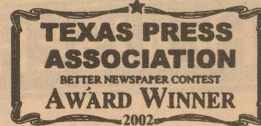


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**New Deputy Chief** — Border Patrol Chief Gustavo De La Viña (L) Deputy Chief Robert L. Harris and his wife Renee following Harris' promotion to the job last week. Harris is the grandson of Eldorado's Dorothy Harris.

## Harris named Deputy Chief of United States Border Patrol

Robert L. Harris has been named Deputy Chief of the United States Border Patrol. He is the son of Alva Lee Harris of San Angelo (an Eldorado native) and the grandson of Dorothy Harris and the late Orland Harris of Eldorado. Harris' promotion to the agency's second highest-position was effective on Dec. 1, 2002.

Harris is an 18-year veteran of the Border Patrol, having served much of his career on the Southwest border in Texas, Arizona and California. But, his roots with the Border Patrol go father back and extend much deeper than that. You might say that he grew up in and around the agency.

Harris' father, Alva Lee Harris, is a retired Border Patrol Agent. So is his uncle, Jimmy Wayne Harris. Another uncle, Jackie Harris is a former agent and Harris' brother, Scott Harris currently serves as a Border Patrol at Carrizo Springs.

But Robert Harris' ties to the agency don't stop there. His wife, Renee is an Associate Chief with the Border Patrol. She currently serves as Acting Director of INS International Affairs. And, their son, Tyler Lee Harris, was born on May 28, which happens to be anniversary of the creation of the Border Patrol. He is currently attends Cooper Middle School in McClean, VA, where he is an 8th grader. The couple have another child, a daughter named Maya, age 19. She is enrolled at William and Mary College.

Harris has strong ties to Eldorado, spending much of his youth, including almost every summer, at the home of his grandparents, Dorothy and Orland Harris. In fact, he and his wife were married in Eldorado, with the ceremony taking place on his grandparents' back porch. Now with his promotion to a position of national prominence, Harris attributes his success to the ethics he learned here.

Locally, his grandmother Dorothy Harris welcomed the news of her grandson's promotion. "I'm so proud of him," she said, as she

leafed through family photo albums, pointing to various photos of Robert.

Harris has held a variety of increasingly important positions during his career with the Border Patrol. He served as Assistant Chief and Associate Chief at the Border Patrol Headquarters, as well as, Chief of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Intelligence Branch. He is also a member of the Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) and has participated in coordinating many foreign and domestic enforcement operations, including service in South and Central America, and Europe. Harris duty locations include: San Diego Sector 1984-88 (San Clemente); Marfa Sector 1988-91 (Pecos, Texas);

Border Patrol Academy (Law/Spanish) 1992-95; INS Intelligence 1995-98; Headquarters Border Patrol 1998-2002.

Harris is an honor graduate of the U.S. Border Patrol Academy (167th Session). He holds a bachelor's degree in management and a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College.

Border Patrol Chief Gustavo De La Viña announced the promotion saying, "I am confident that Deputy Chief Harris will do an outstanding job in this critical time of transition to the Department of Homeland Security and beyond."

As part of his new duties, Harris will oversee the activities of 9,500 Border Patrol Agents in 21 sectors nationwide.

## City Council denies request for speed bumps in Glendale Addition

by Pat Ragsdale

Traffic control was a major topic of discussion at Monday night's meeting of the Eldorado City Council which heard three separate requests from citizens on the topic. Those requests ranged from speed bumps and 4-way stop signs to the closing of alleyways.

The meeting was the city council's regular monthly session and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor John Nikolauk. Present for the meeting were council members Juaquin Rojas, Robert Bybee, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor, Dora Bosman and Richard Mendez. Also in attendance were City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, Utility Superinten-

dent Jack Dean, Assistant Superintendent Floyd Fay, Schleicher County Commissioner Johnny Mayo, Raymond Espinosa, Angela Aycock and Jimmie Deaton.

Appearing first, Raymond Espinosa asked the council to install speed bumps in his Glendale Addition neighborhood. Espinosa explained that motorists drive too fast through the neighborhood and expressed his concern for the safety of children playing in the area. He noted that recently, one young driver was ticketed by Schleicher County officers after he lost control and drove through Espinosa's yard.

The council appeared sympathetic to Espinosa's concerns but took no action on the matter after

reviewing a letter from the Texas Municipal League's legal department which outlined numerous liability issues surrounding the question of speed bumps. The council did, however, direct City Administrator Randy Mankin to schedule a public hearing in January at which time the council will consider reducing speed limits in the Glendale Addition and other parts of town.

Next, the council considered a request by Edie Niblett that a 4-way stop sign be installed at the intersection of North Oak and West Brooks Streets. Niblett was not in attendance, however, and the council took no action on the matter.

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**"Hot" water heater** — Volunteer firefighter Joey Jones used his axe to probe for hot spots last Friday night after flames were doused on a house fire at 205 E. Fields Street. The house, belonging to Yolanda Chappa Carbajal, of Grand Prairie, suffered only minor damage. Fortunately no one was injured when it was discovered that electrical current continued to run through the water heater pictured above, even after the electric meter was removed from the house. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire, which apparently started around the water heater. The cause of the fire, however, is still being investigated.



**Proud Grandmother** — Dorothy Harris displayed photos of her grandson Robert L. Harris as she discussed his time here in Eldorado. Robert Harris was recently named Deputy Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol.

## Schleicher County extends agreement with Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force

Captain Rusty Meurer, representing the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Abuse Task Force met with Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday for the purpose of renewing a mutual cooperation agreement in order to allow the task force to operate within the county.

Meurer told the commissioners that the task force has operated within the county in the past under an agreement with Sheriff David Doran. However, the agency was recently placed under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Public Safety by Governor Rick Perry. He said that the

move means that a new agreement, between his agency, the Sheriff's Department and the Commissioners Court is necessary.

After discussing the matter with Meurer, the commissioners agreed to the request and voted to authorize Judge Johnny Griffin to sign the agreement on behalf of the county.

The deal extends jurisdiction to task force investigators, officers and other law enforcement officers to make arrests and investigate crimes in Schleicher County.

Currently Schleicher County allots \$2,000 per year in its annual budget to pay its share of the task

force operating expenses. However, so far none of the money has been requested or been used by the agency, which has been able to operate on grants and seized drug money.

The Rio Concho Valley Multi-Agency Drug Task Force is made up of seven member counties including: Tom Green, Coke, Schleicher, Irion, Concho, Sutton and Menard.

The meeting was the first of the month for the commissioners. It was called to order by Judge Griffin with commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and

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# OBITUARIES

## Maria Elena Rodriguez



ELDORADO — Maria Elena Rodriguez, 68, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2002, at her residence. Service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado

Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sons, Rogelio & wife Juana Rodriguez of Eldorado, and Adan and wife Gracie of Eunice, N.M.; two daughters, Elena and husband Jimmy Aguilar and Berta and husband Larry Nicholson all of Eldorado; brothers, Porfido Garcia and Aurturo Garcia, both of Mexico, and Homero Garcia of Del Rio; sisters Ortencia Herrera of San Antonio, Santa Saldua of Del Rio, Juana Chavez of Mexico and Rebecca Garza of Fort Worth; grandchildren Ermelinda, Maryann, Rojelio Jr., Becky, Dee Ann, Adan Jr., Andrea, Jimmy, Larry Jr., and Stacy; and great-grandchildren Christopher, Marissa, Izaiah, Florenca, Omar, Shan, Imaly and Cloe.

## Louise Williams Crouch

PEORIE, AZ — Louise Williams Crouch passed away December 6, 2002 in Peoria, Arizona. She was born October 16, 1911 to George and Adella Williams near Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

Louise, her sister Esther, and brothers Jim and Joe and their parents relocated to Sections 76 and 77 just south of Eldorado during the summer of 1916. She was educated in the SCISD. Louise married Robert Crouch in the mid-1930's and they made their home in Glendale [Phoenix], Arizona, where he was a coach and later athletic director, preceding her in death in 1982.

Her brothers, John and Joe Williams, Albert McGinty, and George Williams Jr., as well as sister Esther and sister Margret McGinty preceded her in death.

Louise is survived by sisters Helen (McAngus Merck) Williams of Eldorado, and Beula W. Neill of Midland, Texas. A broth-

er Robert H. Williams of San Diego, Calif.; children Judy C. Butler of Peoria, Arizona; Robert Crouch of Signal, California; and grandson Brad and wife Stephenie Butler of Phoenix, Arizona. Additionally a niece Marth Dell Williams, nephews John Sidney Williams, Frank Stewart Williams and Jack Williams.

## Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Editor,

Have you ever driven around the streets of Eldorado after dark?

Everything is beginning to look like Christmas. The courthouse and bank has it's lighted figures out. The gazebo is decorated and now the downtown trees are lit.

Even the restaurants are getting into the spirit of Christmas.

It's great to see businesses and people bringing out the lights to show off our great small town!

I just love the Christmas Season.

Stacy Jurecek

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Randy, Kathy and Lori,

Just a note to let you know how much we appreciate all your hard work on "The Success."

We look so forward to Saturdays when "The Success" arrives.

During this time of Thanksgiving we have found there are so

many things Eldoradoans need to be thankful for, like turning on the faucet and have drinkable water, breathing fresh clean air, neighbors who speak and actually want to know you.

Our water is contaminated, the air has a horrible stench of sulphur and the majority of the neighbors won't even give you a grunt when you speak to them.

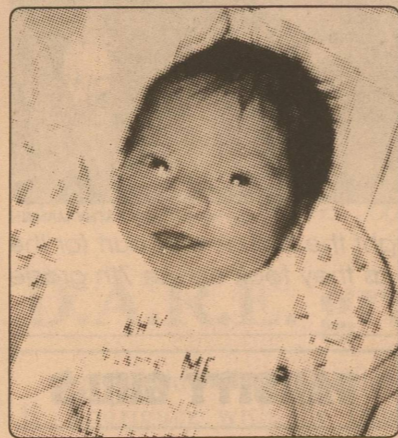
There are so many things we used to take for granted, boy have our eyes been opened, just four hours down the road things can really change.

Eldorado truly is a very special place and we are so thankful we had an opportunity to be Eldoradoans for twelve years.

The next time you turn on the faucet or stand out and look at the stars, take a deep breath of fresh air, be thankful for there are a few of us who can't do that.

Keep up the good work and know someone really reads "The Success."

Love,  
Sharon Lemons



Jose Agustin Figueroa, III

## It's a Boy!

Jose Agustin (Gus) Figueroa Jr. and Daniella L. Guadarrama proudly announce the arrival of their son Jose Agustin Figueroa III. He was born November 30, 2002 at 7:49 p.m. at Shannon Women's and Children's Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

He was anxiously awaited and welcomed home by his aunts Amanda Michelle and Tomee-Jo Figueroa and uncle s Adrian Eliseo Figueroa and Jessie Guadarrama, Jr.

Paternal grandparents are Jose Agustin Figueroa Sr. and Norma Garcia Figueroa of Eldorado. Great grandparents are Tomasa Ruiz Figueroa and the late Eliseo Figueroa of Durango, Mexico and Ruben R. Garcia and Olivia Lomas Garcia of Eldorado. Great-great grandmother is Rosaura R. Garcia of Eldorado. Jose Agustin Figueroa is a fifth generation.

Maternal grandparents are Jesus Guadarrama Sr. and Maria Antonia Guadarrama of Eldorado. Great grandparents are Hilario Guadarrama and the late Cristina Guadarrama of Barnhart and Maria Luisa Lomeli and the late Antonio Lomeli of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Numerous great aunts, great uncles, great cousins and three great great cousins

## Eldorado Forecast

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Mainly sunny. High 57F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 20s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.

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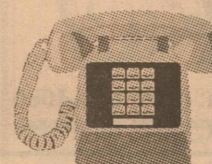
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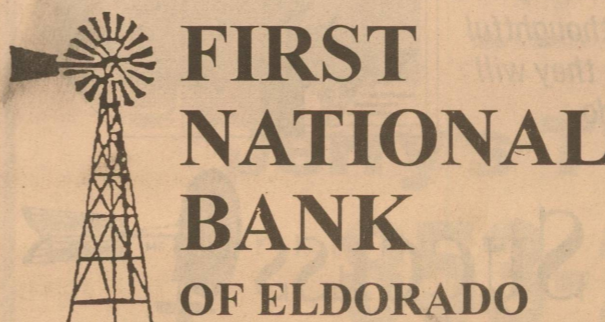
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16th Chase Mertz, Stephen Grelle, Kevin Freeman, Virgilio Escobar Jr., Stephen Whitten, Jason Clark  
17th Dylan Ramos, Micaela Gonzalez, Anita Robles  
18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer  
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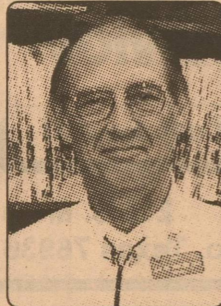
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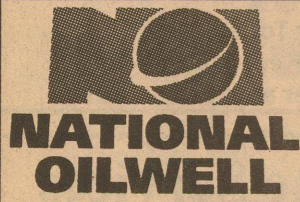
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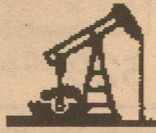
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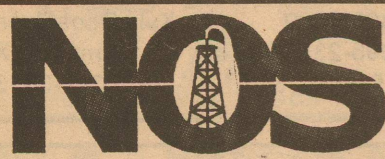
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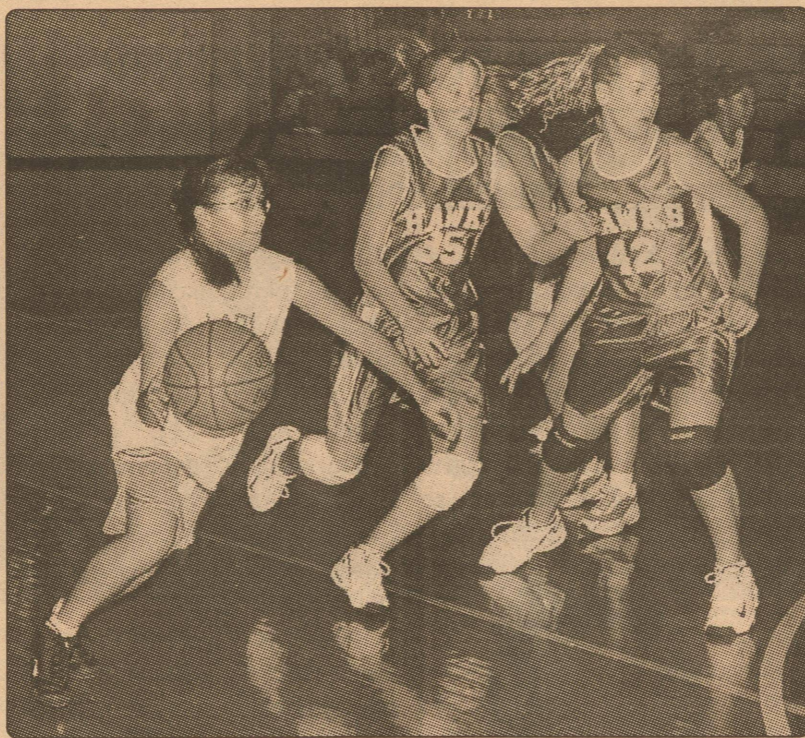


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Fast break** — Ashley Lozano brought the ball down court for the 7th grade Lady Eagles last week as they took on the 7th grade Wall Lady Hawks.

### 7th GRADE BOYS

December 2, 2002  
Eldorado 02-00-07-06=15  
Wall 18-05-03-08=34  
Scoring for the Eagles: Matthew Hill 2, Lalo Sanchez 4, Jorge Mata 2, Michael Redish 3, Gabriel Vasquez 2. 3 point goal: Redish (1).

December 09, 2002  
Eldorado 10-06-04-07=27  
Ozona 07-10-06-09=32  
Scoring for the Eagles: Matthew Hill 1, Lalo Sanchez 4, Emmanuel Gonzalez 2, Louie Buitron 2, Jesse Barajas 1, Michael Redish 7, Gabriel Vasquez 4, Tyler Dombroski 4, Luis Huichapa 2. Coach Larry Mitchel

### School Menu



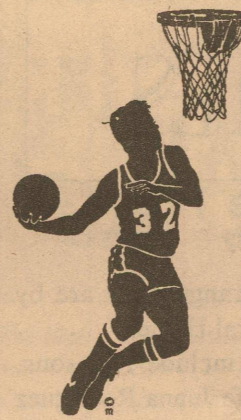
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Cafeteria Line

**Monday, December 16**  
Hot Dog w/ Chilli, French Fries, Baked Beans, Onion, Pickles, Relish, Cowboy Cookies  
**Tuesday, December 17**  
Chicken Patty, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Dinner Roll, Cupcake w/ Icing  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
Beef Stew w/ Vegetables, Grilled Cheese, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread  
**Thursday, December 19**  
Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Pineapple Chunks  
**Friday, December 20**  
Cheese Pizza w/ Breadsticks, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Whole kernel Corn, Vanilla Pudding w/ Topping

#### Breakfast

½ pt. Milk & 4 oz.

Juice offered w/each breakfast  
**Monday, December 16**  
PopTart, Cheese, Apple Juice  
**Tuesday, December 17**  
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice  
**Wednesday, December 18**  
Donut, Apple Sauce  
**Thursday, December 19**  
Honey Bun, Cheese, Orange Juice  
**Friday, December 20**  
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice



# Hoop Scores



### VARSITY GIRLS

Mertzon Tournament  
December 5, 2002  
Eldorado 17-17-19-10=63  
Water Valley 08-10-15-09=42  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 2, Christina Redish 27, Clara Herrera 15, Teresa Barajas 3, Lacy Ragsdale 2, Amanda Wanoreck 10, Martha Lively 4. Coach Rene Valeriano reported the girls put everyting together in this game and did a great job on defense.

Mertzon Tournament  
December 6, 2002  
Eldorado 17-10-17-13=57  
Grape Creek 07-09-13-13=42  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Christina Redish 30, Clara Herrera 7, Teresa Barajas 5, Lacy Ragsdale 6, Amanda Wanoreck 7, Martha Lively 2. Coach's comments: Our defense had a big part to do with this victory. We also had a good night shooting from the free throw line shooting 70% and 67% from the floor.

### VARSITY GIRLS

Mertzon Tournament  
Championship Game  
December 7, 2002  
Eldorado 09-13-11-10=43  
Robert Lee 13-15-14-10=52  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 2, Chandra Wanoreck 3, Christina Redish 14, Clara Herrera 8, Teresa Barajas 8, Lacy Ragsdale 1 and Martha Lively 8. Coach Valeriano comments: During the Championship game the girls played really well, but foul trouble plagued our game plan and our adjustments fell a little short. I was very proud of how our girls conducted themselves and played after having some of our starters in foul trouble.

### VARSITY BOYS

December 3, 2002  
Eldorado 27-06-11-27=73  
Brookesmith 13-05-16-09=44  
Scoring for the Eagles: Bobby Phillips 10, Trey Chavez 8, Quisto Gonzalez 9, Phillip Martinez 16, Mike Adame 14, Jordan Fay 5, Danny Sanchez 4 and J.L. Mankin 4. Coach Gillespie comments: Good team effort, finally put a complete game together and continue to shoot free throws well.

### Ballinger Tournament

December 5, 2002  
Eldorado 10-16-08-04=36  
Coleman 23-17-07-06=55  
Scoring for the Eagles: Bobby Phillips 1, Trey Chavez 15, Phillip Martinez 5, Mike Adame 1, Jordan Fay 5, J.L. Mankin 4. Coach Gillespie's Comments: Poor first quarter but showed good effort to come back. We need to learn how to handle physical play and be mentally prepared.

### Ballinger Tournament

December 5, 2002  
Eldorado 12-12-25-18=67  
Central JV 17-21-13-24=75  
Scoring for the Eagles: Bobby Phillips 22, Trey Chavez 10, Quisto Gonzales 5, Philip Martinez 11, Mike Adame 15 and Jordan Fay 4. Coach Gillespie's Comments: Once again we did a great come back to pull within 3 and chance to tie. We had some really good looks at the basket but couldnot put them down.

### Ballinger Tournament

December 6, 2002  
Eldorado 11-15-11-17=54  
Brady 13-18-20-20=71  
Scoring for the Eagles: Ray David Buitron 2, Bobby Phillips 8, Trey Chavez 5, Quisto Gonzalez 10, Philip Martinez 18, Mike Adame 10 and Jordan Fay 1. Coach Gillespie's Comments: Starting to score more, now have to put offense and defense together. Ray David Buitron is back after a foot injury, after missing two games.

### J.V. GIRLS

Grape Creek Tournament  
The Lady JV Eagles lost their first game to Irion County, then went on to win both games against Christoval and Menard to put them in the Consolation game on Saturday against Coleman JV. The Lady Eagles were 1 point behind with 23 seconds left in the game after coming back from a 11 point deficit. The girls had to foul to get the ball back and Coleman made their free-throws, with the Lady Eagles losing by 5 points.

### December 6, 2002

Eldorado 05-04-02-06=17  
Irion County 05-06-02-09=22  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 8, Britney Sellers 1, Maxie Holley 1, Macey Schwiening 2, Jessica Robertson 1, Taylor Baker 4.

### December 6, 2002

Eldorado 10-11-09-11=41  
Christoval 02-02-02-14=20  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 4, Allison Reynolds 1, Britney Sellers 5, Maxie Holley 10, Karina Sanchez 5, Josie Diaz 3, Lindsey Schwiening 5, Jessica Robertson 4, Taylor Baker 2, Rachel Joiner 2.

### December 6, 2002

Third Game  
Eldorado 10-06-04-07=27  
Menard 04-00-00-04=08  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 7, Britney Sellers 8, Maxie Holley 2, Karina Sanchez 2, Josie Diaz 2, Lindsey Schwiening 2 and Jessica Robertson 4.

### December 7, 2002

Championship Game  
Eldorado 02-07-12-07=28  
Coleman 07-13-03-10=33  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 15, Maxie Holley 6, Karina Sanchez 2, Lindsey Schwiening 2, Taylor Baker 1 and Rachel Joiner 2. 3 point goal: Green (1).

## 7th grade girls basketball

by Coach Matt Rutherford

On Monday December 9 the seventh grade version of the Eldorado Lady Eagles traveled to Ozona. The "A" team fell 28-18 to the Lady Lions and Kassie Tyler scored eight points and played the best all around game for the Eagles. Chelsey Hill scored 6 points

and Amika Gonzalez and Lynley Glass scored two points each. All the girls showed a lot of hustle Monday night.

For the "B" team Erika Estrada scored two points and Chelsey Pridemore had a great game rebounding the ball. Good job girls!



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Team work** — Lynley Glass set a screen and Chelsey Hill moved the ball inside for the 7th grade Lady Eagles last week as they took on the 7th grade Wall Lady Hawks.



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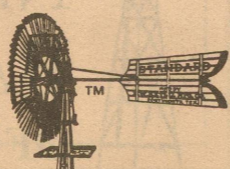
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# "The Junction Boys" to air Saturday on ESPN

by Clint Schroeder  
The Junction Eagle

The ESPN television movie The Junction Boys will premiere on Dec. 14 at 8 p.m., and some film of the actual 1954 practices in Junction will be aired.

A show after the movie will feature present-day Junction.

The movie tells the story of the Texas A&M summer football camp conducted in Junction by Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, who later led Alabama to six national championships.

The ESPN original made-for-television movie is based on the book, "The Junction Boys: How Ten Days in Hell with Bear Bryant Forged A Championship Team," by Jim Dent.

Wanda Teel, of Junction, said her father, the late Elmer Parrott, shot 8 mm movies of the Junction Boys' practice at the 1954 media day. Parrott at the time was manager of the A&M Adjunct — now the Texas Tech University-Junction campus. Teel said her father had a new color movie camera and shot the only known home movies of the real Junction Boys.

Teel said she signed a contract with ESPN for use of the footage and some of it aired in a "The Junction Boys" promotion during the Texas vs. Texas A&M game. It will also be used, she said, during the film's credits.

Tim Hays, coordinating producer for ESPN's "Outside the Lines," was in Junction on Wednesday, Dec. 4, shooting footage for a program that will be broadcast after "The Junction Boys."

"It will be an opportunity for people to see the real town," Hays said.

He said the movie "The Junction Boys" was filmed in Australia because production costs are lower there. It was shot at a defense site outside Sydney.

Oscar and Emmy nominee and Golden Globe winner Tom Berenger will portray Bryant.

The movie will air on ESPN at 8 p.m. Central Standard Time, after the Heisman Trophy presentation. Outside the Lines will air after the movie, at 11 p.m. CST.

Most of the "Outside the Lines" program was shot in a Dallas studio on Dec. 10 and will be a discussion with some of the surviving Junction Boys. Hays said that Gene Stallings, Bill Schroeder, Dennis Goehring and "The Junction Boys" author Jim Dent will be on the show.

Stallings, who assisted Bryant after graduation, became the head coach at A&M in 1965 at the age of 29. He beat Bryant's Alabama team in the 1967 Cotton Bowl, and

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later coached at Alabama and in the NFL as head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals.

At a reunion of the Junction Boys held May 18, 1979, in Junction, Bryant related a story in The Junction Eagle about the Cotton Bowl loss to Stallings' A&M team:

"I was so mad at him, I wanted to strangle his skinny little ol' neck. I started out across the field after him, but just as I got to him I stumbled and he caught me. He thought I was hugging him, and all the newspapers had a story the next day that looked like I was hugging Bebes."

According to ESPN, "The movie chronicles Bryant's brief stint at Texas A&M University, from the vicious, scorching heat of the practice field in Junction, Texas — the site of Bryant's first grueling pre-season — to the raucous arena of Southwest gridiron battles, where Bryant's men waged war, quite literally, with their own blood and guts for the beloved coach. The Junction Boys chronicles the journey of Bear Bryant's bravest soldiers.

"Garnering inspiration from the pages of Jim Dent's 'The Junction Boys' is the story of one football program's rise to the top of college football. But maybe more importantly, it's the story of how a group of boys became men under the watch of college football's greatest field general."

The movie is ESPN Original Entertainment's second foray into feature films.

Its first was "A Season on the Brink: A Year With Bob Knight and the Indiana Hoosiers," which aired in March.

The Junction Boys is rated TV14L (may not be suitable for children; strong language).



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Say NO to drugs and alcohol** — Fifth grade students (L-R) Ashley Gardner, Jacey Sellers, Alicia Hernandez, Gregory Rodriguez, Tanja Hibbs, Nathan Massingill and Timmy Cuevas offered their version on how to say no to drugs and alcohol in a short skit "The T.V. Squad" during the Fall 2002 D.A.R.E. Graduation.

## D.A.R.E. graduation held

San Angelo Police Officer John E. Rodriguez with the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program (D.A.R.E.) presented certificates of completion to Eldorado 5th graders on Tuesday, December 10th, as they finished a 17 week drug awareness course.

The program began with Cory Ragon and Tony McCord the audience of teachers, 5th grade students, and family members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Rodriguez then gave a short description of the D.A.R.E. program's history and told how the program instructs students in the many ways of saying no to drugs and alcohol.

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. is responsible for bringing the D.A.R.E. program to Eldorado and presents D.A.R.E. T-Shirts to the 5th graders one the program is complete.

Saying no to drugs and alcohol was the main topic of two skits which were performed by the students during the program. One skit was entitled "The TV Squad." It featured Ashley Gardner, Tanja

Hibbs, Timmy Cuevas, Gregory Rodriguez, Alicia Hernandez, Nathan Massingill and Jacey Sellers. Another skit, named "The Cheerleaders," starred Hervey Solis, Juan Medrano, Shane Young, Crystal Hamilton, Samantha Dominguez, Maureen Martinez, Adriana Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez and Clarissa Hernandez.

The skits allowed the students to demonstrate what they learned to their peers and family members.

Three essay winners, Patricia Hernandez, Marty Powell, and Adriana Hernandez, read their winning essays describing what they had learned during the course. Officer Rodriguez presented each of the three students with a writing pad.

Mrs. Delia Herrera and Officer Rodriguez then presented each student with a certificate of completion.

At the conclusion Officer Rodriguez recognized the Fifth Grade teachers, Glenda Nix, Delia Herrera and Christy Meador with a gift of a yellow T-Shirt with a red D.A.R.E. across the chest and a red soft side bag.

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A Unique Product For Women of All Ages- L-R Minerva Lopez, Betty Hernandez, Gloria Kent, Sharon Sauer and Justina Saunders examine the new ultra thin 8" disk "The BSE Pad" that was recently FDA approved for at home breast exams. When properly used the pad reduces the friction between the fingers and breast and enhances the sense of touch during the exam.

**The Touch Enhancing Pad approved by FDA for breast self-examination**

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**Solution to puzzle on Page 2**

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For more information or to obtain a "BSE Pad" you may contact: Gloria Kent at 853-2246 or Sharon Sauer at 853-3051.

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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**  
November 28 • Holguin, Alfredo, male age 31, arrested by SC Officer, offense Felony Control Substance. Released on a \$3,000 Surety Bond.

December 6 • Sandate, Antonio, Jr. male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, offense Motion To Revoke Burglary of Building. Released on a \$15,000 Surety Bond.

December 10 • Holguin, Alfredo, male age 31, arrested by DPS Officer, offense DPS Warrants. Released, Paid Fines.

**REPORTS**  
November 29 • 10:23 a.m. Complainant reported a storage building on fire. Officer and fire department responded. 10:26 a.m. Fire department disregarded, subjects conducting a controlled burn that had not been reported.

7:30 p.m. Complainant on Brooks Street reported a dog tearing up their yard. Subject would like owner of dog to restrain it.

December 4 • 2:30 p.m. Complainant stated that there was an elderly man changing a tire and was in need of assistance. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

3:11 p.m. Complainant reported an elderly man needed assistance in changing tire on Hwy. 277 North mile marker 422. Call transferred to Tom Green County.

5:58 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

December 5 • 2:27 p.m. Complainant reported smoke in Schleicher County. Fire department found a controlled burn.

7:41 p.m. Request for a Criminal Trespass Notice be served on male subject. Officer responded.

December 6 • 5:25 p.m. Complainant reported 4 youth possibly sniffing paint outside school weight room. Officer responded.

9:10 p.m. Complainant reported a terroristic threat made against the complainant. Officer responded and made a report.  
9:15 p.m. Report of a vehicle in the bar-ditch North of Meador Draw, on Hwy. 277. DPS Trooper made contact with owner of vehicle on routine patrol.  
10:00 p.m. Neighbor reported a structure fire at 201 E. Fields. Reported source of the fire is a hot water heater at the back of the residence.

December 7 • 1:08 p.m. Complainant reported a concern for their mother. EMS 2 and officer responded to the W. Dorris resident.

4:00 p.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo.

December 8 • 12:45 a.m. Complainant reported a fight in progress on Lee Street. Three officers responded.

1:35 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer concerning family problems. Officer responded.

1:36 a.m. Complainant on Lee Street requested an officer. Cause was a possible fight. Three officers responded.

1:48 p.m. Complainant called in to report some juveniles shooting the North water tower. Officer and DPS Officers responded.

4:14 p.m. Subject report a unattended death. Officer and Justice of the Peace responded to the residence.

8:05 p.m. Subject reported an injured deer on County Road 220. Game Warden responded.

8:57 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Office reported a white Buick traveling South with no headlights or taillights. Officer made contact with vehicle and found everything was OK.

December 9 • Complainant call 911, reporting they were having trouble breathing. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

**Clarification**

In the Nov. 28, 2002 edition of the Success, the story about the alleged theft of funds from First United Methodist Church of Eldorado stated that Linda Lindsey was reportedly discharged from her position as church secretary at or about the time church officials discovered the missing funds. Since that time church officials have told the Success that Ms. Lindsey resigned her position and was not discharged.

**Meals for Friends Menu**

- Monday, December 16**  
Beef Stew, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Canned Peaches, Chocolate Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday, December 17**  
Baked Ham, Glazed Carrots, Summer Squash, Wheat Roll, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday, December 18**  
Meat Loaf w/ Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potato, Corn, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookie, Milk
- Thursday, December 19**  
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Cream Gravy, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk
- Friday, December 20**  
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A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped with this year's Thanksgiving worship service. We received a generous outpouring of food and money to be used to help the people of Eldorado. Jesus was lifted high as voices and musicians gave their very best to the Lord.

I would especially like to thank the praise team for their hard work and preparation, Tim Seymore for a wonderful message, Shea Politte for running the slide show, and Sylas Politte for his work in providing the sound equipment.

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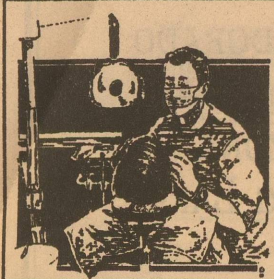
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## School trustees review wish list

Schleicher County ISD trustees spent much of their time during Monday night's meeting reviewing projects on their "wish list" and tried to prioritize projects that are competing for limited funds.

The meeting was the group's regular monthly session. It was called to order by Board President Jo Helen Kotsch. Also in attendance were trustees Phil McCormick, John Paul Joiner, Eddie Albin, Lupe Sanchez and Kurtis Homer. Trustee Berta Nicholson was absent.

Among the projects the trustees would like to fund is a new sloping metal roof and gutters for the high school auditorium. Also, a lighting and sound system for the auditorium, replacement of some vehicles, carpet for the high school and air conditioners for several school buildings. It was noted that it is possible that a drop-off and pick-up area for elementary students could be paid for with grant funds. Other items on the wish list included an expansion of the athletic weight room and a new trailer for hauling band instruments.

During the discussion, the board directed SCISD Supt. George Blanch to get quotes for installing a metal roof on the high school building and auditorium, also for lighting and sound systems in the auditorium and for replacing three tennis courts that were said to be crumbling.

SCISD Athletic Director Gary Grubbs was in attendance and told the board that he would submit a detailed and itemized plan for the construction of a new weight room. Several of the trustees indicated their belief that a new weight room is needed. Addressing concerns

about supervision of students in the facility, Grubbs said that a strict supervision policy is followed by all coaches and students.

Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck then submitted a proposal for a Spanish language program on his campus. He said the program will cost the district \$25 per day for an instructor. He said the cost of instruction, as well as curriculum and supplies will be \$5,750 for the 2003 Spring Semester.

Next, Supt. Blanch reviewed the district's financial reports and noted that SCISD has approximately \$1.5 million in its fund balance. The board then voted to spend \$68,044 for the purchase of a 71-passenger bus. It was noted the bus will include a small luggage compartment and an air-conditioner. Only one bid was received for the bus.

Campus principals Bob Wanoreck, Julie Griffin and Tim Seymour were present to receive questions from the board regarding their Campus Improvement Plans. High School Counselor Maureen Hodges was also available to discuss the 2001-2002 Academic Indicator System report during the public hearing portion of the meeting.

The board then entered into an executive session for the discussion of personnel matters, but took no action on the matter when they returned to open session one and one-half hours later.

Before adjourning, the board learned from Supt. Blanch that student enrollment is holding steady at the 600 mark. He also asked the board to review procedures and a time-line for searching for a new superintendent. Blanch will be retiring at the end of the school year.

## County Commissioners meet

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Ross Whitten in attendance. Also present for the meeting were County Treasurer Karen Henderson, County Clerk Peggy Williams and Road Superintendent Clay Burelson.

Among other items of business the court called for diesel fuel bids to be opened at the Dec. 23 meeting of the court. Also, questions about several vehicles and other items cluttering the right-of-way along Depot Street were addressed to Justice of the Peace James Doyle. The JP told the men that a formal complaint from a citizen about the problem would be required before his court could take action.

Before adjourning the men discussed the possibility of getting the City of Eldorado to assist with septic tank and/or lift station installation at the Civic Center and the extension of a line to connect to the city's sewer system. It was noted that Commissioner Johnny Mayo would meet with the city council that evening and ask permission to connect to the city sewer system.

## Sheriff announces push to stop unlicensed drivers

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran announced this week that complaints from local citizens about unlicensed drivers, particularly around the school area, has prompted increased patrol and active enforcement efforts.

Doran said that he and his officers will strictly enforce the law regarding unlicensed drivers. However, he noted that witness reports about such drivers are not enough to result in citation. Un-

der Texas law, the offenses must be witnessed by a law enforcement officer before a citation can be issued, the Sheriff said.

Doran went on to note that operating a motor vehicle on a public highway without a driver's license is a class C misdemeanor with maximum fine of \$200.00 dollars. Parents, guardians or adults allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle face the same penalty, Doran said.

## City Council meeting held

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Discussion then turned to a request by Angela Aycock that a portion of a closed alleyway be reopened. The alley, which connects Hall Street to Nance Street at its intersection with South Cottonwood was closed by the council several months ago. Aycock noted that she had recently purchased a home adjacent to the alley and needed access to the back portion of her property. Jimmie Deaton, who also lives adjacent to the alley, spoke to the issue, saying that his concern was that the alley didn't become a thoroughfare. Ultimately, the council took no action on the request, opting instead to postpone the matter so that individual council members could visit the site. The issue will be placed on a future agenda.

The council next met with County Commissioner Johnny Mayo concerning the county's request to connect a sewer line from the county civic center complex to the city's sewer system. Mayo said he was coming to open discussions with the city council in hopes that the city would assist the county with the project. Mayo said the county wanted to call on the city's expertise and expressed his hope that the city would contribute manpower and/or funds to the project.

The request for funds fell flat but the council indicated a willingness to assist the county in hooking up each end of a nearly mile-long line. It was explained that since the plan involves a public sewer system, and since it is being connected from more than 1,500 feet outside the city limits, an engineer's seal would be required on the plans in order for it to be accepted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). It was agreed that the city's engineer, Steve Dennis, would be asked to call on the county the next time he is in town, to see if he can be of assistance.

Next, Superintendent Jack Dean reported on minor repairs being made to a Caterpillar track loader at the city landfill. He also advised that a newly acquired bulldozer is making real impact upon the amount of earth that can be moved in a single day's time. The acquisition has thus far proven to

be a real asset, he said. Randy Mankin then pointed out that Dean will be retiring at the end of the month and noted that the meeting was the last one he would be attending as City Superintendent. Mankin expressed his thanks to Dean for his many years of service.

Mankin then sought the council's input on the possibility of "ceding" portions of city streets to neighboring landowners. He explained that when the town's founder, W.B. Silliman, laid out the town site some 107 years ago, he included a large number of 100 ft. wide streets. Mankin said that since it is unfeasible to fully pave those streets, the city has made a practice of paving a strip down the center. That results, he said, in drivers running off the sides of the pavement, cutting corners and otherwise tearing up the edges of the street.

Mankin said the best way to address the problem would be to narrow the streets so that they could be installed with curbs and gutters. That way the street could be paved curb to curb, he said, helping to prevent the breakdown of the street edges.

One option would be to sell the strips of land along each side of the streets. But, Mankin pointed out, the city is required to sell property by sealed bid or at an auction, a scenario that could result in an individual acquiring a strips of land between legitimate landowners and the street. Another option, he said would be to simply cede the property, or abandon it to the use of the adjacent landowners. At that point, Mankin asked for and received permission from the council to seek legal advice concerning the issue.

The council then heard updates on work at the wastewater treatment plant and the city landfill. It was noted that a water well will soon be drilled and a drip irrigation system will be installed so that a tree shield can be planted around the north and east corners of the landfill. Mankin said that eventually the shield will extend all the way around the landfill perimeter.

As items of old business were discussed, the council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Nov. 4 & 18 meetings. They also reviewed and approved the city's financial reports. The council also approved plans for an employee Christmas party and approved a list of city holidays for 2003.

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