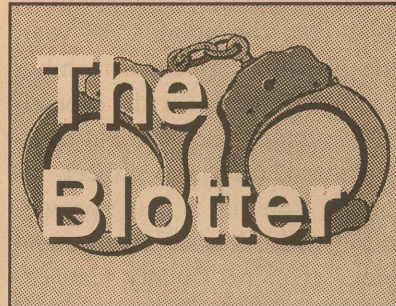
State Representative Harvey Hilderbran told the Success that he, too, is concerned about the water battle in West Texas. "I've been watching it closely and will continue to do so," Hilderbran stated. "I have always supported the local water districts and will continue to do so."

Meanwhile, the West Texas Water War continues to heat up. At stake are billions of gallons of water and millions of dollars in profits, not to mention the lives of those whose farms and ranches, cities and towns rely solely on groundwater beneath the parched West Texas landscape.



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Then you turn this knob—Eldorado firefighters looked on recently as Andrew Day, a technician with Max Air Compressor Systems, demonstrated the department's newest piece of equipment, a cascade air system that will keep the firemen's breathing packs fully charged and ready to roll. The equipment was purchased with a grant through the Texas Forest Service.



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

ARRESTS

November 26 • Montgomery, Vance Duwayne, male age 19, hold for Irion County, offense Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces.) Released on \$1,000 Bond.

November 26 • Ramirez, Michael John, male 20, hold for Irion County, offense Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces.) Released on \$1,000 Bond.

November 27 • Vasquez, Martine Guillermo, Jr., male age 17, offenses Reckless Driving, No Driver License, No Liability Insurance, No Safety Belt, Expired Registration. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

December 1 • Seale, Mary, female age 39, offense Theft of Service. Released on PR Bond.

December 2 • Arispe, Francisco Emilio, male age 18, offense Motion To Revoke (Pre-Trial Diversion Program).

December 2 • Wren, Malachi D., male age 34, offense Possession of a Controlled Substance.

December 2 • Barranday, Christopher D., male age 34, offense Possession of a Controlled Substance

INCIDENTS

November 26 • 5:30 p.m. Complainant reported someone had hit their vehicle at the grocery store and officer presented the subject with a blue form.

• 5:42 p.m. Complainant on Hwy. 2129 reported someone had shot a deer, possibly poachers.

• 6:48 p.m. Officer reported a minor vehicle accident involving a deer on US 277 and County Road 312. Officer requested a wrecker.

November 29 • 12:40 a.m. Complainant requested a welfare check on a relative and requested a message be given. Officer responded.

• 4:53 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle driving at an excessive rate of speed. Officer responded and talked to individual.

• 6:51 p.m. Subject on Mary Street reported an accident at a residence. Officers and EMS 2 responded. Male subject was taken by ambulance with a possible injured ankle.

• 9:05 p.m. Personnel at the Fire Department reported a gas leak at the Fire Hall. Officer and city personnel responded.

• 9:34 p.m. Complainant on McWhorter St. requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 10:07 p.m. Complainant at apartments reported a fight in progress. Two officers responded.

• 10:19 p.m. Officer reported the green light on East bound Murchison was out. TxDOT employee responded and advised it would be taken care of Monday morning.

• 11:12 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transfer to a San Angelo hospital. EMS 2 responded.

November 30 • 8:37 a.m. Complainant on FM Road 2084 called 911 and requested an ambulance for her husband. Officer and EMS responded.

• 11:37 a.m. Hospital requested a transfer to a San Angelo hospital. EMS 1 responded.

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The Forts Trail Region encompasses 29 west central counties and assists communities in promoting heritage tourism, which in turn encourages revitalization of local economies and fosters community leadership through historic preservation.

The 650-mile trail extends from west central to northern Texas and features eight historic forts and one Spanish presidio, plus numerous museums, historic settings and scenic attractions. The board meetings are open to the public, but please RSVP to 325-676-1762 or send an email to: tim@texasfortstrail.com if interested in attending. You can also check out the Forts Trail website at www.texasfortstrail.com to learn more about the programs of the Texas Forts Trail.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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7th Mike Manning, Lycynda Halbert, Ruby Morrison
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Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and support that in itself would have been Enough, but you all went above and beyond in your concern for the family.
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Description of advanced practice nursing roles

by Rebecca Silva
Hospital Director of Nursing

I am often asked about my education and future related to my nursing career. I have found myself explaining often what it means to be a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and Nurse Practitioner (NP). NP's and CNS's are often grouped into a common phrase of Advanced Practice Nurse and this is fine if you know the distinctions.

The community of Eldorado has known midlevel care providers as physician's assistants but, the midlevel care providers such as NP's and CNS's, Nurse Midwives, and Nurse Anesthetists, have caused some confusion.

Clearly, midlevel care providers are not physicians but, we (CNS's NP's, and PA's) do have limited prescriptive authority. We do assess, evaluate, implement, and evaluate treatment plans. And, most of all, we have roles that we assume in our positions which include collaborative care and education opportunities for our clients.

If a line were drawn to define between specializations of these advanced care givers, it would have to be a dashed line as there is much cross movement.

NP: Practice in many settings and may specialize in adult, family, gerontologic, pediatric, and women's health.

They integrate nursing theories and models in their practice of holistic medicine while emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention.

Are educators, researchers, consultants, case managers, and activists.

May assist with staff education programs and care planning for patients.

Minimum educational preparation is a Master's degree in Nursing and completion of a nationally accredited NP program. Prescriptive authority is granted separately and is dependent on state laws. And yes, NP services are reimbursed by Medicare and private insurance.

NP organizations support by providing educational opportunities, promoting the role, setting standards of practice and/or education, support legislation, and by facilitating networking.

CNS: Are expert clinicians, consultants, educators, researchers, and collaborators. Specializations are available in a variety of areas including medical/surgical, gerontologic, parent-child, community health, acute care and mental health.

Minimum educational preparation is a Master's degree in Nursing and they are certified in a particular clinical specialty. Coursework includes advanced scientific concepts, advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology, research methodologies, and program planning. The CNS must also be skilled in budgeting and case management.

Practice is research-based; they promote scientific inquiry in clinical practice by utilizing current research findings and by conducting and facilitating nursing research.

Serve as resources and role models for expert patient care and case management. This mentoring of staff usually differentiates the CNS from the NP role.

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Nurse Practitioner Francisca Gonzales (L) and Hospital Director of Nursing Rebecca Silva (R).

traditionally on an inpatient basis; however, many may practice in a variety of settings.

May be responsible for staff education and developing care plans for patients.

Traditionally, CNS's have assumed faculty teaching positions and continued graduate education at the doctoral level to pursue research interests.

We hope that this helps to clarify the opportunity we have in our

community in that we are privileged to have an Advanced Practice Nurse working in our Family Health Clinic. Francisca Gonzales RN, ANP is a welcomed addition to our caregiving family at Schleicher County Medical Center. If you have further questions about the roles of midlevel providers, call me. Have a great week.

Rebecca L. Silva BSN, RNC
Director of Nursing
853-2507 ext. 129

Southwest Texas ACA directors elected

Stockholders recently returned five incumbent directors to the Southwest Texas ACA board, including Robert C. Surratt of Clint, Billy B. Savell of Sonora, Truman De Lux of Eldorado, Paul Aelvoet of Hondo and Gene S. Walker of Aguilares. New directors elected to the Board were Robert B. Nunley, Jr. of Sabinal and Gary L. Palousek of Raymondville.

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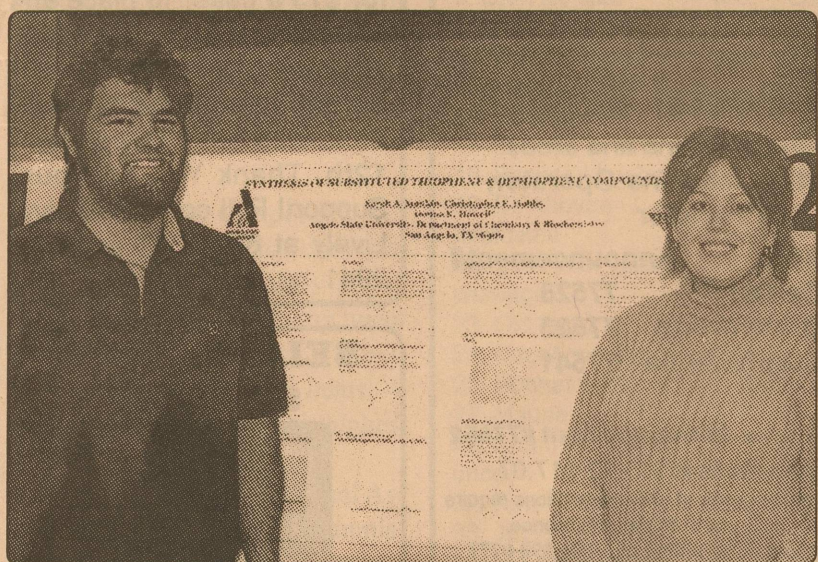


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Research project — ASU senior Sarah Mankin (R) presented her senior research project last week at an Open House held Nov. 25 in the University Center Ballroom. She is shown here with her research partner, Chris Hobbs. The two Biochemistry majors will present their project, titled "Synthesis of Substituted Thiophene & Dithophene Compounds" next semester during a conference in Anaheim, CA. Mankin is a 2000 graduate of EHS. She will graduate from ASU in May, 2004. Hobbs is a graduate of Haskell High School.

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