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### For Your Information

#### Sales Tax Holiday

Texas families have an opportunity to stretch their clothing budgets during the second annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 4-6. No state or local taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Among the items that will be exempt from sales tax are: dresses, coats, sweaters, jeans, shirts, boots, shoes, diapers, gym suits and work clothes, uniforms, suits, pants and trousers.

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#### On This Date

On this date in 1568 the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral perfected technique for bottling beer. In 1832 Henry R. Schoolcraft discovered the source of the Mississippi River. In 1865 newspaperman Horace Greeley advised his readers to "Go west young man". In 1917 a vision of Virgin Mary appeared to several children in Fatima, Portugal. In 1960 the Democratic National Convention nominated Sen John F Kennedy for president. In 1978 Lee Iacocca was fired as Ford Motor president by chairman Henry Ford II.

Birthdays of note include: 1527 mathematician John Dee; 1821 Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest; 1913 TV host Dave Garraway; 1928 actor Bob Crane; 1935 former HUD secretary Jack Kemp; 1940 actor Patrick Stewart; 1942 actor Harrison Ford; 1946 comedian Richard "Cheech" Marin; 1954 country singer Louise Mandrell.

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#### Odds and Ends

Yes, there is a Chef Boyardee, although his name is not spelled that way. Hector Boiardi, an Italian immigrant, came to the United States in 1914 when he was only 17. Upon his arrival, he immediately got a job as a chef at New York's Plaza Hotel, where his brother worked as a waiter. After moving to Cleveland, he perfected his spaghetti and meatball recipe in 1929.

## NOTICE

The Success office will be closed Friday, July 14 through Friday, July 21 for vacation. The Success will reopen on Monday, July 24th. News items may be left in the drop slot on the door. Please leave payments next door at Thorp's Laun-dry. Thank You!

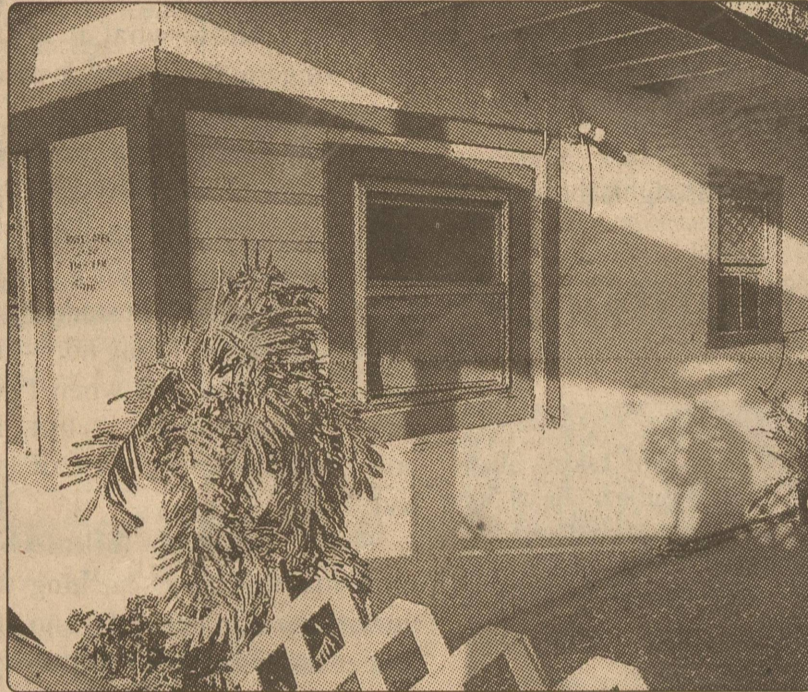


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**Burglarized** — Christina's Place drive-in was burglarized sometime after close of business Wednesday, July 5th. The owners discovered the break-in while opening for business the next morning.

## Burglar strikes Christina's Place, tries other businesses

A burglar gained access to Christina's Place drive-in on South Main Street and made off with more than \$85 in cash sometime late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning of last week. According to Deputy George Arispe, who investigated the break-in, a screen was pried loose allowing the thief to crawl in a window and raid the cash box. That same morning, two other businesses reported finding evidence of at-

tempted break-ins.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran noted his department is working hard to clear up three unsolved burglaries. In the meantime, however, he urged business owners to double check when locking up. "Make sure everything is secure," the sheriff said.

He went on to ask all citizens to be vigilant. "If anyone sees anything suspicious, report it right away," Doran concluded.

## Crowder and Mankin receive 4-H's Silver Clover Award

Edna Crowder and Randy Mankin, both of Eldorado, were among the thirty individuals honored July 11 at the 33rd annual Silver Clover Recognition Banquet held by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's District 7 4-H program. The banquet was held at a steak house in San Angelo.

The honorees were nominated and selected by a panel of judges from the district's 23 counties. The banquet is the only 4-H related event of its kind in the state. Since its beginning, it has been sponsored by the 10 rural electric cooperatives serving the area covered by District 7.

The sponsoring cooperatives are: Cap Rock Electric Co-op Inc./

Lone Wolf Division; Central Texas Electric Co-op; Coleman County Electric Co-op; Concho Valley Electric Co-op; Hamilton County Electric Co-op; Cap Rock Electric Co-op Inc./McCulloch Division; Big Country Electric Co-op; Pedernales Electric Co-op; Southwest Texas Electric Co-op; and Taylor Electric Co-op.

Presenting the awards on behalf to the honorees was Kirk Jones, representing Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. Besides Crowder and Mankin, the evening's honorees included: Lisa Marks, Brown County; Dr. Scott Flanagan, Concho County; Lisa West and Joan Hoyt, Irion County; Tony

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**Silver Clover Awards** — Kirk Jones (center), representing Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, presented Silver Clover Awards to Edna Crowder (L) and Randy Mankin (R) at the Dist. 7 4-H Silver Clover Awards Banquet Tuesday evening.

## City council holds monthly meeting

### Drainage, right-of-way, and street repair issues considered

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nikolauk at 5:30 P.M. Janice Petty, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Council members Sherry Lux, Robert Bybee, Eddie Rodriguez, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth and Richard Mendez were in attendance as were several guests.

The Council met with Cyd Manning regarding the drainage problems on Lee Street during the recent rainfall. Manning stated that she had previously met with the Council regarding this problem and that her home had again sustained water damage with the latest rain. She expressed concern regarding

the drainage design in the area. There was also concern expressed regarding a fence crossing the drainage easement on the east side of the street. City Administrator Randy Mankin indicated that he would have city crews change out the grates covering a drainage pipe in the alley. Councilwoman Sherry Lux indicated that as soon as Schleicher County was accepted in the National Flood Program that the city could also participate and allow residents in these areas to obtain flood insurance. Several council members expressed sympathy with Mrs. Manning's plight and indicated to her that they would look into all avenues to correct the problem.

Next, the council met with Mike

Zuniga and Vivian Sanchez regarding an ongoing dispute over fence posts erected in a city right-of-way behind Mrs. Sanchez's property on North Divide Street. Zuniga asked that Mrs. Sanchez be allowed to construct a fence across the right-of-way and include it in her yard. He said Mrs. Sanchez would install gates to allow the city to have access to the right-of-way. Mr. Zuniga then produced a copy of a survey that he said showed fences belonging to neighboring property owners were encroaching on the right-of-way. He explained that if Mrs. Sanchez is required to remove her fence, then he would insist that the neighbors be forced to move their fences.

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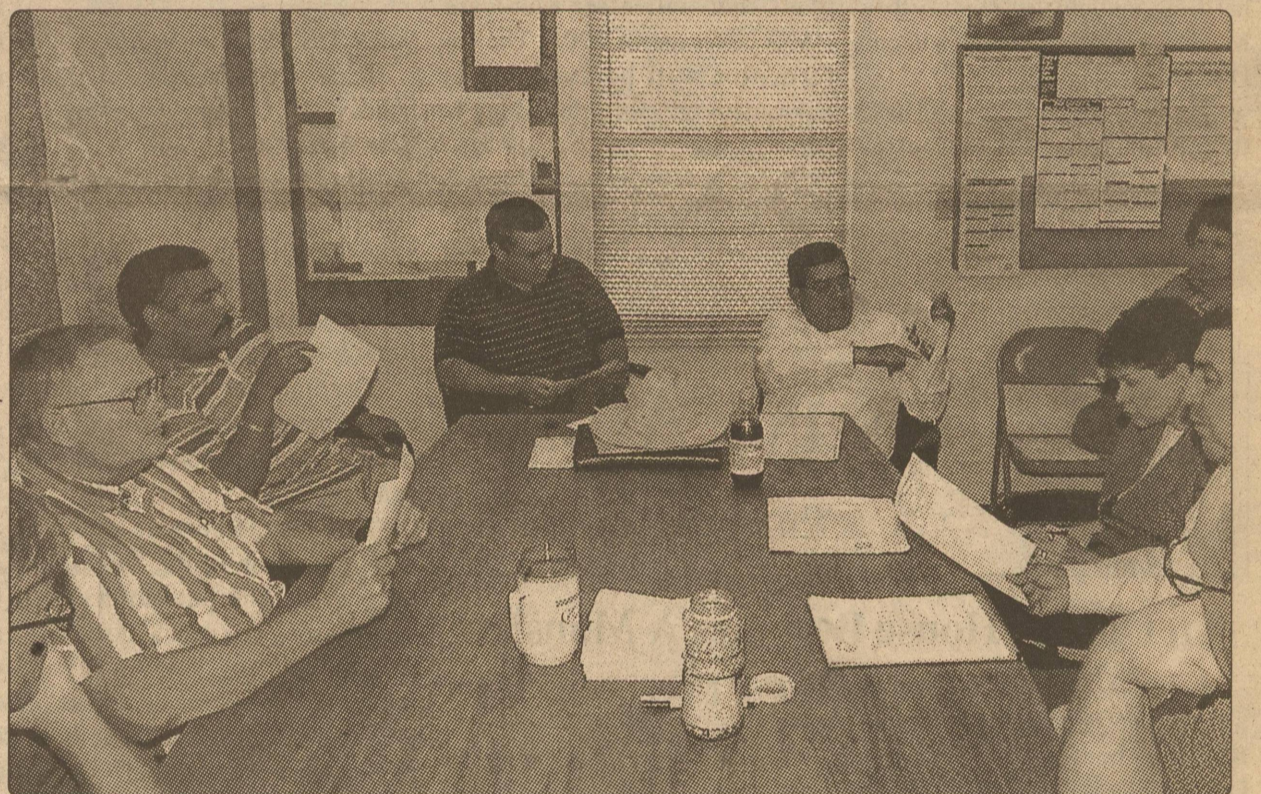


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**Looking at the evidence** — Mike Zuniga (top in white shirt) appeared before the Eldorado City Council Monday night to argue the case for allowing Mrs. Vivian Sanchez to fence in a portion of a city right-of-way behind her property on North Divide St. The council refused to overturn its earlier decision that the property may not be fenced.

## Commissioners Court holds regular meeting

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County Commissioner Court met Monday, July 10 with a light agenda.

Commissioners Ross Whitten, Steve Minor, Bill Clark and Johnny Mayo were present along with County Judge Johnny Griffin. Road Superintendent Clay Burleson, County Treasurer Karen Henderson and County Clerk Peggy Williams were also in attendance.

A public hearing on the submission of an application to the Texas Community Development Program drew no comments from the public and the commissioners moved on to the discussion of planning the 2001 budget. Each county department was asked to turn in proposed items for the commissioner's court to review.

The commissioner's voted 3-1 to support the Port's-to-Plains corridor for another year with Ross Whitten casting the only dissenting vote. The cost of belonging to the coalition that is pushing for a 4-lane highway extension from Amarillo to Del Rio will be shared

equally with the City of Eldorado. Each entity will pay approximately \$800.00.

A \$125.00 fee for membership in a Storm Water coalition was unanimously approved by the men.

It was reported that Judge Dean Rucker had submitted his estimated 2001 budget for the 7th Administration District in the amount of \$234.00. It was explained that this fee will pay for judges in cases which County Judge Griffin has to recuse himself.

Treasurer Karen Henderson

then requested transferring \$100,000.00 from the county's money market account to the county's General Fund.

Commissioner's Johnny Mayo asked why the road crews were working on July 4th. Road Superintendent Burleson explained that the employees had opted to work July 4th in exchange for taking Monday, July 3 off in order to enjoy a long weekend.

Before adjourning the commissioners reviewed all bills and ordered them paid.

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## I wouldn't mind the journey toward old age if I only remember how I got here

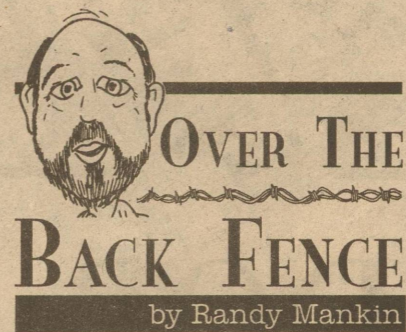
I was rummaging through the house a few days ago, looking for a pair of fingernail clippers I had misplaced the day before...and, I was growing increasingly annoyed at my inability to remember where I had left the little nippers.

"Face it Dad, you're getting older," my daughter said as we met in the hallway, "and the memory is the first thing to go!"

I gave her a blank stare and asked, "Who are you?"

I don't think she got the joke.

She was right, though. My



### OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

memory is faltering and I regularly misplace things. Not everything, just certain things...things like fingernail clippers, ink pens and car keys.

I don't know what it is about fingernail clippers that makes them so difficult for me to keep track of. You know, I never misplace my shoes.

I'm also noticing that my tastes have changed quite a lot since I was a kid. For instance, I now find myself liking hominy. I hated the stuff when I was a youngster, but now...well, now it's not half bad.

There are other telltale signs that my age is catching up with me. For example, I no longer have to avoid temptation since it usually avoids me.

I heard a comedian once say that his doctor had told him that he had really, really good news and really, really bad news.

"Tell me the really, really

good news first," the comic replied.

To which the doctor responded "The really, really good news is that you really, really aren't a hypochondriac."

That's how its becoming with me. My hair is gone, my eyesight is gone, my hearing is gone and my get up and go has got up and went. It would probably be worse if my memory wasn't so bad. As it is, I forget from one day to the next just how bad off I really am.

Another benefit to having a bad memory is that before long people figure it out and they stop asking you to do things which require thought. You also save a lot of time by not having to be nostalgic when old friends come around. Why long for the good ol' days when you can't remember the good ol' days.

Truthfully, though, I can remember more about things that occurred thirty or forty years ago than I can the things that happened only yesterday. Come to think of it, I think I remember where I left a set of fingernail clippers back in 1982. The set I lost yesterday will have to wait for a few more years.

## Many Medicare HMO patients must seek new providers

AUSTIN — Some Texas HMOs will stop offering Medicare plans as of Jan. 1, 2001, forcing almost 200,000 Texans to find other coverage.

Aetna U.S. Healthcare, which covers about 130,000 Texans, is the largest HMO leaving the Texas market. Humana is withdrawing from 28 counties, affecting nearly 37,000 Texans.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor advised those who will be affected not to panic and to look for alternatives now. He also said policy holders should not make final decisions until they confirm their Medicare HMO coverage will end Dec. 31.

Those losing coverage will have the option to switch to another

### State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



Medicare HMO if possible, return to traditional Medicare coverage or go to a new, private "fee-for-service" plan offered in all but 15 counties.

Starting in mid-July, the federal Health Care Financing Administration will provide information on plans that will offer Medicare HMO coverage in 2001. The information will be available at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or by calling 1-800-633-4227.

### State Faces Spending Deadline

Texas is in a use-it-or-lose-it

situation. If the state fails to use federal funds earmarked for health-care programs for uninsured children by a Sept. 30 deadline, the money may be redirected to other states.

Texas could lose nearly \$450 million in health care for needy children because its Children's Health Insurance Program did not get under way until May, more than two years after funds were authorized by Congress.

Each dollar Texas spends in the program yields \$3 in federal matching funds.

### Sales Tax Holiday Is Set

Texas' second annual "sales tax holiday" will be observed across the state Aug. 4-6.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local tax will be charged on most clothing or footwear priced under \$100," state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said last week.

The timing of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year, she said.

This year, Rylander added a new dimension to the "holiday." Customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during Aug. 4-6 will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax, she said.

Last year, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the first annual sales tax holiday and saved more than \$32 million in sales taxes, the comptroller's office report-

ed.

### Bullock Museum Taking Shape

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, on the southern edge of the University of Texas campus in Austin, is projected to open on April 21, 2001, San Jacinto Day.

The project, under the direction of the State Preservation Board, includes construction of a 190,000-square foot, two-level parking garage; a four-story, 178,000-square foot building housing a 400-seat IMAX theater, a 200-seat storytelling theater, 41,000 square feet of exhibit space, a museum store, cafe, offices and classrooms.

The museum's three floors of exhibit space will show enduring themes of Texas history: "Encounters on the Land," "Building the Texas Identity" and "Creating Opportunity."

### Other Highlights

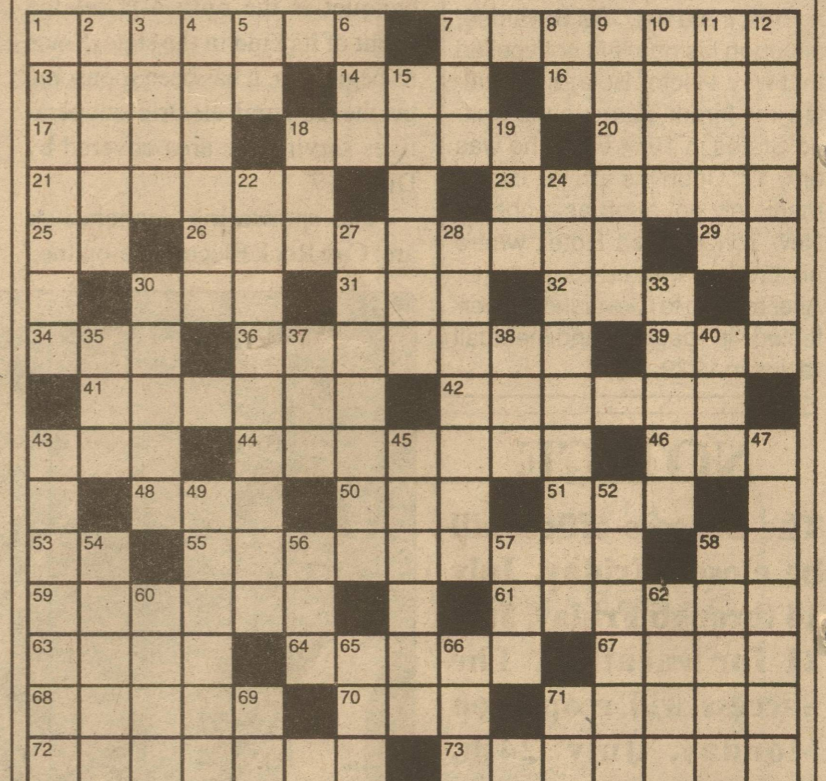
- The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs met July 5 and approved expenditures of more than \$63 million for affordable housing, home repairs and flood relief. The meeting was held with Dr. Florita Bell Griffin absent. Griffin is under indictment on federal bribery, theft and mail fraud charges, and could not, therefore, attend the meeting without placing federal funding in jeopardy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development warned.
- About 200 Texas state prison guards and supporters marched

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

<b>ACROSS</b>	50 Conclusion	marketplace
1 Bauxite and zinc ore product	51 Make lace	18 Prune
7 Subservient	53 Highly corrosion-resistant metal (abbr.)	19 Feline
13 Once more	55 Decorated with gems	22 Adjective indicating insufficient care or attention
14 Hard wood flooring	58 Self-help group (abbr.)	24 Brings legal action
16 Hindu garment	61 Heaviest metal	27 More abrasive
17 Trace the shape of	63 Level	28 Small parcels of dry ground
18 System of reasoning	64 Baked dough	30 Era
20 Strong emotion	67 Peruvian monetary unit	33 Expect
21 Animal lacking pigment	68 Dwarf	35 Self-funded retirement plan (abbr.)
23 Arranged as soldiers on parade	70 Contribute	37 Matchless
25 Objective male pronoun	71 Sing softly	38 Even, poetically
26 Inflammation of the kidney	72 Rattle on	40 Squid's camouflage
29 Nickel (abbr.)	73 Infraction	43 Eucharist
30 Bird embryo	<b>DOWN</b>	45 Hardened
31 Associate in Applied Science (abbr.)	1 Round Table knight	47 Study
32 Light midafternoon meal	2 Nimble	49 Dropsy
34 Brief immersion	3 Young sheep	52 Look up to
36 Siren of legend	4 Garment interior covering	54 Yoga position
39 Artificial hair	5 Holding office	56 Corn holder
41 Songbirds	6 Cow's low	57 One one's own (Brit. slang)
42 Sea bordering Greece and Turkey	7 Travel on water	58 Motorcars
43 Sealing wax ingredient	8 Adverb indicating to the same degree	60 Employee stock plan (abbr.)
44 Perdition	9 Overnighter	62 Knowledgeable about
46 D.D.E.'s nickname	10 Heavy magnetic metal	65 Beam of light
48 Till a garden	11 The Magnificent	66 Fuss
	12 Listening	69 Electronic warfare (abbr.)
	15 Grecian	71 See also

This week's solution on Page 6



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## ROLLING ALONG

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### An Old Ice House Becomes A Mansion

Borger's old ice house is now a residence. Glenda and Tommy Brownlee bought the building in December of 1991 and virtually gutted it. Then they chucked out on the floor the spaces for rooms. It is a big place: four bedrooms, three baths, spacious dining and living areas, a huge upstairs storage area which Glenda calls her attic, an exercise room, a party room, a garage big enough to hold a dozen vehicles, two grass yards, a gravelled enclosure she calls a man's yard and a park across the street which they built, complete with a replica of Noah's ark and playground equipment. The old loading dock has been transformed into a front porch.

The centerpiece of the house is the sexiest swimming pool in Texas. It is in a wood-paneled room that reminds me of a cathedral. At one end, water cascades over giant rocks. Ceiling lights provide a warm, cozy atmosphere. Stereo speakers produce soothing music. In the pool, lights change colors under water. "This was built for romance," says Glenda. "We probably spent as much on the pool as we did on the rest of the house."

The pool was built mostly by hand, since they couldn't get a backhoe inside the room. They used jack hammers, picks and shovels to dig through the layers of concrete, sand and cork. They hauled out the debris in wheelbarrows. They moved in December of 1992 after their offices and bedrooms were completed. They finished the work in their spare time.

They did most of the work themselves.

"We're painting a mural on our party room," says Glenda. "It will represent the things you find along Route 66." The party room has a pool table, juke box and all the other things you expect to find in a party room.

"People are always knocking on the front door, wanting to tour the house, and I always let them in. I love to show it. We've had some big gatherings here like family reunions and Sunday School parties. One time we had over a hundred people. They had plenty of room. Nobody felt crowded. We've got 7,000 feet here."

Glenda's favorite music is Southern Gospel. "Whenever a group is traveling through the area, they stop at my house for a visit and a meal."

Both Tommy and Glenda had their businesses in the building. Tommy had an electrical contracting business which he sold in 1996 and Glenda has an accounting service.

The ice house was built in 1927 during Borger's oil boom days and opened as the El Reno Ice Company. Pictures on the wall show the place as it was 73 years ago. Some depict horse drawn wagons hauling ice. Brick was added to the outside of the ice house in 1940.

Tommy passed away last year. Glenda, vivacious, bright eyed, smiling and enthusiastic, carries on. "We wanted to travel, so I'm traveling now. But it's hard to find a place as neat as my house. It's always good to come home."

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# OBITUARIES

## Maria Avila

ELDORADO — Maria Avila, 76, died Saturday, July 8, 2000, at her residence.

Services were held Sunday, July 9, 2000, at Templo Getsemani Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 19, 1923, in Mexico. She was a custodian for Schleicher County.

Survivors include her husband, Ramone Avila of Eldorado; a brother, Manuel Chacon of Piedras Negras, Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Roy Lynn Love

KINGSLAND — Roy Lynn Love, 53, of Kingsland died Saturday, July 8, 2000, in the Kerrville Veterans Administration Hospital.

Graveside services were held 10 a.m. Monday in Lakeland Hills Memorial Park with Father Jo Mitrano officiating. Arrangements were through Waldrop-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral

Home. He was born Feb. 24, 1947, in San Angelo and was raised in Eldorado. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a laborer and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Christa Love of Kingsland; a sister, Linda Whittis of McAllen; and several nieces and nephews.

## Margaret Ann Odstrcil

Margaret Ann Odstrcil, 68, of San Angelo died Tuesday, June 27, 2000, in a local hospital.

Margaret was born Oct. 22, 1931, in Snyder to Jesse and Otis Barron. She graduated from Snyder High School in 1948. Margaret worked as a tint artist at a photography studio and then as a bookkeeper for an insurance agency.

Margaret married Stan Odstrcil on Sept. 9, 1960. Their daughter, Katrina, was born Nov. 25, 1962. They moved to San Angelo in order for Stan to attend ASU in February 1964.

Margaret jokingly referred to herself as a "domestic engineer" and was a master of turning ordinary events into celebrations of

lasting memory. She loved gardening, bird-watching, dancing and enjoyed her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Stan Odstrcil; her daughter and son-in-law, Katrina and Ernie Gonzales of Eldorado; her sisters, Dorothy Wyatt of Sun City, Calif., and Inez Kirby of Kerrville; grandchildren, Alana Oliver of Eldorado, Wes Oliver of El Paso and Jess Gonzales of Eldorado; nephew, Kent Moore of College Station; nieces, Cerene Wharton of College Station, Kerry Erickson of Yreka, Calif., and Karla Kirby of Kerrville; and her closest friend, Johnnie Warren of San Angelo.

A memorial service to celebrate Margaret's life will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 9, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church. The family requests memorials be directed to St. Paul Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

# Bottlinger joins music staff at SCISD

Ernest E. Bottlinger joined the teaching staff at SCISD last week. He will be assisting Gina Muela with the Mighty Eagle Band. Bottlinger comes to Eldorado from West Texas A&M University in Canyon where he graduated in May. Bottlinger is a native of Big Lake and has an extensive musical background. During his college years, Bottlinger gave private lessons and taught middle school students in the Amarillo Independent School District. He was also a member of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra.

Bottlinger reports that he has had numerous musical instructors through the years who have had an impact on his education. Included among those are Dr. Gary Garner, Director of Bands at West Texas A&M University and Ron Lemon, Asst. Professor of Horn West A&M University. He also took private lessons from Mike Marsh, former EHS band director.

Bottlinger has compiled an im-

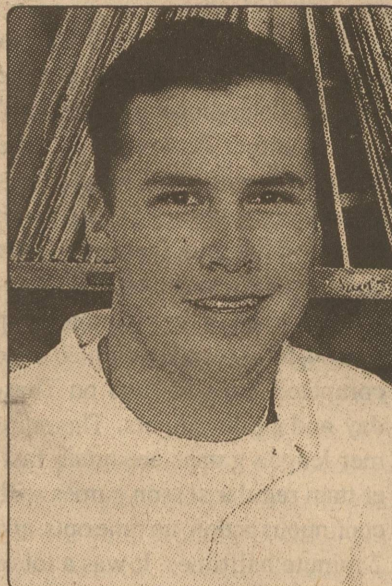


photo by Randy Mankin  
Ernest E. Bottlinger

pressive list of awards including: WTAMU Symphonic Band, WTAMU Concert Band, WTAMU and Horn Choir, ASU Symphonic Band.

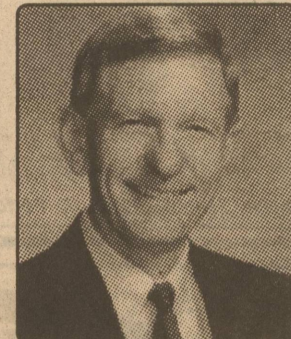
Bottlinger is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association. He will fill the position vacated by Tom Hollingsworth, who left SCISD to enroll in Chiropractor school.

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## Farm Service Agency News

Jan Wanoreck, County executive Director of the Schleicher County Farm Service Agency said that July 17, 2000 is the final date to certify spring seeded crops. Producers are reminded to call and make an appointment so that they will be served timely. The phone number is 915-853-3535, ext. 2. It

is important to report spring seeded crops and pastures so that you will be eligible for programs that the office provides.

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- July 13th Alyssa Halbert, Cody Reavis, Jessica Kirhharr, Jack Turner, Jason Beach
- 14th Brian Jones, Steven Capps, Kyndal Broome, Roxanne Adame, Macy Michalewicz, Taylor Pelzel, Brian Jones.
- 15th Charlene Edmiston, Edna Crowder, Ty Martinez, Will Griffin, Robbie Sanford, Edna Crowder
- 16th Lula Mae Clark, Jackie Barrera, Luby Trevino, Lisa Wade, Farah Fennern, Landon Neal, Lula Clark
- 17th Jeremy Clark, Marcelina Ramon, William Edmiston, Dale Lipsett, Helen Ledbetter, Fred Logan, Joe Max Edmiston, Leah Kuhlmann, Stacy Haynes
- 18th Carol Estrada, Linda Thomas, Wade Rinehart, Mike Brenner
- 19th B.J. Dacy, Bud Arendt, Chance Meyer

### ANNIVERSARY LIST

- July 14th Rojelio & Roxanne Adame, Janice & Charles Orr, Walter & Lorna Griggs
- 17th Fred & Louise Logan
- 18th Mr. & Mrs. Ken Newman, Jimmy and Sherry Belk

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**Eldorado boys win Wall Summer League**

by Alan Gillespie

Seven young athletes from Eldorado helped their team to win the 1st place championship in the boys' Wall Summer Basketball League on Friday night. The Eldorado athletes were combined with Irion County players as their team won three straight games to take the title. The score in the championship was 64-59. These young men have competed most of June on Tuesday and Friday nights. The summer league games are much faster than regular season games with continuous action, no time outs, and 2 minute halftimes. It was a lot of fun and a great way to stay in shape and compete against many different types of players. The Eldorado players were:

Joey Bullard, Wesley Jones, Trey Chavez, Tony Fay, Johnny Herrera, Benji Gonzales and Jason Brock.

**Meals for Friends Menu**



- Monday, July 17**  
 King Ranch Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Carrot Salad, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk
- Tuesday, July 18**  
 Roast Beef Sandwiches, Baked French Fries, Lettuce Leaf, Tomato Slices, Bread, Pea Salad, Peach Halve, Milk
- Wednesday, July 19**  
 Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Buttered Peas, Spinach, Cornbread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk
- Thursday, July 20**  
 Chick Fajita Salad, Tomatoe Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
- Friday, July 21**  
 Hamburger on a Bun, Whole Baby Carrots, Lettuce Tomato, Onion, Seafoam Salad, Fresh Grapes, Milk



courtesy photo  
**Second Place in the Eldorado-Sonora Softball League the 2000 Eldorado Twisters:** Front (L-R) Mariana Guzman, Anna Fuentes, Kall Roberts, Serina Arispe; Middle (L-R): Ashton Murr, Selina Rojas, Ashley Doran, Jessica Robertson; Back (L-R): Betsy Green, Amanda Figueroa, Katie Blair, Rachel Fuentes, Samantha Powell, Hope Fuentes. Not pictured: Heather Powell. Coaches Shanna Roberts and Carrol Green.



photo by Kathy Mankin  
**2000 Blue Dragons:** Front (L-R): Jessica Sellers, LeAna Danford, Victoria Garza, Cruzita Trujillo, Jacey Sellers; Back (L-R): Veronica Belman, April Porras, Cassandra Buitron, Assistant Coach Christina Galan, Kirsten Stubbs, Amika Gonzalez, Kassandra Tyler. Not pictured, Coach Candice Andrews.



photo by Kathy Mankin  
**2000 Stars:** Front (L-R): Bridgett Mitchell, Alicia Corrales, Maureen Martinez, Morgan Gillespy; Middle (L-R): Amber Alberts, Kimberlyn Conn, Ashley Lozano, Patricia Hernandez, Kadie Niblett; Back (L-R): Joy Martinez, Coach Janie Mitchell, Lynley Glass, Jessica Valero and Haley Higgins. Not pictured: Chelsi Hill and Samantha Brown.

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## City eyes right-of-way, drainage and street repair problems

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At that point the city's attorney, James Kosub informed the council that there is a difference in the law between a person blocking a right-of-way and someone who is encroaching or impinging on a right-of-way. He explained that in cases of impingement, it is normal to send a letter to the person whose fence is across the property line and ask them to move the fence onto the property line the next time they are working on their fence. However, Kosub went on to say that in Mrs. Sanchez's case, the right-of-way would be blocked if the fence was constructed. He explained that the city council has a constitutional responsibility to insure that public property is not used for private benefit.

Councilwoman Sherry Lux noted that a similar request from First United Methodist Church had been denied by the city council. Without further comment from the council, Mayor Nikolauk told Zuniga that the city maintains a gas utility line in the right-of-way in question. He said that the council's previous or-

der that Mrs. Sanchez remove the fence, would stand. He further noted that if the fence posts weren't removed the city would remove them at the expense of the property owner.

Next, the council met with Gary Harris, and engineer with the firm of Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper (PSC), regarding the condition of East Street. The council expressed concern that the city has been forced to overcoat the street with four layers of rock after construction was complete due to excess bleeding of oil. Individual council members and citizens present expressed to Harris that they felt the project had fallen short of their expectations. City administrator Randy Mankin asked Harris if PSC would reimburse the city for the expense of overcoating the project and/or bringing the street to a satisfactory condition. Harris replied that he did not have the authority to make an official statement on the company's behalf.

Mankin went on to say that Sei el Construction of San Angelo, the contractor that built the street, had

returned to Eldorado on numerous occasions to apply more rock to the street. Mankin said he had been pleased with Seidel's efforts and felt the contractor was genuinely interested in correcting the problems with the street. Mankin noted though, that when Seidel originally worked on the street last summer, the company followed plans provided by PSC. After the discussion, the council directed Mankin to direct a letter to PSC, asking them to compensate the city for their additional expenses in the project.

The council then discussed a gas meter that was damaged at a residence on South Main Street. After hearing that Sheriff's Deputy George Arispe had investigated the damage and had found the meter was damaged by a vehicle leaving the back yard of the residence, the council directed that the bill for repairs totaling \$186.62 be sent to the resident.

In the administrator's report, Randy Mankin told the council that the city's landfill is hardly used on Saturdays. He recommended that the city close the landfill on Saturday's beginning in September. The council agreed and directed Mankin to publicize the change in advance. Mankin went on to note that the landfill was closed for 3 1/2 days in June after torrential rains flooded the pit. He explained that city garbage was hauled to San Angelo's landfill during this time. He further noted that a contract with the City of Rocksprings, previously approved by the council, had been signed and that Rocksprings would begin hauling garbage to the local landfill in September.

Mankin then reported that the pothole patching machine continues to work on a daily basis and seems to be working well. A map was shown to the council detailing progress of the patching program.

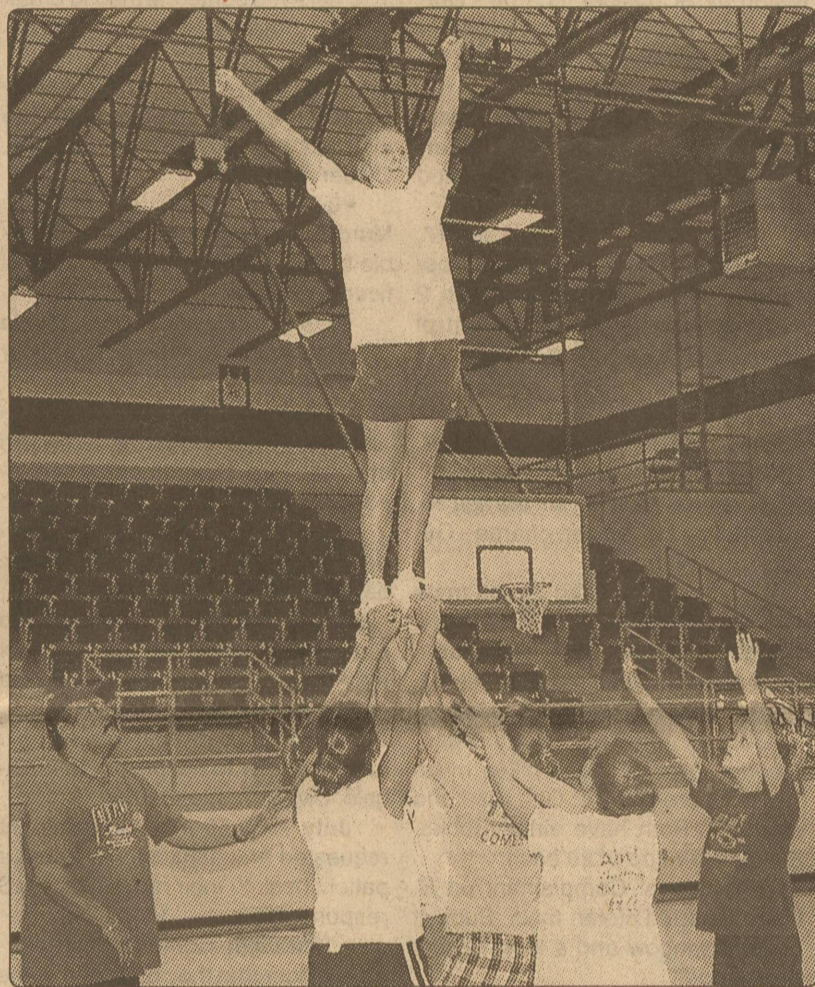
Discussion then turned to priorities set by the Regional Review

Committee of the Concho Valley Council of Governments for the upcoming Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant application period. Mankin told the council that the Regional Review Committee had placed water and wastewater treatment projects as the top priority. He said that any project falling outside those two areas stood very little chance of being funded. Mankin further noted that since the city is currently in the middle of a water improvement program, which is being funded with a TCDP grant, the city most likely won't be approved for another grant until the second year of a 2-year funding cycle beginning in 2001. Mankin noted, however, the delay would allow the city to raise \$40,000.00 in matching funds over two budget years. Mankin asked for and received the council's approval to pursue a water system improvement grant in the upcoming application process.

In other business, the council discussed the need to purchase a dozer for use at the landfill. City Superintendent Jack Dean explained that he had been shopping for just such a piece of equipment, however, a suitable one had not been located. Dean also updated the council on the water improvement project being carried out in the western portion of the town and about the installation of a circulating pump at the city's sewer plant.

The council then okayed the payment of the city's monthly bills and approved the city's investment report which was presented by City Secretary Carolyn Mayo. They also approved a budget amendment allowing the transfer of more than \$22,000.00. Randy Mankin noted that the money was being moved from fund to fund within the city's budget and that overall spending had not increased.

Next, the council discussed Mankin's continued employment with the city. Mayor Nikolauk noted that Mankin had been hired as part-time city administrator in November of last year on a probationary basis and recommended that Mankin continue in the position. The council unanimously agreed and Mankin accepted the position on a permanent basis.



Reaching for the rafters — Cheerleader sponsor Eddie Rodriguez kept close watch Tuesday as EHS varsity cheerleaders lifted Courtney Brown high in the air. The girls are preparing for cheerleading camp next week.

photo by Lori Stricklan

### 2000-2001 School Supply List

**KIDS KAMPUS** (2) #2 Pencils; 1 small school box, (3) folders (pocket & brads), Kleenex (large box), (1) 8 count box of crayons, (1) 70 page spiral notebook, (1) 4 oz. school glue, 1 pkg. colored construction paper, 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags, Fiskar scissors (round end), 1 backback (to hold folders & jackets) PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT.

**KINDERGARTEN** Elmer's White Glue - 4 oz. White Glue; (2) #2 pencils; Erasers (pink, rubber); Crayolas - Box of 8 and 1 box of 24; 1 small box kleenex; School box -small; 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets; Backpack THAT FOLDERS WILL FIT INSIDE; (1) regular size towel for napping (no mats, large towels, or blankets); ALL SUPPLIES SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT; Other supplies may be requested by your child's teacher.

**FIRST GRADE** # 2 Pencils; Large Elmer's Glue (white only); School box; Metal inlaid scissors; Crayons; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); 1 box kleenex; 4 pocket folders; 40 page spiral notebook Pencil top erasers

**SECOND GRADE** Eraser; 4 pencils (# 2); Crayolas box of 24; Elmer's glue (white); School box-small; Fiskar's scissors; 4 Red marking pencils; Kleenex (200 count); 6 pocket folders; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); Map colors; 1 Spiral notebook; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; NO NOTEBOOKS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS!

**THIRD GRADE** Crayons box of 24 (can be old- old is better); (2) Two pencils #2; Kleenex (200 count); Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only); Zipper pouch for notebook; Red marking pencils; Notebook paper (wide ruled, loose leaf); Loose leaf 3 ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; 1 Pkg. dividers; Map colors-may be old if all colors are there; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS MAY GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**FOURTH GRADE** 3 Ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled); Eraser; Crayolas (large box); Map colors; Ruler both metric and standard; Glue; Scissors 6 " or 7 " sharp point; 6 Red grading pencils; Kleenex - large box; #2 Pencils; (2) Pkg subject dividers with tabs; Zipper pouch; (2) Spiral notebooks (70 pages); (2) pocket folders (with 3 holes); \$2.00 for Weekly Reader.

INDIVIDUAL TEACHER MAY REQUEST SPIRALS AND FOLDERS.

**FIFTH GRADE - NOT AVAILABLE**

**SIXTH GRADE** Notebook; Notebook paper (wide rule not college); Pens (blue or black); Red grading pens; #2 Pencils; (4) Hi-Lighters (Teacher will keep these and had out as needed); (1) Pkg. Loose leaf 8 1/2 x 11 copy paper; (1) 1 inch polybinder; Large box of kleenex; Box of map colors; Box of crayons or markers; 1 Pair good scissors.

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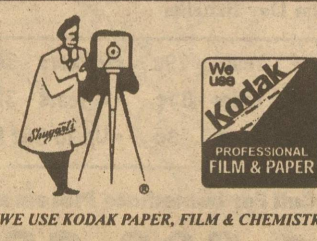
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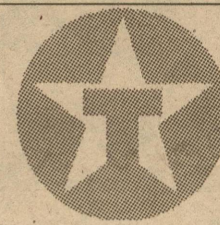


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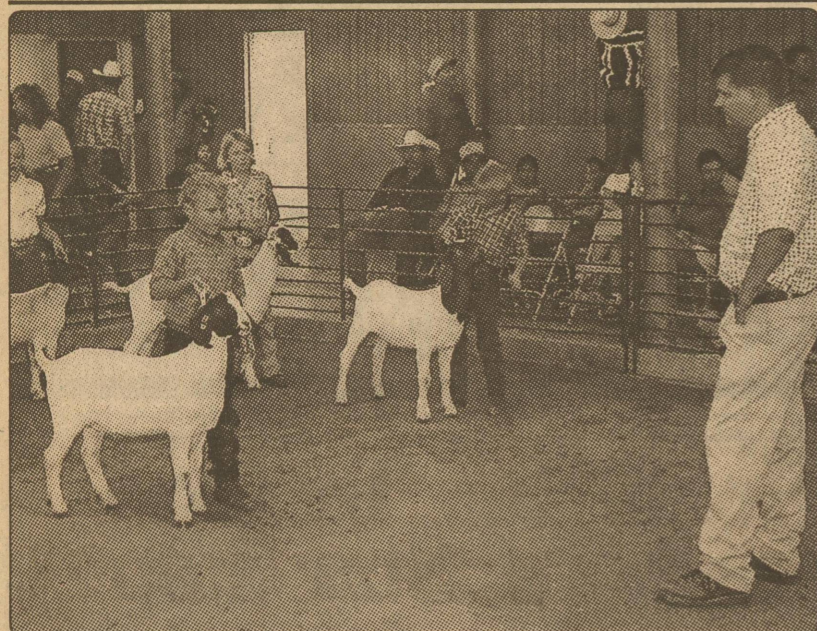
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Looking over the goat — Andy Laughlin, Assistant Sheep & Goat Specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, was the judge for the Schleicher County Meat Goat Classic held at the Ag Barn last weekend. Here he looks over a goat shown by Jaymie O'Harrow.

## Local 4-Hers participate in Meat Goat Classic

by Scott Edmonson, CEA-Ag

During the recent Schleicher County Meat Goat Classic, local 4-Hers exhibited their goats along with many other youth from across the state. There was a total of 176 goats entered in the show with approximately 66 young people showing their animals.

Andy Laughlin, Assistant Sheep & Goat Specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, served as our judge for the show as well as the showmanship. Winners included the following: Grand Champion goat went to Kathryn Kelly from Ranger and Reserve Champion went to Tye Fowler from Andrews. Senior Showmanship winner was Tye Fowler, Junior Showmanship winner was Alexan-

dra Bean from Ozona and Peewee showmanship winner was Sydney Halfmann from Garden City.

Local youth did very well and the results are as follows: Peewee Showmanship, Jaymie O'Harrow took 4th place honors and Marty Powell placed 16th. In class 1, Tracy Brenner placed 15th, and in class 2, Miles Mikeska placed 12th. In class 3, Marty Powell placed 8th, and in class 4, Neal Higgins placed 11th. In class 5, Jaymie O'Harrow placed 12th and Miles Mikeska placed 15th. In class 7, Allison Reynolds placed 14th. Neal Brenner also exhibited his goats during the show.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone who helped make this show a big success.

Dear Editor,

Trauma can occur anywhere, at any time. To help prevent death or disability, critical trauma victims must reach definitive care within a short period of time, often called the "golden hour". A set of resources must be in place and immediately accessible at all times to ensure that critical trauma victims are treated within this "golden hour". These resources include informed citizens, communications systems, pre-hospital care providers, and multidisciplinary trauma teams in emergency departments. With the inclusion of public information, prevention activities, and rehabilitation, this coordination of resources is called a trauma system. Studies have shown that coordination of the emergency medical resources available in an area can result in a major decrease in preventable trauma deaths.

The Texas Legislature required that trauma care resources be made available to every citizen. The Omnibus Rural Health Care Rescue Act, passed in 1989, directed the Bureau of Emergency Management of the Texas Department of Health to develop and implement a statewide emergency medical services and trauma care system. The Texas Board of Health

### CLARIFICATION

The Christopher Martinez, male age 17, whose name appeared in the July 6th edition of The Blotter is not the same Christopher Martinez who resides at 105 Rudd Road in Eldorado. The subject in question is a resident of Ozona and was arrested on July 1st for Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces).

### State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

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through downtown Austin on the Fourth of July to demand higher wages, better training and safer working conditions. Texas prison guards can make as much as \$28,380 per year. The national average for state prison guards is \$34,000.

About 27 percent of new jobs in Austin are in technology industries, according to a new study released by The Benchmark Co. July 3. Austin now has 411,000 people working in technology fields and about half of the 30,000 people who move to Austin each year come from other cities in Texas.

## 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.

adopted rules for implementation of the trauma system in January 1992. These rules divided the state into twenty-two regions called Trauma Service Areas and provided for the formation of a Regional Advisory Council in each region to develop and implement a regional Trauma System Plan. System development activities around the state have clearly demonstrated on-going positive support for this project. A Regional Advisory Council (RAC) has been established in each TAS (Trauma Service Area) and since January 2000, each RAC has an approved regional Trauma System Plan.

Trauma Service Area K is the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council. The RAC meets monthly in San Angelo. Meetings are hosted by Shannon Hospital and San Angelo Community Medical Center. The RAC consists of fourteen counties and is one of largest

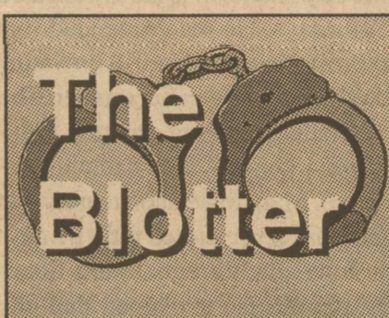
TAC's in the state. Among those fourteen counties there are nine hospitals and seventeen EMS agencies. The RAC's purpose is to improve trauma care in the Concho Valley. The RAC's board of directors is one representative from each hospital and EMS service that is in compliance with state regulations. The executive board is composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Since the RAC's recognition by the state, it has provided hospital and pre-hospital trauma classes for nurses, doctors, and EMS personnel. The RAC has received grants from the Tobacco Settlement Endowment, Texas Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Management System Account (formerly Senate Bill 102), and 911 funds. The grant money has made it possible to hold these classes out in the rural areas. The RAC is also involved in public injury prevention programs through

out the Concho Valley in public locations and in the school districts.

Once again, trauma can occur anywhere, at any time. Victims must reach definitive care within a short period of time, the "golden hour". Each hospital and each EMS agency that meet state regulations that are based in one of the fourteen counties in the Concho Valley is involved with the RAC. Please support your local hospital and EMS agency, for they provide a service that is very much needed in your area. When you see injury prevention programs sponsored by the RAC, support them. Send your employees to the programs. If you need injury prevention programs, get in touch with the RAC to help find a program that meets your needs.

The Regional Advisory Council, Trauma Service Area K, greatly appreciates the hard work that its members voluntarily undertake, also all the hospitals and EMS agencies for the outstanding volunteer work they provide.

Ramiro Perez, RN  
Concho Valley RAC Chair  
TSA K



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

July 5 Smith Benny Lovoy, male age 33, hold for Irion County, charge - Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

West, Justin Lynn, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Out of County Felony Warrant. Transferred to Taylor County.

Foil, Aarora T., female age 43, hold for Irion County. Released on \$10,000 PR Bond.

July 6 Lozano, Charles, male age 33, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Theft. Released on Time Served.

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Saldivar, Mario, male age 42, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Burglary of a Building, Disorderly Conduct. Released on (1) \$5,000 and (1) \$500 PR Bond.

July 7 Foster, Michael B., male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Theft of a Firearm. Released on \$7,500 Bond.

Vasquez, Jon-Paul, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces)/Possession of a Control Substance. Released on (1) \$500 and (1) \$5,000 Bond.

July 9 Martinez, Jason Lee, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Out of County Warrant.

Martinez, Erica M., female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Out of County Warrant.

July 10 Terry, Greg Owen, male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge - Contributing To Delinquency Of A Minor. Released, time served.

### REPORTS

July 4 • 10:00 a.m. Complainant reported two 10 speed bikes missing. Both are Huff's. One read and one pink. Both have airless tubes. Estimated value \$120 each.

• 1:45 p.m. Complainant on S. Oaks reported stolen tools. Subject broke a window and a lock. Officer responded.

• 9:08 p.m. Complainant on Lee Street reported a racoon maybe rabid. Officer responded, one shot fired.

• 10:21 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles throwing fireworks at vehicles. Officer responded.

July 5 • 2:28 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for mother who was having severe abdominal pains. EMS 2 responded.

• 8:52 a.m. Tom Green County Sheriff's Department called and advised there was a grass fire at McGregor Draw. Fire Department reported everything under control and owner would call the Sheriff Department next time they did a controlled burn.

July 6 • 6:58 a.m. Local business

owner on W. Murchinson reported they believed someone tried to break into the business. Officer responded.

• 7:01 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had broken into their place of business on S. Main. Officer responded.

• 8:55 a.m. Local business on W. Murchinson owner reported a possible break in. Officer responded. Officer responded.

• 9:02 p.m. Business on S. Divide reported an attempt to break in. Officer responded.

• 5:26 p.m. Complainant at business south of town reported a swarm of bees. Fire Department responded.

• 6:11 p.m. Complainant requested a Criminal Trespass Notification be served to a male subject.

• 8:10 p.m. Complainant on Old Sonora Road reported male subject standing outside and cursing, and yelling. Officer responded.

• 8:54 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to hospital in San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

July 7 • 4:55 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance to transfer patient back to their residence. EMS responded.

• 12:23 a.m. Complainant reported to officer that they had seen some juveniles walking around a local business after hours.

• 7:19 p.m. Complainant on E. Brooks requested an ambulance for their 17 year old brother-in-law. Subject cannot feel or move his legs. EMS responded.

• 10:32 p.m. Complainant on Hwy. 190 West reported a possible drunk driver. Blue buick with tinted windows. Occupied by 1 Hispanic female and 1 white male.

July 8 • 10:05 a.m. Complainant on N.E. Main requested to speak to an officer about a possible missing person. Officer responded.

• 6:55 p.m. Complainant on Field Street requested a Justice of the Peace to pronounce a death. Officer and Judge responded.

July 9 • 12:16 a.m. Complainant on W. Murchison requested an officer, they stated that there was fight in progree at their residence. Officer responded.

• 10:59 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to ask subjects to turn their music down. Officer responded.

• 12:25 a.m. Complainant requested that an officer to the hospital because patient was becoming loud and threatening to leave. Officer responded.

July 10 • 9:03 p.m. Hospital reported a male subject in the parking lot trying to break into vehicles. Officer responded.

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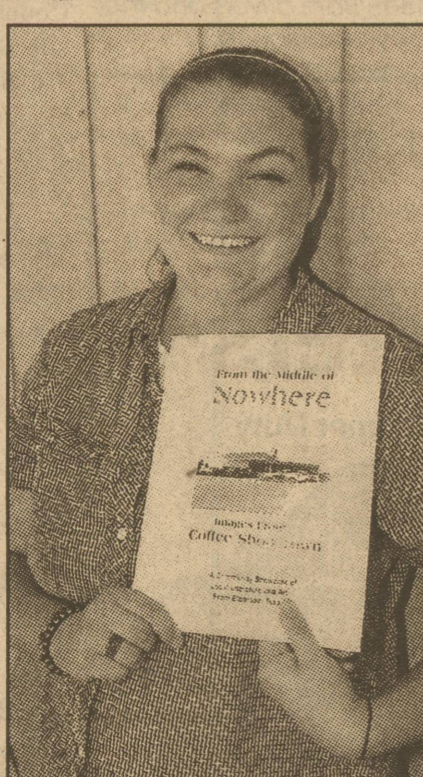
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**From the Mouths of Babes** Rockport game wardens were

checking anglers at a popular location one Saturday in March when one of the wardens walked up to a fellow to ask if the fish were biting. Just as the man was responding that he was having no luck his 6-year-old son piped up asking, "Do you want to see our fish?" The warden followed the excited boy to where his father had stashed a 5-gallon bucket containing 23 undersize speckled trout under a bridge support.

**And What Is Your Name, Sir?** A North Texas game warden was working out of the district office in Wichita Falls when someone called to request a speaker for their local civic club meeting. When the caller identified himself, the warden realized he was the person being investigated for killing a mule deer in a nearby county. When the warden asked the caller about the mule deer, there was a long moment of silence. Then the caller asked if he would be in trouble and what he needed to do to clear things up. A sample of the deer meat was obtained to determine whether charges will be filed.

**The Eyes of Texas (Game Wardens) Are Upon You** While eating lunch at a local fast-food restaurant, Midland game wardens noticed a man moving out of an apartment across the street — the same apartment they had just visited in reference to some Parks and Wildlife warrants. They drove to the apartment and discovered that the man moving out was indeed the person with the outstanding warrants. He assured the wardens that he planned to pay the warrants that very day before moving out of town. Money orders were received for the warrants.



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**Another winner** — Jack and Lois Dean had the Reserve Grand Champion Junior Full Blood Doe at the National Boer Goat Show in Kerrville last month. Posing with the goat are (L-R) Judge Anton Ward, Judge P.B. Botha, Jack Dean, Judge Stephan Malan, Lois Dean, showing the goat Michelle Compton. The Deans also had: the Reserve Champion Get of Sire; First, Seventh and Tenth Places 0-3 month old doe; Ninth place 0-3 month old buck; Second place 3-6 month old buck; Second place best pair of buck kids; Seventh place best pair of doe kids; Second and sixth place best pair of both sexes kids; Fifth place 2-3 old buck.

## Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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### Rewards For Kids Become Bribes If Not Used Carefully

**QUESTION: You've addressed before the use of rewards in influencing kids. Isn't a mother manipulating the child by using rewards and punishment to get him to do what she wants?**

**DR. DOBSON:** No more than a factory supervisor manipulates his employees by docking their pay if they arrive late. No more than a policeman manipulates a speeding driver by giving him a traffic ticket. No more than an insurance company manipulates that same driver by increasing his premium. No more than the IRS manipulates a taxpayer who files his return one day late by charging a penalty for his tardiness. The word "manipulation" implies a sinister or selfish motive of the one in charge. I don't agree.

**QUESTION: When would you NOT recommend the use of rewards?**

**DR. DOBSON:** Rewards should never be used as a "pay-off" to a child for not disobeying. That becomes a bribe — a substitute for authority. For example, Mom is having trouble controlling her 3-year-old in a supermarket. "Come here, Pamela," she says, but the youngster screams "No!" and runs the other way. Then in exasperation, Mom offers Pam a sucker if she'll come quickly. Rather than rewarding obedience, Mom has actually reinforced the child's defiance.

Another misuse of rewards is to pay a child for doing the routine jobs that are his responsibility as a member of the family. Taking out the trash and making his bed might be included in those reg-

ular duties. But when he is asked to spend half his Saturday cleaning the garage or weeding the garden, it seems very appropriate to make it worth his time.

**QUESTION: I worry about putting undue emphasis on materialism with my kids. Do rewards have to be in the form of money or toys?**

**DR. DOBSON:** Certainly not. A word of praise is a great enticement to some children. An interesting snack can also get their attention, although that has its downside. When my daughter was 3 years old, I began to teach her some pre-reading skills, including the alphabet. By planning the training sessions to occur after dinner each evening, bits of chocolate candy provided the chief source of motivation. (I was less concerned about the effects of excess sugar consumption in those days than I am now.)

Late one afternoon, I was sitting on the floor drilling her on several new letters when a tremendous crash shook the neighborhood. The whole family rushed outside to see what had happened. A teen-ager had overturned his car on our quiet residential street. He was not badly hurt, but his automobile was a mess. We sprayed the smoldering car with water and called the police.

It was not until the excitement passed that we realized our daughter had not followed us out of the house. I returned to the den, where I found her elbow-deep in the large bag of candy I had left behind. She must have put a half-pound of chocolate in her mouth, and most of the remainder was

distributed around her chin, nose and forehead. When she saw me coming, she managed to jam another handful into her chipmunk cheeks. From this experience, I learned one of the limitations of using material, or at least edible, rewards.

Anything the child wants can be used as a reinforcer, from praise to pizza to playtime.

**QUESTION: What would you do if you had an elementary school child in a chaotic classroom with a disorganized teacher?**

**DR. DOBSON:** I would do everything I could to get my child reassigned to a different classroom. Some very bad habits and attitudes can develop in 10 months with an incompetent teacher. Home schooling or private education might also be considered, if resources permit.

*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. Copyright 1998 James Dobson, Inc. Distributed by Universal Press Syndicate 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111; (816) 932-6600*

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It is time for the 2000 Pasture-to-Packer Lamb Feeding Program. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service-sponsored effort starts with delivery of participants' lambs to the Chico Denis Feedlot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 18 and 19. The feedlot is located approximately three miles south of Vancourt on Ft. McKavett road.

"We truly believe in the program," said Dr. Frank Craddock, San Angelo-based Extension sheep and goat specialist here. "It helps producers determine how their lambs that fit the industry."

"Any breed is eligible," continued Craddock, "but only ewe and wether lambs will be accepted. We prefer that animals starting the test weigh at least 50 or

60 pounds, but no more than 100 pounds. We also urge producers to bring lambs from known sires for their own benefit, but this is not a must."

Producers should bring at least 10 head, but no more than 20 head. The entry fee is \$3.00 per head due upon delivery.

"We realize many have already sold their lambs due to the drought; however, if that's not the case, please consider participating," said Craddock. "For those who are planning to participate, it would help tremendously if the lambs were pre-conditioned for two to three weeks before delivery. Pre-conditioned lambs already know how to eat and drink from troughs. They go on feed easier and do better than lambs only exposed to pasture conditions."

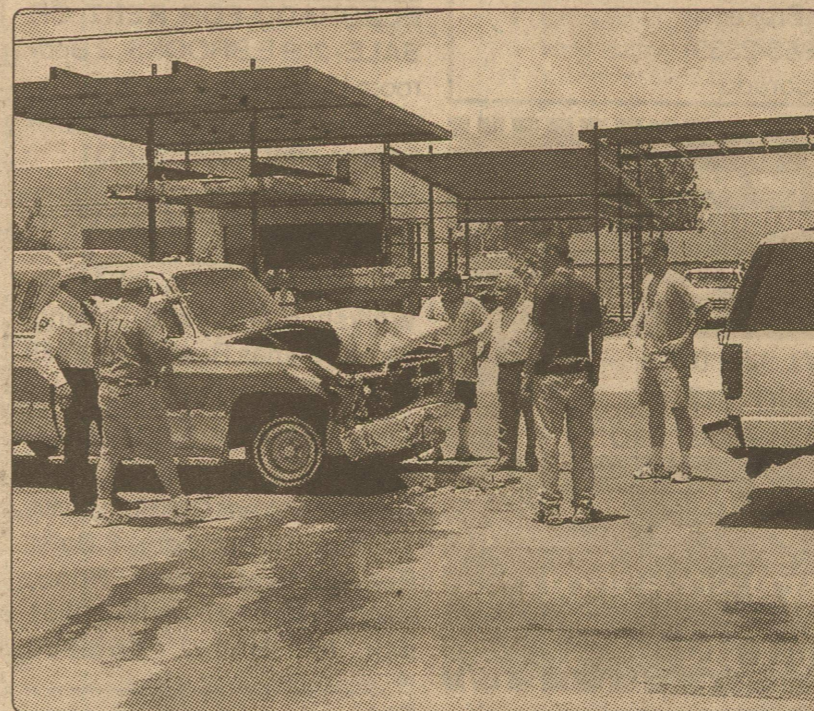
For further information contact Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist, or Andy Laughlin, Extension assistant-sheep and goats, at (915) 653-4576 or your local county agricultural Extension agent.

## 4-H Silver Clover Awards

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Canales, Lampasas County; Clarence McDaniel and Ann Feeler, Llano County; Rebecca Schuessler and Amanda McMillan, Mason County; Diane Tetens and Lee Tetens, McCulloch County; Dora Wright and Sam Kuykendall, Menard County; Lynn Knight, Mills County; Tommy White and Wina Church, Nolan County; Karen Hoelscher and Jane Cook, Runnels County; Cindy Hawkins and Leslie Dempsey, San Saba County; J.T. Smith and Dale Cary, Taylor County; Marty Self, Dan Taylor, Matt Phinney and Tamara Trail, Tom Green County.

Schleicher County's 4-H Club also recognized Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist, and Steve Byrns, Extension Communications Specialist, both of San Angelo.

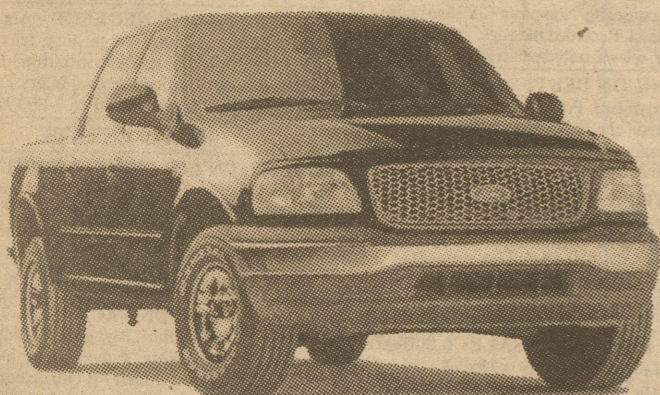


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**Crunch** — Cecilio A. Lozano of Del Rio was cited for Failure to Control Speed after the 1983 GMC pickup he was driving collided with a 1997 Ford Expedition on the intersection of U.S. 277 and U.S. 190 in downtown Eldorado. The pickup reportedly ran into the rear of the Expedition, driven by Eric Delon Kennedy of Columbia, South Carolina, as it was stopped at a red light. Chief Deputy George Arispe investigated the accident. Both drivers and their passengers declined to be transported by ambulance.

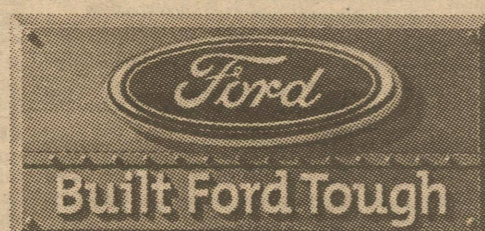
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