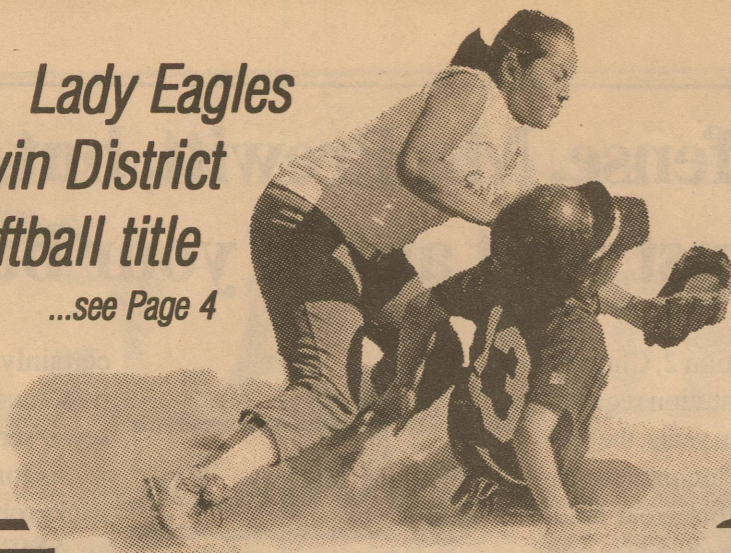


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Jones named Fireman of the Year at Hill Country Firefighters convention

Poster entries and pumper teams garner numerous awards

Jerry Jones of Eldorado was named Fireman of the Year by the Hill Country Firefighter's Association convention in Eden last Saturday. Jones, who has served as Fire Chief of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department for 18 years, said he was honored to be recognized by his fellow firefighters.

During Jones' tenure as Fire Chief, the local department has undergone an extensive modernization. Most recently, a new pumper truck was added to the department's inventory, after a lengthy lobbying effort, led by Jones, persuaded the four major taxing enti-

ties in the county to share the cost of the equipment. Through the years, numerous "grass trucks," utilized in fighting grass and brush fires, have also been added and upgraded. Most of those trucks were used military vehicles which were donated to the department by the Texas Forest Service.

Also receiving recognition at the convention were three Eldorado High School students who took the top three prizes in the association's fire prevention poster contest. Kary Gibson's poster won 1st Place honors while Anthony Pina and Maria Hernandez placed 2nd

and 3rd. Interestingly, the three young artists also captured the three top honors in the local poster contest, but in somewhat different order. In that contest, Maria Hernandez won top honors with Kary Gibson and Anthony Pina placing 2nd and 3rd.

Eldorado's 3-man and 6-man pumper teams both placed 3rd in pumper races held during the convention. The 3-man team consists of Michael Faull, Michael Felver and Luiz Martinez. The 6-man team includes Michael Faull, Michael Felver, Stoney Harris, Joey Jones, Luiz Martinez and T.J. Rodriguez.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Fireman of the Year — Fire Chief Jerry Jones was named Fireman of the Year by the Hill Country Firefighter's Association at the group's Spring Convention in Eden last Saturday.

City/County to cooperate on Orient Heights sewer grant

by Pat Ragsdale

The City of Eldorado and Schleicher County will work together to obtain "Colonias" grant funds to extend sewer lines into the Orient Heights Addition, just south of the Eldorado City limits. The deal, which was approved by County Commissioners earlier in the day, received final approval Monday night, when the Eldorado City Council voted unanimously to support the project. Mayor John Nikolauk then signed a resolution declaring the city's intent to participate in the effort.

If the proposal is successful, Schleicher County will provide in-kind services worth approximately \$8,000.00 and an additional \$6,000.00 in cash. The City of Eldorado will contribute \$14,000.00 in cash and provide local administration of the grant.

As part of the deal, Schleicher County agreed to apply for a second grant, through the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP), to pay for upgrading water and gas lines in the same area. The City of Eldorado will provide the in-kind services and to offset the "local match" requirements, if the grant application is successful.

City Administrator Randy Mankin explained to the City Council that the cooperative project is a "win-win deal" for the city and county. He further noted that both grants are being applied for by Schleicher County, leaving the City of Eldorado

free to apply for an entirely separate TCDDP grant in 2001.

Moments before the council meeting began, Mayor John Nikolauk presented a Mayor's Proclamation to Mrs. Katrina Gonzales and two of her students, Mariana Guzman and Xochitl Esparza. The proclamation named April 30, 2000 as Children's Day or El Dia de los Ninos in the City of Eldorado.

Rev. Jim Broome, youth minister of First Baptist Church, then led an invocation and the meeting was called to order by Mayor Nikolauk. Present for the meeting were councilmembers Toni Sudduth, Richard Mendez, Sherry Lux, Tommy Minor and Eddie Rodriguez. Councilman Robert Bybee was absent.

Bids were then reviewed from six companies hoping to carry out improvements to the city's water distribution system in the northwest part of town. Bids ranged from \$128,000.00 to nearly \$300,000.00. It was explained that sealed bids had been opened earlier that afternoon and that engineer John Voller was reviewing the individual bids and awaiting an environmental report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Once the report is received, the city council may award the bid and work can commence. Voller said he expected to hear from the EPA later this week.

Next, one sealed bid was received and opened by the council

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photo by Kathy Mankin
Top three artists — Eldorado entrants took home all three plaques in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest sponsored by the Hill Country Firefighter's Association. Kary Gibson (center) placed 1st, while Anthony Pina (L) was 2nd and Maria Hernandez (R) placed 3rd. The posters were judged during the association's Spring Convention, held in Eden last Saturday.

S.C.I.S.D. trustees hold regular monthly meeting

The Schleicher County I.S.D. board of trustees met Monday night, April 10, 2000, in regular session. Present for the meeting were trustees Ilse Williams, Steve Sessom, Eddie Albin, Jo Helen Kotsch, Roxanne Adame and Phil McCormick. Bertha Nicholson was absent.

Before getting down to business, the board saw a "distance learning program" about sharks, which was presented by Middle School Students Michael Hill, Daniella Guadarrama and Rachel Joiner and science teacher Sharon Spinks.

After the presentation, board president Ilse Williams introduced and welcomed Sam A. Whitten, Jr. who is running unopposed for the seat currently held by Roxanne Adame.

Superintendent Hal Porter had previously informed the board that there would be a \$198,642.00 shortfall in State funding for the 1999-2000 school year. At their request, Porter explained options the board could take to address the problem.

In the end, the board chose to freeze expenditures in a category titled "Employee Benefits." However, Ilse Williams stated emphatically that the category contains more than employee benefit items and that no benefits were being cut.

In other business, a family living outside the district, that pays tuition for their children to attend Schleicher County schools, requested a waiver of tuition for a foreign exchange student for the 2000-2001 school year. It was explained that a German student, who visited the school last year, plans to spend the next year here, with hopes of attending Eldorado High School. The board voted to waive the tuition with all trustees voting for the measure, except Ilse Williams, who abstained.

The board then behind closed doors for an executive session regarding student discipline issues. They emerged into open session, taking no action on the matter.

A resolution recognizing the Eldorado Success in the Texas

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Parties hold primary runoffs

Only twenty-two Democrats and seventeen Republicans cast ballots locally in Tuesday's primary runoff elections. Of that number, Schleicher County Democrats were evenly split on the sole race on their ballot, with 11 voting for Gene Kelly and 11 voting for Charles Gandy in the U.S. Senate Race. Statewide, Democrats chose Kelly as their nominee by a 143,970 to 102,315 margin.

Schleicher County Republicans had three judicial races on their runoff ballot. They cast 9 votes for Sharon Keller and 7 votes for Tom Price in the race for Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals. Keller won the race statewide by a 120,875 to 99,099 vote margin.

Local Republicans cast 10 votes for Charles Holcomb and 7 votes for Guy Williams in the race for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 1. Holcomb won that race statewide with 112,752 votes, or 55 percent. Also, in the race for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2 local voters cast 10 votes for Jim Wallace and 6 for Barbara Parker Hervey. However, Hervey won the race statewide by a 118,354 to 94,235 vote margin.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Mayor's proclamation — Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk presented Mrs. Katrina Gonzales and two of her students, Xochitl Esparza and Mariana Guzman, with a proclamation Monday night, declaring Sunday, April 30, 2000 as Children's Day or El Dia de los Ninos in Eldorado.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Severe Weather Alerts

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department sounds a warning siren, located on the water tower adjacent to Eldorado City Hall, when severe weather is imminent. The signal for severe weather consists of:

- 1) A one-minute siren blast followed by a 20-second pause
- 2) A second one-minute siren blast followed by a 20-second pause
- 3) A third one-minute blast followed by a 3-minute pause at which time the cycle will begin again.

Fire alarms consist of continuous siren blasts.

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Tech Savvy Teachers

Texas teachers are computer savvy according to a 1999 *Education Week* survey. In fact, 60 percent of Texas teachers have an intermediate or higher level of technology expertise. In addition, 91 percent of Texas classrooms are linked to the internet.

Only 1 percent of those responding to the survey classified themselves as computer instructors, while 7 percent considered themselves to be advanced computer users. Beginners counted for 34 percent of the responses while 6 percent said they had no computer experience at all.

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On This Date

On this date in 1796 the 1st elephant was brought to America from Bengal, India. In 1861, after 34 hours of bombardment, Ft Sumter surrendered to Confederates. In 1865 Sherman's march through Georgia began. In 1902 J.C. Penney opened his 1st store in Kemmerer, Wyo. In 1943 the Jefferson Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. by FDR. In 1975 Jack Nicklaus won his 5th Masters golf tournament. In 1986 Nicklaus won his 6th Masters, at age 46.

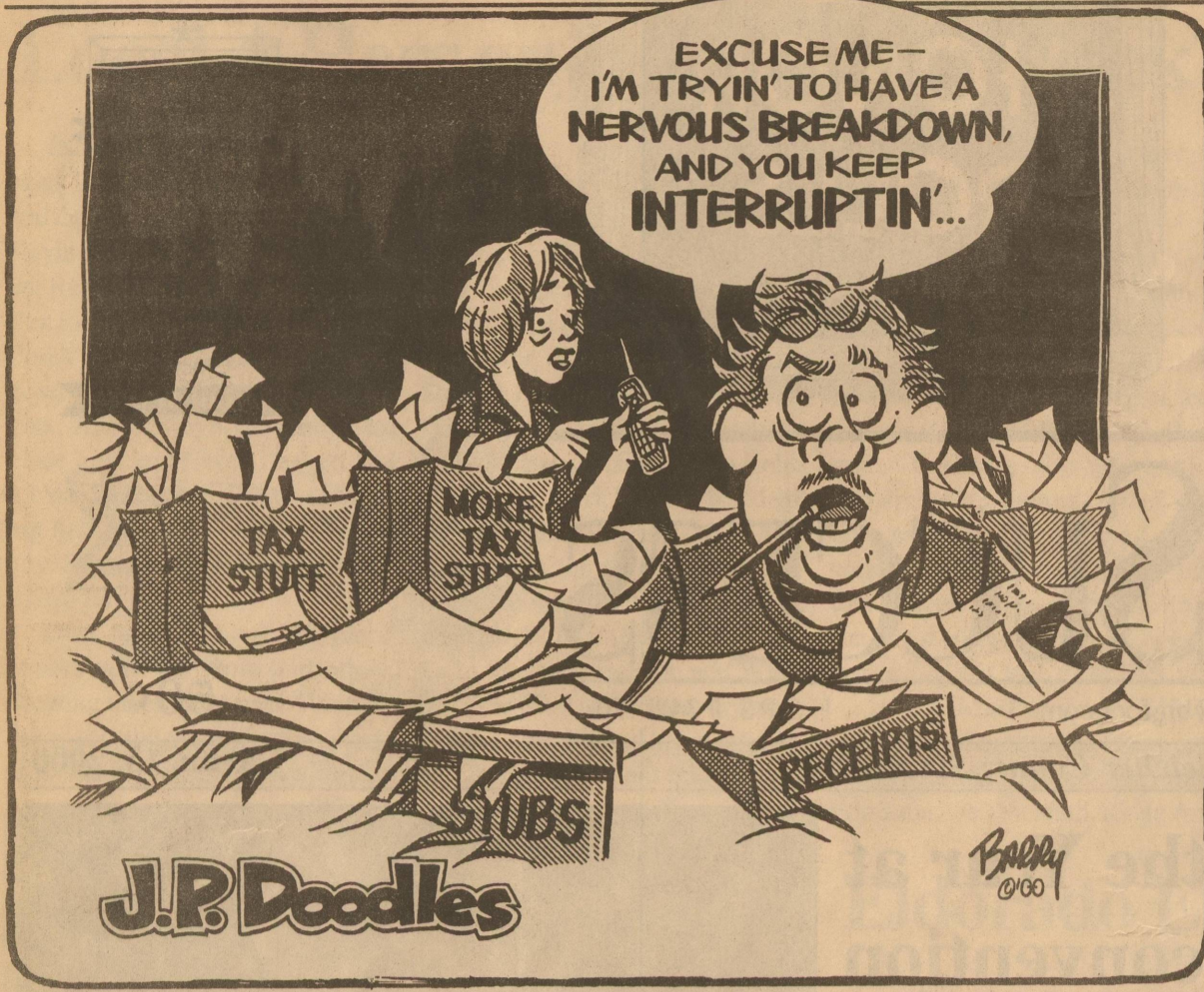
Birthdays of note include: 1743 Thomas Jefferson, 3rd U.S. president; 1899 Alfred Butts, game inventor ("Scrabble"); 1919 atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair; 1926 comedian Don Adams; 1945 actor Tony Dow; 1970 actor Ricky Schroder.

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Odds and Ends

Looking for a crazy place to visit? Try Looneyville, West Virginia, home to 22 residences and one business.

Nutrition experts say that only 43 percent of dinners served in America include vegetables.



No offense, Mr. Prewitt, but some of this just isn't any of your business!

Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution requires that once every ten years, the federal government "enumerate the inhabitants" of this great land. Nothing further is called for, and as far as I'm can tell, nothing more is needed.

Since it has been unlawful for many years to consider sex, race or ethnicity when hiring or firing, why does the Census Bureau need to know these things?

If I can't ask a prospective employee about their marital status, why should the Census Bureau be allowed to ask about mine?

Kenneth Prewitt is the Direc-



tor of the U.S. Census Bureau. He's the one in charge of asking all those nose questions on the "Long Form" so many of us received. And...he's the one to whom the rest of my comments are directed.

Mr. Prewitt, sir, with all due respect, it's none of your business, what time I leave for work, neither is it any of your business how I get there. And, as for my income, that's strictly between me, the Lord and the IRS.

Your concern about the type of home I live in is touching. Yet, I doubt very much if you would be interested in helping me maintain it. As for the home's plumbing, how could you possibly be concerned about that?

Mr. Prewitt, sir, your job is to count me. I'm here, doing my duty as a citizen, holding my hand up to be counted. But, that's where my duty stops.

You see, sir, once you've counted me, nothing further is required. You don't need to know what type of fuel I use, and it's

certainly none of your business how much I pay for water and sewer services.

As for my race and/or ethnic background, please count me as an AMERICAN! That is, after all, what you're supposed to be doing...counting Americans.

Mr. Prewitt, sir, you have an enormous job to do. Counting over 275 million people is challenging enough. Why complicate that job by sticking your nose where it doesn't belong?

I understand that the Census Bureau is prepared to levy a fine of \$100 against anyone not responding to the questionnaire. Those who dare to respond untruthfully can expect the same punishment.

Well, Mr. Prewitt, I'm ready to pay that price. If you'll simply call the newspaper office I'll be happy to set up a time when you can come by and pick up my check. I'll want to ask you a few questions, of course.

And, yes, my questions will be just as personal as yours.

Where do I get the authority to ask questions of you. Why, Mr. Prewitt, the First Amendment to the Constitution speaks eloquently about the freedom of the press. Much more eloquently, in fact, than it does about the "enumeration of the inhabitants" on which your agency bases its tenuous claim of authority.

Montemayor lowers credit insurance rates

AUSTIN — Texans who buy credit insurance when they borrow money to purchase cars and other big-ticket items are paying less for coverage.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor's order reducing credit life insurance rates by an average of 21 percent and credit disability insurance rates by an average of 18 percent took effect April 1. The rate cuts are the first since 1992.

Credit life insurance pays off a loan if the borrower dies. Credit disability insurance keeps up a borrower's monthly payments if he or she can't work because of sickness or injury.

About 75 insurance companies

State Capital Highlights



Compiled by Ed Sterling

sell credit insurance in Texas. In 1998, Texans paid a total of \$398 million in credit life and disability premiums.

"Texas consumers who elect to purchase credit insurance have been paying too much," Montemayor said.

"These reductions will save tens of millions of dollars for people who borrow money and insure their loans."

The cost of the most common type of credit life insurance (sin-

gle premium, reducing balance, on one life) dropped from \$288 to \$220 on a four-year automobile note with a total debt of \$20,000.

The rate for the most common type of disability coverage on credit card balances was reduced from \$1.70 to \$1.48 per month on an outstanding balance of \$1,000.

Montemayor offered these credit insurance tips to consumers:

- Lenders seldom require credit insurance. When they do, Texas law prohibits them from requiring a borrower to buy the coverage from them or from a particular insurer.

- If you are told that credit insurance is required, ask to see the truth-in-lending statement on your loan agreement. If it says insurance is not required, ignore claims to the contrary.

We're Slow to Answer Census

Texas is behind the nation in filling out and mailing in the U.S. Census 2000 questionnaires.

Last week, Census officials said the Texas response rate was 51 percent. Nationwide, the rate was 55 percent.

Broadcast advertisements will run in low-responding areas to remind people of the importance of the census, said Census director Kenneth Prewitt.

A low response rate can affect whether a city or state gets its fair share of federal dollars and programs.

Suit Challenges Election System

Public Citizen Inc. and the Gray Panthers Project Fund are plain-

tiffs in a lawsuit filed last week alleging the system of electing Texas judges violates the U.S. Constitution.

The suit seeks to undo a system that allows judges to preside over cases involving contributors to their political campaigns.

Gov. George W. Bush, who supports electing rather than appointing judges, said he would be open to changing the campaign-finance system for state judges.

Chuck McDonald, spokesman for Texans for Lawsuit Reform, told The Dallas Morning News the issue is one for the Legislature to decide, not the courts.

The lawsuit asks that the current system be suspended for all state courts, including district trial courts, midlevel appeals courts, the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

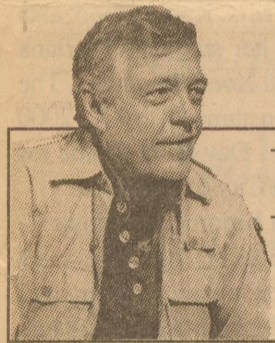
Other Highlights

- Consumers seeking information to help them choose or locate insurance companies and HMOs can get what they need, including complaint comparisons, from the Texas Department of Insurance's Web site, www.tdi.state.tx.us.

- The state-sponsored Children's Health Insurance Program, will begin May 1 for families earning up to 200 percent of the poverty level (\$34,100 for a family of four) and Texas Healthy Kids insurance, which is open to families at all income levels.

- Under a proposal by Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza, oil producers would be allowed only one

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Ghost of John Wesley Hardin

Leon Metz of El Paso has written sixteen books about the Southwest. Some of them are about notorious folks like Billy the Kid and John Wesley Hardin. He works extremely hard while writing his books and tries to get inside the minds of the people he writes about. John Wesley Hardin gave him some trouble.

"I was pretty well into the life of John Wesley Hardin and gradually it began dawning on me that this guy was communicating with me," says Leon. "I felt as though he didn't like what I was writing about him."

Leon got to the point he was having trouble traveling. "I would be lying in my hotel bed at night and get the feeling that Hardin was in the room with me. He never spoke to me, but I could sense his presence. I began to have nightmares in which sometimes I would shake so violently that my wife would lay across me to keep me from falling out of bed."

He went to see his doctor who prescribed a tranquilizer. "That helped somewhat, but the feeling that Hardin was with me when I was working on the book stayed with me."

John Wesley Hardin's ghost would certainly be bothersome. He killed over 30 men, claiming he always shot in self defense and never killed anybody who didn't need killing.

Leon was in Austin one time doing some research on Hardin and after spending time in libraries he went back to his hotel. "It was about five in the afternoon and I'm surfing through the television chan-

nels and all of a sudden I had this cold feeling as if Hardin was in the room. It scared the daylight out of me. I didn't know what to do. I tried watching some television, reading, I tried looking out the window, I even prayed. Finally I just got out and walked the streets until about midnight at which time I was feeling a little better. I went back to the hotel, went to bed, slept pretty good, got up the next morning, jumped in my car and drove 600 miles back to El Paso."

Hardin was killed in the Hacienda Cafe in El Paso by deputy John Selman on August 19, 1895. He was 42 years old. On the 100th anniversary of Hardin's death, a historical group went to the Hacienda Cafe and created a re-enactment of Selman shooting Hardin in the back of the head. Leon narrated the story.

"We did it every hour on the hour for 8 hours, then at 9 o'clock at night we took everybody who was there to Hardin's grave in Concordia cemetery, had a drink of wine and wished him well on his way. On this particular day, I wasn't troubled at all by the ghost of John Wesley Hardin."

Leon's book, *John Wesley Hardin, Dark Angel of Texas*, was published about five years ago. Hardin's spirit, or whatever it was, bothered Leon for over a year. "Hardin did not begin to slack off until after the book was finished. Once the book was finished, he gradually began to recede into the background."

Leon is pretty well over the experience now, except he doesn't like to travel much.

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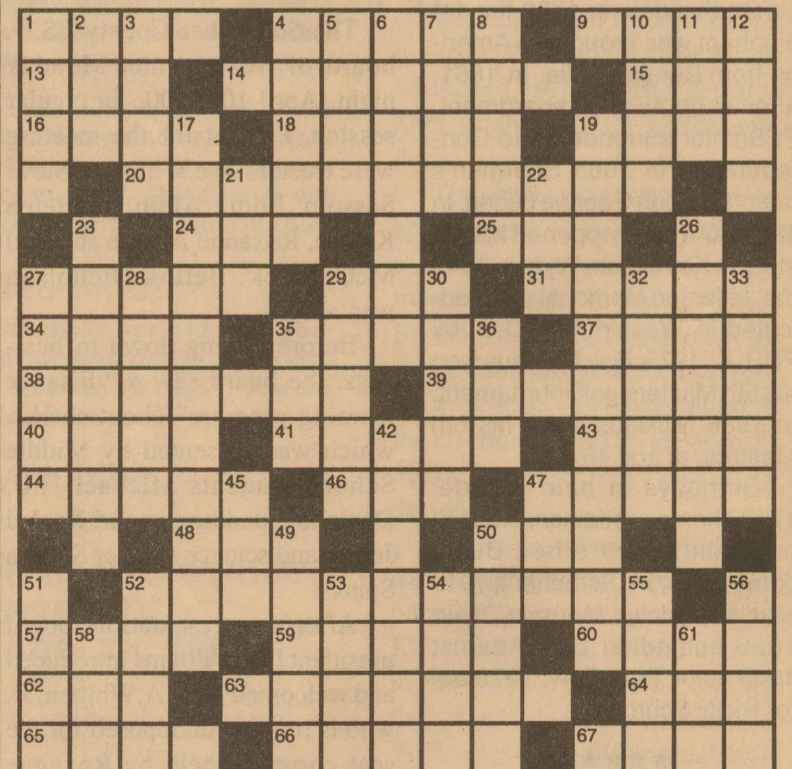
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OBITUARIES

Imogene Knight Newport

ELDORADO — Imogene Knight Newport, 87, of Eldorado died Saturday, April 10, 2000 in a local nursing home.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Janice Petty officiating. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Imogene was born Nov. 30, 1912, in Commerce. She graduated from East Texas State University. She taught school for 32 years, teaching in Fashing, Sanderson,

Iraan, Sheffield and Eldorado. She was a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, Eldorado Woman's Club and a member of the First United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school for 12 years.

She was married to Lawrence Newport on May 26, 1944, in Iraan. He preceded her death on March 16, 1986. She also was preceded in death by three sisters.

She is survived by one daughter, Gene Johnson of Odessa; and two grandchildren, Jossie Johnson and Mariel Johnson, both of Odessa.



photo by Randy Mankin
Patriotic fundraiser — Lucia Guajardo of Eldorado was presented with a plaque last Thursday evening by American Legion Post 257 Commander Tom Enochs in recognition and appreciation of her fundraising activities on behalf of the post. Enochs noted that it was remarkable to find a volunteer fundraiser that is as effective as Mrs. Guajardo. She and her husband were also presented with a set of steak knives as a token of the post's appreciation.

100th birthday celebration for Verda Crumley

Verda Montgomery Crumley was born April 12, 1900 in Llano, Texas and later moved to McCulloch County.

She married Hubert Crumley August 4, 1918 and they went on a cotton picking honeymoon in a covered wagon to Dallas, Texas. They were married 76 years and lived in McCulloch, County all their married life.

Verda was active in church, 4-H Club, and Senior Citizen Club. She enjoyed her neighbors, friends and grandchildren. She enjoyed working in her home and garden and enjoys playing dominos.

They have 3 children: J.C. Crumley and Verba West of San Antonio, Texas and Nevella Sallee of Eldorado. Ten grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.



courtesy photo
Verda Montgomery Crumley

She has been living in Schleicher County Nursing Home the last 4 years and enjoys the friends and wonderful care she has received.

Brush Appreciation Day planned for April 20th

There will be a Brush Appreciation Day on Thursday April 20, 2000 at the N&K Ranches West of Eldorado. Registration will begin @ 8:30 a.m. and the will be a \$20.00 registration fee. There will be 3 CEUs offered for those individuals with a pesticide applicators license. The noon meal will be ca-

tered. Items on the agenda will include an overview of the N&K Ranch and what they have done in terms of brush control, followed by a session on appreciating brush. The next session will be a discussion on the mesquite tree and how it fits into different operations (ie., live-stock and wildlife) and include brushsculpting and brush control. We will follow this up with similar steps on prickly pear as well as yucca and agarito. Following lunch there will be a similar program on the cedar tree followed by a session on new technology and a question and answer session.

Speakers for the day include: Norman Kohls, Drs. Allan McGinty and Dale Rollins. For more information call the Extension office at 853-2132.

Community Baptist Church to hold deacon ordination service

Community Baptist Church of Eldorado will conduct a deacon ordination service for four of its members on Sunday, April 16, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. Allen Lemons, Randy Mankin, Pat Ragsdale and Rick Stricklan will be ordained as deacons during the service which will be held in the church's sanctuary.

Dr. James Miller, pastor of

Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo will deliver the message during the service. Also participating in the service will be Rev. Andy Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Perry W. Orand, of Wimberly, and Roger English of San Angelo.

Following the service, a reception will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Head Start registration slated

Registration will be at the Eldorado Head Start Center - 901 N. Divide Tuesday, April 18, 2000 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

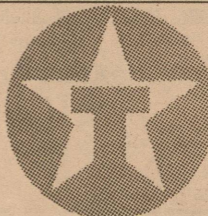

Tom Green County Community Action Council - Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-K program serving 3,4 and 5 year old children. Children participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self-help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch; participate in large and small group activities; individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercises.


It is required that the child be three/four years old by September 1st in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring copies of the following: Proof of income, (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 1998 W-2/Form 1040 Tax Return, Proof of child's age (child's birth certificate), child's Social Security

Number, up-to-date immunization record, and if applicable, Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamp Case Numbers, COPIES of these items **MUST BE** brought with you to register your child for the program.

••• Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. When applying, please be sure to inform the Center Director if this applies to your child. •••

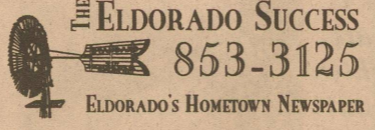
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Oh, no you don't! — Lady Eagles' catcher Dee Martinez prepared to tag a Ft. Hancock runner out last Thursday as Eldorado won their first, and next to last, district game 29-25.

Lady Eagles win when it counts to capture District 1-AA crown

Girls softball teams are few and far between in West Texas. That's why the Lady Eagles, who compete in District 2-2A in every other sport, were paired with Ft. Hancock as the only two teams in District 1-2A. The Lady Eagles non-district schedule was torturous as the green-clad girls from Eldorado repeatedly lost to larger schools like Odessa, Monahans, Apline and Ft. Stockton.

But, last Thursday, all that changed when the only two teams in District 1-2A met for the first time in district play. The game was played in Ft. Stockton and it was a slug-fest from the beginning with Ft. Hancock jumping on top 8-0 in the first inning. But, the Lady Eagles came roaring back in the 2nd, with 10 big runs. They held on to win 29-25 and clinched a tie for the district crown.

Dee Martinez scored five runs for the Lady Eagles while Mitzi Sessom, Kristina Prater and Stephanie Luna counted for four runs each to pace Eldorado's scor-

ing effort.

There would be no playoff game needed to decide the district title, however, as the Lady Eagles went back to Ft. Stockton on Monday to take on Ft. Hancock again. This time Eldorado won convincingly, 23-9.

Tana Williams led the scoring for the Lady Eagles, crossing the plate four times. Dee Martinez, Mitzi Sessom, Kristina Prater and Amanda Wanoreck each scored three runs in the contest.

The win gives the Lady Eagles the District 1-2A Championship and secures a first round bye in the State 2A playoffs. At press time, it is unclear who Eldorado will play in the Area round of the playoffs. However, fans are encouraged to stay in contact with team members and school officials for details on the upcoming playoff schedule. In any event, details of the games may be found in the very next edition of the Eldorado Success.

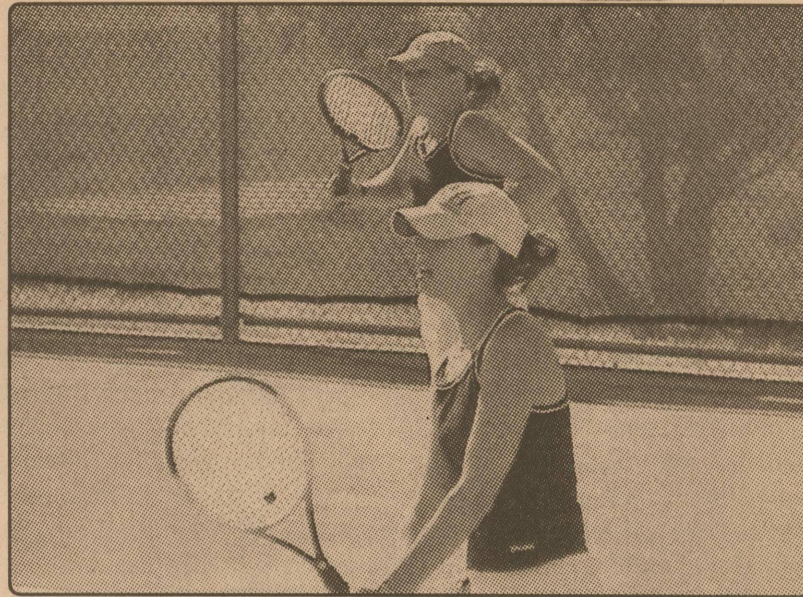


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Champion doubles — Gentry Newman and Haley Edmiston won the Varsity Girls Doubles at the District 2-2A tennis tournament held last week in Forsan.

Eagles tennis team takes District 2-2A championship

The EHS varsity and junior varsity tennis teams competed in the 2-2A District Tournament in Forsan on Wednesday and Thursday, April 5th and 6th. The varsity won the overall district title while the girls won first and the boys finished a close second to Ozona. The girls junior varsity swept the gold and silver medals in singles and doubles.

Final results were as follows:
Varsity Girls doubles - 1st Haley Edmiston and Gentry Newman; 2nd Kim Jones and Kayla McCravey
Varsity Girls Singles - 3rd Christina Redish; 4th Lindsay Beach
Varsity Boys Doubles - 3rd Thomas Ballew and Wesley Jones
4th Quisto Gonzales and Bobby Phillips
Varsity Boys Singles - 3rd Anthony Leal; Buddy Greer lost in the first

round in a three hour match. He put forth an exceptional effort.

JV Girls Doubles - 1st Courtney Sauer and Courtney Brown; 2nd Blake Snelson and Elbeth Montalvo
JV Girls Singles - 1st Rikki Bosmans; 2nd Amanda Wanoreck
JV Boys Singles - 2nd Heath Andrew
JV Boys Doubles - Jordan Fay and J.L. Mankin lost in the first round.

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Congratulations, to the Lady Eagles softball team on their District Championship! Best of luck in the Playoffs! We're behind you all the way, Lady Eagles!

Boys District 2-2A Standings		
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Eldorado	6	0
Junction	3	3
Sonora	3	2
Wall	2	4
Ozona	0	6

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Eldorado Youth Baseball opens league play today

Eldorado Youth Baseball (EYB) opens the season this afternoon at Legion Field as both the Minor's and Major's open play. The Pee Wee's opened play on Monday.

There are some 108 youths participating in this year's program ages 6 through 12. Additionally, EYB added two more Pony League teams this season and have a total of 38 kids ages 13 through 16.

Pee Wee's, Minor's, and Major's will all be playing on Mondays and Thursdays each night through the end of May.

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Eagles district run continues, 10-run rule ends Ozona game

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles traveled to Ozona on Tuesday, April 3rd, and came away with a 12 to 1 victory in 5 innings. EHS completed the first half of district play undefeated and in sole possession of first place.

Ricky Huichapa got the win for the Eagles. Defensively, EHS continues to shine as they only had 1

error in the ball game.

The Eagles hit parade was as follows: Will Robledo (2), Lance Mitchel (2), John Ray Espinosa (3), Rocky Robles, Jason Brock (2), and Mitch Wilkerson all had singles. Casey Poyner got his second homerun of the season. Robledo, Brock, and Poyner each had two RBI's, while Mitchel and Robles each got one.

Coach Molina said after the game, "Ricky pitched a great game and kept the Ozona batters off guard the entire game. He had great changes in speed and control. Our defense had another good game and offensively our bats did well." Molina continued, "Casey got his second home run and John Ray got three good hits. Will and Lance continue to get on base and score for us."

Eldorado's next opponent will be Junction.



Follow all the Eagles news in **THE SUCCESS**

School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, April 17th
Pepperoni Pizza, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Gingerbread/Glaze

Tuesday, April 18th
Lasagna, Whole Kernel Corn, Peach Halves, Spice Cake/Icing

Wednesday, April 19th
Hot Dogs/Chili, Corn Chips, Pork & Beans, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, April 20th
Hamburger Steaks/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Iced Cupcakes/Easter

Friday, April 21st
No School, Easter Holiday/Good Friday

Breakfast
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, April 17th
Sliced Peaches, Waffles/Syrup

Tuesday, April 18th
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

Wednesday, April 19th
Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast

Thursday, April 20th
Mixed Fruit, Hot Oatmeal/Toast

Friday, April 21st
No School

Fast Food Line

Monday, April 17th
Corn Chip Pie, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Gingerbread/Glaze

Tuesday, April 18th
Chili Crisпитos, French Fries, Peach Halves, Spice Cake/Icing

Wednesday, April 19th
Chicken Burger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes/Pickles, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, April 20th
Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Iced Cupcakes/Easter

Friday, April 21st
No School, Easter Holiday



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Congratulations from the Eldorado Girls Softball Association and The Board (Shanna Roberts, Sheila Prater, Donna Whitten, Jani Mitchell, Candice Andrews and Carrol Green), Players and Parents.



photo by Kathy Mankin

He's safe — Asa Nixon slid in safe at third last Friday as Eldorado hosted Junction in the second round of district play. The undefeated Eagles handed the visitors an 11-0 defeat, and assured themselves of a playoff berth.

Eagles clinch playoff berth with 11-0 win over Junction

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles hosted the Junction Eagles last Friday afternoon at the Eagle diamond and came out victorious with a 11 to 0 win. The game featured excellent pitching, picture-perfect defense, a load of offense, and a dust storm that turned the afternoon sky to brown. The win runs the Eagles record to 5 and 0 in District play and 11 and 4 on the season.

Manuel Hernandez got the win for the Eagles as he went 5 innings with 9 strike outs and allowed only 2 hits. Junction did not have a runner reach third base all afternoon as Hernandez kept them at bay all afternoon. EHS played excellent on defense and only had 1 error in the game.

Offensively, EHS pounded out 7 hits and capitalized on 4 Junction errors. Lance Mitchel, Jason Brock, John Ray Espinosa, and Asa Nixon all had singles. Espinosa also had a double and Will Robledo had a triple.

Coach Molina commented on the game, "Manuel Hernandez pitched a gem. The defense played extremely well and offensively, we were patient and able to break through in the third inning. Molina continued, "the kids are working extremely hard and it has paid off in their last three performances. With today's victory, we clinched a playoff berth. Molina went on to say, "we really appreciate the fan support and hope to continue to show the fan's good baseball."



photo by Bob Fishback

Finishing 1-2 — (L-R) Blake Snelson and Ellbeth Montalvo placed 2nd at the varsity girls doubles division of the District 2-2A Tennis Meet in Forsan last Thursday. Their teammates, Courtney Sauer and Courtney Brown placed 1st. Both doubles teams will be advancing to the Regional Meet in Abilene.

See story on Page 4

Commissioners okay cellular phones for Sheriff's office

by Pat Ragsdale

Sheriff David Doran received permission from the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday, April 10, 2000 to provide his deputies with cellular telephones. Doran appeared at the regular meeting of the court to explain that the two-way radio system currently used by his department is obsolete. He noted that recent efforts to repair the aging tower and transmission equipment have had mixed results and that the effective broadcast range from the tower is less than 15 miles. Doran said that leaves his men without radio contact much of the time. A motion offered by Commissioner Bill Clark to allow the purchase, was seconded by Steve Minor and passed unanimously.

The meeting was officially called to order by County Judge Johnny Griffin at 9:27 a.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bill Clark, Steve Minor, Ross Whitten and Johnny Mayo. County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes of the March 24, 2000 meeting which were approved as read.

Bobby Andrews, representing

Schleicher County Emergency Medical Service, met with the court and requested that the county designate the E.M.S. as the local 911 provider. Following a lengthy discussion Andrews was asked to obtain guidelines from the Texas Department of Health, and to provide to the county a suggested language for such a designation. The court took no other action on the matter.

Kay Howard, employed by the county as a grant request consultant, then met with the court regarding the application for a grant for the purpose of extending sewer lines in to the Orient Heights Addition. This addition, located at the southeastern edge of Eldorado, is not within the city limits. A study has revealed that several septic systems located in this area do not meet minimum Health Department requirements. The grant request requires the county to absorb \$8,248.50 required to close current septic tanks and cesspools. In addition, the county would be required to make available a minimum of \$6,000.00 in matching funds. The court gave tentative agreement and

will assemble as a court following a public hearing, to be held at 5:15 p.m., Monday, April 17, at which time final approval will be voted upon.

An order of the court was then agreed to requiring commercial aviation vendors, wishing to operate from the local airport, to post with the County Judge a certificate of insurance. Required coverage is to include workmen's compensation, and various liability coverages. It was explained that this action was taken to protect the county from liability related to such commercial operations.

An amendment to the contract

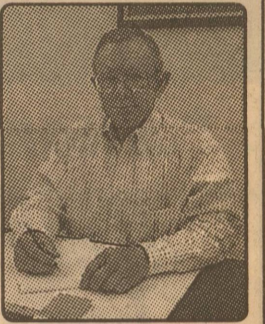
with Shelly Phillips, who is contracting to operate the county swimming pool, designating Kenneth Phillips as the contractor of record, was agreed to without objection from the court.

Printed monthly reports were then distributed to the court from County Clerk Peggy Williams' office and from Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle's office. County Treasurer Karen Henderson received permission to transfer \$175,000.00 from the General Fund to the Farm to Market fund. All current bills were reviewed and ordered paid. There being no further business, the court adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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Middle School Honor Roll

5th Grade

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"A-B" Honor Roll: Drew Bosmans, Erica Buitron, Russell Cathey, Edward Dominguez, Candace Engdahl, Anakaren Esparza, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Marcos Hernandez, Tiffany Hernandez, William Higgins, Enrique Jalomo, Brittany Jennings, Brittany MacDonald, Abelardo Montalvo, Artie Montalvo, Raul Rios, Justina Rodriguez, Kimberly Samaniego.

6th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Josefina Diaz, Esperanza Fuentes, Micaela Gonzalez, Michael Hill, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Chandra Wanoreck.

"A-B" Honor Roll: William Edmiston, Joel Esparza, Angela Fuentes, Sandra Guzman, Brence Minor, Taylor Niblett, Kali Roberts, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Kyle Taylor.

7th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Katey Blair, Betsy Green, William Griffin, Daniela Guadarrama, Julie Hight, Emily Newman, Lindsey Schwiening.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Sheryl Alexander, Laurie Almazan, Ryan Cathey, Maria Contreras, Kolby Dombroski, Ashley Doran, Amanda Figueroa, Nathan MacDonald, Ashton Murr, David Neal, Christopher Roberts, Jessica Robertson, Esequiel Robles, Selina Rojas, Britney Sellers.

8th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Janet Gardiner, Clara Herrera, Travis Joiner, Lori Loomis, Seth Taylor.

"A-B" Honor Roll: Brian Bethke, Scott Cawley, Juan Chavez, Javier Esparza, Mikinzie Holley, Heather Homer, Lacy Ragsdale, Joshua Trejo, Courtney Whitten.

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Varsity Boys

Blizzard Relays
April 8, 2000
Placed 4th Team Score 42
Shot Put: 1st-Michael Mayo, 53' 3 1/2"; High Jump: 2nd-Michael Mayo, 6'2"; Discus: 1st-Michael Mayo, 151'; 400 M Relay: 5th-Eldorado, 44.65; 200 M Run: William Robledo, 23.61; 400 M Run: 4th-Kenny Covaburiaz

Varsity Girls

Blizzards Relays
April 8, 2000
8th Place Team Score 33
Shot Put: 1st-Stacy Nicholson, 39-7; 100 M Run: 3rd-Samantha Smith, 13.25; 800 M. Relay: 3rd-Eldorado, 1:52.23

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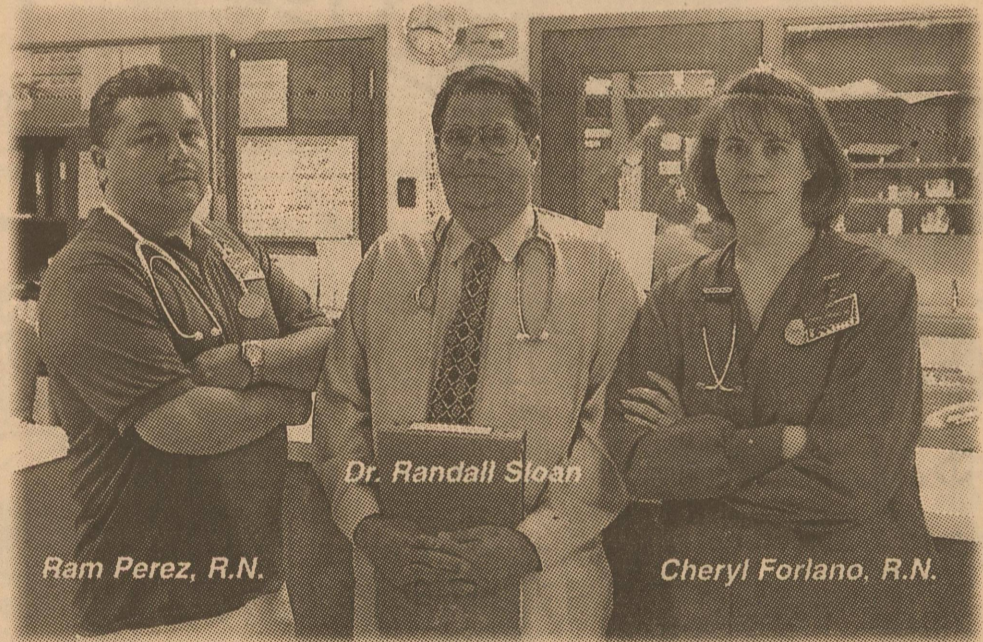
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Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, April 17

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuits, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, April 18

Barbecue Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, April 19

Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, White Cake w/Carrot

Thursday, April 20

Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes w/Apples, Wheat Rolls, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, April 21

Holiday, Good Friday

High School Honor Roll

9th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Courtney Brown, Georgina Maritz, Layna Murr, Courtney Sauer.

85 or Above: Kimberly Hight, Bobby Phillips, Helen Redish, Macy Schwiening.

10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Andrew Anderson, Jessi Calcote, Tony Fay, Juan Herrera, Tabitha Lloyd, Leigh

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Neal, Tana Williams.

85 or Above: Whitney Edmiston, Brittany Key, Mitzi Milby, Jose Munoz, Dest Sudduth.

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: BreeAnne Davis, Ben Edmiston.

85 or Above: Lindsay Beach, Joseph Bullard, Cayla Jeffrey, Daniel Mata, Kayla McCravey, Stacy Nicholson, Sandra Rodriguez, Jeffrey Stafford, Clay Whitten.

12 Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Jackie Barera, Haley Edmiston, Hillary Hodges, Kimberly Jones, Sarah Mankin.

85 or Above: Donnie Criswell, Amy Green, Lycintha Halbert, Kayla Kohls, Jess Martin, Shannon Mitchel, Elisa Munoz, Alana Oliver, Evelyn Quintana, Jenah Richters, Steven Valero.



8th Grade Boys

Ozona Junior High Relays

March 23, 2000

2400 M Run: 6th-Jeffrey Bybee, 9:14.74; Shot Put: 6th-Travis Joiner, 38' 5 1/2"; Discus: 3rd-Travis Joiner, 112'3"; 100 M Run: 5th-Chris Sanchez, 12.73; 400 M Run: 5th-J.R. Arispe, 1:01.30; 1600 M Run: 3rd-Jeffrey Bybee

Colt Relays 2000

March 31, 2000

Shot Put: 5th-Travis Joiner, 36'5"; Discus: 6th-Travis Joiner, 106'2"; 800 M Run: 3rd-Alvaro Moya, 2:21.66; 100 M Dash: 3rd-Chris Sanchez, 12.54; 1600 M Relay: 5th-Eldorado, 4:16.14; 200 M Dash: 6th-Chris Sanchez, 26.88; 1600 M Run: 6th-Jeffrey Bybee, 5:56.55;

8th Grade Girls

Colt Relays 2000

March 31, 2000

Shot Put: 3rd-Jennifer Bybee, 25'9 1/2"; 5th-Sonia Mills, 24'6 1/2"; Discus: 5th-Sonia Mills, 68'6"; 800 M Run: 6th-Eldorado, 2:58.43; 100 M Dash: 2nd-Courtney Whitten, 13.53; 5th-Jessica Cook, 14.06; 400 M Dash: 4th-Courtney Whitten, 73.60; 200 M Dash: 4th-Courtney Whitten, 30.79;

8th Grade Girls

March 31, 2000

800 M Relay: 6th-Eldorado, 2:19.80; 200 M Dash: 3rd-Katey Blair, 30.63; Shot Put: 5th-Ashton Murr, 24'8"; Discus: 6th-Ashton Murr, 61'8"; 400 M Relay: 5th-Eldorado, 59.55; 100 M Hurdles: 5th-Brittany Sellers, 19.30

Ozona Junior High Relays

March 23, 2000

7th Grade Boys, 7th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Girls unavailable at press time

Colt Relays 2000

March 31, 2000

7th Grade Boys Results unavailable a press time

City Council meeting held

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for the purchase of a street/pothole patching machine. Langston Enterprises, representing Dura Patch of Oklahoma, submitted a bid of \$56,973.00 for the machine, a tank in which to heat and store asphalt emulsion, and freight to deliver the equipment to Eldorado. A motion to purchase the equipment was offered by Tommy Minor and seconded by Richard Mendez. The motion passed unanimously. Next, a motion to authorize Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Tommy Minor negotiate terms of financing for the equipment also passed unanimously.

Mankin then told the council that the State of Texas has recently deregulated local telephone provider service. This means that citizens of Eldorado will be able to change the provider of their local telephone service. Mankin cautioned that citizens should be very careful in making their selections because some of the alternate companies may not offer expanded area calling, allowing direct calling to San Angelo, Sonora, Ozona and Mertzon. He advised the council of a recent case where a telephone customer in Iraan switched local providers only to find that they could no longer call Rankin directly. That instance was particularly bad, Mankin noted, since the person's internet service provider only offered a Rankin phone number.

As part of the deregulation, House Bill 1777 changes the way municipalities levy franchise fees. Mankin said the bill attempts to "level the playing field" by replacing franchise fees with "access line fees." He noted that the change will

a significant increase in revenue for the city. Last year the city received just over \$2,700.00 in franchise fees from GTE. Under the new system the City of Eldorado should receive more than \$25,000.00. Mankin explained that one reason for the jump was that the city's "access line fee" will be based on the statewide average. Another reason is that Eldorado hasn't had a franchise fee increase in more than 35 years.

In other business, Mankin was authorized to purchase a new pickup to replace one that was wrecked recently. The purchase price is not to exceed \$15,000.00. Also, Mankin was directed to contact the City of Rocksprings concerning that town's request to dispose of garbage in Eldorado's landfill. Mankin said he would contact Rocksprings' Mayor and Public Utility Director, to iron out specific terms of a contract. If an favorable deal can be struck, Mankin will bring agreement back to the council for approval.

In items regarding street and alley closings, a previous request by Mr. and Mrs. Jose Sanchez to close a portion of Atkins Drive was denied as was a request to close an alley between the Methodist Church sanctuary and educational building. In both these instances, utility lines are currently located in the rights-of-way. A separate request to close to traffic a portion of an alley on South Cottonwood St. was tabled awaiting a petition from neighboring landowners.

City Superintendent Jack Dean then reported on the East Street paving job done by Sidel Construction. Dean said he had been in contact with Sidel and had received assurance from the company that damaged asphalt will be replaced and that additional crushed rock will be spread on the street as soon as warm weather allows. Dean also reported on projects underway at the animal shelter and at the landfill.

A ribbon cutting ceremony, officially opening the city's new landfill will be held at the site at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2000. Invitations will be sent to former councilmembers involved in the project, Schleicher County officials, State regulatory agencies and area towns. The public is also encouraged to attend.

Before adjourning, minutes of the March 6, 2000, were approved as were the March tax report, and financial report. Current bills were also approved for payment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

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more year to plug inactive wells. Presently, a producer can keep a well open indefinitely by paying \$100 a year. Garza said the policy, in effect since 1988, threatens the environment.

The Texas Water Development Board is considering a proposal to build a desalination plant on Matagorda Bay. The plant, pumping heated sea water through membranes to remove the salt, would produce about 3 billion gallons of fresh water a day.

Remember! April 18 Kindergarten and Kids Kampus Registration

Eldorado Elementary will hold registration for all students who will be entering kindergarten on April 18 at 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Elementary Kitchen.

Any child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2000 is eligible to attend kindergarten. The school will also be holding registration for Kids Kampus on this date. Children ages 4 and 5 may attend Kids Kampus as long as their permanent residence is located in Schleicher County.

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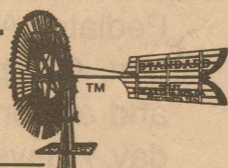
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Right back at ya' — Betsy Green returned a volley during the Middle School district tennis tournament held in Ozona last Saturday. She won the 7th grade girls singles division.

EMS tennis teams compete in district meet in Ozona

Eldorado Middle School netters competed in 2-2 A Junior High District Tennis Meet held in Ozona on Saturday, April 8, 2000.

Betsy Green placed 1st in 7th Grade Girls Singles with Emily Newman placing 2nd.

Logan Neal placed 1st in the 7th Boys Singles and Ryan Cathey placed 2nd.

Also competing in the 7th Girls Doubles were Katey Blair and Jessica Robertson and the 7th Boy's Doubles Nathan MacDonald and Frank Ortega. Both teams lost in the first round of play.

Janet Gardiner placed 1st in the 8th Girls Singles with Andrea Leal placing 4th.

Shay Parker placed 4th in 8th Boys Singles.

Lacy Ragsdale and Heather Homer took 2nd in the 8th Girls Doubles.

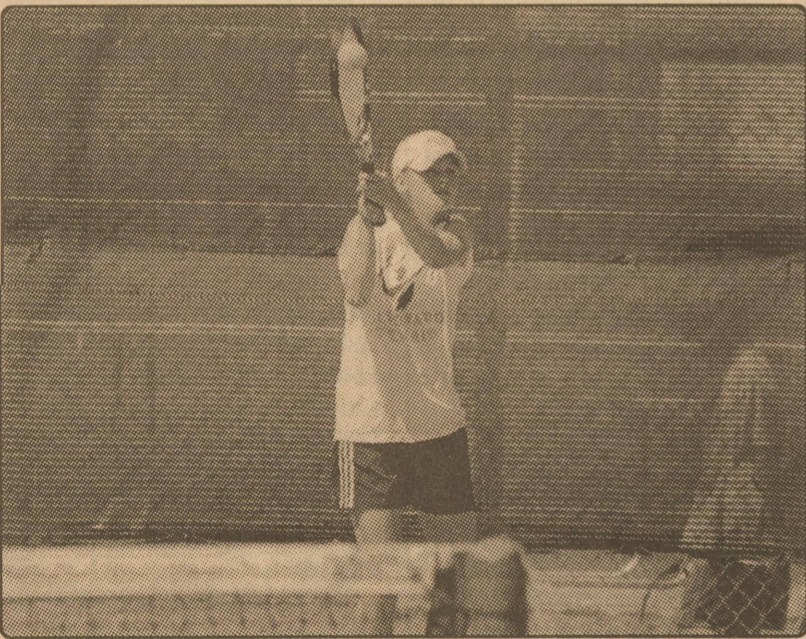
Dillion Greer and Robbie Young placed 3rd in the 8th Boys Doubles and Tony Chavez and Trey Chavez took 4th place team.

Middle School will play one more time in Mason during Mason's Team Tennis Tournament on April 14th and 15th.

Coaching the Middle School Tennis Team this year was Coach Teresa Baker.



Return of serve — Logan Neal returned a serve during the Middle School district tennis tournament held in Ozona last Saturday. He won the 7th grade boys singles division.



Two-fisted backhand — Janet Gardiner drove a backhand across court during the Middle School district tennis tournament held in Ozona last Saturday. She won the 8th grade girls singles division.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

Kappa Delta chapter of BSP met on Monday, April 10, 2000, in the home of Flora Hubble.

Following the opening ritual led by president Dorothy Dacy, Mary Jenkins read the minutes from the previous meeting. Kim-et Nelson gave the treasurer's report stating that donations had been made to the Salvation Army, West Texas Rehab and MDA.

Founder's Day plans were finalized for April 24 to be held in the Memorial Building. New officers were elected and are to be installed at this celebration.

President Dacy read correspondence from state giving suggested state philanthropic projects for the 2000 - 2001 sorority year. The chapter voted to support Still Creek Ranch in Bryan, Texas. Still Creek is a nonprofit basic care home for Texas boys and girls. They give children that are victims of rejection, abuse, abandonment or broken homes a second chance by providing a loving, structured home environment and education. They show love, discipline, guidance and encouragement to each child. The child can stay at Still Creek until they graduate from high school or have a healthy place to return to.

Nancy McCray was leader of the program "When I was in High School." Members discussed what they accomplished in high school and their various activities.

After the program the hostess served tea, tuna salad, chips and dips to those previously mentioned and Rosemary Ridgeway, Barbara Jackson, Linda Lindsey and Dorothy Clark.

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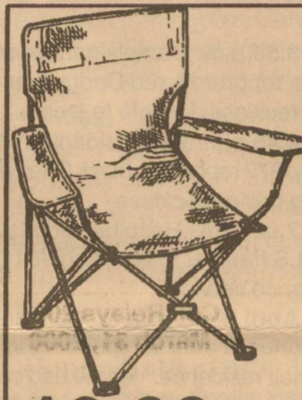
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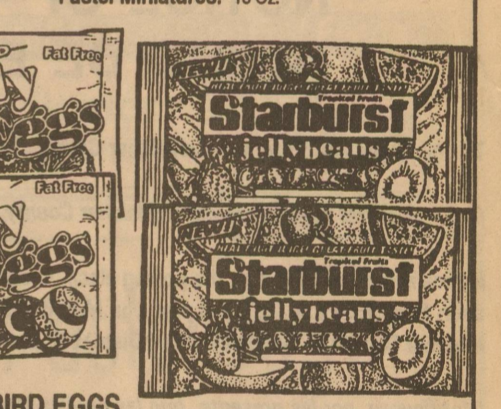
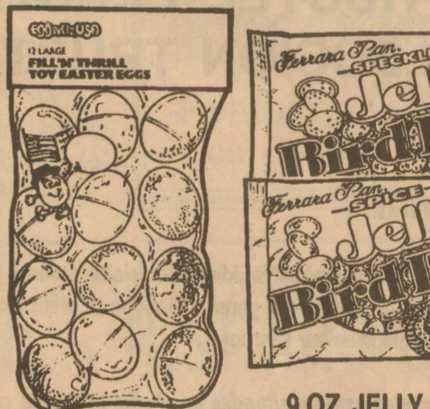
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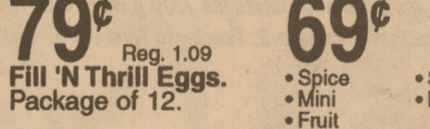
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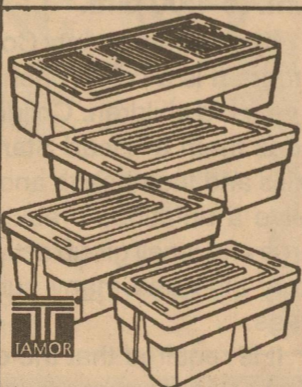
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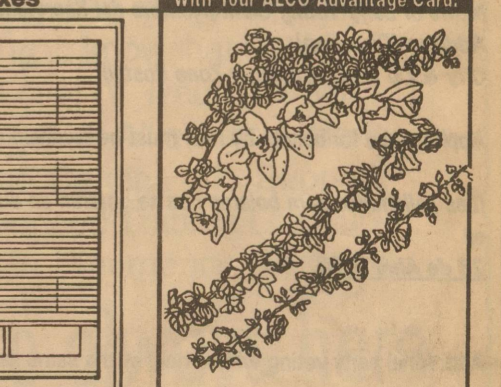
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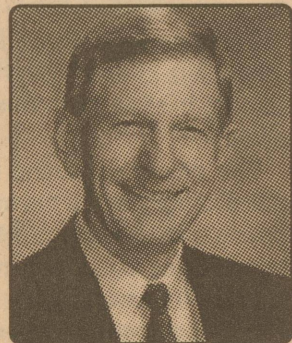


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The Blotter

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

April 6 Ramos, Jose, male age 39, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Bond.

April 7 Dancer, John Sidney, male age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

El Dorado Place Apartments II, Ltd., is making an application for tax credits with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the El Dorado Place Apartments, 102 Eastfield Drive, Route 1 Box 62-33, El Dorado, Schleicher County, Texas. This rehabilitation of El Dorado Place Apartments is an apartment complex comprised of 32 units, which will target tenants with incomes less than 50% of the median area income. The proposed rents (less utility allowances) for the subject property are: (16) 1 bedroom units for \$220; (16) 2 bedroom units for \$252. For more information about the housing development, please contact Tommy Frye, Box 799, Mansfield, LA 71052.

Walker, Max Keith, male age 38, hold for Irion County, charge JP Warrants, Mertz. Released \$200 Bond.

April 9 Elkins, Michael Todd, male age 33, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on PR Bond through Irion County.

Detalorre, Arnulfo Amparan, male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant Tom Green County. Released on \$1,500 Bond.

Galindo, Michael O., male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.

April 11 Hubble, Kelli Nicole, female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Felony Forgery.

REPORTS

April 1 • 4:42 p.m. Complainant reported a loud explosion and a bunch of smoke between Eldorado and Christoval. Fire Chief responded.

• 6:25 p.m. Complainant reported several goats out of the fence 3 miles north on Hwy 277. Owner was contacted.

April 5 • Complainant reported a ringtail at school. Animal Control was contacted.

• 9:07 p.m. Possible disturbance. Complainant is under home health care and was unaware a new nurse was starting.

April 6 • 12:22 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to their residence to check on some subjects who might be wanting to start trouble with their child. Officer responded.

• 6:00 p.m. Animal carcass left at the gate on County Road 2596.

• 7:00 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a disturbance.

April 7 • 7:12 a.m. Complainant called to report that the traffic light was not working. Texas Department of Transportation was notified about the problem.

• 8:27 a.m. Complainant reported that there had been a dog hit by a car that was still alive out on Hwy. 277 South. Animal Control was contacted.

3:50 p.m. Complainant from Sonora reported a red Dodge was driving recklessly. Unable to locate.

4:45 p.m. Complainant on North Hwy. 277 reported a black Chevy Mustang driving recklessly.

7:02 p.m. Hospital requested a ACLS transfer to San Angelo by ambulance service.

April 8 • 2:48 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle speeding in front of their residence. Vehicle had caused some gravel to bust out a window at residence. Officer responded.

• 9:03 a.m. Complainant reported one illegal on their property several

miles out on Hwy. 2129. Officer responded.

• 12:29 p.m. Sonora Police Department requested assistance with a fire that was out of control in Sutton County.

• 2:11 p.m. Complainant on E. Murchison requested an officer to kill a rabid raccoon that was chasing their dog. Officer responded and shot animal. Officer could not get in contact with Animal Control. On call City worker refused to pick up the animal.

• 3:19 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to assist them in lifting a elderly subject. Officer responded.

8:19 p.m. Minor vehicle accident between a 97 Chev. and a 94 Pontiac.

April 9 • 4:19 a.m. Complainant called requesting an ambulance for a transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 8:58 a.m. Sutton County Fire Department requested assistance from our Volunteer Fire Department. Three fire units responded.

• 6:05 p.m. Subject reported someone had stolen a dog from their backyard. Officer responded and dog was located.

• 7:45 p.m. Robbery on E. Warner of a red Craftsman tool box.

• 12:26 p.m. Complainant reported a door open at a local business. Officer responded and everything was OK.

April 10 • 2:49 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a possible burglary at a residence. Officer responded.

• 7:07 a.m. Sonora Sheriff's Office advised that a subject had DPS Warrants headed toward Eldorado.

• 8:48 a.m. Complainant reported a stove fire on E. Warner Avenue. Officer responded along with Fire Department.

• 10:36 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance to respond to a home health call. EMS 2 responded.

• 11:55 a.m. Hospital requested the EMS for a basic transfer to hospital.

• 12:45 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check a residence where the burglary alarm had gone off. Officers responded and found everything to be OK.

• 3:50 p.m. Complainant reported that some kids were breaking windows out of a house. Officer responded.

• 4:40 p.m. Female subject reported they were missing their check book.

• 5:10 p.m. City employee reported that 2 vehicles were on city property that should not be there. Officers responded.

April 11 • 11:57 p.m. Complainant called to let an officer know that there was a vehicle swerving all over the highway on Hwy 277.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: DAVID BERNAL, Defendant,
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 51st District Court of Schleicher County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eldorado, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 20th day of April A.D. 2000, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 31st day of March A.D. 2000, in this cause, numbered #A-003 on the docket of said court and styled IN THE INTEREST OF JOSHUA MILAS JONES, A CHILD.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION OF STEPCHILD

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit Joshua Milas Jones, December 23, 1992, Houston, Harris County, Texas.

"The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption."

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. He officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eldorado, Texas, this the 10th day of April A.D. 2000.

Attest: Peggy William, Clerk
51st District Court
Schleicher County, Texas
By Brenda Mayfield, Deputy Clerk

SCLEICHER COUNTY I.S.D. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION TRUSTEE)

To the Registered Voters of Schleicher County, Texas.

(A los votantes registrados del Schleicher County, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling place, known as the Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 2000, for voting in a general election to elect Board of Trustees for Single Member District 2, Single Member District 5, and Single Member District 7.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales estaran situadas en el sitio conocido como el Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square, abajo desde, las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de Mayo de 2000 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir un miembro para Precincto Numero 2, Precincto Numero 5, and Precincto Numero 7.

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000.

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Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:

(Las votacion adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

NO ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING IS SCHEDULED.

Issued this the 21st day of February, 2000.
(Emitida este dia 21 de Febrero, 2000.)

The Williams
Signature of Presiding Officer (Oficial que Preside)

PUBLIC NOTICE SCHLEICHER COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Schleicher County will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p. m. on April 17, 2000 at the Commissioner's Courtroom, County Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a 2000 Colonia Construction grant through the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP). The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities and the use of past TCDP funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Judge Johnny F. Griffin, at the County Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the County Courthouse for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Judge Johnny F. Griffin at the Courthouse #915/853-2766.

Eldorado Head Start Registration for 2000-2001 School Year

Registration will be at the Eldorado Head Start Center - 901 N. Divide Tuesday, April 18, 2000 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tom Green County Community Action Council - Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-k program serving 3,4 and 5 year old children. Children participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self-help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch; participate in large and small group activities; individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercises.

It is required that the child be three-four years old by September 1st in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring copies of the following: Proof of income, (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 1998 W-2/Form 1040 Tax Return, Proof of child's age (child's birth certificate), child's Social Security Number, up-to-date immunization record, and if applicable, Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamp Case Numbers, COPIES of these items **MUST BE** brought with you to register your child for the program.

••• Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. When applying, please be sure to inform the Center Director if this applies to your child.***

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: KELLY JENNINGS,
Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 51st District Court of Schleicher County at the Courthouse thereof, in Eldorado, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of April A.D. 2000, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of April A.D. 2000, in this cause, numbered #2438 on the docket of said court and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF: KATHY ALICE FAULL AND WILBERT OTTO FAULL JR. AND IN THE INTEREST OF: BRITTANY NICOLE JENNINGS.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in the suit.

The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit Brittany Nicole Jennings, November 4, 1988, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas.

"The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you." If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eldorado, Texas, this the 10th day of April A.D. 2000.

Attest: Peggy William, Clerk
51st District Court
Schleicher County, Texas
By Brenda Mayfield, Deputy Clerk

Local 4-Hers enjoy successful stock show season

During the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, 14 4-Hers exhibited their livestock. In the goat show, Kayla Kohls won 1st place and had the Reserve Champion Goat while Ben Edmiston had a 5th place goat, Frank Edmiston had a 8th place goat, Neal Higgins had a 9th place goat, Allison Reynolds had a 14th place goat and Bryce Leggett had a 15th place goat. Others exhibiting in the goat show were: Courtney Brown, Lauren Brown and Briley Leggett.

Dest Sudduth took 9th place honors with his lamb and others showing their lambs were Whitney Edmiston and Neal Higgins. Kayla Kohls had a 10th place barrow

and a 2nd placing breeding gilt. Gary Hanusch also exhibited his swine project in the barrow show. In the steer division, Will Griffin, Meg Griffin and Gary Hanusch exhibited their projects.

During the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, 7 Schleicher County 4-Hers exhibited their livestock. In the barrow division, Kayla Kohls placed 7th, Mark Bybee Placed 9th and Dest Sudduth placed 13th. Also showing in the barrow show was Gary Hanusch. Other exhibitors included, Will Griffin and Meg Griffin in the steer division and Whitney Edmiston in the lamb division. Kayla also exhibited her meat goat.

During the recent San Angelo

Stock Show & Rodeo, several Schleicher County 4-H members exhibited their livestock.

In the Market Goat Show, Kayla Kohls had the Grand Champion animal after placing 1st in her class. Others placing were Courtney Brown with a 7th place goat and Allison Reynolds with a 14th place goat. Courtney also won senior showmanship honors. Other 4-Hers exhibiting in the goat show were: Lauren Brown, Ben Edmiston, Frank Edmiston, Haley Edmiston, Neal Higgins, Briley Leggett, Bryce Leggett and Alan Dykstra.

In the Market Lamb Show, Schleicher County was represented by: Lindsay Beach, Whitney Edmiston, Dest Sudduth, Ridge Ann

Sudduth and Holly Ford. During the Barrow show, Frank Edmiston, Kayla Kohls and Gary Hanusch exhibited their livestock.

In the Steer show, exhibitors included: Meg Griffin, Will Griffin and Gary Hanusch while Gary also participated in the Heifer show as well as the Heifer Futurity. In the Junior Open Boer Goat Show, Hannah Robledo took 6th place honors with her goat.

Congratulations to all the 4-Hers who exhibited their livestock during this years major shows. Anyone who is interested in participating in next years shows and would like some help in getting their projects should call the Extension office as soon as possible.

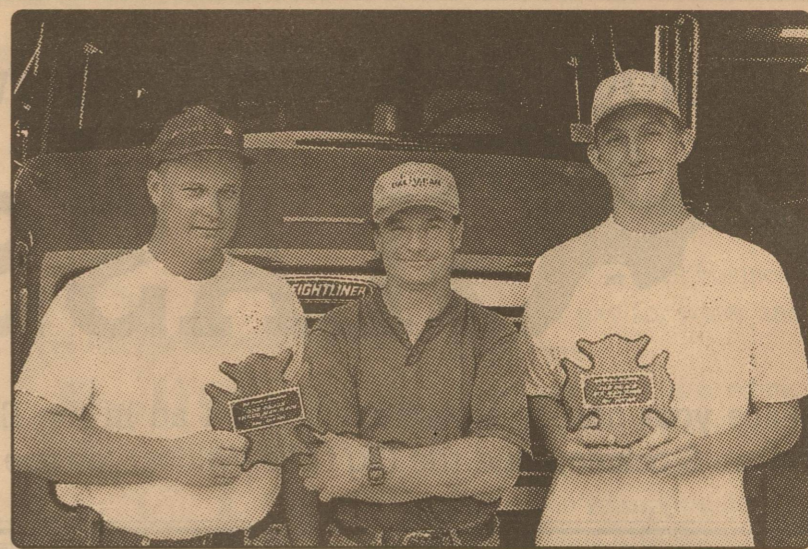


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More trophies for the Fire Hall — Volunteer Firefighters (L-R) Michael Faull, Joey Jones and Michael Felver display the 3rd Place plaques they won in the 3-Man and 6-Man Pumper Races at the Hill Country Firefighters Association convention in Eden last Saturday. Other team members include Stoney Harris, T.J. Rodriguez, and Luiz Martinez.

See related story on Page 1



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Reserve Grand Champion — Kayla Kohls had the Reserve Grand Champion goat at this year's San Antonio Livestock Exposition. She was one of many local 4-H Club members who enjoyed successful livestock show seasons this year.

Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll for Fifth 6-Weeks

Second Grade
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Honor Roll: Leslie Arispe*, Adriana Hernandez*, Ramiro Perez*, Gregory Rodriguez*, Austin Whitten*
Mrs. O'Harrow Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Marcos Medrano*, Maureen Martinez*, Kevin Freeman*, Dylan Dombroski*
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Mrs. Sessom's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Mason Baker*, Emily Espinosa*, Kori-Ann Holub*, Marty Powell*
Honor Roll: Petey Fuentes*,

Patricia Hernandez*, Garrett Lux*, Kadie Niblett*, Hervey Solis;
Third Grade
Mrs. Jones' Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Dustin Ramirez
Honor Roll: Jonathan Belman*, Chris Minor*, April Porras*, Josh Taylor*, Darci Vick*;
Mrs. McGregor's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Meg Griffin*, Chris Ogle;
Honor Roll: Cassandra Buitron*, Mark Garcia*, Isidro Granados*, Bridgett Mitchell, Kaleb Murr*, Jessi Valero*, Emilio Vallejo*, Chris Whiddon*;
Mrs. O'Harrow's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Rance Cathey*;
Honor Roll: Corey Roberts*, Brittani Romero*, Kirsten Stubbs*, Corie Williams*;
Mrs. Porter's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Victoria Fuentes*;
Honor Roll: Deyanira Cruz*, Haley Higgins*, Marcela Huerta*, Brent Martinez*;
Fourth Grade
Mrs. Edmiston's Class:
 "A" Honor Roll: Jorge Chavez*,
Honor Roll: Amber Alberts,

Selvia Aranda*, Lupe Contreras*, Tyler Dombroski*, Lynley Glass*, Manny Gonzalez*.
Mrs. Moore's Class
Honor Roll: Macy Chatham*, Caleb Daniels*, David Ramirez, Clayton Sauer*, Rhapsody Swyter,

Tiawna Vannett;
Mrs. Newman's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Matthew Hill;
Honor Roll: Louie Buitron*, Erika Estrada*, Adrian Ortega, Jasmine Romero, Kassie Tyler.
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School board meeting held

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Association of School Board's (TASB) Media Honor Roll was then adopted. And the board approved the sale of surplus property, specifically, a number of sewing machines. The machines will be advertised to sell for \$100 each, with the proceeds going to help purchase new machines.

The trustees then voted to accept the resignation of Mark Marshall, the SCISD Rural Trust Director, effective July 20, 2000. Marshall is leaving to attend the Texas Tech Law School. It was noted that the Annenburg Board will be actively trying to hire a new director.

It was reported that the School Calendar Committee will soon be studying several options for the 2000-2001 school calendar and proposed salaries for SCISD personnel in the 2000-2001 school year were distributed to the board.

The position of Ag-Science teacher was brought up as an informal item but quickly grew into a serious discussion. At one point, trustee Phil McCormick said, "I want to go on record by saying I am going to look at this real critically after what happened last time, because I was on the committee last time and we basically went against the committee's recommendation... by hiring a first year ag teacher. So I am going to be looking at this critically from my stand point."

McCormick continued by saying that he wanted the board to spend some time on the question. "...or we will not have an Ag program," he concluded.

Trustee Steve Sessom expressed his concerns about graduation requirements which were increased by four hours for students graduating in 2001 and later. Board president Ilse Williams also voiced reservations about the policy and the discussion soon centered on the value of Advanced Placement courses in the high school. After discussing the matter for some time, it was decided to have the committee, which originally recommended the change in graduation hour requirements, reevaluate the issue and bring a recommendation back to the board.

The board then voted to cancel the trustee election for the Single Member District 5, and declared Sam Whitten, Jr. the as the winner.

The trustees then approved the appointment of Barbara Behrens as Election Judge for the May 6th trustee election. She will replace Bessie Jones who could not work the election this year due to schedule conflicts. The cancellation of the election in SMD 5 leaves only SMD 2 and SMD 7 races to be decided.

During the Campus Administrators and Programs Directors reports, Maintenance Director John Kotsch presented several options to the trustees regarding a home the school recently purchased on W. Warner St. While no final decision was reached, the possibility of using the home as rental property for teachers and converting it for use as a school facility were briefly discussed.

Twelve out-of-district field trip requests were approved by the board before the meeting ended.

Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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Establish Yourself As Boss When Dealing With An Active Toddler

QUESTION: I have a 2-year-old boy who is as cute as a bug's ear and I love him dearly, but he nearly drives me crazy. He throws the most violent temper tantrums and gets into everything. Why is he like this, and are other toddlers so difficult?

DR. DOBSON: Your description of your toddler comes right out of the child development textbooks. That time of life begins with a bang (like the crash of a lamp or a porcelain vase) at about 18 months of age and runs hot and heavy until about the third birthday.

A toddler is the most hard-nosed opponent of law and order, and he honestly believes the universe circles around him. In his cute little way, he is curious, charming, funny, lovable, exciting, selfish and demanding — and rebellious and destructive. Comedian Bill Cosby must have had some personal experience with toddlers. He is quoted as saying, "Give me 200 active 2-year-olds, and I could conquer the world."

Children between 15 and 36 months of age do not want to be restricted or inhibited in any manner, nor are they inclined to conceal their opinions. Bedtime becomes an exhausting, dreaded ordeal each night. They want to play with everything in reach, particularly fragile and expensive ornaments. They prefer using their pants rather than the potty, and insist on eating with their hands. And most of what goes in their mouths is not food. When they break loose in a store, they run as fast as their little legs will carry them. They pick up the kitty by its ears and then scream bloody murder when

scratched. They want Mommy within 3 feet of them all day, preferably in the role of their full-time playmate. Truly, the toddler is a tiger — but a precious one.

I hope you won't get too distressed by the frustrations of the toddler years. It is a very brief period of development that will be over before you know it. With all its challenges, it is also a delightful time when your little boy is at his cutest. Approach him with a smile and a hug. But don't fail to establish yourself as the boss during this period. All the years to come will be influenced by the relationship you build during this 18-month window.

QUESTION: The children who play with my kids in the neighborhood are familiar with terrible programs on television and cable TV. I can't believe that their parents let them watch such violent and sexualized stuff. What are the long-term consequences of this programming on children?

DR. DOBSON: It is sad and very difficult to understand why so many parents fail to supervise what their kids watch. To those who let them watch anything they wish, I would pose this proposition: Suppose a complete stranger came to your door and said, "You look tired. Why don't you let me take care of your children for a day or two?" I doubt if many of you would say, "Great idea. Come on in."

That's a story that Peggy Charren, president of Action for Children's Television, likes to tell. Her point is well taken. When we sit our children in front of the television set, we're giving control

over them to complete strangers; and more and more, that's a risky thing to do. An increasing number of studies have found that violence on television frequently leads to later aggressive behavior by children and teen-agers.

One of the most conclusive studies was conducted by Dr. Leonard D. Aaron. He examined a group of children at age 8 and then again at 19 and finally at 30. Children in the United States, Australia, Finland, Israel and Poland were studied. The outcome was the same: The more frequently the participants watched violent television at age 8, the more serious were the crimes that they were convicted of by age 30, and the more aggressive was their behavior when drinking. It's time for parents to control the amount and the content of television that their children are watching. The consequences of not doing so can be catastrophic.

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A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1999. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2000.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2000 renditions is April 17. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 17 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

SCHLEICHER CO. APPRAISAL DISTRICT
 1 WEST WARNER AVE
 PO BOX 936 ELDORADO, TX 76936

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Comptroller's Property Tax Division
 P.O. Box 13528
 Austin, TX 78711-3528