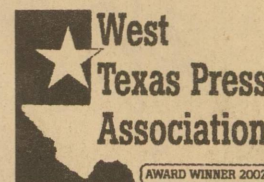


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share their New Year's
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Wreck claims life of Sonora man

A traffic accident on U.S. Hwy. 2084 (Toe Nail Trail) claimed the life of Walter C. Pope III, 76, a prominent Schleicher and Sutton County rancher and businessman at about 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 23, 2003.

According to DPS Trooper Cody Cory, Pope was traveling northbound in his 1995 Chevrolet pickup when it veered and fell off the lip on the pavement. An apparent over-correction caused the vehicle to roll numerous times. Pope was ejected from the pickup as it crashed through several large trees

adjacent to the roadway. Trooper Cory indicated that Pope was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

Assisting Trooper Cory at the scene were Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, Deputy Jason Chatham and DPS Trooper Steve Torres of Mertzon. Units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call, as did a Schleicher County EMS ambulance.

Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle was called to the scene where Pope was

pronounced dead.

The accident occurred four miles north of U.S. 190 on F.M. 2084 (Toe Nail Trail).

Pope was an ex-Marine and was well known in the area for his efforts as a conservationist. He was one of the first area ranchers to bring Boer Goats to West Texas, helping to pioneer a new agricultural market for the area.

Pope served as Schleicher County Commissioner during the 1950s as well as an alderman on the Sonora City Council. He was active in politics and business.



Grim duty — Deputy Jason Chatham was one of the first to arrive at the scene of a fatality accident on Toe Nail Trail on December 23, 2003. The wreck claimed the life of Walter Pope III, after his pickup rolled several times. COURTESY PHOTO

Eldoradoans share their New Year's wishes

The tradition of making New Year's resolutions dates back to the time of the ancient Babylonian empire. In those days the most common resolutions involved the return of items borrowed from a neighbor. That tradition, along with several others, continues to this day.

One particular tradition, a belief actually, involving good luck being tied to the consumption of certain foods, is almost universal.



PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN
I look forward to 2003 because I will be going to Madrid, Spain for two years to serve as a missionary.
— Trish Martinez

The Dutch, for example, believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day signifies that the year has come full circle and thereby guarantees good fortune in the coming year. Closer to home, it's Black-eyed peas that are supposed to bring good luck.

The Tournament of Roses Parade, along with numbers of imitators have recently become New Year's traditions. It's much the same with the countless college football games that follow the parades.

Still, it is the making, and

sometimes breaking, of New Year's resolutions that is the oldest tradition. On Tuesday, Lori Stricklan interviewed several Eldoradoans about their resolutions for the coming year. While a number of people said they didn't believe in making resolutions, a good number were willing to share their resolutions with us. Others wanted to reflect on the year gone by.

You will find their observations scattered throughout the paper.

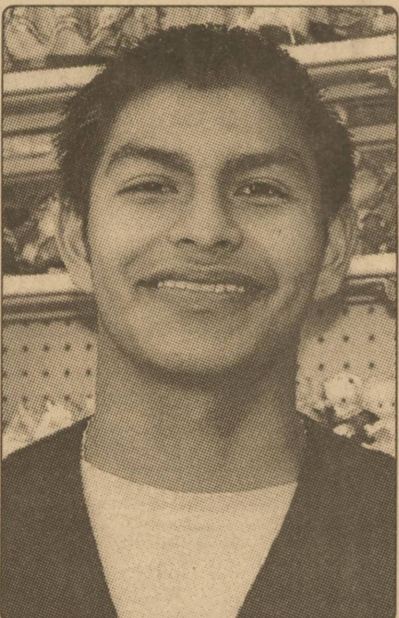


PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN
I am looking forward to 2003 because I am finishing school and I will be entering the real world.
— Phillip Martinez



PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN
There were lots of memorable moments in 2002 because Alexis was with us. My New Year's resolution is to remain conscious of the presence of God in my life each day.
— Linda Creel

Junior Livestock Show set for January 10-11

by Scott Edmonson
County Extension Agent - Ag

The cooler weather is a sure sign that stock show season is upon us and the annual Schleicher County Livestock, Food & Project Show will take place here at the show barn on January 10th- 11th, 2003. Creative Arts and Industrial Arts entries will be accepted at the showbarn on Wednesday, January 8th from 1-5 p.m. and will be

judged on Thursday from 2-5 p.m. We would like to point out that we have added the Industrial Arts Division this year that is sure to get more kids involved and showcase more of the talent we have here in Schleicher County. All livestock projects must be in place and weighed in by 6 p.m. on Thursday. The show will start at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, January 10th with the lamb show. The swine show will

follow at 4:00 p.m. then the cattle at 5:30 p.m. The show will resume on Saturday morning with the goat show at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by the dog show at 11 a.m.

The dog show is open to all youth in the community. There will be two classes- groomed dogs and dressed dogs. You can show your dog in the dressed category and then undress them and show in the groomed category. Dogs must be on a leash.

Food show entries must be in place by 9 a.m. on Saturday and judging will take place at 10 a.m. The annual BBQ Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and the presentation of awards and sale will take place at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and see the 4-H & FFA members exhibit their projects. Livestock project teach responsibility as well as subject matter knowledge! It is a great family project and we hope to see lots of families at the show.

Rehab 2003 slated for January 18

A boat, camper trailer, four-wheelers, a car, a full-size pickup truck, baseball, golf, auto racing passes Emmitt Smith collectibles, handmade quilts, artwork, diamonds, furniture and week-end getaways.

Whatever your passion or pastime, chances are good it's up for bid now on West Texas Rehabilitation Center's website and during the Rehab 2003 Telethon Saturday, January 18.

Previewing and bidding is currently available at the Rehab Center's site at:

www.WestTexasRehab.org.

Also on January 18 items will be on display at the Abilene Civic Center, featured in a special pull-out section of the San Angelo and Abilene daily newspapers and also may be viewed during a special one-hour showing from 6-7 p.m. on several TV stations. Bidding ends at midnight on the 18th.

Approximately 350 items valued at \$300 or more are donated by San Angelo, Abilene and West Texas area businesses and individ-

uals and will be up for bid via internet access or by toll-free telephone during the evening's show.

Among other auction items are boots and bronzes, livestock feed and a front end loader, a saddle and sirloins, plus tires, tools, trees and a tub.

The auction is a popular segment of the Rehab Telethon which will feature live entertainment

from the Abilene Civic Center. Country music star Tanya Tucker will headline the five-hour show which will air in 12 television markets in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Other talent includes co-hosts Charlie Chase and Peter Marshall along with Bill and Susan Hayes, Jay Michaels, Anacani, Florence LaRue and Brad Maule.



Retiring smile — Betsy Thackerson (R) enjoyed a final day on the job as Middle School secretary before retiring after 21 years at SCISD. Taking over her job will be Sylvia Belman (L). PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

SCMC board meeting held

The Schleicher County Medical Center board of directors met Monday, Dec. 30, 2002 and authorized an on-site demonstration of a new bookkeeping software system. The trustees, faced with the need to purchase a new software package ahead of an April deadline asked APS Medical, a Toledo, Ohio based company, to provide hospital personnel with an in-house demonstration. The current hospital software does not comply with new federal privacy guidelines that will be implemented in April.

The decision is a major one for the trustees since the price tag for the software is likely to exceed

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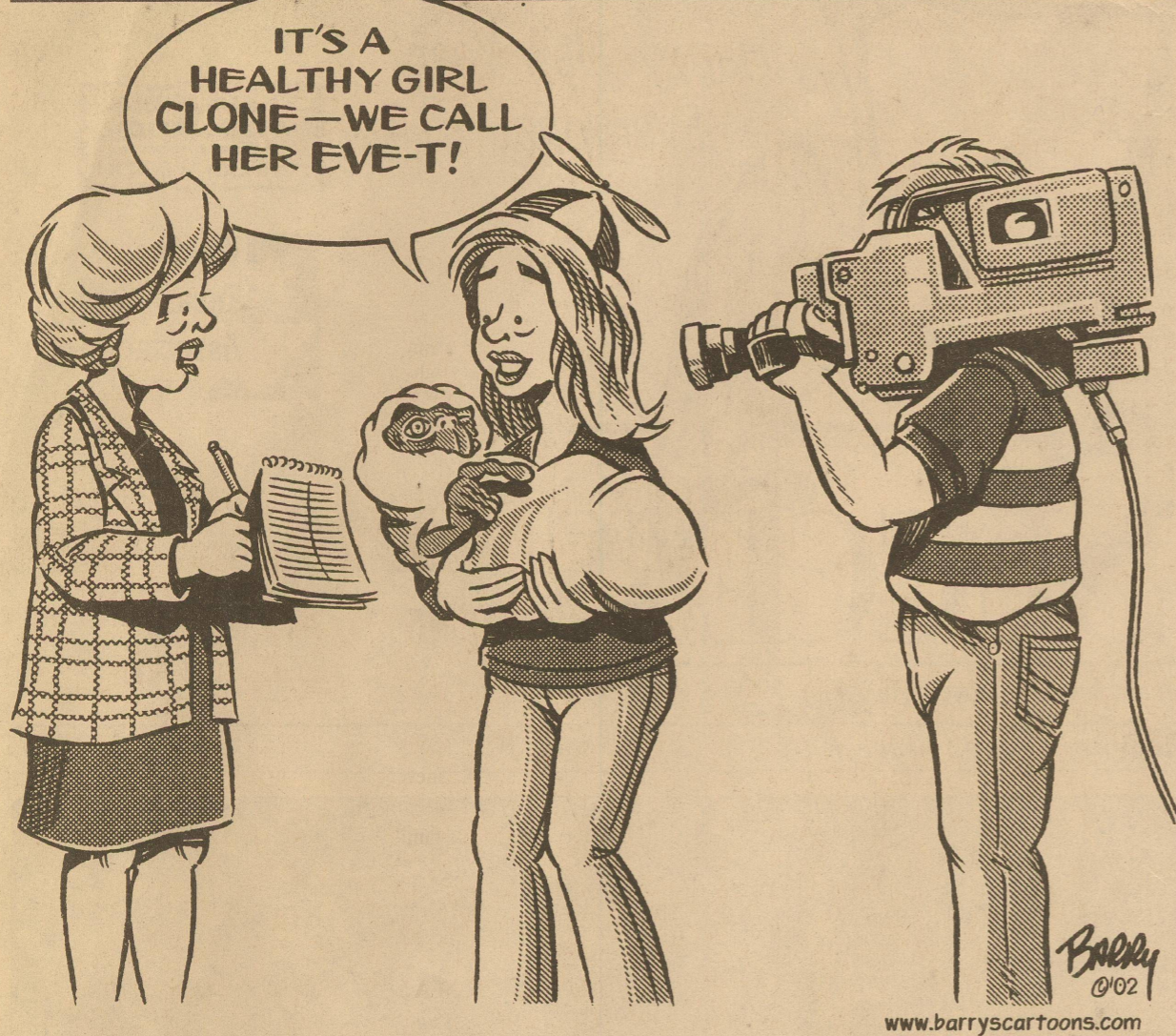


Three amigos — Middle school teachers (L-R) Delia Herrera, Christy Meador and Glenda Nix shared a few moments together during Nix's last day on the job. She retired from her teaching post at the end of the fall semester after 30 years in the profession. PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

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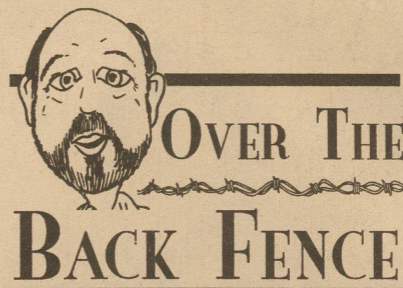
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A white Christmas in a winter wonderland



OVER THE

BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Of all the Christmas Days I can remember, only three included any snow. The first, when I was a youngster, brought only a dusting of the white stuff, not enough to make a decent snowman. Under-terred by the scarcity of the snow, my brother, Mike, and I set about scraping up all we could find. We fashioned a snowman of sorts but it was far from your classic snowman shape. Truth be known, the thing contained more grass and weeds than it did snow.

Years later, while trying to earn a little money during the a Christmas break from college, I found myself working on a drilling rig not too far from Eldorado. Late on Christmas Eve, all of the pipe was hauled up out of the well and everything was shut down for Christmas. For my part, I was paid to stay at the rig. It was called "dry watch" and was supposed to deter oilfield thieves from making off with any-

thing while the rest of the crew was gone.

Most of the men on the rig were eager to be home with their families at Christmas and so encouraged me to take the five straight shifts, and the overtime that went along with them. But, it wasn't long before I was wishing I had let someone else take advantage of the opportunity. Spending Christmas alone wasn't my cup of tea.

Early Christmas morning, a front blew through and the temperature plunged. Huddled in the tool-pusher's camper trailer, I was well protected from the weather, but not from the boredom. Along about mid-afternoon the low clouds let loose a freezing rain that soon tuned everything into a sheet of ice. A couple of hours later, the rain turned to snow. It was my second white Christmas, and I was less than thrilled about the whole thing.

Those were the only memories I had of a white Christmas until two years ago when Kathy and I took the kids to Branson, Missouri for the holidays. An ice storm swept across southern Missouri and northern Arkansas, paralyzing the whole region. There was a dusting of snow, but it didn't qualify in my mind as a "White Christmas."

The folks in Branson were sur-

prised by the ice storm. Lying in a sheltered valley along Lake Taneycomo, the town is usually spared from harsh weather. Many of the locals encouraged us to come back and try it again. So, two years later, we did.

That was two weeks ago. We arrived on a Saturday to find Branson, filled with tourists. I was a bit surprised by the weather forecast, heavy snow, beginning on Christmas Eve.

After spending a gorgeous day at Silver Dollar City, an Ozark-styled theme park just outside of town, the Mankin family returned to Branson for the night. The next morning, a day earlier than predicted, the snow began to fall. No wind, no ice or freezing rain...just snow. Lots and lots of snow.

I wandered outside as the huge flakes floated down from the sky, landing on my bald head. Without the wind, it seemed almost too warm for it to be snowing, but it snowed anyway...and it snowed...and it snowed...and it snowed some more.

For two straight days it snowed, more than 14 inches in all. The hills around Branson, as well as the town itself, were covered, top to bottom in glorious snow.

Christmas morning dawned to find the world painted white. Fog shrouded the town and it looked much colder than it actually was. The little Christmas tree that we put up in our condo twinkled as out the window behind was spread a winter wonderland. Finally, at age 47, I've experienced a real white Christmas the way white Christmases are supposed to be.

Bill would add student to UT board of regents

AUSTIN — A freshly-filed piece of legislation is merely a starting place, not a done deal by any means. Think of a bill just dropped into the proverbial hopper as someone's wish list.

Still, newly filed bills are interesting to read. And starting soon, a lot of people in Austin will make a living watching these bills very closely. Some they will want passed, others they will wish to have an early death.

Since pre-filing of legislation began in mid-November, only a few hundred bills have been filed. Here's a semi-random sampling:

Senate Bill 111 by Gonzalo

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



Barrientos, D-Austin, is a piece of legislation that might cause the late Frank Erwin, the legendarily-powerful chairman of the University of Texas Board of Regents back in the 1970s, to return to life. Barrientos' bill would provide for the selection of a student as a member of UT's board of regents.

Since the creation of UT in the early 1880s, members of the nine-member board of regents have been political heavy hitters, people such

as Erwin, Lady Bird Johnson or Tony Sanchez. Having a student on the board, while he or she couldn't single-handedly make anything happen, would certainly raise the interest level of its meetings.

Another interesting measure is House Bill 206, filed by Rep. Robert Puente, D-San Antonio, which would allow a river authority to adopt and enforce rules to limit or prohibit vehicle access to the beds and banks of state-owned waterways. In layman's language, the idea is to get all terrain vehicles off our riverbeds, which they are chewing up.

Finally, House Bill 139 by Rep. G.E. "Buddy" West, R-Odessa, would transfer ownership of the Odessa meteor crater to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Currently, this scene of an early-day visit of a large chunk of extraterrestrial metal is owned and maintained by Ector County. County employees working at the site also would become state employees.

As the bill filing process continues, depending on a person's political and fiscal point of view, some measures will seem to have come from the same place the Odessa meteor did — outer space.

Calendar items...

Both houses of the Legislature convene at noon on Jan. 14. Though pre-filing of bills began on Nov. 12 (470 pieces of legislation had been filed by Dec. 23), lawmakers will be able to introduce legislation through March 14. After that time, only local or emergency bills can be filed.

Last day of the regular session will be June 2. After that date, the governor has 20 days to sign or veto bills. Those bills that do get signed, unless they have specific effective dates, become law on Sept. 1, 2003.

To put the bill-filing number in perspective, 8,847 pieces of legislation were filed during the last session. Of those, 4,631 were enrolled, with 82 vetoed. That was the highest number of vetoes in the last decade. Biggest year for bill-filing was during the 76th Legislature in 1999. That session, 8,919 measures were filed, 4,498 being enrolled and 33 being vetoed.

Retailers not too jolly...

The final numbers aren't in, but the preliminary indication is that retail sales during the Christmas shopping rush were still sluggish, despite all the advertising and sales. One barometer of consumer spending is state sales tax collections, which for September compared with September 2001 were down 0.8 of a percent.

Bet you don't know...

You probably know sorghum is a major Texas crop. The 2002 harvest accounted for 25 percent of the U.S. total.

The grain is used for livestock and fish feed, but also in tortilla chips, breakfast grits, cereal, beer, molasses and, what you probably never knew — Sheetrock. Only Kansas produces a larger annual crop than the Lone Star State, according to the Comptroller's Office, citing statistics from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Some End of the Year Musings

I'm thrilled to live in America. When I was 20, I went to school in Mexico. A year later I went to Cuba. A year after that I went to Europe for two years. I've been to Africa and China. When you get away from your home country, you get a better look at it. The perspective enhanced my appreciation for the USA.

I was in Europe during the era of The Ugly American. A book by that name told us how American we looked and acted overseas. We didn't bother to learn the language of the country we were visiting, we wore only American clothing and sought out the food and places that most resembled America.

I try to eat native food and learn languages and generally blend in when I visit a foreign country so I can learn a little about it. I was taught to respect differences. Some of the places I've visited are very different.

I've not been to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran or Iraq. Right now I think it would be hard for me to appreciate the differences in those countries.

I don't understand Bin Laden. He is a capitalist, yet he says he hates capitalism. He thinks he's following God by killing innocent people and destroying our buildings, factories, schools, stores, and service industries. What do you want, Osama? Why do you feel such a strong urge to conquer? Would you really be happy if all the people in the US believed as you do? I don't think so. Why is your degree of hate beyond measure? What have we done to you?

Here, most Americans are involved with taking care of our fam-

ilies. We generously reach out to feed the hungry, heal the sick, give comfort to the troubled and bring hope to the poor. We encourage education and teach our children to aspire to lives of accomplishment.

Why do you teach your children to hate us? Are you jealous of what we have? I can understand that. I don't understand why there is murder in your heart. Not since Hitler have we seen such hate. And your desire is to surpass what he did. Have you ever heard of live and let live? You have not succeeded in making us afraid. You've just made us mad.

Once we know who our enemy is, we can fight. You are our enemy, Osama. And we are fighting you. There's no sense trying to reason with you. There's no reasoning with a crazy person. You won't listen to anybody but your so-called voice of Allah that promises you a good time in heaven. You poor man. Killing people in the name of religion. Have you heard that murder is a sin?

Visit our schools and our nursing homes. There you will find young people filled with hope and old people who have had interesting lives of fulfillment. Instead of trying to see how many people you can kill, why don't you try to make your country come into the twenty-first century?

Have you ever lived as an American and experienced the life we have here? Have you felt our greatness? Seen our forests, our seashores, our sunsets? Have you ever had a Dr. Pepper and watched a rodeo? How many people are trying to get into your country?

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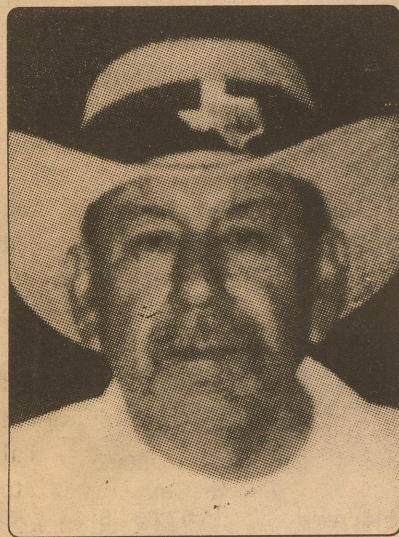
Billie E. Wallace

SAN ANGELO — Billie E. Wallace, 75, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002, in Shannon Medical Center. Service was Saturday, Dec. 28 in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Leake officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Billie was born July 19, 1927, in Littlefield, Texas, to W.O. and Laura Mae Bean. She was a resident of San Angelo since 1962, a waitress and housewife. Billie was married to W.R. "Bill" Wallace on Oct. 12, 1965. Her parents and three brothers preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, W.A. "Bill" Wallace of San Angelo; children, Claudia Helms of Odessa, Wanda Edmiston and husband, Phil, of Eldorado, Diana

Gross of San Angelo, Geraldine Helms and husband, James, of Odessa, Brenda Smith and husband, Gary, of San Angelo and Rowe Wallace and wife, Kay, of San Angelo; brothers, Vess Bean and wife, Irene, of Levelland and Connie Bean and wife, Betty, of Monahans; sister, Darla Bryant and husband, Buster, of San Angelo; 17 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be San Angelo Police Department officers. The family wishes to express a special thanks to Dr. Mohamad A. Ayass, Chaplain Jim Benson, John Hedges, R.N., and all the fourth floor nurses and staff who walked through her door with special loving care. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Jesus R. (Chato) Martinez



ELDORADO — Jesus R. Martinez 57, died Wednesday December 25, 2002 at his residence. He was born in Cuidad Acuna, Mexico. He came to live in Eldorado, Texas in 1966. He was known to everyone as Chato and by all his grandchildren as Papi.

He is survived by his aunt who raised him, and he knew as his

mother, Maria del Pilar Rodriguez, his six children, Jesus Martinez Jr. and wife Veronica, Marisela Santellano and husband Adon Santellano, Marco A. Martinez and wife Mary, Robert Martinez and wife Sonia, Homer Martinez and Lisa G. Romero all of Eldorado, and Laura P. DeHans and husband John DeHans from San Antonio, Texas. Two sisters Estella Guzman from Eldorado, Evangelina Martinez Salgado from Cuidad Acuna, Mexico, twelve very special grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, five special aunts, and one uncle.

Pallbearers were his four sons Jesus Jr., Marco, Robert, Homer, his grandson Sammy Estrada, and his nephew Juan Diego Guzman.

Funeral service was Saturday December 28, 2002 at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Peter Thornton officiating.

Walter C. Pope III

Walter C. Pope III died on Monday, Dec. 23, 2002. Service was Friday, Dec. 27, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora with the Rev. Monte Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery.

He was born in Roswell, N.M., to Weil Cloud and Walter C. Pope Jr. Walter graduated from high school in Tulsa, Okla.

He entered the military service in 1944 as a Naval air cadet at Olatha Naval Air Station in Olatha, Kan. He transferred into the United States Marine Corps and served in two major campaigns in the South Pacific at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Walter also served in the marine Expeditionary Forces on mainland Japan.

He was honorably discharged in 1946 and attended college at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan., earning a bachelor's degree in geology. He joined Stanalind Gas Company and began his career in Tyler, Texas. He married Dorothy Wilson on Oct. 21, 1950, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in San Angelo, Texas.

Walter was a lifelong rancher

and conservationist. One of his proudest achievements was the importation of the first pallet of Boer goats from New Zealand in the summer of 1993. This introduction of Boer goats into West Texas was a lifelong dream of his that enhanced the meat goat industry. These goats served to complement his beloved herd of commercial Angus cattle.

Walter was a faithful parishioner of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, Texas; a former Schleicher County commissioner and Sonora city alderman.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy Wilson Pope; three children and their spouses, Janet and husband, Joe Andrews, of Midland, Cora and husband, Wally McGowan, of San Angelo and Walter C. Pope IV and wife, Carol, of Sonora; seven grandchildren, Cally, Ogden, Richard, Audrey, Dorothy Anne, Cadesman and Julia; and his two faithful employees, Rogelio and Ramaiero.

Pallbearers were Joe Mertz, John Cargile, Bruce Fisher, Murph Compton, Caralyn Cargile and Corky Eckert.

Verel Kuykendall

SAN ANGELO — Verel Kuykendall, 64, of Big Lake died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002, in a San Antonio hospital. Graveside service was Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, in Glen Rest Cemetery in Big Lake. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Kuykendall of Big Lake; sons, Tracy and Troy Kuykendall of Big Lake; daughter, Cassie Kuykendall of Big Lake; and brothers, Allen Kuykendall of Eldorado, James Kuykendall of Miles and Ray Kuykendall of Barnhart.

Mary Belle Starr

DARIEN, CT. - Mary Belle Starr, 83, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002. Memorial service was Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, at Wee Burn Country Club. Survivors include

children, Jennifer of Darien, Carolyn of Hamden, Thomas of Barnet, N.Y., and Theodore of Waltham, Mass.; and sister, Dorothy Mae Evans of Eldorado.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

Great news, Eldorado! Our efforts to encourage the return of the wayward Tagoo Bird seem to be on the verge of fruition. Apparently, four of the elusive fellows laid eggs as they flew over the EOBOC headquarters this week. (The Tagoo is the only species able to lay eggs in flight) Another little known fact is that the Tagoo often drops these eggs from above as a precursor to their actual appearance...a calling card, so to speak. At any rate, for anyone

doubting the veracity of the this writer's comments, the remains of the eggs may still be visible on the driveway of the EOBOC.

I still have four different varieties of Tagoo Bird shirts available for sale. Contact me at 853-3678 to purchase.

Tik tik tagoo,
Jim Runge



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Christina Nicole Rodriguez

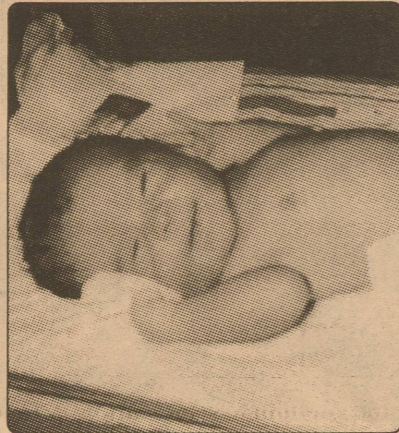
It's A Boy!

Big brother Preston and big sister Eddykah welcomed home their new baby brother Kayden Eddie Xavier Rodriguez who was born on November 21, 2002 at San Angelo Community Hospital. Kayden weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches in length.

Proud parents are Eddie and Yvette Rodriguez of Eldorado.

Kayden's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Estevan Rodriguez of Eldorado.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Knight of Eldorado and Mr. Tony Lopez Jr. of San Angelo along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins of Eldorado.



COURTESY PHOTO
Kayden Eddie Xavier Rodriguez

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- 2nd Nadia L. Santellano
- 3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth Phillips, Maribel Villavicencio, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Dianna Goodrum, Joel Martinez
- 4th Amber Hamilton, Dena Manning
- 5th Zack Koenig, M'Kenna Gillespie, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar
- 6th Stacy Nicholson
- 7th Ray David Buitron Sr., Mary Leggett, Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Steve Parker
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Wednesday, January 8

Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce, Milk

Thursday, January 9

Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, January 10

Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

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53/24	59/26	62/30	65/33	64/30
Mainly sunny. High 53F. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 20s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.

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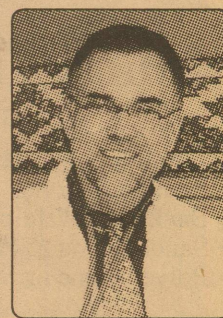
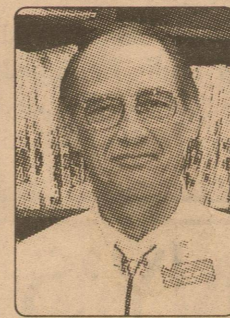


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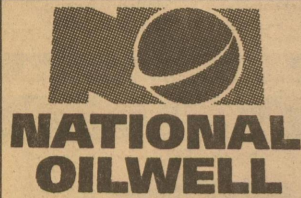


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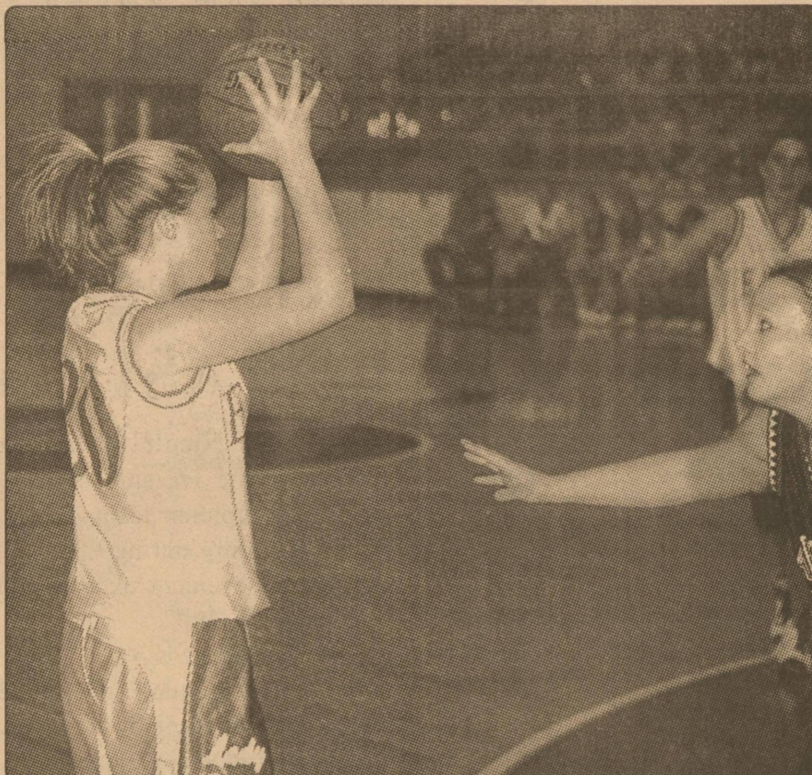
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Eye on the goal — Maxie Holley put up this shot during JV girls action here last month as the Lady Eagles JV took on the Iraan JV girls.



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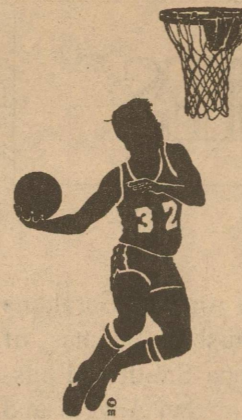
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7th GRADE BOYS

December 9, 2002
Eldorado 10-06-04-07=27
Ozona 07-10-03-09=32
Scoring for the Eagles: Matthew Hill 1, Lalo Sanchez 4, Manny Gonzalez 2, Louie Buitron 2, J. Lynn Barajas 1, Michael Redish 7, Gabriel Vasquez 4, Luis Huichapa 4, Tyler Dombroski 4.

December 16, 2002
Eldorado 09-04-08-08=28
Grape Creek 09-10-12-00=31
Scoring for the Eagles: Matthew Hill 2, Lalo Sanchez 5, J. Lynn Barajas 6, Jorge Mata 10, Gabriel Vasquez 2, and Tyler Dombroski 3.

J.V. GIRLS

December 10, 2002
Eldorado 05-06-06-05=22
Iraan 09-07-10-06=32
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 8, Britney Sellers 2, Maxie Holley 5, Taylor Baker 4, Rachel Joiner 3. 3 point goals-Maxie Holley (1).

Iraan Tournament
December 12, 2002
First Game
Eldorado 10-17-07-09=43
McCamey 14-08-10-16=48
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 16, Britney Sellers 11, Maxie Holley 2, Karina Sanchez 1, Lindsey Schwiening 3, Taylor Baker 3, Rachel Joiner 3. 3 point goals-Betsy Green (2), Britney Sellers (1).

December 13, 2002
Second Game
Eldorado 08-08-07-13=36
Crane 08-09-10-03=30
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 14, Britney Sellers 4, Maxie Holley 6, Lindsey Schwiening 6, Taylor Baker 2.

December 14, 2002
Third Game
Eldorado 20-06-06-06=38
Rankin 02-06-04-00=12
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 13, Britney Sellers 5, Lindsey Schwiening 8, Kasey Boysaw 12. 3 point goal-Betsy Green (1).

December 14, 2002
Fourth Game
Eldorado 15-07-06-06=34
Presidio 07-13-07-10=37
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 7, Britney Sellers 5, Lindsey Schwiening 10, Heather Homer 4, Kasey Boysaw 8. 3 point goal-Betsy Green (1).

December 16, 2002
Eldorado 06-02-10-06=24
Christoval 08-04-05-02=20
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 8, Britney Sellers 1, Maxie Holley 5, Lindsey Schwiening 4, Taylor Baker 3, Rachel Joiner 3. 3 point goal-Betsy Green (1).

Eagles Snapshots



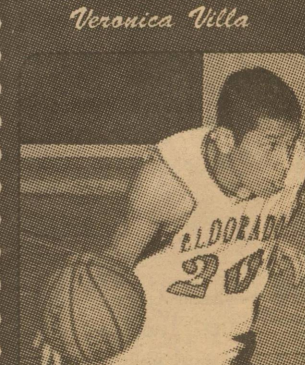
Quisita Gonzalez



Blake Chatham



Veronica Villa



Ray David Buitron

EHS students learn about free enterprise system during stock market competition

by Alan Gillespie

The annual stock market competition for the Eldorado High School Economics class has completed another year. In case you don't know how this has worked in the past here goes.

All of the students in Economics are enrolled in a stock competition in which they compete to see who can do the best while learning about investing, the stock market, trends, etc. We use Virtual Stock Exchange and I am able to set various parameters, dates for the competition, etc.

We begin with \$500,000 and REAL stock values are used throughout the competition. They

are required to make some transactions and trades but most are left up to them. Some get into it more than others obviously. It ranks them according to the Ranking Summary below as a group on Daily, etc.

As you can see our class has done very well despite an unusual and volatile market with a lot of ups and downs.

Unused money draws interest, they can borrow to buy stock or buy on margin and they can do more complicated types of market order like selling short, etc., but it gets pretty complicated for us.

I did the best I have ever done this year while making 1,272 trans-

actions (at about \$30 a trade that's a lot of money just in transactions). As you can see I hit my goal of over \$1 million but I still came in third. This is the BEST I have ever had anyone do.

We learn a little every year and hit different luck every year. I don't really count in the competition standings. The students are required to participate and write a paper at the semester about what they learned, why they think they did how they did, individual stocks, etc.

The winner gets a prize and the top 5 receive extra credit on their grades. They are not given a worse grade for doing poorly, only for not participating properly.

Total Value Rankings

Rank	Name	Net Worth	% Return	# Transactions
1	Heath Andrew	\$1,149,080.60	129.82 %	181
2	Joe Arispe	\$1,086,935.14	117.39 %	317
3	Alan Gillespie	\$1,007,677.36	93.94 %	1272
4	J.L. Mankin	\$ 788,064.61	57.61 %	255
5	Landon Nixon	\$ 614,822.29	22.96 %	12
6	Reese Schwiening	\$ 570,414.44	14.08 %	114
7	Miguel Segura	\$ 566,245.91	13.25 %	14
8	Lori Loomis	\$ 530,946.66	6.19 %	54
9	Brandi Davis	\$ 522,863.50	4.57 %	56
10	Ray D. Buitron	\$ 514,589.96	2.92 %	18
11	Quisto Gonzalez	\$ 511,098.56	2.22 %	13
12	Alex Sanchez	\$ 509,630.77	1.93 %	7
13	Philip Martinez	\$ 509,234.01	1.85 %	22
14	Santiago Hernandez	\$ 506,511.57	1.30 %	59
15	Vanessa Ruiz	\$ 505,844.55	1.17 %	2
16	Jordan Fay	\$ 505,708.03	1.14 %	51
17	Lilly Vallejo	\$ 505,517.15	1.10 %	19
18	Mandy Rodriguez	\$ 505,148.25	1.03 %	9
19	Todd Overstreet	\$ 504,814.92	0.96 %	13
20	Jen. Rodriguez	\$ 504,284.51	0.86 %	2
22	Jose Duran	\$ 503,195.58	0.64 %	3
23	Martha Lively	\$ 501,780.37	0.36 %	10
24	Mike Adame	\$ 501,756.70	0.35 %	10
25	Jasmine Gamez	\$ 501,578.99	0.32 %	18
26	Loida Almazan	\$ 499,572.38	-0.09 %	15
27	Jessica Cook	\$ 493,448.93	-1.31 %	7
28	J. Guadarrama	\$ 490,557.79	-1.89 %	76
29	David Doran	\$ 488,369.39	-2.33 %	60
30	Buddy Greer	\$ 477,390.95	-4.52 %	91
31	Daniel Iglesias	\$ 467,368.33	-6.53 %	37

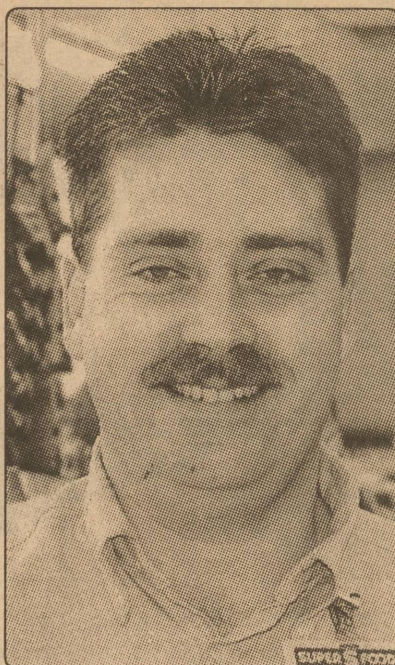


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— Linda Mungia

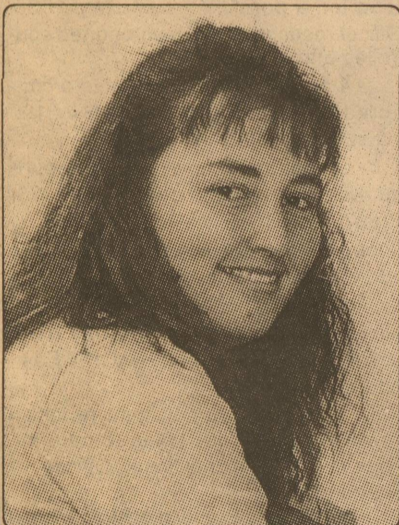


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My New Year's Resolution is to lose weight!

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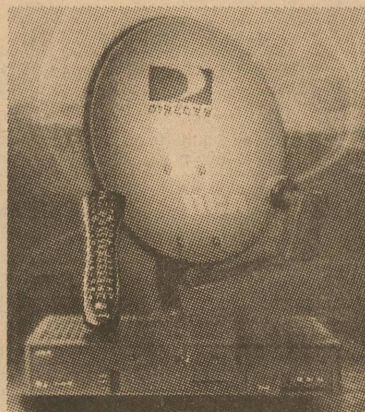


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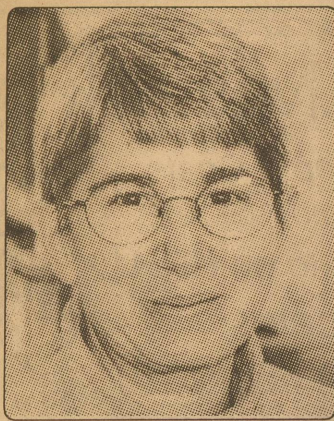
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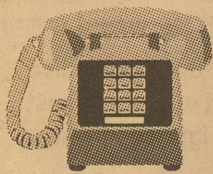


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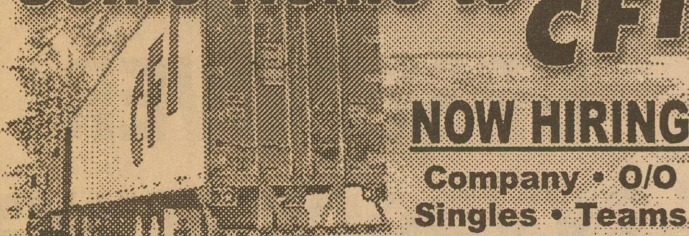
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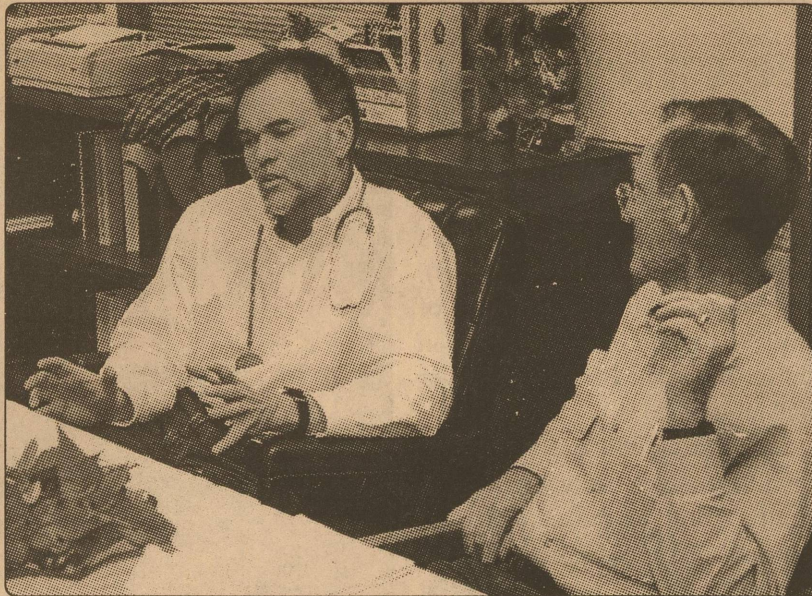
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Reviewing 2002—Dr. Pat Taylor (L) met with the Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees Monday night and reviewed operations in the hospital and clinic. Trustee Frank Williams (R) looked on as Dr. Taylor told the board how his clinic practice has increased during the past year.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Hospital board meeting held

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\$150,000. Board President Randy Mankin noted that initial presentations from four software companies had each exceeded \$250,000 and that two of them approached \$400,000. He credited hospital consultants Andy Freeman and Jerry Hulin with negotiating a reduced price from APS.

The hospital's current financial software package is no longer being supported. Mankin pointed out that it is the same software being used by the City of Eldorado for utility billing.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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We, the family, and loved ones of Jesus R. Martinez "Chato" would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers, thoughts, and loving condolences during this time, in the loss our beloved Papi. Your time, the flowers, food, and phone calls are all greatly appreciated. We would like to say a very special Thank You to several individuals and companies: The Getsamani Congregation, Pastor and Mrs. Peter Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Raul Sanchez, Thelma and Dora Bosmans, Mr. and Mrs. Rogelio Rodriguez, Wildlife Resource Management, Magnum Guide Service, and to everyone who shared with us their care and time.

Be joyful always.
Pray continually.
Give thanks in all circumstances
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General superintendent for the creative arts show, Eva Lee Chatham, "wishes to extend a warm invitation to Schleicher County and area residents to participate. The creative arts division offers a way for everyone to take part in stock show activities."

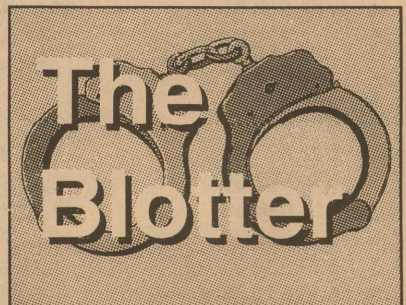
Special culinary contests include: Mexican Food Entries, Italian Food Entries, a Tex-Mex Recipe Challenge and "Kids-R-Cooking." These special contests will be held Saturday, February 15 through Saturday, February 22 during stock show week. Visitors are welcome to watch the judging,

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Entry forms for all categories must be received in the stock show office or postmarked no later than Saturday, January 11. Catalogs and entry forms may be picked up at the stock show office or by calling 915-653-7785. Additional information is available at:

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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 18 • Sierra, Gregorio Rodriguez, male age 47, arrested by SC Officer, offense Family Violence and Interference Emergency Call. Released on (2) \$2,000 Surety Bond.

• Tourville, Amy Gayle, female age 48, hold for Sutton County, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

December 25 • Martinez, Timothy Ross, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, offense Disorderly Conduct. Release on Citation.

December 26 • Bingham, Michael Glen, male age 32, arrested by SC Officer, offense Possession of Marijuana, serving jail sentence of 28 days.

• Robles, Javier Trevino, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$2,000 PR Bond.

December 28 • Valero, Steven, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Cash Bond.

INCIDENT REPORTS

December 17 • Burglary of a building on County Road 316. Total valued up to \$5,000.00. • Complainant reported their goat was missing.

December 18 • 1:30 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident at convenience store on S. Divide.

• 7:50 p.m. Complainant reported a fight in progress on San Antonio Street. Two officers responded.

• 10:38 p.m. Report of a security alarm going off at Pave Paws. Officer responded.

• 10:44 p.m. Complainant at convenience store reported numerous debris Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

December 19 • 12:38 a.m. Complainant on Eastfield Street reported loud music at apartment. Officer responded.

December 20 • Report of smoke on

FM 915. Officer located a controlled burn that had not been called in to the Sheriff's Office.

10:57 p.m. Officer reported a vehicle accident on North Divide. Three officers and EMS2 responded. Property damaged included one gas meter, a light pole and a fence. One male subject was transported to the emergency room with officer. Other two officers at scene.

December 22 • 3:38 p.m. Complainant on Bluebonnet Drive reported a red car speeding in a residential area. Officer responded.

December 23 • 6:25 a.m. Complainant reported an accident 4 miles on Hwy. 277 South. Officers found subjects were just resting and everything was OK.

• 8:01 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident on Toe Nail Trail. Two officers and EMS 2, Fire Rescue and two DPS Troopers and Justice of the Peace responded.

December 24 • Complainant requested a Civil Standby for Child Custody. Officer responded.

• 8:40 p.m. Complainant reported a possible burglary at an apartment on Eastfield Dr. Officer responded and found everything OK. Dog was found in apartment.

December 25 • 4:48 a.m. Complainant on Lee Avenue requested an officer at their residence. Officer responded.

• 8:11 a.m. Complainant on Eastfield Dr. called 911 and reported a death. Officer and EMS 2, and Justice of the Peace responded.

• 5:23 p.m. Complainant reported missing their small tan Chihuahua.

• 6:40 p.m. Subject in Reynolds Community reported a grass fire. Officer, Fire Department responded. 6:45 p.m. Subject called back and stated the fire had been extinguished. Units notified.

December 26 • 1:45 a.m. Complainant on Cottonwood requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS responded.

• 11:30 p.m. Subject on Eastfield Dr. requested an officer to get neighbors to turn down their music. Officer responded.

December 27 • 11:56 a.m. Subject reported a possible fire on Hwy. 1828. Officer responded and a unreported controlled burn was located.

• 4:50 p.m. Subject reported a controlled burn to be conducted on Hwy. 190 West.

• 5:16 p.m. Unknown subject reported two black faced sheep on FM 2129. Possible owners were contacted by phone by dispatch and a message was left. Officer responded.

December 28 • 11:15 a.m. Complainant reported a tool box had been stolen from their truck on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded.

• 1:01 p.m. Complainant reported seeing two juveniles trying to take the flags at First National Bank. Officer responded.

• 10:49 p.m. Subject on Mulberry reported loud music. Officer responded.

• 11:07 p.m. Suspicious vehicle was reported at convenience store. Vehicle found to belong to a employee on duty.

December 29 • Complainant reported an overdue motorist. Subject was to arrive in Sonora at 11 p.m. to go to work. Officer responded and subject was located in Sutton County. Subject had run out of gas.

December 30 • 10:07 p.m. Ozona DPS reported a possible drunk driver on Hwy. 277 North. Officer responded.

December 31 • 10:00 a.m. Complainant on Eastfield Dr. reported their tires had been slashed on their vehicle. Officer responded.

• 3:51 p.m. Complainant reported their foot was bleeding and requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 6:03 p.m. Smoke report on South Main. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 7:42 p.m. Complainant on Bluebonnet Dr. reported a pickup had made a U-turn in their yard. Officer responded.

January 1 • 1:50 a.m. Tom Green DPS reported a vehicle with an intoxicated driver. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 12:21 a.m. Complainant reported loud music on Eastfield Dr. Officer responded.

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Schleicher County Independent School District is soliciting bid proposals for three (3) post tension concrete tennis courts, complete with nets, post, wind screens and fences. Optional bid on one (1) complete court with above specifications. Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., February 5, 2003, SCISD Administration Office, 205 Field, Eldorado, Texas 76936. Interested parties should contact Matt Rutherford at 915-853-2514 ext. 321 or John Kotsch at 915-853-2514 ext. 525. Send to Schleicher County ISD, Attn.: Tennis Courts, P.O. Box W Eldorado, Texas.

The District reserves the right to waive any formalities in bids and bidding. Any and/or all bids may be rejected.

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Winston Graham filed in the County Probate Court of Schleicher County, Texas, on the 19th day of December, 2002, at the Schleicher County Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas.

Said Application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after expiration of ten days from date of publishing this citation, the same being the 13th day of January, 2003, at the Schleicher County Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Probate Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Eldorado, Texas, this the 31th day of December, 2002.

Peggy Williams, Clerk County Court Schleicher County, Texas
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Eldorado Woman's Club holds monthly meeting

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met December 10, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. This meeting was our annual Christmas party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Williams of 407 E. Hill Ave. Fifteen members and three guests enjoyed our festive special meeting. President Myrt Williams opened the meeting with a warm Christmas greeting to all. Mary Roden then offered a prayer and Imogene Edmiston led the pledge to the flags. We next enjoyed a delicious refreshment time. The tables were decorated in the same theme as Myrt's Christmas decorations.

Following refreshments we continued the regular meeting. Reports were given by Shine Spigarelli and Charlene Edmiston regarding our upcoming Good Luck Bake sale on December 13th. at Amigos Dream Restaurant beginning at 8:00 a.m. Posters would be displayed in several locations around town and a newspaper no-

tice would also be posted. Penny Bland, library board member, reported that several members of the board would also bring things for the bake sale. President Williams next asked us to accept a request by Florence Williams to be transferred from a regular member to associate member. The request was accepted by unanimous vote.

President Williams gave a brief Treasurers' report in the absence of Trea. Nelva Martin and secretary Dorothy Harris gave their reports.

Roll call was answered with "What Would You Like Santa to Bring You?" Everyone was in agreement that our prayers for would peace would some how become a reality. There were thanks for good health, thanks for all the family being in one place, thanks that God sent His Son to us, and early Christmas blessing were received with the arrival of a new great granddaughter, a wish for "Peace on Earth, Good will to all."

Several wished their particular health setbacks would go away, and their was a special wish all would go well as four pre-teenage boys would be visiting over the holidays.

Linda Spence, brought us a special Christmas program. She told us about the first Christmas celebrated in Texas in 1599 and was celebrated by Spanish explorers. Through the years different ethnic people settled in Texas they celebrated the customs from their homelands. Some of these are from Spain, Mexico, Germany, the Slavic countries, the old South and of course the cowboys. All add to the many wonderful ways to celebrate the holidays - all the way from the German Christmas tree to the bobwire and cowbells of the cowboys.

Linda also told us of the use of the candy cane in explaining the Christmas story. She read a Christmas poem by Robert Lewis Stevenson. We thank Linda for ex-

panding our knowledge of customs celebrated at Christmas time.

Myrt Williams next asked us to sit in a circle and we were given a Christmas package containing a special pair of socks we had been asked to bring. Myrt then explained she would read a very special story written by one of our guests. This story was about a family who's last name was Wright. Myrt explained that as she read about the activities of the Wright's that when she mentioned what the Wright's did we were to pass our package to the person on our right and when the Wright's left a place we were to pass our package to the left.

As she read this interesting family story we had to remember to follow either right or left instructions she read and the more story she disclosed the faster she read. We had such fun trying to listen to the story and also remember her original instructions. We thank our guest for sharing great family memories and also for her putting them into a delightful game.

Our meeting was closed with the Club Collect. We thanked Myrt for having our December meeting at their beautiful home. Also a big thanks to the Hospitality Committee for all the great food. What a delightful way to remember our last meeting of the year 2002. Our next meeting will be January 14, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Club Room at the Memorial Building. A Happy New Year is wished to everyone. May the year 2003 bring many new and exciting times!



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Crunched fence — This 2001 Jeep Wrangler came to rest in a fence near Kent's Automotive after colliding with a utility pole and a city gas meter. The driver, Steven Valero, 21, of Eldorado was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center. He was later charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Jeep misses officer; hits utility pole, gas meter and fence

Steven Valero, 21, of Eldorado, was hospitalized following a one-vehicle accident Dec. 20, 2002 on N. Divide Street. According to Deputy Kevin Herbert's report, Valero was traveling southbound on Divide when his 2001 Jeep crossed over the oncoming lane, narrowly missing Herbert's police cruiser. The Jeep then crashed into a utility pole, a city gas meter and a chain link fence.

According to Herbert, Valero was not wearing a seat belt at the

time of the accident. Both air bag in the vehicle deployed, however.

Valero was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated for injuries and hospitalized. According to Deputy Herbert Valero declined an alcohol blood test at the time of treatment.

Valero turned himself in at the Sheriff's Office on Saturday, December 28 where he was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated. He was later released on \$1,000.00 cash bond.

The main thing that stood out to me in 2002 was how everyone in Eldorado came together after September 11. I was impressed how this community seemed to bond. I really like living here!

— Connie Andrews

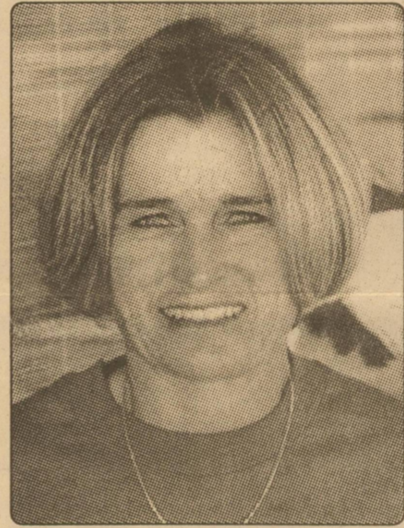


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My New Year's Resolution is to use real plates instead of paper plates.
— Randy Mitchel



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My New Year's Resolution is to improve my computer skills, lose weight, improve my wardrobe and I am going to thoroughly enjoy the leopard seat covers that Johnny Mayo gave me.
— Nancy Lester



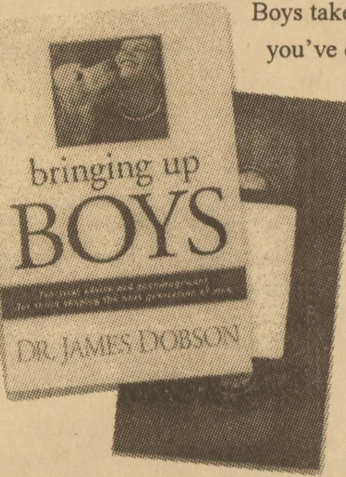
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September 11, was pretty dramatic for everybody but then there were a lot of good things that came out of it. Before 9-11 my son-in-law said people he tried to talk to about God didn't want to listen but afterwards they were looking him up. In 2003 I am looking forward to Becky and her family moving back to Texas.
— Faye Gibson



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I am thankful for how the Meals Program is going. I hope we keep doing as well as we have been in this New Year. And I really wish for a kitchen!
— Carol Gault

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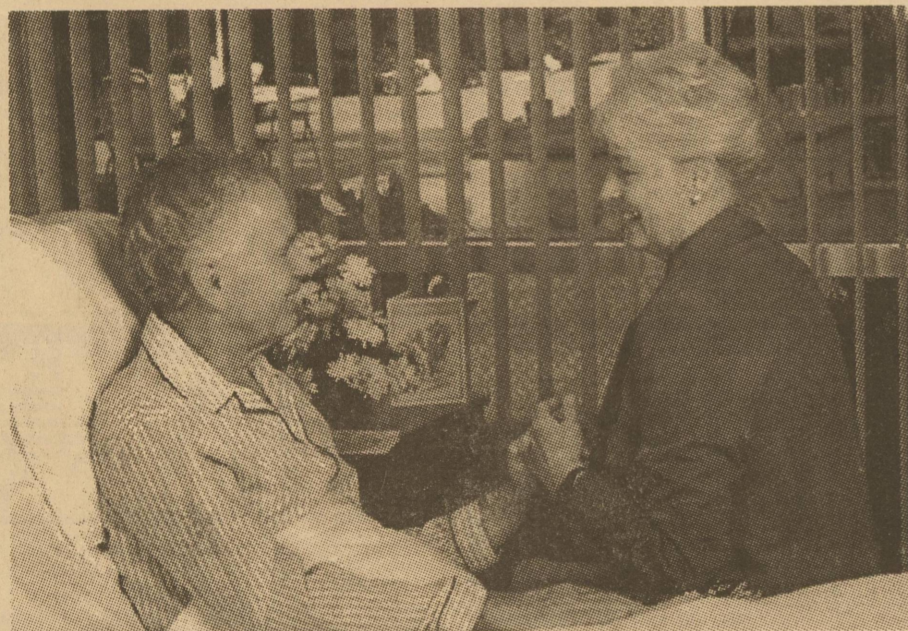
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