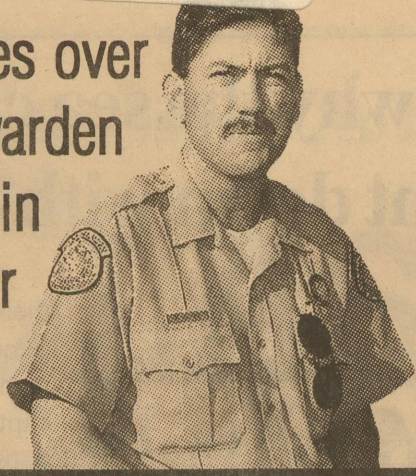


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prepare for game
with Menard**
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WIND!

*Much needed rainfall
accompanies damaging wind*

A line of thunderstorms pushed through Schleicher County about 4:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, bringing desperately needed rain to much of the area. Lightning triggered at least two grass fires as the storm pushed southward but the fires were short-lived as heavy rain quickly extinguished them.

South of Eldorado, Schleicher County ISD's exhibit building lost its roof as violent easterly winds peeled the sheet metal off the structure at about 4:25 p.m. Most of the metal was blown across U.S. Highway 277, coming to rest in and around Halbert Propane's yard.

Jack Halbert, who was in his office at the time of the storm said that he was trying to close the office door when it blew open, sending him flying across the room. About then, a piece of lumber crashed through his office window and sheet metal from the Ag barn across the road began piling up just outside the building.

"It sounded like a freight train," Halbert said. "I just waited for it to blow over."

Jane Kosub, who watched a similar storm take the roof off of a barn at her family's ranch on April 19th of this year, witnessed this event, too. According to her husband, Jim Kosub, as she approached the Ag barn on U.S. 277, high winds blew the roof across the road in front of her.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Robert Bybee reports leaving from the barn only minutes before the storm hit. Bybee said he had been checking on a 4-H project animal and had just made it back to his home when electrical power went off.

A few hundred feet to the north, of the Halbert yard, three large electrical poles were felled by the wind, knocking out power to Eldorado and Sonora. West Texas Utilities crews responded to the scene quickly and power to most Eldorado residents was restored in less than an hour. Work continued on the power line, however, into the early morning hours.

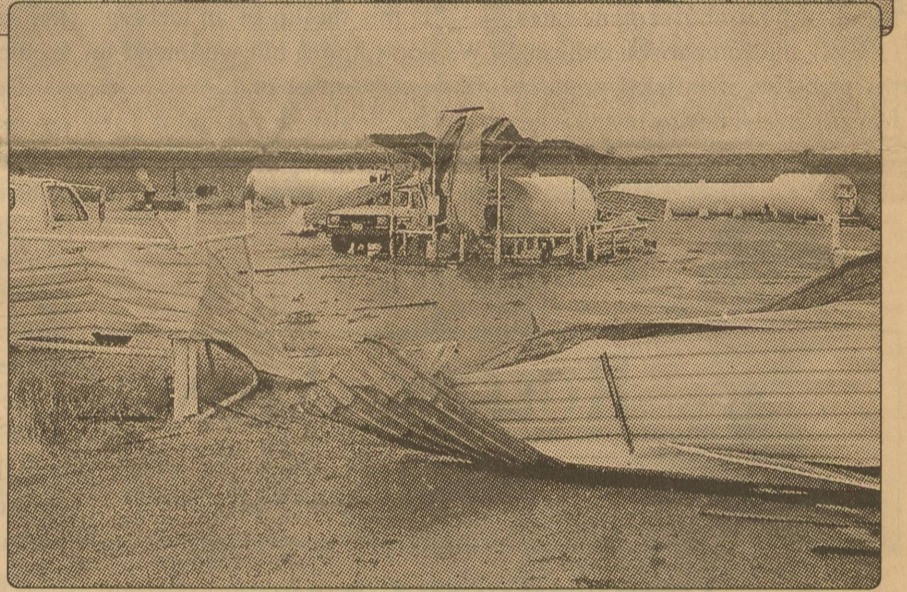
The rain was welcomed by most Schleicher County residents

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Gone with the wind — County Agent Scott Edmonson (top left) and SCISD board president Phil McCormick (top right) inspected damage at the school's show barn Tuesday after high winds stripped the roof off of the building. Most of the sheet metal was deposited across the highway in the Halbert Propane Company yard, shown at right.

photo by Kathy Mankin



F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Water Conservation Tips

About 75 percent of the water used in the home is in the bathroom and that's where people can realize the most savings if they will only conserve water by:

- Taking a shower instead of a bath, and limiting the length of showers.
- Install a low-flow shower head.
- Install a new 3.5 gallon per flush toilet.
- Use a toilet tank displacement device like a milk jug filled with rocks, to decrease the amount of water used per flush.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth.
- Install a low-flow faucet aerator.

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On This Date

On this date in 1812 French emperor Napoleon occupied Moscow. In 1814 Francis Scott Key was inspired to write "The Star-Spangled Banner". In 1847 US troops under General Winfield Scott captured Mexico City. In 1899 Henry Bliss of NY became the first automobile accident fatality. In 1940 the U.S. Congress passed the first peace-time conscription bill (draft law). In 1948 Milton Berle began his TV career on the Texaco Star Theater. In 1972 the "Waltons" TV program premiered.

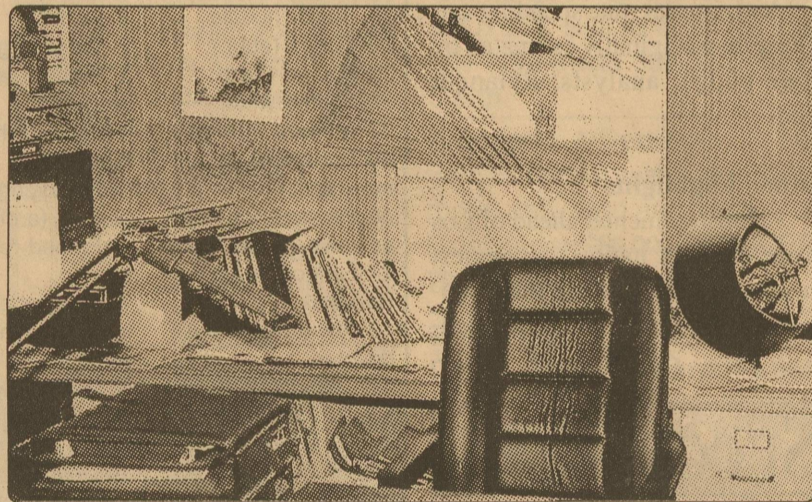
Birthdays of note include: 1849 Russian physiologist Ivan Pavlov; 1879 pioneer feminist Margaret Sanger; 1899 movie producer Hal Wallis; 1908 actor Clayton Moore (Lone Ranger); 1938 actor Walter Koenig (Checkov-Star Trek).

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Health Care Dollars

Health care injects a lot of money into local economies. Statewide, Texans spent more than \$70 billion on health care in 1998. The estimated spending in the state's eleven regions parallels the populations of those areas: the more people overall, the more spent on health care.

The Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex area was the big spender. The economy there benefited from \$16.53 billion spent on health care in 1998. In sparsely populated West Texas only \$1.94 billion was spent on health care. Of that amount, \$1.10 billion was paid by private individuals or their insurance companies. \$820 million was paid by governmental agencies and \$2 million was paid by charitable institutions.



Room with a view — A 2x4 piece of lumber crashed through the office window at Halbert Propane as high winds peeled sheet metal off the SCISD ag barn across the highway. The storm deposited the debris in and around the Halbert Propane yard.

photo by Kathy Mankin

Comptroller Rylander delivers sales tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today sent 1,103 Texas cities and 119 counties \$210.2 million in sales tax revenue. September sales tax rebates are up 11.9 percent compared to September 1999. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are up 8.1 percent compared to 1999.

Locally, the City of Eldorado received \$5,461.02, up 21.69 percent over the \$4,487.44 received in September, 1999. Year-to-date, the city has received \$62,935.23, up 15.12 percent over the same period last year.

Schleicher County received \$5,218.11, which is 39.4 percent higher than September, 1999's rebate of \$3,743.22. So far this

year, the county has received \$52,128.21, an increase of 10.31 percent over last year's numbers.

The Schleicher County Health Services Tax netted \$4,828.70. That's an increase of 32.38 percent over the \$3,647.44 received in September of last year. Year-to-date, the Health Services Tax has brought in \$50,994.48, up 18.73 percent over the same period last year.

September sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August. The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 13, and will be reported in the following edition of the Success.

County adopts 2001 budget Tax rate set at 80.42¢ per \$100 valuation

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday in regular session and adopted a budget of \$2,068,931.00. Of this amount, \$1,313,360.00 will be derived from tax revenue provided a collection rate of 97 percent can be achieved.

To fund the new budget, the commissioners voted unanimously to adopt a tax rate of 80.42¢ per \$100 valuation. 14.5¢ of the rate will fund the Farm-to-Market fund with 65.92¢ going into the county's General Fund. Those figures will raise the county \$40,619.00 more this year than last year with most of the increase going to pay for higher fuel costs.

County Judge Johnny Griffin called the court to order at 9:17 a.m. with commissioners Ross, Whitten, Steve Minor, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark in attendance. Minutes of the meeting of August 27 were read and approved. Then a hearing was held to allow public input on the proposed budget but no citizens were present and the budget was adopted as outlined above.

In other business, two sealed bids were received for seal coating of 9.5 miles of county road. Reece Albert Co. of San Angelo submitted a bid of \$14,960.00 per mile or \$142,120.00. Brannan Paving Co. of Victoria submitted a bid of \$10,559.75, which totaled

\$100,317.60. The men voted unanimously to award the bid to Brannan Paving Co.

Next, bids were opened for the purchase of diesel fuel for the road department. A bid of \$1.2930 per gallon was submitted by Griffin Oil while Regal Oil submitted a bid of \$1.2699 per gallon. Upon a motion by Johnny Mayo, seconded by Steve Minor, the bid was awarded to Regal Oil. At the same time, a call for bids for the purchase of unleaded gasoline was issued.

Those bids will be opened at the September 25 commissioners meeting.

In other business, Commissioner Bill Clark was appointed to attend a joint meeting with the Schleicher County Game Association and other interested groups regarding the possibility of constructing a new civic center building. Correspondence was reviewed and, with the commissioners having completed their business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

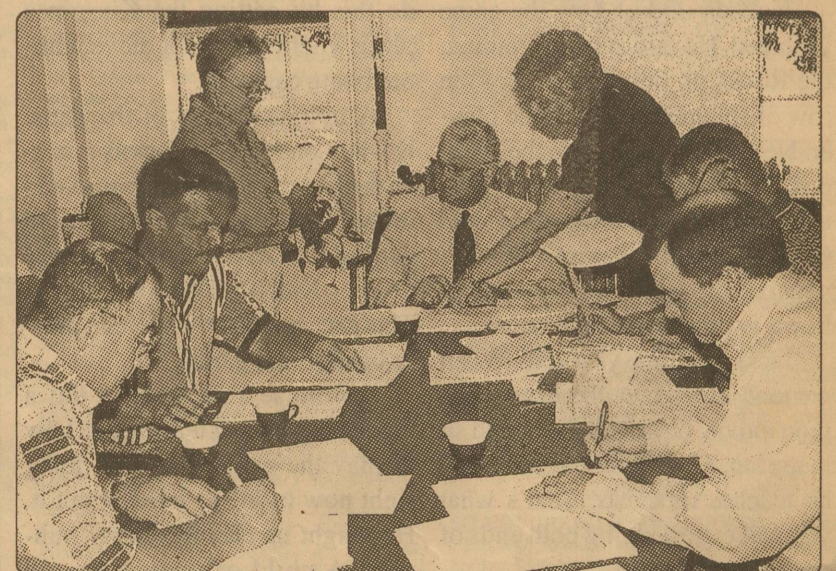
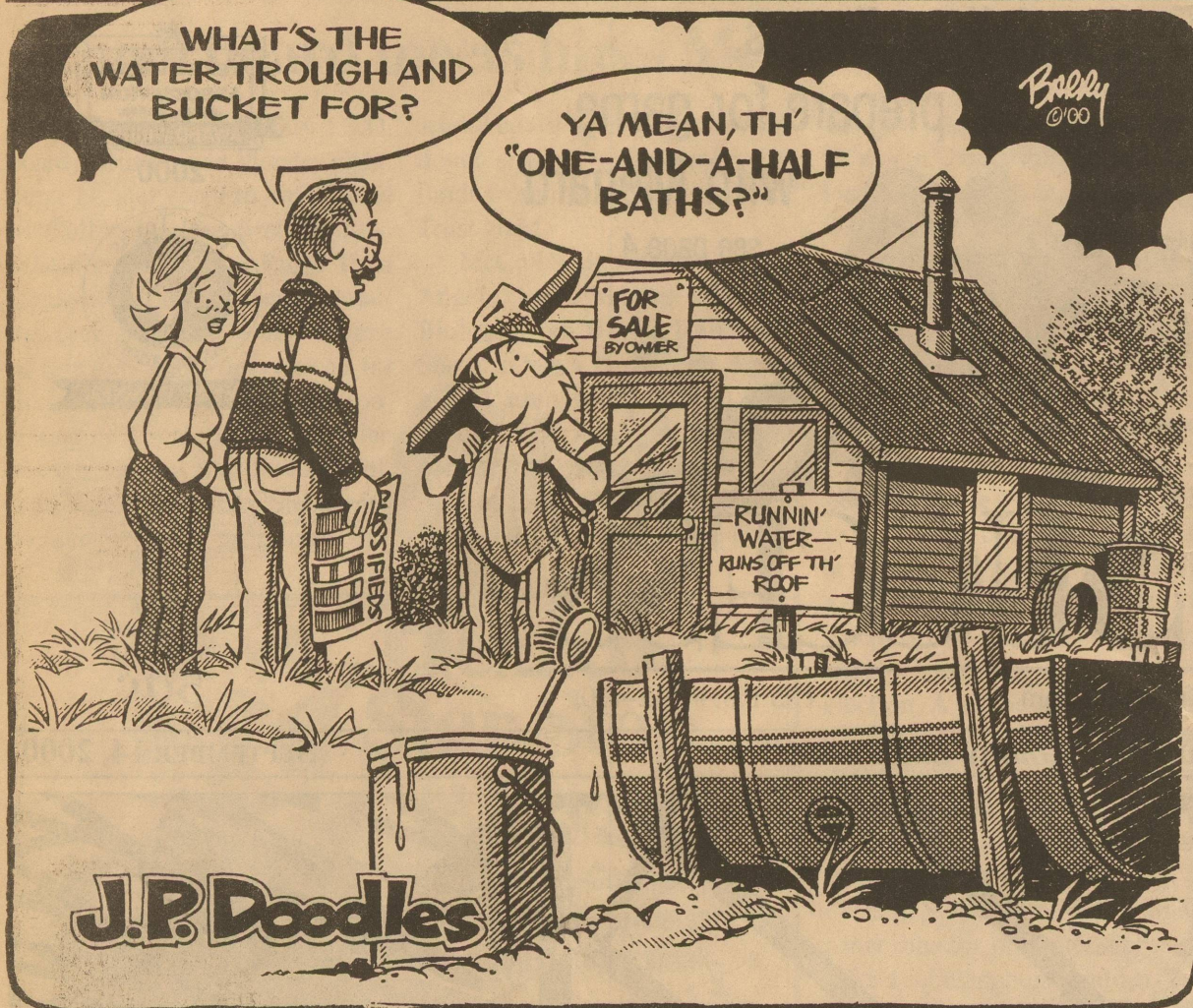
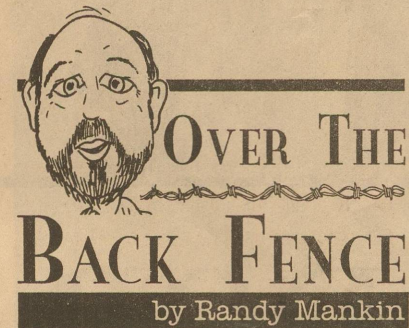


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Reviewing the numbers — The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, September 11, 2000, to adopt a budget and set a tax rate for fiscal year 2001. Pictured above are (clockwise from left) Commissioner Johnny Mayo, Commissioner Bill Clark, County Clerk Peggy Williams, County Judge Johnny Griffin, County Treasurer Karen Henderson, Commissioner Ross Whitten and Commissioner Steve Minor.



Maybe that's why the sea captains of old always went down with their ships



OVER THE BACK FENCE
by Randy Mankin

I've seen several articles recently about the declining morale in the U.S. military and the difficulty some recruiters are having in filling the dwindling ranks. One quoted a Navy Admiral saying that today's young people are finding the prospect of military service less and less attractive, especially compared to some of the new high-tech jobs being created in America's booming economy. The Admiral went on to say that the problem isn't new one, and that the Navy has had to deal with such difficulties in the past.

So, I thought it was timely that Matt Brown would forward me the following article from a National Park Service publica-

tion titled "Oceanographic Ships, Fore and Aft." It is about America's oldest, and possibly most revered, commissioned warship, the USS Constitution, perhaps better known as "Old Ironsides".

They Were Tough Navy Men

On August 23, 1779, the USS Constitution set sail from Boston, loaded with 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of water, 74,000 cannon shot, 11,500 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum. Her mission: to destroy and harass English shipping.

On October 6, she made Jamaica, took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Three weeks later, Constitution reached the Azores, where she provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 2,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On November 18, she set sail for England where her crew captured and scuttled 12 English merchant vessels and took aboard their rum. By this time, Constitution had run out of shot. Never-

theless, she made her way unarmed up the Firth of Clyde for a night raid. Here, her landing party captured a whiskey distillery, transferred 13,000 gallons aboard and headed for home.

On 20 February 1780, the Constitution arrived in Boston with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum and no whiskey. She did, however, still carry her crew of 475 officers and men and 18,600 gallons of water.

The length of the cruise was 181 days. The amount of booze consumed averaged 1.26 gallons per man per day, not including the unknown quantity of rum captured from the 12 English merchant vessels in November. Neither does the total consider the amount that might have been consumed by any captured English sailors who might have been brought aboard. Naval historians, however, note that following the successful voyage, which cemented Constitution's re-enlistment rate was a whopping 92 percent.

Talk about doing your duty for your country! Seriously though, I understand that rum was the drink of choice of old seafarers because water would absorb flavors from the casks it was stored in, making it "go bad". Or, maybe it just tasted bad compared to rum.

TDH audit finds Medicaid drug overpricing

AUSTIN - Drug cost information supplied to the state by some pharmaceutical companies and used to set Medicaid drug reimbursement rates in Texas was inflated, according to an internal audit by the Texas Department of Health.

The information resulted in payouts to pharmacies that were almost 300 percent as much as the drugs actually cost, auditors found.

In comparing pharmacy invoices with Medicaid reimbursement rates, auditors found that the amounts pharmacies paid for some 62 drug items were lower than the Medicaid reimbursement rates. Overall, the comparison indicated that because of inflated price information supplied by manufactur-

State Capital Highlights

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The state was paying out almost \$3 for every \$1 the drugs actually cost.

"We paid out \$16.5 million in claims for these 62 drugs in state fiscal year 1999. Our audit indicates we paid out \$11 million too much," said Texas Commissioner of Health William R. Archer III, M.D.

"Is this the tip of an iceberg? We don't know, but we intend to find out," Archer said.

The health department forwarded its audit findings to the Texas attorney general's office.

Medicaid is a combination state-federal program that provides medical care and drugs for the poor.

AG Sues Drug Companies

Armed with the audit from the Texas Department of Health, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week announced the filing of a lawsuit against three drug companies for civil fraud.

The lawsuit claims that since 1995, Dey Inc., Roxane Laboratories Inc. and Warrick Pharmaceuticals Corp. defrauded the Texas Medicaid program of more than \$20 million as part of a plan to corner the market in respiratory disease medications.

The state seeks to recover the overpayments plus more than \$58 million in penalties for a total of \$79 million.

Cornyn alleged the drug companies named in the lawsuit "falsely reported inflated prices for their respiratory medications, including albuterol and ipratropium bromide, to the state health department."

"Then, they turned around and sold these drugs to pharmacies at drastically reduced prices while the pharmacies were reimbursed at the inflated price.

"This scheme ensured that pharmacies would dispense the defendants' drugs over other, less profitable medications.

"All of this was part of a strategy by the drug companies to increase their market share and 'capture' the market."

The lawsuit involves less than

a 10th of 1 percent of the 25,000 prescription drugs that Medicaid reimburses in Texas.

State Coffers in Better Shape

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week closed the books on fiscal year 2000, announcing that revenues exceeded her revised revenue estimate released in July.

"I do not foresee giving a new revenue estimate until the session begins next year, but I do want Texans to know that we have exceeded the earlier very, very conservative estimate by \$45 million," she said.

In July, Rylander predicted revenues would be \$1.41 billion more than expected.

"As of Aug. 31, we have \$1.454 billion more cash in the bank," she said.

In July, it was estimated that an additional \$48 million would go to the fund, but that has been increased to \$103 million.

The state ended the fiscal year with \$3.8 billion in the general fund, which includes funds dedicated to various special purposes.

And, overall state spending was lower than originally estimated by state budget analysts, Rylander said.

Other Highlights

• Houston inched ahead of Los Angeles as the nation's smoggiest city Sept. 6, recording its ninth consecutive day with an ozone read-

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Demystifying Chess

Chess always intimidated me. I thought it was only for extremely intelligent people. All my life, when I met someone who played chess, I immediately had respect for that person. Other board games gave me no problem. I learned how to play Backgammon twenty five years ago. After getting down the basics, my wife and I played nearly every single night for two years.

My grandson Jackson is spending a couple of weeks with us this summer and while looking over our stack of games and puzzles, I discovered a chess game. I asked Jackson if he knew how to play. He said he did. We got out the chess board and set it up for a game.

Jackson told us how the game is played. He said at the beginning, the Rooks go on either end of the row of squares closest to the player. Next to the Rooks are the Bishops. Then the Knights. In the center of the row are the King and Queen. On the second row of squares closest to the player, a Pawn is placed on each square.

Jackson is nine years old. When we took him to see the new Pokemon movie, he asked if he could sit in my lap. Then we come home and he teaches us chess. That's what you call experiencing both ends of the spectrum.

He said the Rooks can move only straight ahead or sideways and can move as many blank spaces as the player decides. The Bishops move only diagonally and can, like the Rooks, move several spaces. The Knights can move a total

of 3 spaces: 2 spaces in any direction, then one space either right or left of the previous direction (the direction it moved for 2 spaces). The King can advance only one space at a time but can move in any direction. The Queen has the best deal of all. She can move freely about the board just about any way she pleases: ahead, behind, sideways, advancing over as many blank spaces as the player chooses. The Pawns can move only straight ahead one space at a time, with two exceptions: they can advance two spaces on the opening move and can move sideways one space to capture an opponent's piece. The object of the game is to capture your opponent's King. You do this by getting the King in a place where he cannot move without being captured.

A unique feature of the game is when one of your Pawns reaches the last row on the opposite end of the board, you can remove it and replace it with your captured Queen, Knight, Bishop or Rook. This puts your more important player back in the game.

I promise you Jackson did a much better job of teaching us how to play the game than I'm doing right now trying to write about it. He taught us chess in thirty minutes. A child of nine years old taught us something we had been in awe of and a little afraid of for over 50 years. We're not afraid anymore. We are pretty good players. After all, we learned from an excellent teacher who even lets us beat him occasionally.

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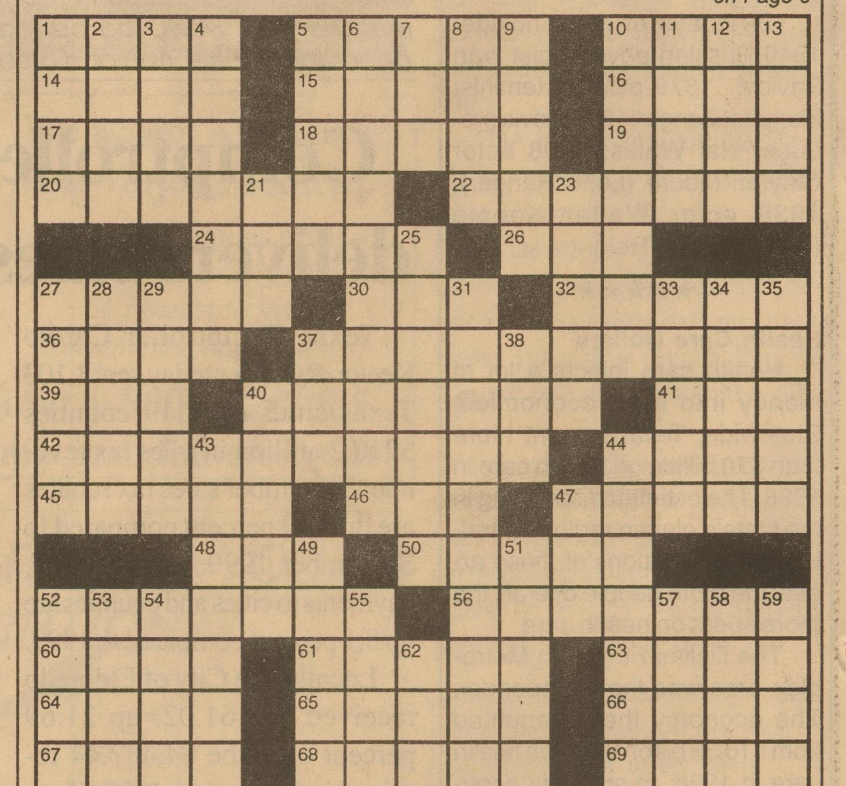
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OBITUARIES

Connie Sue McKenzie

MENARD — Connie Sue McKenzie, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000, in Menard. Graveside services were held Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000, in Rest Haven Cemetery. Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 8, 1947, in Menard. She was a homemaker and was a member of United Pentecostal Church of Abilene.

Survivors include three sons,

Daryl McKenzie of California, David McKenzie of Eldorado and Tim McKenzie of Menard; two daughters, Sherry Walker of San Angelo and Sandra Hobart of Menard; four sisters, Darlene Rosser, Francis Ramos and Geardean Patterson, all of Abilene, and Linda Grimes of San Angelo; 18 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Red, White & Blue — Pearl Enoch is shown holding a star quilt that was given to her by one of her hunters. The quilt top was put pieced by the hunter's mother in Wichita Falls. Pearl commissioned the Patches and Memories Quilting Club to complete the quilt. The club then donated the money to the Schleicher County Museum. The quilting club meets in the museum on Tuesday's and has completed several quilts during the summer months.

MILITARY NEWS

Airman Jess D. Martin

Airman Jess Martin graduated from basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois on August 4, 2000. He is now studying to be a fighter jet mechanic at Naval Air Technical Center in Pensacola, Florida, from which he will graduate October 2, 2000.

He will then be attached to the VX-9 Squadron at China Lake Naval Aircraft Testing Facility at China Lake, California.

Jess is the son of Jimmy and Sherry Martin and grandson of Jim and Nelva Martin of Eldorado. He graduated from Eldorado High School in May of 2000.



courtesy photo Airman Jess D. Martin

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, September 18

King Ranch Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Carrot Salad, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk

Tuesday, September 19

Roast Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Lettuce Leaf, Tomato Slices, Bread, Pea Salad, Peach Halves, Milk

Wednesday, September 20

Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Buttered Peas, Spinach, Cornbread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk

Thursday, September 21

Chicken Fajita Salad, Tomato Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Friday, September 22

Hamburger on a Bun, Whole Baby Carrots, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Seafoam Salad, Fresh Grapes, Milk

It's a Girl!

Manuel "Sonny" Cavazos III and his wife, Jamie McCutcheon Cavazos, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Irma Cavazos, on August 13th at 2:15pm in McAllen, Texas, weighing in at 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 19.5 inches long. She is the granddaughter of William and Laura McCutcheon

of San Antonio, and Manuel and Irma Cavazos of Edinburg, and the great-granddaughter of Isabella I. McCutcheon of Eldorado.

Although sleep is only a memory, the entire family is doing fine and hopes to come visit all their friends and family in Eldorado as soon as possible.

In Loving Memory



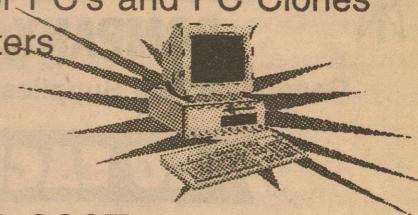
Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; I was helpless, but God saved me. Return, my soul, to your rest; the Lord has been good to you. For my soul has been freed from death. My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 116:5-9

Jose Marcos Hernandez
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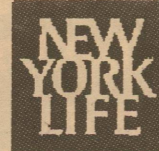
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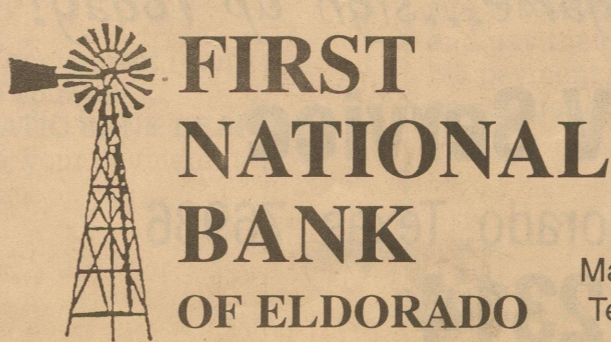
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Eagles lose hard fought contest to Bangs 20-6

by David E. Hill
 The Eldorado Eagles hosted the Bangs Dragons last Friday night at Eagle Stadium and came out on the short end of a 20 to 6 score. The loss dropped the Eagles to 1 and 1 on the season.

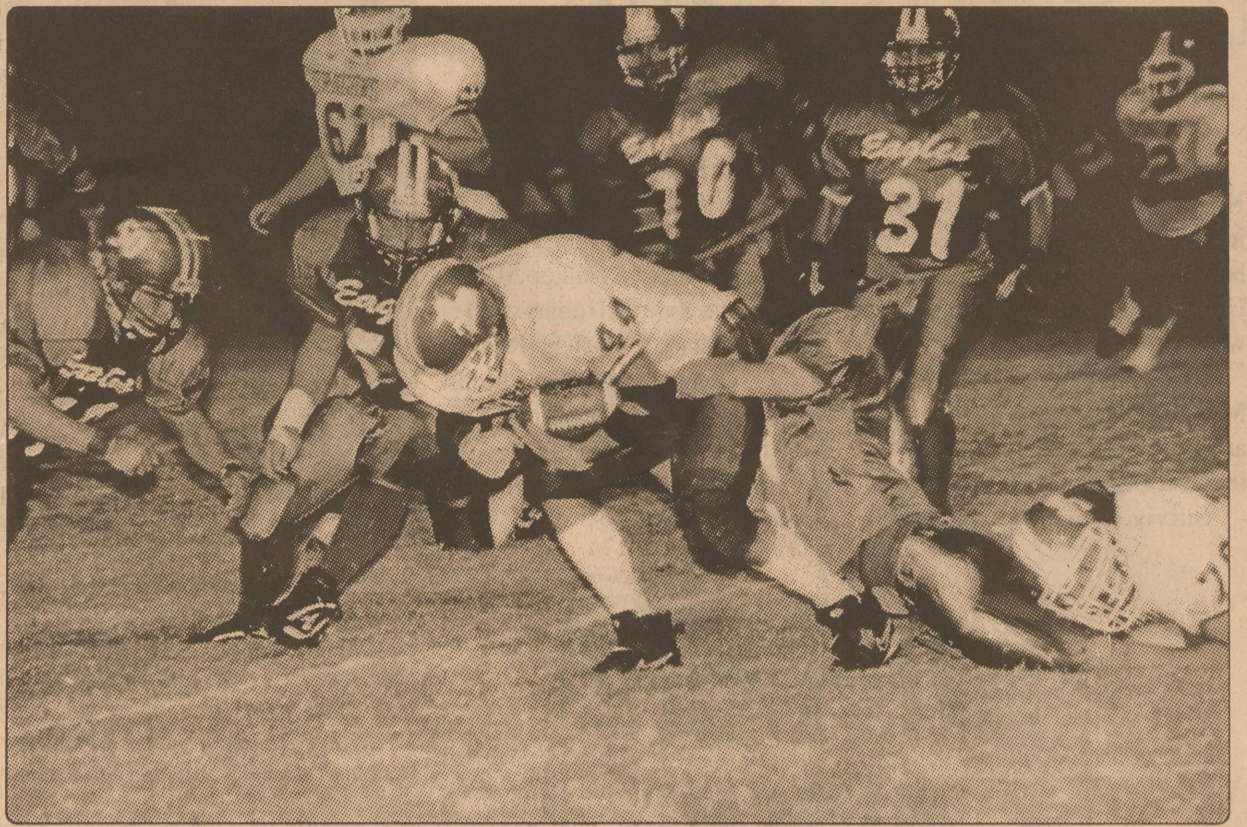
As predicted the ball game was a tough battle from start to finish. Bangs was quick, big, and fast — just as the scouting report had predicted. Eldorado fought from start to end but lost to a good ball club. It was a night of missed scoring opportunities and strange plays. Eldorado got into the Bangs "red zone" on three occasions and only came away with one score. EHS then saw a shanked punt bounce directly off of an Eagle players helmet. The ball careened back 30 yards, and was recovered by Bangs behind where the punter put the ball in play.

The first score came with 10:09 left in the first quarter, Bangs got on the board first with a 25 yard drive after a long kick off return. The point after failed. The balance of the quarter saw both teams trading possessions.

The second quarter saw EHS knocking on the door as a result of a long pass from Jason Brock to Kenny Covarrubiaz, however, the Eagles did not score. After trading possessions several times, Eldorado scored with 1:29 left in the first half on a 5 yard Johnny Herrera pass to Covarrubiaz. The scoring drive was set up with a fake punt which saw Joey Bullard escape on a long run. The half ended tied at 6.

The second half was a totally different game as the Eagle defense spent most of the night on the field as Bangs controlled the ball most of the half. The Dragons would find the end zone two more times before the end of the night.

Offensively, the Eagles had 66 yards passing and 87 yards rush-



Hang on — In spite of an obvious block from behind, #68 Ben Edmiston managed to hang on to a Bangs runner until #50 Rocky Robles and #55 Scott Homer arrived to bring him down. The Eagles, who managed a 6-6 tie in the first half, lost the game 20-6.

ing. Covarrubiaz had 2 receptions for 41 yards and 1 TD. Bullard led all rushers with 38 yards. Defensively, the Eagles were led by Clay Whitten, Rocky Robles, and Ben Edmiston.

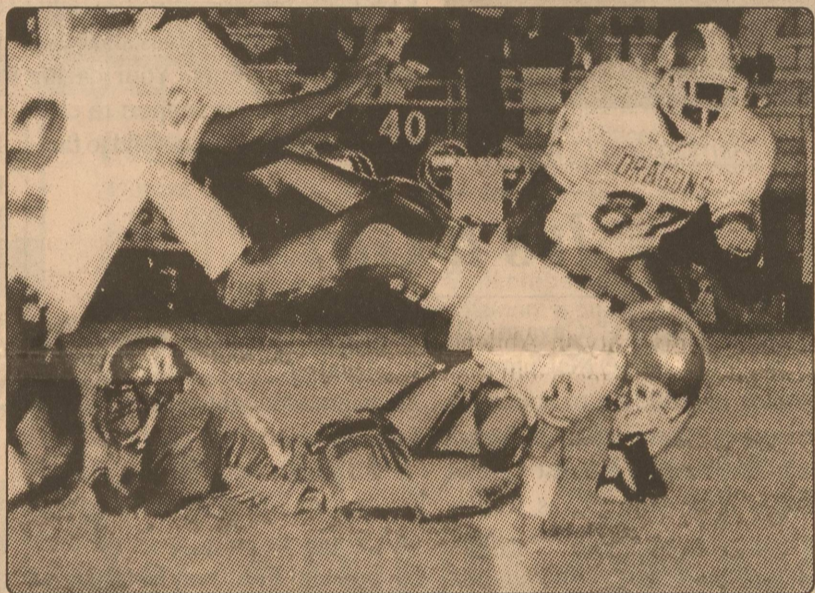
Coach Fryar commented on the game, "First of all, everyone needs to understand that Bangs has a very good football team and I felt that our kids played exceptionally hard." Fryar continued, "Our defense fought them every yard played

great, offensively, we just didn't move the ball very well."

Eldorado travels to Menard tomorrow night to face the Yellow-jackets. This is always a big game and this year should not be any different. Menard is also 1 and 1 and coming off a 49 to 0 win over Gorman. Fryar commented on the Jackets, "Menard has a good football team as they always do. This should be a good match up, as it always is." Kick off is scheduled

for 8PM at Menard. Everyone is encouraged to make the trip 51 miles to the east and support the Eagles. Wear your GREEN, and BE LOUD!

STATISTICS	
EHS	BHS
6 1st Downs	13
87 Rushing Yards	267
66 Passing Yards	25
6/37 Punts/Avg	6/24
8/62 Penalties/Yds	5/55



Upside down — #12 John Ray Espinosa took the legs out from under a Bangs running back last Friday night as the Eagles hosted the Bangs Dragons. Eldorado lost the contest 20-6.

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 Eldorado vs. Menard
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 Mason - Winters
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Last Week
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Tuesday, September 19
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Wednesday, September 20
 Chicken Fajitas/Tortillas, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, Applesauce Cake/Icing
Thursday, September 21
 Steak Fingers/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Cherry Cobbler
Friday, September 22
 Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickle, Fresh Apple
Breakfast
 1/2 Milk & 1/4 Juice Offered with each breakfast
Monday, September 18
 Orange Juice, Sausage Patties, Biscuits/Jelly
Tuesday, September 19
 Grape Juice, Hot Oatmeal, Toast/Jelly
Wednesday, September 20
 Sliced Peaches, Waffles/Syrup
Thursday, September 21
 Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast
Friday, September 22
 Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal
Fast Food Line
Monday, September 18
 Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, White Cake/Icing
Tuesday, September 19
 Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Cherry Crunch Cake
Wednesday, September 20
 Sausage and Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Applesauce Cake/Icing
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Stamina builder — Courtney Sauer battled hot and dry conditions Saturday to finish 19th in the Water Valley Cross Country Meet in Carlsbad. Sauer was the top finisher among the six Lady Eagles runners.

Eagles runners compete at Water Valley C-Country Meet

The day was hot and the track was dusty on Saturday, September 9, 2000 when fourteen cross country runners representing Eldorado High School competed in the Water Valley High School Cross Country Meet at the San Angelo State School Park in Carlsbad.

The Eagles boys placed 9th overall with a team score of 206 points. Sands High School was the overall winner with a team score of 70. The individual winner was Jimmy Rodriguez from Winters with a time of 17:19.

Individual results for the Eagles boys are: senior Sammy Cabrera, a veteran cross country runner, medaled placing second in a field of 124 runners with a time of 17:26. Senior Daniel Mata, also an experienced runner, placed 12th with a time of 18:45. Senior Pascual Esparza placed 81st with a time of 22:45. Sophomore Buddy Greer placed 68th a time of 21:30. Freshman Koda Lozano placed 96th time 23:04. Tony Chavez placed 117 at 24:56 and Jeffrey Bybee placed 119 with a time of 25:21.

In the girls division, the Lady

Eagles team had a total score 265 giving them 9th place overall. There were a total of 227 girls running in the meet, representing 1-A through 3-A schools. The team from Reagan County placed first overall with score of 64. The individual winner was Michelle Fuchs of Garden City with a time of 13:52.

Individual results for the Lady Eagles were as follows: sophomore Courtney Sauer placed 19th for the Lady Eagles with a time of 14:59. Sophomore Courtney Brown was 38th with a time of 15:26. Senior Nancy Cawley placed 43rd at 15:43. Freshman Mayra Bustos placed 147 at 18:16. Jennifer Bybee was 146th with a time of 18:13 and Monica Moreno placed 112th at 17:13.

Eldorado Cross Country teams will travel to Big Lake on Saturday, September 16. Mertzon cancelled their Cross Country meet that was to be held on September 23. The team will now travel to McMurry University in Abilene. On October 7th the team will travel to Ozona instead of Abilene Christian University.

Eldorado JV beats bangs 22-14

The Eldorado JV Eagles traveled to Bangs, Thursday, September 7, 2000 and ran their season record to 2-0 with a 22-14 victory.

Bangs scored 1st and went up 6-0 but the Eagles took only 1 play after the kickoff to go ahead 8-6 in the 1st half. The score came on a 65 yard touch down pass from Trey Chavez to Ryan Adame who also ran in the 2 point conversion.

The Eagles came out and took control of the game in the 2nd half. Ryan Adame scored again on a 45 yard touch down pass from Trey Chavez. Later Trey threw another touch down pass to Travis Lively from 6 yards out. Ray David Buitron caught a pass from Trey Chavez from the 2 point conversion. Bangs scored late in the game on a run.

Special teams were important for the Eagles. Alvaro Moya did a good job kicking and Alan Dykstra snapped to punter Franki Arispe for an excellent punting game.

Offensively, Trey Chavez passed for 138 yards, three touch downs, and a P.A.T. Running the ball for the Eagles were Phillip Martinez, Joe Arispe, Santiago Hernandez, and Frankie Arispe. Some good blocking was provided by Jessie Guadarrama, Travis Joiner and others.

Defensive help was provided by Reese Schwieng, Gussy Figueroa, J.R. Arispe, Danny Sanchez, Seth Taylor, Francisco Duran, Jordan Fay, Cole Wilkerson and Alan Dykstra. Joe Arispe and Ross Hodges made several tackles as special teams. Scott Cawley recovered 2 Bangs fumbles. Gussy Figueroa made several big hits on defense.

After the game Coach Alan Gillespie looked forward to this week's contest with Menard, "We will playing Menard JV in Eldorado on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. This team is traditionally tough. We will have to get better."

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X-Bar Ranch stages Shoot Out Bike Race & Kids Kup

The cows had better be fast! On Sunday morning September 17, what is left of the cow and sheep herd of the X Bar Ranch will be sharing the trails with 300-500 Texas mountain bike racers. As the second stop on the Texas Mountain Bike Racers Association (TM-BRA) Fall Cup Series, the X Bar Ranch, near Eldorado, will host the third X Bar Shoot Out, a cross-country mountain bike race.

An expected 600 people from across the state and Louisiana will converge at the X Bar Ranch to either spectate or participate in the event. Men and women in forty-two classes from three categories will be giving it all they have as they compete for series points and individual race wins. Age classes range from 10 and under to 50 plus. Distances for the race vary from approximately three miles for the 10 and under kids to 245 miles for the expert category.

There is also excitement about a new event that will be taking place this year. On Saturday, September 16, from noon to 4:00 p.m., any child 12 and under can come out and participate in the Bluff Creek Ranch Kid's Kup program for free. Kids do need to bring their own bike and helmet, although some helmets will be available for use, and a signed waiver form.

The program is designed to promote the enjoyment of mountain biking. This hands-on event features obstacle courses where kids can learn new skills at their own pace among peers, a slow and fast race, bicycle inspections and safety and a nature hike. The whole Kid's Kup event is based on participation, everyone wins at this event.

Camping will be available Saturday night, and food and drink vendors will be on hand Sunday at X Bar Ranch. The public is encouraged to attend. Adults will be charged \$4 per person at the gate, kids 12 and under are free. Races will begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, and the event should run until about 4:00 p.m.

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Eldorado City Council holds regular monthly meeting

by Pat Ragsdale

Revenue from outside sources has added \$98,236.03 to the City of Eldorado's coffers so far this year. The funds result from the city's newly completed landfill and the fact that surrounding communities are paying the city for the right to dispose of their garbage at the site. The Eldorado City Council reviewed the numbers at their meeting Monday night. It was explained that profit from the landfill is being earmarked to pay for street repair within the city. City Administrator Randy Mankin explained that street work being carried out in three sections of town, along with the pothole patching program are evidence that the city's gamble to keep its landfill open is beginning to pay off.

Council members also learned

that the voluntary water conservation efforts called for in the city's drought plan seem to be working. Mankin distributed a graph to the council which indicated daily water depth readings on the city's monitor well. He noted that the water level has risen one foot since Phase-1 of the drought plan was implemented two weeks ago. Mankin said that local citizens should be commended for their efforts but urged them to "stay the course and pray for rain."

These and other items of interest were on the agenda for the meeting which was delayed waiting for a quorum. After an opening prayer by Rev. Janice Petty, pas-

tor of First United Methodist Church, Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. Council members present included Robert Bybee, Tommy Minor, Sherry Lux and Toni Sudduth. Absent were council members Eddie Rodriguez and Richard Mendez.

Paving contractor Daniel Seidel, whose company is involved in the street work currently underway in town, met with the council and gave a progress report. Seidel reported that he expected paving of Warner Street would begin later this week. A seal coat is to be applied to three blocks between Mulberry and Cottonwood while the portion from Mulberry to East Street is being completely reconstructed. Additionally, shorter projects will be carried out on the north end of Main Street and on various streets in the Keeney Addition. All work is expected to be complete by October 15th.

Randy Mankin then reported that the newly purchased and reconditioned landfill compactor will be arriving at its new home shortly. The size, weight and width of the new equipment require that it be moved as a permitted load. Mankin said arrangements were being made to move the machine and that Utility Superintendent Jack Dean has been working on acquiring the necessary permits.

Mankin next explained to the council that the city's sewer plant is still out of compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) guidelines. He noted however that hot weather of late has caused sufficient evaporation in the plant so that there had been no discharge from the facility. Mankin further explained that he had been in contact with William Koger, a TNRCC representative, whose job it is to assist small cities to come into compliance with state rules. Mankin stated that Koger is aware of the algae problems at the sewer plant which he said are aggravated by extremely hot weather. Mayor Nikolauk stated that a report of all steps taken by the city for compliance had been submitted to TNRCC and that the situation is

not unique to Eldorado. When asked if there were still fish at work in the lagoon, Mankin reported to the affirmative but stated that the algae growth had been too rapid for the fish to have a significant impact.

In other business, Mankin reported that the annual audit was currently underway but that so far no anomalies had been noted. The city is currently applying for a "pass through" grant from the Concho Valley Council of Governments for the purpose of obtaining a special trailer in which to haul recyclable paper to disposal in Junction. The trailer, which has a moving bottom will allow one man to make the round trip in much less time.

Next, the council discussed lost time accidents experienced by city employees during the past year. It was noted that a higher than usual number of claims will have an adverse effect upon the city's "experience modifier" which affects Workmen's Compensation Insurance rates. A representative of the Texas Municipal League visited the city and performed a safety audit. It was noted that the greatest single common risk noted was that city employees routinely fail to fasten seat belts while traveling in city owned vehicles. Mankin stated that the problem was being addressed and corrections made. He further stated that he was currently in process of writing a safety policy for the city operations. The completed policy will be presented to the city council for input and endorsement.

Mankin also reported that standard forms had been secured and that employee evaluations would begin this week. He stated that future merit raises would be based on how employees fare on their evaluations. Mankin told council members that the evaluations would be complete in time for the council to review at their next meeting.

The council then heard updates on the city's uniform service and approved a request for city personnel to man a booth at the upcoming Health Fair at the Memorial Building. The purpose of the booth will be to encourage water conservation.

Superintendent Jack Dean reported to the council regarding street work, various department activity and a gas plant safety evaluation. At the request of City Secretary Carolyn Mayo the council voted to table consideration of a resolution authorizing final payment to J&D Pipeline and Construction. It was noted that one area of concern needed to be addressed on the final bill.

Minutes of meetings held August 8, 14, and 28 were then approved. All accounts were ordered paid and the August tax report, financial report and quarterly investment report were received and approved.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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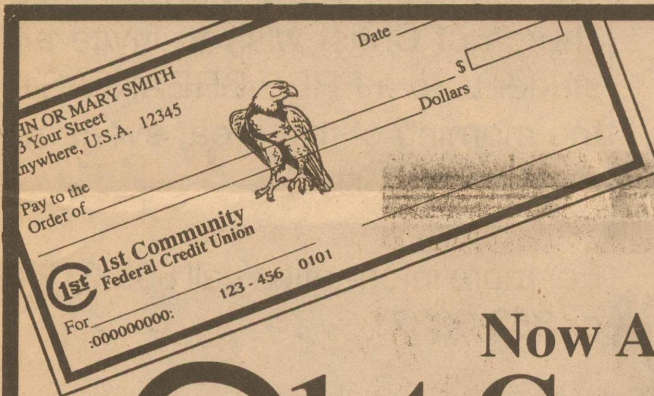


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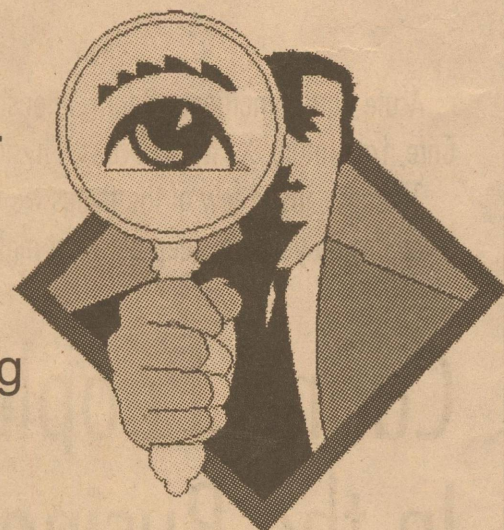
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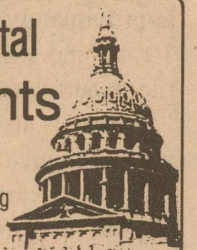
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State Capital Highlights

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ing above the national health standard. As of Sept. 6, Houston had posted 37 days in the year 2000 when air exceeded the national health-based limit for ozone, compared with 34 for Los Angeles, the Associated Press reported.

About 1,500 employees of the University of Texas at Austin participated in the first day of a "burnt-orange sick-out" to protest low pay and reduced medical benefits, but classes proceeded as scheduled. One of the demands: raise the university's minimum wage to \$9.16 from \$7.31.

Bees are buzzing!

by Steve Byrns,
Communications Specialist
Texas Ag. Extension Service

A recent severe bee-stinging incident in Concho County that resulted in the hospitalization of a couple and the death of their dog has increased the awareness of bees in the area. "A warm winter and early spring increased bee activity this year," said Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist. "We are also seeing more swarming of bees than in the past. When that happens, folks immediately think the bees are Africanized bees or the so-called 'killer bees' and must be destroyed immediately. However, the bees may not be Africanized and their destruction may not always be the best idea."

"No bee will attack unless it feels threatened. The most common attacks occur when a person or animal gets too close to a hidden hive and the bees react. Africanized bees respond quicker and in larger numbers when provoked. But, European or domestic bees will attack for the same reason. The bees identified in the Concho County attack was identified as European but reacted ferociously nonetheless. If honeybees do attack, no matter what variety they are, cover your face and run. Don't try to fight them because, the bees always win. If possible, pets should be allowed to escape attack. Remember bee's only attack when they feel threatened. Check your yard carefully for bees before using mowers or weed-eaters. Many attacks occur when people are doing yard work and the machinery vibrations agitate the bees.

"Outdoorsmen should be cautious around infrequently used deer stands, boats and cabins."

Sansone said the sting of an Africanized bee is no worse than that of a European bee. He said a recent medical study indicated that it takes an average of ten stings per pound of body weight to kill a person unless the victim is allergic to bee stings. A single bee sting is seldom fatal unless the person suffers a severe allergic reaction. Early symptoms of an allergic reaction include a tingling sensation of the palms, bottoms of the feet, tongue and lips' tightening of the throat; dizziness; and nausea.

"Because it's very hard to tell if a bee is Africanized or European, all bees should be treated with respect," said Sansone. "Since Africanized bees have been in this area since 1993, some you encounter are bound to be Africanized. The only way to be sure is to send a 30 or 40 bee sample to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station."

Sometimes a colony must be destroyed because of its location. Sansone said bees in a wall could usually be found by feel, because

the hive location is often warmer than the surrounding area. The actual hive may be several feet from the bees' entry and exit point, so several insecticide applications are usually needed to kill all the bees. Be sure to read and follow all label instructions when using an insecticide. Remove the entire comb and honey once the bees are dead. If left inside the wall, after the bees are gone, pests like cockroaches and mice will find the honey and soon are more of a problem than the bees.

"Our domestic or European bee, *Apis mellifera*, came from the Southeast Asia," said Sansone. From there it migrated to Africa and Europe. The bees in Europe underwent natural selection to survive in a climate with long, cold winters and intense nectar flows of relatively short duration. The bees that spread into Africa evolved to survive under tropical conditions, with an annual pattern of wet and dry seasons, and weak, unpredictable nectar flows. Early settlers brought the first bees to North America. Indians called it the 'white man's fly' and used it as an early warning sign of encroaching European settlers. Since then, The honey bee has become an invaluable agricultural crop pollinator. In Texas alone, 90 commercial food and fiber plants worth about a half billion dollars annually, depend on bees for pollination, package bees for establishing hives, royal jelly and pollen for health food stores, and several other by-products."

Sansone said there are four recognized European bee races and 12 African races. All have been introduced into North American bee breeding programs. The European strains are preferred because of their winter hardiness, a tendency not to swarm (search for a new hive), gentleness, and other desirable traits. African bees came on the scene in the 1950's when researchers in Brazil went to Africa in search of new bee breeding genetics. European bees are not well adapted to Brazil; thus research was initiated to develop a more productive bee. The Africanized bees were accidentally released and started to spread throughout South America. The bees hitched rides on ships and trucks moving through their area and finally hit Texas in 1990.

Control of bees around the home is the responsibility of the homeowner. A number of wasp and hornet sprays are available that do an adequate job of killing bees. If bees set up in an area where it is difficult to control the hive, the best solution for the homeowner is to contact a qualified pest control company. More information about bees and Africanized bees can be found on the web at <http://agnews.tamu.edu/bees/>.



photo by Kathy Mankin

New Game Warden — Marco Alvizo took over as the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Game Warden in Schleicher County recently. He and his wife are natives of Eden. They come to Eldorado from Comstock.

Game Warden Marco Alvizo sets up shop in Schleicher Co.

Since the retirement of Game Warden Mike Porter the county has been under the watchful eyes of game wardens from other counties. All that changed recently when Marco Alvizo and his family moved to Eldorado from Comstock.

Alvizo, a native of Eden, has been a game warden for eight years. He is a graduate of Eden High School and Angelo State University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management in 1988.

After working for a time in the private sector, Alvizo decided that he wanted to become a game warden. He attended the Game Warden Academy, a seven month

course of study, in Austin. Since graduating from the academy, Alvizo served as a game warden for 4 years in Aransas Pass. He then moved to Comstock where he served until learning of the opening in Schleicher County.

Both Alvizo and his wife Tonya were raised in Eden. They have two children, Hunter age 8, and Amy age 7.

Moving to Eldorado also meant moving closer to family members. Alvizo's parents, Vicente and Alicia Alvizo still reside in Eden, where they have made their home for 40 years. Tonya Alvizo's parents are Kenneth and Latane Tomlison of San Angelo.

Fall Festival, fun for all!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be holding a Fall Festival an annual fund raiser for the church on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The fun will start at 11:00 a.m. and will continue to 5:00 p.m. Festivities will be held on the lawn under the large pecan trees at the Schleicher County Court House. Live entertainment will be provided by Fish Bait a Christian youth band and Grupo Milagros.

There will be plenty of good food like gorditas, fajitas, hamburgers and yes, that juicy corn-on-the-cob!

A country store will provide a lot of homemade items. Games for the young and old will be scatter around the courthouse lawn - kids bingo, water polo, dunking booth, jumping tent, dart throw and a cake walk.

Auctioneer Charlie Bradley will auction away donated items, including a mink coat beginning at 1:00 p.m. There will also be a raffle at 4:00 p.m. This year the 1st prize will be a 36" TV with built in VCR; 2nd prize is a 1/2 beef and the 3rd prize raffled will be a round concrete table with 3 benches.

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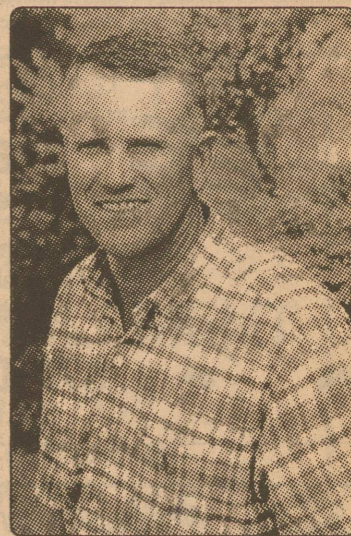
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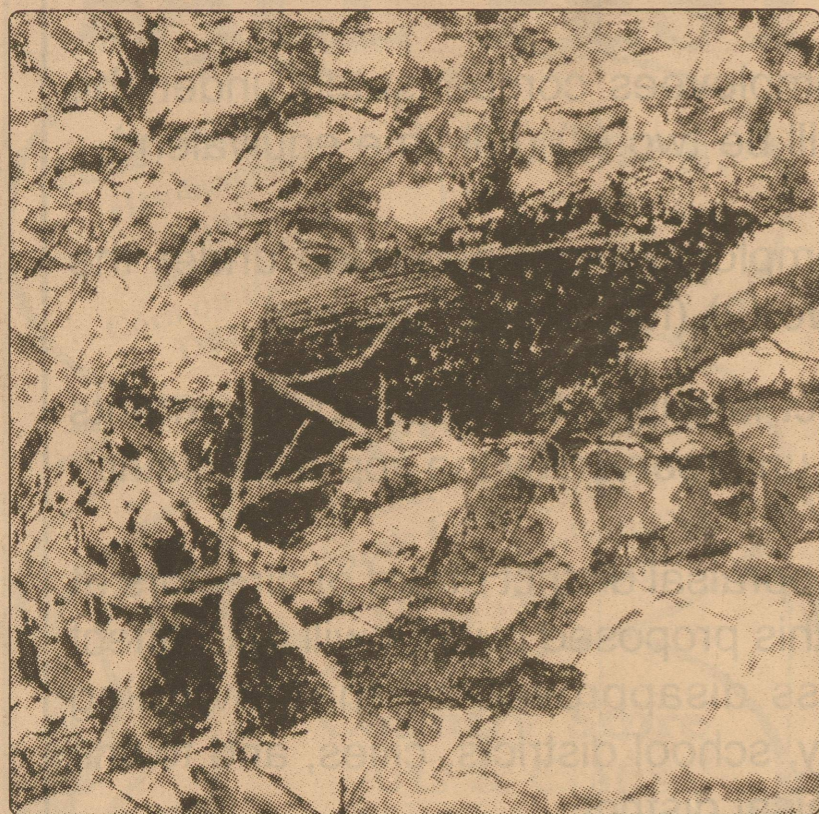


photo by Kathy Mankin

Bee sure to stay away — Reports of bee swarms like the one pictured above are becoming more and more commonplace in Schleicher County. Occasionally, when the bees pose a threat to humans or animals, they must be destroyed. This swarm of bees high in a tree were sprayed with an insecticide by Fire Dept. volunteers.

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Hospital board amends tax rate

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday, Sept. 11 at 12:15 p.m. in a brief meeting to amend the tax rate the group had adopted on Aug. 28, 2000. It was explained that the rate adopted at that time, 43.75¢ per \$100 valuation, was three one-hundredths of a cent higher than the board could legally adopt without holding public hearings.

At the Monday meeting the board voted unanimously to amend the rate and officially adopt a rate of 43.72¢ per \$100 valuation. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Present for the meeting were Delia Pina, Randy Mankin, Lanis Mikeska, Shirley Joiner John Callison and Jim Martin. Trustee Judy Christian was absent.



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

September 6 • Martinez, Estrella, female age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct. Released served time.

Martinez, Jesse G., male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge Out of County Warrant. Disorderly Conduct. Released to Waco Sheriff's Office.

September 7 • Gandar, Joe David, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.

Fuentes, Lee R., male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, charge Mo-

tion To Revoke/Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Bara, Santiago Dominic, Jr., male age 21, charge Driving While License Suspended/Enhanced. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

September 8 • Arredondo, Robert, male age 56, arrested by SC Officer, charge Local Warrants. Released served 3 days.

September 11 • Puento, Luz Elena, female age 23, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant, Motion To Revoke/Criminal Mischief. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

September 5 • 11:15 p.m. Complainant reported a black Angus cow in the middle of Hwy. 277 south. Officer responded.

September 6 • 3:05 p.m. Hospital reported a subject that had come to the Emergency Room after a fight in Sutton County. Officer responded.

10:00 a.m. Complainant reported a smoke report 190 East. Fire Department check out report.

5:30 p.m. Complainant reported a possible grass fire on McIntosh. Fire Department responded and found a drilling rig on county line.

8:06 p.m. Complainant reported a domestic disturbance at apartments. Officers responded and both subjects were arrested for disorder-

ly conduct. Male had out of county warrants.

September 7 • 12:57 a.m. Complainant reported a possible fight near their residence on Del Rio Street. Officers responded.

4:16 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

8:00 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a female subject that had pushed them at school.

8:32 p.m. Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife will be spotlighting for deer on Old Ft. McKavett Road.

September 8 • 2:00 p.m. Complainant on Warner Street reported a black Sears Craftsman edger missing.

11:02 p.m. Complainant reported loud music at their neighbors house. Officer responded.

September 9 • 12:15 a.m. Complainant reported that their daughter was not home yet and wanted an officer to keep an eye out for them. Officer was informed.

6:35 a.m. Complainant requested an ACLS transfer. EMS 1 responded.

8:00 a.m. Controlled burn on FM 1828. Fire department responded.

5:19 p.m. Complainant reported that there were eight goats on their property on McIntosh Hwy. Complainant stated the goats can stay until owner was contacted.

September 10 • 8:07 a.m. Complainant reported a large white male in a white T-Shirt and white shorts in the middle of Hwy. 277 north trying to stop traffic. Officer responded.

10:14 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with a officer about a bike. Officer responded.

10:13 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a civil matter. A 1979 Chevy truck was sold to a male subject and was returned and left in the middle of the road. Officer responded.

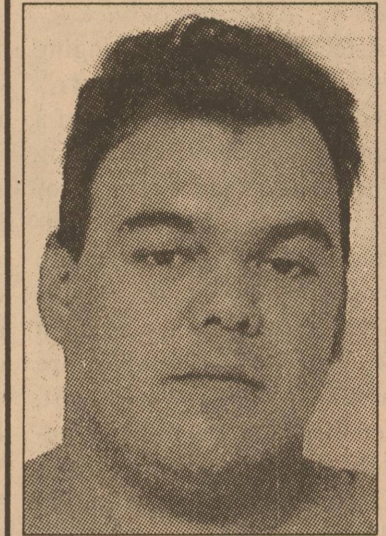
September 11 • 6:18 p.m. Complainant reported a snake on S. Field Street. Officer responded.

11:34 p.m. Complainant at convenience store on South Divide reported a male subject passed out in their vehicle. Officer responded.

September 12 • 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported an older couple soliciting and acting suspicious. Officer responded.

NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A PUBLIC NOTICE OF A SEX OFFENDER REGISTERED IN ELDERADO, SCHLEICHER, TEXAS.



Notification as required Article 6252-13C.1; Revised Statutes, Section 3

Registrant: Cruz, Mark Anthony
 Registrant Age: 29; Gender: Male
 Description Of Offense: Indecency w/Female Child By Sexual Contact.
 Risk Level 2: Either, but not both, of the following: A designated number of points or higher on the sex offender screening tool or a basis for concern that the person poses a serious danger to the community or will continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Schleicher County ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. September 27, 2000 in the Schleicher County ISD High School Library.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.3499	\$ -0-	\$1.3499	\$ 3,117	\$ 3,690
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.3914	\$ -0-	\$ 1.391	\$ 3,233	\$ 3,713
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.3914	\$ -0-	\$ 1.391	\$ 3,446	\$ 4,089

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 26,040	\$ 26,360
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 9,162	\$ 9,427
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.3499	\$ 1.3914
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 123.69	\$ 131.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 7.48

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3914. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3914.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$26,393.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Schleicher County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$112,863.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$843.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

School board meets hires McCollough as Annenberg director

The Schleicher County I.S.D. board of trustees met Monday night, Sept. 11, and voted to hire Cheryl McCollough as the director of the school's Annenberg-Rural Trust Community Learning and Technology program. McCollough was one of five applicants interviewed for the job by a special committee consisting of Connie Fryar, Jo Helen Kotsch, George Blanch, Ilse Williams and Eddie Albin. She agreed to take over the program if the school board agreed. Mrs. McCollough's salary will be paid with funds from the Annenberg Rural Trust grant.

McCollough, who lives in San Angelo, has a Masters degree in Biology from Baylor University. She also has a Bachelor's degree in Education from Baylor.

Before hiring on with SCISD, McCollough was on faculty full time at Central Texas College in Killeen. She has taught 7th Grade

Science Teacher at Travis Middle School in Temple and was the head teaching assistant in the Biology Department at Baylor.

School board members on hand for the meeting included Phil McCormick, Steve Sessom, Jo Helen Kotsch, Berta Nicholson, Eddie Albin and Kurtis Homer. Sam Whitten, Jr. was absent.

Among other business, the board discussed setting a tax rate to support the budget they adopted at their last meeting. In the end, the group proposed a tax rate of \$1.3914, the maximum they can adopt without triggering a roll back election. A public hearing will be held on Sept. 27, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library, to receive public input on the proposed rate. A formal vote to adopt the rate will follow that hearing.

John Kotsch SCISD's maintenance director, presented a proposal for a cellular phone contract. The board instructed Superintendent George Blanch to develop a policy regarding cellular phones use by district personnel. No other action was taken on the subject.

The board then approved taking bids on two new buses, one a

35 passenger route bus, the other a 77 passenger activity bus. The possibility of air conditioning the 77 passenger bus was also discussed. Bids will also be taken on cafeteria equipment with the equipment to be installed during the Christmas break.

It was explained that \$60,000 in technology funds will be spent this year on new computers. Next year an estimated \$57,600 will be allocated to continuing the purchase of computer equipment.

The board then received a proposal for purchasing a house near the school on W. Fields Street but took no action on the subject.

Superintendent George Blanch then updated the trustees on the district's enrollment. As of Sept. 8th, the district's overall enrollment is 655 students, Blanch said. Of that amount, 218 are in High School, 207 are in Middle School and Elementary has 230.

Before adjourning, the board discussed several methods of recognizing the district's faculty and staff and their hard work in achieving Exemplary Ratings from the Texas Education Agency for all three campuses and the district as a whole.



Another rattlesnake — Duge Yates posed Monday with a rattlesnake he killed in the alley behind the old bank building on Main Street.



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Some Low-Flying Children Take Time Before They Soar

QUESTION: My two kids are as different as night and day. You'd never even know they were born to the same parents. One of them is having trouble in school and the other is something of a superstar. I'm very worried about the one boy. Do some kids start out doing poorly and then catch fire?

DR. DOBSON: Thank goodness they often do. Let me give you an encouraging illustration. Several years ago I attended a wedding ceremony in a beautiful garden setting, and I came away with some thoughts about parents who are raising a child like your boy.

After the minister had instructed the groom to kiss the bride on that day, approximately 150 colorful, helium-filled balloons were released into the blue California sky. Within a few seconds the balloons were just scattered all across the heavens, some of them rising hundreds of feet overhead and others cruising toward the horizon. A few balloons struggled to clear the upper branches of the trees, while the show-offs became mere pinpoints of color on their journey to the sky.

How interesting, I thought, and how symbolic of children. Let's face it. Some boys and girls seem to be born with more helium than others. They catch all the right breezes and they soar effortlessly to the heights, while others wobble dangerously close to the trees. Their frantic folks run along underneath, huffing and puffing to keep them airborne. It is an exhausting experience.

In short, I have a word of encouragement to you and all the parents of low-flying kids. Sometimes the child who has the greatest trouble getting off the ground eventually soars to the highest heights. That's why I urge you as parents not to look too quickly for the person your child will become.

QUESTION: Do you believe love at first sight occurs between some people?

DR. DOBSON: Though some readers will disagree with me, "love at first sight" is a physical and emotional impossibility. Why? Because love is much more than a romantic feeling. It is more than sexual attraction, or the thrill of the chase, or the desire to marry someone. These are responses that can occur "at first sight," and they might even lead to the genuine thing in time. But those feelings are usually temporary, and they do not mean the person who experiences them is "in love." I wish everyone understood that fact!

The primary difference between infatuation and real love is where the emphasis lies. Temporary romantic attractions tend to be very selfish in nature. A person may say, "I can't believe what is happening to me. This is the most fantastic thing I've ever experienced! I must be in love." Notice that she's not talking about the other person. She's excited about her own gratification. Such an individual hasn't fallen in love with someone else; she has fallen in love with love!

Genuine love, by contrast, is an expression of the deepest ap-

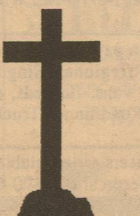
preciation for another human being. It is an intense awareness of his or her needs, strengths and character. It shares the longings, hopes and dreams of that other person. It is unselfish, giving and caring. And believe me, these are not attitudes one "falls" into at first sight, as though he were tumbling into a ditch.

I have developed a lifelong love for my wife, but it was not something I fell into. I grew into it, and that process took time. I had to know her before I could appreciate the depth and stability of her character — to become acquainted with the nuances of her personality, which I now cherish. The familiarity from which love has blossomed simply could not be generated on "some enchanted evening, across a crowded room." One cannot love an unknown object, regardless of how attractive or sexy or nubile it is!

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.fof.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.
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in spite of the high wind, however. Rainfall totals as high as an inch were reported in town with reports of .30 to 1.5 inches coming in from various parts of the county.

Ironically, the storm which brought much needed rain to the area, temporarily shut down the City of Eldorado's water system. Lightning knocked out phone relays which activate the city's water pumps. City personnel manually set the switches Tuesday night to bring the system back on line.

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Kappa Delta Chapter of BSP met in the Home of Barbara Jackson. On a hot record setting day, September 11, 2000 for the first meeting of the year. President Linda Lindsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members voted to have a Halloween dance for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade on October 28th. Flora Hubble was to call to see if the Memorial Building would be available at this time. Plans for the family social were completed. Dorothy Dacy volunteered to have this social at her home with Flora Hubble, Linda Lindsey and Mary Jenkins as co-hostesses.

The program on Australia was presented by Mary Leigh Dunagan. Since the Olympic Games will be

held there soon. It was very interesting to learn some of the history of this country. We learned that England once brought it's criminals to this country after the Dutch first settled it for farming.

After the closing ritual the hostess served chips, dips, fruit salad and tea to the members present. Those previously mentioned and Nancy McCray. Mary Leigh Dunagan won the Sunshine gift.

Members learned that member Kim'et Nelson could not be present because of the birth of her third grandchild. A daughter was born to Munde and Steve Whitten. She is welcomed by two brothers.

Dorothy Dacy will be hostess for the next meeting on September 25th. and Mary Jenkins will present the program.

Ag. Commissioner Combs to host Sonora town hall meeting

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a series of town hall meetings throughout the state starting

in September. Commissioner Combs will meet with farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders to discuss issues that are affecting the agricultural industry and rural Texas.

A town hall meeting in Sonora will be held on Tuesday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 North Crockett in Sonora.

"I want to hear first hand what's on the minds of the farmers, ranchers and citizens of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know what issues are affecting them, their families and their community and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future."

"Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs said.

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Rural Development Council and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas. The town hall meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information on TDA town hall meetings or future dates and locations, contact John McFerrin, producer relations specialist at TDA at (512) 463-7593 or jmcFerrin@agr.state.tx.us.

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