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State pushes city to build 3rd water tower

Does the City of Eldorado need a third water tower? The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) seems to think so. The agency notified the city last week that it was not complying with TNRCC rules regarding elevated storage capacity.

Under TNRCC's new rules, the city must provide 100 gallons of elevated storage for every active account. Currently the city's two water towers provide 100,000 gallons of elevated storage, enough for 1,000 active accounts.

But the actual number of active accounts on the city's water system is in question. TNRCC inspector Linda White reported 1,010 active accounts following her inspection on May 3, 2001. However, the city's records indicate only 973 active water accounts.

The disagreement about the number of accounts seems to re-

volve around apartment complexes with master meters and how the individual apartments are counted. During her inspection, Ms. White noted that the three Eldorado Housing Authority apartment complexes have master meters only and that the 40 apartments must be counted individually. After adding the 40 apartments into the count, White noted that the count was above the 1,000 account threshold.

City personnel disagree, however. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and City Administrator Randy Mankin contend that the 40 apartments were already included in their count of 973.

White also cited the city for failing to provide adequate pumping capacity. She noted in her report that the two centrifugal pumps at the city's ground storage tank, at the intersection of East Hill and

North Pecan streets, are not of sufficient size to meet peak demand. White also questioned the ability of the city's airport well, to deliver adequate water during a power outage. The pump in that well is powered by a natural gas engine.

Mayor John Nikolauk and Randy Mankin met with TNRCC Section Manager Brenton Wade on Monday at the agency's San Angelo office. The men took with them documentation concerning the number of active accounts on the city's water system. They also argued that since four of the city's six wells pump directly into the distribution system, they should be included in the pumping capacity calculation along with the two centrifugal pumps at the ground storage station.

After the meeting, Mayor Nikolauk said that he thought the discussion was fruitful. "The people

at the TNRCC office in San Angelo understand our situation," Nikolauk said. "Unfortunately, they are having to enforce rules that are handed down to them from Austin. Our concern is that the rules keep changing."

Long before the TNRCC was created in 1993, state officials began pressuring Eldorado to increase its water storage capacity. In 1977, the Texas Department of Health, the agency that oversaw public water systems at that time, expressed concerns to the city about the lack of water storage capacity. At that time the city had only one elevated storage tank, located behind City Hall, with a capacity of 50,000 gallons, and the 500,000 gallon ground storage tank on East Hill Street.

In 1978 the agency pressed the issue. Mark V. Lowry, chief of the agency's surveillance and technical assistance branch, informed then Eldorado Mayor Pat Ragsdale of the need for more elevated water storage. In a letter dated May 5, 1978, Lowry cited Eldorado's growing population as the need for

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Water tower blues — Eldorado's second water tower was built in 1992. It has a capacity of 50,000 gallons. That's the same as the old water tower behind City Hall. Now, TNRCC is telling the city it doesn't have enough elevated water storage. Could a third tower be in the works?

4 local youths each receive \$10,000 scholarships at State 4-H Roundup

Nine Schleicher County 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Roundup last week at Texas A&M University in College Station. The highlight of Roundup for Schleicher County 4-H members was the Scholarship Awards Assembly. Lindsay Beach, Ben Edmiston, Kayla McCravey and Clay Whitten each received Houston Livestock Show scholarships in the amount of \$10,000. The four scholarship awards bring the total of 4-H scholarship dollars received by Schleicher County students to \$262,500.00.

The four Schleicher County youths had previously submitted applications and each was underwent an interview before the scholarships were awarded. They are each honor graduates of Eldorado High School, receiving their diplomas last month.

Lindsay Beach is the daughter of Damien and Geralyn Beach. She has been a member of the Schleicher County 4-H for 12 years.

During her 4-H career, Lindsay participated in many facets of 4-H life. Among the honors she earned in that time were: Grand Champion Schleicher County Food Show; participant in the State Share-the-Fun Contest; Reserve Champion Meat Goat at Ft. Worth Stock Show. Among the projects he completed were: Sheep, Public Speaking; Community Service; Foods & Nutrition; Goats; Horses; Citizenship; Leadership and Range Judging. During his 4-H career Ben served as a club officer. He participated in the State Sheep & Goat Leadership Camp. Ben was on the District 4-H Camp planning committee, the 4-H recruitment team and was a member of the Senior Leadership project.

Kayla McCravey is the daughter of Chris and Chris McCravey. She has been a member of the Schleicher County 4-H for 12 years. During her time in 4-H, Kayla participated in many 4-H activities. Among the honors she earned in that time were: Grand Champion Schleicher County

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COURTESY PHOTO

Happy 4-Hers — Four Schleicher County 4-Hers each received \$10,000 scholarships at the annual State 4-H Roundup in College Station last week. They are (L-R) Clay Whitten, Lindsay Beach, County Extension Agent Nancy Lester, Kayla McCravey and Ben Edmiston.

TxDOT commissioners plan final vote next Thursday on Ports to Plains Trade Corridor

A final vote on the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor route is slated for next week in Austin. On Thursday, June 28th commissioners of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will formally designate the route for a 4-lane highway from U.S. ports of entry on the Mexican border to the northern tip of the Texas panhandle. The vote could have a tremendous impact on Eldorado.

The route recommended TxDOT staffers is the same route that has been promoted by the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition. It is also the route for which the U.S. Congress has agreed to provide money. That route includes U.S. 277 from Del Rio to San Angelo, and passes right through the middle of Eldorado.

Kevin Evans, president of the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, says he is optimistic that TxDOT commissioners will approve the recommended route. He noted that at a meeting of the commissioners earlier this month, TxDOT staffers had excluded a portion of the route that Ports to Plains is supporting. "The commissioners directed the staffers to put that portion back in the plan when they bring their final recommendation on June 28th," Evans said.

The portion of the plan the staffers excluded included Texas Highway 158 from Sterling City to Midland and Texas 349 from Midland to Lamesa. With that portion reinstated into the route the plan the commissioners will vote yes or no on is identical to the plan supported by the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition. "I would be very surprised if it isn't adopted,"

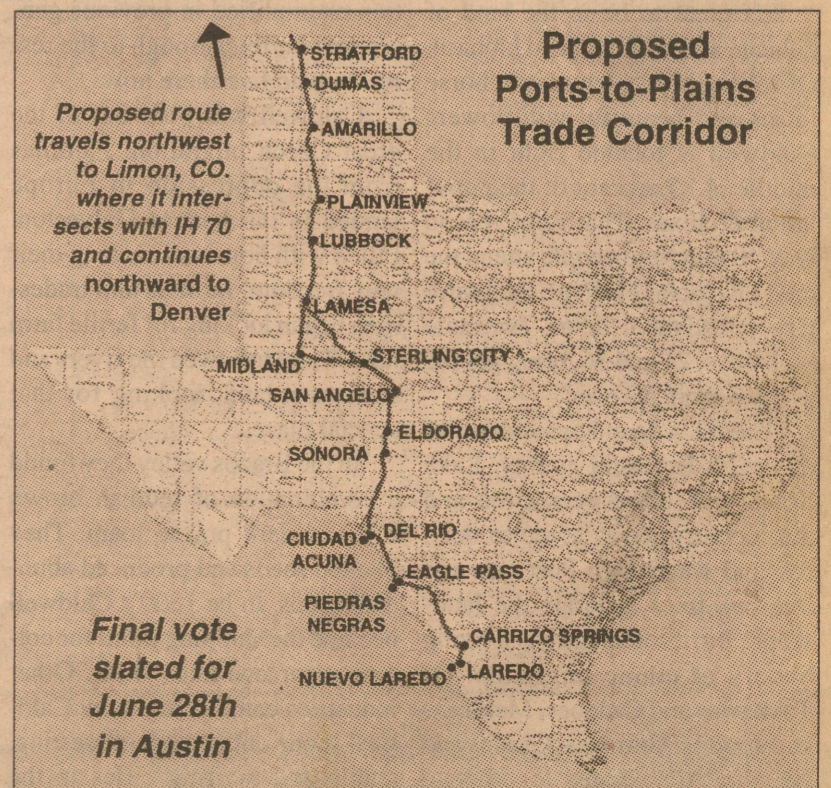
Evans told the Success in a telephone interview on Tuesday.

The route that Evans and his supporters are backing begins at Laredo and travels north on IH 35 to US 83 at exit 13; follows US 83 to Carrizo Springs; follows US 277 to Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Sonora, Eldorado and San Angelo; follows US 87 from San Angelo to Sterling City where it forks; Texas 158 carries one of the forks westward to Midland where Texas 349 then takes the route north to Lamesa; the second fork follows US 87 northwest to Big Spring and Lamesa where the two forks merge back together; US 87 then carries the route north to Lubbock; IH 27 takes the route north to Amarillo; US 287 takes the corridor north to Dumas. The exact route of an extension from Dumas to IH 70 in Colorado has yet to be approved.

However, the Port-to-Plains Coalition supports a proposal to extend the road north from Dumas to Stratford then across the Oklahoma Panhandle to Limon, Colorado, where it would join IH 70 and continue north to Denver.

The push to extend a 4-lane highway through Schleicher County began about fifteen years ago when a group of cities formed the "U.S. 277 to I-27 Coalition." That's when the cities of Del Rio, Sonora, Eldorado, San Angelo, Big Spring and Lamesa, along with numerous county governments, including Schleicher County, began studying the possibility of linking the U.S. port of entry at Del Rio to Interstate 27 in Lubbock. Competing plans from communities like Eden and Brady, and a lack of organization, doomed that

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Two events that guarantee huge crowds...



And in my spare time, I write books



I enjoy westerns and if I ever do write a book it will probably be a western. In fact, I actually started one. My old granddad once told me that the hardest part of doing anything is getting started. So, I sat down and wrote the first chapter. I never went back to it. So much for that theory.

What follows are the first few paragraphs from that effort...

It was only a moment, just a brief split second in time, but it was enough. John Tatum had slouched low in his saddle as he spurred his horse up and over a sloping ridge. But for that one moment he and his bay mare were silhouetted against a glowering sky. That's when he felt a sharp tug at his left arm. Instantly he was thrown forward in the saddle and down to the rocky ground. He never heard the report of the distant rifle.

Somehow, as he fell to the ground, Tatum had managed to grab hold of his rifle and pull it free from its scabbard, before his horse bounded down the opposite side of the ridge. Cradling the rifle, Tatum rolled over and behind a pile of rocks. Two more shots exploded into the stony barricade, sending clouds of shattered rock spraying

over Tatum's head. Whoever it was down there, wasn't playing around. They had Tatum pinned down and they weren't about to let him up.

Quickly, Tatum looked to his wounded arm and cringed as he felt the blood soaked coat sleeve. But, inside the sleeve the arm seemed to still function, albeit with a great deal of pain. Satisfied that the wound wasn't fatal, Tatum then began to take stock of his situation.

A small pile of rocks were his only protection and somewhere on the slope below him was a man with a rifle, intent on killing him.

Tatum had to admit that he didn't like his chances very much, but the daylight was fading quickly. Soon it would be dark and with no moon out, he might...he just might...be able to slip away before his would-be assassin moved in for the kill.

Slowly, Tatum jacked a cartridge into the chamber of his rifle and peered around the edge of his stone fort. A muzzle flash on the slope below him gave him only a split second's warning that more lead was headed his way. Tatum didn't wait long. As soon as the bullet slammed into the rock above his head he threw his rifle barrel over the top and pumped four quick rounds in the direction of the flash. Then he dropped to the ground and began crawling toward a large boulder a few feet away.

Well...that's the beginning of my book. Maybe I'll finish it some day, if I ever find the time.

New law would create 7 state veteran cemeteries

AUSTIN - Two thousand three hundred and thirty-five U.S. sailors, marines and soldiers died in the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Nearly 60 years later, an estimated 1,500 World War II veterans are dying of natural causes every day.

With 1.7 million veterans living in Texas, the sad fact is that a lot of funerals are in the offing.

Awaiting Gov. Rick Perry's signature is House Bill 310, a measure that would establish a State Veterans Cemetery System. Another piece of legislation, House Joint Resolution 82, places on the November ballot a constitutional amendment that would provide

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by Mike Cox

funding.

If approved, the amendment would allow the Veterans Land Board to sell \$500 million in bonds for veteran home loans and cemetery maintenance.

HB 310 would establish seven state-run veterans cemeteries across the state to supplement the six national veteran's cemeteries in Texas.

The notion behind the legislation is proximity: Family members

of a veteran should not have to drive a long way to visit the grave of their loved one.

On the federal level, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs considers 75 miles the maximum distance someone should travel to pay respect to a veteran.

Though state funds would maintain these new veterans cemeteries, the bill stipulates they would have to be located on donated land.

Dewhurst enters Lt. Gov. race

As expected, Republican Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced last week he would be a candidate for lieutenant governor.

That pits him against Sen. David Sibley of Waco and state Supreme Court Justice Grey Abbott in the spring primary. Assuming Democrat former Comptroller John Sharp doesn't end up with any competition, the winner of the Republican free-for-all will face Sharp in November.

In announcing last week, Dewhurst stressed one thing that won't endear him with Texas' 250,000 state employees: "It's not credible to me to believe that of 250 agencies, boards and commissions in the state of Texas that the Land Office is the only one with a little fat."

When he took over the Land Office from longtime commissioner Garry Mauro, the 55-year-old Dewhurst gave pink slips to 10

percent of his employees and slashed the office's budget by one-fourth.

While he left the Land Office with a smaller budget and fewer people, political insiders say he is the Republican with the most money available to spend in the 2001 election campaign.

Vertical means young

Many Baby Boomers remember when driver licenses were printed on heavy paper.

Those wanting a fake ID needed little more than a sharp knife, some glue and someone else's expired license to create a license "proving" they were 21.

Those days are long gone and getting longer gone.

The Department of Public Safety has unveiled a new, vertically-formatted DL (DPS talk for driver license) that those younger than 21 will receive when they get their license or renew.

Licenses of those older than 21 will continue in the same horizontal format.

The new licenses also feature an image of the Capitol in the background. Both adults and minors will get the new artwork, but only minors will have up-and-down oriented DLs with the licensee's picture in the lower right corner.

To make them harder to counterfeit, the DPS also has added some security features to both styles of licenses.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Caldwell Has More Than A Czech Museum

I love the delicious fruit and meat-filled pastries of Czech people. They make every day a party. I traveled to Snook to report on an outstanding high school basketball team. I went to Somerville to report on the most unique mascot in Texas, the Yegua. And I interviewed some interesting characters in Caldwell, the county seat of Burleson county.

Being from dry west Texas, it's always fascinating to visit a county with three-fourths of its boundaries marked by water: the Brazos and Yegua rivers.

It's great to be in the land of kolache and schnitzel and klobasa. Of rolling hills, picturesque horse farms and beautiful wildflowers Caldwell is located right in the middle of 85 percent of the population of Texas. That's one reason why 40 thousand people attend the city's Kolache Festival, the major Czech festival in Texas. Two state highways, 21 and 36, bring people to town from all over.

There's a deep appreciation of nature in Burleson county. Lake Somerville offers recreation and the countryside is home to deer, fox and waterfowl. Post oak and live oak trees decorate the landscape. Burleson county is a living history of ethnic migration. Of Tonkawas and Caddoes, Mexicans and Anglos, Germans, Czechs and Italians. All blended together to make Texans.

Caldwell is located on the El Camino Real, the great thoroughfare of early Texas. The highway for traders, smugglers, adventurers, settlers and armies.

Fort Tenoxtitlan was established to discourage Anglo settlement in the area. But when pioneers encountered the fort, they considered it just another inconvenience, a minor distraction. They used their resourcefulness to make friends with the soldiers. Finally the fort was abandoned and the frontier became civilized. That vision and courage and determination exemplified in previous generations carries through to the residents who live there now.

Caldwell was born out of the great Czech migration. Families from the oppression in Europe landed in the port of Galveston. Filled with hope and sensing their new freedom, farmers and tradesmen began looking for fertile farm land. They followed the rivers and streams inland, looking for that special place.

In the Brazos valley they found a combination of reddish brown soil and dark prairie loam. They planted seeds and produced abundant crops. In the 1800's Caldwell became the shipping point for cotton, sugarcane and wheat. Other industries came in and now Caldwell is one of the most interesting, stable and inviting cities in the state.

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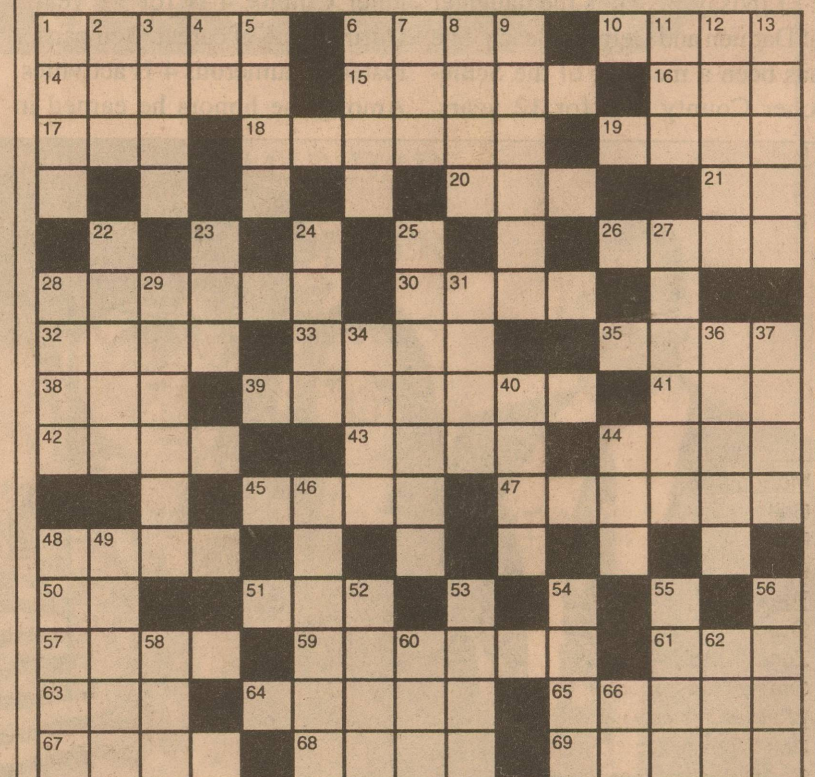
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19 Arab chieftan	64 With the end toward the observer	36 Herbaceous plant
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26 Greenish blue	68 Change course on a sailboat	44 Contribute or impart
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OBITUARIES

Alma Lee Schrier Love

SONORA — Alma Lee Schrier Love, 84, of Sonora died Monday, June 18, 2001, in Park Plaza Nursing Center in San Angelo.

Funeral service was Wednesday, June 20, at the Church of Christ in Sonora with the Rev. Jerry Jackson officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Alma was born May 10, 1917, in Hext, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Preston F. Love; and one brother and three sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Preston O. Love and his wife, Linda, Tommy E. Love and his wife,

Carol, and one daughter, Martha L. Martin and her husband, Billy, all of Sonora. She is survived by numerous grandsons, Preston Jr., Lance, David, Glen, Steve, Rex, Tracy Love and Mikal Martin. Her granddaughters are Lee Ann Holt, Amy Sykes and Tamara Shannon. Also surviving are numerous great-grandchildren; many nephews and nieces; and a very special friend, Lottie Riely of San Angelo.

The family requests memorials be sent to Hospice of San Angelo, American Heart Association or a favorite charity of the donor's choice.

We will miss her chocolate and pecan pies and her fried apricot pies.

Marissa Dandi Burleson

CAMP WOOD — Marissa Dandi Burleson was born Feb. 11, 1980, in San Angelo and passed away June 17, 2001.

Marissa was to begin her senior year at Angelo State University in the fall where she was majoring in special education and kinesiology.

Service was Wednesday, June 20, at First Baptist Church of Barksdale. Burial followed in Barksdale Cemetery. The Rev.

Blake Westbrook officiated. Arrangements are by Nelson Funeral Home of Camp Wood.

Marissa is survived by her parents, F.O. and Barbara Burleson of Barksdale; a sister, Missy Burleson of D'Hanis; brother-in-law, Keith Solbrig of D'Hanis; best friend, Tim Schultz of Wisconsin; and numerous aunts and uncles, including Clay Burleson of Eldorado, and a number of cousins.



Matt Hanson and Toni Whitten

Whitten/Hanson engaged

Ross and Marilyn Whitten of Eldorado, TX, and Larry and Beverly Hanson of Dayton, TX, are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Toni Whitten and Matt Hanson. The wedding will be held on July 28,

2001, at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado. Toni and Matt are both graduates of Texas A&M University and will be making their home in Warsaw, Indiana, where Matt is currently working for Cargill Animal Nutrition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Thought maybe you might like to add this to the paper. It's so true! I clipped this out of a paper long ago.

Mabel Frietag

Old Folks Are Worth a Fortune

Old folks are worth a fortune: With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power

helps me get out of bed. Then

I go see John. then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here, he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis show up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed-with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do-all the time. No matter where I am-in the parlor, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement-I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

BirthDay Girl — Elizabeth "Granny" Powell celebrated her 101st birthday at the Schleicher County Nursing Home on Saturday. She passed much of the time playing dominoes with friends in the lobby.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, June 25

Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk

Tuesday June 26

Oven Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Squares, Milk

Wednesday June 27

Pork Chop w/Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday June 28

Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Corn and Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Cornbread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday June 29

Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Corn Tortillas, Creamy Cole-slaw, Fruit Salad, Milk

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Marine Corps Pvt. Larry W. Nicholson.

Marine Corps Pvt. Larry W. Nicholson, Son of Berta P. and Larry W. Nicholson of Eldorado, Texas, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Nicholson successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Nicholson and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Nicholson spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

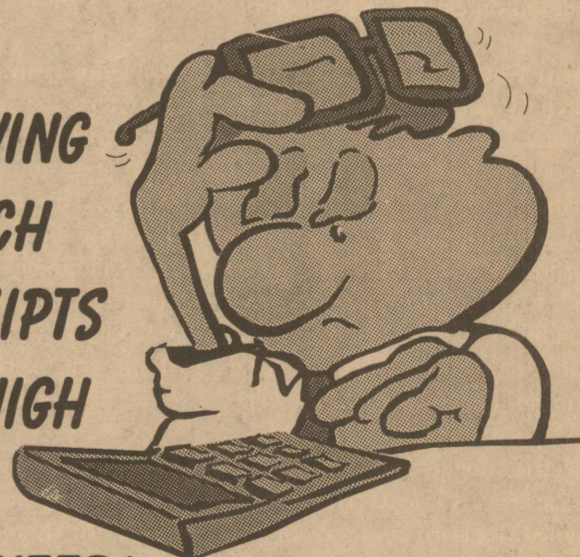
Nicholson and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Nicholson and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which

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Dear Editor:

The Schleicher County Historical Society would like to express our apology to the Pioneer Families that were chosen to represent us this year at Schleicher County Days.

In the past we have had a stage and loud speaker system, with chairs for interested persons to watch the presentation. We were up beside the Memorial Building and no one who was interested knew where we were.

As a group who work to select these people and tell them it is a honor to serve, we were utterly embarrassed by the incident.

Thanks a lot for the "good will" shown during Schleicher County Days. Thanks to Kathy Mankin for the pictures she took.

Schleicher County Historical Society
Shine Spigarelli, Charlene Edmiston, Norma Lynn Mund, Peggy Grelle, Mabel Freitag

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June 30-History and music of the Old West have influenced the cowboy duo Pardis, featuring Roger Banks and Hayden Whittington. In helping to keep that old west spirit alive, they will sing authentic trail songs from the late 1800's and recite humorous poetry rustled from some best cowboy poets around. Menu: Beer Basted Chicken w/vegetables.

July 13: Gary Karschner as Zechariah Teague & Meal August 10: Mike Loving, author and cowboy poet & The Pardis & Meal

Place: Live Oak Lodge X Bar Ranch Eldorado, Texas
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**Eldorado 10 year old All-Stars
win annual Plateau Classic**

Eldorado Youth Baseball hosted the annual Plateau Classic last week and Legion and Volunteer Fields. A total of 32 games were played during the week with 20 teams from 10 different communities. The tournament was again well attended for the week. Sonora won Division III, Eldorado won Division II, and Big Lake won Division I.

All three Eldorado All Star teams participated in the tournament. The Minor League All-Stars placed third in the tournament. They opened with a win over Ozona, then dropped a close game to eventual Champion, Sonora, then had to play Ozona again for the opportunity to get back in the Championship, losing a very close ball game. Three players made the All-Tournament team. Chris Whiddon, Garrett Lux, and Dylan Dombroski each made the squad.

The Major League All-Stars also placed third in the tournament in a field of 10 teams. They opened

with a win over Eden and Junction, before falling to eventual Champion Big Lake in the semifinals. It took the Big Lake squad 8 innings to come away with a 1 run win over Eldorado. The Eldorado team then dropped a game to Junction for the opportunity to play back in the Championship. Three players made All-Tournament for the team, including Russell Cathey, Matthew Hill, and J.P. Joiner.

The 10 year old All Stars brought home the first place trophy in their division. Eldorado defeated Big Lake in the opening round, San Angelo in the semifinals and then defeated the same San Angelo team in the finals. Eldorado went unbeaten on their way to the Championship. Rance Cathey was named MVP and J. Lynn Barajas won the Gold Glove award. Making the All-Tournament team was Milo Vallejo, David Tirado and Kevin Dykstra.

"The Plateau Classic is one of the favorite tournaments for area leagues to participate in and this year was no exception," said Tournament Director David Hill after the event. "We had great crowds and they saw some great baseball."

"This tournament requires some 400 volunteer hours prior to and during the week of play," Hill continued. "We just could not do it with out our many generous volunteers that give of their time to the kids this week. To all of them we say a big thank you."

This week the Eldorado Major and Minor teams will be in Ozona and the 10 year olds will be in Junction.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Champs — Eldorado's 10 year old All-Stars won their division of the Plateau Classic Baseball Tournament held here last week. Team members are (Front L-R) J.Lynn Barajas, Corey Roberts, Wes Brown, David Tirado, Milo Vallejo, (Back L-R) Josh Taylor, Coach Bill Dykstra, Rance Cathey, Kevin Dykstra, Paul Martinez, Jonathan Mejia and Asst. Coach Terry Roberts.



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Major League pitching — J.P. Joiner was on the mound for Eldorado's Major League All-Stars. His team placed 3rd in the Plateau Classic Baseball Tournament held here last week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

I don't how I messed up but I accidentally gave you "Last Year's Boy's Basketball Camp News" for the paper. Here is the correct one for this year. If you could please put this in the paper for next week

it would help hold down the parental phone calls I have been receiving. I have assured everyone that it was my fault and not yours. Thank you so much and sorry for the trouble

Coach Alan Gillespie

**2001 Eldorado Boys
Basketball Camp**

by Coach Alan Gillespie

The Eldorado Boy's Basketball Camp 2001 was held during the week of June 4th through June 8th. The camp was offered at no charge for students 4th through 9th grade.

All had a great time. Eldorado boy's basketball head coach Alan Gillespie was the camp director.

Assistant directors at various times during the week included Eldorado Coach Dave Lewis, Angelo State University Basketball and Track participant Michael Mayo, and Eldorado head girl's basketball coach Leslie Gooch. There were 27 participants this summer.

Activities included skill activities such as ball handling dribbling, shooting, defense, offense, rebounding, game concepts, passing, and various competitions. Campers also played full-court and half-court games. Camp participants included Michael Redish, Josh Taylor, Logan Neal, Lance Roberts, Kyle Taylor, Frank Wipff, Gregory Rodriguez, B.J. Dacy, Diego Barrera, Will Griffin, Marcos Medrano, Michael Hill, Matthew Hill, Mason Baker, Frank Edmiston, Caleb Nixon, Michael Ballew, Eric Garcia, Mark Garcia, Garrett Warnock, Zach Vancil, Benjamin Wilde, Jeremy Ussery, Landy Alfaro, Isidoro Granados, Patrick Chavez, and Patrick Gonzales.

The competitions were very close this year. The winners in Ball Handling turned out to be a family affair. Michael Hill was the champion in Group 1 and Matthew Hill was the champion in Group 2. By the way, that was Matthew's third year in a row to win ball handling in his group. The Free Throw champion in Group 1 was Patrick

Chavez. The Group 2 Free Throw champion was Garret Warnock with a very good 41 out of 50. In "Hot Shots" the champions were Eric Garcia in Group 1 and Matthew Hill in Group 2.

The 3 on 3 champions in Group 2 were the team of Mark Garcia, Marcos Medrano and Garret Warnock by a wide margin. The Group 1 competition was only separated by one point between two teams going into the last day. The eventual champions were Patrick Chavez, Will Griffin, Jeremy Ussery, and Diego Barrera.

The Hustle awards were a family affair also where the winners for Group 1 and Group 2 were Kyle and Josh Taylor. That is the second year in a row that Kyle has won the Hustle award. The Most Improved certificates were taken home by Mason Baker in Group 2 and B.J. Dacy in Group 1. Sportsmanship awards were presented to Isidoro Granados of Group 2 and Caleb Nixon of Group 1. The Leadership winners were Group 2 participant Manny Gonzales and Group 1 participant Michael Ballew. The "Best All-around" award this year went to Frank Edmiston. All camp participants received a camp certificate.

All of the participants this year demonstrated a great respect for their directors and each other. They really knew how to have fun and compete. All left the camp improved in some way. Some of the campers were participating in their 4th year. A list of the members and the award winners will be hung in the High School gym. Coach Gillespie looks forward to next year.

**Summer Lunch
Program Menu**

Monday, June 25

Pizza, French Fries, Pineapple Tidbits Milk

Tuesday, June 26

Tuna Sandwiches, Cheese Sticks, French Fries, Sliced Peaches

Wednesday, June 27

Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwiches, Cheese Sticks, French Fries, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday, June 28

Bologna Sandwiches (Cheese), French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Pear Slices, Milk

Friday, June 29

Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit Cocktail, Milk

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JUNE

21st Lindsay Beach, Scott McGregor, Sidney Reynolds, David Charboneau, Colten Behrens, Jeri Whitten

22nd Mildred Phillips, Betty Hanusch, Crissi McCormick, Mickey McGregor, Cari Green, Ramon Adame Jr., Lee Overstreet

23rd Kyle Brown, Jeffery Donn, Oscar Martinez, Summer Finley, Mandy Belk

24th Will Whitten, Jerry Whitten, Chelsea Long, Janet Warnock, Mike Haynes, Tracy Brenner

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26th Lito Belman

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Solis' probation revoked in intoxication manslaughter case

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Merced Solis of Eldorado, who pled guilty to intoxication manslaughter in the death of Sue Burns of Ozona, was back in court on Thursday, June 14, 2001, on a State's motion to revoke his probation. Solis was the driver of a pickup which struck Mrs. Burns' vehicle just north of Ozona in September of last year. He was driving on the wrong side of the road on the improved shoulder at the time.

Solis had received a sentence of 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, a sentence which was suspended for a term of 10 years. In addition, under terms of his sentence, he was to serve 180 days in the Crockett County jail and then complete the Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility Program as well as other stringent requirements worked out in his plea bargain. Solis had begun the program at the state jail facility at Breckenridge when he was

brought back to Ozona.

Sheriff Shane Fenton said that because Solis is a resident of Mexico working in Texas with a green card, "this more or less cancels out his plea bargain." Because Solis is not a U.S. citizen, the plea bargain can not be done the way it was, Fenton said.

Attorney Gonzalo Rios of San Angelo was appointed June 14, at a hearing in 112th District Court to represent Solis and he was Solis' attorney he was placed on probation in March after entering a plea of guilty to the charge of intoxication manslaughter.

Solis had begun treatment at the Walker Sayle Substance Abuse Treatment Facility at Breckenridge when it was discovered that Solis is not a citizen of the United States. The facility does not accept non-citizens, causing Solis to be unable to comply with a condition of his probation.

The motion to revoke was signed by Frank Lacey, District Attorney pro tem.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Crunch — Two men were taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center Tuesday morning following this wreck at the intersection of North Divide and North Street. According to Deputy David Oliván, who investigated the accident, the 1989 GMC pickup driven by Hilarion Resendiz, 31, of Como, Texas, was southbound on North Divide Street when the driver fell asleep and lost control. The truck left the roadway on the west side and ran through a deep culvert before crashing through a utility pole. The pickup came to rest on North Street.

Representative Smith's aide to visit Eldorado on Monday

A member of Congressman Lamar Smith's staff will be in Eldorado on Monday, June 25, to assist Schleicher County residents with problems or questions they may have involving federal agencies or programs.

JoAnne Powell will be available to meet with constituents from 9 a.m. until noon that day in the Schleicher County Courthouse. No appointment is necessary.

Mrs. Powell, who is based in Congressman Smith's West Texas District Office in San Angelo, will also be available to answer questions concerning federal legislation. Congressional Staff members routinely assist residents who have difficulties in dealing with federal agencies, programs or policies. Common requests include those involving Social Security and Medicare benefits, veterans programs, and Department of Agricul-

ture programs.

Congressman Smith's West Texas District Office is located at 33 E. Twohig, Room 302, San Angelo, Texas, 76903. The telephone number is (915) 653-3971 or (210) 821-5024 and the Fax number is (915) 655-4687. Congressman Smith's web page address is www.house.gov/lamarsmith.

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Queen Esther — Carol Orand portrayed Queen Esther Tuesday evening at Community Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School titled "Jesus to the Rescue." Fifty-three children were on hand for the opening night of the VBS which runs through Friday night with a family night slated for Saturday evening.

Eldorado Blood Drive

San Angelo, Texas, June 18 - United Blood services will be Schleicher County Medical Center Tuesday, June 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. please call Chris Kessler at 853-2507 for an appointment.

"Everyone is out playing and traveling," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "This makes the need for blood increase but the number of donors decrease. Please show your support at this blood drive."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of Identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days. United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood

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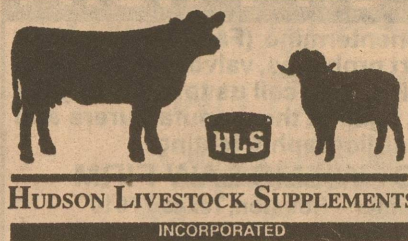
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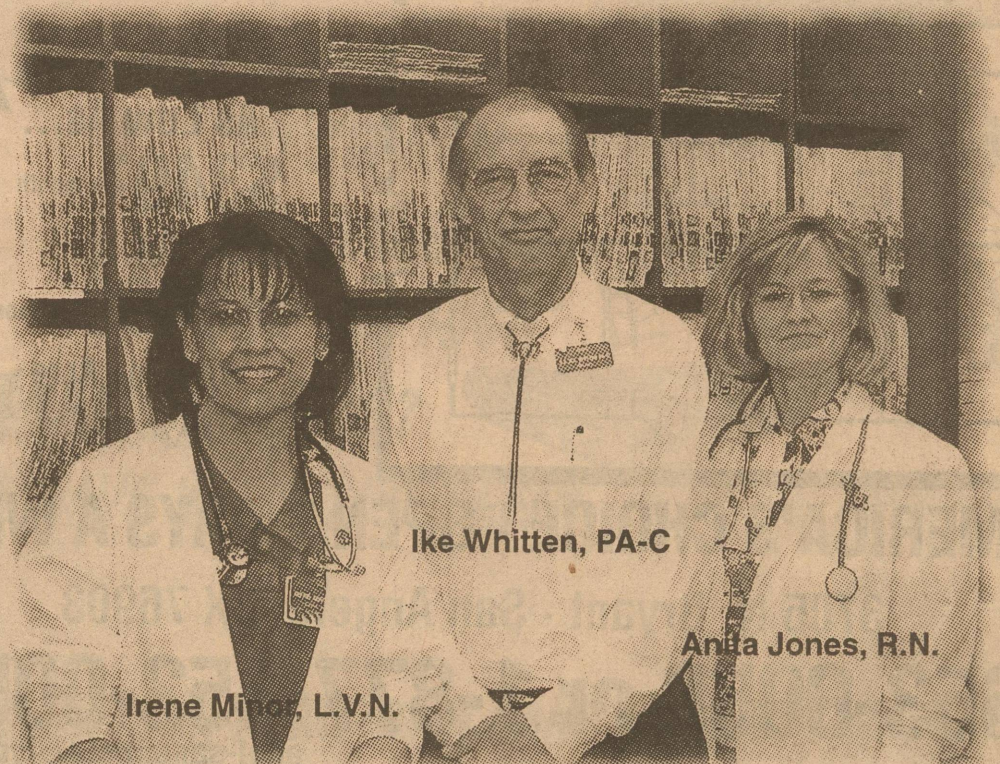
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Food Show; 2nd Place Essay Contest Entry at District Roundup; and District Food Show Participant. Among the projects she completed were: Sheep, Public Speaking; Foods & Nutrition; Clothing; Share the Fun; Etiquette Classes; Camping and Recreation; and Leadership. During her 4-H career Kayla was a candidate for office at District 4-H Camp. She was a Junior clothing leader and was a tour guide at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Expo. She was a commentator at the District Style

Show and was on the planning and organization committee for Etiquette Classes. Kayla also served as a Food Judge at the Irion County Food Show.

Clay Whitten is the son of Ross and Marilyn Whitten. He has been a member of the Schleicher County 4-H for 12 years. During his years in 4-H, Clay took an active part in numerous 4-H activities. Among the honors he earned: Grand Champion Showmanship Award; participant in the State Share-the-Fun Contest; and 4-H Camp in Cloudcroft, New Mexi-

co. Among the projects he completed were: Sheep, Public Speaking; Community Service; Foods & Nutrition; Goats; Citizenship; and Leadership. During his 4-H career Clay served as a club officer. He participated in the State Sheep & Goat Leadership Camp. He was on the District 4-H Camp planning committee, the 4-H recruitment team and was a member of the Senior Leadership project.

Among others making the trip to the State 4-H Roundup was a Senior Share the Fun Team from Schleicher County. Their Survivor Presentation on Good Sportsmanship placed 6th overall. Team members were Lindsay Beach, Clay Whitten, Will Whitten, Courtney Brown, Ben Edmiston, Dest Suduth, Ross Hodges, Will Griffin and Kayla McCravey. The presentation won high marks for audience appeal and good participation. Ross Hodges, Lindsay Beach, Kayla McCravey and Clay Whitten also participated in a special Community Service Activity associated with the State Roundup.

Parents and friends who attended State Roundup included Damien and Geryl Beach, William and Darlene Edmiston, Chris and Chris McCravey, Ross and Marilyn Whitten, Haley Edmiston, Debbie Griffin and her mother, Kay, Meg Griffin and County Extension Agents Scott Edmonson and Nancy Lester. A portion of the 4-H trip was sponsored by First National Bank of Eldorado.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Vote on Ports to Plains Corridor set for next week

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However, a new group, calling itself the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition arose from the ashes of the defunct U.S. 277 to I-27 Coalition. Along with a new name came an influx of money from the City of Lubbock and a much loftier goal. Ports to Plains wouldn't limit itself to linking Del Rio to Lubbock with a 4-Lane Highway. No, the new group planned to connect three ports of entry at Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Laredo, to markets on the Great Plains.

One of the driving forces behind the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition has been the increased truck traffic on Interstate Highway 35 and the backlog of traffic trying to cross the Mexican border at Laredo. Much of the traffic was spawned by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Relief routes connecting Mexico with the U.S. heartland became a high priority with the U.S. Congress. Add to that the fact that President George W. Bush calls Midland, Texas home.

Actually, some of the earliest Ports to Plains Corridor routes did not include Midland. But, Bush's

ascension to the White House coupled with other political support that could be gained by including Midland in the plan, helped push the deal forward.

Next Thursday's vote by TxDOT commissioners could be the culmination of a long, long process, begun by far flung West Texas cities and counties more than a decade ago. And, if the vote is in favor of the Ports to Plains Route, it would be the beginning of a long, long road, a 4-lane road from three major ports of entry, through Eldorado, and on northward to Denver, Colorado.

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building a second water tower. "Our representative has also reported that a population growth study by the University of Texas projects that the City of Eldorado will grow in the near future," Lowry's letter stated. "This study forecasts the population of Eldorado to be 6,000 by 1983 and 9,000 by 1990. Based on the projections it would appear to be wise for the city to develop plans to meet the future water needs of the city."

By 1989, the Department of Health had backed away from the claim that Eldorado's population was about to boom. Still, in a letter dated March 3, 1989 from James E. Pope, chief of the agency's surveillance and technical assistance branch, to then Mayor Bob Lester, expressed the concern that the city's storage capacity was below par. "The elevated storage capacity provided is deficient from the amount required for a system this size," Pope's letter stated. "The installation of at least an additional 40,000 gallons of elevated storage capacity is needed to eliminate this deficiency."

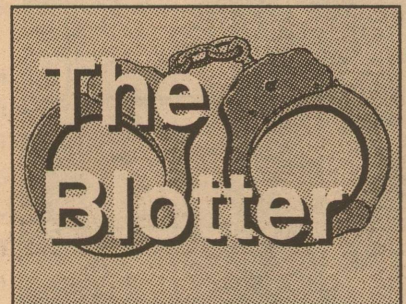
In 1989 the city received a grant through the Concho Valley Council of Governments to fund construction of a new 50,000 gallon water tower. That tower was constructed in 1992 on the north side of town behind Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

At the time the second tower was completed, the U.S. Census Bureau listed Eldorado's population at 2,019. The most recent

2000 Census indicated Eldorado's population had declined to 1,951. The decline in population, coupled with the state's renewed urging for construction of another water tower, are the basis for Mayor Nikolauk's frustration. "The state wanted us to build a new tower so we did," Nikolauk said. "We built one that exceeded the capacity they asked for and then our population declined. Now they want us

to build another tower? It just doesn't make sense."

City Administrator Randy Mankin says Monday's meeting with TNRC officials was productive and that he is hoping the state agency will back away from the requirement for more elevated water storage. In the meantime, Mankin explained, the city will be pursuing a waiver from TNRC headquarters in Austin.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at 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

June 15 • Lambert, Thomas Luther, male age 29, serving 10 days.
June 18 • Lopez, Velaquez Josie, male age 35, arrested by US Marshal, turned over to the US Border Patrol.
June 19 • Rayos, Sonia Carmen, female age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Appear/Furnishing Alcohol To Minor.

REPORTS

June 13 • 1:40 p.m. Subject report-

ed receiving a call from an elderly female subject who was ill. Caller advised she did not know who she was or how the call came through to her line. Dispatcher received call and determined address given was one out of Tom Green County. Tom Green was contacted.

• 2:00 p.m. Complainant reported a dog bite. Officer and animal control responded.

• 3:45 p.m. Complainant reported a black tractor trailer rig driving recklessly on north Hwy. 277 heading south. Officer responded.

June 14 • 7:25 p.m. Complainant reported a red Huffy bicycle missing from resident on San Antonio Street. Officer responded.

• 11:48 p.m. Complainant on N. Cottonwood reported a black/white Mustang running stop signs and peeling out. Officer in the area.

June 15 • 6:50 a.m. Complainant requested dispatch try to contact electric cooperative and report their service out of order. Dispatch contacted complainant and reported someone would be contacting them directly from the Co-op.

• 3:55 p.m. Complainant on S. Cottonwood requested an ambulance for a male subject who is having trouble walking. Two officers and EMS 2 responded and subject refused transport.

• 9:59 p.m. Complainant on North Cottonwood reported a male subject walking in the middle of the road who appeared to be intoxicated. Officer responded.

• 10:22 p.m. Complainant reported that for the last three nights subjects in an older model car have been yelling and harassing them. Officer responded.

June 16 • 1:10 a.m. Complainant reported loud music in an apartment. Officer responded.

• 2:05 a.m. Complainant reported someone banging on the windows of their home. Officer responded.

• 6:30 a.m. Report of a compressor station releasing gas, requesting an emergency number for gas company. Unable to contact company so dispatch called Sheriff Office in Mertzon.

• 10:21 a.m. Complainant requested assistance with her father, patient stated that they would go to the emergency room. EMS 2 dispatched.

• 11:41 a.m. Request for an officer to check on a family whose vehicle is broken down on Hwy. 277 south.

• 1:31 p.m. Complainant reported an argument on East St. Officer responded, all OK.

• 7:31 p.m. Complainant on E. Dorris reported a green mountain bike missing from residence.

• 11:45 p.m. Complainant reported an individual walking down Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded.

June 17 • 3:30 a.m. Complainant reported that their boyfriend was intoxicated and causing problems. Officer responded.

• 7:40 p.m. Complainant reported some steers out on Hwy. 277 south. Officer responded.

• 7:55 p.m. Complainant reported that he had backed into his gas meter. Officer and city employee responded.

• 11:08 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver in a gray Ford pickup. Officer responded.

June 18 • 12:20 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer stated that this subject spoke to him because her husband had not brought back their children when he was supposed to. She stated that he would be in contempt of court and would like to take further action.

June 19 • 5:43 a.m. Complainant reported an accident on the corner of Divide and North Street. Officers, Fire Department and EMS responded.

• 10:30 a.m. Complainant reported a blue bike missing from baseball field street. Items in bag on bike, black and silver Nike bat, glove and 7-8 baseballs.

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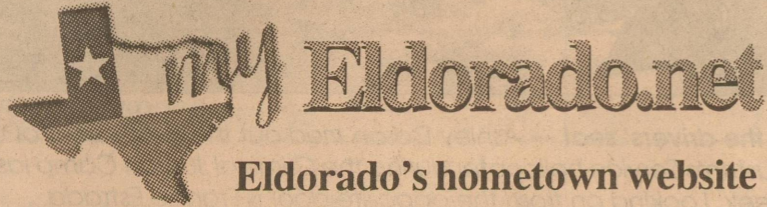
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12 Eldorado students attend annual Criminal Justice Camp

Alan Gillespie and Dave Lewis hosted a Criminal Justice Camp for 12 Eldorado School Students June 11th through June 14th. The camp was financed through portions of the Annenberg Grant that Schleicher County I.S.D. receives. All transportation and meals were provided by the grant.

The week began with a bang as the group spoke with agents of the United States Customs Service in San Angelo. Agents Steve Jones and Doug Smith answered questions and discussed the many different aspects of their jobs. They spoke of their training, their frequent travels to foreign countries, their numerous drug and contraband arrests and seizures, and many other experiences. They told us that the U.S. Customs is a branch of the United States Treasury Division. They walked with us on a tour of their equipment including weapons, jets, airplanes, and helicopters. They have one helicopter that cost almost 2 million dollars and another that can fly 195 mph! They completed the tour by giving all of the group complimentary notepads, pens, pencils, key chains, and educational literature. It was a great morning.

After a nice lunch we headed to downtown San Angelo for a visit with Corporal Steve Spencer and a tour of the brand new Tom Green County jail. This is always a moving and lasting experience. The group saw all the various departments of the jail including visitation, booking, the "drunk tank", holding cells, the cafeteria, and the recreation room. Rigo Arispe was even strapped down in a restraint chair used for out-of-control inmates. Corporal Spencer also showed us his "blue" box in which he keeps an assortment of items that have been confiscated from inmates over several years. These

included tattoo needles made from ink pens, knives made from toothbrushes, parts of a mop, and the metal arch-support of a Nike tennis shoe. There were also some artworks and woven creations made from bed sheets and dice made from toilet paper and baby oil. It was truly a memorable experience.

The next stop was the classroom of Criminal Justice Professor Gloria Priddy at Howard College. Two of her students also stayed to answer questions. Mrs. Priddy lectured about the various aspects of Criminal Justice and the requirements for different law enforcement positions. She even gave the group sandwiches and soft drinks. We went home full and well educated.

On Tuesday we left early to make the long, detour-winding journey to Del Rio to visit the United States Border Patrol Station. Agents Javier Esquivel, Ginette Avila, Chris Reusch and others met with us to show a video and to discuss requirements, pay, and training. You have to go through a 6-month training program and must pass a test once you have completed the training. The test includes questions about the law and a complete Spanish test. As with most other law enforcement positions you cannot have any kind of a criminal record and even minor infractions or juvenile records can disqualify you. They also gave us a great tour and answered questions. They let us use their night-vision and infrared goggles!! We had done the same thing at the Customs office but it was still highly enjoyable. The tour included a visit to the vehicle area, holding cells, the identification and booking area, and the central monitoring station with a vast array of cameras and motion sens-

ing devices. It was impressive. They also had a truck with a huge infrared and night vision camera that comes out of the top and a helicopter with a spotlight so powerful it will set the ground on fire if you fly too close! They talked a great deal (as did all of the personnel we visited with) about being professional, staying up-to-date on training, and treating people with respect. We had a great meal and came home. On the way home we had to go through a Border Patrol checkpoint. It surprised him to see the little pins we got from the other agents and to tell him the things we had learned. Needless to say we got through with flying colors.

Wednesday's visits included a tour of the San Angelo Police Station with Eric Foerster. We saw booking, evidence, fingerprint identification, the city disaster conference room, the crime-stoppers office (we got free pens and pencils again), and other things. It is amazing to note that one entire wall of the 2nd floor evidence room is covered with rifles, the other side with shotguns, and another room with pistols. They are in the process of securing court orders to get rid of a lot of these. They have a lot of other evidence and will need more room soon.

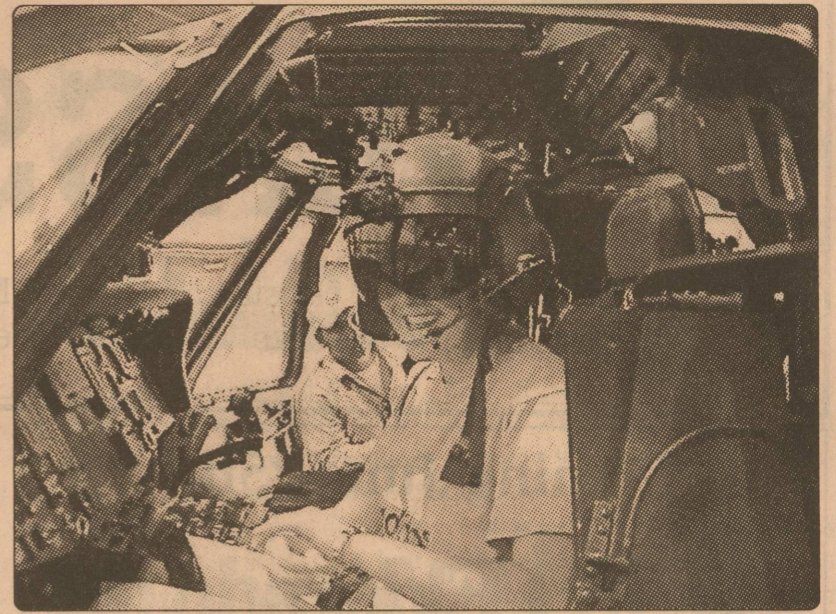
Officer Foerster also walked us across the street to the City Dispatch Building. This is a very important building since they coordinate all the fire, police, ambulance, etc. calls in San Angelo and the surrounding areas. These include 911 calls and any other emergencies or reports. The building is bombproof and tornado proof with bulletproof glass and steel reinforced brick 3 layers thick! It was a fun day.

Our last day was spent in Eldorado. Sheriff David Doran visited

with us and gave us a tour of the Schleicher County Police Station and the jail. Schleicher County's jail has earned wide acclaim for its order and cleanliness. We got to visit with an inmate who is a trustee. He answered questions and told us stories about other jails. It was a very positive experience.

Schleicher County Game Warden Marco Alvizo then talked with us about his position. We asked a lot of questions. Mr. Alvizo told us of the college requirements, training requirements, and of many other aspects of his career. He said the decoy deer was recently used and was shot up so bad it was out of commission temporarily. He said they had to put antlers on it that were the average size for whatever area they happened to be utilizing it in. Mr. Alvizo was very interesting.

The entire camp was a great "hands-on" learning experience. At the end of the last day the participants filled out evaluation forms and wrote reflections about their experiences. Luis Aguilar wrote "I gained some ideas about what I might want to do" and about "how you are supposed to act and their appearance". Frankie Estrada wrote about the equipment the



In the drivers' seat — Ashley Doran tried out the pilot's seat of a Customs Service helicopter during the Criminal Justice Camp last week. Looking on from the opposite door is Frankie Estrada.

people utilized and about how Luis got scared at the Tom Green County Jail. David Doran, Jr. wrote about perhaps pursuing a Customs job some day. Travis Lively liked the infrared and night-vision truck of the Border Patrol and he was interested in the job opportunities. B.J. Dacy said he "learned that law enforcement work is hard, but it is rewarding". Ashley Doran enjoyed "all the group and sponsors". She also said she enjoyed learning

about the places and opportunities at Customs and now she already wants a career as a pilot. There were many other positive comments and we appreciate the opportunity to have this activity.

Camp participants included: Xochitl Esparza Luis Aguilar, Frankie Estrada, Travis Lively, David Doran, Eloise Estrada, Anna Rios, Rigo Arispe, Bryce Leggett, Eric Garcia, Ashley Doran, and B.J. Dacy.

FSA accepting emergency loan applications

Applications for emergency farm and ranch loans for damages and losses caused by flooding that occurred from October 17 through November 6, 2000.

Greenway said farmers and ranchers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of actual production losses, or 100 percent of physical losses, or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers and ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

Concho, McCulloch, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton and Tom Green County are some of the counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical

losses resulting from flooding that occurred from October 17 through November 6, 2000.

Greenway said farmers and ranchers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under these emergency designations will be accepted until October 22, 2001, but farmers and ranchers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season, Greenway said.

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