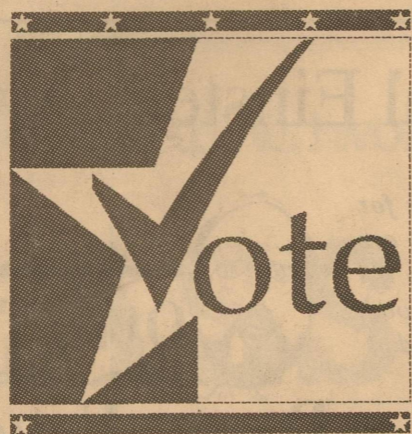


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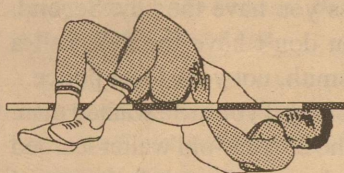
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## Plateau Relays 2000



**Saturday, March 11, 2000  
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Teams expected to compete include: **Ozona, Forsan, Junction, Colorado City, Bracketville, Winters, Grape Creek, Reagan Co., Wall, Ballinger, Iraan, Sonora, Greenwood and Eldorado.**

**Middle School Plateau Relays  
Friday, March 10, 2000**

**BE THERE**



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**Closing its doors** — West Texas Utilities will be closing its local office at 11 East Murchison in September.

## WTU to close local office

At least one local job will be affected when Eldorado's West Texas Utilities office, located at the corner of East Murchison and Cottonwood Streets, closes its doors to the public in September. Customer service representative Glenda Harris has learned that her job is being phased out. She is seeking another position within the company.

The move came when WTU announced that many of its local offices, including the one in Eldorado will be closing. The local facility will continue to function as operations center for line personnel and meter readers. However, customers will

no longer be able to pay bills or conduct other business at the office. The company's merchandise sales from the facility will also cease.

The company explained that Eldorado customers will continue to have access to its customer service center via a toll free telephone number. While some offices in West Texas will maintain pay stations, Eldorado customers' only option for now appears to be paying by mail, bank drafts or credit cards.

The company further explained that an evolving business environment and customer needs were the primary reasons for the change.

## Hospital receives "Critical Access" designation

### "Swing Bed" program also receives okay from inspector

Schleicher County Medical Center became, last week, only the fourth hospital in Texas, and the first in this area, to earn a "Critical Access" designation. The news followed an inspection by Ron Starr, R.Ph., a surveyor with the Texas Department of Health. He gave the local hospital a clean bill of health and approved its application for the Critical Access designation.

SCMC was one of the first in the nation to apply for admission into the Critical Access program after the federal government offered the program as a means of preserving rural hospitals.

Under the Critical Access program, SCMC will be reimbursed on a "cost basis" proportionally for the number of Medicare patients it treats.

Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained the program "If every patient admitted to the hospital happened to be a Medicare patient, then Medicare would reimburse 100 percent of the cost of operating the hospital," Fagan-Cook said. "If the number is 75 percent then Medicare reimburses 75 percent of our cost. It's a great deal for us."

Participation in the program requires SCMC to keep its average patient stay in the hospital below 96 hours. Fagan-Cook emphasized, however, that the 96-hour limit is an average over an entire year. Currently, SCMC's average patient stay is less than 72 hours.

Fagan-Cook also noted that the 96 hour rule doesn't apply to Hospice, or terminally ill, patients.

SCMC also applied for and received approval for a "Swing Bed" program. That program allows hospital patients who have not improved sufficiently to go home, but aren't in need of transfer to another facility, to be moved into the "Swing Bed" program, and will be allowed

to remain additional days in the hospital.

"The Swing Bed program is an important part of this puzzle," Fagan-Cook explained. "We don't want any patient to be forced out of the hospital if they aren't ready."

"For the Critical Access part of the equation to work here, the Swing Bed program had to be in place and I'm delighted that we've been approved for both."

Fagan-Cook went on to praise her staff for their hard work in preparing for the survey. She noted

that the inspection, and the work leading up to it, were carried out while an asbestos abatement project is underway in the facility. "Everyone worked very hard and I'm proud of them all," Fagan-Cook stated.

The hospital's board of trustees first began studying the Critical Access program last year, shortly after it was authorized by the federal government. The program is seen by many as an answer to dwindling revenues which threaten to close many rural hospitals.

## Mittel announces candidacy for SMD 2 school board seat

I, Raymond Mittel, hereby announce my candidacy for Schleicher County I.S.D. trustee, precinct 2.

I am a Schleicher County native, and a graduate of Eldorado High School. After graduating from Sul Ross University in 1960, I taught school for 8 years, 7 of which were at Schleicher County I.S.D.

I then went to work for the Texas Water Commission, where I served as a continuing education instructor in the Amarillo, Lubbock and Abilene offices. Upon my retirement from the Water Commission in 1986, my wife, Carolyn, and I moved home to Eldorado where we acquired the Ratliff Insurance Agency.

I operated the insurance agency for 11 years. During that time, I was active in the Eldorado Lions Club and served on the board of directors of the Schleicher County Hospital District and the Eldorado Divide Water Conservation District.

My interest in the school board position stems from my belief that our children should receive the best education possible, in order to prepare them to compete in the 21st century workplace. When the last century dawned, most schools in this area were one-room school houses. The century ended with computers in every classroom and students learning more than ever before about a continually shrink-

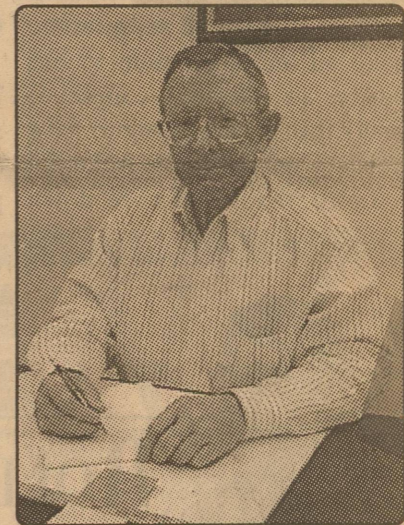


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Raymond Mittel

ing world.

It is my hope that forward-looking leadership on the SCISD board of trustees will guide our school to the forefront of academic progress in the State. But, being on the cutting edge sometimes means recognizing that just because something is old, doesn't necessarily require it to be outdated. Hard work and discipline are characteristics any employer would want. They should also be characteristics we require from all EHS graduates.

With the board of trustees providing leadership in policy areas, the school's superintendent and campus administrators should be free to handle the day-to-day operations of the school. If you agree, I ask for your support in the upcoming school board election.

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## F.Y.I.

### For Your Information

#### Internet Shopping in Texas

Two Texas metropolitan areas are at the top of the list in an online shopping study, according to State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. Austin ranked #1 at 32% when counting the number of adults who have shopped online. Dallas/Ft. Worth ranked 6th at 27.9%. Washington D.C. 31.6%, Charleston, W.V. 30.9%, San Francisco 29.8%, and Jacksonville, FL. 28.5%, ranked 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, respectively.

#### On This Date

On this date in 1497 Nicolaus Copernicus recorded the first astronomical observations. In 1796 Napoleon Bonaparte married Josephine de Beauharnais. In 1862 the Union ironclad "Monitor" and the Confederate ironclad "Merrimack" dueled at Hampton Roads Virginia. In 1864 Ulysses S Grant was appointed commander of the Union Army. In 1873 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were founded. In 1979 the first extraterrestrial volcano was discovered on Jupiter's moon Io.

Birthdays of note include: 1454 explorer Amerigo Vespucci (namesake of both American continents); 1814 Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko; 1902 actor Will Greer (The Waltons); 1918 mystery writer Mickey Spillane; 1934 Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (1st man into space); 1943 chess champion Bobby Fischer.

## Shooting death ruled a suicide

Antonio Sandate, 50, of Eldorado was pronounced dead, Saturday morning, March 4th, by Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle, after his body was discovered in a home at 106 Carson Street.

Sheriff David Doran ruled the death a suicide after finding a .22 magnum rifle adjacent to Sandate's

body. Doran said that other physical evidence also contributed to the conclusion that a single gunshot wound to the head was self-inflicted.

Sandate was reportedly staying at the home of friends and had been despondent over family problems. He was also facing trial in district court on livestock theft charges.

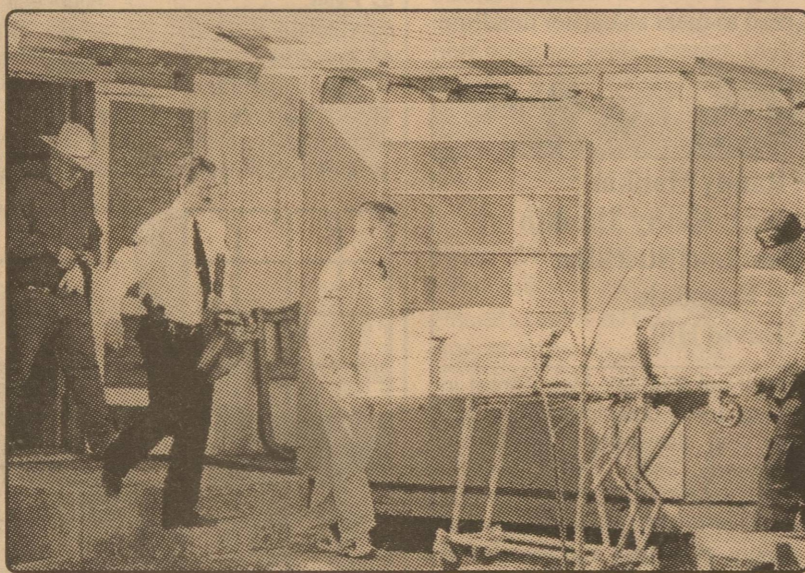


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**Sad duty** — Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle, Sheriff David Doran and EMTs Lee Barajas and Joey Jones were called to a suicide Saturday morning, March 4, 2000, at 106 Carson Street.

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## Party primaries set next week

A heavier than usual turnout in early voting was reported by Schleicher County Clerk Peggy Williams this week as some Schleicher County voters got a jump on next Tuesday's Democratic and Republican primaries. With no locally contested races on either ballot, voters appear to be attracted by each party's presidential candidates. At press time, 56 Republicans and 33 Democrats had cast ballots in the early voting.

Voting by personal appearance will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday at the polling places listed below.

### POLLING PLACES

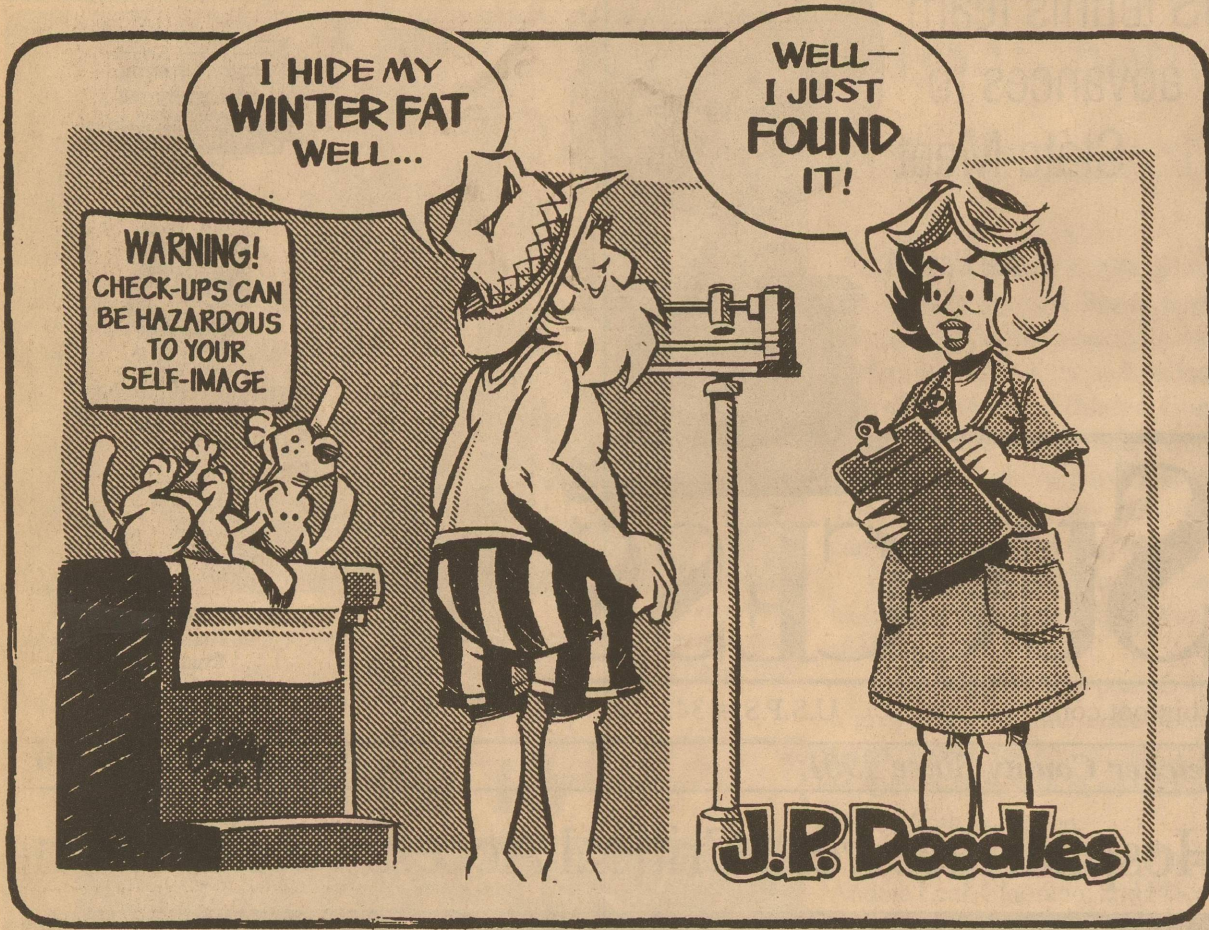
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Democrat & Republican  
Schleicher County Annex
- Precinct 4**  
Republican & Democrat  
Catholic Church Ed. Bldg.



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**Twisted metal** — Jon Hodnett, 26, of Mertz, was transported by private auto to San Angelo Community Hospital Monday morning, where he was treated for a possible fractured shoulder, after this Chevy pickup rolled on FM 915, three miles from the Irion County line. DPS trooper Steve Torres of Mertz, who investigated the accident, reported Tuesday that he has not had the opportunity to interview Hodnett and is not sure if he was the vehicle's driver.





## 2nd annual Einstein Award nominees

The first three nominees for this year's Einstein Award are each deserving of the honor. If I could make up stuff this good, I'd have a job in Hollywood.



by Randy Mankin

**Candidate for Yachtsman of the Year**  
Last summer, on Lake Isabella, located in California's high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, a fellow new to boating was having a problem. No matter how hard he tried, he just couldn't get his brand new 22-ft Bayliner to perform. It wouldn't get on a plane at all, and was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power he supplied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, he putted over to a nearby marina. Maybe they could tell him what

was wrong.

A thorough topside check revealed everything was in perfect working order. The engine ran fine, the outdrive went up and down, the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

Linda refused to remove her hands from her head. When they finally got in, they found that Linda had a wad of bread dough on the back of her head. A Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded from the heat, making a loud noise that sounded like a gunshot, and the wad of dough hit her in the back of her head. When she reached back to find out what it was, she felt the dough and thought it was her brains. She initially passed out, but quickly recovered and tried to hold her brains in for over an hour until someone noticed and came to her aid. And, yes, Linda is a blonde.

### Never play with handcuffs

Sean Barry of Chandler, Arizona, learned two important lessons about handcuffs last year.

First, don't play with handcuffs unless you have the key. Second, if you don't have the key, call a locksmith, not your local police... especially if you are a wanted man.

The 23-year-old waiter learned these lessons the hard way when he was arrested at a suburban Phoenix home by police who responded to his telephone call for help when he put the handcuffs on and could not get them off.

Officers made a routine computer check on Barry and found an outstanding arrest warrant for failing to appear in court for driving on a suspended license. The cops took the man into custody without incident — and with the handcuffs still on.

Coming next week, two more nominees and the Einstein Award winner for the year 2000!

## State lottery officials to lower Lotto Texas payoff

AUSTIN — Guaranteed minimum jackpots for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas drawings probably will have to be lowered by \$1 million because of weak ticket sales, lottery officials said Feb. 29.

The state has been losing money on the game and the only way to deal with the trend is to change the game or join in one of the multistate, high-stakes games such as Powerball, lottery officials told *The Dallas Morning News*.

"I'm sad to say we've reached the limit... with trying to hold out on our minimum jackpot at \$4 million," Executive Director Linda Cloud told lottery commissioners.

"It is going to be necessary to make an announcement to our players in the next couple of weeks that we are going to have to reduce the minimum jackpot."

Lotto Texas sales are down

### State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

28.5 percent for the first 26 weeks of the fiscal year, compared with the same period in fiscal 1999, officials said.

Cloud blamed lack of player interest in Pick Six on small jackpots.

"The only solution to this situation is to introduce larger jackpots for Texas players," she said.

### Group Wants Exit Test

A small group of University of Texas professors want to require standardized tests for students seeking bachelor's degrees at public institutions.

An exit test would provide a way to judge the quality of instruction

just as the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills measures public schools, they said.

Advocates pitched the idea to staff at Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's office, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Perry said the lieutenant governor is intrigued by the idea.

In the summer, a commission appointed by Perry to study ways to reform higher education will discuss ways to measure the quality of higher education.

### More Funds Needed in Probe

Texas A&M University last week asked the state to increase to \$2 million the Aggie bonfire investigators' budget and extend their deadline by more than a month.

Hundreds of witnesses, bonfire workers and A&M officials are being interviewed in the Nov. 18 collapse that claimed the lives of 12 students and injured 27 others.

Officials estimate the investigation will be complete by early May.

Four consulting firms are being paid to analyze and test the bonfire structure, interview officials and participants and evaluate safety procedures and supervision.

### UT Will Raise Tuition

Students enrolling at the University of Texas next fall will pay \$420 more a year in tuition and fees.

The tuition hike is meant to hire more faculty, raise salaries and help needy students, the *Austin*

*American-Statesman* reported last week.

Part of the increase, a \$10 per-hour charge, is being billed as a library and information-technology fee and will be used to support those services while freeing up money elsewhere in the budget.

Texas undergraduates taking 15 hours of classes a semester pay \$3,167 in in-state tuition and mandatory fees for a full school year.

They would pay \$3,587 next school year. The totals do not include class-specific fees, so many students pay more to attend UT.

### Other Highlights

• Texas death row inmate Betty Lou Beets was executed Feb. 24. Beets, 62, was the second woman to have been executed in Texas since the Civil War.

• A nationwide moratorium is in effect, blocking taxes on Internet sales until October 2001. Gov. George W. Bush has said he favors extending the moratorium on new taxes while Internet commerce develops. The issue was debated at the national governors' conference.

• Calvin Jerold Burdine, 46, who spent 16 years on death row in the stabbing of his former roommate, was ordered freed by a federal judge last week because prosecutors missed a deadline to retry Burdine on a technicality.

• The city of Austin is facing an \$8.6 million bill for delaying the opening of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport last May, although its main contractor had agreed to meet an earlier deadline.



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### An Olive Drab Fund Raiser

While a student at Baylor University during the fifties, I had the privilege of taking some drama courses from Paul Baker, a genius whose creativity has influenced theaters around the world. His Baylor Theater had stages surrounding the audience, which was seated in swivel chairs. He tore up copies of Thomas Wolfe's 800 page novel "Of Time and the River" and handed out segments to small groups of students and told them to "put this on stage." When he directed Hamlet he had three actors playing the major roles. A film was made of that play and it won the Cinematography Award at the Brussels World Fair in 1958. I'm proud to say I played one-third of Horatio in the production.

His course called "The Integration of Abilities" was the most lively course on campus at the time. Students from every field of study took it and learned how to realize their potential as a creative person. Recently The Southwestern Writers Collection at Southwest Texas State in San Marcos was the recipient of some of his papers, videos and audio tapes. Many of Baker's former students and colleagues were on hand for the presentation.

Gene McKinney, who taught play writing, told about an event which occurred shortly after World War Two, when McKinney started teaching at Baylor. He called Baker "Prof."

"Prof stopped me in the lobby. I noticed that his neck was bowed,

his head was jutting forward and his chin was out. I recognized immediately that this was his going into battle mode, as though he was going to use his head as a battering ram, possibly on me. He stared at me and asked curtly, 'do you think I look poor and need money?'"

"I had never viewed Prof as a natty dresser, but on this day he looked awful. Ancient sport coat and tie, baggy pants too short, exposing his GI olive drab socks from his Army days. But it was his shirt that distressed me. Frayed collar, faded color, but even worse, one sleeve cuff was held together by a large paper clip."

"I decided evasion was the best way to answer his question. I replied, 'why do you ask?'"

"He said, 'I'm on my way to battle the administration about next year's budget. The drama department needs a lot more money. I thought I might help our cause if I went over looking as poor as our department.'"

"I told him he certainly looked like he needed some money."

"He lunged through the front door, his head jutting forward. When he came back from the meeting, his head had returned to its normal position and he was semi-triumphant. I asked him how he did."

"He said 'Not great, but better than last year. I think it was because this year I added the GI socks and the paper clip.'"

Paul Baker usually gets what he asks for.

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# OBITUARIES

## Antonio Sandate

ELDORADO — Antonio S. Sandate, 50, died Saturday, March 4, 2000, in Eldorado.

Services were held Monday, March 6, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born June 13, 1949, in San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico, and had been a resident of Eldorado for 25 years. He worked as a ranch foreman and was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Adela Sandate of Eldorado; three

sons, Marco Sandate of Ozona, Ramiro Sandate of Santa Fe, N.M., and Antonio Sandate Jr. of Eldorado; a daughter, Estella Hernandez of San Angelo; his mother, Paula Sandate of San Carlos, Mexico; three brothers, Alberto Sandate of Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico, Guadalupe Sandate of San Marcos and Margarito Sandate of San Antonio; two sisters, Gabriela Aguillon of Fort Worth and Maria Louisa Rivera of Dallas; and eight grandchildren.

## Janice Halter Cole

SAN ANGELO — Janice Cole died Saturday, March 4, 2000, at her home in San Angelo.

A memorial service was held Monday, March 6, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Hedges officiating. Private burial will be at her C Bar Ranch in Schleicher County.

She was born Dec. 1, 1923, in Duluth, Minn., and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio and attended Sullins College in Virginia. She married C.A. "Chili" Cole on Sept. 4, 1943, in San Antonio and moved to San Angelo in 1951.

She was a member of the Junior League of San Angelo and a longtime volunteer with the

March of Dimes having served as the chairman of the Mother's March in the early '60s. She was active in the Episcopal Church having been a member of the St. Nicholas' and St. Catherine's Guilds of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and later as a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

Janice was preceded in death by her brother, John Halter and her husband, C.A. "Chili" Cole.

She is survived by a son, C.A. "Chip" Cole III and wife, Kelley, of San Angelo and four grandchildren, C.A. "Chili" Cole IV, Judson, Jess and Annabelle Cole.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or a favorite charity.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Glen Pfluger

## Murphree/Pfluger are wed

CLIFTON — Stacy Lyn Murphree of Cranfills Gap and Daniel Glen Pfluger of Eldorado were married Dec. 18, 1999, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Andy Anderson of Eldorado officiating. Parents of the couple are Mr.

and Mrs. Glenn Murphree of Cranfills Gap and Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pfluger of Eldorado.

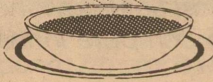
Maid of honor was Toni Murphree of Cranfills Gap. Best man was James Irwin of Crawford. Ushers were Craig McPike of Derby, Kan., and Mason Miller of Crawford.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Clifton High School and is a candidate for May graduation from Angelo State University.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Eldorado High School and received a bachelor of science degree in 1999 from Angelo State University.

The couple will live in San Angelo.

## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, March 13**  
Meatloaf w/Tomatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Tuesday, March 14**  
Chicken Supreme, Herbed Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

**Wednesday, March 15**  
Beef & Cheese Burrito's, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/Pears, Milk

**Thursday, March 16**  
Pork chops w/Brown Gravy, Carrots, Wheat Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

**Friday, March 17**  
Spanish Meatballs On Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk

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Charlie Pickett and Leslie Hunter

## Hunter-Pickett engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hunley of Eldorado and Rodney Hunter of Santa Fe, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Hunter, to Charlie Pickett of Teague, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School and is currently enrolled at Baylor Uni-

versity where she is studying psychology.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pickett of Teague.

An outdoor wedding is planned for April 14th at the home of the groom's uncle, Daryl Pickett, in Teague.

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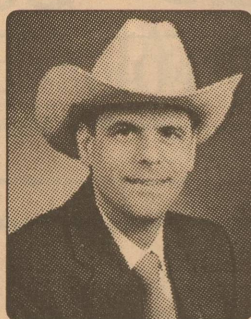
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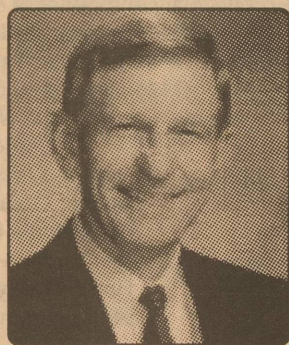
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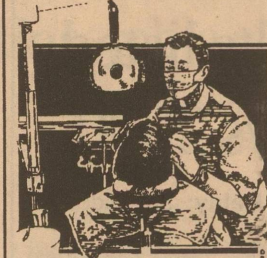
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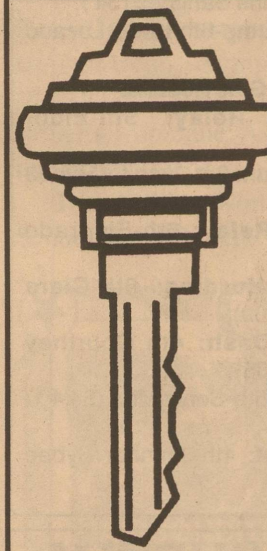
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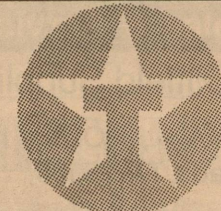
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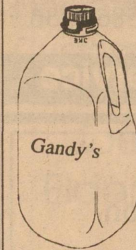
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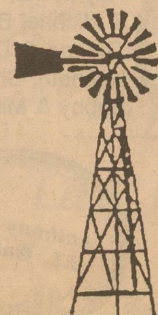


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## Middle school results listed from Angora Relays 2000

On February 26, 2000 Eldorado Middle School boys placed 4th with a score of 74 at the 2000 Angora Relays in Rocksprings. Junction placed 1st with a team score of 167, Rocksprings came in 2nd with a team score of 82. Brackett placed 3rd.

### Boys Results

**3200 M Run:** 1st-Frankie Arispe (12:16); 5th-Jeffrey Bybee (13:10);  
**400 M Relay:** 5th-Eldorado (52.51);  
**100 M Dash:** 5th-Sanchez (12:94); 6th-Seth Taylor (13:04);  
**400 M Dash:** 1st-Frankie Arispe (60:19); 3rd-Chavez (61:50);  
**1600 M Run:** 1st-Frankie Arispe (5:43);

**1600 M Relay:** 3rd-Eldorado (4:16);  
**Shot Put:** 1st-Travis Joiner (36'2 1/4"); 4th-Chris Sanchez (34");  
**Triple Jump:** 6th-Koda Lozano (29'9").

### Girls Results:

**400 M Relay:** 5th-Eldorado (58.85);  
**800 M Run:** 3rd-Jennifer Bybee (2:51);  
**800 M Relay:** 6th-Eldorado (2:13);  
**300 M Hurdles:** 6th-Clara Herrera (58:09);  
**200 M Dash:** 4th Courtney Whitten (29:85);  
**Discus:** 5th-Sonia Mills (64'4 1/2");  
**Shot Put:** 4th-Jennifer Bybee (23'9 1/2");

## Tennis team grabs 2nd at Regional

### Eagles raquets head to State Tourney

by Coach Matt Rutherford

The Eldorado High School Tennis Team placed second at the Regional Team Tennis Tournament in San Angelo this past weekend. The Eagles defeated Wall in the first round 10-2, and Mason in the semifinals. In the finals Reagan County defeated Eldorado 10-7 in a match that took almost five hours. Eldorado will be traveling to Georgetown to

play in the State Team Tournament this weekend.

Playing for the Eagles were: Kim Jones, Wesley Jones, Kayla McCravey, Thomas Ballew, Haley Edmiston, Heath Andrew, Gentry Newman, Bobby Phillips, Lindsay Beach, Quisto Gonzales, Christina Redish, Buddy Greer, Courtney Sauer, Ben Edmiston, Courtney Brown, J.L. Mankin, Rikki Bosmans and Hillary Hodges.



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**2000 Devil River Tournament Champions** — Front (L-R) Coach Ronnie Molina, Aaron Fuentes, Johnny Lee Arispe, John Ray Espinosa, Joey Bullard, Manuel Hernandez, Rocky Robles, Ramon Ray Barajas, Mitch Wilkerson, Casey Poynor. Back (L-R) Jess Martin, Jason Brock, Lance Mitchel, William Robledo, Johnny Herrera, Asa Nixon, Ramon Adame, Jimmy Aguilar, Ricky Huichapa, Coach Dave Lewis.

## Eagles nine sweeps through Devil's River baseball tourney

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team swept away the competition to win the Devil's River Baseball Tournament last weekend. The Eldorado boys started things off right last Thursday night with a 14-5 win over Miles in Game 1. Rocky Robles was the starting pitcher with Ricky Huichapa coming on in relief. Huichapa helped the Eagles cause offensively, too by belting a triple and a single at the plate. Casey Poynor, John Ray Espinosa and Mitch Wilkerson each hit doubles while Lance Mitchel and Jason Brock both hit two doubles. William Robledo also had a single. In all, the Eagles notched up 12 hits to only 6 for Miles.

Manuel Hernandez was on the hill for the Eagles last Friday as they defeated Ballinger 5-1 in Game 2. Hernandez tallied 5 strikeouts in 7 innings and held the Bearcats to only 5 hits to the Eagles 8. Lance Mitchel led the Eldorado bats with a triple. Casey Poynor managed a double and a single and Rocky Robles also hit for a double. Jason Brock, John Ray Espinosa, Mitch Wilkerson and Asa Nixon all hit singles in the game.

After the game Coach Ronnie Molina praised ace pitcher and the team that backed him up. "Manuel Hernandez pitched a gem today. He made tough pitches to get out of jams when he needed it," Molina stated. "The defense is improving every single game we have played and that has been due to all the hard work that these young men have put in. And, our offense put enough runs

on the board to secure a victory." Ricky Huichapa was the starting pitcher in the Championship game against Sonora. He tallied 3 K's in 4 innings on the hill and silenced Sonora's bats while the Eagles built a commanding lead. Manuel Hernandez came on in relief and notched up 4 strikeouts in the final three innings to slam the door on the Broncos as the Eldorado's big bats carried the Eagles to a 10-4 win and the tournament championship.

Rocky Robles opened the scoring for the Eagles, blasting a homerun for the Eagles first score. Robles would hammer another double before the game was done and John Ray Espinosa added two singles. Asa Nixon and Jason Brock also reached first on singles.

Rocky Robles and Jimmy Aguilar both drove in two runs while William Robledo, Lance Mitchel and Jason Brock each had an RBI.

After the game, Coach Molina said, "I am extremely proud of the effort put forth by this baseball team. Ricky Huichapa mixed his pitches all night long and kept us in the game. Manuel Hernandez came in and shut the door on the Sonora hitters."

"Many defensive plays were made with John Ray Espinosa, Jason Brock, and Casey Poynor being standouts," Molina continued. "Our team speed was the overall determining factor in winning the championship. Rocky Robles hit our second homerun of the year. This was a tremendous win for our team."



photo by Kathy Mankin

**State Bound** — The EHS tennis team posed with Coach Matt Rutherford (top) following their 2nd place finish at the Regional Team Tennis Tournament in San Angelo last Saturday. The team travels to Georgetown this weekend to compete in the State Tourney.

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Date	Opponent	Place	Time
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March 20	Colorado City	Colorado City	4:30
April 6	Ft. Hancock	@ Ft. Stockton	3:00
April 10	Ft. Hancock	@ Ft. Stockton	3:00

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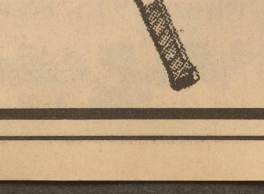
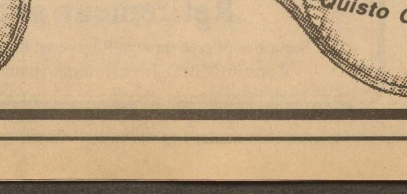
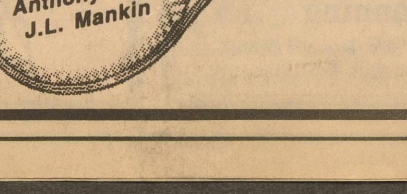
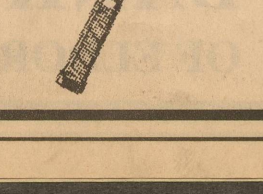
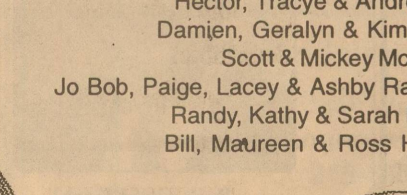
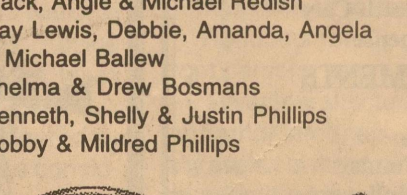
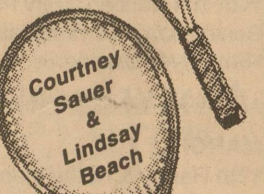
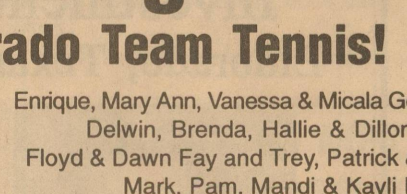
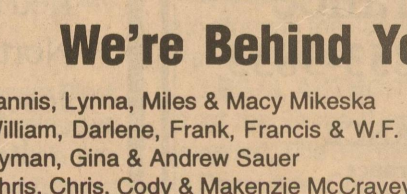
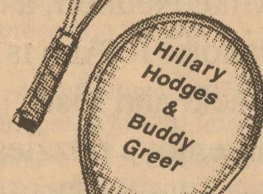
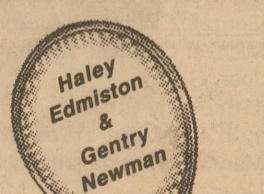
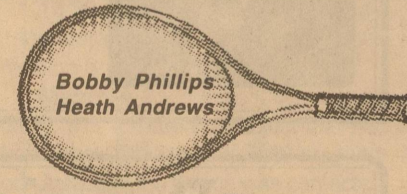
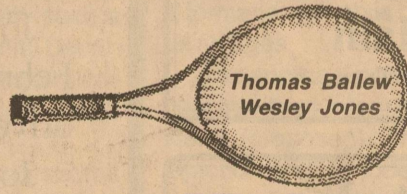
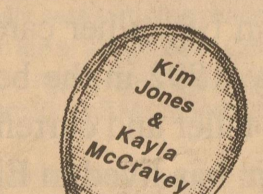
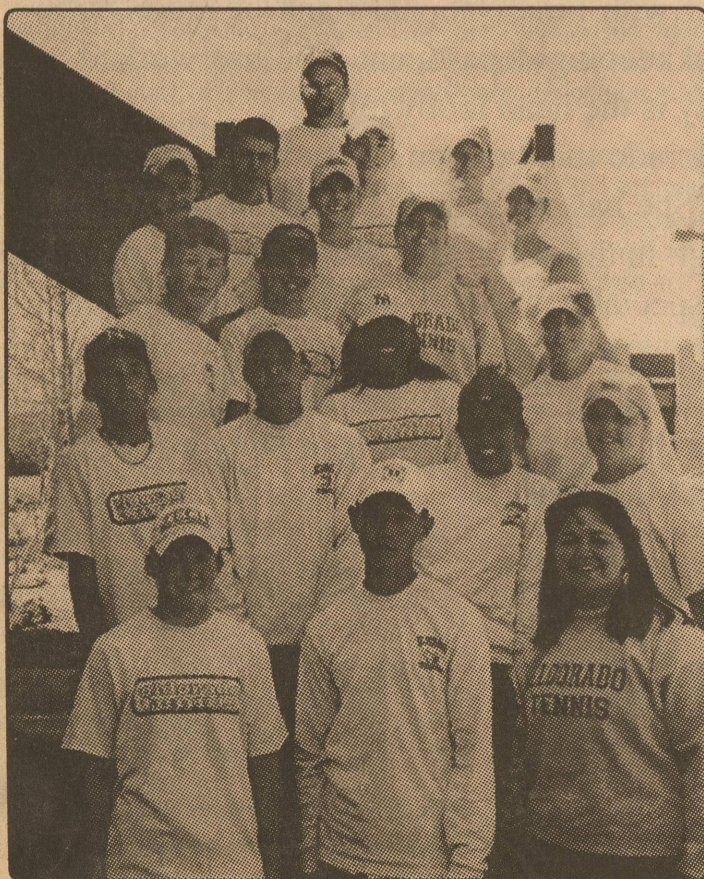


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

As a school bus driver I am appalled and frightened by the disregard drivers have for the signals on school buses.

In the past week three vehicles have driven past my bus when I have been unloading children. I had used my yellow flashing lights to signal that I was slowing for a stop. Then I used my red flashing lights to show we were stopping and stopped. After I stop I make the kids wait until all traffic has stopped to get off to cross. You have plenty of warning and time to stop, but you don't. Are you in such a hurry you will endanger a child to get where you are going? I can't imagine anything worse than running over

someone's child except maybe witnessing you running over one.

A little piece of information: The Texas Drivers Hand Book page 4-6 states, If you approach a school bus from either direction and the bus is displaying alternate flashing red lights you must stop and not pass until 1) the school bus has resumed motion or 2) you are signaled by the driver to proceed or 3) the red lights are no longer flashing.

Please give school buses and our children the right-of-way. Don't endanger our children. Children think we are looking out for them. Please don't prove them wrong.

Grace L. Hernandez

Dear Editor:

This week I will exhibit my meat goats at the San Angelo Livestock Show and it will be the last stock show of my 4-H Career. This has made me think of all the things I have learned through 4-H and the many projects it has to offer. I have been involved in a wide variety of activities that have brought our family closer together and made it possible for us to do things that otherwise we would not have done.

The purpose of my letter is to encourage all parents to involve their youth in 4-H activities. It may be foods and nutrition, or it may be raising an animal for the stock show. Public speaking is another opportunity that yields skills you make. The people you meet and the friends you make will be with you for life!

I plan to pursue a degree in Animal Science at Texas A&M University. 4-H has helped to influence my career choice. The 4-H

program is based on the theory that if you tell someone how to do something, they may learn how to do it; if you show them how to do it, there is a greater chance that they will gain that skill; but if they do it themselves, they can't help but learn how to do it. In 4-H you learn how to master the skill of doing it for yourself. I hope that every parent will consider this. I'm glad that my parents did.

So as my 4-H career draws to a close, I want to say first recognize to my parents and family. It has truly been so much fun to be with you and learn together! Also, my grandparents who took me so many places when my parents were unavailable. I extend my love and gratitude to my church members who support all that we do and to the Eldorado School teachers and administrators who are the best in the world. Thanks to my county extension agents — you were great mentors to travel with and never ran out of games to play on those long road trips! Finally, thanks to our community who supports the 4-H program. You have all given me so very much. I will always be grateful to you and continue my efforts to "Make the Best Better!"

Thanks for the Memories,  
Haley Edmiston

## Retirement party planned for Mike Porter

On March 18, 2000 a Celebrity Roast Retirement Party is slated for Game Warden Mike Porter of Eldorado at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Building in Eldorado. Mike is retiring after almost 29 years service to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. and the people of Texas.

Barbecue will be served at \$6.75 a plate. Reservations will be needed by March 12. Some plates can be bought at the door.

Contact Susan Lloyd or the Game Association for Reservations. Everyone is invited.



We had a great turn out for our regular Play Day on Sunday, March 5th. There were 37 adults and 3 youths, Ross Hodges, Andrew Anderson and Wesley Jones to enjoy the windy afternoon.

1st Place - Score 58: Brent Poynor, Sam Henderson, Ken Thomas, Andrew Anderson and Wesley Jones.

2nd Place - Score 58: Kirk Griffin, Chris McCravey, Gordon Jones, Lynn Griffin and Mabel Freitag.

Score card play - off - 1st and 2nd.

3rd Place - Score 60: Jon Cartwright, Tommy Hunley, Charlie Bradley, Pedro Garcia and Jim Kosub.

There will be a 2 - Person, Low Ball, 18 hole tournament on March 18th. 1:30 p.m. tee-off.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, April 2nd, weather permitting.

## EMS students score well at Solo & Ensemble contest

This past Saturday, March the 4th the 7th and 8th grade band members traveled to Ballinger to compete in the Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Soloist receiving a first division rating were: 8th Grade: Andrea Leal, clarinet; Jennifer Bybee, french horn; and Chris Sanchez, tuba; 7th Grade: Ashton Murr,

trombone; Manuel Arispe, trombone and Emily Newman, clarinet; 7th Grade ensembles that received a first division were:

Flute duet-Amanda Figueroa and Laurie Almazan;

Percussion Quartet: Kolby Dombroski, Ashley Doran, Eric Garcia and Ms. Muela;

Trumpet Quartet: Katey Blair, Betsy Green, Daniella Guadarrama and Julie Hight.

Others participating soloist included: Sheryl Alexander, clarinet; Jessica Robertson, clarinet; Daniella Guadarrama, trumpet; Betsy Green, trumpet; Nathan MacDonald, french horn; Lance Roberts, trombone; Ashley Doran, mallet percussion.

Tom Hollingsworth is Middle School Band Director.



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8th Grade Soloist's receiving a first division rating at contest were (L-R) Chris Sanchez (tuba), Jennifer Bybee (french horn) and Andrea Leal (clarinet).

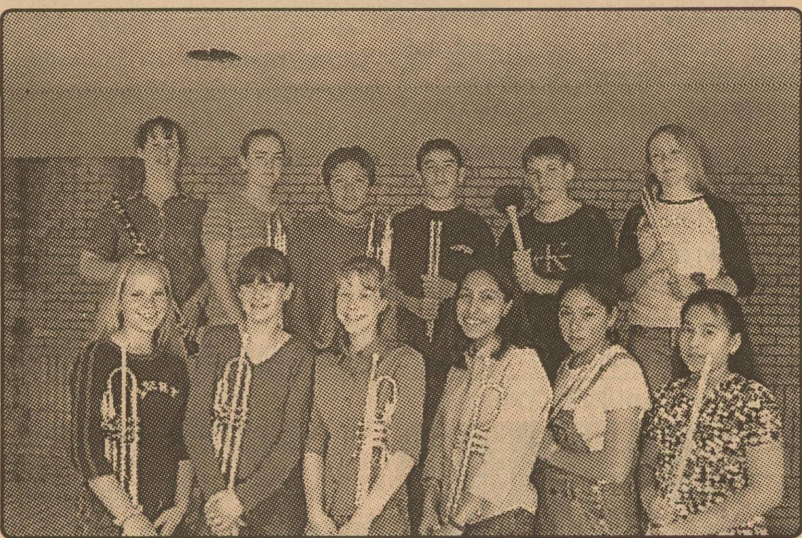


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7th Grade Soloist & Ensemble - Soloist's receiving a first division rating: Back (L-R) Emily Newman (clarinet) Ashton Murr and Manuel Arispe (trombone) 7th grade ensembles receiving a first division rating: Eerie Garcia, Kolby Dombroski, and Ashley Doran (percussion); Front (L-R) Betsy Green, Katey Blair, Julie Hight, Daniella Guadarrama (trumpets); Amanda Figueroa and Laurie Almazan (flute).

## Rodeo Sweetheart candidates sought

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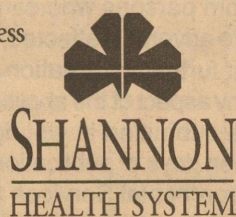
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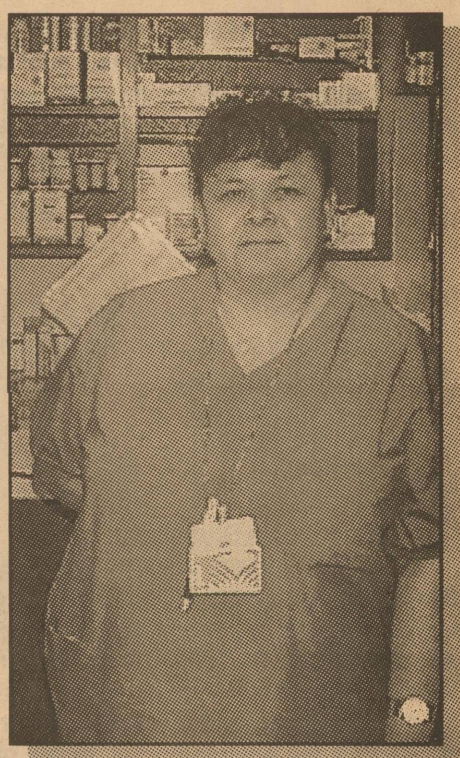
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I will be voting for David Doran in the Republican Primary on Tuesday. I hope to see you at the polling place. Together we can send a strong message that Schleicher County deserves a Sheriff like David Doran.



Martha Adame

## Re-elect David Doran Schleicher County Sheriff March 14th Republican Primary



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## City Council holds regular monthly meeting

by Pat Ragsdale

Mayor John Nikolauk called Monday night's meeting of the Eldorado City Council to order at 5:52 p.m. Council members Richard Mendez, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor and Sherry Lux were present while Eddie Rodriguez and Robert Bybee were absent.

The first item of business was a public hearing regarding the finalization of the East Street reconstruction project. A grant totaling \$149,960.00 funded most of the project. The city's matching contribution was made up of in-kind services such as labor, equipment, and some materials to complete the job. Upon a motion by Sheri Lux, seconded by Richard Mendez, the project was pronounced complete.

Engineer John Vollar and his assistant April Groendyk presented the council with plans for improvements to the City's water system. These improvements include the extension of a six inch water main into the northwestern part of the city. Vollar announced that invitations to bid on the work were being made and the bids were due to be opened on April 10, 2000 after which the city council will make a decision about awarding the contract for the construction. Vollar further announced that the date required for completion of the project is set at July 31, 2000, to assist in meeting grant requirements. The total amount of the grant amounts to \$172,490.00.

City Administrator Randy Mankin offered a recommendation to the council that the city purchase a "Dura Patcher" paving patching machine. The machine has been demonstrated twice in Eldorado with several potholes being patched in those demonstrations. The patches put in place by the machine have shown remarkable durability, according to Mankin and

Councilwoman Sherry Lux.

The machine, with attachments and a 6000 gallon heated storage tank, are estimated to cost \$56,000.00. Mankin told the council that he had been in contact with the City of Bryan where three of these machines are currently in use. Mankin said that the city manager there reported very favorably regarding the effectiveness of the equipment. A motion offered by Tommy Minor to call for bids on the equipment was seconded by Toni Sudduth and passed unanimously.

In other business, the council denied the request to place a trash dumpster in the Edgefield Addition unless all the residents in that area are willing to have dumpsters placed on their property. Also, the extension of a telephone to the office at the landfill was approved. Mankin reported that during February, the landfill received an average of 17.93 tons of garbage per day with Duncan Disposal trucking 74% of that total from area towns.

Mankin told the council that in an effort to meet requirements placed upon the city by Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission regarding a drought contingency plan, Cindy Cawley, representing the local Water Conservation District had met with him about a well she had discovered on the old Bert Page lot adjacent to City Hall. The well, which is only a few feet from the city's main water well is still cased and should serve well as a monitor site. He noted that the well's proximity to the city's main well would enable accurate records concerning water levels and the affect of the ongoing drought on our aquifer. A chart recorder will be installed on the well so that water levels may be routinely checked.

Mankin then visited with the council concerning an E-mail message which was circulating around town last week. He said the anonymous message misrepresented the city's policy concerning reduced rate water for former council members. Mankin said that, contrary to the E-mail's claim, only former council members and mayors with more than 8 years of service receive reduced rate water from the City. He said that policy was enacted years ago by the council and that currently only two former city council members and one former mayor qualify for the benefit.

Other items of business included the approval of the purchase of 1300 pounds of live fish to replace those lost at the city sewer lagoon as a result of cold weather. The fish, Tilapia Perch, are maintained in an effort to control the growth of algae, a requirement of maintaining the sewer plant's operating permit.

Tree planting at the landfill was reported as having been completed with over 200 Afghan pine seedlings having been set around the landfill's northeast perimeter.

The minutes of the February 14, 2000 meeting were approved and current bills were ordered paid and certain inter-budget transfers of funds were allowed under a budget amendment. All business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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## School board candidate workshop planned

SAN ANGELO — Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Wednesday, March 29, 7-8 p.m. at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 S. Irene Street, San Angelo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and

individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members; key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and re-

sponsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Kathy Dundee at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6171.

## Reading license plates to succeed

The Eldorado High School Texas Association of Future Educators (T.A.F.E.) is sponsoring a "Read" TO SUCCEED Program that is supported by the Texas Department of Transportation. When you register your vehicle you have the opportunity to purchase a READ TO SUCCEED license plate. The cost of this license plate is an additional \$30. \$25 of this \$30 will be sent to a public school library of your choice to promote reading. T.A.F.E. students will be visiting residents of Eldorado to make them aware of this wonderful opportunity to promote reading in our public schools.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Lou Ann Turner at the Court House.

## Rider's needed for drill team

Boys and girls, Kindergarten through High School who are interested in becoming riders in the newly formed Young Rider's Drill Team need to contact Mondee Whitten at 853-4246 or Wendy Daniels at 853-2065. Requirements are a horse and a desire to have fun.

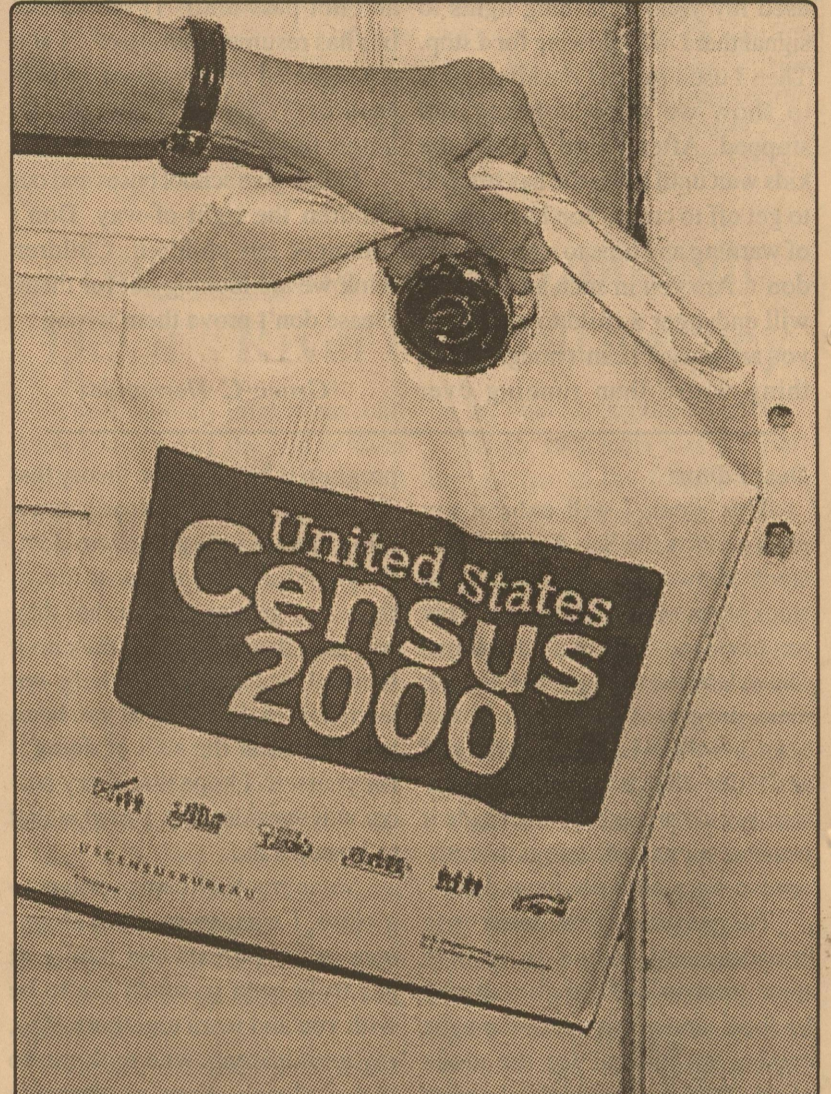


photo by Kathy Mankin

**Stand up and be counted** — Bags like this one are being distributed around the nation this week, including here in Eldorado as part of the Census 2000 effort. The bags contain an official U.S. census form including a questionnaire seeking information about each household. The privacy of information returned to the Census Bureau is protected by law (Title 13 of the U.S. Code). That's the same law which requires everyone in the U.S. to participate in the census.

### COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Eldorado  
P.O. Box 713  
6 S. Cottonwood Street  
Eldorado, Texas 76936

Eldorado Success  
March 9, 2000

#### TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the above named City of Eldorado intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Contract No.

#### Exempt Activities

Administration  
Engineering Services

#### Environmental Assessment Activities

Replacement water lines and installation of fire hydrants in the northwestern portion of the City of Eldorado.

#### Cost of the Project

\$187,490.00

#### Finding Of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of Eldorado has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by City of Eldorado which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Office of Community Development, City Hall, City of Eldorado, 6 S. Cottonwood, Texas 76936 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

#### Public Comments Of Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to date specified in the preceding sentence.

#### Release Of Funds

The City of Eldorado will undertake the activities described above with the Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 1999 under grant numbered 719261 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Eldorado is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. John Nikolauk in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Eldorado may use the Block Grant funds, and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711-3941.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the TDHCA.

John Nikolauk, Mayor  
City of Eldorado  
P.O. Box 713  
Eldorado Texas 76936  
March 9, 2000



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

March 5 Ortiz, Senovio Paroz, male age 52, hold for Irion County,

### Legal Notice

**TITAN RESOURCES I, INC., 500 WEST TEXAS, SUITE 200, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701** is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Leonard Lime Wade No. 8 (proposed). The proposed injection well is located 4 miles west of Eldorado, Texas in the Ramon (Leonard) Field, in Schleicher County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2640 to 2670 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792). 10-100

charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

March 6 Moreno, Mario Reyes, male age 56, arrested by SC Officer, charge DPS Warrants. Released paid fines of \$414.50.

#### REPORTS

March 1 • 9:25 a.m. Midland FAA requested an officer to check on a plane that they had lost radar contact and radio contact. Plane was located at Big Lake.

• 3:49 p.m. Sutton County reported a gas drive off from convenience store in Sonora. Vehicle was a blue Chevy with 20 day tags. Driven by a white male with a red T-shirt, blond hair. Amount of drive off \$24.08.

• 7:00 p.m. Complainant reported a couple was harassing him. Officer responded.

• 11:00 p.m. Complainant needed an officer to make a welfare check on their parents. Complainant advised their parents were an elderly couple and the phone has been off the hook for over 2 hours. Officer responded and officer helped subject re-hung phones and all was OK. Son made contact with parents.

March 2 6:01 p.m. Complainant brought in a handful of nails and screws they had picked up out of the road near the Catholic church. Officer responded.

10:30 p.m. Complainant reported a 18 wheeler parked in the middle of the road on S. Main. Officer responded.

March 4 9:22 a.m. Complainant called 911 to report a subject that had been shot. Officers and EMS responded. Justice of the Peace was contacted.

10:00 a.m. Vehicle fire. Subject called back and stated that the fire was out. Fire Department units cancelled.

10:45 a.m. Complainant reported

that there was a possible break. Back door is reported to be open.

7:53 p.m. Complainant advised they needed assistance with their two sons. Officer responded.

8:15 p.m. Complainant reported they were having trouble with a parent at a school event. Sheriff Office advised a unit from Sutton County. Officer will follow in the a.m.

8:20 p.m. Complainant reported 20 black cows on a county road. Officer responded.

March 5 • 10:10 a.m. Complainant reported to dispatch that they had hit a deer on Hwy. 190 West. Complainant was unable to drive vehicle for a long distance since the radiator had been damaged. Vehicle is parked on the northwest side of business. Vehicle will be towed on Monday.

• 10:15 a.m. Complainant on reported that their neighbor has cut their fence and taken their gate on Huldale Road. Complainant requested information on what can be done.

• 7:01 p.m. Complainant reported that their son was to be home by 6:00 p.m. Son was not at home. Officer located the subject at the E.P.A. at 8:30 p.m. Officer returned the subject home. Problems have occurred before. Subject has been advised not to leave residence until officer has spoken to Probation Officer.

• 8:20 p.m. Complainant reported they needed an officer to respond to residence. Complainant called and advised he and his son had gone over to his wife's house to eat supper. His wife who is no longer living with him will not let him leave with their son. Officer responded.

• 8:47 p.m. Possible sick skunk. Officer responded. Animal control advised it was not unusual for a skunk to be out at this time of night. Officer requested animal control call his unit.

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### CARD OF THANKS

To the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, Schleicher County Sheriff's Office and 911 Dispatcher.

Thank you for your help in controlling our grass fire on Sunday, February 27, 2000. We appreciate your prompt response. Thanks again.

Mr. & Mrs. David Meador  
Forrest, Rocky, and Travis

Girl Scout Troop 87 would like to thank the following business and individual for donating cookies to the residents at the nursing home. Shot's #3, First National Bank, SWTEC, West Texas Lumber, Bessie Jones, Scooter Faull, Rico Forlano, Shanna Roberts, Gloria Kent, X-Bar Ranch, Linda Fish and Mrs. King.

To the many friends who have been so sweet and generous with calls, food, cards, visits and prayer concerns we are most grateful.

Losing Steven does hurt, but you have made it easier for us to bear.

Vida Mercer and Family

Special thanks to all our friends who called, sent cards, and the ones who were with us at the hospital when I had my surgery. Most of all appreciated your prayers. I still have a long way to go so continue to keep us in your prayers with love.

Shirley and Richard Emmons

Thank you to all the people for the flowers, food, prayers, and beautiful words of comfort during this time of sorrow.

Thank you Eldorado for uniting together in love and service. A special thank you to the angels who served the meal.

The family of Becky Rodriguez

Gracias a toda la gente por la comida, flores, oraciones y bellas palabras durante este tiempo de dolor.

Gracias Eldorado por estar unidos en Amor y servicio. Gracias especialmente a los angeles que sirvieron la comida.

La familia de Becky Rodriguez

### GARAGE SALES, YARD SALES & ESTATE SALES

**ELDERADO** - Pentium 120, New 15" Monitor, New Color Printer, \$575; Beige, blue & Mauve Floral Hide-A-Bed, 2 Blue Recliners, Kitchen Table, Washer & Dryer, Electric Stove, Executive Office Chairs, Complete twin mattress, frame & headboard; Recliner with motorized lift, 2 piece sectional, baby strollers and much more. See at Second Hand Rose, Hwy. 277 South Eldorado.

**ELDERADO-GARAGE SALE:** Saturday, March 11; 8:00AM-Noon ONLY: 105 Redwood. All kinds of items. Great Prices! Everything must go!

### MISCELLANEOUS

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For Sale: **12 x 20 Walk-in Cooler/Freezer on skids.** Asking \$7,000. Call 915-853-2261 or 915-853-2544 ask for Kurtis.

For Sale: **King Size Bed,** (Headboard Mattress & Frame) \$75 OBO. 853-2203.

**FOR SALE: Formals sizes 5 to 11.** 392-3339.

### REAL ESTATE

**Eldorado-For Sale By Owner: 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath Rock Home on 12.5 acres just south of Eldorado.** Home and land has great potential. Call 853-3418 shown by appointment only. 8b

**Eldorado- Commerical Building** for sale with central heat/air with a walk-in cooler. Located at 103 S. Divide (Hwy. 277). Call 915-853-2261 or 915-853-2544 ask for Kurtis. 8-11b

For Sale: Country Living: 35 acre Farm/Ranch combination, very private, secluded within 1.5 miles of Eldorado, Texas. Very nice Lancer 2B/2BA with large rooms, fireplace, metal roof, pens, barns, 2 car carport plus large R.V. port. Nice yard w/pecan and fruit trees. Wildlife: deer, dove, excellent water well, good deep soil. 641' frontage on Hwy 2596, \$88,000.

Stevens Ranch Real Estate  
Harold Stevens, Broker  
Brady, Texas  
Office 1-800-597-0749  
Alfred Sykes Agt. 915-853-2386  
Mobile 915-226-2796  
10-13p

**Classified Deadline**  
**5:00 PM**  
**MONDAY**

### Mobile Homes

**Eldorado- MOBILE HOME SITES:** \$100 per month. 6 months lease, pay for 5, 6th month free. Call 853-2711, Griff-Ko, Inc. 7th

**18 x 80 Mobile Home For Sale:** 1992 Oak Creek, 3/BR, 2/BA, Central Heat/Air, Vaulted Ceiling, Composition Roof, Utility Room. In excellent condition. Must see to appreciate. 853-3009. 9tfh

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**WANTED: RN, ADON, LVN & CNA's** for Schleicher County Nursing Home. Contact Beth. 853-2507. EOE 10-10b

**CARRIER WANTED:** San Angelo Standard Times is seeking a mature individual to deliver newspapers in Eldorado. Pay approx. \$1,300. Must like to working early morning hours. Must be bondable. Call Mon.-Fri. 8AM-5PM. 653-1221, Ext. 291. 10-12b

**Full-time entry-level Teller position available at 1st Community Federal Credit Union Eldorado Branch.** Applicants must be outgoing, service-oriented, possess excellent communication and computer skills, accurate cash handling, and the ability to multi-task. Position offers opportunity for training / development. Benefit and package are competitive and based on experience, EOE. Applications accepted in person at 202 SW Main Street, Eldorado, Texas, or by mail at 3505 Wildewood Drive, San Angelo, Texas, 76904. 10-10b

**Duke Energy Field Services, an Equal Opportunity Employer, has an opening for a gas plant operator in Ozona, TX.** Resumes will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2000. Send resumes with prior work history and qualifications to P.O. Box 1008, Sonora, TX or fax to 915/387-3382. 10-10b

### Bid Notice

Schleicher County I.S.D. is accepting sealed bids for  
**(1) 1985 Chevrolet Caprice 4-Door Station Wagon**  
Bids may be mailed to Schleicher County I.S.D., Administration Office, P.O. Box W, Eldorado, TX 76936.

For more information call 915-853-2514. Bids will be accepted until 12 p.m., March 20, 2000.

SCISD reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. 9-10b

### Bid Notice

The City of Eldorado is accepting written sealed bids for street maintenance equipment capable of transporting and applying cationic and anionic emulsified asphalt, such as CR52, and aggregate rock. Bids should also include a 6000 gallon elevated asphalt storage tank, equipped with insulation blankets, heater and agitator. Bids will be opened at 5:30 p.m. on April 10, 2000. Bids may be mailed to City of Eldorado, P.O. Box 713, Eldorado, TX 76936.

For a complete list of bid specifications, contact the City Secretary at City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood, Eldorado, Texas. (915) 853-2691. 10-11b

**Wanted - Will buy your old (working) modem.** Looking for 9600, 14.4, 28.8 modems. Call 387-2507 or pgr-278-3230

### Bid Notice

Sealed bids, addressed to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be received by the County Clerk, until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2000 when such bids will be opened in the Commissioners Courtroom for the sale of:  
**1-1975 International One Ton Cab & Chassis**

(All equipment may be viewed at the Schleicher County Barn located 1/2 mile East of Eldorado on Hwy 190).

The Commissioners Court has the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.  
Peggy Williams  
County & District Clerk  
PO Drawer 580  
Eldorado, TX 76936  
915-853-2833 9-10b

### AUTOS

For Sale: **Super Cab 1997 Ford F-150 3rd Door XLT.** Capt. Chairs. AM-FM, Cassette/CD Changer. Maroon/Gold, 1 Owner; Excellent Condition. Approx. 48,500 miles. Asking \$17,000. See Dorothy at 1st Community Credit Union or call 853-3174, after 5 p.m. 10-10b

For Sale: 1997 Mustang Convertible, T.O.P. Green w/tan top. Call if interested. 915-387-9417 after 5 p.m. (leave message)

For Sale: **1994 Ford Escort Station Wagon.** Excellent condition, 76K. Asking \$4500. Call 387-2956 evenings.

**FOR SALE: 1985 1/2 ton Chevrolet pickup; 1989 1/2 ton Chevrolet pickup.** 392-2791.

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### Mittel Insurance Agency Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on the Eldorado Elementary 4th Grade class. When the Spotlight camera caught up with these youngsters, they were busy picking up trash on all three school campuses. You can tell by the bags full that they had been very busy.

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**7th Grade Tennis-** Front (L-R) Logan Neal and Ryan Cathey. Back (L-R) Katey Blair, Jessica Robertson, Betsy Green, Emily Newman, Linda Fuentes. Not pictured Nathan MacDonald.

## EMS netters host first tennis meet of the season

by Coach Teresa Baker

Saturday, March 3, 2000 Eldorado hosted the first Junior High Tennis Meet of the season. It was perfect tennis weather, and we had a great turnout. Athletes from Christoval, Eldorado, Grape Creek, Ozona and Sonora participated. These were also many fans that came out to support the players.

Our coaches and students behavior and sportsmanship was outstanding.

Paige Ragsdale and parents did a great job with the concession stand. Thank You!

Our next tennis meet will be March 25th in Mason.

**8th Girls Singles:** 1st Place-Andrea Leal, Eldorado; 2nd Place-

Janet Gardiner, Eldorado; Consolation-Ozona.

**8th Girls Doubles:** 1st Place-Priddy & Manning, GrapeCreek; 2nd Place-Heather Homer & Lacy Ragsdale, Eldorado; Ribbons-Flores, Consolation-Sonora.

**8th Boys Singles:** 1st Place-Garza, Ozona; 2nd Place-Gray, Ozona; Consolation-Trey Chavez, Eldorado.

**8th Boys Doubles:** 1st Place-Adrian Arispe & Homer Hernandez, Eldorado; 2nd Place-Tanner Robledo & Robbie Young, Eldorado; Consolation: Pearl & Humphrey, Ozona.

**7th Girls Singles:** 1st Place-Emily Newman, Eldorado; 2nd Place-Betsy Green, Eldorado; Consolation-Gotcher, GrapeCreek.

**7th Girls Doubles:** 1st Place-Martinez & Foy, Sonora; 2nd Place-Seaton & Carouthos, Sonora; Consolation-Bates & Hemphill, GrapeCreek.

**7th Boys Singles:** 1st Place-Logan Neal, Eldorado; 2nd Place-Ryan Cathey, Eldorado; Consolation-Treto, Ozona.

**7th Boys Doubles:** 1st Place-Raj & Talamentez, Ozona; 2nd Place-Gomez & Lovett, Grape Creek; Jones & Shouse, Consolation, Grape Creek.

Athletes also participating were: Nate MacDonald, Dillon Greer, Shay Parker, Tony Chavez, Katie Blair, Jessica Robertson, and Linda Fuentes.



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**8th Grade Tennis-** Front (L-R) Tanner Robledo, Shay Parker, Robbie Young, Adrian Arispe; Back (L-R) Andrea Leal, Lacy Ragsdale, Janet Gardiner, Heather Homer, Dillon Greer, Tony Chavez. Not pictured: Homer Hernandez and Trey Chavez.

From the desk of...

## Superintendent's Notes:

by Hal Porter  
SCISD Superintendent

The spring is such a tremendously busy time in the life of a school, and especially in the lives of our children. There are literary contests including One Act Play, band contests and concerts, track meets, baseball and softball games, golf and tennis tournaments, rodeos, organizational meeting and activities, and social or awards events. All of these activities are scheduled and I hope you know when your children are performing or participating so you can enjoy their successes. Please, if you need any

schedule for specific activities call my office for exact times and dates.

In the midst of all this hustle and bustle the most important activity occurs everyday, and that is the exchange of information from loving professionals to our child. We are so blessed by your child and so very much desire that they gain all the knowledge and wisdom that they need to reach their highest aspirations. We hope that you know that we are your Partners in this process of raising them to become wonderful people.

I would like to encourage each of you to take time to fill out your U.S. Census in March. The information collected in this Census will be used to set Federal funding levels for our school for the next ten years. These are due to be in your hands by March 15th and must be returned by April 1st. This information is totally confidential and is not shared with anyone except the US Census Bureau. It is so very important to what we will be able to do for our children in the future.

The Regular March Meeting of the SCISD Board of Trustees will be on 3-20-00, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A few of the items that will be reviewed for information or possible action include: Monthly Financial Reports; 2000-2001 Professional Staff Employment Issues; Professional Employment Standards; Minutes from Previous Meetings; and Administrator and Program Director's Reports

There will be several other items reviewed, but at this time it is hard to predict. We will post the certified agenda for this meeting by March 16, 2000. The agenda may be seen at the SCISD Superintendent's Office, the Eldorado Success, the FNB of Eldorado, the Schleicher County Court House, and the Schleicher County Library.

## TPW to use "license denial" in restitution collection efforts

AUSTIN, Texas — If you are one of the 10,478 persons owing Texas part of the \$3,227,267 in outstanding civil restitution for loss of or damage to a wildlife resource, you may be denied participation in any activities licensed or permitted by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

Senate Bill 1302, passed by the 76th Texas Legislature, gives TPW the authority to refuse to issue an original or renewal license, permit or tag if a person has been convicted of a violation of the Parks and Wildlife Code or a proclamation issued under the authority of the Code and has failed to pay a civil restitution assessment.

Persons owing civil restitution for violations since Sept. 1, 1999 who have failed to respond to demands for payment will soon be notified that license, permit, and tag privileges have been denied. TPW gives game law violators three written notices to make arrangements to pay civil restitution. The agency offers to accept 80 percent of the restitution assessment as payment in full if remitted in response to the first letter notifying the violator of a civil restitution assessment. A final demand for payment is issued before licenses and permits will be denied.

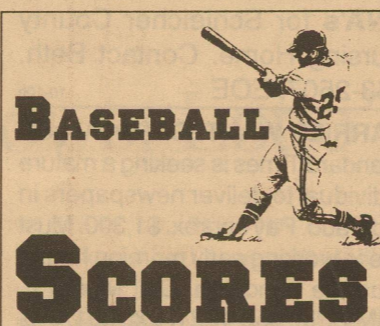
Because some of the owed assessments are substantial, the legislature granted a two-year grace period to any person owing civil res-

titution for violations before Sept. 1, 1999. If those violators have not arranged for payment by Sept. 1, 2001, they will be subject to denial of original or renewal license, permit or tag privileges.

"Wildlife and fishery resources belong to the people of Texas, and the department is serious about collecting the civil restitution penalties when someone illegally takes or possesses a resource," said Jim Robertson, TPW director of law enforcement. "The Legislature gave the department a great tool in Senate Bill 1302 to aid in collecting recovery value for the state's loss in resources."

TPW officials have noted a marked increase in the number of cases resolved since the law took effect last September. "We have historically recovered about 30 percent of the restitution assessments as a result of voluntary payment prior to the new law, and since then the rate has increased to 68 percent," said Jack King, TPW law enforcement director of policy and planning. "We want this to be a deterrent against committing the violation to begin with. But, it should also serve as motivation for paying restitution if you break the law."

Persons owing civil restitution who would like to arrange for payment can call the TPW Law Enforcement Division at (915) 646-0601.



## Eagles JV

Sonora Junior Varsity Tournament  
Thursday, March 2, 2000

Eldorado JV 6 Sonora JV5 Sonora Pitcher-Ramos; Eldorado Pitcher-Johnny Lee Arispe (4 K's); Hits Sonora 2 Eldorado 6; Singles- Johnny Herrera, Mike Adame, Joe Arispe, Luis Aguilar; Triples- Johnny Herrera, Joe Arispe; RBI- Johnny Herrera (2), Joe Arispe (2); Errors Sonora 3 Eldorado 3; Eldorado JV Record 1-0

Friday, March 3, 2000

Eldorado JV 3 Ballinger JV 14 Eldorado's Pitcher- Mike Adame (1 inning, 1K) Phillip Martinez (1 inning), Johnny Lee Arispe (1inning, 1K); Hits Ballinger-8 Eldorado 2 Singles- Santiago Hernandez, Luis Aguilar; RBI- Luis Aguilar Errors- Eldorado 5; Record 1-1

Saturday, March 4, 2000

Eldorado JV 6 Ballinger JVB Pitchers-Ballinger, Aguilera; Eldorado Pitcher- Asa Nixon (7 innings, 15 K's); Hits- Ballinger 9-Eldorado 6; Singles, Johnny Herrera, Benji Gonzales (2); Phillip Martinez; Doubles-Joe Arispe; Triples-Joe Arispe; RBI-Joe Arispe, Johnny Herrera, Benji Gonzalez Record 1-2; Next game: Home verses Miles at 2:00 March 14

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