

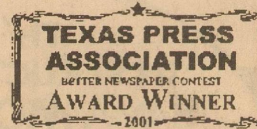


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Matt Rutherford named Texas 2-A Tennis Coach of the Year

Who can argue with success? Apparently not the Texas Tennis Coaches Association. The group recognized Eldorado High School tennis coach Matt Rutherford last week as Coach of the Year in conference 2-A.

Rutherford received the honor during an assembly program in the high school auditorium as the entire student body of Schleicher County I.S.D. looked on.

Mason tennis coach Paul Smith

traveled to Eldorado to make the presentation. He praised Rutherford's coaching ability and pointed out that his players have routinely advanced to the UIL Regional and State Tournaments in recent years. Smith noted that Rutherford's Team Tennis squads claimed two state titles in the past four years including 2001.

Smith also pointed out that nine of the twelve players advancing from District 2-2A to the UIL Re-

gional Tournament in Abilene last spring were from Eldorado. Four of those, the two girls double teams, advanced to the State Tournament where they brought home the Gold and Silver medals eliminating all the other competition and facing one another in the final match.

Smith noted that the selection of Rutherford for the honor was made on Friday, December 7, 2001 at the Texas State Tennis Coaches convention in New Braunfels. At that time more than 450 tennis coaches from across the state cast ballots.

Smith said that Rutherford has demonstrated his dedication to young people and to the Eldorado tennis program throughout his years here and congratulated him on the award.

The Texas Tennis Coaches Association is a not-for-profit organization comprised of individuals who instruct over 41,000 Texas school children in the sport of tennis.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Coach of the Year — EHS tennis coach Matt Rutherford (right) was named the Wilson/ITCA Tennis Coach of the Year for 2002 in the University Interscholastic League's 2-A conference. Rutherford received a plaque commemorating the honor from Paul Smith, tennis coach at Mason High School.

EHS Band members qualify to All-Region Band

Five members of the Eagle band competed in Brownwood on Saturday, December 1, to compete in the Region Band tryouts. Four of the five were named to the All-Region Symphonic Band. They include: Maria Hernandez, trumpet; Brittany Key, contra bass clarinet; Samantha Smith, clarinet; and Andrea Robles, clarinet. Kimberly Hight qualified for the All-Region Concert Band. She plays trumpet.

The five musicians will travel to Abilene on Friday, January 18. There, they will rehearse Friday evening and all day Saturday. On Saturday evening, January 19, the All-Region band will present a public concert on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

Two of the five, Maria Hernandez and Brittany Key, have qualified for the Area competition and will tryout for the All-State band.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Musically talented — Maria Hernandez and Brittany Key were among five Eagle Band members who qualified for the All-Region Band. They also qualified for the Area Band and will have the opportunity to tryout for the All-State Band.

Santa Claus is coming and NORAD has him on radar

Santa Claus and his team of eight reindeer will be winding their way toward Eldorado on Monday night and, thanks to new technology, local children may track his progress on radar. Ever since its inception in 1958, the North American Air Defense Command has followed Santa's Christmas Eve flights by radar. Now, you can follow him, too! Just log on to the myeldorado.net website and click on the Santa's Page link. From there follow the link to the NORAD radar site. The radar will be active Christmas Eve.

One word of warning, however. Santa says that youngsters caught surfing the internet after their bed time on Christmas Eve just might find their stockings filled with sticks instead of the gifts they would otherwise receive!

NOTICE

Beginning Friday, December 21, and continuing through Wednesday, December 26, the Eldorado Success office will be closed for Christmas. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 27, 2001.

Merry Christmas!

Ten Eagles named to 2-2A All-District Team

It came as no surprise last Saturday when the 2-2A All-District Football team was announced that the Sonora Broncos would dominate the field. After all, the Broncos advanced to the state semi-final game before falling to Celina 35-13 last Friday and the team claimed sixteen spots on the All-District squad. However, Eldorado was not overlooked, and 10 Eagles named to 14 positions on the team.

Senior Andrew Anderson was named to the First Team Offense as a Kicker and claimed a spot as All-Around Player. Meanwhile, Cole Pina was named to the First Team Offense and First Team Defense as a lineman.

Other Eagles earning spots on the team included: Ramon Barajas (senior) 1st Team Offense - Receiver and 2nd Team Defense - Defensive Back; Juan Guzman (senior) 1st Team Defense - Linebacker; Wesley Jones (senior) 1st

Team Defense - Linebacker; David Elias (senior) 2nd Team Defense - Defensive End; Quisto Gonzalez (junior) 2nd Team Offense - Running Back; Scott Homer (senior) 2nd Team Offense - Offensive Lineman and Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman; Benji Gonzalez (senior) Honorable Mention Linebacker; and Chris Martinez (senior) Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman.

Wall's quarterback, Will Doyle, was a unanimous selection as the district's Most Valuable Player. Running Back William Renfo claimed the Offensive Player of the Year position while Jaron Haney of Wall and Thomas Bloodworth of Sonora were named Co-Defensive Players of the Year. Coach Kevin Burns of Wall was a unanimous selection as Coach of the Year.

The post-season honors were made public after Sonora, the last team from 2-2A remaining in the state playoffs, was eliminated by

Celina. The selections were made by a vote of the district's head coaches and, as is the custom, no coach is allowed to vote for his own player.

Other honors announced included the District 2-2A Academic All-District squad. Claiming spots on that team were: Andrew Anderson, Tony Fay, Aaron Fuentes, Johnny Herrera, Ross Hodges, Scott Homer, Wesley Jones, Cole Pina and Michael Ramirez.

To qualify for the Academic All-District Team players had to maintain a 90 grade point average through the 1st and 2nd six-weeks of study.

Coach Karl McCormack expressed his pride in his team's performance this year, noting that the players are "student-athletes." McCormack's point is underscored by the fact that the Eagles varsity football team kept a grade point average of 88.4 throughout that period.



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Merry Christmas, to you and yours!



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

list for 2001.

First of all I want my family around me at Christmas. Parties and celebrations might suit some people, but I would prefer a quiet Christmas night at home with my wife and kids.

Second, I want our troops serving overseas to wrap up their work and return home. I understand that this might not be possible since we are facing a determined and elusive enemy. Still, I hope the men and women in the American military can carry out their job safely and swiftly so that they can return to us triumphant.

Thirdly, I wish that the families who lost loved ones on September 11 might find peace. Christmas is a difficult time for those who have suffered loss. I hope that somehow they can understand that we grieve with them.

Fourth, I want those in this community who suffer from need and neglect to experience love and happiness this Christmas. It is for us to help them, not some government bureaucracy. May we all realize that it is giver who gains the most from a heartfelt gift.

Finally, I wish for you and yours a joyous and merry Christmas. May you know the true meaning of the holy day holiday.

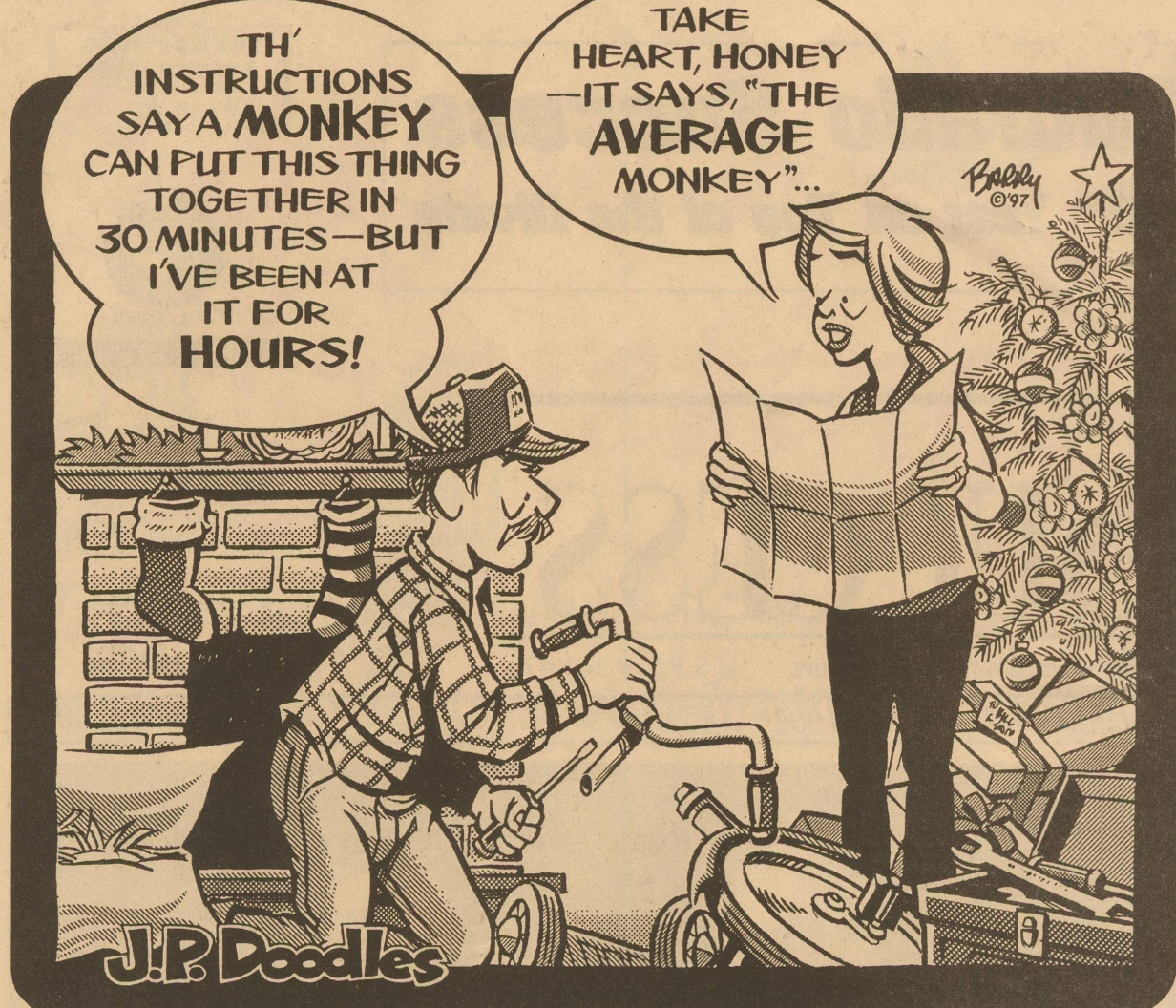
The words of the very first Christmas carol say it all... "Peace on Earth, good will to men."

Four days away and I still haven't finished my Christmas shopping. Truth is...I really haven't started.

But, Christmas isn't supposed to be about shopping or getting gifts or attending parties, is it? At least, it didn't used to be.

To say that Christmas has become commercialized through the years, would be a gross understatement. Yet, this year, some of that seems to have faded a bit. Much of it is probably attributable to September 11. I would like to believe, though, that Americans are becoming more serious about the spiritual side of the holiday.

With this in mind, I've compiled my Christmas wish



Water Development Board approves \$18 billion plan for future

AUSTIN – The Texas Water Development Board has approved a plan that calls for construction of eight new reservoirs at a cost of nearly \$18 billion.

What projects are funded, and how, will be up to the Legislature.

The new plan is based on recommendations from 16 regional planning districts created by the Legislature in 1997.

The proposed projects are intended to help the state meet population growth and the resulting increased water demand.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



Rural affairs office names new director...

Robert J. "Sam" Tessen has been named as the first executive director of the newly created Office of Rural Community Affairs.

Tessen has been serving as executive director of the state Telecommunications Infrastructure Board. Prior to that, he was director of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives.

He'll assume his new position on Jan. 1.

The winner is...

For most creative press release recently received, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

The press release urges Texans to "give the gift of energy efficiency this holiday season." It goes on to list commercially available energy saving devices with a retail price of \$30 or less.

So, if you're still doing your shopping, here are some ideas from TDHCA:

- Water heater jacket. (For your water heater, not Grandpa.) Estimated cost: \$14-\$25.
- Fiberglass pipe wrap. Estimated cost: \$3-\$5.
- Programmable thermostat. Estimated cost: \$26.
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs. Estimated cost: \$8-\$20 each.
- Finally, for that special someone, clear silicone sealant. Estimated cost: \$4-\$6 a tube.

If none of these stocking stuffers appeal, the commission suggests playing Santa and installing energy efficient equipment or weatherizing materials for those on your gift list.

For more energy-saving gift ideas, check the commission's web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us.

Speaking of efficiency

If you've been eating birthday cake for a number of years, you'll recall the days when even a little ice on roadways could paralyze a city.

Those days may not be over.

but thanks to the Texas Department of Transportation, the REALLY bad days may be fewer in number.

A case in point was the November snow and ice storm that hit Texas.

Austin, where motorists tend to start crashing their vehicles when someone accidentally drops a few ice cubes on I-35, was on the edge of the storm.

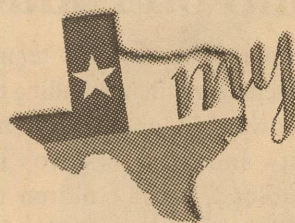
Ice came down, but it did not stick to any bridges or overpasses.

One reason was that the storm moved quickly. Another had to do with TxDOT and chemistry.

Used to be, all TxDOT could do was spread sand and salt on roadways. Now, the transportation agency puts down chemicals that prevent ice from forming in the first place.

Bottom line for Texas motorists: Safer roadways during ice storms, less damage to bridges from corrosion, lower costs in work crew stand-by time.

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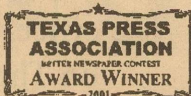
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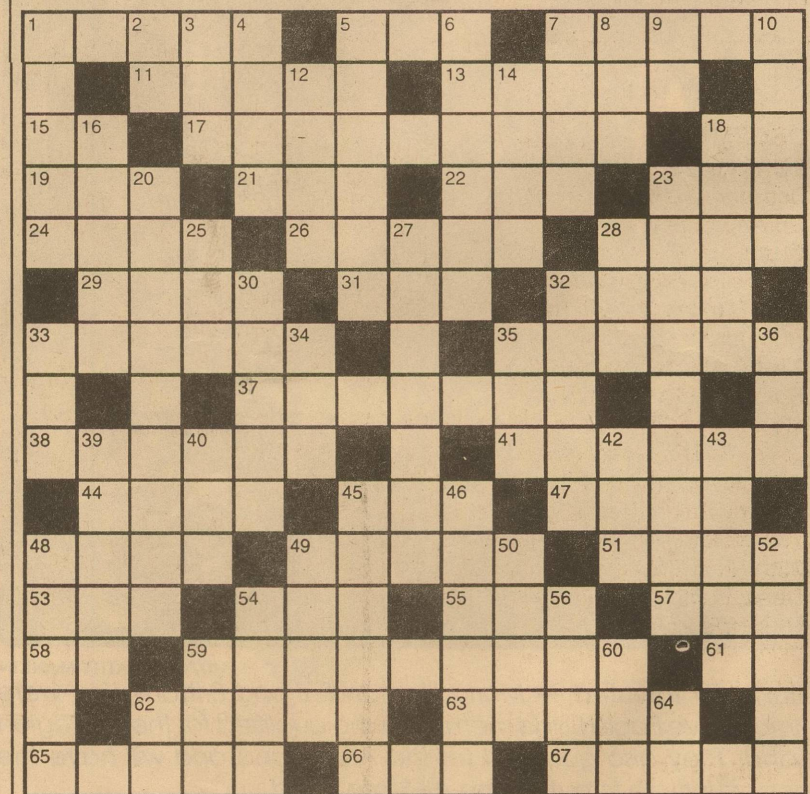
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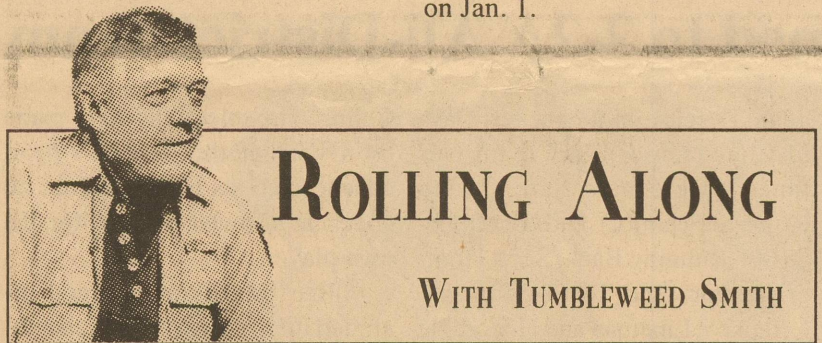
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MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year from Kerbow Funeral Home

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in
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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Santa Claus Bank Robbery

The season of peace and goodwill is reflected best in the small towns. When you drive through them and see the lighted courthouses and Christmas displays you get a little tingle in your body and a lump in your throat.

A familiar bearded man in a red and white suit strolled down the street among the holiday shoppers in Cisco on December 23, 1927. He barely spoke to the smiling people he met. Santa entered the First National Bank and immediately became the center of attention.

Suddenly the words rang out across the lobby: "STICK 'EM UP!" Three men with drawn pistols were stationed in strategic positions. Their names were Louis Davis, who covered the door; Robert Hill, who held a gun on the cashier; and Henry Helms, who guarded the teller.

The bank officers were lined up against the wall while the man in the Santa suit searched them for weapons. While Santa told the teller to open the safe, a woman customer and her daughter ran out the side door of the bank and went to city hall just a half block away and announced: "They're robbing the First National Bank!"

While policemen converged on the bank, Santa reached into his suit, pulled out a tow sack and began filling it with cash and securities from the vault. A curious passerby, noticing the bank's front door was closed, pressed his face against the plate glass in front. At that time, Santa emerged from the vault, drew his pistol and fired, drilling a hold in the window just above the man's head.

Almost immediately a shot answered from outside the bank. Hill, one of the bandits, fired a shot into the bank's ceiling, hoping to keep officers from rushing in. From outside, a shower of bullets pelted the bank. Aroused citizens rushed to the scene, some bringing firearms.

To get to their car, the robbers had to go through an alley which was alive with gunfire. They forced some of the bank employees and customers to enter the alley first. Two of them were shot. Santa grabbed two small girls and used them as shields. They made it to the car and sped away. Carloads of civilians and lawmen gave pursuit.

Down the road, the robbers stopped a car and forced the occupants out. They transferred the bag of money and securities to the second car, but the driver had cleverly taken the keys. So the bandits returned to their car without the loot and took off again. One of the robbers, Louis Davis, was badly wounded and left behind. He later died of his wounds. The bag contained \$12,000 and \$150,000 in securities.

The robbers' car stopped on a little used road and they ran away, leaving the two girls in the car. Area lawmen joined in the search and the bandits were apprehended. Two were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Henry Helms did. The other one, Marshall Ratliff, the man who played Santa Claus, was hung by irate Cisco citizens. The third bandit, Robert Hill, was released from prison on good behavior and lived a quiet life by another name in a West Texas town.



Write a letter or send an e-mail to a Schleicher County Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine.

The following servicemen and women are from Eldorado or have strong ties to this community. We have listed the addresses for as many as we know. If you can provide an address for the others, please, call the Success office.

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Williams seeks re-election as Schleicher County Clerk



PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN
Peggy Williams

I, Peggy Williams, am announcing my candidacy for re-election for the office of County and District Clerk of Schleicher County in the March 12th Democratic Primary election. I have held this office for the past seven years and I feel that my experience will enable this office to continue to run efficiently and in a professional manner.

This office has made many changes over the last few years due to new laws and requirements set by your state legislature. In order

to stay on top of the ever changing laws, it is required that each County & District Clerk attend 20 hours of continuing education per year which I have superseded these requirements. I feel that my staff has played a very important part in helping make the necessary changes. This office touches many people in different fields of life in this community. Whether it be attaining a birth certificate, marriage license, recording documents in the official public records or holding an election. I have enjoyed working for the people of Schleicher County and I look forward to visiting with each of you during my campaign. I would greatly appreciate your support to continue as your County & District Clerk.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
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**Anna Loomis
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Anna Regina Loomis, daughter of Raymond and Gina Loomis, earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Angelo State University and was awarded her BSN degree at the school's commencement exercises held at the San Angelo Coliseum on December 14, 2001. Miss Loomis is a 1998 graduate of Eldorado High School. She will be working in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit Department of Seaton Hospital and plans to start her graduate studies next fall towards becoming a Family Nurse Practitioner. Miss Loomis is the granddaughter of Dr. & Mrs. Albert Forlano and Pamela Loomis and the late Raymond Loomis, Sr.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Members of Beta Sigma Phi met at Schleicher County Medical Center on Tuesday, December 11, 2001. Member Linda Lindsey distributed gift bags to Nursing home residents while members Flora Hubble, Dorothy Dacy, Barbara Jackson and Dorothy Clark helped some residents address their Christmas cards. Afterwards the ladies went to the home of Dorothy Clark for a short business meeting and

refreshments of soft drinks, sandwiches, chips, dips and dessert.

Kim'et Nelson and Dorothy Dacy are hostesses for the Christmas dinner and gift exchange. This meeting will be December 18, at Amigo's Dream.



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- 22nd Todd Overstreet, Holly Rae Romero, Julian Martinez
- 23rd Marci Minor, Manuel Pina, Jacey Sellers, Josh Jones
- 24th Joyce Whitten, Anna Loomis, Sammy Prater, Doug Garvin, Travis Lloyd, Jennifer Cheatham
- 25th April Robinson, Sonny Dean, Heliodoro Sanchez, Makenzie Fryar
- 26th Ashley N. Ramos, Victor Pina, Irene Reynolds

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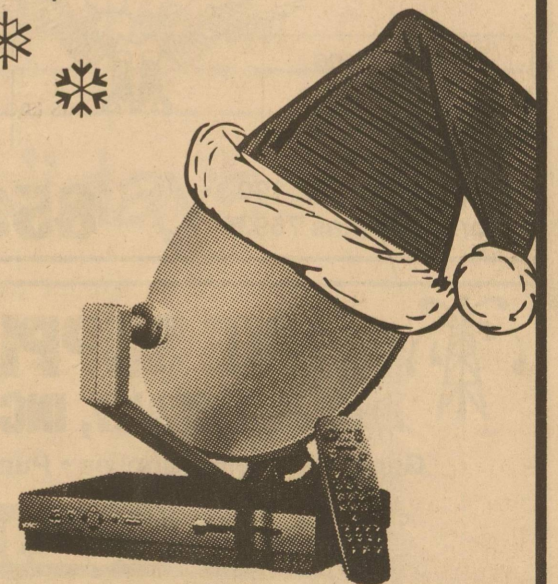
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Lady Eagles looking to improve after 7-8 start

by David E. Hill

The 2001-2002 Lady Eagles are looking to improve on their 7 and 8 start as the season progresses. EHS's season thus far has been up and down, and the Lady Eagles have shown some very good signs that they intend on making a run at a district title; however, they must remain consistent and not let down mentally.

EHS has 6 returning lettermen on the team. Christina Redish (2L) and Leigh Ann Neal (2L) lead the team at forward and guard. One-year lettermen are Gentry Newman post, Mitzi Sessom guard, Amanda Wanoreck forward, and Martha Lively post. The rest of the Lady Eagles making their varsity debut is Hannah Robledo, Stephanie Luna, Clare Herrera,

and Teresa Barajas. Sessom has been sidelined thus far due to an injured knee.

With each game, confidence has continued to improve. Leading the Lady Eagles in scoring are Redish with 211, Neal with 113, and Newman with 107.

EHS went 1 and 2 in this past week's action. The Lady Eagles dropped a 61 to 42 decision to Ballinger. EHS just could not get untracked and trailed most of the contest. Redish had 16 points followed by Neal with 8.

Eldorado then hosted Robert Lee last Friday at Eagle Gym. EHS was down by four at the half, however, RLHS held Eldorado to only 10 points in the second half and came away with the 54 to 34 win. Redish had 14, while Newman and

Neal each had 8.

In their last game before the Christmas break, Eldorado hosted Christoval on Monday. The Lady Eagles got back on the winning side of the ledger coming away with a 44 to 39 win. EHS got off to a good start with a 13 to 6 first quarter lead. The Lady Eagles were up 23 to 17 at the half. Christoval then chipped away at the Eldorado lead, cutting it to 2 at the end of the third. Clare Herrera then scored 5 in the fourth to lead the Lady Eagles to the 44 to 39 win. Redish had 16 on the night, followed by Herrera with 11.

Coach Gooch commented, "We just have to become more consistent with our play. We have several good runs then just can't maintain the momentum and let people back into the game or let one slip away. Everyone has stepped up and each game we play allows us the opportunity to get ready for district play."

The Lady Eagles next action will be Monday, December 31, at 1pm in Eagle gym.

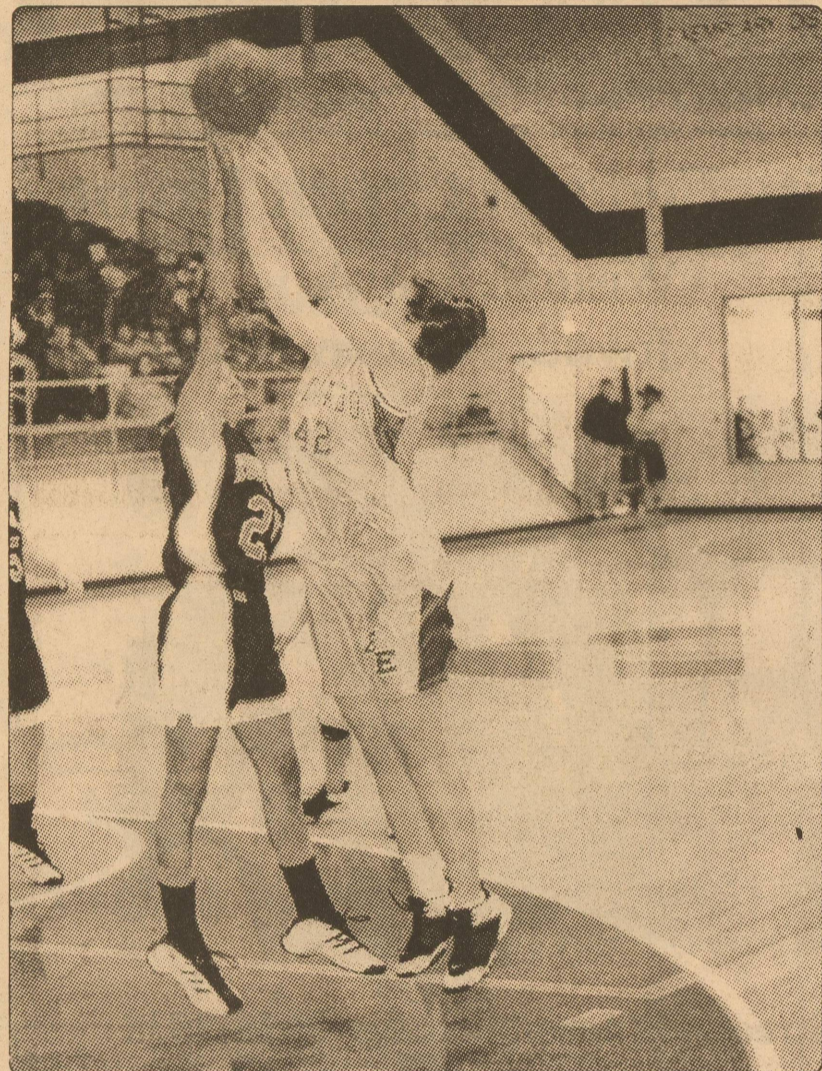


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Up and over — Lady Eagles player Amanda Wanoreck put this shot up over a Robert Lee defender last Friday night. The Lady Eagles lost the game by a score of 54-34.

Hoop Scores



J.V. GIRLS

November 27, 2001
 Eldorado 04-09-06-08=27
 Rocksprings 07-07-04-06=18
 Kasey Boysaw 13, Betsy Green 4, Selina Rojas 2, Courtney Whitten 2, Lindsey Schweining 2, Lacy Ragsdale.
 Record: Wins (4), Losses (1).

Grape Creek Tournament
 November 29, 2001
 Eldorado 06-02-17-04=29
 Christoval 02-05-05-04=16
 Kasey Boysaw 8, Betsy Green 4, Heather Homer 2, Courtney Whitten 2, Jessica Robertson 3, Lacy Ragsdale 8, and Sheryl Alexander 2. Coach Vickie Williams stated the girls had a great 3rd quarter to seal the victory. Record: Wins (5), Losses (1).

November 30, 2001
 Eldorado 05-09-04-04=23
 Grape Creek 13-10-07-09=39
 Kasey Boysaw 7, Selina Rojas 2, Courtney Whitten 3, Britney Sellers 4, Lacy Ragsdale 4 and Heather Homer 2. 3 Point Goal: Courtney Whitten (1).
 Record: Wins (5), Losses (2).

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7th GRADE BOYS

December 03, 2001
 Eldorado 00-02-08-02=12
 Wall 12-07-03-08=30
 Bryce Leggett 2, David Hernandez 6, Ryan Adame 4.

December 10, 2001
 Eldorado 02-06-00-03=13
 Grape Creek 16-17-14-08=55
 Scoring for Eagles: Neal Higgins 3, Ryan Cathey 4, David Hernandez 2, Logan Jones 2, Sammy Estrada 2.

December 17, 2001
 Eldorado 10-12-04-10=36
 Sonora 15-10-10-15=50
 Scoring for Eagles: Bryce Leggett 8, Neal Higgins 2, Ryan Cathey 11, Sammy Estrada 10, Richmond Adame 2, Cash Lane 1.

8th GRADE BOYS

December 17, 2001
 Eldorado 07-14-06-09=36
 Sonora 05-09-06-09=27
 Scoring for Eagles: Caleb Nixon 2, Michael Ballew 12, Edmiston 8, Andy Mejia 4, Jeremy Ussery 6, Frank Wipff 4.

Eagles boys go 2-1 for the week

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles went 2 and 1 this past week on the hardwood. EHS ran their non district record to 7 and 6 going into the Christmas break.

Eldorado traveled to Ballinger last Tuesday and lost a hard fought contest to the 3A Bearcats 71 to 62 in overtime. The Eagles outscored Ballinger 17 to 12 in the first. The game was tied at 32 at the half. The two teams traded the third and fourth quarters and were knotted at 59 at the end of regulation. The Eagles led off with a 3 point basket by Benji Gonzalez, and that would be the only points in the OT. Gonzalez led all Eagle scorers with 19, while Tony Fay and Johnny Herrera each had 9.

On Friday, the Eagles hosted the Robert Lee Steers at Eagle Gym. EHS outpaced the Steers 16 to 15 in the first quarter, then let Robert Lee take a 3 point lead into intermission with a 30 to 27 lead. Eldorado then outscored the Steers 18 to 7 in the third and held on for the 63 to 60 point win. Gonzalez had 14 points, Wesley Jones poured in 13, and Ramon Barajas had 11.

Monday the Eagles hosted the Christoval Cougars in their last game before Christmas. The Eagles found themselves down by 4 at the end of the first and could not close the gap until the last quarter. EHS poured in 19 in the fourth to come away with the 59 to 56 win. Christoval tried to force

an overtime with a late 3 point shot, but came away with a miss. Barajas and Thomas Ballew led the Eagles with 13 each followed by Gonzalez with 11.

After the game Coach Gillespie commented, "We needed a win to take us into the break. We will continue to work hard and improve going into district play."

The Eagles next action will be Monday, December 31, versus Colorado City at 1 pm in Eagle Gym.

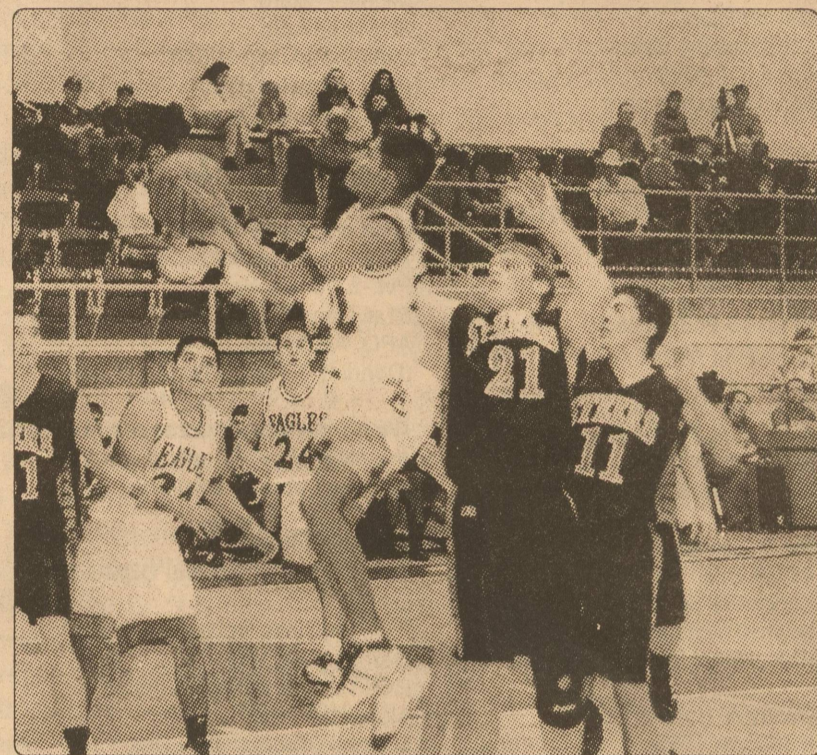
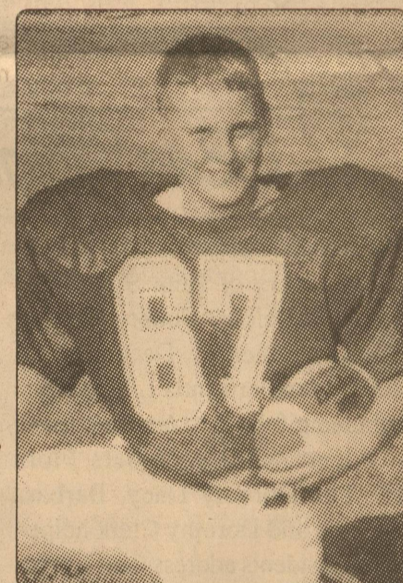
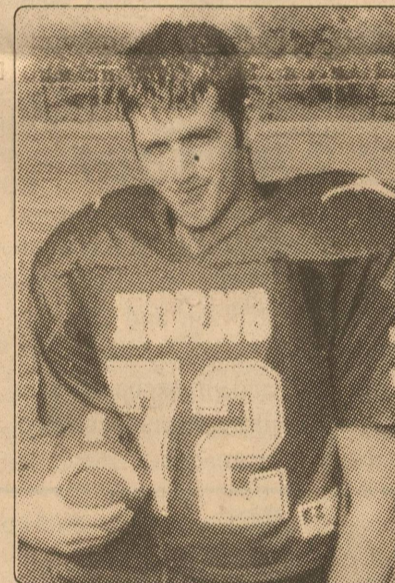
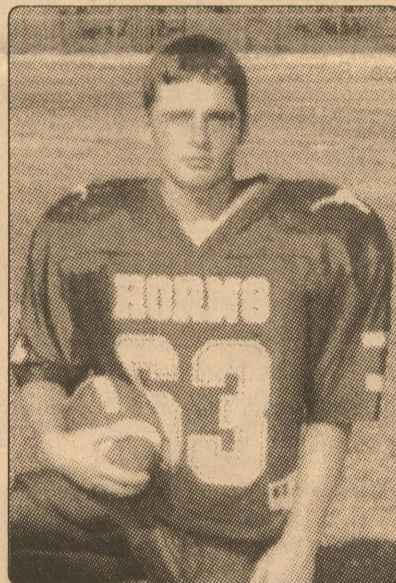


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Up in the air — Eagles player Phillip Martinez went airborne on the way to the bucket last Friday night as the Eagles defeated the Robert Lee Steers.

Former Eagles earn honors in Agua Dulce



COURTESY PHOTO

All District Longhorns — Former Eldorado Eagles Chance Behrens (L) and Matt Greenwood (center) have two District Championships under their belt since moving from Eldorado to Agua Dulce. The brothers, who play for the Agua Dulce Longhorns earned All-District honors this season. Chance, a senior was named the 32-1A 1st Team All District Offensive Line while Matt, a junior, earned a spot on the 2nd Team All District Defensive Line. Their brother Colten (R) plays 7th grade football and is the varsity team's manager. The boys are grandsons of David and Barbara Behrens of Eldorado.




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Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? How are your reindeer and Rudolph? How is Mrs. Clause? Please bring me 3 bionicles, game cube, Pikman, and a skateboard. Your Friend, John Cody

Dear Santa:
My name is Blaine Mitchell and I am 7 year old. I have been pretty good this year Santa. Santa I would like a remote control four wheeler and some more hot wheels monster trucks for Christmas. Thank you Santa, Blaine Mitchell

Mrs. Lewis' Pre-K Class

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy, make him small. Bring my brother Gregory a Santa hat. Bring me a stuffed snowman and bring Jessica one too. Bring my Mom a cross necklace. Bring my Dad a DVD movie, I have been a good boy. I will leave you a lot of cookies and milk by the fireplace, and bring me a motorcycle. Your Friend, Alex Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Yo quireio unabicleta de el color verde. y tombien quireo unos guantes parael boxeo. Yo me a portado muy bien en mi casa. Muchos saludes para los vienados. Your Friend, Juan Trujillo

Dear Santa,
I want a new dog, bike, Christmas tree balls, fishing pole, and a new boat. Please come see me soon, I will be sure to leave milk and cookies. Your Friend, Konner Lovette

Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train, fire truck, robot, and car. I also want two wrapped presents. I hope you don't lose a reindeer. Please come see me soon. Your Friend, Jacob Mettlen

Dear Santa,
I want a robot, electric airplane, Power Ranger, and a bike. I would really like you to come and see me, and please don't get any reindeer hurt. Thank You. Your Friend, Diof Buchholz

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie karacke machine, and a Barbie C.D. player. Please say hi to Mrs. Clause. I have been real good to my Noni. My brother wants a horse. My sister wants baby toys. Your Friend, Sheylene Pina

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed reindeer, and a Santa Clause. I want a shiny dress to play dress up. Please bring me some computer paper. I have been good. I want some scissors and colors. I have moved please find my house. Your Friend, Toti Guerro

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed snowman, playstation crash war game, some



LETTERS TO SANTA

new makeup, a Barbie, cotton candy maker with 2 packs of cotton candy mix, and a Barbie remote control sleigh with seats, and new Barbie clothes, and a Christmas Barbie. Your Friend, Abbigal Spradley

Dear Santa,
I want a red remote control fire truck and a book about fire trucks. I live in a trailer house. I have been good. Your Friend, Jeremiah Geuea

Dear Santa,
I want a radio with a kitty on top. Take care of your reindeer. Your Friend, Brenda Crowfoot

Dear Santa,
I want some golf clubs, fishing poles, some playdough, a toy reindeer, blocks, pictures, puppets, small plastic bears, and puzzles. I also would like a telephone. Your Friend, Jacob Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a dolly, a teddy bear, a puppet, a toy frog, a real reindeer, a toy Santa Clause, games, and puzzles. Your Friend, Kristina Roberts

Dear Santa,
I want a racecar, a toy truck, wrestler action figures, boxing action figures, punching bags and Mario racecars video games for Nintendo. Your Friend, Tony Rey Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie scooter, Barbie cash register, and a Barbie radio. I also want a Barbie telephone and Blossum Power Puff doll. Your Friend, Kameron Wike

Dear Santa,
I want a cotton candy maker, some makeup, candy canes, some arts and crafts including beads and reindeer brackets. I also want a tin Christmas tree. Your Friend, Arden Mertz

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, Barbie computer, and a Brittany Spears doll. Your Friend, Jacqueline Castro

Dear Santa,
I want a shooting robot, a Power Ranger transformer that shoots, Nintendo and any kind of Nintendo games. Your Friend, Tres Whitten

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger transformer that turns into a megasore, a Power Ranger that turns into a monster, and a puzzle. Your Friend, Martin Iglesias

Dear Santa,
I want a baby kitten, a scooter, and games. I have been a good girl. Your Friend, Baylee Griffin

Dear Santa,
I want a stick pony, a baby kitten, and the game of checkers. Also, I

would like other games and books. Your Friend, Jancee Nicole Lacy

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy snake, super hero, games and books along with puzzles. Your Friend, West Ramon

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, a CD player, and a book. Your Friend, Jessica Gandar

Dear Santa,
I want a hydraulic car, coloring books, puzzles, games and books. Your Friend, Jerry Pina

Dear Santa,
I want an electronic stretch screamer, a bike, a pencil, a key, a big roller coaster, arts and crafts, cotton balls, and a rubber Frankenstein. Your Friend, Jonah Griggs

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Jeep, a Barbie Bike for me, some dress up clothes and more makeup. Also, I would like a heart-shaped makeup kit and Barbies. Your Friend, Brittany Pritchard

Dear Santa,
I want a Mazda truck, a fire truck that turns into a fireman, a smily face that talks, games, books and puzzles. Your Friend, Wesley Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Jeep with the Barbie, a book, and a doll house. Your Friend Okshana Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a transforming shark, a wheels shark, and a shark and alligator that go from little to big in water. I also want Slithering Jake and a Jurassic Park car. Your Friend, Kyle Spinks

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that sucks on a pacifier. I want a treehouse, and a green apple tree, that's all. I have been a good girl. Your Friend, McKenzie McAngus

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, and a snowman not a real one. Bring me a boat. I have been a good boy. Merry Christmas. Your Friend, Jose Guerra

Dear Santa,
I want a real horse. I want a 4 wheeler, and a BB gun. Bring me a real kitten. I want a real bird and a bird cage. Santa I have been a very good girl. Your Friend Mika Key

Dear Santa,
I want a play house for my barbies, and I want a real horse. Say hi to Rudolf, I want a stuffed kitten, and don't forget my brother. I like you Santa. I have been a good girl. Your Friend, Claire Wideman

Dear Santa,
Yo quiero una Barbie, Saraita mi heremana quiere una munica, Yo tambien quiero una, cocina para jugar. tanibien mi traej unos C.D.'s, y un telephono. Your Friend, Gisell Castro

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed Santa Clause. I want a red bike. I want some play horses. I want a dinosaure. Say hi to frosty the snowman. I have been good. Your Friend, Leonardo Castro

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed dog to play with. I want a stuffed frosty the snowman. I have been a good girl. Bring my brother Marcus a stuffed dog, so that I don't have to share. Your Friend, Whitney Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a white truck, and a baby doll. I want a doll house. I have been a good girl. Bring Adriona a jacket please. Say hi to Rudolf. Your Friend, Melissa Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Bring me a stuffed Santa, and how are your reindeer. Bring me a lot of toys. I leave you cookies. Your Friend, Lucas Santellano

Dear Santa,
I would llike cowboy rangers, puzzles, transformers, and the movie "The Land Before Time" I also want horses for the cowboys. I have been a good boy. Your Friend, Angel Estrada

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, December 24**
Baked Chicken, Fried Rice, Zucchini Squash w/ Tomatoes, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Orange Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, December 25**
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Hope You All Have A Merry Christmas
- Wednesday, December 26**
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookies, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, December 27**
Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Sticks, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Friday, December 28**
Fish Sticks, Herbed Potatoes, Three Bean Salad, Dinner Roll, Canned Peaches, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Comptroller Rylander delivers sales tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today sent local governments their final sales tax rebates for 2001. The Comptroller sent \$217.8 million to cities and counties, up 5 percent compared to December 2000.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$5,254.11, down 29.09 percent from the December payment last year of \$7,409.69. The city's year-to-date total is \$87,634.22, up 4.04 percent from the same period one year ago when the year-to-date stood at \$84,229.91.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$6,139.69, down 6.88 percent from December, 2000's total of \$6,593.82. The year-to-date total

for Schleicher County is \$96,211.01. That is up 34.21 percent from the \$71,685.05 received during the same period in 2000.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for December was \$6,002.75, down 6.95 percent from December, 2000's total of \$6,451.51. The year-to-date figure for the Health Service Tax totalled \$85,389.26, up 21.91 percent from the \$70,041.91 delivered in 2000.

December sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2002 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.

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Taking a whack — Baylee Griffin, daughter of Red and Debbie Griffin, hit a piñata with a stick last week when the EHS Nuevos Amigos Club held a Posadas in the Memorial Building. A Posadas is a Christmas tradition in Mexico.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Dear Santa,
I would like a teetertot, a Barbie, a toy star, puppets, books, and just a game. I really appreciate you, Santa. Your Friend, Marina Estrada

Mrs Droll's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
I hope you are rested and ready for Christmas Eve. My Kindergarten students have been so wonderful. They work hard, follow the rules and share with each other. Some even have perfect attendance! Please look at their wish lists and try to make their wishes come true. They are all blessings and I am very proud of them. Also, please make sure Mr. Wanoreck is on the "good" list. He works so hard as our principal to make our elementary a wonderful place to be. Give Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Blanch lots of goodies too, because they are leaving us to teach high school and work in the high school library. We will miss them! Actually, I hope your elves are busy filling all the wish lists of my fellow teachers and teacher aides. They work really hard and are very special friends. There will be lots of treats waiting for you on Christmas Eve. Tell Rudolph "Hi"! Have a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year! Love, Mrs. Droll

Dear Santa,
I want a poodle for Christmas. Also a pony, a Power Puff bike, Power Puff Girl CD that sings, and a real little crown, and a horse. Love Kiarra Trevino

Dear Santa,

I want a poodle, a baby car, Play Station 2, Play Station games and a toy robot. I have been a very good boy. Love, Bailey Espinosa

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station 2 and the games like my cousin has with 2 remote controls, a motorcycle with remote control, a wireless remote airplane, and Legos with the motorcycle, a robot without a sting. Love Carlos Guzman

Dear Santa,

I would like a little bit fast car, a little play horse, little clubhouse, a little computer and a watch. I have been very good. I also want a Rudolph movie. I love you, Adriana Rios

Dear Santa,

I would like a new bike, a new basketball, a new football because my other ones are too old, a real horse and a watch. I will leave some Coke, milk, and some cookies for you. By the way.....how do your reindeers fly? Love, Jackson O'Harrow



LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Jeep, Operation game, new toys, a watch, billfold with lots of money, make-up, Rudolph video, and I will leave something for your reindeer. I love you, Addye Chatham

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Jeep, a baby doll, new puppy, a new Barbie, Barbie watch, little computer, cash register, new tennis shoes and make-up. I Love you Obdulia Huerta

Dear Santa,

I want a Game Boy and games, Play Station 2 and games, a tool set without a chain saw so that I don't hurt myself, XBox, motor scooter, remote control helicopter and a Eldorado Eagle mascot suit. Love, Colton Crowder

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station 2 with games, new puppy, new bike, computer, brand new train and a Rudolph movie. I am a good boy. Love, Robert Martinez

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Barbie Jeep, Barbie car, a little purple hat, new clothes, some stars and a little sun to put up in my room, Barbie doll, a coloring book with new crayons. I will leave you some chocolate cookies. I love you, Elizabeth Estrada

Dear Santa,

My daddy promised me that Santa is bringing me a Go-Cart and a 4-wheeler. I would like some new clothes because I always wear mine. I will give you some cookies and leave some milk. Love, BreeAnna Cortez

Mrs. Debby Griffin's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Please send me a computer for Christmas Love, Yssenia

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Can I please have some skate shoes for Christmas? Love, Macy

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please give me a Game Boy for Christmas. Love, Tristen

Dear Santa,

Sometimes this year, I have been good and bad. Please bring me some shoe skates. Love, Abriana

Dear Santa,

I've been good. Would you please give me shoe skates for Christmas? Love, Michael

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Please can I have a baby doll with a stroller? Love, Maria

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a Game Boy for Christmas. Love, Jose Manuel Dear Santa,

Dear Santa

I have been good. I want a T.V. for Christmas. Love, Felicity

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Please bring me a race car. Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football. Love, Francisco

Mrs. Homer's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a horse. Love, Sunni Cate

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a pink bike and a diva star. Love, Sasha

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a monkey roll bike. Love, Aaron

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a bike. Love, Odette

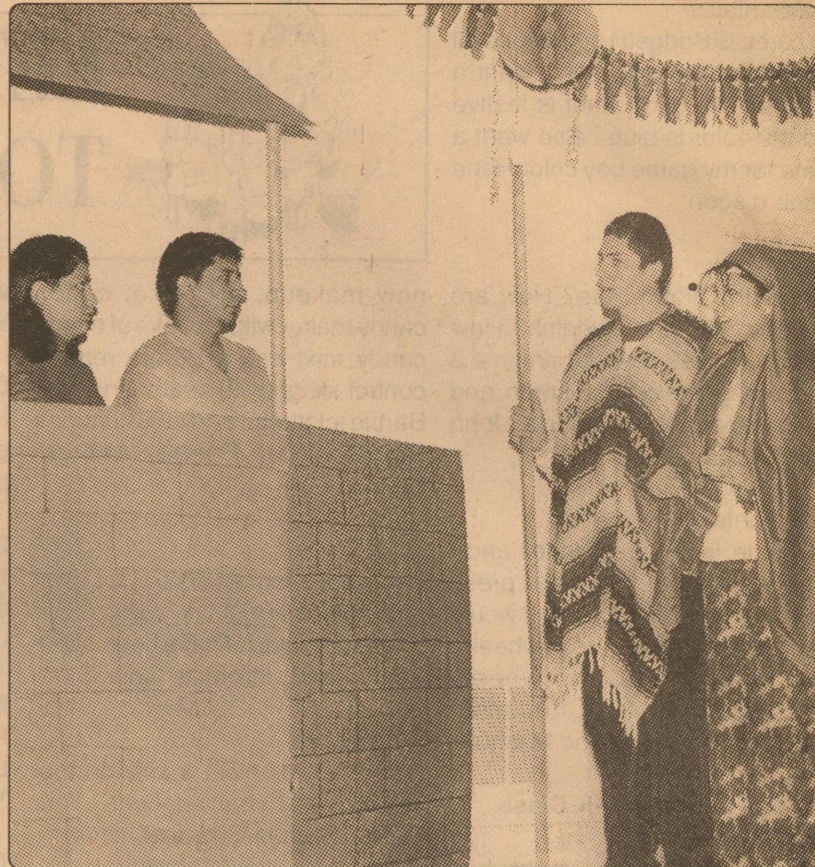


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No room at the Inn — Juan Munoz and Blanca Huichapa, portrayed Mary and Joseph last week during the Christmas Posadas. Here they heard from Linda Fuentes and Salvador Gallegos that there is no room at the inn. Posadas are a very old Mexican tradition. The word literally means "lodging." The Posadas was sponsored here by the EHS Nuevos Amigos Club.

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me Barbie Jeep and a bead set. Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,

I have been very good. Please bring me a sport bike. Love, Junior

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a truck. Love, Beto

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a motorcycle. Love, Dominique

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a truck. Love, Beto Nava

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a monkey roll bike. Love, Aaron Conn

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a sport bike. Love, Junior Garcia

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a pink bike and a diva star. Love, Sasha Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a Barbie jeep and a bead set. Love, Ashley Sullivan

Dear Santa,

I have been really good. Please bring me a gold or silver bracelet with breads and a cross and a necklace to match. Love, Madison Albin

Mrs. Curtis' 1st Grade Class

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolf? I have been a good reader. Please, Please bring me a Nutty Elephant. Thank you Santa for my presents. Your friend, Preston Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolf happy? I am a good boy. Please Santa can you bring me a paint set and a teddy bear? Thanks Santa. Your friend, Marcus Perez
Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? I have been a good reader. Please Santa bree me ou fire truck. Have a good Christmas. Tyler Martinez

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolf feeling good? My brother and I have been good. Please bring me a Power Ranger robot and Power Ranger that takes off His suit and my brother the same thing. I Love you. Your friend, Edward Hernandez

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I have been a good reader. Please Santa I want a computer and Power Ranger robot. Thank you for all the toys. Your friend, Daniel Guerra

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolf feeling good? My brother and I have been good at home. Please Santa I want a glass doll for my colletion. Thank you for the cumputr. your friend, Sloan Lovette

Dear Santa,

I am a good girl. How is Rudolf? I want a Shoo Shoo baby and rolling runners. Thank you for bringing presents for Kids. Your friend, Brittany Arrendondo

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolf feeling? I have been a good student and leader. Please Santa I want rolling runners and a computer. I Love you Santa. Your friend, Lori Escobar

Dear Santa,

Is Rudolf happy? I am a good girl. I want a glass doll and a computer Please. Thank you Santa! Your friend, Ashley Bullard

Dear Santa,

Is it cold at the North Pole? I have been really good at home. Please Santa can you bring me a computer and rolling runner? Thank you so mich Santa Your friend, Yeraldy Castro

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I have been good this year Pleac bring me a toy Reindeer and a bike. Happy Christmas. Your friend is Jause Garner

Dear Santa,

how is Rudolf and your reindeer? I have been helping my Mom and been a good boy. I want a Power Ranger robot and rolling runners. Thank you Santa. Your friend, John Codt Brenner

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Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? I have been a good reader. Please, Please bring me a Shoo Shoo baby and roller Skates. Merry Christmas Santa! Your friend, Broole Gierrero

Dear Santa, Is it cold at the North Pole? I am a good girl. Please I want a paint set. Your friend, Kimberly Sanchez

Dear Santa, Is Rudolf happy? I've been reading at school. Please bring me clothes, rolling runners, and a paint set. I love you. Your friend, Marysa Espinoza

Dear Santa, Is it cold at the North Pole? I have been a good boy. Please. I want rolling runners. Thank you for the present. Your friend, Kevin Solis

Mrs. Gray's 1st Grade Class
Dear Santa, I have bin good at school. I wot a big screen tv. I wot a super Ninetendo for Christmas also. Please bring me a Game Cube too. Santa how are you? I am good. Your friend, Hector Reyes

Dear Santa, I have bin a good Girl. I want a Happy famile and I would like a Barbie Game, and some make up Christmas this year. Please bring me some neat clothes four Christmas. How is Mis. Clos doing this Christmas? Your friend Michele Collett

Dear Santa, I have bin a good girl. I want to cowboy hats for my brother and me for Christmas. I would also like a Barbie game. I want a Play Station too. How is Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer? How are you Santa? When are you coming to see me Santa? Your friend, Chasity Willis

Dear Santa, I ben a good boy. I want a Play Stashine, and a game Boy Color for Christmas. please bring me a Ninetendo 64 and a top. santa how are your reindeer? How is Mrs Claus doing this Christmas Santa how was your Christmas. Your friend, Alex Solis

Dear Santa, I have bin a good Girl. I want a Game boy Color and bolls. I want Barbies and t.v. For my sister please bring her a Game Boy Advnce. Santa, how is Mrs Clouse. and how are your reindeer Marry Christmas Your friend, Veronica Fuentes

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want a game boy color. I also want a new video I want to give my Mom an Ewfiing. Santa, how is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus doing this year? Santa thank you for all of My presents Your friend, Nicholas Gonzales

Dear Santa, I have been good at scool I get good grades. I want a puppy four krismis. How is roodof? How are u Santa? When are you going to come to my house? When you come will you please bring me an Kitty? Have a Merry Christmas Santa. I Love U Santa. Your friend, Nikki Herrera

Dear Santa, I hav bin bad But I will be better next year. Please bring me a Ninja for chrismas. I would like a XBox also I also want anta Ninetendeo 64. Santa how are you and your reindeer. Thank you for giving me presents Your friend, Dylan Romos

Dear Santa, I have bin a good boy. I want a remote control four wheeler. Santa how are your reindeer doing this year? How is Mrs Claus? When will I get to see you? I want everyone that has less than me to get more. Your friend, Blaine Mitchell

Dear Santa, I have bine a good Boy I want a pupe. I want my MoM to have a TV and a new house for Christmas. Also please bring My MoM a new refrigerator. Santa how is Rudolf this year? Merry Christmas. Your friend, Mark Sanchez

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please bring me a black bike and little cars and soldiers. Thank you very much. Your friend, Erik Bonilla

Dear Santa, I tried to be a good gril. I would like a cd player. I would like a big new tv set. I woild like the shoes with rollers for Christmas. Please. Santa, I hope you have a good Christmas at the North pole. Santa, you are my Best friend. Your friend, Mary Lou Martinez

Dear Santa, I have bin a good boy. I want a Game Boy Cgolor. I wanta par uve skate. I want a nutindoe Sixed four. I want a Big skreen tv. I want a Bicke. My Mom wants a glos dol. I want soes that have wils. I wanta pnnte bol gut. How is Mrs Clos? Your friend, Brian Parsley

Dear Santa, I have bin good grl. I want a Barbie game and comeuter please, please bring my Mom a new hair brush. I would also like a new playhouse for Christmas. Merry Chritmas Santa. Your friend, Ashley Mettien

Dear Santa, I hav ban a good boy. I want the In sane Motorcyle Game for my computer. Please bring me a bull dog puppy that doesn't grow for Christmas. Thank you for my presents. Hows Rudolf doing? Your friend, Camron Capps

Dear Santa, I hope to see you on Christmas I have been good I would like a real puppy for Christmas a also a doll. Thank you for every thing. Your friend, Diana Trujillo

Mrs. Halbert's 1st Grade Class
Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a real dog and a Christmas song? I eill leave Cookies and milk for you! I will leave hay for Rudolph! Your friend, Rudy Montez

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please Bring snow! I have been vary good. May I have a Barbie house and a play set2 I will leave cookies and milk for you! please be careful and don't get sick. Your friend, Sheiby Daniels

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph! Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have water and food for the old people and my family to come for Christmas? I will leave cookies and milk for you. Have a nice ride! Your friend, Ryan Espinosa

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and your family? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a dog and a Pawer Puff Girl glass ball with snow in it? I will leave cookies and milk for you! I hope you have a safe trip! Your friend, MiKenna Gillespie

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a remote motorcycle and a train? I will leave cookies and milk for you! Look out for air planes! Your friend, Ribem Vazquez

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! May I have a paint ball gun and a scooter? I will leave cookies and milk for you! I will leave a carrot for Rudolph! Your friend, Lane Griffin

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a silver bel and a new coloring box? I will leave cookies and milk for you! I love you! Your friend, Vitoria Oljvan

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been good. May I have a motorcycle and good grades. I love you. I will leave cookies and milk for you! Your friend, Gabriel Sanchez

Dear Santa, Merry Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a shoe skate and skate board. I will leave cookies and milk for you! Your friend, Juan Carlos Aranda

Dear Santa Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a scooter and a mouse trap game? I will leave cookies and milk four you! Your friend Miranda Arispe

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have some skates and a scooter? I will leave cookies and milk for you! I love you! Your friend, Nancy Iglesias

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a Sweet kitty back and a dog? I Will leave cookies and milk for you! Your friend, Robbin Hibbs

Dear Santa Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have bee very good. May I have an orange bike and a desk to do my home work? Iwill leave cookies and Milk For you! Your friend, Migue Huichapa

Dear Santa. Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have a talking power puff and a puppy. I will leave cookies and milk for you! Your friend, Kasey Gonzalez

Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! I have been very good. May I have play station and an box? I will leave cookies and milk for you Don't forget my Mom and Dad. I Love You! Your friend, Justin Estrada

Merry Christmas Santa! How are you and Rudolph? Please bring snow! May I have a movie and a silver bell? I will leave cookies and milk for you. Your friend, Nancy Iglesias

Mrs. Sessom's 2nd Grade Class
Dear Santa, Please bring me a Playstation II and Remotes lither snake and a game Boy Advance and otoBot I will have cookes and milk for you. I Been good Love, Rico Martinez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Edge Runner and a Autobot and a Boom Box. And I hope you make it down the chimney okay. And I will put some carrots on the plate of cookies and milk for your Reindeer. Love, Evan

Dear Santa, Please bring me a barbie, and a boy barbie and a bady barbie. Merry Christmas! Love, Melissa Gonzales

Dear Santa, plaease bring me a Night Time Football, a Game Boy, a new c.d., a Baseball Bag, and a Sling Shot. I will leave some food for your reindeer's to eat. I will leave some food for you in my house. And I hope you have a good Christmas. Merry Christmas! Austin Barajas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a flag, a Xmans, a truck, a Monstess, Inc. a game boy advance. My causin is good Santa I have cookies and milk for you come through the door Love, John Paul Galan.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby born, An oven and Leave Mrs. Sessom a present, and Mrs. Montez a present. I hope you have a good Merry Christmas, Diamantina Torres

Dear Santa, Please bring me a computer, barbie, diary, barbie house, barbie cards. I'll have bread and mlk for you. Merry Christmas Love, Clarissa Castro

Dear Santa, I rily wish you can make evey one very happy by leaving there presents. P.S. I hope you have a Safe trip home. from Tanner Roach

Dear Santa, Please bring me candy, teddy bear, and a trail bike. Merry Christmas and have a good year. Love, Ashby Ragsdale

Dear Santa, Pease bring me Baby horse, Baby born. And I want a puppy. Can you give me an ride on your sleigh. Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Brianah Creek

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Brat Doll Devous Star Dog a Simon 2 game a Boo Doll Game Boy Advance and a Devous Star. Mrs. Sessom has been really, really good. Love, Amanda Garcia

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Cow boy hat, and a Monster Truck and Roler blades and a bike with pegs and Basketball Court. Love, Allen Espinosa Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike and zip off pants and a game boy and a alarm clock. Merry Christmas Santa! Sierra Arispe

Mrs O'Harrow's Class
Dear Santa, Please bring me a karioke machine, computer, bead scene, lippgloss maker, and dolphins. Are you real because I believe in you? Love, Abby Fuentes

Dear Santa, Please bring me a computer, A play station, A chalck board, A little kitchen, and an Alexa. How are you doing? Love, Dacy Whiddon

Dear Santa, Please bring me a box, or a dragon ball Z game. Does Rudolph realy have a red nose? Love, Roman Medrano

Dear Santa, Please bring me a skate board, a bike, Barbie, and a baseball bat. How are your reindeers? Love Brianda Torres

Dear Santa, Please bring me a art set, magic kit, a new pack of bandaides, a barbie jeep, and hair tattoos. Can you send me some pictures of polar bears? Love, Polli Guerrero

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Nintindo game cube with two remote controls, a game boy advance with Luigi's mansion, and a play station 2. How many presents do you have to deliver each year? Love, Colt Jones

Dear Santa, Please bring me a watch, and a game for my Nintendo. How old are you? Love, karina Granados

Dear Santa, Pleade breing me an xbox, a play station game consol, Tony Hawk's peo skater 2, a remote control Ton Hawk, and a baby brother. How many presents do you have to deliver every Christmas? Love, Oscar Robles

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big big trampoline, a radio, a babie cash regster, and, my own watch. How is your factory and elves going? Love, KIKI Rodriguez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a monster truck, cars, play money and a game boy advance. Is it true that Rudolf has a red nose? Love, Ivah Cardenas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Play gun, Spider man punching bag, a Dragon ball guy, and a Playstaton game called orashi. Love, Brandon Sanchez P.S. Is Rudolf the leader of thesleigh?

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Nintendo game cvbe, o Pik min game, an Xbox, battlet ops, and a new play station. How do you're reindeer fly? Love, Eric Estrada

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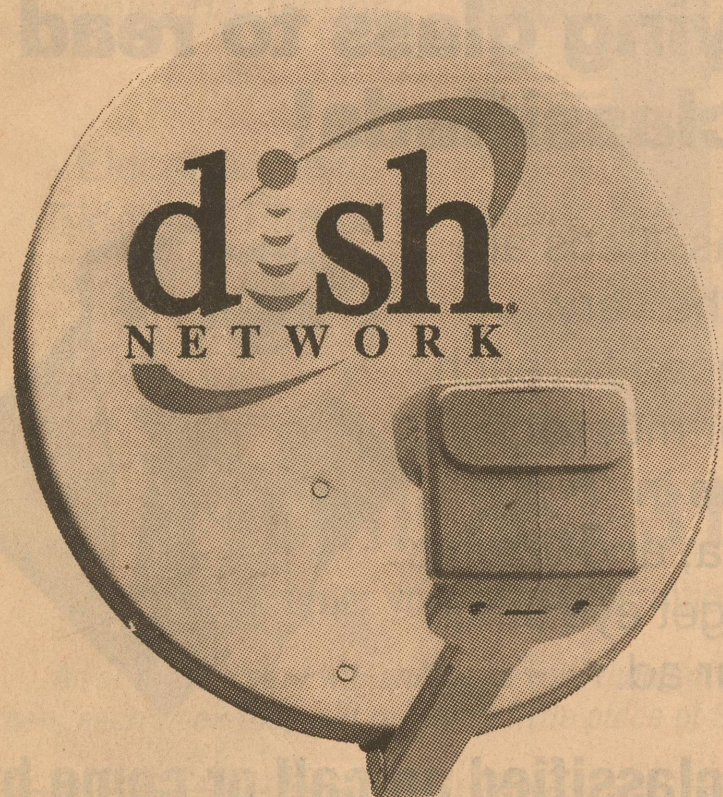
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Jingle Bells — Members of the Eldorado Womens Club enjoyed the Elementary Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 11, 2002. The musical program was performed by students in grades Kindergarten through 4th.

Texas death row inmates still face 'the chair'

by Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

LIVINGSTON — Even where death follows a mandated schedule, there is beauty.

Well-tended rose bushes line the sidewalk leading from the entrance of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Polunsky Unit to the first internal picket, as prison system employees and inmates call security control points. Two flowerbeds, one bordered by a five-point star and the other in the shape of Texas, decorate the grassy yard between the prison's two outer fences and its interior buildings.

Trusties — low-risk prisoners with good records — cultivate the flowers. Though still convicted criminals, the trustees who handle the gardening and other jobs are model citizens compared to the 449 men occupying 60-square-foot single-person cells in Building 12, better known as Death Row.

Beyond the landscaping, a visitor finds unintended irony: "Do the Right Thing" reads a large sign at the entrance to the administrative area of the prison. At the entrance to Death Row, the last stop before lethal injection for those convicted of not always doing the right thing, is another sign full of nuance: "Think Safety."

Safety always has been a consideration at TDCJ, but three years ago an inmate named Martin Gurule made prison officials even more safety conscious.

On Thanksgiving night in 1998, Gurule and six other Death Row inmates made it out of their cells in an escape attempt. Gurule succeeded in getting over two fences and off the unit, the first condemned man to do that in Texas in 64 years.

While his freedom was short-lived—he drowned shortly after escaping—a week went by before searchers found his body. The manhunt got national media attention.

The Gurule incident was the catalyst for a sweeping series of security changes at TDCJ only recently completed. The first change was the agency's decision to move Death Row from the Ellis Unit, where it had been since 1965, to a newer facility on a 472-acre site five miles east of Livingston in Polk County.

Opened in the fall of 1993, the Polunsky Unit can accommodate 2,900 prisoners. As of late November, it held 2,779 inmates, including the men on Death Row.

When the decision was made to

move Death Row, an area of the unit containing six pods—A through F—was retrofitted to accommodate the higher level of security necessary for condemned prisoners. Each pod has 84 cells. Prisoners facing execution were transferred to the new unit in June 1999.

This year, \$1,380,028 has been spent on Death Row security upgrades ranging from enclosure of visitation booths to installation of security covers over light fixtures.

Roughly one-fifth of that amount, \$369,750, went toward installation of the prison system's

first electrified fence. The high fence surrounds Building 12. Contact with the fence, in addition to delivering a powerful but non-lethal jolt to anyone who touches it, triggers an alarm.

Another component of the Death Row security improvements is a piece of futuristic-looking equipment called B.O.S.S. for Body Orifice Scanning System.

B.O.S.S. looks like a space age version of Old Sparky, the electric chair Texas used from 1923 to 1964 to execute 361 people. Though the heavy oak chair has long since been retired to a museum on the courthouse square in Huntsville, condemned inmates about to take their last walk must first sit down in the new electronic chair.

Installed last summer, the chair is used to check for hidden objects on inmates entering or leaving Death Row. Another chair has been installed at the system's Mountain View unit at Gatesville, where Texas' seven condemned female prisoners are housed.

Housing death row inmates costs the state \$53.15 per day, per inmate, according to TDCJ spokesman Larry Todd.

A typical day on death row starts early. The kitchen captain oversees breakfast preparation starting at 3 a.m. By 4 a.m., corrections officers begin delivering the meals in hot boxes. From 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., inmates may spend time in the recreation area and shower.

After 8 a.m., inmates may have visitors or see the medical staff if necessary. All inmates have access to reading, writing and legal materials. Work starts on lunch by 9:30 a.m., followed by dinner preparation at 3:30 p.m. It's lights out by 10 p.m. except for Saturdays, when prisoners are allowed to stay up until 11 p.m.

Death row inmates are divided into three risk levels, D1 to D3. The 17 prisoners in the D3 category are the hard cases.

"Those are the assaulters," Capt. Selester (cq) Bacon explained. "When you go to their cell, they are likely to throw body

fluids, urine or feces at you or try to hurt you. The second level are the chronic rule breakers. The third level don't usually cause any problems."

But two officers in black protective vests, both equipped with canisters of pepper spray and one with a riot baton, always accompany all death row inmates when they are out of their cells.

Prisoners are handcuffed and their legs shackled. And everything they do, they do individually.

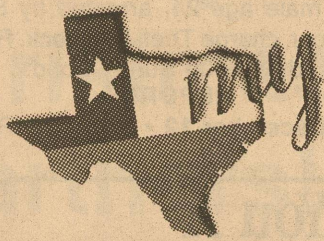
Other than yelling between cells, no contact is allowed between inmates.

"Inmates with execution dates are kept under higher scrutiny," prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald explained. "The corrections officers keep a log of their activities. Starting 96 hours out (from their execution) they are checked every 15 minutes."

Currently, six inmates are in Pod A with pending execution dates. The next inmate scheduled to die is Vincent Cooks, 37, who was convicted in Dallas County. His date is Dec. 12, but he has had seven dates already.

When his time does come, he will be escorted from his cell and asked to sit in the B.O.S.S. chair. If no contraband objects are detected, he will be walked a short distance to a fenced sally port. From there, he will be driven with a protective escort to the Walls Unit in Huntsville.

Once at the Walls Unit, the State of Texas will bear its last expense associated with his case: \$86.08 worth of drugs that will bring unconsciousness and stop his respiration and heartbeat.



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DPS urges Texans to make Christmas merrier this year by driving safely

The Christmas season traditionally brings thoughts of love and peace, gifts and get-togethers with family and friend. The holidays are also a time of increased travel and alcohol consumption. To combat this dangerous mix, the Texas Department of Public Safety will be patrolling highways, enforcing traffic laws with the aim of reducing the number of fatalities associated with holiday periods.

"It won't be a very merry Christmas if you are involved in a crash," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Our troopers will be out in full force looking for drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators."

Fortunately, prior thought and planning can alleviate travel stress and avoid potential problems. The DPS offers Texas motorists the following tips:

- Drinking and driving don't mix. Never drive after consuming alcohol. Plan for a designated driver, or call for a cab.

- Slow down. Driving over the speed limit was the cause of 562 traffic deaths in 1999 alone. Inclement weather provides enough of a driving challenge without adding speed to the mix.

- Increase your awareness.

Driving on icy or wet roadways requires even greater caution. Navigate bridges and overpasses with care - they're the first areas to freeze when the temperature drops. Most people forget that ice can be difficult to see.

- Always wear your seatbelt, and ensure everyone in the vehicle is buckled in.

- Plan your trip carefully, even if it's to only go to the store. Be sure to allow enough time to make the trip safely. Be prepared for delays. Haste can cause crashes.

- Check out road conditions in the event of bad weather. Consult local news stations or the Texas Department of Transportation for road closures. TxDOT can be reached at 1-800-452-9292, or on the Internet at www.dot.state.tx.us.

- Maintain a full gas tank. This helps avoid condensation in the

fuel tank.

- Check the vehicle's fluids, including motor oil, windshield washer and transmission fluid, and the ignition system, lights, heaters and cooling system regularly. Remember to check the vehicle's battery before it gets cold.

- Pack your vehicle with a blanket, first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper and gloves. Include a supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded.

- Carry a cell phone if possible. In the event of a breakdown or emergency, immediately contact the authorities. Motorists can call the DPS at 1-800-525-5555 to request assistance. *DPS can be used by participating cellular companies to reach the same number. Neither number is intended to replace 911.

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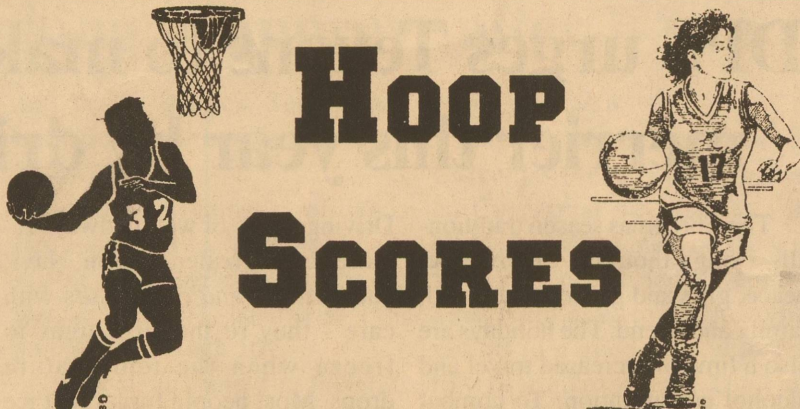
J.V. GIRLS

December 1, 2001
 Eldorado 03-06-01-04=14
 Robert Lee 07-14-08-03=32
 Kasey Boysaw 3, Selina Rojas 5,
 Lindsey Schwiening 2, Britney Sellers
 1, Lacy Ragsdale 1, Sheryl Alexander
 2. Record Wins (5), Losses (3).

December 4, 2001
 Eldorado 04-04-08-08=24
 Reagan Co. 12-06-16-06=40
 Kasey Boysaw 6, Betsy Green 2,
 Heather Homer 6, Courtney Whitten 4,
 Lacy Ragsdale 6. 3 Point Goal:
 Courtney Whitten (1). Record Wins (5),
 Losses (4).

Iraan JV Tournament
 December 6, 2001
 Eldorado 06-07-02-01=16
 Iraan 05-11-17-06=39
 Kasey Boysaw 3, Heather Homer 6,
 Lindsey Schwiening 2, Lacy Ragsdale
 5. 3 Point Goals Record Wins (5),
 Losses (5).

Iraan JV Tournament
 December 7, 2001
 Eldorado 10-06-11-08=35
 Presidio 09-09-02-04=24
 Kasey Boysaw 12, Heather Homer 3,
 Courtney Whitten 4, Lacy Ragsdale
 16. Record Wins (6), Losses (5).



J.V. GIRLS

Iraan JV Tournament
 December 7, 2001
 Eldorado 05-11-05-03=24
 McCamey 07-07-08-09=31
 Kasey Boysaw 10, Betsy Green 2,
 Heather Homer 3, Courtney Whitten 4,
 Lindsey Schwiening 1, Jessica
 Robertson 2, Britany Sellers 2. Record:
 Wins (6), Losses (6).

December 11, 2001
 Eldorado 11-07-03-03=24
 Ballinger 20-10-22-10=62
 Kacey Boysaw 5, Heather Homer 2,
 Monica Moreno 6, Courtney Whitten
 8, Britney Sellers 2, Lacy Ragsdale 1.3
 Point Goals: Monica Moreno (1),
 Courtney Whitten (1). Record Wins (6),
 Losses (7).

J.V. GIRLS

December 14, 2001
 Eldorado 10-13-12-05=40
 Robert Lee 02-09-13-10=34
 Kacey Boysaw 11, Heather Homer 2,
 Monica Moreno 13, Lindsey Schwiening
 4, Jessica Robertson 3, Lacy Ragsdale
 7. 3 Point Goals: Monica Moreno (3).
 Record: Wins (7), Losses (7).

J.V. BOYS

December 4, 2001
 Eldorado 10-14-12-12=48
 Reagan County 11-17-10-15=53
 Trey Chavez 14, Mike Adame 5, Ray
 David Buitron 5, Jordan Fay 4, JL
 Mankin 2, John Fay 2, Kolby Dombroski
 1, Logan Neal 15. 3 Point Goals: Trey
 Chavez (1).

Iraan JV Tournament
 December 6, 2001
 Eldorado 06-09-12-10=37
 Iraan 02-05-05-12=24
 Trey Chavez 15, Mike Adame 6, Ray
 David Buitron 2, JL Mankin 2, Jordan
 Fay 6, John Fay 2, Danny Sanchez 4.3
 Point Goals: Trey Chavez (1).

Iraan JV Tournament
 December 7, 2001
 Eldorado 14-11-08-12=45
 Big L 08-18-13-11=50
 Trey Chavez 21, Mike Adame 4, Ray
 David Buitron 8, JL Mankin 2, Jordan
 Fay 10. 3 Point Goals: Trey Chavez (1).

December 11, 2001
 Eldorado 09-14-10-13=46
 Ballinger 24-17-18-10=69
 Trey Chavez 7, Mike Adame 4, Ray
 David Buitron 4, Jordan Fay 12, John
 Fay 4, Danny Sanchez 2, Logan Neal
 11. 3 Point Goals: Trey Chavez (1),
 Jordan Fay (1).

December 14, 2001
 Eldorado 14-15-10-12=51
 Robert Lee 07-02-10-04=21
 Mike Adame 4, Ryan Cathey 2, Ray
 David Buitron 2, Trey Chavez 11, Eric
 Garcia 2, Jordan Fay 19, JL Mankin 3,
 Kolby Dombroski 4, Logan Neal 4. 3 Point
 Goals: Trey Chavez (1), Jordan Fay (1).

All-Region Band — EHS
 band members (L-R)
 Kimberly Hight, Andrea
 Robles and Samantha
 Smith qualified for the All-
 Region Band recently at a
 contest in Brownwood.

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Deadline approaches for director nominations in regional Boll Weevil vote

AUSTIN — Cotton producers in the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until Jan. 2 to officially place their names into nomination.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 2001 get set to decide in a Feb. 1 referendum whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the Feb. 1 ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet. In addition, the nomination must be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

Nomination forms are available at local county extension service offices and the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at (512) 463-7593.

Producers can mail the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711 or fax the form to (512) 463-1104. The nomination must be received in Austin by Jan. 2.

Kenneth Gully of Concho County currently represents the Southern Rolling Zone on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

In September 2000, the Southern Rolling Plains was declared functionally eradicated of boll weevils, the first area in Texas to receive the designation. "Functionally eradicated" meant inspectors found no evidence of reproducing boll weevils in cotton fields

in the zone. "That was an historic milestone for Texas and the state's cotton industry," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "Texas cotton farmers are on track to win the war against one of the most devastating pests in American agriculture."

In February 1994, cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains voted to establish a boll weevil eradication zone and approved an assessment rate for the program. The Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone was the first zone established in Texas.

The Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone covers about 265,000 acres in 10 counties: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, Mason, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green and the southern part of Taylor.

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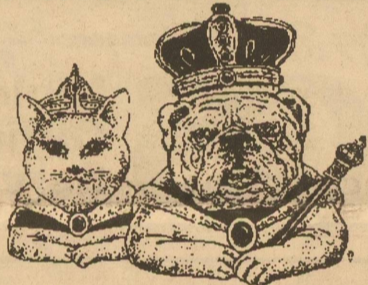
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The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

December 14 • Belman, Mike Jr., male age 39, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication/Unlawful Flight. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

December 17 • Barajas, Joe R., male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge Theft by Check. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

December 12 • 9:00 a.m. Re-

port of a go-cart taken, late November to date from auto repair shop south on Hwy. 277. Est. value \$600.

• 1:00 p.m. Female subject requested an officer at the apartments. Officer responded.

• 3:00 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle traveling south, north of town, hauling gravel and traveling at a high rate of speed. A piece of gravel cracked their windshield. Officer responded.

• 3:20 p.m. Male subject reported a dog bite and requested to file charges. Officer responded.

• 3:33 p.m. Subject reported a black vehicle had stopped in front of their house honking, and complainant stated some words were exchanged and the black vehicle left. Officer responded.

• 4:25 p.m. Complainant reported loud music down the street from them and wanted an officer to check it out.

December 13 • 3:45 a.m. Complainant on County Road 2084 reported that they had been awakened by shots. Officer responded.

• 4:37 p.m. Complainant reported that they had a hot oil heater on fire and needed assistance putting it out. Fire Department & officers responded and operator of heater had fire under control.

• 5:09 p.m. Subject reported that one of the doors at the Old Sofge Apts. was open. Nobody was supposed to be there. Officer responded.

December 14 • 6:25 p.m. Female subject stated that their brother was being chased and needed law enforcement. Officer responded.

• 8:31 p.m. Subjected needed an officer to come to the front of the school gym. A burglary may have taken place. Officer responded.

December 15 • 12:26 p.m Subject on W. Fields Street reported two windows in vehicle were broken out. Officer responded.

• 1:22 a.m. Subject reported dogs barking and heard someone knocking on the door. Subject

wanted an officer to drive by and check residence.

• 7:23 a.m. Hospital stated that a female subject's life line was going off. Stated that an ambulance was needed due to shortness of breath and a racing heart rate. EMS 2 responded.

• 8:00 p.m. Complainant reported 10-12 black cows out 2 to 3 miles out on Hwy. 277 South. Officer responded.

• 10:11 p.m. Complainant reported male subject had passed out. Ambulance requested. Officers and EMS responded.

December 16 • 8:40 a.m. Ministerial Alliance was contacted for traveling assistance for a male subject.

• 6:30 p.m. Subject reported two explosions, vehicle was burned. No one was in the area. Officer and Fire Chief responded.

December 17 • 6:09 p.m. Subject reported a loud gas leak between their home and neighbors. Officer and city notified and responded.

• 8:13 p.m. Subject reported smelling gas in the area. Officer and city responded.

• 9:01 p.m. Officer was contacted to remove unwanted visitor.

December 18 • 9:12 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. EMS and officer responded.

• 4:30 p.m. Complainant on San Saba reported a grass fire in the alley down from their house. Officer and fire department responded and was an unreported controlled burn.

• 5:30 p.m. Subjects wanted Sheriff Office to contact Tom Green County Sheriff Office and report a reckless driver in a maroon Geo occupied by a male and female.

• 6:30 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Office notified Sheriff Office of a possible intoxicated driver headed north in a black Yukon. Officer responded.

• 6:56 Land owner notified Sheriff Office that they would be spotlighting and vermin hunting.

• 7:23 p.m. Subject stated that apartment key hole was jammed and resident cannot locate manager. Sonora's Sheriff Office notified.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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The family of Nadine Bell would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, food, and the many prayers. At a time like this it is amazing how great this town is.

A special thank you to the EMS, Dr. Taylor and staff. Also a special thanks to the ladies of the First United Methodist church for the wonderful meal they so graciously served. To the family at Casa Arispe, Mom loved each and everyone of you and enjoyed working with you and for you.

We shall all miss Nadine (mom) dearly, however, knowing how she touched so many lives and that her memory will live on forever for so many, makes each passing day a little easier. Thanks so much.

In Christ love, Bill, Lori, Alan and Kevin Dykstra, Dale, Sharon, Chad and Chase Storie, Pamela Whitten

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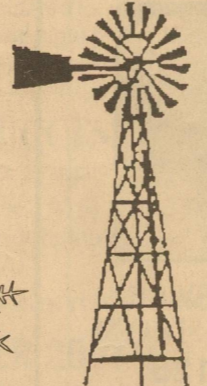


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