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Two suspects arrested in convenience store burglary

Thief shatters window, makes off with beer

Two Eldorado men were arrested Friday in connection with a convenience store burglary that occurred a day earlier. Jesus Belman Garcia, 17, and Reuben A. Garcia, 17, both of Eldorado, were taken into custody by Schleicher County officers and charged with burglary of a building. They were each released on \$3,000 surety bond.

The incident was reported to the Sheriff's Dept. early on Thursday morning, October 5th, by Linda Gonzalez, owner and manager of Manny's Grocery. Gonzalez told deputy Jason Chatham that when she arrived to open the store she

noticed a broken window in the front of the building and discovered merchandise had been stolen from the business.

According to Chatham's report, the window had been shattered with a rock, allowing access to the building. Four cases of beer were then carried out the window.

Gonzalez estimates the value of the broken window and the missing merchandise at \$450.00

The Deputy explained that leads from the neighborhood aided in the investigation which culminated with the arrest of the two suspects.



Cleaning up the mess — Uber Gonzalez cleaned up shards of broken glass at Manny's Grocery last week after thieves gained access to business by breaking a window with a rock. Four cases of beer were taken in the burglary.

photo by Kathy Mankin

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For Your Information

Early Voting

Those wishing to cast their ballot in the 2000 General Election may do so on Tuesday, November 7th, or in the Early Voting which begins Monday, Oct. 23rd in the County Clerk's office.

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On This Date

On this day in 1492 Columbus arrives in the Bahamas. In 1823 Charles Macintosh of Scotland sold the world's first raincoats. In 1862 confederate cavalry under the command of JEB Stuart completed it's second ride around Gen. McClellan's union army. In 1886 a hurricane and powerful sea surge struck Indianola, Texas killing 250. In 1933 Alcatraz became a federal prison. In 1960 soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev pounded his shoe on a desk at a UN General Assembly session and promised to "bury America." In 1984 the IRA terrorists bombed a hotel where British prime minister Margaret Thatcher was staying.

Birthdays of note include: 1537 King Edward VI of England; 1844 author George W Cable; 1932 comedian & political activist Dick Gregory; 1932 astronaut & U.S. Senator Jake Garn; 1935 operatic tenor Luciano Pavarotti; 1936 sportscaster Tony Kubek; 1947 newscaster Chris Wallace; 1970 actor Kirk Cameron.

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9th Largest Economy

The total value of goods and services produced in Texas in 1998 was \$592 billion, which ranks the state 9th when compared with the Gross National Product (GNP) of countries around the world. Of course, the U.S. leads the list in terms of GNP with \$7,902 billion. Japan is second with \$4,089 billion and Germany is third with \$2,180 billion. France, England, Italy, China and Brazil round out the top eight.

—★ ★ ★ ★★—

St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire was 34 years old when he hit his record-breaking 70th regular-season home run during the 1998 season.

There are no houseflies in Alaska.

Titanic director James Cameron originally studied physics at California State University, but dropped out to work in the area of motion picture special effects.

Before making it big as a comedian, Jerry Seinfeld worked as a light bulb salesman and jewelry street vendor.

Celebrity Day Costume?



photo by Kathy Mankin

Cafeteria Lady — EHS senior Jeff Stafford dressed as a cafeteria worker Tuesday as part of the high school's Homecoming Week festivities. Stafford's costume appeared on "Celebrity Day." Many of his fellow students came dressed as more "traditional" celebrities...see their photos on Page 7.

Eldorado city council holds regular monthly meeting

by Pat Ragsdale

Following an invocation, led by Jim Broome, Youth Minister of the First Baptist Church, Mayor John Nikolauk called the regular monthly meeting of the Eldorado City Council to order at 5:37 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2000. Council persons present included Tommy Minor, Eddie Rodriguez, Richard Mendez, Sherry Lux and Toni Sudduth. Councilman Robert Bybee was absent.

City Administrator Randy Mankin began his report by introducing Floyd Fay, longtime city employee who was recently promoted to serve as Assistant City Utilities Superintendent. Mankin then sought the council's approval of a

safety incentive plan. Upon a motion by Richard Mendez, seconded by Toni Sudduth, the plan was approved. Mankin will bring recommendations regarding appropriate incentives at a future meeting. Mankin then reported that the city may be required to develop a program to meet mandates related to the Federal Flood Insurance Program. The deadline for plan development is January 1, 2001. Mankin further noted that the newly purchased compactor had been delivered to the landfill, with the assistance of county employees and truck. The new machine was immediately put to work and is reportedly performing well.

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School board orders 2 buses, discusses AG Barn

by Kathy Mankin

The purchase of new school buses, repairs to the Ag Barn and redistricting after the 2000 Census, were among the topics discussed at Monday night's meeting of the SCISD board of trustees. The meeting, held in the foyer of the EHS gymnasium was attended by board members Phil McCormick, Steve Sessom, Berta Nicholson, Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin and Kurtis Homer. Trustee Sam Whitten, Jr. was absent. Superintendent George Blanch, Financial Director Loretta Edmiston, EHS Counselor Maureen Hodges, EHS Principal Ken Newman and Maintenance Supervisor John Kotsch were in attendance.

After the meeting was called to order, it was learned that Eldorado Elementary School has received \$28,500 in funding for the Accelerated Reading Instruction Program. It was explained that the program was one of three "Student Success Initiatives" implemented with the passage of Senate Bill 4. The three initiatives are intended to provide

support for training teachers and the implementation of scientific, research-based programs in order to support students in their reading development. All school districts are required to provide accelerated reading instruction to students who qualify. The \$28,500 was provided by the state to fund the local program for the 2000-2001 school year. It was noted that the school also accepted a \$3,417 grant for funding services for immigrant students.

The board then voted 4-2 in favor of accepting bids for the purchase of two buses. One, a 77-passenger activity bus, with certain options was bid at \$62,144.00. The other, a 35-passenger route bus was bid at \$44,008.00. The options on the 77-passenger bus include a 215 horsepower diesel engine, air conditioning and inside luggage racks. The winning bid was offered by Bluestar Bus Sales of Lubbock. Voting for the measure were trustees McCormick, Sessom, Kotsch and Homer with trustees Albin and Nicholson voted against.

Next, the trustees approved advertising for bids on property, casualty and vehicle insurance. They also approved the district's 2000 tax roll and the tax levy of \$157,506,026.00.

Discussion then turned redistricting the school's seven single member districts after the 2000 census data is released. A committee consisting of Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson and Kurtis Homer was appointed to explore the school's redistricting options.

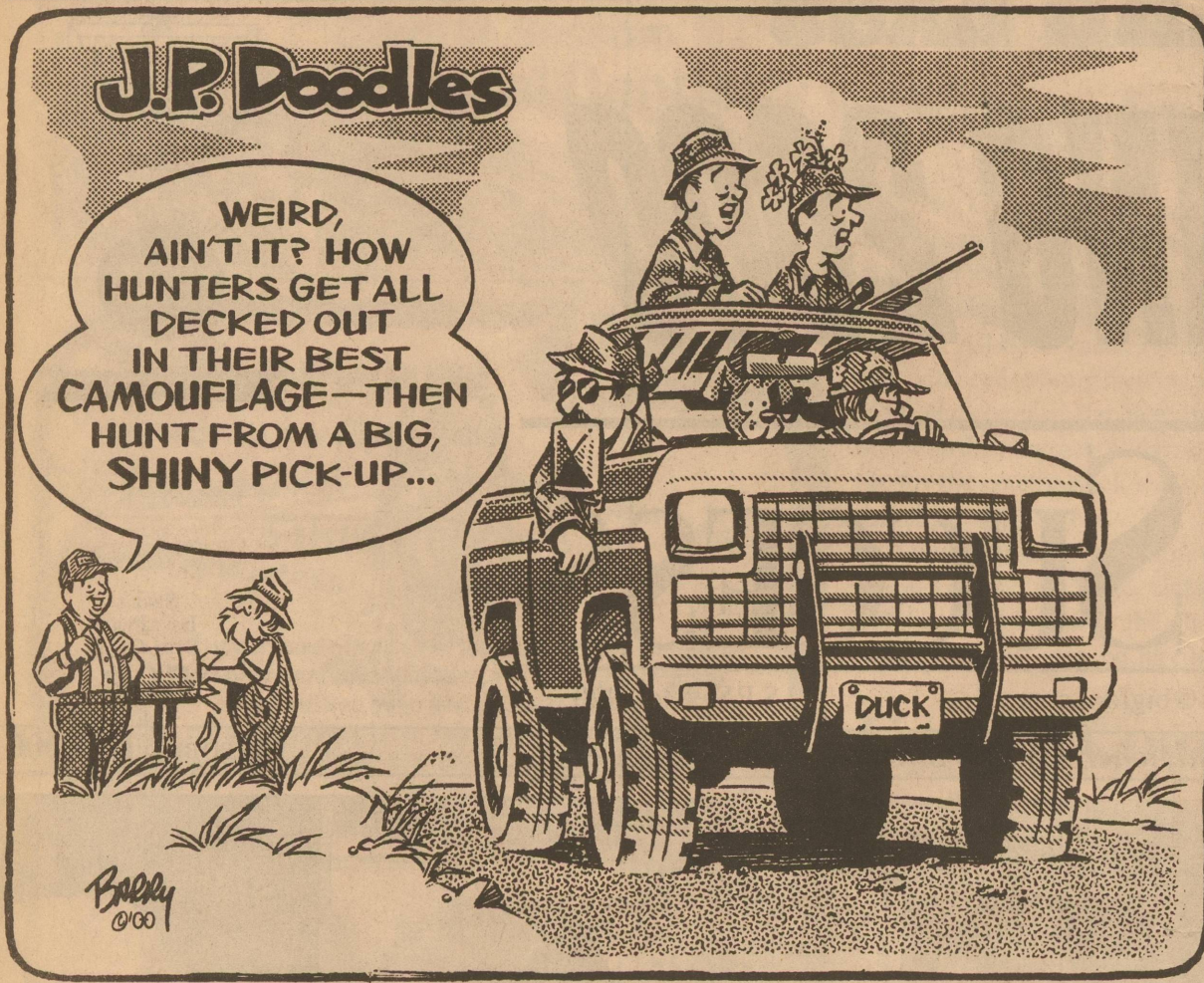
EHS counselor Maureen Hodges met with the board to discuss Texas Education Agency (TEA) requirement that high school students obtain 24 credits in order to graduate beginning in 2005. Hodges pointed out that SCISD had adopted a 24-credit standard years ago and just two years ago enacted an even higher standard of 28 credits. The system was applied retroactively, it was explained. Only this year's sophomore and freshman class began high school under the higher 28-credit

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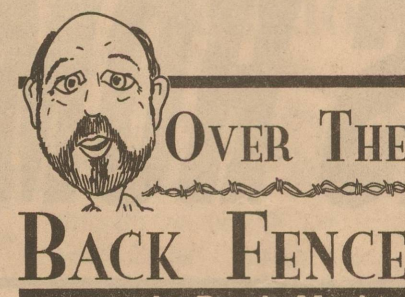
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2000 Homecoming Court — Candidates for 2000 Homecoming Queen are (Top L-R) seniors Kayla McCravey, Vanessa Gonzales and Stacy Nicholson. They are joined by (Bottom L-R) Sophomore Duchess Christina Redish, Freshman Duchess Clara Herrera, and Junior Duchess Elibeth Montalvo



Romans, Rockets and Horses' Rears

My old Granddad used to say that things are the way they are because of how they used to be. This week I received an insightful article that confirmed just how right my Granddad had been. What follows is a condensed version.



by Randy Mankin

up with it, you may be exactly right, because the Imperial Roman war chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the back ends of two war horses. Thus, we have the answer to the original question.

Now the twist to the story....

There is an interesting extension to the story about railroad gauges and horses' behinds. When we see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRB's are made by Thiokol at their factory at Utah.

The engineers who designed the SRBs might have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory had to run through a tunnel in the mountains. The SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track is about as wide as two horses' behinds.

So, a major design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's behind.

So my Granddad was right, the way things are can be blamed on the way they used to be...or at least the way they were designed by some horse's behind in the long ago past.

Design History
The US standard railroad gauge (width between the two rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That exceedingly odd number was used because that's the way they built railroads in England, and the US railroads were built by English expatriates. Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge

then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing. Okay! Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? The first long distance roads in Europe (and England) were built by Imperial Rome for their legions. The roads have been used ever since. And the ruts in the roads? The initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels, were first formed by Roman war chariots.

Since the chariots were made for (or by) Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. The United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches, derives from the original specification for an Imperial Roman war chariot.

Specifications and bureaucracies live forever. So the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's behind came

DPS fields media calls over concealed handgun permits

The Department of Public Safety revoked concealed handgun licenses from only 71 people after learning that the permit holders had arrest records that disqualified them.

The DPS began fielding a stream of calls last week after a national story broke that reported as many as 400 handgun permit holders had been convicted felons.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said when the state law allowing concealed handguns went into effect in 1997 the agency was flooded with permit applications. Thousands of applications were approved pending a background check because the FBI's fingerprint processing lab was backlogged.

When DPS finally received the background checks, Vinger said

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Pauline Word

400 licenses were flagged but only 71 permits were revoked. People who have been convicted of a felony or Class B misdemeanor or higher or who have received disorderly conduct or family violence convictions cannot obtain a concealed handgun permit.

"There was no crime committed by any of those 71 when they had those permits," Vinger said.

DPS data compiled last May show that of the 889 felony charges against all permit holders only 178 resulted in convictions and 56 were reduced to a lesser charge.

During that same time, 2,790 qualifying misdemeanor offenses were reported by permit holders and 907 resulted in convictions.

In Texas, 215,000 people are licensed to carry a concealed handgun.

"(The permit) is difficult to get. It's difficult to keep," Vinger said. "We feel like the program has worked well."

State parks offer free weekend

For the first time in the 77-year history of the state park system, every state park and participating state fish hatcheries and wildlife management areas will let the public in free of charge for one weekend Oct. 21-22.

The state's Lone Star Legacy Weekend is designed to raise public awareness and financial support for all facilities operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

It is part of the Lone Star Legacy campaign run by the nonprofit Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas, which has set an initial fundraising goal of \$25 million to upgrade and repair existing TPW facilities.

"Our main desire for the Lone Star Legacy Weekend is for people to be able to come out at no cost to celebrate the marvelous diverse array of parks and other facilities we have in Texas," said Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director. "We also hope that through this experience people will find places that are worth supporting and will make donations in any

amount that seems appropriate to them."

The Lone Star Legacy Weekend is made possible through financial support from Chevrolet Suburban through an 18-month sponsorship with the foundation.

PUC guarantees electric service

The Public Utility Commission approved a measure last week that sets a fixed rate for basic retail electric service when retail competition begins Jan. 1, 2002.

The rules apply to "providers of last resort" who provide a basic standard service package to any customer who is no longer served by a provider of choice or to any customer requesting that service.

The rules assure continued service if a customer's retail electric provider eliminates service or goes out of business.

By June 2001, the PUC will designate providers of last resort in areas where retail competition will exist.

Other Highlights

Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Electronic Government Task Force last week launched www.TexasOnline.com, a web site where users can conduct state business such as renewing real estate broker's licenses and filing state sales taxes. By the end of the year, users should be able to renew driver's licenses and vehicle registrations on the web site.

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

An Anniversary Adventure

We celebrated our 37th wedding anniversary in the metroplex. I went in several stores looking for a gift for Susan. I wanted to get her a small portable chess set, one that came in a case and had a magnetic board so we could play while traveling on a plane or train. Couldn't find one.

We had our anniversary dinner at a fine restaurant. Dined on salmon and quail.

On the way to the restaurant, our car, one of those European jobs, started to heat up. Earlier that afternoon we spent some time in the driveway of a 7-11 pouring water over the radiator. Pretty classy.

I gritted my teeth all the way to the restaurant, hoping the car would make it. Sure enough, it did. We enjoyed our meal of salmon and quail. It was a teeth-grinding, white knuckle drive back to the motel. The car heated up, but not enough to stop driving it.

The next morning I took the ice bucket from our motel room and poured water down the radiator. It held only a cupful. I was relieved and thought whatever problem we encountered the day before had gone away. Oh, sure!

We started home Sunday morning. The heat indicator showed normal until we got to Eastland. Then it went all the way into the red. A sign indicated there was a Conoco station just a mile up the road. We pulled in. It was a convenience store with a couple of gas pumps. I told Susan to go inside and get a cold drink while I tried to cool down the radiator.

After about 15 minutes with a water hose, I went inside the store. It had booths and Susan was sitting there all comfortable, reading a newspaper. After a conference, we decided to take action. I called Bob Brock, who has a Ford agency in Big Spring. I told him we wanted to buy a new car and would he send somebody to get us. He said he would. Eastland is 150 miles from Big Spring.

He called back in a few minutes and said one of his salesmen, Dale Worthan, would be coming to get us. He would bring us a car on a trailer, then we could put our car on the trailer to be brought back. We settled in.

We were in the little store five hours. We had hamburgers and soft drinks, got acquainted with the staff and enjoyed seeing the different types of people come and go. One couple stood at one of the store's electronic games for three hours straight.

We looked over the store's gift items and found a portable chess set just exactly what we had been looking for in the metroplex. We bought it and played chess. The time passed quickly.

When Dale pulled up with his wife Elizabeth and their son Isaac, we told our new friends in the store good-bye and thanked them for their hospitality.

There's nothing like living in a small town, where you can call a car dealer on a Sunday afternoon and get help. We're enjoying our new car.

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This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

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OBITUARIES

Mora Lee West

Mora Lee West, 85, of Eldorado died Monday, Oct. 9, 2000, at her residence. Services are pending at Johnson's Funeral Home.

Arts & Crafts Festival slated October 14-15 in San Angelo

The seventh annual All American Fall Arts and Crafts Festival will be held October 14-15 in the Exhibits Building at the San Angelo Coliseum complex. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art and handcrafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from

noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer for the two-day event, said the upcoming festival would feature a number of newcomers as well as some returning crafters. "Some of these first-time exhibitors will offer items such as painted gift boxes, tole painting, barnwood furniture, Shaker furniture, jewelry, wood carvings, ornate wood boxes, wood trunks and hutches, clothing, finished furniture and decorated soft sculpture," Prather said.

Others will have will have handthrown pottery, framed fretwork, photography, wall hangings, angels, benches, chairs, birdhouses, ornate crosses, children's clothing, thermal wraps, primitive country candles, hand-poured glycerine soaps, oil-scented potpourri, floral art, decorated baskets, barnwood frames, framed prints, nut crackers, handpainted gourds, unfinished furniture, lamps, name cutouts, outdoor ornaments.

Returning exhibitors will offer a wide assortment of items, including Southwest jewelry, belt buckles, over-the-sink counters, hand-made purses, ceramics, floral decorations, swags, Southwest ceramics, autographed books by author, dress sets, broomstick skirts and vests, wood dolls, decorated birdhouses, painted wood, jar candles, night lights, clocks, painted candle holders, monogrammed "grandma" skirts, generational trees, and wood decorative items.

Also back are those with carved fish, fishing rod holders, country crafts, metal art, outdoor metal art, decorated wreaths, candy, stained glass panels, sun catchers, pottery, glass jugs, canister sets, magnets, wood crosses, statuary, children's clothing, "Texas" art, finished furniture, religious art, and wood signs



courtesy photo

Shae Nicole Gonzales

It's A Girl

Donald Gonzales and Shephanie Ledbetter announce the birth of their daughter Shae Nicole Gonzales. She was born on September 30, 2000 at 11:01 a.m. at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. Shae weighed 5 pounds and was 18 1/4 inches in length.

Her grandparents are Dana and Helen Ledbetter of Eldorado and Richard and Neve Gonzales of Menard.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, October 16

Beef Srew w/Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Canned peaches, Chocolate Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, October 17

Baked Ham, Glazed Candied Sw. Potatoes, Summer Squash, Wheat Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, October 18

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookies, Milk

Thursday, October 19

Chicken Fried Steak w/W. Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk

Friday, October 20

Fried Catfish w/Tartar Sauce, Corn & Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, Dinner Rolls, Fruited Gelatin, Milk



Terra Pettit and Casey Willis

courtesy photo

Pettit/Willis engagement

Steve and Debra Pettit would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Terra to Casey Willis, son of Jacky and Marcy Willis. The couple plans to wed on Dec. 16th.

Rhodes welcome baby girl

Presenting Ms. Emilee Blake Rhodes!

Emilee Blake Rhodes arrived at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas, Tuesday, September 5, 2000 at 12:30 p.m. She weighed 7lbs. 4oz.

She was greeted by her mother,

Stacy Reeves Rhodes, her father, John Raymond Rhodes, Jr. and her brother, John Raymond Rhodes III.

Her proud grandparents are Leroy and Rita Reeves of Eldorado. Her other relatives consist of John and Betty Rhodes, Johnnie Forte, and Lucy Weaver of Abilene.

She also has a proud uncle, Cory Reeves of San Angelo and Aunt Jennifer Lee and Uncle Jeff and cousins, Jacey and Jessica Sellers of Eldorado.



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Emilee Blake Rhodes



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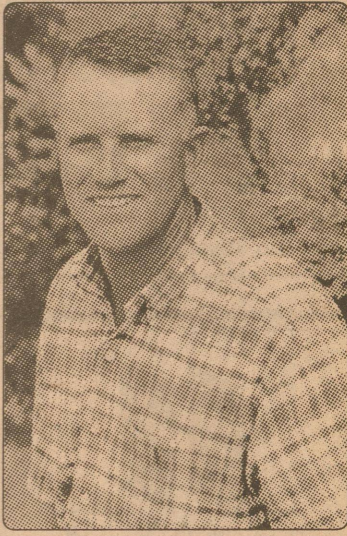
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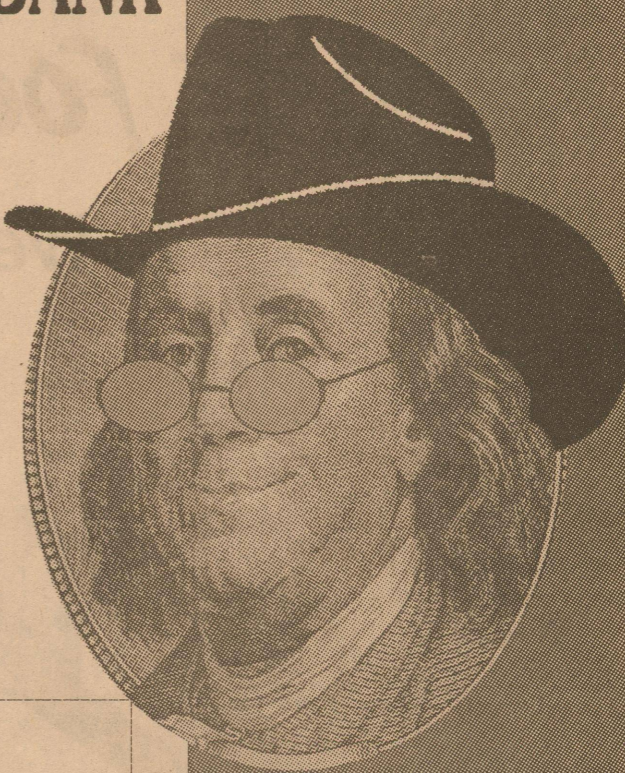
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Eagles feast on Angoras 35-0

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles traveled to Rocksprings last Friday night to take on the Angoras. The Eagles managed to spoil Rocksprings' homecoming festivities and sending them packing with a 35-0 loss.

The game gave the Eagles their first taste of "football weather" with the wind blowing from the northeast and the temperature slipping into the lower 40s.

Eldorado came off an open week and the team appeared slow to get started in the early going. However, once the Warbirds warmed up their offense, the game was never in doubt. The win runs the Eagles record to 3-2 going into district play against Mason this week.

The Eagles scored a touchdown in each of the first three quarters of the ball game. With 3:01 left in the first, Joey Bullard found Ramon Barajas in the end zone for a 5 yard TD. Alfredo Munuz tacked on one of his 5 extra points and the Eagles grabbed a 7-0 lead.

Special teams would get the next two scores as Bullard ran in a 63 yard punt return with 10:56 left in the 2nd quarter. Then with 1:08 remaining in the 3rd, Rocky Robles blocked a Rocksprings punt and David Elias carried it in from 10 yards out.

The Eagles would score twice in the fourth quarter as Johnny Herrera found Kenny Covarrubiaz for a 48 yard touchdown and Benji Gonzales busted loose for a 25 yard TD run late in the game.

Offensively, the Eagles looked sluggish early on, perhaps in evidence of the week off they had just enjoyed. However, Eldorado's offense took control of the game and began to move the ball well in the



photo by Randy Mankin

I'll meet you at the quarterback — Eagles defenders swarmed to the ball last Friday night as Eldorado defeated the Rocksprings Angoras 35-0. In on the tackle for the Warbirds were #31 Benji Gonzalez, #90 David Elias, and #63 Juan Guzman. The victory moved the Eagles record to 3-2 and set up this week's showdown with District 2-2A foe Mason.

second half.

Defensively, the linebacking corps continues to lead the EHS attack on that side of the ball.

Coach Fryar commented on the game, "We really started off sluggishly. But, we got a shut out on defense, and scored twice on special teams. We will take the win and look forward to next week."

The Eagles will take on the Mason Punchers at Eagle Stadium tomorrow night to open the "second season." Eldorado has not

faced Mason in loop play in nineteen years. That was back in the days when Mason, Menard, Junction, and Eldorado were all in the same district.

Mason is coming off one of its most successful seasons in recent history. And, at one time this year, they were ranked in the top 10 statewide but have slipped after a couple of losses.

Although this is the first district game, it appears that a victory this week will give the winner an in-

side track on a playoff berth.

Coach Fryar commented on the Punchers, "They are extremely big and fast. We will need to be mentally ready for the contest and be prepared to play four quarters of football. We need everyone to be there and be loud and give these kids plenty of support in this important contest."

Kick off is scheduled for 8 p.m. A reminder since this is Homecoming, fans should make their way into the stadium early as large crowds will be expected for all of the festivities. Wear your GREEN! And as always, BE LOUD!



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Convoy! — #3 Joey Bullard followed his blockers, #63 Juan Guzman and #68 Ben Edmiston, down field last Friday night as the Eagles defeated the Rocksprings Angoras 35-0.

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Mason	3	2	104	72
Junction	2	3	76	104
Grape Creek	0	5	51	164

Last Week
 Eldorado 35 - Rocksprings 0
 Wall OPEN
 Grape Creek 27 - Forsan 41
 Junction 7 - Center Point 20
 Mason 12 - Blanco 0
 Sonora OPEN

This Week
 Eldorado vs. Mason
 Wall vs. Grape Creek
 Junction vs. Sonora

AFLAC Trivia Question
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School Lunch Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
 Menus Subject To Change
 Cafeteria Line

Monday, October 16
 Meat and Macaroni Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Diced Pears, Cornbread, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, October 17
 Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, October 18
 Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Dill pickle Spears, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, October 19
 Fish Strips/Tarter Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese Black-eyed peas, Rosy Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing

Friday, October 20
 Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding

Breakfast
 ½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, October 16
 Mixed Fruit, French Toast/Syrup

Tuesday, October 17
 Pineapple Slices, Cream of Wheat, Toast/Jelly

Wednesday, October 18
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, October 19
 Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Friday, October 20
 Grape Juice, Buttered Rice, Toast/Jelly

Fast Food Line

Monday, October 16
 Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Diced Pears, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, October 17
 Chilli Crisпитos/Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, October 18
 Corn Chip Pie, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, October 19
 Turkey Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Cake/Icing

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8th grade Eagles defeat Rocksprings 42-12

The 8th Grade Eagles played the Rocksprings Angoras on Thursday, October 5, 2000. Justin Phillips rushed for 177 yards. Lance Roberts ran 123 yards and Eric Garcia had 55 yard receiving.

Will Griffin, Simon Duran and Juan Contreras combined for 25 tackles.

After the game Coach Dave Lewis commented, "The athletes worked hard all week and executed the offense and defense like we practiced."

This evening, the 8th grade Eagles will host Mason in Eagle Stadium at 6:30 p.m.

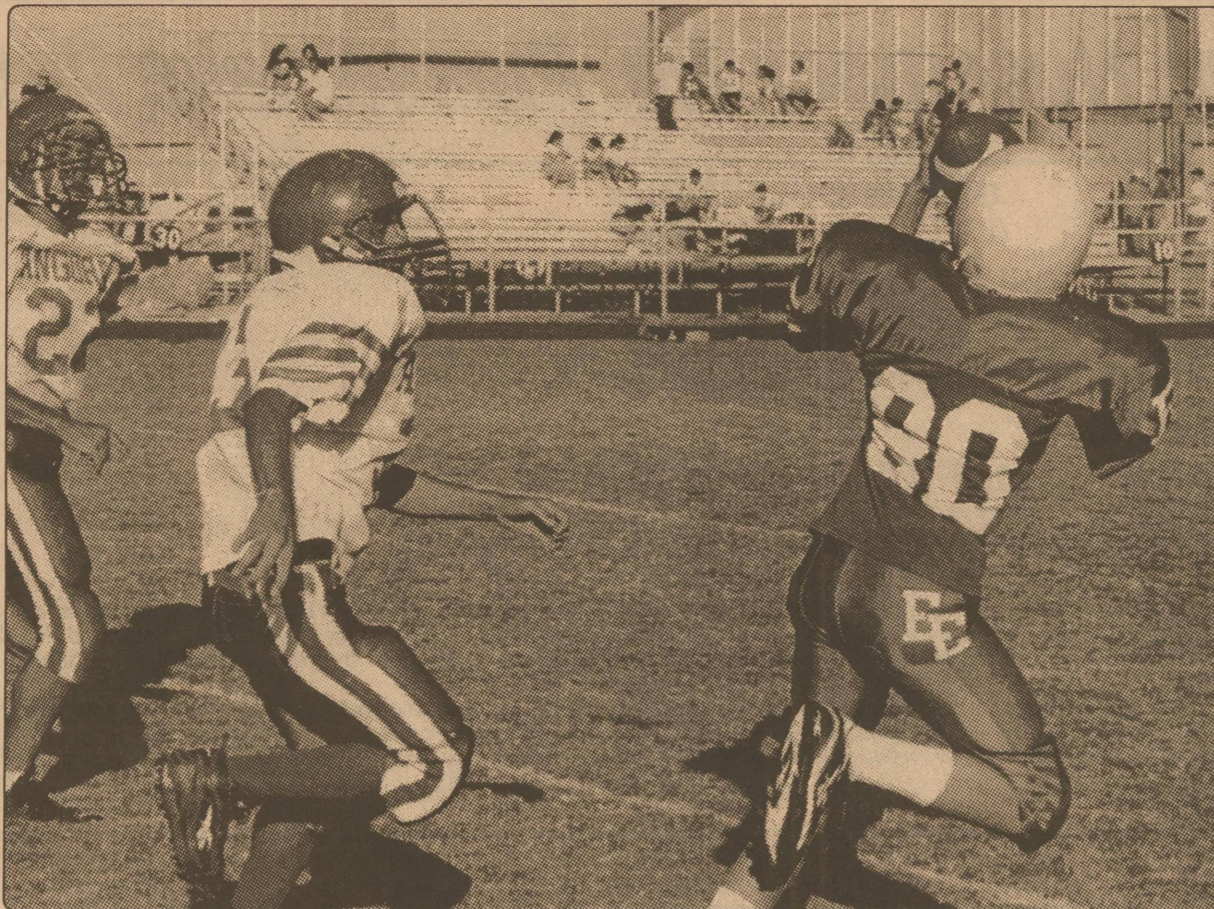


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Right in the hands — #80 Eric Garcia hauled in this pass last Thursday as the 8th grade Eagles coasted past the Rocksprings 8th grade Angoras by a score of 42-12

7th grade falls to Menard 24-0

by Coach Larry Mitchel

The Eldorado 7th Grade football took it on the chin last Thursday. Menard scored 24 points to Eldorado's 0. Their defense stopped us cold and after several fumbles Menard got the momentum and we never got into the game.

The 7th grade will host Mason this afternoon in Eagle Stadium at 5:00 p.m.

Eagles runners vie in Ozona C-Country meet

The Ozona Cross Country Meet was held in Saturday, October 7th, 2000 in Ozona. The weather was cold, damp and cloudy.

Among the EHS varsity boys competing was Sammy Cabrera, who placed 3rd with a time of 16:51. Daniel Mata finished 23rd,

at 19:03. Buddy Greer was 32nd with a time of 19:25 and Pascual Esparza placed 54th in 20:51. The EHS boys did not score in the team totals.

The EHS Varsity Girls team placed 6th overall with a team score of 169 points. Running for the Lady Eagles were: Courtney Sauer, 23rd,

16:06; Nancy Cawley, 27th, 16:11; Courtney Brown, 31st, 16:22; Kayla Case, 34th, 16:30; Monica Moreno, 54th, 17:30; Jennifer Bybee, 62nd, 17:51 and Clara Herrera, 67th, 18:05.

Odessa High placed 1st in the girls team standing with a score of 69, Reagan County placed second at 73 points.



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New manager at Texaco — Martha Bustos is the new manager at Texaco Star Stop. She has worked at the store for 2 years and took over as manger on Oct. 1st.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

On Friday, October 6, 2000 members, Nancy McCray, Dorothy Dacy, Kim'et Nelson and Barbara Jackson loaded into Flora Hubble's car for a trip to San Angelo, where they met member Rosemary Ridgeway at a restaurant and enjoyed dinner before going on to the Angelo Civic Theatre where they enjoyed a presentation of "The Music Man."

Barbara Jackson was hostess for the October 9, business meeting. After leading in the opening ritual, president Linda Lindsey read a letter from the Game Association asking for a donation for The Game Dinner. Members voted to give a \$20 gift certificate to be purchased at West Texas Lumber & Trading Post. Other business discussed was the upcoming Halloween Dance for Kindergarten - 4th grade and a possible casserole and bake sale the first weekend in November. Since this will be the first

weekend of hunting season. Members discussed making such items as cookies, chilli, cornbread, and beans that would be good items for hunters to take to their camps. Ways and means projects help finance the scholarships the sorority awards each May to two graduating seniors.

After the business meeting the hostess served lasagne, breadsticks, and hot spiced cider to Dorothy Dacy, Nancy McCray, Flora Hubble, Dorothy Clark and Linda Lindsey.

Our next meeting will be October 23 in the home of Dorothy Clark.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

Early Voting begins Monday, Oct. 23rd...Remember to VOTE!

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Celebrity Day at EHS — At left, EHS office staff members Abbie McCormick (foreground) and Janelle Hausenfluck and Candice Henry react to some of the costumes worn by high school students on "Celebrity Day." At right, (L-R) Kayla McCravey came as "Mimi" from the Drew Carey Show, Megan Poyner was "Dolly Parton", of course, and Toni Martin came dressed as a yet unidentified rock star. Each day during Homecoming week, EHS students are encouraged to dress in accordance with different theme days like Celebrity Day, which was held on Tuesday.

School board scraps 28-credit requirement for graduation

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graduation standard. Hodges pointed out that scheduling problems coupled with difficulties associated with students transferring into the school system, have worked together to assure that some current seniors won't have enough credits to graduate.

After discussing the subject at length, the board voted to abandon the 28-credit standard and adopt the TEA's proposed 24-credit standard, allowing all current seniors to graduate, provided they pass their classes. Currently the TEA only requires 22-credits to graduate.

It was explained that the state's proposed 24-credit standard includes three graduation programs. A "minimum" high school program must offer required 17.5 credits and 6.5 credits in elective classes. The "recommended" program offers 21.5 credits in required classes and 2.5 elective credits. The "distinguished" program expands on the "recommended" program by requiring an extra year of foreign language study and 3 advanced classes.

Trustees also expressed their hope that EHS students would take advantage of distance learning opportunities in order to obtain college credit while in high school. Hodges assured the board that students will continue to be informed about the benefits of the distance learning and the opportunities the school provides in that area.

The board also voted to abandon the 4-point grading system and return to the "weighted class tier" system which was in place at SCISD for many years. It was explained that a regular tier class earn no extra points for students, while advanced tier classes add 5 points to a student's final average at the end of the semester for class ranking purposes. Accelerated tier classes will add 10 extra points to a stu-

dent's final average. Any classes in which the students are given blanket grades and courses taken through distance learning will not be used to compute class ranking.

Coach Jim Fryar then met with the board about the possibility of his junior government class taking an educational trip to Washington, D.C. this summer. He said that, so far, 32 students so far have shown an interest in taking the trip. Fryar said that funding for the trip would be the responsibility of the students and their parents. Those students unable to afford the trip would be provided with funds, Fryar said. The board voted in favor of the measure with Eddie Albin casting the only dissenting vote.

Superintendent George Blanch then told the board that he had received a verbal assurance from Fred Gauntt, the district's insurance adjuster, that the Ag Barn, heavily damaged in a Sept. 12th wind storm, is unstable and should be torn down. Further information on the building will be received and discussed by

the board at a meeting called for Monday, October 23, 2000. At that time, the board is expected to discuss the building with other interested parties, such as the Eldorado Game Association, that is currently seeking ways to fund building large enough to hold its annual game dinner, as well as other community activities.

It was also noted that new banners proclaiming SCISD's "Exemplary" status will be displayed during the football game this week against Mason. The banners will be displayed at all home football and basketball games.

Superintendent Blanch then reported on the district's summary of finance as of September 25, 2000. He noted that the state will be withholding \$415,000 for money it overpaid the school last year. That figure is \$35,000 higher than the \$380,000 the board had expected. It was explained that this additional shortfall was caused by projecting an increase in student enrollment. When asked for his opinion on how

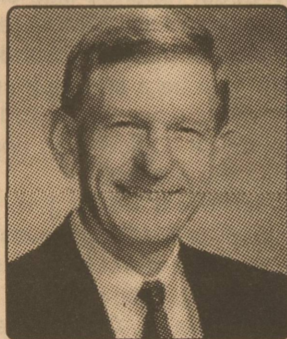
the miscalculations occurred, Blanch told the board that it is very difficult to predict student, especially since the state requires that enrollment numbers be predicted two years in advance.

It was further explained that the district will receive less money from the state's School Land Fund. This year the amount SCISD will receive will be down \$24.00 per student from last year's payment of \$278 per Refined Average Daily Attendance.

Before adjourning, the board entered into an executive session to discuss employee duties, regulation, travel and stipends. They emerged into open session, taking no action on the topics before the meeting ended.

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City council meets, discusses street repairs, wastewater treatment plant

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Another item of interest shared with the council concerned the city's wastewater plant. Mankin noted that with the onset of cooler weather, the plant is once again in compliance state regulations. Mayor Nikolauk then directed remarks about the city's ongoing struggle with the sewer plant to a member of State Representative Bob Turner's campaign staff, who happened to be in attendance for the meeting. The mayor related a brief history of the problems the city has faced with the wastewater plant. He emphasized that most of the problems encountered at the plant occur during hot summer months when algae growth increases greatly. Nikolauk asked for Representative Turner to intercede with

the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) on behalf of the city. Mankin then reported to the council that several paving projects within the city are coming to a close. He noted that Warner Street has been partially rebuilt and partially seal coated. Various streets in the south part of town have been completed. Mankin pointed out that the engineering on the jobs had been carried out by himself, City Superintendent Jack Dean and paving contractor Daniel Seidel. He explained that the engineering firm which carried out the East Street paving project one-year ago was not involved in this year's work. Mankin further noted that repairs to the problem-plagued East Street are currently being studied.

City Superintendent Jack Dean then visited with the council concerning work at the landfill. He noted that work had fallen behind during the recent paving project since city personnel, normally used to dig new cells at the landfill, were pressed into service to help with the street projects. Dean also explained that the drought conditions have dealt severely with trees set out last year around the perimeter of the landfill. He speculated that only 50 percent of the saplings will survive.

Dean also informed the council that his crew is continuing to upgrade gas regulators throughout the city's gas distribution system. He said that each time an old gas regulator is removed, it is replaced with a safety-shutoff regulator. The purpose of this type of meter is to ensure that when the supply of gas is interrupted to a home, it cannot be turned back on without resetting the regulator. This is especially important in homes with open flame heaters. Mayor Nikolauk encouraged

aged Dean to continue placing a high priority on this program. Dean concluded his remarks to the council by informing the members that he and City Administrator Randy Mankin continue in their efforts to locate good, serviceable equipment from government surplus yards in Lubbock, Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Houston.

The council then approved the minutes of the September 11, 2000 and okayed the first budget amendment of the 2000-2001 fiscal year. The September tax report and financial reports were presented by City Secretary Carolyn Mayo. Upon a motion by Tommy Minor, seconded by Toni Sudduth, the council unanimously approved paying the city's monthly bills. Items of new business included a resolution to accept the recently completed water improvement project in the western portion of town. Before the council voted to approve the measure, Ms. Mayo assured the council that the city staff, the contractor and the engineering firm involved in the project were satisfied that the job had been satisfactorily completed. Randy Mankin then told the

council that the city had recently received approval for a "Type 4" cell at the landfill. He explained that the cell will be used for brush, building and demolition debris and that the refuse in that cell will not apply toward the 20 tons per day limit imposed on the landfill by TNRCC. Currently, 5 percent of the waste received at the landfill is classified as "Type 4."

Carolyn Mayo then reported that the new "Type 4" cell had caused the city to renew its "Financial Assurance" trust accounts. The trust accounts are pledged to the state to ensure that the landfill is properly closed once the last trash is placed in the facility.

A water depth analysis graph was distributed to the council. The monitor well, adjacent to the city's main well, located behind city hall, indicated a four foot increase in water depth. On October 4, the water in the well registered at 316 ft. from the surface. Six weeks earlier, at the height of the August heat wave, the water level was reported at 320 feet from surface.

Council woman Sherry Lux reported that the Game Association had invited her to serve as representative of the city council in a

joint effort to plan and finance a new civic center. The council assured Lux of its interest in the project.

Gas rates will continue at \$9.00 per 1,000 cubic feet in the next billing cycle. It was reported that the price the city is paying for gas has increased greatly in recent months. Several years ago the council adopted the practice of adding \$1.90 per 1000 cubic feet, to pay for operating the city's gas facility. During September the price exceeded the \$9.00 rate, however, the city maintained the rate at \$9.00 and funded the difference from a gas reserve fund. City Administrator Randy Mankin explained that the money in that reserve fund is depleted and that future gas rate increases will have to be "passed through" to gas customers.

All regular items of business having been completed, the council entered an executive session, for the discussion of personnel matters. When the council emerged into open session they voted unanimously to authorize City Administrator Randy Mankin to exercise his discretion in hiring an employee to fill a current opening on the city's street crew.

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Call 853-2062 Weekdays, or 853-3411 Weekends

ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION (ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 7, 2000, in Schleicher County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el día 7 de Noviembre, 2000, en el Condado de Eldorado, Texas, con el propósito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Artículo XVI, Sección 65, de la Constitución de Texas.)

(List Offices) (Enumere los puestos oficiales)

Sheriff (Sherife)
 County Tax Assessor-Collector (Aseor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)
 County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num. 1)
 County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Num 3)
 Constable (Condestable)
 County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
 (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)
 Clerk's Office Courthouse Square Hwy 277, Eldorado, Texas 76936

(location) (sitio)
 Oficina de Oficinista Casa de Corte Hwy. 277, Eldorado, Texas 76936

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2000
 (entre las 9 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el Octubre 23, 2000)
 and ending on November 3, 2000 by terminating el Noviembre 3, 2000
 (date) (fecha)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Peggy Williams, County Clerk
 (Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P. O. Drawer 580
 (Address) (Dirección)

Eldorado, Texas 76936
 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

October 31, 2000 Octubre 31, 2000
 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 20 day of September, 2000
 (Emitada este día 20 de Septiembre 2000)

John J. Sullivan
 Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

The Blotter

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

ARRESTS
October 3 • Gloria, Juan Delacruz, male age 51, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

Gloria, Arnaldo Aranda, male age 39, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

October 4 • Garcia, Christina Marie, female age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge DPS Warrants. Released paid fines of \$409.00 cash and credited for 2 days served.

Martinez, Eriberto, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, charge Fail-

ure To Appear/Failure to Maintain Insurance/Display Expired Tags. Released on \$400 Surety Bond, \$600 Surety Bond and \$300 Surety Bond.

October 6 • Garcia, Jesus Belman, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Burglary of Building. Released on \$3,000 Surety Bond.

Garcia, Ruben A., male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Burglary of Building. Released on \$3,000 Surety Bond.

October 7 • Opry, Billy Jack, male age 35, arrested by DPS Trooper, charge Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense) Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 and \$2,000 Surety Bond.

Brooks, Jason James, male age 26, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

October 8 • Martinez, Juan Jesus, male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

REPORTS
October 5 • 5:58 a.m. Complainant reported that someone had thrown a rock through a window at their place of business. Officer responded.

• 7:15 p.m. Complainant on Kinney Street reported kids shooting BB guns and the BB's were hitting her vehicle. Officer responded and found it to be a shot gun and that the pellets were falling and hitting the vehicle. Officer was unable to locate the subjects.

October 6 • 2:00 p.m. Drilling company on FM 2129 requested two fire trucks to stand by in case of a fire due to gas flaring.

• 3:54 p.m. Complainant requested a Criminal Trespass be served on ex-husband.

October 7 • 12:03 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about his girlfriend who may have gotten lost on the way to Eldorado or in Eldorado. Officer responded and found female subjects vehicle had broken down. Subject had received a ride home and everything was found OK.

• 11:40 p.m. Complainant re-

ported two dogs missing. Last seen on October 6 around 2:00 p.m. 1 cross breed black and tan and 1 puppy elk hound grey and black.

• 10:07 a.m. Report of a one vehicle accident in Sutton County on I-10 mile marker 431. Schleicher County contacted Sutton County units to respond.

• 4:16 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to help a customer get their truck started. Officer responded.

• 10:00 a.m. Report of one vehicle accident 12 miles north Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

October 9 • 7:50 a.m. Complainant reported that the resident of the home had passed away. Officers and EMS 2 responded. Subject was found to be deceased. Funeral home contacted.

• 11:41 a.m. Complainant traveling east on Hwy. 190 reported a strange animal dead on the highway. Officer and game warden responded.

October 10 • 12:32 p.m. Complainant reported finding a black wallet. Owner was located and they picked up the wallet from the Sheriff's Office.

• 1:10 p.m. Complainant reported smoke coming from a local business. Officer responded and found the smoke was coming from the heat from the dryers mixing with the cold air.

• 4:05 p.m. Complainant reported a large black dog dragging a chain had tried to bite their granddaughter. Animal control responded.

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- Department of Public Safety Special Crimes investigators and the Coryell County District Attorney's Office raided three businesses and two residences in Copperas Cove last week and seized 103 eight-liner machines and \$51,000 in cash and gift certificates.
- The state's newest area code officially went into effect last week. Area code 682 overlays all of the existing 817 area code and covers most of Tarrant, Johnson, Parker and Hood counties, and part of Wise and Denton counties.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Schleicher County Commissioners is taking bids for labor to build approx. 4100 feet of cable fence along the East side of the new airport and approx. 800 feet of cable fence along the East side of the golf course, dividing the South Baseball Field from the golf course. This section of fence begins at the North Right-of-Way on Hwy US 190 and continues North to the rest rooms at the golf course.

The Plans and specifications will be available at the County Judge's office and the County Clerk's office, in the courthouse. Please submit a sealed envelope containing your bid to the Schleicher County Clerk on or before October 23, 2000.

All bids will be opened at the regular Commissioners Court meeting, October 23, 2000, at 10:00 AM.

Peggy Williams, Schleicher County Clerk
PO Box 580
Eldorado, Texas 76936

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Schleicher County Medical Center will be receiving sealed bids for an emergency generator and electrical system upgrade on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2000 at Schleicher County Medical Center in Ann Cook's office at 400 W. Murchinson Ave., Eldorado, Texas 76936. Bids will be publicly opened and read out loud at the board meeting time and date to be determined. Architectural plans will be available after October 12, 2000 from Schleicher County Medical Center, 400 W. Murchinson Ave., Eldorado, TX 76936. Contact: Buddy Otto, (915) 853-2507.

The bid envelope must be marked ATTN: ANN COOK, BID FOR AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UPGRADE TO SCHLEICHER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER, in the lower left corner. Any bids not received on time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

A 5% bid bond for the acceptable bid must accompany each bid over \$50,000.00. A 100% payment and performance bond may be required by the successful bidder for bids over \$50,000.00. Both the bid bond and the payment bond shall be written by a Surety Company listed by the United States Department of the Treasury (Federal Register Circular 570) on an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds and shall hold a B+ or better rating by A.M. Best Co., Oldwick, N.J.

There will be a walk through the project facility for all interested bidders. The walk through will begin at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 23, 2000 at Schleicher County Medical Center located at 400 W. Murchinson Ave., Eldorado, TX.

For information you may call: Paul Rheinlander, Austin, TX (512) 255-8948.

Schleicher County Medical Center reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid and waive technicalities and award the bid that serves the best interest of the Medical Facility.

Mittel Insurance Agency Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Mrs. Homer's kindergarten class. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the class on Wednesday, Oct. 4th, they were viewing a demonstration by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. as part of Fire Prevention Week.

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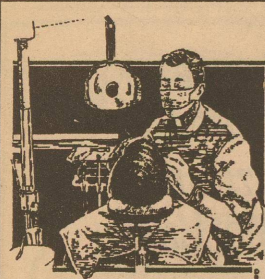
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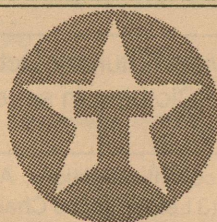
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Validation dates set for County Jr. Livestock show

by Scott Edmonson, CEA-Ag

The annual livestock project validations for sheep, goats and swine will be taking place in the upcoming months. All 4-Hers and FFA members will need to bring their animals to the showbarn on the dates listed below so their animals will be eligible for the county stock show and the major stock shows.

Sheep and goat validation will be on October 14th and October 28th from 9-11 a.m. at the showbarn. We will also be having a

showmanship clinic on that day from 1-3 p.m.

Swine validation will take place on November 11th, from 9-11 a.m. at the showbarn. We are still working out details for a showmanship clinic on that day.

Remember, if you want to participate in the county or major stock shows, you must bring you animal on the above dates to be validated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Extension office.

County Commissioners meet

by Pat Ragsdale

Commissioner Ross Whitten called the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners court to order at 9:17 A.M. Monday, October 9, 2000. Commissioners present included Whitten, Johnny Mayo, Steve Minor and Bill Clark. County Judge Johnny Griffin was absent.

Minutes of the September 25, 2000 meeting, read by County Clerk Peggy Williams, were approved. County Treasurer Karen Henderson presented requests for transfers of funds between various accounts. All bills were approved for payment.

An item concerning medical travel expenses, in behalf of indigents was postponed pending receipt of additional information. Upon a motion by Johnny Mayo, seconded by Bill Clark, the court elected to invite Annie Arispe, representing the Hospital District, to meet with the court at the October 23 meeting. Ms. Arispe will be asked to assist the court in understanding the guidelines establishing indigency, as currently defined.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson presented a proposal to the court allowing for an additional .001% to be added to the county's contribution toward county em-

ployee retirement. Currently, the county pays 7% into the program that is matched by an employee contribution of 7%. The current plan allows for a return, at retirement, of \$1.50 for each \$1.00 invested. The new rate will allow a return of \$1.75, an increase of .25 cents. The increase would cost the county approximately \$785.00 per year. Upon a motion by Johnny Mayo, seconded by Bill Clark, the increase was agreed to.

Henderson asked a question regarding the availability of supplemental hospitalization insurance for retired county employees. Upon investigation, it was determined that each retired employee could obtain insurance coverage through the Texas Association of Counties. Henderson further reported that this particular insurance coverage for retirees had no connection to the plan currently covering active county employees.

A review of drawings concerning the erection of a pipe-cable fence intended to surround the new airport was completed. Bids for labor only regarding this project are to be opened at the October 23 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

FSA county committee election scheduled

The Schleicher, Sutton and Val Verde County Farm Service Agency is currently accepting nominations for each county through October 30, 2000 for this year's County Committee election. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice by petition. Blank petitions may be obtained at the addresses listed below. Each petition must be limited to one nominee, signed by an eligible voter, and the nominee. Persons nominated must reside in the LAA they represent. This year's election is being held in LAA #1 in Schleicher and Sutton County and in LAA #1, #2, and #3 in Val Verde County. A map of the LAA areas is available at each of the County FSA Offices.

LAA #1 in Schleicher County is the eastern part of the county that follows Toe Nail Trail to Hwy. 190 and down McIntosh Road. Cindy Cawley is the incumbent for that area.

LAA#2 in Sutton County is the western part of the county, which is west of Hwy. 277. Curry Campbell is the incumbent for that area.

Val Verde County will be holding a new election so all three areas will have to be elected. LAA #1 is west of Howard Draw and the Pecos River, LAA#2 is east

of the Pecos River and west of the Devils River, and LAA #3 is east of the Devils River.

As you know this committee is responsible for Farm Service Agency local administrative decisions concerning the many programs directed and managed through the local office. Please be reminded that the County Committee representative is elected by direct vote. The County Committees encourage all persons including all female, minorities, and member of under-represented groups to participate in the election process.

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Shooting sports enthusiasts — Nine local 4-H leaders were among this sizeable group that attended a 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop in San Angelo recently

Local leaders attend 4-H shooting sports workshop

by Scott Edmonson, CEA-Ag

Nine 4-H leaders recently attended a 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop in San Angelo and became certified at shooting sports instructors. We have been in the process of getting the shooting sports program started back up and our first task was to have some local leaders certified to instruct. Now we can move forward thanks to these nine folks who gave up an entire weekend to attend the course.

The following people were certified in rifle: Susan Lloyd, Mike Brenner, Neal Brenner, Matt Brown, Cary Baker and Jay O'Harrow and Leonard Lloyd, Bryan Doran and Gene Nixon were certified in shotgun. We are very proud to have been so well represented at the workshop and look forward to getting the shooting sports program underway.

We will be meeting in the upcoming weeks to line the details out and would like to encourage anyone who is interested in joining 4-H and participating in shooting sports to call the Extension office for more details at 853-2132.



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