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the year that was

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For Your Information

Black-Eyed Peas
The custom of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is peculiar to the South. However, Texans, particularly West Texans are downright fanatic about it. The Black-Eyed Pea Brigade. A self appointed watchdog group for the spotted legume claim that more black-eyed peas are consumed in West Texas than any other identifiable region in the United States.

—★★★★—

Unemployment Steady
The Texas Comptroller's office reports that the state's jobless claims held steady in October and remained at 5.0 percent. That news came despite the creation of 253,000 new jobs in the Texas, mostly in the service sector.

—★★★★—

New Year's Resolutions
According to Charles Proudfoot effective New Year's resolutions must be:

- 1) Specific
- 2) Measurable
- 3) Actionable
- 4) Consistent
- 5) Pursued

—★★★★—

On this Date
On this date in 1960 Carl and the Passions changed their name to The Beach Boys and became an overnight sensation. In 1967, playing in a wind chill of 40 degrees below zero, the Green Bay Packers won the National Football League championship game by defeating the Dallas Cowboys 21-17 in a game that will forever be known as The Ice Bowl.

Birthdays of note include: 1880 WWII Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff George Marshall; 1924 singer Rex Allen; 1937 actor Sir Anthony Hopkins; 1943 singer John Denver (Deutschendorf); 1943 actor Ben Kingsley; 1950 Dallas Cowboys receiver Golden (John) Richards (Super Bowls X, XII).

—★★★★—

Most Popular Names
The most popular names for babies in Texas are:

(Girls) Ashley, Emily, Jessica, Sarah, Alexis, Jennifer, Hannah, Samantha, Victoria, Taylor

(Boys) Jose, Michael, Christopher, Jacob, Joshua, Matthew, David, Daniel, Jonathan and random

—★★★★—

Odds & Ends
There is no single cat called a panther. The name is commonly applied to the leopard, but is also used to refer to the puma and the jaguar. A black panther really a black leopard.

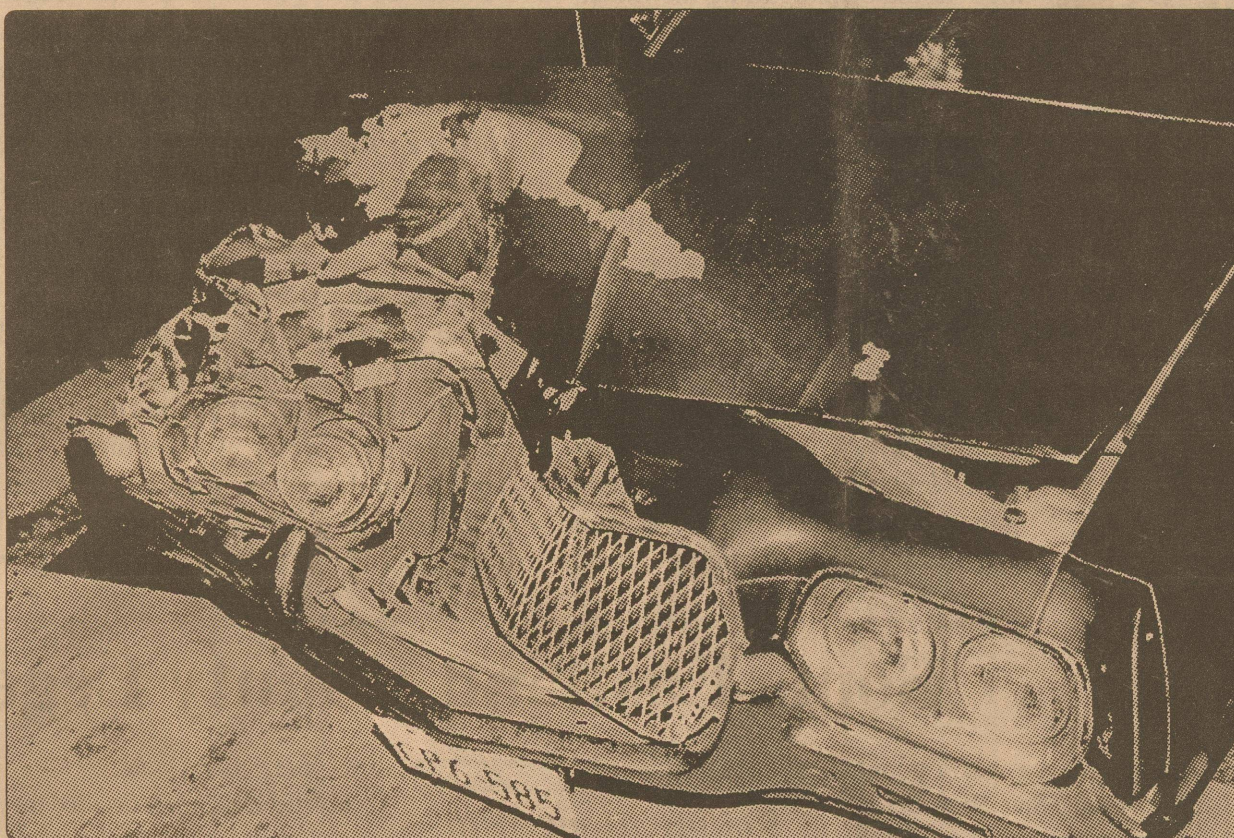


photo by Kathy Mankin

Crunch — This 1972 Ford Ranchero was involved in a hit-and-run accident at 12:40 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23rd. It collided with a green Dodge pickup, owned by Randy Mankin, parked on the 200 block of Southwest Main Street. The vehicle's owner, Dewey Swicegood, 27, of Eldorado was arrested at his apartment shortly after the mishap and charged with failure to stop and leave information, driving without a license and driving without liability insurance. He was released on \$5,000 bail the next morning.

County Livestock & Food Show slated for January 8th & 9th

by Nancy Lester

The cold weather is a sure sign that Stock Show Season has hit Schleicher County and the annual Junior Livestock, Food and Project Show will be held Friday and Saturday, January 8 & 9, at the Exhibit Building.

Creative Arts Entries will be accepted at the Show Barn on Thursday, January 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mrs. Barbara Earwood from Sonora will once again be serving as the Art Show Judge. She is always so complimentary of the quality of work exhibited.

All Livestock Exhibits must be in place and weighed in by 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, and the show will actually start at 8:30 a.m. Friday with the Meat Goat Show followed by Steers.

A lunch break will be taken from 12 to 1 and the show will resume with Heifers followed by the Swine Classes.

The show will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday Morning with the Lamb Show. The Dog Show will be held at 11 a.m. and the Food Show will also be held on Saturday Morning.

The Dog Show is open to all youth in the Community. There will be two classes groomed dogs and dressed dogs. You may show your dog in the dressed category and then undress them and show them in the groomed category. Dogs must be on a leash and have not eaten a sheep in the past month.

Food Show entries need to be in place by 9 a.m. for judging at 10:00 a.m. The annual Barbecue Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and the presentation of awards and sale will start at 12:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come out and see the 4-H and FFA members exhibit their projects. Livestock projects teach responsibility as well as subject matter knowledge! It is a great family projects and we hope to see lots of families at the Show!

Livestock assistance sign-up deadline extended

USDA's Farm Service Administrator Keith Kelly announced that the deadline for eligible livestock owners to apply for USDA's Livestock Assistance Program has been extended. Under this new \$200 million livestock assistance program, USDA will compensate farmers and ranchers for 1998 losses because droughts and other natural disasters reduced grazing vegetation.

Because of the time necessary to assemble information associated with eligibility, many counties were not approved until after sign-up began. In an effort to give livestock owners whose livelihoods are on the line, through no fault of their own, have a chance to continue doing what they do best—producing food and fiber for Americans and for the world, I am allowing this additional time to apply, Kelly said.

Sign-up for assistance under this program began November 23, 1998. Payments will be issued after publication of program regulations and the completion of the sign-up. Sign-up, originally scheduled to end on January 8, 1999, has been extended and USDA will announce the deadline after publication of the program regulations. USDA will make assistance available on a county-by-county basis in counties where at least 40 percent grazing loss occurred for 90 or more consecutive days. Livestock owners can contact a local USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office for more information.

Jan Wanoreck, CED stated that Schleicher and Sutton counties were approved December 14, 1998. Producers need to call the Schleicher office at 853-3535 or Sutton Office at 387-3111 to set up an appointment to complete their application. Producers need to know their head count as of May 1, 1998 and any changes made through December 15, 1998.

Grant-writing seminar to be held in Ozona

Knowing how to write an effective grant proposal will aid your organization to become more successful in obtaining funding for your project. Concho Valley RC&D will be sponsoring a Grant Writing II Seminar in Ozona on January 26 through the 28. The semina will be held at the Crockett County Extension Building. "The cost of the seminar will be \$150.00 per registrant and will include grant writing materials," said Tony Resendez, Coordinator.

The seminar format includes both lecture and interactive training with individuals working alone or in small groups. Dr. Don Udell will conduct the seminar. Dr. Udell has authored and published many articles and monographs. He has written and received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

The deadline for registration has been set for January 21, 1999 and if you need more information on this seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-4666.

Public hearing held to discuss SCISD closed campus policy

More than eighty members of the public were present Tuesday night at a hearing called by the Schleicher County I.S.D. board of trustees concerning the new "closed campus" policy which takes effect Monday, January 4 on the High School and Middle School campuses.

Supt. Hal Porter opened the meeting saying, "Protecting your children is our prime concern." He went on to describe the school's closed campus policy which was approved by trustees last week after Middle School students were arrested for having a fire arm at school.

Porter said the Middle School students would not be allowed to leave the campus for lunch. Exceptions to the policy would involve medical necessity and parents who came to the school to pick up their children for lunch. Porter emphasized that only the child's parents would be allowed pick up a Middle School student.

High School students will face the same closed campus rules for the first three weeks of the spring semester. However, they will be allowed to earn the privilege to leave the campus for lunch provided they: 1) were passing all their classes; 2) had no disciplinary referrals; 3) had no unexcused absences; and 4) had no more than two tardies.

The first to address the trustees was Monty Bybee who questioned the quality of the food in the school cafeteria. "If it's good for the kids it should be good for the teachers and they don't eat it."

Bill Hodges questioned the cafeteria's ability to serve additional numbers of students. It was noted that meals already begin at 10:00 a.m. Hodges called the meal "more like a brunch".

Several high school students were in attendance and asked questions of the trustees. One was Juan Montalvo who asked if the rules were, "carved in stone?" He said that he had already proven himself by keeping his grades up and staying out of trouble. "Why should I have to prove myself all over again because some Middle School kid had a gun? I didn't do anything wrong."

That sentiment was expressed by more than one person before the meeting was over. Jerry Miller introduced himself as a full-time taxpayer and part-time resident of Schleicher County. He drew applause from the audience when he told trustees, "More emphasis should be placed on getting the trouble makers out of school and off the campus."

Montalvo spoke again telling the board that teachers weren't setting a good example. "They bring knives to school and use tobacco products yet you want to take our privileges away."

Several spoke in support of the school board and praised them for taking action. David Neal said, "Everybody wants to have a good school. All they're asking is for us to sacrifice for three weeks. In that time the cream will rise to the top and the dregs will settle to the bottom. It's like a team sport...everybody has to work together."

After the public hearing segment of the meeting the trustees discussed the input from the community. "I think the crowd was very kind to us," commented trustee Phil McCormick. "We've had a gang problem in school for quite awhile and we didn't get on them like we should have. The crowd could have said 'Why did y'all let this happen.'"

The new closed campus policy will begin as scheduled on Monday, January 4, 1999. Orientation programs will be held that day for Middle School and High School students.

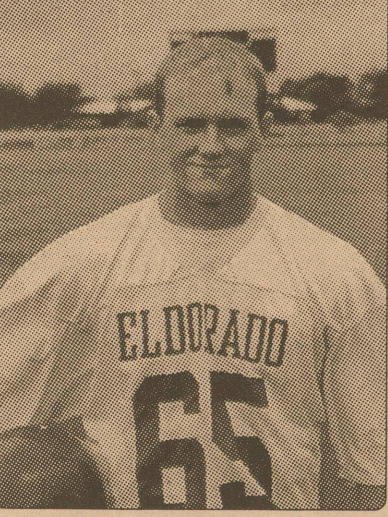
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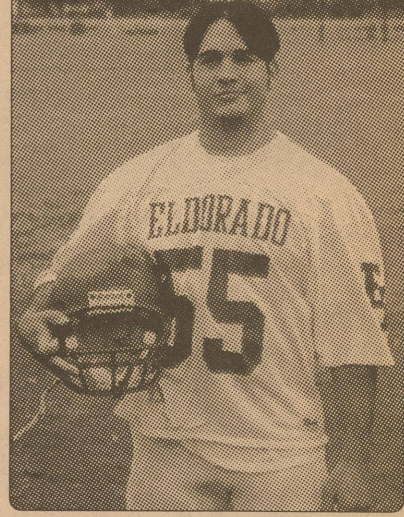
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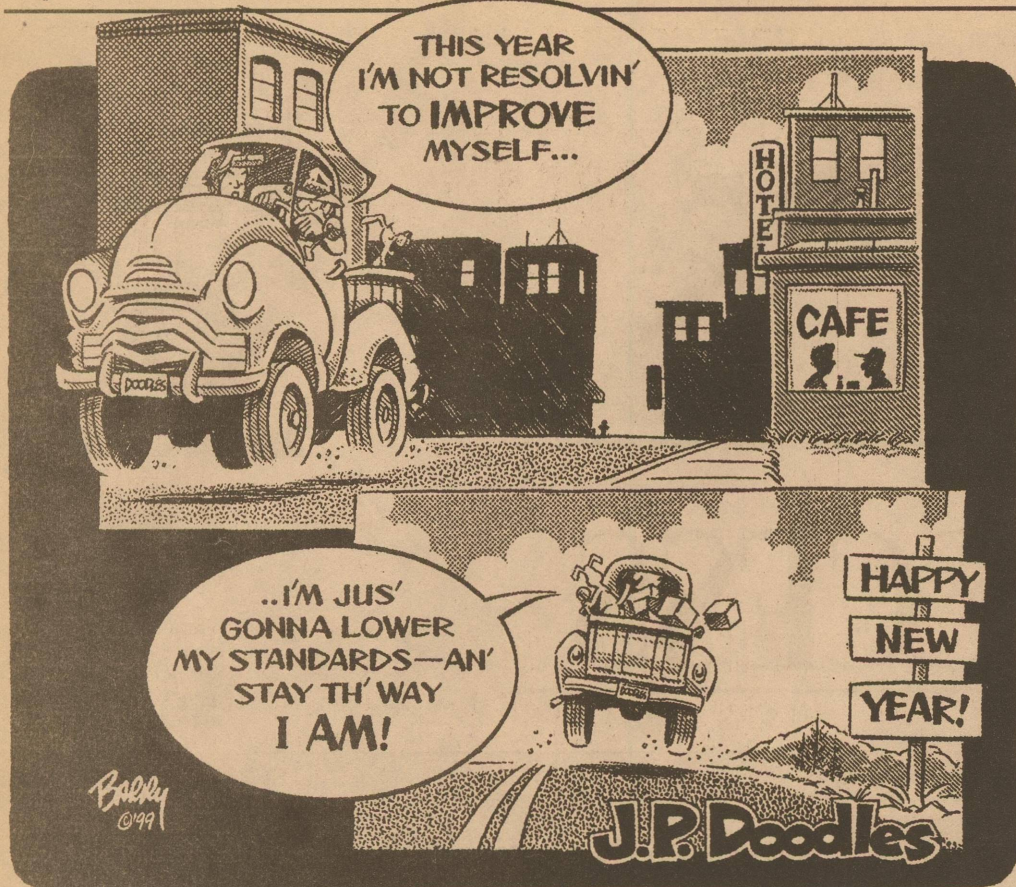
Nolen and Villavicencio named to S-T's All-West Texas team

Post-season honors continued to roll in for the Eldorado Eagles football team this week when two of the team's senior players were named to the San Angelo Standard-Times' All-West Texas Team.

Dusty Nolen and Armando Villavicencio were instrumental in the Eagles reaching the playoffs for the 5th consecutive year.

Nolen was named to the All-West Texas offensive unit as an offensive lineman. He was also named to the All-District squad and was selected by his teammates as the Offensive Lineman of the year.

Villavicencio was named to the All-West Texas defensive squad as a defensive lineman. He, too, was named to the All-District team and was chose by his teammates as the Defensive Lineman of the Year and was recipient of the team's Headhunter Award.



Does personal responsibility exist any more?

It was pointed out to me recently that I am narrow minded. The lady who made the observation said that I am overly judgemental and should learn to be more considerate of other people and their shortcomings. Her statement was made during a discussion we were having about personal responsibility and how it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people who will stand accountable for their actions.

The issue has become a sore point with me since last week when my pickup was rammed by a hit-and-run driver.

I was spending a late Tuesday night at the office putting the finishing touches on the Christmas edition of the Success when, at about 12:30 a.m., I heard tires squealing then a loud crash. I made it to the front of the office just in time to watch an old Ford Ranchero speed away. It had just collided with my pickup and the driver didn't see fit to stop and tell anyone.

I contacted the Sheriff's office and within minutes Deputy Joe Dombroski arrived to investigate. He took a few photos and collected some paint and other material which were obviously from the offending vehicle.



Then, I rode with him as he followed a trail of radiator fluid and tire marks to the Eldorado Place Apartments where we located a Ford Ranchero with a bashed in front-end. The paint samples matched and he ordered the vehicle impounded.

A few moments later Joe roused the owner of the vehicle from his apartment and arrested him for leaving the scene of the accident. Although there was a strong odor alcohol in the air, the man wasn't given a breathalyzer test since he hadn't been apprehended while still behind the wheel.

To make a long story short, the suspect had no driver's license and, of course, no insurance. He did get to spend the night in jail, but bonded out early the next morning. I'd venture to say that he slept better than I did.

It's been a week now and the fellow who hit my truck has yet to con-

tact me. No offer to pay for the damage...no explanation...no apology.

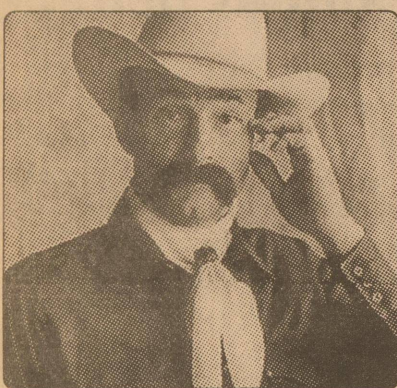
I have insurance which protects me against uninsured motorists. But, somehow that doesn't settle the issue in my mind. Then there's the matter of the deductible I must pay and, of course, the inconvenience. Plus, what do you want to bet this makes my insurance rates go up?

One week later, I had a conversation with a young high school student. He, too, is a little frustrated by the decline in personal responsibility.

You see, the school board had decided to close the Middle School and High School campuses. No leaving for lunch or any other reason. The young man couldn't understand why his privileges had been taken away...especially since he had done nothing wrong.

Neither was he impressed with the school's plan that will allow him to earn his privileges back with good grades and conduct. He argued that he already met those standards and doesn't understand why he must earn something that was taken away because of another's misdeeds.

It occurred to me that this young man had become almost as narrow minded and judgemental as a newspaper editor I could name.



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

New Year 1998

Lord, as we put a close to 1998 we find we have painted ourselves in a corner again. Most of agriculture is in the toilet.

Not that the consumer would know. They see bountiful fields, steakhouses booming and cowboys in big hats.

America's biggest cash crops - cattle, corn, wheat, and soybeans are mired in miserable markets. The government is rushing to reinstate farm subsidies for the grain. Livestock producers are fighting for their life at the bank.

The cattle market, for which Americans pay the biggest chunk of their food dollar, has been stagnant for the beef producer the last 4 years. They are getting paid the same price they were paid in 1983, about \$66 in real dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

That's a 30% drop in wages in 15 years. How many small businessmen or large corporations, or government entities could survive that kind of pay cut? And the price of hogs is too low to talk about.

Sometimes we in agriculture get the feeling we were a part of an archaic enterprise that is slowly dying. Maybe like a custom bootmaker or a builder of harps. Artisans that have watched their skills be taken over by computers and robots and people paid by the hour.

But the world can survive without harps and handmade boots. It

cannot live without food.

I think it is the attachment to land and livestock that gives us the feeling we are part of an ancient tradition.

And we are, no matter how much technology and science and research and commercialization we apply to agriculture, we are still doing our job where the rubber meets the road, where the rope meets the horn, where the plow turns the soil. Our kind has been doing it since the dawn of time.

We have always been at the mercy of uncontrollable acts of God. No computer can make it rain. We overproduce in cycles, which are beyond our control. One could argue strict government control of production would smooth out the rough spots. But look how well it worked for the communists.

America is in no danger of starving. Capitalism, pride, long hours and the stubborn persistence of those who work the land guarantee it.

Our political leaders spend uncountable hours and dollars micromanaging the minutiae of human existence while we toil unceasing to supply life's basic needs.

Not as glamorous as a space shuttle launch, or a car parts recall or a presidential appointment, but by far more essential and everlasting and significant in the big picture.

After all, what is the life span of a cabinet appointee today?

Some Eastland County Legends

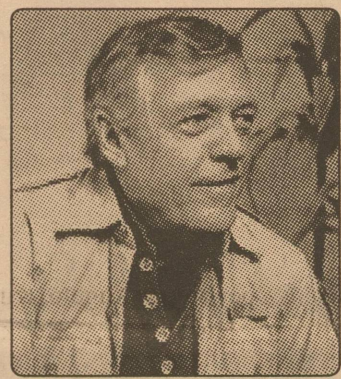
Mamie Joyce was a popular girl in Rising Star High School. She was in the class of 1918 that selected the school colors, blue and white. The schools' athletic teams were known as the Wildcats. Mamie played basketball.

Mamie married her high school sweetheart, Cecil H. Joyce and moved to Fort Worth where her husband worked in construction. The Joyces later moved back to Rising Star and Cecil became an automobile dealer.

Mamie got involved with the social life in Rising Star. She belonged to the Saturday Club, a study club which meets on Wednesdays. A couple of years ago Mamie, now in her 90's, wrote a brief history of Rising Star.

She says the town was settled by seven farming families who left Longview in December of 1874 looking for fertile land. Along the way, someone told them Eastland county had good farming land and the woods were full of deer, tur-

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

key and quail.

In January of 1875 the seven families pitched their tents just a mile from where the city of Rising Star is now. They decided to start their new life right there. Land was selling for one dollar an acre. Prime land brought three dollars an acre.

Other families moved in and soon built a school and a church. Sipe Springs was the nearest post

office and general store.

In 1881 the settlers decided they needed a post office of their own. They wanted to call the place Star, but that name was already taken by a village in Mills county. The residents decided that since it was a young, rising community, they would call it Rising Star.

Cotton was the principle cash crop. Soon there were gins in Rising Star named Blue Goose and Red Tiger. Rising Star became a thriving community with stores, barber shops, banks, a newspaper and blacksmith shop. The town was incorporated in 1903. The first car, a red Maxwell, arrived in Rising Star in 1910.

In 1914, the farming emphasis shifted from cotton to peanuts and soon there was a train called the Peanut Special traveling between DeLeon, Cross Plains and Rising Star. Oil arrived on the scene in 1917 and Ranger, Desdemona and Pioneer became boom towns. Ranger's population exploded from

one thousand to more than 25,000. Rising Star's boom was not impressive, compared to the others, but the community did realize some paved streets, electricity and water and some new hotels and businesses houses.

Not far from Rising Star is Eastland, the county seat. In 1897 a courthouse was built. Someone put a horned frog inside the cornerstone. When a new courthouse was built 31 years later, the cornerstone was opened and the horned frog was flat as a pancake, but still alive. He is named "Old Rip" and rests in peace in a glass covered coffin in the lobby of the courthouse.

In 1927 a bank in Cisco was robbed by a man dressed as Santa Claus. Two men were killed during the robbery. The robber, Marshal Ratliff, was arrested and jailed. A crowd of about 1500 people took him out of the jail and hung him. It was the last mob lynching in Texas.

Lawmakers file rewrite of Texas Constitution

AUSTIN — Texas' 122-year-old constitution has been rewritten by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo. The two lawmakers have filed their draft as House Joint Resolution 1, for consideration by the 76th Texas Legislature.

If adopted, the constitution would change how public officials are selected and would create a cabinet form of government giving the governor power to appoint the land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and railroad commissioners. It also would give the governor power to appoint all district and appeals court judges and make their retention subject to approval by a vote of the people. A new state constitution would have to win a two-thirds vote in the Legislature, and then election by Texas voters.

As good or bad as those changes sound, there's one thing upon which Texas Republican party chief Susan Weddington and Texas Democratic Party chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm agree, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week: It's not time to rewrite the 1876 Texas Constitution.

Departing Sharp Offers Advice
Texas Comptroller John Sharp last week made his final plug for

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

fiscal responsibility in the new Legislature convening Jan. 12. Sharp, who will leave elected office next month after losing his bid for lieutenant governor, has estimated that the state could have about a \$4 billion surplus when the biennial budget ends Aug. 31.

"They're not going to be thinking about piling back and storing their nuts for winter. Somebody's got to be the bad guy," he told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

The last installment of Sharp's ongoing audit of state government recommends changes that could save the state \$1.7 billion over five years.

After leaving office, Sharp will join the Dallas-based tax consult-

ing firm of Ryan & Co. He will represent the company to businesses in Texas and nationally.

Bush Names Williams to RRC

Gov. George W. Bush last week named former federal prosecutor Michael Williams to the three-member Texas Railroad Commission. Williams, a 45-year-old Arlington lawyer, will be the first African-American to serve on the 107-year-old board.

Next month, when Williams begins to fill the two years remaining on the term of comptroller-elect Carole Keeton Rylander, he will be the only African-American to hold a statewide office. Williams said he intends to run for a full term in 2000.

DPS Predicts 60 Traffic Deaths

The Texas Department of Public Safety has predicted that as many as 60 people could die in traffic accidents during reporting periods between Christmas Eve and Jan. 3. Eighty-eight traffic deaths were recorded during the holiday period last year.

This year's prediction of fewer deaths was made because Christmas and New Year's fall on Fridays, making for shorter holiday weekends. Last year, the holidays fell on Thursdays.

Other Capital Highlights

• Texas Attorney General Dan Morales last week questioned the fairness of the state's system of administering the death penalty, particularly in regards to racial bias and clemency procedures. Morales, who did not seek re-election, will leave office in January after eight years as the state's top lawyer.

• The Swiss firm of Herzog & de Mueron has been hired by the University of Texas at Austin to design the \$40 million Blanton Museum of Art, to open in 2002.

• The Texas Transportation Commission is requesting \$220 million in new federal funding to be used in projects including the widening of Interstate 35 south of Austin and construction of Texas 130, a north-south loop that would allow traffic to bypass Austin.

• State Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, have filed legislation that would ban homosexuals and bisexuals from serving as foster parents.

• The Texas Department of Public Safety's Missing Persons Clearinghouse, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is asking for help locating missing Texans. Runaways are being asked to call 1-800-346-3243.

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OBITUARIES

Virginia Speck Longenette Pfluger

SAN ANGELO — Virginia Speck Longenette Pfluger's life began Sept. 8, 1918, and ended Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998. Born in Eldorado to Charles and Vina Speck, Virginia lived in West Texas for all her 80 years, the past 42 of which were in San Angelo.

After her mother died when she was only 4, Virginia lived in the outbacks of West Texas for eight years during the depression when she was 11-18 years old. It was this informative and challenging time of her life that she developed her foundation of faith and values. Surviving off the land, Virginia was home-schooled by her father and stepmother who taught her the importance and appreciation of God's gifts of nature - wind for the windmill to provide water for the crops.

She married J.W. Longenette in 1942 and gave birth to two sons, Shad and Lowell. Her husband died in an accident in 1964 and she assumed the management of Longenette Flying Service for 11 years.

In 1966, Virginia became the wife of Gillie Pfluger and a devoted mother to his children, Gary, Brenda and Gillene.

She was an honored charter member of College Hills Christian Church where she dedicated the past 32 years in unselfishly serving God and his children. Members refer to Virginia respectfully as the "Church's Mother," as her spiritual example and influence contributed to the growth and development of the church and congregation. She was the first chairman of the board and first woman elder of the church.

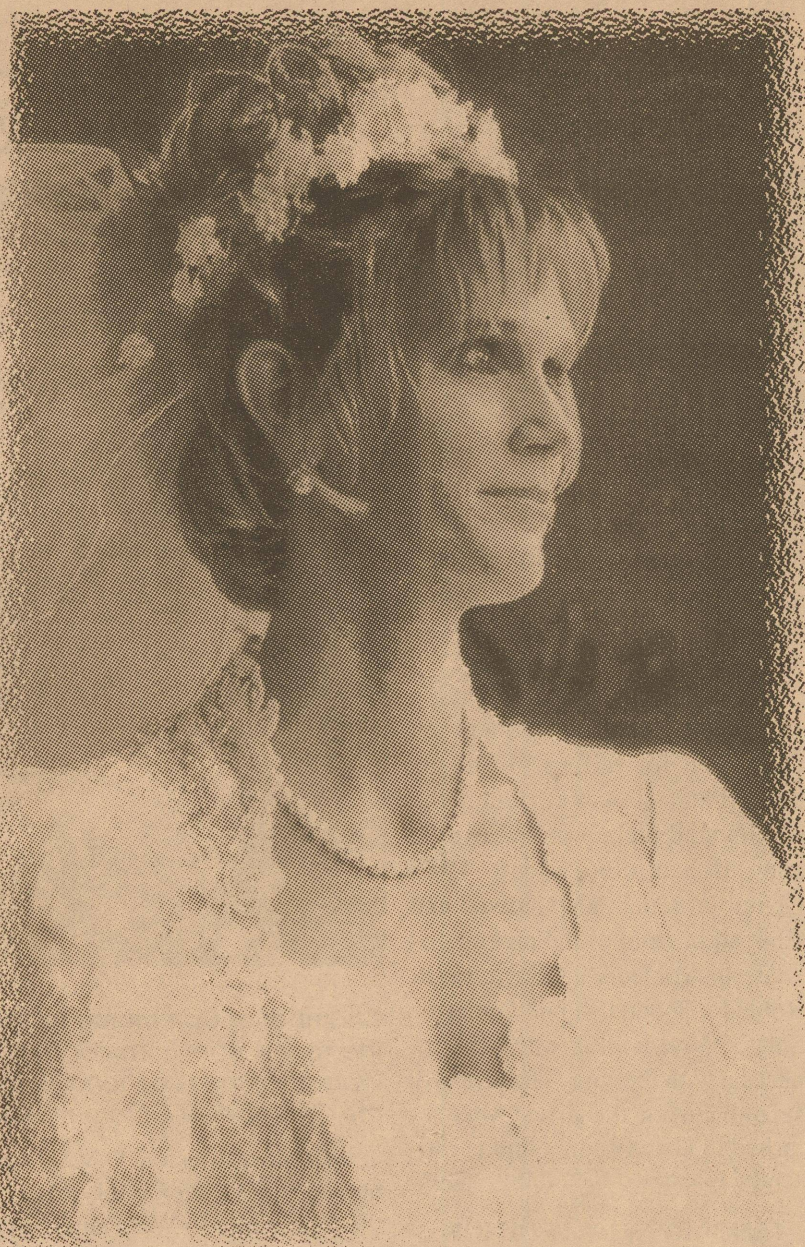
Virginia and Gillie owned "The Continental House" on David Street during the 1970s and provided the area with a unique collection of household items and gifts for all occasions. Virginia and Gillie were well known for the beneficial estate sales they conducted throughout the area during the

1980s. They delighted in discovering America together in numerous travels during their marriage.

Her service to the community included serving on the board for Plaza del Sol which was responsible for planning and building the new retirement centers in San Angelo. In addition she was a board member for the Children's Emergency Shelter. She and Gillie also delivered Meals for the Elderly for years. Serving as an exemplary role model, her family and friends have been blessed in experiencing and learning from Virginia's belief in and her ability to live by the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Her loved ones consider Virginia to be angelic as she gave abundantly and lovingly of herself to others.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Gillie Pfluger, a resident at Meadow Creek Nursing Center; her sons, Shad Longenette and wife, Evelyn, Lowell Longenette and wife, Cathy, Gary Pfluger and wife, Cindy; her daughters, Gillene Swain and husband, Ed, and Brenda McLain and husband, Ronnie. Other family survivors include a niece, Sue Scott and husband, George, and cousins, Karen Absher and husband, Jack, Gretchen Curry, Lisa Curry and Brock Curry and wife, Betty. In addition, she is loved by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at First Christian Church with the Rev. Ben Todd and Ben Hubert officiating. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Bill Archer, Bill Seaman, Gary Lindahl, Jim Razor, O'Neal Westbrook, Johnny Coats, Stratton Cralle, Harold Chandler and Alvin Hay.

Memorials may be directed to Meals for the Elderly, Hospice of San Angelo or College Hills Christian Church.



Mrs. Jeffery Hernandez

courtesy photo

Kotsch-Hernandez are wed

BURNET - Amy Michelle Kotsch and Jeffrey Matthew Hernandez were married Dec. 19, 1998, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rob McGill officiating.

Parents of the couple are John and Jo Helen Kotsch of Eldorado and Eugene and Mary Hernandez of Burnet.

Maid of honor was Kim Scott of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Melissa Thompson of Burnet, Dawn Hooper of San Angelo, Kim Leal of Harlingen, Becky Hernandez and Jean Hernandez of Burnet. Flower girls were Tristen and Landree Thompson of Burnet.

Best man was Jody Hernandez of Burnet. Groomsmen were

Dominic Hernandez of Burnet, Michael Cisneros of Austin, Thomas Hernandez of Aransas Pass, Robert Hernandez of New Milford, Connecticut and Mark Feild of Burnet. Ring bearers were Greg Hernandez and Brandon Burton of Burnet.

Ushers were Michael Kotsch of San Diego, California, Leo Hernandez of Burnet, Brad Bolm of Stephenville and Craig Walker of Burnet.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Eldorado High School and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Angelo State University. She is employed by Burnet CISD.

The bridegroom is a 1984 graduate of Burnet High School and is employed by Coltec Industries. The couple will live in Burnet.



Airman Luis A. Mata

DECEMBER 18, 1998 — Navy Airman Luis A. Mata, son of Juan M. and Josefa G. Mata of 105 Fields St., Eldorado, Texas, recently participated in Operation Desert Fox while assigned to the amphibious assault ship and flagship USS Belleau Wood, currently deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans as part of the USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group.

During the operation, U.S. forces launched attacks on military installations in Iraq. The attacks were made after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's refusal to allow U.N. teams to inspect Iraqi instal-

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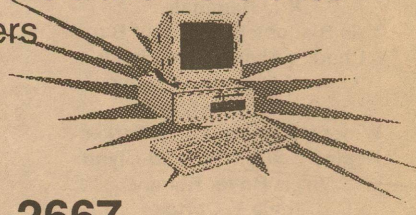
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January

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2nd Nadia L. Santellano

3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth Phillips, Maribel Villavicencio, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Dianna Goodrum, Joel Martinez

4th Amber Hamilton, Dena Manning

5th Zack Koenig, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar

6th E. H. Topliffe,

7th Ray David Buitron Sr., Mary Leggett, Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Evve Kuykendall, Steve Parker

8th Chance Behrens, Bob Page, Delia Herrera, Candi Homer, Thelma Bosmans, Juana Rojas

9th Tata Belman, Jennifer Sellers

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Second Place, score 58, Keith Nance, Charlie Pickett, Frank Haines, Su Scott and Andrew Anderson.

Third Place, score 59, Moses Hill, Beau Sallee, Mark Bland,

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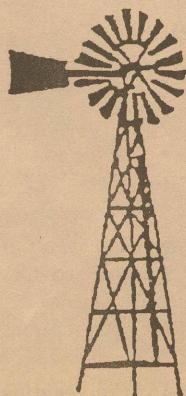
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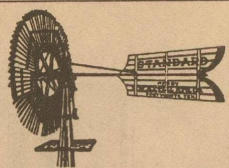
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Allen K. Michaels
James Williams
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Tom Duncan
John Childress, Jr.
William Waldine 'Smiley' Sudduth
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Victoria Rivera
Sadie E. Lipsett
Kathy Kinzbach Brewer
Billye Grant
Lola Fern Parrent
T.L. 'Troy' Lilly
Virginia Griffin
Ruth DeLong Harper
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A.G. McCormack
Gloria H. Dodd
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John Myles Geneser
Roy Ragsdale
Yola Blanche Sloan Hunt Barr
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Walter Lee Ray
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Feleccitas Reyes
Beulah Lester
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Chester Brock
Leonard Eugene Keys
Maxine Blaylock Howton
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James Turner
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Katherine 'Kate' Sykes
Travis Brewer
Billie Evelyn Griffin
Michael Crippin
Cleone Dabney Schrank
Brianna Alyse Nikolauk
Esther Leggett
Georgia Inez Kent Alsop
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Ethel McKinney Evans
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Virginia Speck Longenette Pfluger

JANUARY 1, 1998 EDITION...

Traffic stop ends with three arrests



A routine traffic stop 5 miles south of Eldorado landed three Garza County men in jail recently after Deputy Eddie Rodriguez and Sergeant George Arispe discovered several thousand dollars worth of stolen goods in two vehicles.

Rodriguez reported stopping a 1976 Ford pickup at 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 18th for failing to dim its headlights. However, when the southbound pickup pulled over, a second vehicle, a red 1989 Chevrolet sedan, also slowed and stopped in front of the pickup.

Jesus Robledo, 32, Salvador R. Robledo, 26, and Ruben Gutierrez Salas, 23 were all arrested in connection with the case. The property seized during the arrest was returned to Garza county and is estimated to exceed \$15,000 in value.

JANUARY 1, 1998 EDITION...

4 Eagles named to All-West Texas Team

Post-season honors continued to roll in for the Eldorado Eagles football team this week when four of the teams senior players were named to the San Angelo Standard-Times' All-West Texas Team.

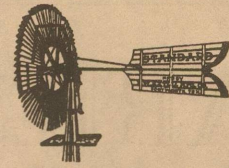
Receiving recognition were Garrett Bownds, Kyle Hunter, Mark Fryar and Randy Spears.

Bownds, a 5'10" 165 lb. running back was named to the Class 2A All-West Texas offensive team. He was also named to the All-West Texas Super Team,

Hunter, 6'4" 190 lb. defensive back was named to the Class 2-A All-West Texas defensive squad and the All-West Texas Super Team defense.

6'2" 260 lb. defensive tackle Randy Spears and 6'0" 205 lb. linebacker Mark Fryar were each named to the Class 2-A All-West Texas defensive team.

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JANUARY 22, 1998 EDITION...

Chamber names 'Citizens of the Year'



photo by Kathy Mankin

Chamber of Commerce honorees — Schleicher County Man of the Year William Edmiston, D.V.M. is joined by co-recipients of the Woman of the Year honor Carrie Hill (L) and Jo Ward (R) following the Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday evening.

William Edmiston, D.V.M. was named Schleicher County Man of the Year while Jo Ward and Carrie Hill shared the title of Schleicher County Woman of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night, Jan. 19th. Tom Enochs and Mabel Freitag were named Schleicher County Sr. Citizen Man and Woman of the year, respectively.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Jerry Larned, an executive with Kent Lubé in Midland. Larned, a former high school

coach and administrator, regaled the audience with a barrage of humorous anecdotes about his coaching days. Hidden among the side-splitting tales was a serious message, however, as he challenged the audience to remain committed to God. He also emphasized the necessity for individuals, businesses and communities to set goals and the value of teamwork.

Traveling with Larned to Eldorado was Buck Kent, founder of Kent Lubé and a 1930 graduate of Eldorado High School.

JANUARY 22, 1998 EDITION...

Juveniles suspected in vehicle thefts

Two vehicles were reported stolen in Eldorado in the span of 18 days and juvenile girls are suspected in both thefts.

The first, a 1994 white Chevrolet pickup was reported missing from Eldorado Place Apartments on the morning of December 29, 1997. The pickup belonging to Location Builders, Inc.

of Sonora was later recovered by police in Killeen, Texas. Two juvenile girls are wanted for questioning in that case. The Success has learned that one of the girls lives in San Angelo while the other resides in Ft. Worth.

The second theft came last Friday when a 1988 Jeep Cherokee belonging to Ray Ballew of Eldorado was reported missing from Eldorado High School. Officers located that vehicle within minutes overturned and abandoned on FM 2596 (McIntosh Rd.).

Witnesses told officers that three girls were seen hurriedly walking away from the scene shortly after the wreck. Early this week, three local girls were questioned by authorities. Charges were said to be pending in the case.

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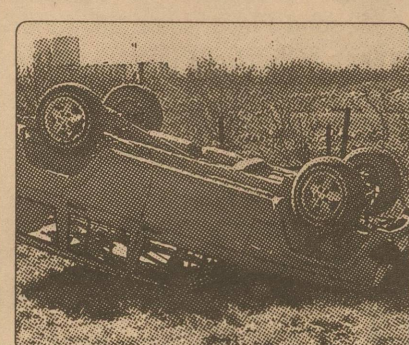
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FEBRUARY 5, 1998 EDITION...

UIL realignment renews rivalries

When the University Interscholastic League announced its biennial district realignment on Monday, Feb. 2nd, it sent shock waves throughout the state. Traditional rivalries which had developed in recent decades were out the window as high schools, large and small, were shifted into new districts.

The change reached into district 8-AA and moved Eldorado, Ozona, Wall and Forsan into District 2-AA where they will be joined by old rivals Sonora and Junction. Other 8-AA schools were shifted, too.

Coahoma moved to Dist. 3-AA with several schools from the South Plains. Roscoe dropped down to Conference A to join Rotan, Roby, Robert Lee, Sterling City and Water Valley in District 12-A. Winters was moved out of Region 1-AA and placed in Region 4-AA where it joined Bangs, Coleman, Early, Goldthwaite, Hamilton, Mason and San Saba in District 25.

Meanwhile, Grape Creek, which is completing its second year as a high school was moved into Conference AAA where it will join Abilene Wylie, Ballinger, Brady, Clyde and Merkel in District 6-AAA.

FEBRUARY 5, 1998 EDITION...

Duckwall's store opens for business



Eldorado's newest business opened its doors to the public Tuesday. Billing itself as a "Hometown Variety Store" Duckwall's held a grand opening ceremony Tuesday morning as shoppers gathered to watch.

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk expressed his appreciation to Duckwall's for their decision to locate in Eldorado. "We welcome you to Eldorado and we're mighty glad you're here," Nikolauk said as he and store manager Mary Washburn cut the ribbon to officially open the store.

Also on hand for the occasion was Allen Day, Duckwall's merchandising director. Day told the crowd that Duckwall's is based in Abilene, Kansas. The first Duckwall's store opened for business in 1901.

Duckwall's is located at 101 W. Mills Avenue in the building formerly occupied by Perry's Brothers variety store.

FEBRUARY 12, 1998 EDITION...

Hospital District, Shannon negotiate

Less than two months after Columbia Medical Center terminated its contract to operate the Schleicher County Family Clinic, the local hospital board decided Monday night to pursue a similar deal with Shannon Hospital. The board met in specially called meeting and voted to "move forward" with negotiations with Shannon Hospital and pursue a contract for services for operation of the Schleicher County Family Clinic.

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FEBRUARY 12, 1998 EDITION...

I-10 traffic routed through Eldorado

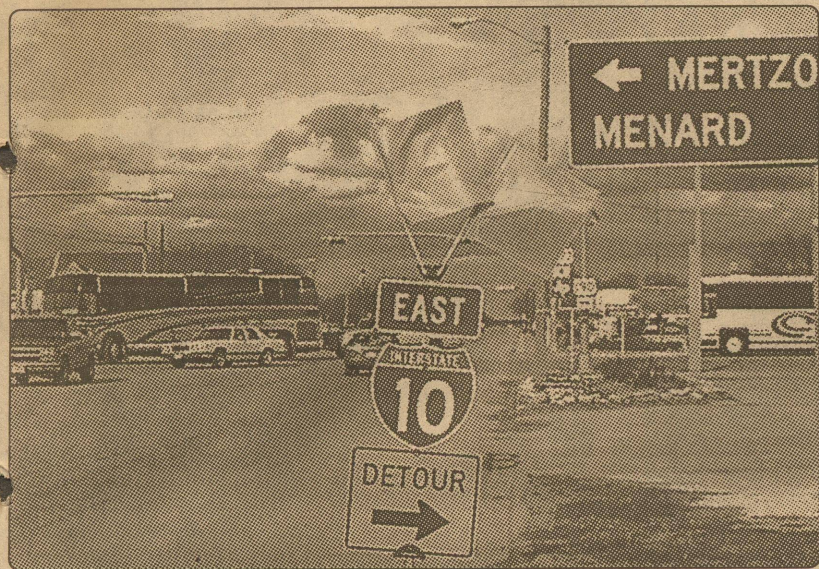


photo by Kathy Mankin

A double left turn lane in Eldorado? This bus driver (left) created his own left turn lane Tuesday afternoon as traffic from Interstate 10 was detoured through Eldorado.

More than 50 miles of U.S. Interstate 10 was closed Tuesday and traffic detoured through Eldorado after a tractor-trailer rig overturned near the Sutton-Kimble County line between Sonora and Junction. The wreck which occurred near midnight Monday resulted in the death of Kenneth Randolph, 43, a passenger in the truck, and injured the truck driver, Luvanna Watts III, 52, both of Houston.

The overturned rig, owned by Sentinel Transportation Co., was found to be leaking toxic anhydrous hydrogen flouride, better known as hydrofluoric acid. That prompted the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to close the major thor-

oughfare.

TxDOT officials routed east and west-bound traffic around the accident scene by funneling it northward through Eldorado and Menard on US 277, US 190 and US 83 to Junction.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran noted that the added traffic was "very heavy" and that his officers were monitoring it closely.

Representatives of Dupont, which is Sentinel's parent company arrived at the wreck scene to take charge of the containment and cleanup of the chemical.

Interstate 10 was scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, however, at press time, traffic was still being routed through Eldorado.

FEBRUARY 19, 1998 EDITION...

Water damage closes Public Library

The Schleicher County Public Library will be closed at least until Tuesday and possibly even longer. The announcement was made Tuesday, Feb. 16th by Librarian Jeri Whitten after a water leak in the building saturated carpeting along with items that had been left on the floor. Whitten said insurance adjusters are scheduled

to come inspect the damage early next week.

The leak was discovered Sunday morning by Duge Yates who reported seeing water running from beneath the Library's front door. Inmates from the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center were soon dispatched to assist with the cleanup.

FEBRUARY 26, 1998 EDITION...

Senator Hutchison visits Eldorado



photo by Kathy Mankin

Greeting future voters — U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was welcomed to Eldorado last Thursday by Melissa O'Harrow's third grade class.

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was in Eldorado Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998 to conduct a town hall meeting in the Schleicher County Memorial Building. On hand to welcome the Senator were County Judge Johnny Griffin, Sheriff David Doran, Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk and a crowd of about 40 local citizens.

Before taking questions from the audience, Hutchison made a brief statement to the gathering in which she addressed tax relief efforts, regulatory reform and private property rights issues. Hutchison said tax reform and an overhaul of federal regulations should top the congressional agenda this year.

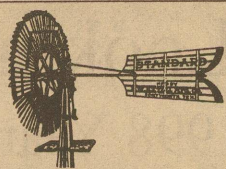
Following Hutchison's statement, she fielded questions on topics ranging from Iraqi dictator Sadaam Hussein to disbursement

of federal transportation funds and the ongoing sex scandal in the White House.

Regarding Iraq, Hutchison said she hoped a diplomatic solution with Sadaam Hussein could be worked out. Failing that, she said she would support President Clinton if he ordered air attacks against Iraq. "I do not want to put ground troops in Iraq...period," Hutchison stated.

Hutchison told the group that she was opposed to President Clinton's plan to designate the San Antonio River as a American Heritage River and that she had communicated that opposition to the White House. She said she was prepared, if necessary, to offer an amendment to an appropriations bill to overturn any presidential action on the matter.

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FEBRUARY 26, 1998 EDITION...

Eagles boys varsity begins playoff run

In only his second year as Eldorado's boys head basketball coach Alan Gillespie has his team where he wants it, in the playoffs.

The Eagles finished the regular season last Friday night with a 46-50 loss to the Winters Blizzards. But Eagles playoff berth had been secured earlier in the week with a win over Ozona. Eldorado ended the regular season with an 8-4 record. The Eagles will travel to Robert Lee Friday night for a bi-district game against the District 7-2A champion Eula Pirates.



FEBRUARY 26, 1998 EDITION...

Drug bust sends local man to jail

Jesus C. "Jesse" Garcia, 37, of Eldorado was arrested February 24 in the parking lot of a local convenience store and charged with "Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver".

The arrest was carried out by local Sheriff's Dept. personnel and officers assigned to the Rio Concho

Multi-Agency Drug Taskforce. According to investigators, a quantity of 'methamphetamine' was seized at the time of the arrest.

Garcia was booked into Schleicher County jail. After appearing before County Judge Johnny Griffin, Garcia was released on \$7,500 surety bond.

MARCH 12, 1998 EDITION...

Six Lady Eagles on All-District team

E.H.S. seniors Makenzie McCravey, Victoria Mitchel and Stormi Sesson were named to the Dist. 8-2A 1st Team All-District basketball squad this week.

Junior Angela Ballew was named 2nd Team All-District while senior Ashlie Whitten and junior Ashley Finley were chosen for the

Honorable Mention All-District team.

Senior Amber Tarr of Ozona was the district's Most Valuable Player. Senior Tara Sterling of Coahoma was chosen as the Defensive Player of the Year. Necomer of the Year honors went to senior Kristin Kasberg of Ozona.

MARCH 12, 1998 EDITION...

Hospital Dist. inks deal with Shannon

Shannon Medical Center of San Angelo will assume day-to-day operations of the Schleicher County Family Clinic beginning July 1, 1998. That after the local hospital district's board of trustees met Monday evening and voted to contract with Shannon for clinic and emergency room staffing.

The contract provides for Schleicher County Hospital District to pay

Shannon \$156,000 yearly. In return for that, Shannon will operate the Schleicher County Family Clinic and provide 24-hour coverage of the hospital's emergency room.

Shannon will provide a full-time physician at the clinic who will live in Schleicher County. Paul Adams told the board that Shannon intends to place Dr. Brian Kingston in the local clinic.

School Lunch Menu



Cafeteria Line

Monday, Jan. 4, 1998

Meat & Macaroni, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Jan. 5th

Beef Tacos/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

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

Thursday, Jan. 7th

Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Rosy Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Icing

Friday, Jan. 8th

No School

Breakfast

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Monday, Jan. 4th

Sliced Peaches, Waffle Stix/Syrup

Tuesday, Jan. 5th

Mixed Fruit, Hot Oatmeal/ Toast

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

Apple Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Cream of Wheat

Thursday, Jan. 7th

Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

Friday, Jan. 8th

No School

Fast Food Line

Monday, Jan. 4th

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Jan. 5th

Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

Chili Burritos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, Jan. 7th

Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Cake/Icing

Friday, Jan. 8th

No School

MARCH 12, 1998 EDITION...

Local voters cast ballots in primaries

Bill Clark won the only contested race on the local level as Schleicher County citizens went to the polls Tuesday to vote in the Democratic and Republican primaries. Clark polled 158 votes to Cindy Cawley's 47 for Commissioner, Pct. 2 in the Democratic Primary. He will face Republican winner Joe Charles Christian in the November general election.

Statewide results show Governor George W. Bush with 97% of the vote easily defeating challenger R.C. Crawford in the Republican Primary. Bush will face Democratic nominee Garry Mauro in the general election.

Former Attorney General Jim Mattox easily outdistanced challengers Gene Kelly and Morris Overstreet to win the Democratic

nomination for the Attorney General. Mattox will face the winner of a runoff between Republicans Barry Williamson and John Cornyn.

Another of the highlight races in the fall will pit two popular elected officials against one another. Republican Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will face Comptroller John Sharp in the race for Lt. Governor.

U.S. Representative Lamar Smith had no challenger in the Republican primary. There is no Democratic candidate in that race so Smith is assured reelection.

State Representative Robert R. (Bob) Turner went unchallenged in the Democratic Primary. However, he will face a Republican challenger Randy Leifeste in November.

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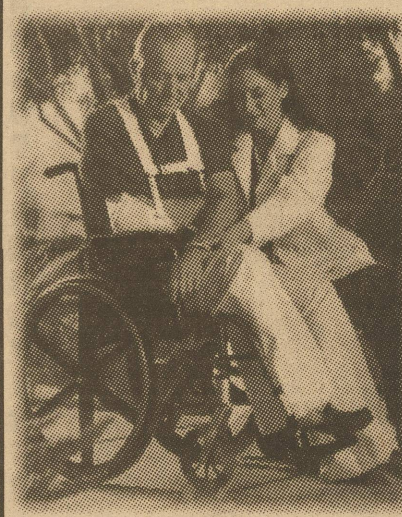
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MARCH 19, 1998 EDITION...

Drug crackdown continues locally

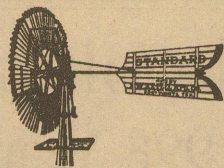
Sylvia Smith, 42, of Eldorado, was arrested Thursday, March 12th and charged with possession of marijuana. The arrest stems from a search warrant executed at her home at 405 E. Hill St. earlier in the week. Smith, appeared before Peace Justice James C. Doyle who set her bond at \$60,000. She remains in custody at press time. Smith was first arrested on November 4th of last year when her home was raided by law enforcement officers. At that time she was charged with possession of a controlled substance. On that charge, District Judge Barbara Walther sentenced Smith to 5-years "deferred adjudication", a \$1,000 fine plus \$140 restitution. Deferred adjudication means that a person has been found guilty of a crime but will not be sentenced pending the successful completion of a probationary period. If the probationary period is completed, the charge may be stricken from person's record.

APRIL 9, 1998 EDITION...

Five local scholars recognized by TEA

The Texas Education Agency recognized outstanding high school students throughout the state on Thursday, April 4, 1998. In a series of programs titled "Celebrations of Educational Excellence", high school scholars were honored for academic achievement. Five Eldorado High School students attended one of the ceremonies, held at Angelo State University, where they received medals commemorating their academic accomplishments. They included: Kirk Curtis, Tabitha Garcia, Lindsey Griffin, Sarah Mankin and Beau Sallee. Connie Fryar accompanied the local students to the ceremony.

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APRIL 9, 1998 EDITION...

Routine traffic stop lands four in jail

A phone call from an alert citizen Tuesday afternoon prompted a traffic stop on U.S. 277, just south of the Eldorado city limits, which resulted in four arrests and a quantity of cocaine being seized.

Schleicher County Deputy Joe Dombroski responded to a tip from a citizen intercepted a car which was reported to have been driving recklessly. Dombroski pulled the car over and found it occupied by five passengers, two women and three men.

Dombroski reported finding a quantity of cocaine on one of the subjects and radioed for backup. He also called for a drug dog to search the vehicle. Sgt. George Arispe responded and assisted in detaining the five suspects until Sutton County Deputy Oscar Chavez could arrive with his drug dog, a Black Labrador named Saber Knight.

The dog soon located drug paraphernalia in the vehicle and four of the car's five occupants were arrested.



arrested.

Jennifer Lorean Kroninger, 19, of Lipan, Texas, Delisa Gail Crider, 25, of Duncanville and Clayton Philip Weilbacher, 20, of Stephenville were charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. David Alan Gideon, 20, of Lipan was arrested on Tarrant County warrants for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Motion to Revoke Probation.

The four were transported to Schleicher County Jail where they remain in custody at press time.

APRIL 16, 1998 EDITION...

EHS band claims Sweepstakes Trophy

On April 8, at Coleman High School, the Eldorado Eagle Band brought home sweepstakes in concert and sighting reading proving once again that "This is the Year of the Eagle."

In order to earn sweepstakes, a band must earn three Division I ratings in Marching, Concert, and Sight reading. The Eagle Band received a Division I in Marching in October and received a Division "I" in Sight Reading and a Division "I" in Concert Contest.

For the concert contest, the band performed "The Liberty Bell", "On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss" and "Emperata Overture." The judges thoroughly enjoyed the band, commenting on the immensity of their aggression compared to their size.

This was the last competing contest for nine seniors: Mary Adame, Tiffany Case, Kirk Curtis, Vicky and Macario Esparza, Estella Guzman, Lutica Nixon, Cory Reeves, Beau Sallee, Sabrina Samuels, and Andie Sterling.

Other band members are: Jerrie Arispe, Gerard Barrera, Lindsay Beach, Rikki Bosmans, Sammy Cabrera, Deborah Cantu, Kayla Case, Nancy Cawley, Matt Curtis, BreeAnne Davis, Ben Edmiston, Pascual, Patrick Fuentes, Vanessa Gonzalez, Amy Green, Kasey Griffin, Melissa Hinojosa, Hillary Hodges, Angela Kelly, Kate Kosub, Katey Lively, Levona Lloyd, Sarah Mankin, Juan Montalvo, Larry Nicholson, Stacy Nicholson, Asa Nixon, Luticia Nixon, Dusty Nolen, Alana Oliver, Jeffrey Parker, Anthony Pina, Ginger Reynolds, William Robledo, Suzy Rojas, Victor Saldivar, Beau Sallee, Sabrina Samuels, Daniel Sanchez, Louis Santellano, Hannah Wolfe, and Sarah Wolfe.

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APRIL 23, 1998 EDITION...



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And the bus rolled over — Deb Joy's character June Sanders (on floor) provides creative sign language "interpretation" during the Way Off-Broadway Players' production of Smoke on the Mountain. The wildly popular show opens Thursday night, April 23rd in the Angelo Civic Theatre in San Angelo. Also pictured are cast members (L-R) Terry Green, Lynn Meador, Eva Jo Sessom, Hawley Wolfe and Sherry Belk.

Smoke on the Mountain hits the road

The Way Off-Broadway Players performed "Smoke on the Mountain" to a series of sellout crowds in Eldorado last year. Now, the troupe is taking the play on the road. The show opens Thursday night, April 23rd, at the Angelo Civic Theatre in San Angelo for seven scheduled performances.

According to director Jo Ann Sproul, "Smoke on the Mountain" is the most popular show the Way Off-Broadway Players, have ever presented. After selling out the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater for thirteen consecutive performances

during the spring of '97, the volunteer cast & crew took a break.

But, as soon as the show closed, Sproul began receiving requests for her to revive the show.

One such request came from the Angelo Civic Theatre (ACT), which hoped to stage the production in San Angelo.

Cast members include: Jim Martin, Sherry Belk, Deb Joy, Eva Jo Sessom, Charlie Bradley, Joella Parker, Lynn Meador, Terry Green, Dale Lipsett, Rev. Hawley Wolfe, Mabel Blaylock and Kathy Mankin.

APRIL 23, 1998 EDITION...

Eagles win district tennis crowns

On Thursday, April 9, 1998 the Eldorado Tennis Team swept the 8-2A boys and girls titles. Defending State Singles Champion Makenzie McCravey won her fourth district title in as many years while Casey Snelson became a three time district champion and four time regional qualifier by claiming the boys singles championship. The doubles teams of Andrew Sauer and Juan Montalvo and Whitney McGinnes and Kim Beach will also make the regional trip after their second place finish.

APRIL 23, 1998 EDITION...

Lady Eagles softball wins District

The Eldorado High School softball team played Ft. Hancock on Wednesday, April 15. The girls traveled to Ft. Stockton for the playoff double-header. The Lady Eagles defeated Ft. Hancock in the first game 33 to 19.

Eldorado fell short in the second game and was defeated. The Lady Eagles battled back, however to win the third and deciding game to claim the District Championship after 5 grueling hours of play.



photo by Kathy Mankin

EHS royalty — Prom Queen and King Madolyn Joy and Jason Richters were crowned at the 1998 Junior-Senior Prom.

APRIL 30, 1998 EDITION...

EHS sends 3 to State UIL Meet

Eldorado High School qualified three students for the 1997-98 University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet to be held May 8-9 at The University of Texas at Austin. Qualifiers include: Anna Loomis, Sarah Mankin and Steven Valero. The three students make up the school's Current Issues and Events team which placed first overall at the UIL Academic Regional Meet held Saturday, April 25 at Abilene Christian University.

MAY 7, 1998 EDITION...

Eagles sending three tracksters to State Meet

Kyle Hunter set a new Region I-2A record in Abilene last Friday with a leap of 7 feet 2 inches. The jump proved to be the best ever by a Texas athlete from a class 2-A school. The old record, which stood at 7-0 was set by Cedric Barrer of Beckville in 1986. Hunter tied that mark last month at the Texas Relays in Austin.

While Kyle Hunter was winning the high jump, Stormi Sessom of Eldorado was center stage in the adjacent shot put ring. Sessom won the girls Shot Put a throw of 37 feet. Sessom also placed in the Discus. She was 4th with a throw of 108-9.

Ashlie Whitten became the Eagles third entry to the State Track Meet when she placed 2nd in the girls 200-Meter Dash. Whitten's time of 26.23 edged out Amy Odhams of Memphis who ran the distance in 26.24. Tiffany Green of Hamlin won the event with a time of 25.19.

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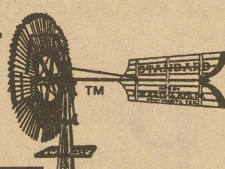
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JULY 16, 1998 EDITION...

One killed in rash of auto accidents

Josephine Potts Love, 53, of Del Rio was killed and another woman, Omega Jodonne Love, 21, of Del Rio, was injured Sunday, July 12th when their white Chevy Suburban left the roadway and overturned approximately 11 miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277. According to investigators at the scene, Love was driving southbound at approximately 5:16 p.m. when the accident occurred.

Three other major accidents occurred in Schleicher County recently.

On Wednesday, July 1st, a Victoria man was involved in an accident on Hwy 190 East. Joe Armando Sanchez, 32, of Victoria, was driving the pilot vehicle, or "Follow Me" truck, for Brandon Paving of Victoria in a highway construction zone east of Eldorado. According to investigators, Sanchez was leading a column of traffic through the construction zone when he reportedly fell asleep at the wheel. Sanchez left the roadway and rolled the 1988 Chevrolet

pickup twice. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

At 4:30 p.m. on July 9th, Tina Rae Gazaway, 18, of Eldorado was driving a 1988 Pontiac Grand Am northbound on FM 2084 (Toe Nail Trail), when she reportedly failed to negotiate a curve and left the roadway, overturning four times. Gazaway and passenger, Amelia Gallion, 18, of Sonora were transported by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center. Gazaway was treated and released while Gallion was kept overnight for observation.

On Friday, July 10th, Gary Lynn Hilderbrand, 26, of San Angelo, was driving southbound 14 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277 when he reportedly fell asleep. According to Deputy Arispe, Hilderbrand's green 1995 Ford Taurus came to rest beneath a bridge. A passenger in the car, Marcus Garcia, 23, of San Angelo, was transported to Schleicher County Medical Center for observation.

AUGUST 6, 1998 EDITION...

SCISD earns "Exemplary" rating

Schleicher County I.S.D. received an "Exemplary Rating", the highest rating possible, from the state's accountability system, Commissioner of Education Mike Moses announced Monday.

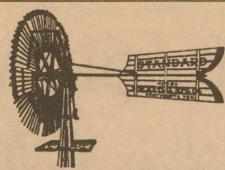
SCISD's rating improved from "Recognized" to "Exemplary" as all three campuses showed marked improvement.

Eldorado High School and Eldorado Middle School each received "Exemplary" ratings. Last year those campuses were listed as

"Recognized". Eldorado Elementary also improved, moving up from "Acceptable" to "Recognized".

SCISD Superintendent Hal Porter was delighted with the news and credited the school district's parents, faculty and staff with the honor. "There are several groups of people deserving recognition — students, teachers, parents and community members. I am very proud because everyone worked hard to accomplish such an outstanding honor," Porter said.

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AUGUST 20, 1998 EDITION...

School trustees seed 6.59 cent tax hike

The Schleicher County Independent School District board of trustees met Monday night, August 17th and voted 5-1 to pursue a 6.59¢ tax increase. Trustees Ilse Williams, Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Phil McCormick and William Edmiston voted in favor of the measure while trustee Eddie Albin was opposed. Trustee Ruby Minor was absent.

A public hearing on the proposed tax increase is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the school administration building, located at 205 W. Field St.

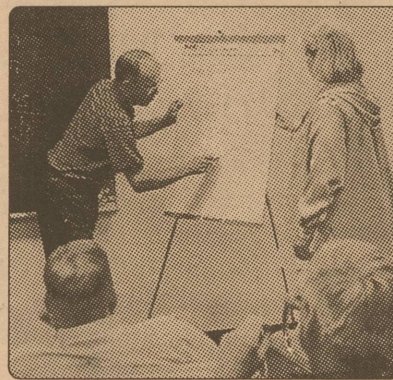


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Crunching the numbers — Tax appraiser Ray Ballew explains tax options to school trustees at the school board's meeting Monday night.

AUGUST 20, 1998 EDITION...

Heavy rains inundate area

Long-awaited rains fell this week as Tropical Storm Charley moved ashore from the Gulf of Mexico and stalled over southwest Texas. On Tuesday, rainfall totals as high as 5.5 inches were reported to the Success office as precipitation continued to fall across Schleicher County.

Meanwhile, in Val Verde County, flood waters claimed the lives of at least 15 people with another 30 listed as missing at press time. Torrential rains began falling there on Sunday and continued Monday with reports of 14 inches falling in a 12-hour period.

Tuesday afternoon, officials or-

dered the evacuation of low-lying portions of Sonora after 5 inches fell on that town in a 6 hour period.

Several roads in Schleicher County became impassable as normally dry stream beds filled to overflowing. Sheriff's Department personnel and Fire Department volunteers monitored those roads closely as the waters continued to rise.

AUGUST 20, 1998 EDITION...

Commissioners accept Co. Agent's resignation

In a letter to Schleicher County Commissioners, County Agent Mike Harbour tendered his resignation effective September 1, 1998. Harbour's said he had enjoyed his time in Schleicher County and expressed his appreciation to the commissioners and fellow agent Nancy Lester. But, he said, other opportunities had become available. The commissioners agreed to accept the resignation.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 EDITION...

Salvage begins PAVE-PAWS site

A team of engineers and technicians began work here last month to test equipment at Eldorado Air Station, for re-use in a similar facility in Clear, Alaska.

As part of the program, the Air Force is building a new facility, similar to the one at Eldorado, at Clear Air Station to house a Pave PAWS two-faced phased-array radar. Re-using Eldorado radar equipment at the installation in Alaska will avoid the acquisition of an entirely new radar system, saving the Government about \$140 million.

The work here will continue through summer 1999 and installation of the equipment in Alaska will be completed by January 2001. Once the equipment is removed, the Eldorado facility will be weather sealed on both radar faces and placed into "cold storage".

SEPTEMBER 17, 1998 EDITION...

Roddie resigns post at SCMC

Saying that he had enjoyed his time in Eldorado, Schleicher County Medical Center's hospital administrator Jim Roddie announced Monday that he will be leaving his post at the end of September. Roddie told board members during a noon meeting on Monday that he has accepted a position as administrator of the nursing home in Ozona.

After an hour-long executive session meeting, the board emerged into open session and voted unanimously to accept Roddie's resignation. Board president Ricky Fuessel then appointed a three-person committee consisting of himself, Delia Pina and Randy Mankin for the purpose of locating a new administrator.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1998 EDITION...

Bizarre accident causes minor injuries

A tractor driven by Michael Faull of Eldorado was struck from behind last week by a 1995 GMC pickup truck driven by Harlan Johnson of Sonora.

On Wednesday, September 9th, Faull, who is employed by Schleicher County, was driving the county's tractor south bound on Divide Street when Johnson's pickup ran up on the tractor's mower deck, then sailed over the tractor, peeling back its cab.

Miraculously, Faull suffered only minor injuries to his back where the cab struck him as it was ripped loose from its supports. And, he managed to stay in his seat as Johnson's pickup passed mere inches over his head.

Johnson's pickup came to rest on its left side in the south bound



lane of S. Divide. The driver and his young daughter remained in the vehicle.

Faull was treated at the scene by Schleicher County EMS personnel. Johnson was transported by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and released. His daughter was reported to be uninjured.

OCTOBER 1, 1998 EDITION...

Commissioners hire new Co. Agent

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, October 12th and voted unanimously to hire Scott Edmondson as the next Schleicher County Extension Agent. Edmondson was presented to the group by Scott Durham, the District Extension Director from San Angelo.

Edmondson is slated to begin his duties here on Nov. 9th. He comes to Eldorado from Seguin where he has served as the

Guadalupe County Agent since 1996. Prior to that time, Edmondson was the Irion County Extension Agent, beginning in 1993 and continuing to 1996. He also served as the Asst. County Agent for Agriculture in Pecos County and was research assistant at in the Oklahoma State University Agronomy Department.

Edmondson told the commissioners that he is looking forward to getting back to West Texas.

OCTOBER 15, 1998 EDITION...

Hospital district hires administator

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday evening and voted unanimously to hire Ann Fagan-Cook as the interim administrator of Schleicher County Medical Center. Cook was present for the meeting and met with the board before the vote.

Cook comes to Eldorado from Vernon where she has been serving as an interim administrator. Her resume includes several nursing home and hospital administration duties. She is planning to begin work at SCMC on or before Oct. 31st.

OCTOBER 22, 1998 EDITION...

Eagle Band earns 15th straight "1"

It was the worst sort of day to hold a marching contest. Rain, rain and more rain pelted Bulldog Stadium in Brady last Saturday, but the Mighty Eagle Marching Band feasted on the pressure. Taking the field between cloudbursts, the Eldorado Band turned in a near perfect performance to win its 15th consecutive Division "1" rating.

The Eagle Band wowed the judges with "Aztec Fire" and selections from "Empire of the Sun" as it performed intricate maneuvers on the field. Band Director Gina Muela said after the contest, "It was their best performance yet! It was fun to watch and I know the band felt good about the performance."

OCTOBER 22, 1998 EDITION...

Fryar gets 100th coaching victory

Eagles head coach Jim Fryar reached a milestone in Junction last Friday night. That's when the Eldorado Eagles won a 42-7 victory and Fryar got his 100th career win.

The winning tradition which Fryar brought to Eldorado began 14 years ago. That's when, in 1984, he took over as Head Coach at Howe and immediately took his Bulldogs to the playoffs. Since then Fryar has amassed his 100 wins at the helm of three different programs. Over the ensuing years, he has built winning programs and his teams have become a fixture in the state playoffs.

OCTOBER 29, 1998 EDITION...

Three receive 4-H Gold Star Award

Schleicher County 4-H members Hillary Hodges, Kayla Kohls and Catherine Lloyd were honored Monday night October 26th at the District 7 4-H Gold Star Award Banquet in Abilene. The three young ladies received the highly coveted 4-H Gold Star Award pins at the event which was hosted by West Texas Utilities Company.

Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson

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Alcoholics Don't Drink to Get Drunk

QUESTION: My husband drinks a lot, but it doesn't affect him very badly. It is amazing just how much he can drink without getting dead drunk. Does that mean he isn't an alcoholic?

DR. DOBSON: I'm afraid you are describing a telltale characteristic of alcoholism. Let me turn to Dr. Keith Simpson, a physician who specializes in treating alcoholics. I asked him to describe the early symptoms that family members should look for. Dr. Simpson, a past president of the National Council on Alcoholism, said:

"The first red flag is a 'tolerance' for alcohol. The person finds he has to drink more to achieve the same result. He calls this being able to 'hold his liquor' — a status symbol in many parts of the world. In reality, it is a danger signal, indicating a chemical adjustment has been made.

"Second, a person reaches a place where he doesn't want to talk about his drinking anymore. He knows he is consuming more alcohol than other people, and he wants to avoid all reference to it. This begins a process of denial that may be with him for years to come.

"Third, the person begins to experience blackouts. By that I mean that he has brief periods of amnesia that lengthen as time goes by. What is happening is that the brain's recording cells aren't remembering what is being said and done. Furthermore, it's a low-dose phenomenon: It happens after one or two drinks. I'm not referring to the process of being stone drunk from the anesthetic effects of great quantities of alcohol. Instead, the person thinks back on the previous night and

says, 'Gee! I can't remember a doggone thing after that second drink.' It's a scary experience.

"Fourth, the person begins to notice that he can't consistently predict how much he's going to drink once he starts. To me, this is the key feature of alcoholism and constitutes the definition of the disease. It occurs when an individual is constantly drinking more than he intended because he can't help it. He sits down to have a beer and wakes up the next afternoon.

"It may be hard for people to believe, but alcoholics don't drink to get drunk. They merely want to have a drink or two. That's why they can swear they'll never get drunk again, and mean it. They have no incentive of breaking that promise. Nevertheless, they sit down to have a drink with a friend and bingo, it's morning."

Let me share with you now the words of Pauline, the spouse, and Bob, the alcoholic, about their experience with this family nightmare:

"I couldn't count the times Bob promised he would never drink again. That must be the most frustrating part of the experience, having Bob look me straight in the eye and tell me he's through — really done with bingeing. He'd say, 'I've seen how it hurts you and the kids and I've had it. I promise you that I'll never do it again!' Then in a day or two he was dead drunk.

"I thought he was lying to me. How could he love me and lie so many times to my face? But he wasn't lying. He couldn't keep his promise. Bob thought he could whip this problem with willpower. It's like trying to stop diarrhea by making up your mind to do so."

We asked Bob to express what he was feeling during this period of repeated failure. He said he was

confused by his inability to overcome the habit. "I thought the problem might be vodka, so I switched to scotch, and then bourbon. Then I tried meditation. Nothing worked. I tried a dozen approaches to control my drinking, but I always went back to it.

"Then I tried covering it up. I carried a bottle of Binaca in my pocket and I always had a green tongue. I drank for six months without Pauline ever knowing it. Every Saturday morning she would wash her hair and then sit under a noisy hair dryer for a half-hour. I could hardly wait for her to get preoccupied because I had a fifth of vodka in the cupboard. I would race in and get a can of Fresca from the refrigerator, pour half of it down the drain, and fill the other half with vodka. Then I'd drink it in front of the television set with a halo around my head.

"You really have to be calculating to hide a drinking problem from those you live with. This went on for months. You see, I was addicted to a drug and was completely unaware of it."

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.focus.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

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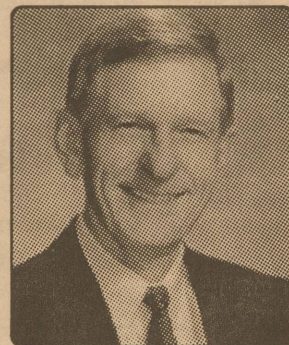


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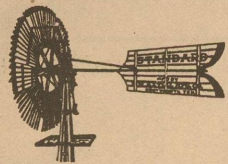
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NOVEMBER 5, 1998 EDITION...

Local voters choose Clark and Doyle

Bill Clark defeated Joe C. Christian 226 to 60 in the Schleicher County Commissioner Pct. 2 race Tuesday night as local citizens joined voters nationwide in deciding, local, state and national races. Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle won easy re-election 720 to 111 over challenger Marie E. Barrera who had mounted a write-in campaign to unseat him.

NOVEMBER 12, 1998 EDITION...

C-Country boys team wins Regional

The Eldorado Boy's Cross Country team won a tight race at regional last Saturday at Lubbock. Four teams finished within sixteen points of one another, but Eldorado held on to win the team title with 72 points. Eula finished second at 79 points and Plains was third with 86. Stanton finished with 88 points but will not make the trip to the State Meet this week in Round Rock. The Eagles win is the third Regional Championship for the Eldorado Cross Country runners. And, it marks the fifth time the Eagles have appeared at the State Meet. They will run Saturday in Round Rock for the State Title.

NOVEMBER 19, 1998 EDITION...

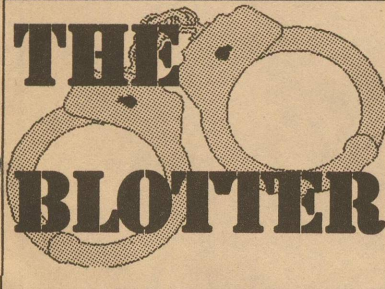
Eagles beat Van Horn, win Bi-District

Eldorado played the Van Horn Eagles last Friday night and won 40 to 0 at Panther Stadium in Fort Stockton to wrap up their first Bi-District Championship since 1994. The Eagles played an excellent game both offensively and defensively totally dominating the game from start to finish. Coach Fryar commented, "This was truly a total team effort, the kids were determined to bring home a Bi-District Championship trophy and were successful. The offensive line did a great job as did the backs. Defensively you just couldn't ask for a better effort."

DECEMBER 10, 1998 EDITION...

Weapon at school leads to arrests

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe arrested two juvenile males at Eldorado Middle School on Tuesday, December 8th and charged them with possession of a firearm on school property. .25 caliber automatic pistol was confiscated by the officers from the home of one of the juveniles. According to Sheriff Doran the arrests stemmed from a recent incident at a basketball game where the pistol was observed in the possession of one of the juveniles.



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

12/23/98 Swicegood, Dewey, male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Leaving Scene of Accident. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

12/26/98 Evans, Gene Mark, male age 33, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Assault. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

12/28/98 Rangel, Joel Trejo, male age 37, turned self in, charged with Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense), serving 12 days, paying off PR.

REPORTS

12/23/98 Minor Traffic Accident/Hit and Run-Older model possible light blue El Camino struck complainants vehicle parked on street and left scene. Last seen north on Main. Possible right front end damage on striking vehicle. Teletype sent to surrounding agencies.

Leaking water tower reported. City called.

Complainant reported that they had filled their vehicle with gas on Monday. Subject stated that they had driven to a friends residence and to work only. Tank is empty. Vehicle has no locking gas cap.

12/24/98 Unknown subject requested an officer to deliver a emergency message to subject on West Ave. Officer responded to call.

Burglary on West Ave. - Complainant

reported a burglary at their residence. Loose Livestock - Complainant called and advised the Sheriff's Office that there were about 15-20 Angora goats on County Road 110. Complainant advised they would be on his father's leased property until owner was contacted.

12/25/98 Loose Livestock - Complainant reported a cow on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded to call.

12/26/98 Shots Fired - Complainant advises known subjects have driven by their house several times firing what is apparently a 22 cal. weapon. Officers responded to call.

Assist Other Agency - Attempt to locate possible drunk driver with weapons in the vehicle. Possibly inbound from Menard.

Possible Drunk Driver - Complainant stated that there was a brown and beige ford pickup with a 4 wheeler in the back of the truck swerving all over the road. Call thought driver may be drunk.

Possible Drunk Driver - Complainant stated that there was a black 90 Cougar heading towards Eldorado possibly drunk. Complainant stated that there was a man and lady fighting one block over from Lee Ave. One male subject arrested.

12/27/98 Disabled Vehicle appeared to be disabled and created a traffic hazard. Vehicle was towed.

Complainant stated that someone may have entered their home. They were sure that they had locked their house when they left the residence. Front door to the residence was wide open when they returned.

12/28/98 Complainant called around 6:30 a.m. and advised the Sheriff's Office that they needed fire trucks out on McIntosh. A car was on fire. Officer responded along with several Volunteer Fire Dept. vehicles and crew.

Loose Livestock - Complainant reported to Sheriff's Office that they have at least 2 black faced sheep (sheared) with their livestock that do not belong to them.

Unknown complainant came into Sheriff's Office to report a vehicle on fire on Hwy 277 South. Volunteer Fire Dept. responded.

12/29/98 Caller reported that there would be a controlled burn at their location.

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The Success does not charge for obituaries, birth, wedding or engagement announcements provided there is a Schleicher County connection.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, George Arispe, Leonard Lloyd, and Tommy Reeh for their valued assistance during our recent fire.

John Rae and Johnny Powell

Mittel Insurance presents Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Corey Williams, Allyson Jarrett and Raul Rios. The three won their grade divisions in a coloring contest sponsored recently by T.A.F.E. (Texas Assn. of Future Educators). When the Spotlight camera caught up with the youngsters they were receiving prizes from T.A.F.E. members Hillary Hodges and Jennah Richters.

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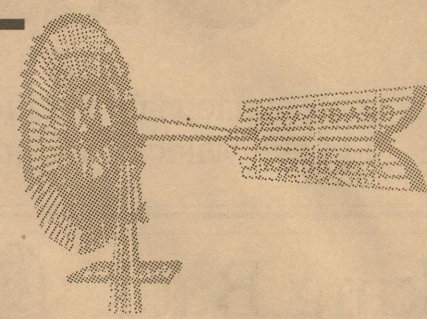
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Important issues addressed by the local governing bodies were reported in detail. Crime reports and arrests were outlined each week in "The Blotter".

Club activities were spotlighted and community gatherings promoted. Church functions were announced as were numerous charitable events.

The Success kept its readers up to date on Eldorado students attending college and regularly printed "Military News" to spotlight the whereabouts and accomplishments of our young men and women in the armed forces.

In short, the Eldorado Success covered Eldorado. It has been our pleasure and we look forward to doing it all over again in 1999.

Happy New Year!