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## F.Y.I.

### For Your Information

#### Army bytes...digital dog tags

The Pentagon will provide every G.I. with a wearable data storage device. Soldiers will wear their Personal information carriers (PICs) around their necks with their regular dog tags.

The matchbook-size device, dubbed a digital dog tag, weighs only two grams, and contains a soldier's complete medical history. Doctors in the field can easily insert the PIC into a laptop computer at a Battalion Aid Station to obtain and then update a soldier's medical records.

—★★★★—

#### On This Date

On this date in 1066 Harold II, the last Anglo-Saxon king of England, claims the throne following the death of his father, Edward the Confessor. That same year, Harold II is killed at the Battle of Hastings by soldiers of William the duke of Normandy, later known as William the Conqueror. In 1912, the New Mexico territory is admitted into the U.S. as the forty-seventh state. In 1919 former president Theodore Roosevelt died at his home in New York.

Birthdays of note include: 1412 - Joan of Arc; 1878 author Carl Sandburg; 1880 silent movie actor Tom Mix; 1914 actor & philanthropist Danny Thomas; 1924 bluegrass musician Earl Scruggs; 1939 actor Vic Tayback; 1957 golfer Nancy Lopez.

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#### Calling Mr. Sandman

Two out of three Americans don't get the recommended eight hours of sleep, according to the National Sleep Foundation. That's a problem, because sleepy students are hard to teach, drowsy drivers cause auto accidents and worn-out employees make mistakes that cost the U.S. economy \$150 billion in lost productivity each year.

A Congressional study reported that lack of sleep led to errors in critical thinking in three major disasters: the Challenger Space Shuttle explosion, the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the near-meltdown at Three Mile Island. A Brown University study also confirmed what may seem obvious to parents - teens go to bed and wake up later than other age groups. Some school districts have pushed start times to a more teen-friendly 9 a.m., and student performance has improved.



photo by Kathy Mankin

**Overcome by smoke** — Volunteer firefighter Shannon Corbell was carried to a nearby ambulance by paramedic Tim Vasquez (left front), and firefighters (L-R) Albert Martinez, Michael Faull and Sam Whiffen, Jr. after she was overcome by smoke during a structure fire New Year's morning.

## New Year's morning fire claims apartment

### Two volunteer firefighters suffer from smoke inhalation

An early morning fire tested the holiday readiness of local emergency services a few hours after midnight on New Year's Day. That's when a 9-1-1 call reported a fire in an apartment near the intersection of North Cottonwood and East Streets. The attic of the Housing Authority apartment, which was unoccupied at the time of the blaze, was fully involved when the first fire units arrived at the scene.

Two volunteer firefighters suffered from smoke inhalation while battling the fire. The first, Shannon Corbell, was taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where she was treated and released. Sometime later,

Albert Martinez, arrived in a private vehicle at SCMC, where he was evaluated and transferred by ambulance to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Several tenants of the apartment complex were also evaluated at SCMC for possible smoke inhalation.

Firefighters had to contend with heavy smoke, high winds and chilly temperatures as they fought the fire, which caused heavy damage to the apartment. Meanwhile, an adjacent apartment sustained smoke and water damage.

The fire department's new pumper truck was pressed into service with several lines being laid

from all sides. The pumper truck's deck gun was used to train water on the structure's flaming roof.

After several tense minutes the fire was contained and extinguished. Firefighters then set about looking for "hot spots" and remained at the scene to ensure the fire did not rekindle.

The cause of the blaze is unknown and remains under investigation at press time.

## Grand jurors issue eleven indictments

Schleicher County grand jurors met on Monday, December 20, 1999 and handed down eleven felony indictments. Those indictments were not released to the public until arrest warrants were served. Among those indicted were:

Antonio Sandate, Sr., 50, of Eldorado, Theft of Livestock.

Joe Enriquez Arispe, Jr., a.k.a. Joe Arispe, Jr., 42, of Eldorado, Driving While Intoxicated.

Demetrio Rodriguez Belman, 38, of Eldorado, Indecency With a Child by Contact.

Mark Cruz, 28, of Eldorado, Indecency With a Child by Contact.

Philip Charles Franzoni, 32, of El Paso, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Escape While Arrested.

David Rodriguez, 17, of San Angelo, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

Brandon J. Taylor, 19, of San Angelo, Forgery by Passing.

Three other indictments have yet to be made public pending arrests in the cases. The Success will report the indictments as soon as information becomes available.

An indictment is issued when at least nine of twelve grand jurors find that there is enough evidence against a defendant to bring a case against them in a court of law.



photo by Kathy Mankin

**In the window** — Firefighters (L-R) T.J. Rodriguez, Luiz Martinez and Sam Whiffen, Jr. attacked an apartment fire through a window during the early morning hours of Saturday, Jan. 1.

## 65th annual Junior Livestock Show set for this weekend

Come one, come all to the 65th annual Schleicher County Junior Livestock, Food and Project Show, beginning today at the agricultural exhibition center just south of Eldorado on U.S. 277.

Creative arts entries will be judged today with public viewing beginning at 5:00 p.m. Livestock entries must be in place by 6:00 p.m. this evening.

The Livestock show will begin Friday, January 7th with Meat Goats being shown at 8:30 a.m. Swine will be shown before the lunch break with Steers and Heifers following in the afternoon.

On Saturday, the Lamb Show will begin the days events followed by the food show and dog

show. See the complete schedule of events, below.

The advisors for this year's show will be: Scott Edmonson, CEA-Ag; Nancy Lester, CEA-FCS; Kent Giles, ASI; and Chris McCravey, Home-Economics. Andy Laughlin, Extension Assistant/Sheep and Goat Specialist will serve as the Livestock show judge. Mrs Barbara Earwood from Sonora will once again be serving as the Art Show judge.

County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson says he is pleased with the effort the local youngsters have put into their entries this year and encourages everyone to attend and take part in the 65th annual livestock, food and project show.

### Schleicher Co. Jr. Livestock, Project & Food Show Schedule

**Thursday, January 6**

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Creative Arts Entries Judged

5:00 p.m. Creative Arts Open to the Public

6:00 p.m. All Livestock Exhibits in Place

6:00 p.m. Weight Cards Submitted to Bookkeepers

**Friday, January 7**

8:30 a.m. Meat Goats

11:00 a.m. Swine

1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Steers

2:30 p.m. Heifers

**Saturday, January 8**

9:00 a.m. Lamb Show

Finewool, Crosses, Medium Wool

9:00 a.m. Food Show Entries Must be in Place

10:00 a.m. Judging of Food Show Entries

11:00 a.m. Dog Show

11:30 a.m. BBQ Luncheon

12:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards

Livestock & Food Premium Sale

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Creative Arts Entries Released

Following Auction Livestock Released



photo by Randy Mankin

**Looking for evidence** — Deputy Jason Chatham (foreground) and Sheriff David Doran dusted for fingerprints near the door handle of a stolen 1984 Pontiac which was recovered Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2 on McIntosh Road. The vehicle was reported stolen that morning by Juanita Vasquez of Eldorado. The incident remains under investigation.

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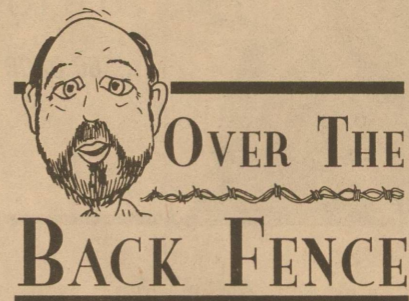
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# ...and the Oscar goes to...Y2K, for best adaptation of an original work of fiction

In 1957, as Sputnik orbited the Earth and the Cold War reached a boiling point, some enterprising entrepreneurs in America began marketing bomb shelters. By the time the Cuban Missile Crisis rolled around in 1962, they were being sold and installed by the thousands.

Those days stick out in my memory because, as youngster I had to take part in all those foolish drills at school. Our teacher would blow a whistle and my classmates and I would hide beneath our desks and cover our heads with our hands.

I call the drills foolish because my school was located only a few miles from Dyess Air Force Base, which at the time



## OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

was a Strategic Air Command base. The B-52s stationed there were loaded with nuclear weapons and a few of them, at least, were always enroute to targets in the Soviet Union.

That made Dyess a primary target for the Russians. My school would have been well inside the fireball had the much feared first-strike ever materialized.

My dad had a friend who wanted our family to go in halves on building a bomb shelter. The problem was, he and his family lived about 15 miles south of Dyess Air Force Base while we lived about 15 miles north. I don't know if he ever understood why it didn't make sense.

Lots of people did build bomb shelters, however. They stocked up on food and supplies, bought generators and made serious plans for how to cope in a "post-nuclear" age. I think it was during those days that the modern survivalist movement began. The recent Y2K scare brought lot of that back to mind.

About ten days ago I saw on TV that the old Cold War en-

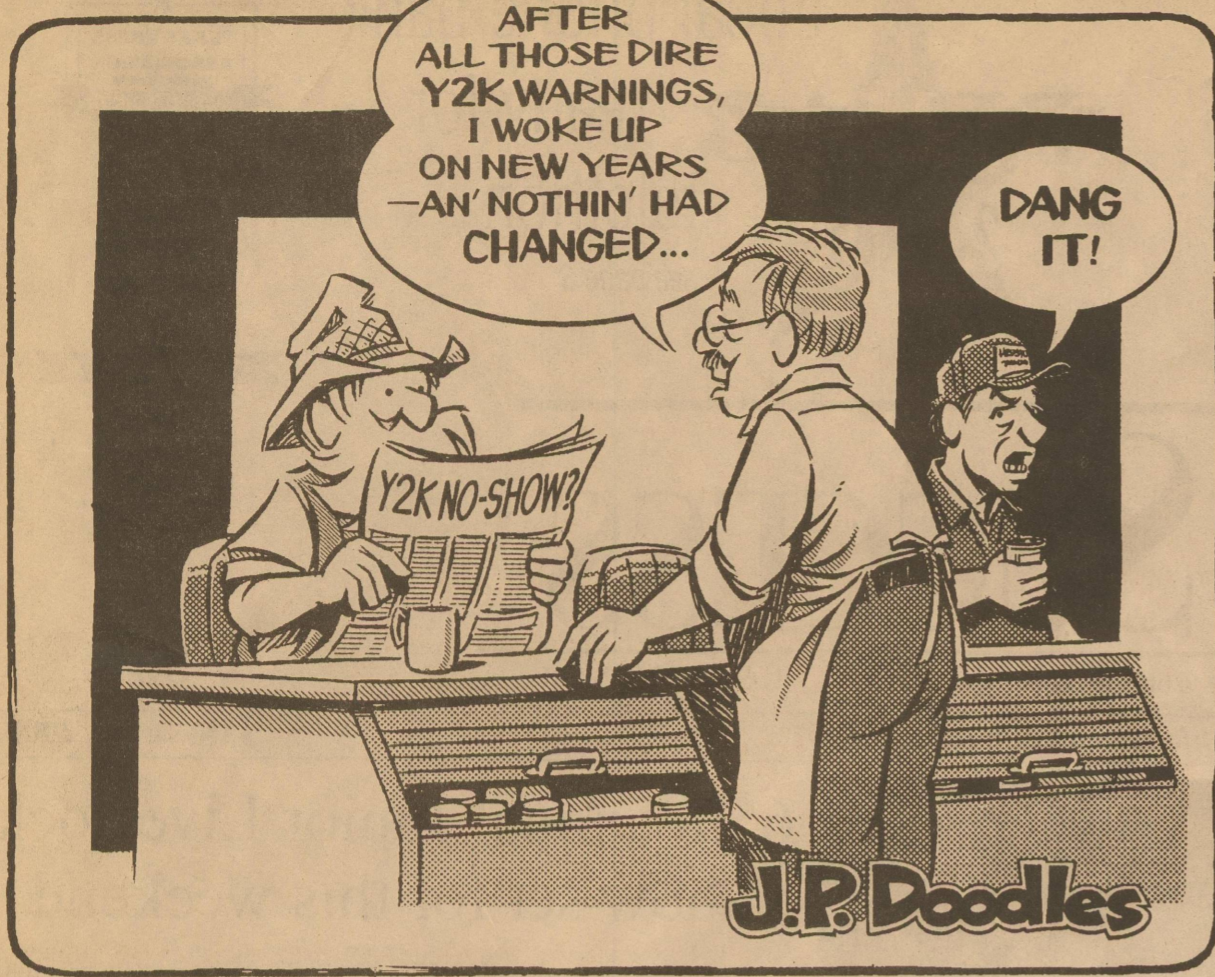
mies were teaming up to face the Y2K challenge. It was reported that several Russian generals would spend the dawning of the new millennium at Cheyenne Mountain, the U.S. missile defense headquarters in Colorado. They were bringing with them the "destruct codes" for Russia's missiles, just in case.

That was a phrase I heard used often in recent weeks. "We don't think anything will happen...but, just in case." Mercifully, Y2K passed without so much as a whimper.

But lets not rejoice too soon. Only last night I heard another of the gloom and doom forecasters saying that we won't be in the clear until after February 29th. He reckons that, since this is the first leap year to end with double zeroes in the last two hundred years, we could be facing a calamity the likes of which mankind hasn't witnessed since the bubonic plague swept across Europe four centuries ago.

Then there was the woman on the radio who claimed the real threat will come from space. I'm still not sure whether she was worried about asteroids or extraterrestrials.

After listening to the lady for a few minutes, I walked outside and looked up at the stars. As I took in the expanse of flickering lights I couldn't help wondering, "Is this what Chicken Little had in mind?"



## Readiness coalition watches state agency computers

AUSTIN — Congress Avenue and portions of bisecting streets were blocked off last week as crews set up the capital city New Year's Eve party for an anticipated 200,000 revelers.

Meanwhile, Readiness 2000, a coalition of 31 state agencies, prepared to watch and wait in the Department of Public Safety's emergency management center in Austin.

Over the last two years, state officials found nearly all computers "Y2K ready" at 199 state agencies, including 30 agencies identified as critical to health, safety or the economy.

Don Rogers, a spokesman for Readiness 2000, told *The Dallas Morning News* his group encourages Texas residents to have enough water and other supplies on

## State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

hand to last three days.

### Notification Law Starts Jan. 1

The new parental-notification abortion law, sponsored in the 1999 state legislative session by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, goes into effect Jan. 1.

The law requires an unmarried woman 17 or younger to notify a parent that she intends to have an abortion. Also, she will be asked to produce proof of her age.

If a parent has not signed an affidavit, a physician must send a registered letter to a parent's address, then wait 48 hours, before performing the abortion.

Under the law, parents need not approve. They only must be told an abortion is to occur.

The Texas Department of Health reported in 1997 that 5,523 minors had abortions.

Lawmakers estimate that 200 young women a year, even in light of the law, will refuse to tell a parent, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week.

### SW Bell Settles Lawsuit

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. said it would pay \$10 million to settle a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of all its customers in 400 Texas cities, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Dec. 30.

In the preliminary settlement, the plaintiffs, who sued over the way the telephone company collects franchise fees, will receive no payment, and the Dallas lawyers representing them could collect \$2 million.

Instead, \$3 million in cash and \$7 million in service credits would go to the state's Telecommunications and Infrastructure Fund, the *American-Statesman* reported.

Customers wishing to exercise their right to sue individually have until April 1 to "opt out" of the settlement, in writing.

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund was established to help communities, libraries and school districts get high-speed Internet access.

### AG Targets 'Bidi' Sellers

Texas will take enforcement action against Internet merchants accused of selling a tobacco product known as "bidis" to minors.

Attorney General John Cornyn said the sale of the small, brown, hand-rolled cigarettes is an illegal and predatory business practice that "must come to an end."

Offices of 16 other state attorneys general are doing the same.

As part of its enforcement action, Texas is sending warning letters to online companies found selling bidis to children.

Citing Federal Food and Drug Administration's regulations and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the letter requires violators to sign a cease-and-desist agreement to avoid legal action.

### Other Highlights

- The Texas Department of Public Safety reported 23 people died on Texas roads over the 54-hr holiday weekend reporting period. The DPS predicted 32 highway deaths would occur over the reporting period covering New Year's weekend.

- Texas' share of a \$900 million federal funding package to aid the homeless will be \$46 million. The money will provide medical treatment, job training and shelter.

- Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced he is returning almost \$600,000 in unspent 1999 funding to the state of Texas, making the Texas General Land Office one of the few state agencies to spend less than it was budgeted by the Legislature in 1999, he said.

- "Marauding feral hogs" are tearing up yards and parks in Austin, but neither the city of Austin nor Travis County has organized

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## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Museum Arts

Chances are you've seen some of Charles Paramore's work. He designed Dr. Pepper floats for the Cotton Bowl Parades. He created the multi-media theater at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. He built exhibits for oil museums in Midland and Kilgore. He did the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon.

Charles Paramore of Dallas is president of Museum Arts, a company he founded in 1962. His educational background is in graphic design and illustration. He has assembled a team of talented designers, engineers, audio visual specialists, computer programmers and carpenters who go around the world building exhibits for all sizes of museums, corporations and cities.

His theaters do more than show movies or slides. They feature revolving stages, rotating globes, moving platforms and the latest High Density Television and surround sound.

"We find ourselves in the museum business competing with all sorts of entertainment and other activities," he says, "so museums are becoming more user friendly."

The petroleum exhibit he did for the museum of science and industry in Chicago features what he calls the Argonaut. "It's a machine that you get in and it drills into the center of the earth. It's a ride that's fun, but also educational."

The first museum he built was the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland. "With that project in 1973 I discovered one of the most

practical and satisfying ways to practice my craft. Things haven't been the same since."

He says his work is never boring. "All of the research is really part of the fascination because every job is different. We're working on a Formula One project right now for racing that's coming to the United States next year. I'm having to study up on those cars and how they're built and what the public might want to see."

At last year's State Fair of Texas he designed the showcase exhibit, The Operating Room of the Future.

"Here we are learning about how they're using minimal penetration into the human body to do major surgery with little cameras and robotics. Then the next thing I know I'm trying to figure out how the Norden Bomb Sight works. It's fun."

At the telephone museum in Dallas, school kids will sit through an eighteen minute film on the history of the telephone. "They sit there because they're waiting for the next surprise."

Surprise is a big part of Charles's work. He immerses his audiences totally into the presentations he creates. They feel what it's like to experience the gush of an oil well from the drilling platform or a ride down river rapids in a raft or a volcano eruption from inside the volcano.

"The one thing our team has in common is we're all dreamers," says Charles. "And whatever we dream, whatever we imagine, we can create."

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# OBITUARIES

## Charles A. Cole, Jr.

SAN ANGELO — C.A. "Chili" Cole died Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, in Shannon Medical Center. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Jan. 5, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Hedges officiating. A private burial service was held at his C Bar Ranch in Schleicher County. Chili was born Aug. 17, 1918, in Cumby and was raised in San Antonio. He attended Texas A&M University and served as an officer in the U.S. Army. He married Janice Halter of San Antonio on Sept. 4, 1943. They moved to San Angelo in 1951, where he enjoyed a successful career as a ranch mortgage lender, rancher and horseman. He was a Gold Card holder in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association, a 1998 inductee in the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, past president and rodeo chairman of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association and one of the founders of the San Angelo Roping Fiesta. He was director emeritus of the American Quarter Horse Association and past president of the West Texas Quarter Horse Association. Chili is survived by his wife Janice; a son, C.A. "Chip" Cole III and wife, Kelley; and four grandchildren, C.A. "Chili" Cole IV, Judson, Jess and Annabelle Cole. Memorials may be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or a favorite charity.

## Ruth Duncan Humphrey

ELDORADO — Ruth Duncan Humphrey passed from this life Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, in San Angelo Community Medical Center. Ruth was born June 10, 1918, in Calf Creek in McCulloch County to William Robert and Mary Cleo Bridge Duncan. She was the third of four daughters. The Duncan family moved to Schleicher County when Ruth was a young girl because of the drought and Depression. Ruth married O.B. Bradshaw in 1934. He died in 1966. Ruth married W.J. Humphrey and he preceded her in death also. She is survived by her devoted companion, George White of San Angelo; a daughter, Monetta Edmiston and her husband, Ray Charles Edmiston, of Sealy; and two sisters, Geneva Wade of Eldorado and Flois Turner of Brady. Two loving supportive grandsons, Byron Blaine Wilson and Michael Hagan Wilson, both of Midland, survive her, along with two great-granddaughters, Amy and Ana Wilson. Surviving her also are aunts, Bernice Bradshaw of Brady and Pearl Bolt of Eldorado; an uncle, R.H. Duncan of San Angelo; a special caring nephew and niece, Dan and Bette Gandy of San Angelo; and numerous other nieces and nephews, cousins and many, many friends. Ruth also was very much loved by her stepchildren, Martha McElroy, Kay Patton, Wilson Humphrey, George Lloyd White, Clifford White and Janice Rivers. Ruth was a gracious lady, always optimistic and loved everyone she came in contact with. She loved to have a good time and made the world a happier place for those who knew her. A memorial service was held Sunday, Jan. 2, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Grosse Mohler officiating. A private burial was held earlier in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were Kyle Gandy, Curtis Griffin, Rony Kerr, Andrew Jackson, James Stone, Eugene Bradshaw, Larry McElroy, Clifford Allen White, George Lloyd White and Jimmy Whitten. The family requests memorials be made to West Texas Rehab, Boys Ranch or charity of choice.



Frances and W.F. Edmiston *courtesy photo*

## Edmistons celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

W.F. Edmiston and Frances Fish were married November 25, 1949 in the Murr Church of Christ in the Murr Community between Ft. McKavett and Junction. Their 50th Anniversary was celebrated in Ruidoso, New Mexico over the Christmas Holidays with all families staying for four days of fun and skiing. Daughter, Sue Rusler and husband Kenneth and son John traveled from Canyon, Texas. Granddaughter Tracy and husband Chad, with children Shelby and Austin traveled from Amarillo. Son, William Edmiston and wife Darlene, children Haley, Ben and Frank came from Eldorado. And other son's family, Diane and Kelby came from Pflugerville. The celebration was concluded by a reception with a big decorated cake, punch and a memory quilt.

## It's A Boy!

Caden Ray Crippin was born December 22, 1999 to Wray and Pam Crippin in Plano, Texas. Both mother and son are doing fine. Grandfather, Guy Crippin is also doing well at babysitting Kaylie, Caden's 18 month old sister. Caden weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- JANUARY**  
 6th Stacy Nicholson  
 7th Ray David Buitran Sr., Mary Leggett, Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Steve Parker  
 8th Chance Behrens, Delia Herrera, Candi Homer, Thelma Bosmans, Juana Rojas  
 9th Tata Belman, Jennifer Sellers, Raymond Riley, Chance Behrens  
 10th Micah Grelle, Selina Rojas, Richard Harris, George Scott, Billy Williams, Carisa Porter  
 11th R. Byron Orand, Ricky Jones, Sharon Spinks, Carolyn Hamilton, Emmanuel Gonzales, Rosa Trevino, Larry Marshall  
 12th Teresa Thomas, Allen Kuykendall, Teresa Lux, Mike Lux, Jerry Jones, Kevin Tinney, Mary Nolen

## ANNIVERSARY LIST

- JANUARY**  
 12th Roy & Melissa Lloyd

## Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, January 10**  
 Porkchops, w/Brown Gravy, Carrots, Wheat Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk  
**Tuesday, January 11**  
 Meatloak w/Tomatoes, Black-Eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk  
**Wednesday, January 12**  
 Beef & Cheese Burritos, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin W/Pears, Milk  
**Thursday, January 13**  
 Spanish Meatballs on Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk  
**Friday, January 14**  
 Chicken Supreme, Herbed Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

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## Rehab 2000 set for Saturday

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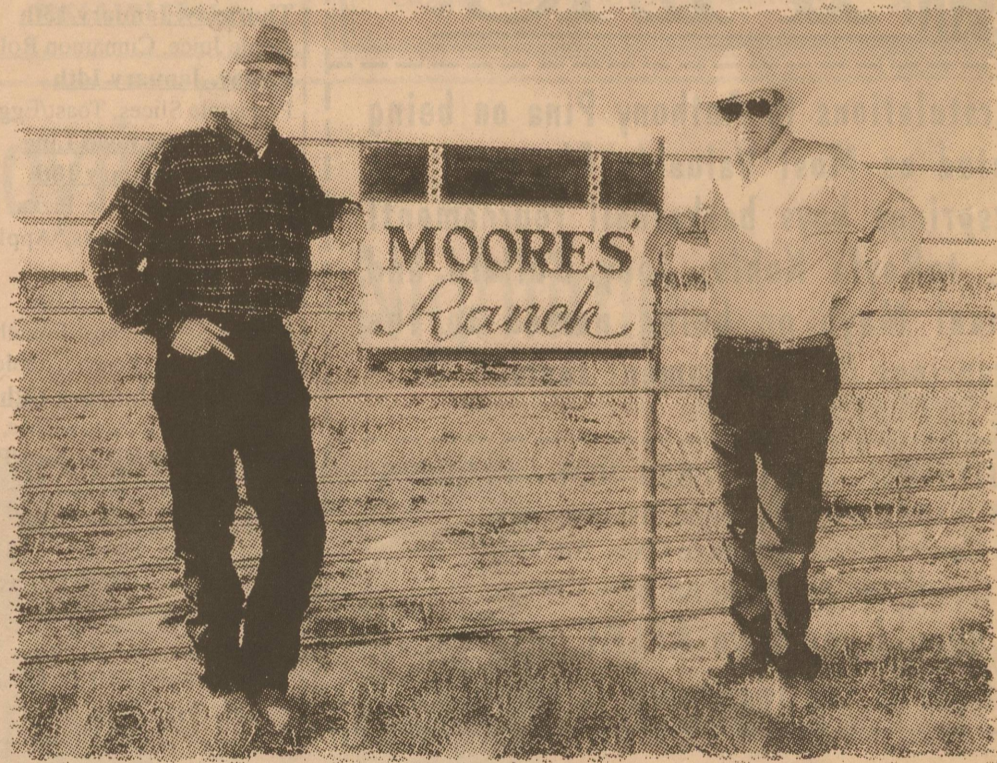
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## Annual "Parade of Homes"

by Noweita Briggs  
 The Eldorado Woman's Club hosted their annual "Parade of Homes" the afternoon of December 12, 1999 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Homes on tour this year were Scooter and Kathy Faull, Ray and Jeri Willoughby, and Gary and Princess Gruben. Each home was a special delight for all who made the tour. Scooter and Kathy Faull's home was built in the middle sixties of native rock collected from the surrounding area by Clyde and Sweet Keeney. Sweet Keeney was a china painter and had many of her lovely works decorating her home. Kathy, a collector of dolls, mostly porcelain, has decorated their gracious home with her beautiful collection. A special pair was the grandpa and grandma dolls which were made by Kathys sister-in-law, Brenda Beck. The Faulls have created a warm and lovely home. This reporter especially enjoyed their granddaughter Brittany's bedroom. Ray and Jeri Willoughbys ranch home was completed in July, 1997. The ranch style home is built with Austin stone. The home was built with many big windows so the beautiful country all around is always in view. A Five Pointed Star theme was used throughout the home. "Starr" is a family name deeply rooted in Texas history. One of the bedrooms had a framed display of Ray Jr's chaps vest and spurs. A unique feature of the kitchen was the pink granite counters. Rock excavated from the ranch decorated the natural rock swimming pool and waterfall and pool area. The day of the tour cows, horses and deer were thoughtful to wonder near to complete the pic-



**Up for grabs** — Courtney Whitten (L) and Clara Herrera (R) blanketed a Sonora player Monday night as the 8th grade Lady Eagles took on the 8th grade Lady Broncos.

photo by Kathy Mankin

## Eagles win, Lady Eagles take 2nd at Rocksprings tourney

by David E. Hill

Over the holidays the EHS basketball teams travelled to Rocksprings to participate in the Rocksprings Invitational Tournament. Both the Lady Eagles and Eagles made the trip down south and both teams did well in the tournament. The Lady Eagles captured second place while the Eagles took first. Eldorado placed four student athletes on the All-Tournament team with Kayla Kohls, Joey Bullard, Michael Mayo, and Anthony Pina. Pina was the Tournament MVP.

The Lady Eagles opened play against the Lady Bulldogs of Eden. EHS pulled out to a 17 point lead in the first quarter and never looked back. Eldorado increased the margin to 21 at the half and closed out the game outscoring Eden by 15 in the second half. EHS

won the game 60 to 26. Leading scorers were Kayla Kohls with 18 and Stacy Nicholson with 17. Coach Gooch commented, "this was the first game after Christmas and the girls hustle and focus was great." EHS then faced district foe Junction in round two and came out victorious.

EHS started slowly and led by 1 at the end of the first, then took a 9 point lead into halftime. The Lady Eagles then held Junction to 0 points in the third and went on to win with a strong fourth quarter 51 to 25. Kohls had 22 points and Christina Redish had 10. Stacy Nicholson had 11 rebounds and Kim Jones had 6 steals. Coach Gooch said, "Kayla Kohls really had a strong game and was the spark for the team."

In the Championship game, Eldorado faced Mertzton. The Lady Eagles came out and led by 9 after the first and two at the half. Both teams traded baskets after intermission as EHS led 30 to 28 at the end of the third. Mertzton got hot in the fourth and outscored Eldorado 17 to 9 in the last stanza to win 44 to 39. Nicholson had 11, Kohls 10, and Vanessa Gonzales

9. Kayla McCravey had 7 rebounds, 5 steals, and 4 assists. Coach Gooch commented, "the girls played a great first quarter, our intensity fell in the second and let them back in the game. Overall it was a good game but mistakes down the stretch cost us the Championship."

The Eagles opened play against Bracketville and came out on top 65 to 42. The game was tied after two quarters then EHS blew the game open in the third outscoring Bracket by 10 and 13 in the fourth. Michael Mayo had 17, Bullard and Pina each had 16. Will Robledo had 8 steals in the game. Coach Gillespie said, "we really stepped it up in the third and finished well."

In the second round the Eagles faced Junction. Eldorado jumped out early and took a 7 point lead in the first. Then proceeded to outscore Junction by 6, 9, and 14 in the next three quarters. EHS won 87 to 51. Bullard had 22

points, Pina had 18, Johnny Herrera had 17, and Benji Gonzales had 11. Bullard led rebounders with 15 and Robledo had 10 steals. Gillespie commented, "a great night, we made 9 three point goals." Eldorado faced Mertzton in the Championship game looking for revenge from an earlier loss. The Eagles outscored Mertzton by 4 in the first and took a 6 point lead into intermission. The Eagles then took full control of the contest taking a 10 point advantage in the third. EHS then outscored ICHS 23 to 8 in the fourth for the 58 to 33 first place win. Gillespie said after the game, "the kids really wanted this one and took it."

Both squads travelled to Colorado City on Tuesday, then the Lady Eagles open District play Friday at home against Wall, while the Eagles play Christoval at home as well. Go out and support these student athletes.

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### School Lunch Menu

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**Monday, January 10th**  
 Super Nachos, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Corn Bread, Applesauce Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, January 11th**  
 Pork Chopetts/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli (Cheese Sauce), Peach Cobbler

**Wednesday, January 12th**  
 Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pineapple Slices, Cornbread, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

**Thursday, January 13th**  
 Turkey Pot Pie/Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

**Friday, January 14th**  
 Barbecue on a Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickles, Apple Crisp

**Breakfast**  
 1/2 Milk & 1/4 Juice Offered with each breakfast

**Monday, January 10th**  
 Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup

**Tuesday, January 11th**  
 Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy/Ham

**Wednesday, January 12th**  
 Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

**Thursday, January 13th**  
 Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

**Friday, January 14th**  
 Pineapple Slices, Toast/Eggs

**Fast Food Line**

**Monday, January 10th**  
 Sausage & Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Mixed Fruits, Applesauce Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, January 11th**  
 McRib Sandwiches, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Peach Cobbler

**Wednesday, January 12th**  
 Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomatoes/Pickles, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

**Thursday, January 13th**  
 Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Pear Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

**Friday, January 14th**  
 Barbecue on a bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Spears, Apple Crisp

### Hoop Scores

**8th Grade Girls**

January 3, 2000  
 Eldorado 10-03-07-06=26  
 Sonora 07-09-04-07=27

Courtney Whitten 4; Clara Herrera 9; Monica Moreno 4; Teresa Barajas 4; Lacy Ragsdale 3; Sonia Mills 2; Also playing: Mikinzie Holley and Heather Homer



**Up and in** — Betsy Green put up a shot over a defender as the 7th grade Lady Eagles easily defeated Sonora Monday night.

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**Golf Play Day**  
 by Mabel Freitag

A beautiful day, a great group of golfers for our Play Day this past Sunday, Jan. 2nd. We had a grand total of 58 with 49 adults and 9 youth (Byron Guterrez, Landon Nixon, Ross Hodges, Andrew Anderson, Wesley Jones, Clay Whitten, Ryan Guterrez, Cody Brown and Chris Hegefeld).

1st Place, score 57 Danny Halbert, Doc Hubble, Gordon Emmons, Albert Torres, Ester Torres and Ross Hodges.

2nd Place, score 57 Victor Guterrez, Eddie Hill, Clay Whitten, De Lux and Ryan Guterrez.

3rd Place, score 58 Tip Finley, Ross Whitten, Bill Freitag, Ricky Griffin and Margaret Guterrez.

Score card play off for 1st and 2nd places.

A Happy New Year and may 2000 bring the much needed rain to our county. Our next Play Day will be February 6th; weather permitting.

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These courses are available to anyone in the community, however certain courses may have prerequisites. Also, students must understand that any course may fail to make, if there are too few students enrolled. All classes will be located in the SCISD Multi-Purpose Room. Distance learning courses will cost approximately \$200 plus books.

Course Title	Day	Time
BIOL 1322 Nutrition	M/W	3:30-4:50 PM
CDEC 1354 Child Growth & Development	W	6:00-8:45 PM
CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice	M	7:00-9:45 PM
*CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law	Th	6:30-9:15 PM
ECON 2301 Principles of Economics	MWF	11:00-11:50 AM
*EMT 2903 Paramedic Completion	Tu	6:00-9:30 PM
ENGL 2333 World Literature	MWF	10:00-10:55 AM
+GOVT 2302 American Government II	TBA	
*SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology	Tu/Th	6:30-7:50 PM

Classes begin January 17, 2000  
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## Local candidates file for positions on primary ballots

The deadline to file for a place on the March 14 Democratic and Republican primary ballots passed Monday evening leaving nine local candidates vying for six county jobs.

Marian Overstreet filed for reelection as Schleicher County Attorney in the Democratic primary. She drew no opponents in either primary.

David Doran filed for reelection as Schleicher County Sheriff in the Republican primary. Former deputy Joe Dombroski filed for the same position on the Democratic primary ballot.

Lou Ann Turner filed for reelection as Schleicher County Tax Assessor-Collector on the Democratic primary ballot. She has no one running against her in either party primary.

Tommy Hunley filed for reelection to the post of Constable on the Democratic ticket. He, too, has no opponent.

Johnny Mayo, Jr. filed for reelection as Schleicher County Commissioner in Precinct 1 on the Democratic primary ballot. Ricky Fuessel filed for the same office on the Republican primary ballot.

Ronnie Mittel filed for Schleicher County Commissioner in Precinct 3 in the Republican primary and Kirk Griffin filed for the same office in the Democratic primary. The two men will be seeking to fill the seat currently held by Steve Minor, who chose not to seek re-election.

Both political parties will hold their primaries on March 14th. There are no locally contested races in either primary.



*Fishbate* — Scott Homer, Bryan Sproul, Jeff Stafford and Matt Curtis (seated) make up the Christian rock band "Fishbate". The group is shown here in the recording studio in Austin where they recently recorded their first CD "Fishbate the Lord's Lure."

## Local group preforms at New Year's Eve concert

A concert was held for our local youth at the Memorial Building on New Year's Eve. The event was organized by Trevor Burwick of Agape Assembly of God and Jim Broome of First Baptist. New Covenant, a contemporary Christian group from San Angelo, performed and led activities for the youth.

Fishbate, a Christian rock band from Eldorado, opened the concert with several of their songs. Fishbate band members include Jeff Stafford - vocals, Bryan Sproul - acoustic guitar & vocals, Scott Homer - Electric guitar, and Matt Curtis - drums. The group is the praise band at First Baptist Church of Eldorado. They also hold praise gatherings locally and have held a worship service at Menard Cowboy Church.

The band recently recorded a CD in Austin titled "Fishbate the Lord's Lure." All the songs on the CD were written by band mem-

bers. The cover for the CD was designed by Mike Sproul.

Following the concert, the band expressed their appreciation to family and friends of Eldorado for all their support and encouragement.

The group is currently seeking other opportunities to perform and witness in the Eldorado area. Their new CD may be purchased from any band member for a \$7 donation.

## Annual Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting

The Annual Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building. This year the meeting will start with a mixer with finger foods rather than a dinner. Tickets for the mixer are \$10.00 each. Tea and coffee will be served as well as, a donation bar serving wine and beer. The business meeting then will start at 8:00

p.m. At the business meeting, the Man and Woman of the Year will be announced and other community volunteers will be recognized. Three directors will be elected to serve a three-year term on the Board. Candidates are Princess Gruben, Mark Marshall and Stacey Haynes. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor, but only if they have agreed in advance to serve.

## Schleicher Co. Historical Society membership drive underway

by Ann Barker

The Schleicher County Historical Society is conducting its annual membership drive. Annual dues are \$5.00 per person, and all citizens are urged to show your support of the museum. Dues may be sent to Mrs. Orval Edmiston, P.O. Box 906, Eldorado, Texas 76936. Dues help to defray the cost of utilities and maintenance.

The Historical Society meets the first Monday of each month at

1:30 at the museum. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings; the Society welcomes ideas and suggestions for promoting and improving the museum and its programs.

## Williams to perform in Sleeping Beauty

This Saturday, January 8, 2000 at the Sonora High School Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. watch as a young princess is put under the spell of a jealous old woman-a spell that puts her to sleep for five hundred years!

Corie Williams daughter of Dean and Vickie Williams will perform as one of the Villagers in the Missoula Children's Theatre original musical production of "Sleeping Beauty." Tickets will be sold at the door.

## Capitol Highlights

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opposition to the marauders, city and county officials told the *Austin American-Statesman* last week. Tusked and aggressive, the wild pigs weigh up to 400 pounds and stand up to 3 feet at the shoulder.

A car chase ended on the evening of Dec. 28 at the iron gates at the rear driveway of the Governor's Mansion. Police pulled a 54-year-old male suspect and a woman from their late-model BMW and arrested them. Gov. George W. Bush was out of state at the time.



*Nice buck* — Jaymie O'Harrow, age 7, took his first deer on December 23, 1999 with one shot from a 260 Remington. He shot this nice 6 point buck on the O'Harrow Ranch east of Eldorado.

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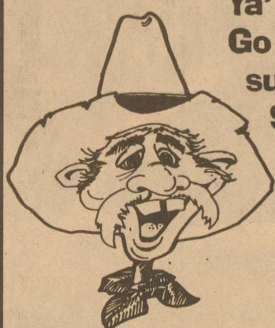
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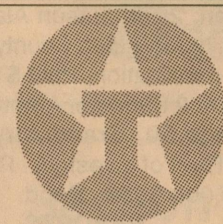


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# The Blotter

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### ARRESTS

- Dec. 28 Cruz, Mark Antonio, male age 28, Grand Jury Indictment, Indecency w/Child By Contact. Released on \$20,000 Bond.
- Dec. 28 Ramos, Glen, male age 43, hold for Irion County Grand Jury, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$15,000 and \$10,000 Surety Bond.
- Dec. 29 Belman, Demetrio R., male age 38, Grand Jury Indictment, Indecency w/Child By Contact. Released on \$20,000 Surety Bond.

- Dec. 31 Rodriguez, David Ray, male age 17, Grand Jury Indictment, Aggravated Assault of a Child.
- Jan. 1 Sanchez, Blanca Enidina, female age 23, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- Jan. 1 Brown, Ryan Evan, male age 22, arrested by DPS Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$500 Surety Bond.
- Jan. 2 Hirt, Jason Alan, male age 23, hold for Irion County, charge Public Intoxication. Paid \$150 fine.
- Jan. 2 Sandate, Antonio Solis, male age 50, Grand Jury Indictment, Theft of Livestock. Released on \$15,000 Surety Bond.

### REPORTS

- December 27
  - 5:50 p.m. Complainant reported they needed assistance. They had run out of gas. Officer responded.
- December 29
  - 7:00 a.m. Complainant on E. Street reported missing objects from their home.
- December 30
  - 5:00 p.m. Disturbance on Hwy 277 South. Subject wanted to speak to officer.
  - 10:00 p.m. Phone disturbance

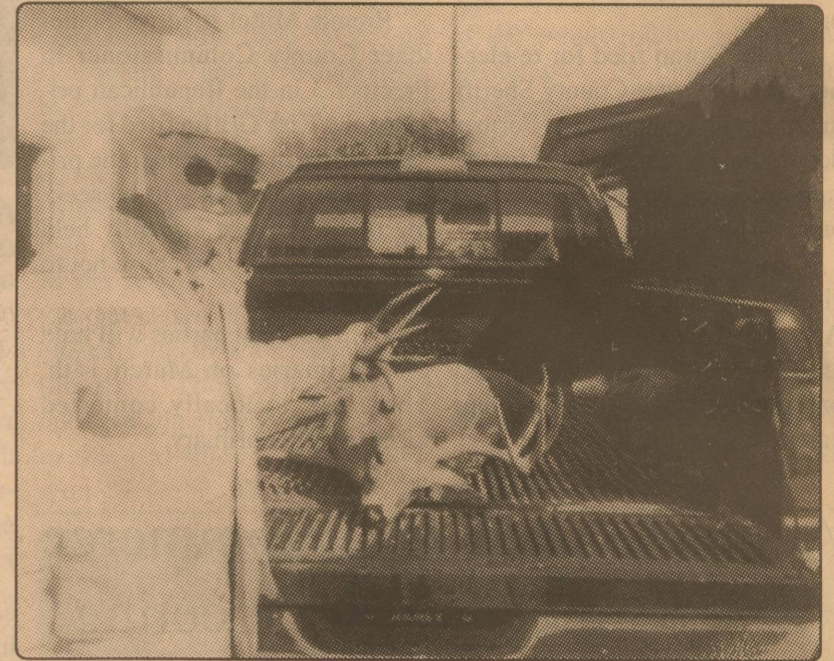
- reported.
- 10:50 p.m. Subject on San Antonio Street requested an officer for a male trespasser. Officer responded.
- December 31
  - No Time Complainant reported a subject riding a lawn mower and was driving into traffic.
  - 11:40 a.m. Complainant reported that there will be a controlled burn 8 miles Northwest of Eldorado.
  - 1:30 p.m. Complainant reported that there will be a controlled burn on E. Brooks Street.
  - 5:20 p.m. Complainant reported a child had fallen out of a golf cart when it turned the corner. Complainant reported they had picked the child up and left towards a local convenience store to get help. Officer responded and was unable to locate.
- January 1
  - 3:13 a.m. Structure fire E. Cottonwood Street. Officers, EMS and Units of Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department responded.
  - 3:55 p.m. Complainant reported that neighbors home not secure. The back door was open. Officer responded.
  - 4:30 p.m. Complainant reported that some young men maybe road hunting out on Henderson Lane. Subjects has already returned to town. Officer responded.
  - 7:43 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off at local convenience store. Officer responded to call.
  - 8:24 p.m. Complainant reported a man keeps passing by their house and calling out their 14 year

- old daughters name. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded and located male subject on San Saba Street and was served with a Criminal Trespass. Male subject has also been drinking.
- 11:55 p.m. Complainant requested that a officer ask the subjects in the apartment below to turn their music down, and that there was a male subject at the apartment starting a fight. Officer and EMS responded.
- 12:30 a.m. Complainant reported two kids who assaulted a lady and robbed things from a bar in Fort McKavett were traveling toward Eldorado.
- January 2
  - 10:30 a.m. Complainant on E. Field Street reported several items taken from their vehicle. Items were last seen around 8:30 p.m on 1/1/2000. Complainant also stated that there was a party at the apartment complex that same night. Items taken. 1 Cell Phone valued at \$200; 20 CD (\$12-\$13 Each) valued at \$240; 1 Radar Detector valued at \$120.
  - 4:02 p.m. Complainant advised they would be having a controlled burn.
  - 8:59 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a possible break in at a local business. Officer responded.
  - 9:33 p.m. Complainant requested that a officer come to investigate a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- January 3
  - 11:30 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer.
  - 5:11 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transfer. EMS responded.
  - No time. Complainant reported the flag missing from Museum. Unknown at this time if the wind caused the flag to blow away or it was taken.
- January 4
  - 11:13 a.m. Complainant reported that a horse was caught in a fence on Hwy. 190 East. Dispatcher contacted owners wife.
  - 3:17 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about forged checks.

## Big Rack Contest Winners

The Eldorado Game Association wants to thank all those hunters who entered our Big Rack Contest this year. We had 23 entries, which are the most that we have ever had. In spite of the warmer temperatures and drier than normal conditions, entries were very good. We had one of the best year that we have ever had. Below is a listing of the winners for the Big Rack Contest. The Longest Spike Contest will continue through muzzle loading season.

First Place - Dennis Rhea of Florence, Texas  
 Second Place - Owen Foster of Tupelo Mississippi  
 Third Place - Richard Crawford of Brownsboro, Texas  
 Fourth Place - Delores Hoelscher of San Angelo, Texas



Dennis Rea, 11/6/99, 1st Place



Owen Foster, 12/21/99, 2nd Place



Richard Crawford, 11/23/99, 3rd Place



Delores Hoelscher, 12/27/99, 4th Place

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Data Control Codes	100-199 General Fund			240, 242 Food Service Special Revenue Fund			500-599 Debt Service Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES:</b>									
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,577,885	\$ 2,444,189	\$ (133,696)	\$ 54,800	\$ 53,763	\$ (1,037)	\$ 313,580	\$ 318,881	\$ 5,301
5800 State Program Revenues	2,892,875	2,493,600	(399,275)	3,600	3,109	(491)			
5900 Federal Program Revenues	21,000	--	(21,000)	161,238	147,532	(13,706)			
5020 Total Revenues	5,991,360	4,907,789	(683,571)	219,638	204,404	(15,234)	313,580	318,881	5,301
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>									
0010 Instruction & Instructional Related Services	3,240,362	3,082,273	158,089	--	--	--	--	--	--
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	244,701	230,517	14,184	--	--	--	--	--	--
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	673,772	756,771	(82,999)	249,638	235,267	14,371	--	--	--
0040 Administrative Support Services	268,266	254,862	13,404	--	--	--	--	--	--
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	727,797	676,728	51,069	--	--	--	--	--	--
0060 Ancillary Services	89,900	55,002	34,898	--	--	--	--	--	--
0070 Debt Service	--	--	--	--	--	--	348,580	348,365	215
0080 Capital Outlay	20,000	--	20,000	--	--	--	--	--	--
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	85,760	84,780	980	--	--	--	--	--	--
0030 Total Expenditures	5,550,358	5,159,813	390,545	249,638	235,267	14,371	348,580	348,365	215
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under)	40,802	(251,224)	(292,026)	(30,000)	(30,863)	(863)	(35,000)	(29,484)	5,516
7020 Other Resources	--	24,630	24,630	30,000	30,863	863	--	--	--
8030 Other (Uses)	(30,000)	(30,863)	(863)	--	--	--	--	--	--
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	10,802	(257,457)	(268,259)	--	--	--	(35,000)	(29,484)	5,516
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	--	1,249,433	1,249,433	--	--	--	--	42,745	42,745
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	10,802	991,976	981,174	--	--	--	(35,000)	13,261	48,261

SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
 IN FUND BALANCES - ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	211	222	235	240	243	244	504	303	393
	ESEA Title I Disadvantaged Children	National and Community Service Trust	ESEA Title VI Innovative Education	National School Breakfast/Lunch Program	Vo Ed Technical Preparation	Vo Ed Basic Grant	ESEA Title III Part A Subpart 2 Technology Literacy	Professional Staff Development	Texas Successful Schools
<b>REVENUES:</b>									
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 53,763	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
5800 State Program Revenues	--	--	--	3,109	--	--	--	--	--
5900 Federal Program Revenues	135,732	2,306	3,923	147,532	5,189	7,176	--	--	--
5020 Total Revenues	135,732	2,306	3,923	204,404	5,189	7,176	--	--	--
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>									
0010 Instruction & Instructional Related Services:									
0011 Instruction	101,771	2,306	2,086	--	5,189	3,849	--	--	--
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	33,961	--	1,096	--	--	--	--	--	--
0013 Curriculum Dev. & Instructional Staff Dev.	--	--	741	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total Instruction & Instr. Related Services	135,732	2,306	3,923	--	5,189	3,849	--	--	--
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil):									
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	--	--	--	--	--	3,327	--	--	--
0035 Food Services	--	--	--	235,267	--	--	--	--	--
Total Support Services - Student (Pupil)	--	--	--	235,267	--	3,327	--	--	--
6030 Total Expenditures	135,732	2,306	3,923	235,267	5,189	7,176	--	--	--
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under)	--	--	--	(30,863)	--	--	--	--	--
7020 Other Resources	--	--	--	30,863	--	--	--	--	--
8030 Other (Uses)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
 IN FUND BALANCES - ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999

Data Control Codes	401	411	429	Totals	
	Optional Extended Year Program	Technology Allotment	State Funded Special Revenue Fund	98 August 31, 1999	97 August 31, 1998
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 53,763	\$ 54,424
5800 State Program Revenues	13,071	21,451	--	37,831	51,587
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	--	--	301,858	301,138
5020 Total Revenues	13,071	21,451	--	393,252	407,149
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
0010 Instruction & Instructional Related Services:					
0011 Instruction	13,071	21,451	--	149,723	211,412
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	--	--	--	35,057	2,515
0013 Curriculum Dev. & Instructional Staff Dev.	--	--	--	741	4,760
Total Instruction & Instr. Related Services	13,071	21,451	--	185,521	218,687
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil):					
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	--	--	--	3,327	3,191
0035 Food Services	--	--	--	235,267	226,916
Total Support Services - Student (Pupil)	--	--	--	238,594	230,107
6030 Total Expenditures	13,071	21,451	--	424,115	448,794
1100 Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under)	--	--	--	(30,863)	(41,645)
7020 Other Resources	--	--	--	30,863	41,645
8030 Other (Uses)	--	--	--	--	--
1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	--	--	--	--	--
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	--	--	--	--	--
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	--	--	--	--	--

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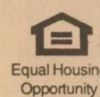
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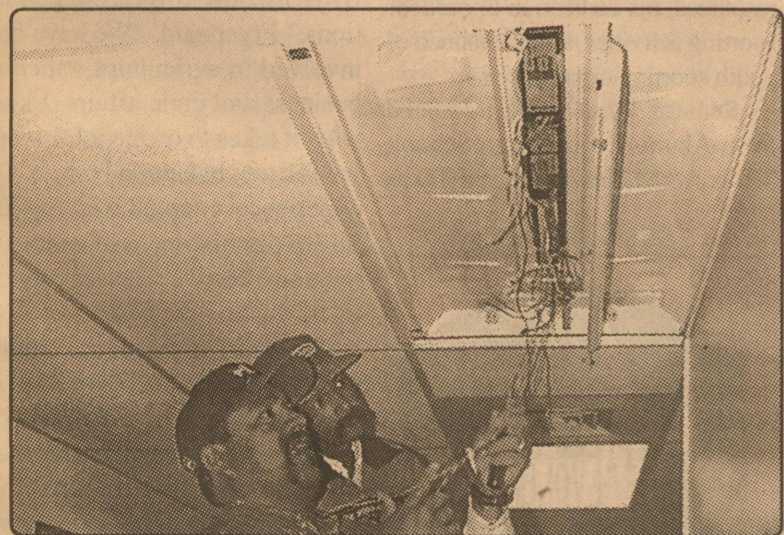
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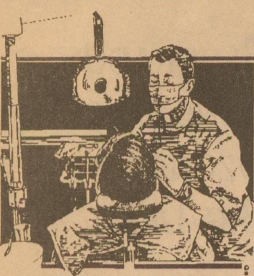


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## Elementary Honor Rolls

**Ending Dec. 17, 1999 3rd Six Weeks**  
**Second Grade**  
**Mrs. Mikeska's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Wes Brown\*, Timothy Cuevas\*  
**Honor Roll:** Leslie Arispé\*, Adriana Hernandez\*, Ramiro Perez\*, Gregory Rodriguez\*, Junior Trujillo\*, Austin Whitten.  
**Mrs. O'Harrow Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Dylan Dombroski\*, Kevin Freeman\*, Maureen Martinez\*, Juan Medrano\*, Marcos Medrano\*  
**Honor Roll:** Victoria Garza\*, Alex Guzman\*, Anthony Mata, Bailey Minor\*  
**Mrs. Sessom's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Mason Baker\*, Emily Espinosa\*, Petey Fuentes\*, Patricia Hernandez\*, Kori Ann Holub\*, Garrett Lux\*, Marty Powell\*  
**Honor Roll:** Alica Hernandez\*, Kadie Niblett\*, Hervey Solis  
**Third Grade**  
**Mrs. Jones' Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Lauren Holt\*, Dustin Ramirez\*, Darci Vick\*  
**Honor Roll:** Uriel Barrientos\*, Jonathan Belman\*, Victor Cardens\*, Juan Carlos Escobar\*, Chris Minor\*, April Porras\*, Nichole Smith\*, Josh Taylor  
**Mrs. McGregor's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Mark Garcia\*, Meg Griffin\*, Chris Whiddon\*  
**Honor Roll:** Cassandra Buitron\*, Isidro Granados\*, Bridgett Mitchell\*, Kaleb Murr, Chris Ogle\*, Emilio Vallejos\*  
**Mrs. O'Harrow Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Rance Cathey\*  
**Honor Roll:** Corey Roberts\*,

Wendy Romero\*, Kirsten Stubbs\*, Corie B. Williams\*  
**Mrs. Porter's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Victoria Fuentes\*  
**Honor Roll:** Tim Maskill, Brent Martinez\*, Haley Higgins\*  
**Fourth Grade**  
**Mrs. Edmiston's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Jorge Chavez\*, Lynley Glass\*  
**Honor Roll:** Amber Alberts\*, Selvia Aranda\*, J. Lynn Barajas\*, Blake Chatham, Lupe Contreras\*, Tyler Dombroski\*, Manny Gonzalez\*, J.P. Joiner  
**Mrs. Moore's Class**  
"A" Honor Roll: Clayton Sauer\*, Tiawna Vannett  
**Honor Roll:** Macy Chatham\*, Caleb Daniels, Justin Garcia, Lance Hernandez, Luis Huichapa\*, Joy Martinez\*, Rhapsody Swyter, David Ramirez  
**Mrs. Newman's Class**  
**Honor Roll:** Louie Buitron\*, LiAna Danford\*, Erika Estrada\*, Nancy Hernandez\*, Chelsey Hill\*, Matthew Hill\*, Adrian Ortega, Jasmine Romero\*, Kassandra Tyler  
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## Wentworth files for re-election

Austin — State Senator Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) filed for re-election to the 25th Senatorial District seat he has held since 1993.

Wentworth represents more than 850,000 Texans in 17 counties located in the heart of the state: Banera, Bexar, Blanco, Comal, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Medina, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Travis and Williamson.

Wentworth is serving his third term in the Texas Senate where he chairs the Senate Nominations Committee and serves on the Jurisprudence and State Affairs committees.

Considered the Texas Senate's foremost advocate of open government, Wentworth fought successfully for a change in the rules of the Texas Senate which requires that any bill considered by the Senate which proposes to alter existing law concerning open meetings or public information be specifically noted in writing and attached to the bill. He was also successful this legislative session, after attempts in each of the three previous sessions, in amending the law to prohibit elected bodies from being briefed by their staff in closed door, secret meetings which are not open to the public or the media.

"It's this simple," Wentworth said, "records produced at taxpayer expense belong to the taxpayers, who should be able to obtain copies of them if they wish. And meetings at which important policy decisions are made have to be conducted in the open. These basic principles are bedrock to our system of government."

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas selected Wentworth as one of its 1999 James Madison Award recipients, an honor created to salute those whose appreciation and respect for the public's right to access government information have been demonstrated by exemplary actions, words and deeds.

The Sportsmen Conservationists of Texas named him their 1999 Conservation Legislator of the year for his efforts to preserve Texas' natural resources, his dedication to outdoor sporting activities and his staunch of youth sporting organizations.

Senator Wentworth graduated from Alamo Heights high school, Texas A&M University and Texas

Tech University School of Law. He served as vice president of his law school student body. In addition, he served as national president of the American Bar Association Law Student Division.

Senator Wentworth is a practicing lawyer with the firm of Arter & Hadded, founded in 1843, with multiple offices in Texas, California, Ohio, and District of Columbia. A Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, he is admitted to practice law in both the District of Columbia and Texas.

His prior public service includes five years in the Texas House of Representatives, one year as a university system regent, six years as a Bexar County Commissioner, two years as a city attorney, three years as a Congressional assistant, and three years active duty as a United States Army counterintelligence officer.

Married to Karla Wentworth, a licensed professional interior designer, Jeff and Karla have two sons, Jason, a 17-year-old senior in high school, and Matthew, an 11-year-old fifth-grader.

Steve Fryar, rancher and civic leader, announced he will seek the republican nomination for State Representative in District 73.

Fryar, a Brownwood native, said, "As a conservative businessman who grew up ranching, I understand the issues important to our district. I'll go to Austin and fight for lower taxes, more local control for our schools, and to protect our water and property rights."

Fryar, who filed his official campaign papers December 16, in Austin, said he is encouraged by the widespread support he has received in recent weeks throughout the district.

"My family has been in Brownwood for three generations," Fryer said, "We have been involved in agriculture, ranching, business and civic affairs. I know what it takes to create jobs, meet a payroll and balance a budget. This experience, coupled with my long ties to our district, will enable me to be an effective representative for us in Austin."

Fryar, 34, is the Vice-President of Operations for Calper, Inc. After graduating from Brownwood High School, Fryar earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Fryar and his wife, Stephanie, have three children: Tate, age 10; Douglas, age 8; and Cameron, age 1. The Fryars are active members of the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

House District 73 comprises all of Bandera, Brown, Coleman, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton and Ward counties, plus a small portion of Ector County.

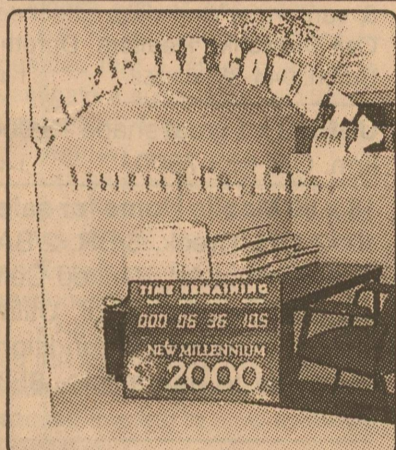


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Tick, tick, tick — A millennium clock in the window of Schleicher County Abstract Company counted down the final hours of the 20th Century last Friday.

## High School Honor Rolls

**3rd Six Weeks**  
**Ending Dec. 17, 1999**  
**9th Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll: Georgina Maritz, Layna Murr, Helen Redish, Courtney Sauer, Mayci Schwiening  
**85 or Above:** Kimberly Hight, Bobby Phillips, Hannah Robledo, Amanda Wanoreck  
**10th Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll: Andrew Anderson, Whitney Edmiston, Juan Herrera, Brittany Key, Tabitha Lloyd, Elibeth Montalvo, Gentry Newman  
**85 or Above:** Cristie Jo Belman, Xochitl Esparza, Tony Fay, Maria Hernandez, James Jones, Leigh Ann Neal, Dest Sudduth, Tana Williams  
**11th Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll: Breeanne Davis, Ben Edmiston, Cayla Jeffrey, Stacy Nicholson, Sandra Rodriguez, Clay Whitten  
**85 or Above:** Lindsay Beach, Joseph Bullard, Jesus Garcia, Kayla McCravey, Suzanne Rojas  
**12th Grade**  
"A" Honor Roll: Haley Edmiston, Hillary Hodges, Kimberly Jones, Kayla Kohls, Sarah Mankin, Evelyn Quintana, Jennah Richters  
**85 or Above:** Donnie Criswell, Gary Gibson, Kary Gibson, Dee Anna Martinez, Shannon Mitchel, Anthony Pina, Casey Poyner, Maria Sanchez



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Quite an artist — EHS senior Haley Edmiston posed recently with a logo she painted at the new headquarters of the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS.

## Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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## Class Clown May Be Concealing A World of Hurt

**QUESTION: I'm a teacher and I love my students. There is one kid in my sixth-grade class, however, who drives me nuts. He works overtime trying to make everybody laugh. What drives this impish child? Why does he want to make life miserable for me?**

**DR. DOBSON:** We all remember the kid you're talking about. He's called "the class clown," and some other things that are less flattering. He is a trial to his teachers, an embarrassment to his parents, and an utter delight to every child who wants to escape the boredom of school. There are millions of class clowns on the job today. It's my belief that boards of education assign at least one such kid to every class just to make sure that school teachers earn every dollar of their salaries. These skilled little disrupters are usually boys. They often have reading or other academic problems. They may be small in stature, although not always; and they'll do anything for a laugh. Their parents and teachers may not recognize that behind the boisterous behavior is often the pain of inferiority.

Humor is a classic response to feelings of low self-esteem. That's why within many successful comedians is the memory of a hurting little boy or girl. Jonathan Winters' parents were divorced when he was 7 years old, and he said he used to cry when he was alone because other children teased him about not having a father. Joan Rivers frequently jokes about her unattractiveness as a girl. She said she was such a dog, her father had to throw a bone

down the aisle to get her married. And so it goes.

These and other comedians got their training during childhood, using humor as a defense against childhood hurts. That's usually the inspiration for the class clown. By making an enormous joke out of everything, he conceals the self-doubt that churns inside.

That understanding should help us meet his needs and manage such a child more effectively.

**QUESTION: I am a single mom who is struggling to survive. Of all the things that frustrate me, I am bothered most by having to send my kids to visit their dad for three weeks in the summer. That will happen next month, and I'm already uptight about putting them on the plane. Can you help me accept what I'm about to go through?**

**DR. DOBSON:** Maybe it will help to know that many other single parents have similar feelings. One of these mothers expressed her frustration this way:

"I stand in the terminal and watch the kids' airplane disappear into the clouds. I feel an incredible sense of loss. The loneliness immediately starts to set in. I worry constantly about their safety, but I resist the urge to call every hour to see how they're doing. And when they do call me to tell me how much fun they're having, I grieve over the fact that they're living a life completely separate from my own. My only consolation is knowing that they're returning soon. But I'm haunted by the fear that they

won't want to come home with me."

If the anxieties of that mother represent your own feelings, let me offer some suggestions for how you might make the most of your days alone. Instead of seeing the next three weeks as a period of isolation, view it as an opportunity to recharge your batteries and reinvigorate the spirit. Single parenting is an exhausting responsibility that can cause burnout if it knows no relief. Take this time to enjoy some relaxed evenings with your friends. Read an inspirational book, or return to a hobby that you've set aside. Fill your day with things that are impossible amidst the pressures of child care, recognizing that your children will benefit from your rehabilitation. They'll return to a re-energized parent, instead of one coming off six weeks of depression.

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