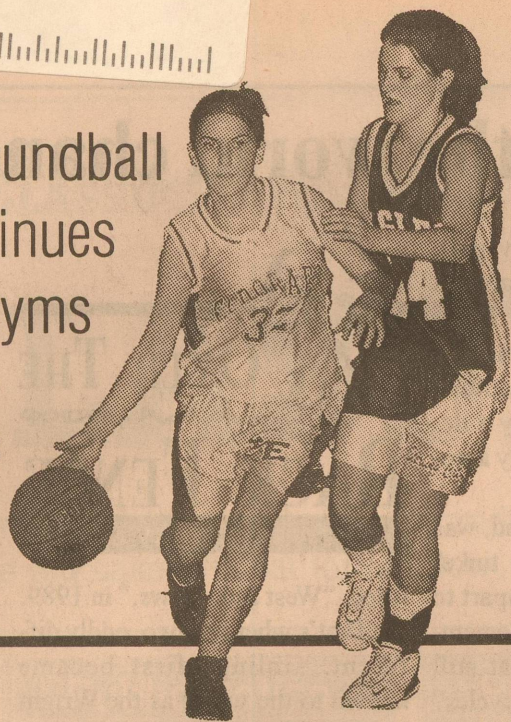
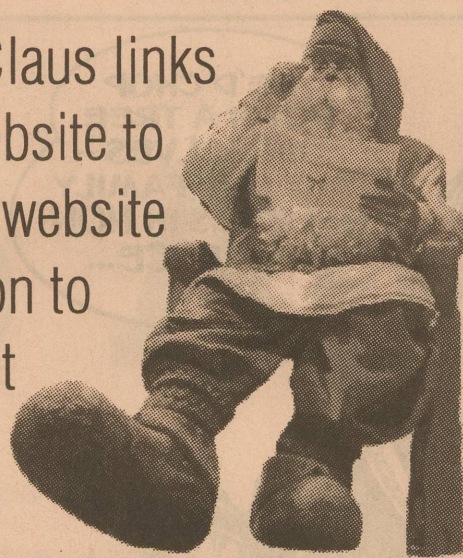


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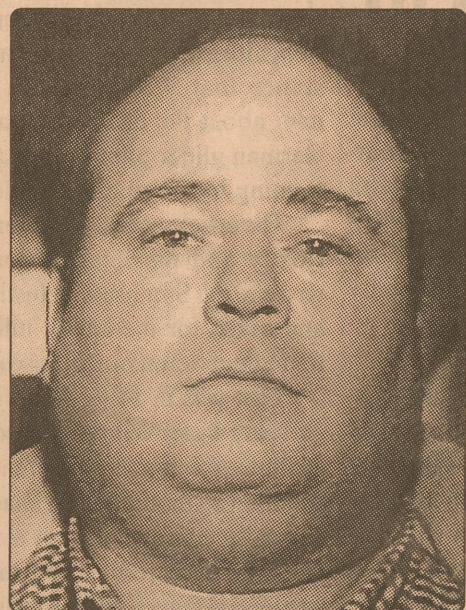
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Hill gets 16 months in federal prison

David Edward Hill, 42, of Eldorado, a former employee of American Family Life Insurance Company (AFLAC), was sentenced Friday to 16 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Sam R. Cummings in his Lubbock courtroom. That's considerably less than the 5 year maximum sentence he could have received. Hill pled guilty in August to a charge of wire fraud. He was ordered to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on December 26, 2003. In addition to the prison term, Judge Cummings ordered Hill to pay a \$2,000 fine and a \$100 mandatory court fee. He will face a three-year probation term once he is released in 2005.

Laura Kane, Manager of Corporate Communications for AFLAC told the Success following Hill's sentencing, "David Hill was not an employee of AFLAC. He was an independent contractor who was licensed to sell AFLAC products. When we learned about his activities, we terminated our relationship with him."

Hill sold AFLAC policies from December 1994 through September 2000. He admitted that beginning in March 1998, he obtained employee lists from various companies and used these lists to create insurance applications for individuals on the lists who did not want, and did not request, insurance policies. He would sometimes use the name of an individual who worked for one company and submit a false application for that individual under another company's name. Hill submitted the applications



COURTESY PHOTO

16 months — David Hill was sentenced to 16 months in prison last Friday in U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings' courtroom in Lubbock. The sentence stems from a months long investigation into a scheme to issue bogus AFLAC insurance policies as a means of receiving advance commissions.

electronically, using a laptop computer, from Eldorado to the AFLAC office in Columbus, Georgia. Hill admitted that he forged signatures on the false applications and was paid advanced partial commissions by AFLAC.

Insurance companies routinely pay commissions to their agents and AFLAC was no different. The company paid Hill 36 percent of the face value of each policy that he wrote. However, the company went a step farther, paying Hill 63 percent of the commission at the time the policy was written. The company referred to the up front payments as "first year advance commissions."

After Hill was confronted regarding the fraudulent insurance applications, he paid AFLAC \$19,340 in restitution. Later, AFLAC withheld \$26,319.72 in

commissions from Hill, resulting in AFLAC recovering their total loss of \$45,659.72.

The case against Hill grew out of an investigation into money missing from the Eldorado Youth Baseball League's bank account. As Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe looked into the case, they uncovered connections between the missing money, Hill's personal checking account and his AFLAC agency account. The evidence soon led to the sale of questionable insurance policies and the local investigators sought the assistance of Texas Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long, himself a former insurance agent.

The officers soon believed they had sufficient evidence to seek an indictment against Hill on the baseball funds and in January, 2003, local Grand Jurors handed up two indictments, one accusing Hill of misappropriating funds from the baseball league, and the other accusing him of misappropriating money from Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora and Niblett's Oilfield Service in Eldorado. The second of the two indictments involved allegedly fraudulent AFLAC insurance policies. Later, a charge of money laundering was brought against Hill in connection with the two cases.

Meanwhile, tracking down leads in the larger and more complicated wire fraud case proved to be much more time consuming. And, since AFLAC's main office is in Columbus, Georgia, and the case involved federal statutes, Sheriff Doran and Ranger Long turned the case over to FBI Special Agent Bill Endorff. It was Endorff who carried through with the investigation that ended with Hill's guilty plea on wire fraud charges on August 28, 2003.

This is not the first time Hill has stood before Judge Sam Cummings for

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Bumper Crop — Ricky Fuessel dumped a hopper of cotton into a module builder last week as he stripped cotton on his Keeney Farm. Fuessel, who has 700 acres of cotton this year, reports making "nearly 2 bales per acre" at the Keeney place and speculates that most of the county's growers will exceed a bale to the acre. Last year Schleicher County produced only 2,360 bales, according to the USDA. This year, Fuessel estimates that he and one other grower will exceed that amount. He predicts 5,000 to 6,000 bales will be produced in the county this year. That's even more impressive when considering that the price is over 60 cents per pound this year, compared to an average of 37 cents only one year ago.

Same old story...City Council considers options for sewer plant

The Eldorado City Council spent much of its time Monday night reviewing a slide program presented by Civil Engineer Steve Dennis, regarding options for the city's sewer plant. It was explained that changing rules, and the way those rules are interpreted by state regulators, have made it more and more difficult for the city's wastewater treatment plant to comply with state guidelines. Dennis outlined steps that are being taken to address similar concerns in Menard and provided the city with information regarding two treatment options.

One of those options, and the one that Dennis said he preferred, would require the city to purchase a skid-mounted piece of equipment called a Dissolved Air Flotation unit. The equipment would provide additional treatment for water being discharged from the sewer plant. Dennis explained that it offered the city

the best chance of complying with state rules, with the least expense. Even at that, the city would be required to spend approximately \$70,000 on the project.

Mayor John Nikolauk expressed his frustration about the ongoing problems at the sewer plant and bemoaned the "thousands and thousands" of dollars the city has spent on the facility only to learn that the state had changed the rules. Several options were discussed, including converting the city's existing grant project for water improvements in the Orient Heights addition to a wastewater project. Ultimately the council took no action on the matter. They will undoubtedly take the matter up again at a future meeting.

The meeting was the council's regular monthly meeting and was called to order by Mayor Nikolauk at 6:00 p.m. with council members Dora Bosmans,

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Robles files for Tax Assessor

My name is Betty Robles, and I would like to be your next Tax Assessor-Collector. Many of you already know me as Lou Ann Turner's deputy. For the past seven years with Lou Ann as my teacher, I have become intimately familiar with the requirements of the Tax Assessor-Collector office. I have the experience and knowledge the office demands, and if elected Tax Assessor-Collector, I would continue to provide the people of Schleicher County with the same courteous and friendly service that the office is known for. Thank you for your consideration. Remember that a vote for me is a vote for experience, professionalism and friendly service.



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Betty Robles

Nix resigns from SCISD to take Superintendent post in Valentine

Schleicher County ISD trustees met Monday evening, December 8, 2003, and voted to accept the resignation of Glen Nix, who is leaving SCISD to take the position of Superintendent of Schools at Valentine ISD.

According to a staffing plan presented by SCISD Supt. Mark Gesch, Nix's position will not be filled for the upcoming Spring semester. Instead, his Middle School counseling duties will be assigned to EHS Counselor Marueen Hodges. Nix's other duties will be delegated to Middle School Principal Kara Garlitz and Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck.

The staffing plan also mentioned other positions that will be left vacant after the Christmas break. It was noted that 6th Grade teacher Betty Robinson, 6th Grade social studies teacher Lois Dean and 8th Grade science teacher Sharon Spinks have given resigned effective the end of the Fall semester. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Dean are retiring while Mrs. Spinks will be moving.

According to Principal Garlitz long term substitute teaching positions in Middle School have been filled. At the

beginning of spring semester the 8th grade science, gifted and talented teacher will be Dawn Wyatt. 6th grade math and problem solving will be taught by Lindi Harris and TinaMarie Bruce will be teaching 6th grade science and social studies.

In other business, the trustees approved a \$5,000 salary increase for Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck, following a 30-minute long executive session. Trustees Eddie Albin, John Paul Joiner, Jo Helen Kotsch, Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez voted for the pay raise. Trustee Berta Nicholson was absent and Wanoreck's wife, trustee Jan Wanoreck, abstained.

Next, Don McKee, representing the accounting firm of Reed, McKee and Co., presented the district's annual financial audit for the year ended August 2003. McKee noted the district's net assets increased by \$162,487 during the year and that the district had a fund balance of \$1,400,990 on August 31. That's down from the 2002 fund balance of \$1,527,926. He explained that the \$126,936 difference was due to an ad-

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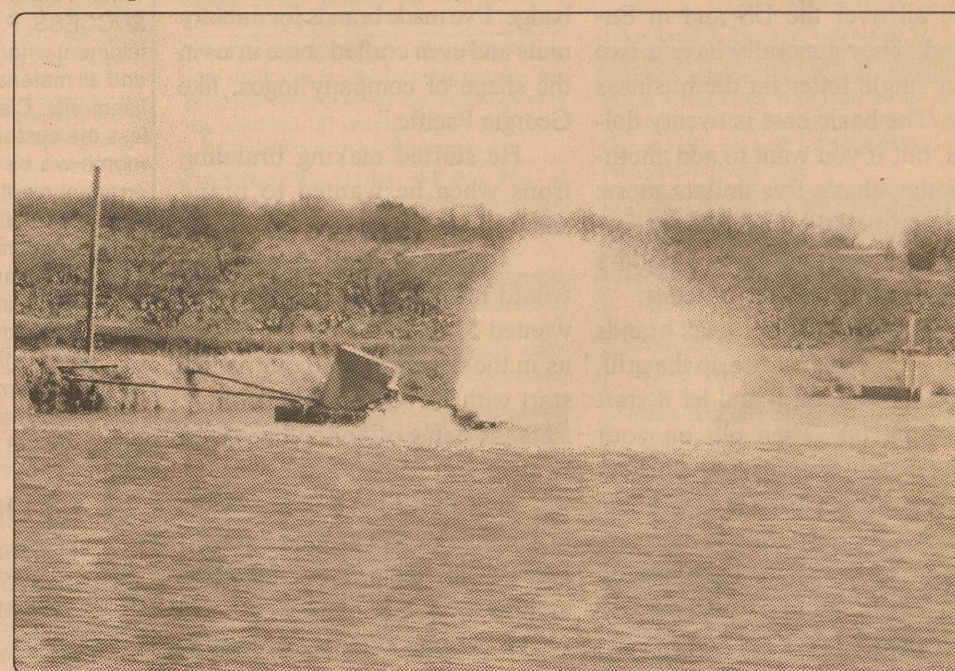


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A water fountain? An aerator at the City of Eldorado's wastewater treatment plant sprays water high in the air in an effort to incorporate more oxygen. The device was installed in hopes of curbing the growth of algae. The Eldorado City Council is considering other changes, also because of algae.



The day the world changed forever

They were an unlikely pair. Wilbur was a bookish sort, always reading scientific journals. Totally self-taught, he became the world's preeminent aeronautical engineer. In fact, for nearly a decade, he was the world's only aeronautical engineer.

Orville, on the other hand, was a gadget guy. He liked to tinker with things and take them apart to learn how they worked. Remember the coaster brakes that still comes on most children's bicycles? You can thank Orville for that one. He perfected the mechanism in the bike shop he and his brother Wilbur owned in Dayton, Ohio.

Wilbur and Orville Wright were also journalists. Making use of a damaged tombstone and a few buggy parts, they manufactured a workable printing press and began publishing their own newspaper



aerodynamic characteristics. The thumbnail version of history that many of us learned in school is that the Wright Brothers were a couple of happy-go-lucky bicycle mechanics who suddenly decided one day to build a flying machine. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

titled, "West Side News," in 1989.

That's when the two, oddly different, siblings first became known to the world as the Wright Brothers.

A few years later the pair opened the Wright Cycle Shop. They began by repairing other people's bicycles but soon advanced to manufacturing their own models. Today, a Wright Brothers' Van Cleve or St. Clairs model bike is a valuable collector's item.

It was at this point in their lives that Orville Wright came down with Typhoid Fever. Wilbur ran the cycle shop and spent his remaining hours nursing his brother back to health. It was by pure happenstance that Wilbur read a news item about the death of a famous German glider pilot, as he sat one evening by Orville's bedside.

The article sparked Wilbur's curiosity and his imagination. He wrote to the Smithsonian Institution and asked for the latest information about aeronautical research.

That was in 1896. A mere seven years later, Wilbur had educated himself in the science of manned flight, even though no one had successfully completed such a flight. He did it by careful study and meticulous research. Wilbur also enlisted the help of his brother Orville and together they built kites and tested them for their

not have been university trained scientists, but they approached their goal very much as if they were. They tested and tested and tested again. One day the brothers became frustrated by the lack of wind around their Dayton home. They addressed their frustration by building the world's first functional wind tunnel inside of which they could test the latest scale models of their soon to be invented flying machine.

It was on December 17, 1903, a hundred years ago next Wednesday, that Wilbur and Orville Wright carried their Wright Flyer out to Kill Devil Hill at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. It had been decided by a coin toss two days before that Orville would pilot the historic first flight. So certain were the brothers of success that they telegraphed their family in Dayton a day ahead of time to tell them to expect good news.

At precisely 10:35 a.m. the Wright Flyer lumbered down a wooden rail. As it approached the end of the rail, Orville pulled the front canard up and the spindly plane lifted off the ground. That first flight lasted a mere 12 seconds and spanned only 120 feet in distance...but it bridged two vastly different eras. As the two brothers carried their invention back toward the launch rail they found themselves walking in a changed world.

Child abuse-neglect cases increase 15 percent

AUSTIN — The holidays are shaping up to be a not-so-happy time for some Texas children.

Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, has estimated that the number of child abuse and neglect cases reported to it will increase by 15 percent over the number reported in 2002.

In numbers entirely lacking in any holiday glitter, the division has estimated it will receive 181,423 reports of child abuse-neglect, a 15 percent increase over the 157,544 cases that came to light in fiscal 2002. By way of comparison, in 1999, 131,920 child abuse-neglect cases were reported.

Though many state health and human services programs under-

State Capital Highlights



by Mike Cox

went some severe budget cutting during the last session, CPS actually will gain 356 employees during the 2004-2005 biennium in anticipation of an increased caseload.

Clearly, dealing with victimized children is emotionally draining work. In fiscal 2002, CPS' turnover rate was 25.3 percent.

School finance follow up...

In preparation for next year's special session on school finance, the Legislature's Select Committee on School Finance began taking testimony last Thursday.

Upshot of the first day's hearing: There's no such thing as a "good" tax and, as Rep. Kent

Grusendorf, R-Arlington, put it: "Everybody dislikes some aspects of every tax."

Upshot of the second day: Committee members are interested in Nevada's first-in-the-nation payroll tax as a state government income source.

In the new Nevada tax, the state levies employers less than 1 percent of their payrolls. (Nevada state law, like Texas, prohibits personal income tax so employers pay the tax, not workers. Wages of government employees, people who work for nonprofit groups or sole proprietorships are not taxed under the new law.)

A Far Cry from Amarillo...

Amarillo gets plenty of snow each winter, but it's a far cry from another location where an Amarilloan will get an opportunity to see snow.

Republican state Sen. Teel Bivins will resign from the upper chamber in January in anticipation of U.S. Senate confirmation of his appointment by President Bush as ambassador to Sweden.

Bivins is the second member of the 31-person Senate to announce his departure, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, being the first.

Another senator, Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin, is considering a run for U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett's seat if the current redistricting plan makes it through the court system intact.

Federal judge dies...

John H. Hannah Jr., chief judge for the U.S. Eastern District of

Texas, died of a heart attack last Thursday while attending a judicial conference in West Palm Beach, Fla. The 64-year-old judge, who grew up in Diboll, had been appointed to the federal bench by President Clinton in 1994.

Fake fir...

Not the most pressing matter in state government, but the people should know. It was revealed last week that the Christmas tree placed in the House of Representatives not only is a plastic fir, it was made in China.

A real Texas cedar, however, stands on the south side of the Capitol, just off Congress Avenue. Twenty-eight feet tall and 16 feet in diameter, the tree was harvested in Bastrop.

An artificial tree certainly lasts longer than a snowman. Just north of the Capitol at the Texas State History Museum, "Santa Vs. The Snowman" will be playing in 3-D through Jan. 16 at the museum's IMAX theater. For show times, call 512-936-4629 or visit the museum's Internet site, www.TheStoryofTexas.com.



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Branding Irons for Cattle and Steaks

I ran into Johnny Waddle at Canton's First Monday. He lives in Roysse City and makes two types of branding irons: the traditional kind for branding animals and the steak kind for branding steaks.

A year ago Johnny was working for a Cadillac dealer in Dallas, doing branding irons as a hobby. Now his hobby is his vocation.

"People kept asking me to make one for somebody's birthday or Christmas present," says Johnny. "I was making so many of them I just decided one day to get out of the car business and into branding irons fulltime."

The steak brands have been sold all over the US and in England. They generally have a two inch single letter on the business end. The basic cost is twenty dollars, but if you want to add another letter, that's five dollars more. The traditional brands start at forty-five dollars, plus five dollars more for any additional letter.

Heating the small steak brands is no problem. Just fire up the grill, put the brand on it and let it start warming up. Then put on your steak, hamburger meat or chicken. When you flip it for the last time, apply the brand lightly to the meat. Johnny says with the brand on top of the grill you don't get any ashes or debris.

Some people use gloves to handle the steak brands. But they have an eighteen inch handle on them which doesn't get very hot.

Johnny's wife doesn't use gloves.

He sells his branding irons mostly at rodeos and trades day events in Canton (he's here every month), Fredericksburg and Luckenbach. He produces about two hundred brands a month. Some of the easy ones take an hour to make. The more difficult ones take as much as a day. He has made some unique ones.

"A lady came in yesterday and wanted one for her husband who is a fireman. We're going to make one in the shape of a fire hat with his number on it. I made one in the shape of a chef's hat. The Van Zandt county sheriff has one in the shape of his badge. I've made brands for military units and even crafted some irons in the shape of company logos, like Georgia Pacific."

He started making branding irons when he wanted to brand some of his horses.

"I couldn't find anyone who would make one like I wanted. I wanted 5J on it. There are five of us in the family and all our names start with J. Finally I just made it. 5J is the name of our company. 5J Brands."

He can fill most orders within a month, except around Father's Day or Christmas. Those take two months.

He got into branding irons full-time while recuperating from an illness.

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Jerry A. Donaldson

Jerry A. Donaldson, 67 a construction and oil field consultant, died Thursday, December 4, 2003 in an Amarillo hospital after a brief illness.

Graveside services were Monday, December 8, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Indian Creek Cemetery in Palo Pinto County, Texas. Services were handled by Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home of Mineral Wells.

Jerry was born July 28, 1936 in Eldorado, Texas to Russell and Clara Donaldson. He married Patricia A. Green on December 19, 1964. Jerry and wife Pat made their home in Mineral Wells for the last 20 years where they were blessed with many wonderful friends.

He made a name for himself in the construction and oil filed business, where he was much-sought after consultant upon his retirement from Halliburton Resource Management. After 22 years with HRM, Jerry was proud to call them a part of his extended family.

Between his consulting jobs, Pat and Jerry spent their time together traveling in their RV, taking long trips to visit family and enjoying "getaways" to Las Vegas and other gambling destinations to try their luck. However, Jerry always said the luckiest he ever got was the

day he met Pat. Anything beyond that, he said, was just a bonus.

In the summer months, Jerry could always be found-Panama hat on his head-cooking his famous Kill-man burgers for friends and family. Those he loved were his greatest joy and the feeling was mutual. His laugh, his gentleness and that arm that ended up around your shoulder at just the right moment will certainly be missed. The wonderful memories we all share will assure Jerry will not be forgotten.

He was preceded in death by parents Russell and Clara Donaldson, brother Bill Carson, and sister Barbara Ann Donaldson.

Jerry is survived by wife Pat; sons Kevin R. Donaldson and wife Debbie of Mineral Wells, and Chris C. Donaldson and wife Christy of Lillian; brother Kyle Donaldson and wife Elaine of Sonora, Texas; sister Ruby A. Harris of Eldorado, Texas; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Mart and Sandra Chumley of Pampa, Texas; grandchildren Keith, Kaitlin, and Garrett; special friends Charlie Jo and Tomye Lynn Taliaferro and family of Mineral Wells and Brad and Pat Burris of Mineral Wells; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

50 years and holding — James and Dora Mankin marked their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 19, 2003. They were married in Abilene in a ceremony conducted by Rev. James Andrews, the couple's brother-in-law. Although they live in Eldorado, the Mankins spend much of their time at Port Aransas where they look forward to celebrating their anniversary with their children, and grandchildren over the Christmas holidays. They have two sons, Randy Mankin and wife Kathy of Eldorado, and Mike Mankin of Greenwood, four grandchildren, Holly Studer of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Sarah Mankin and J.L. Mankin, students at Angelo State University, and Courtney Mankin, a student at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

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Hill draws 16 month sentence

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sentencing. He first appeared before the judge in 1995 at which time he plead guilty to misapplying more than \$66,000 while he was a Vice President at First National Bank of Eldorado. Hill's sentence that case placed him in a halfway house in Abilene for a year. He also had to pay a \$3,000 fine. By the time his term in the halfway house began, Hill was selling insurance for AFLAC and he continued representing the insurance company as he served out his sentence reportedly winning numerous sales awards along the way.

Once Judge Cummings' latest sentence was handed down, U.S. Attorney Jane Boyle released a press release praising the investi-

gative efforts that led to Hill's conviction. She especially noted the FBI, the Texas Ranger Service and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. where the charge originated. Assistant United States Attorney Steven Sucusy of the Lubbock Office of the United States Attorney's Office.

The local charges brought in State District Court against Hill remain in place. In addition to the two counts he was indicted on in January, a separate charge of Money Laundering is remains to be settled. Authorities tell the Success that Hill will be brought to Schleicher County to face the State charges even before his federal sentence is complete and could happen as early as the Spring of 2004.



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"Jingle Bells Rock" Freedom Singers-The Elementary Freedom Singers consisting of third and fourth grade students performed Christmas Carols with Mrs. Joella Parker accompany with her guitar for the High School Senior Citizen Luncheon on December 9 in the cafeteria. Third grade singers were John Cody Brenner, Avery Nolen, Stacey Valeriano, Austin Stapp, Lane Griffin, Mary Lou Martinez, Marcus Perez, Victoria Olivan; Fourth grade singers were: Dacy Whiddon, Brianda Torres, Oscar Robles, Ashby Ragsdale, Cantu Acosta, Maddison Billbrey, Amanda Garcia, Morgan Gillespie, Polli Guerrero and Evan Joiner.

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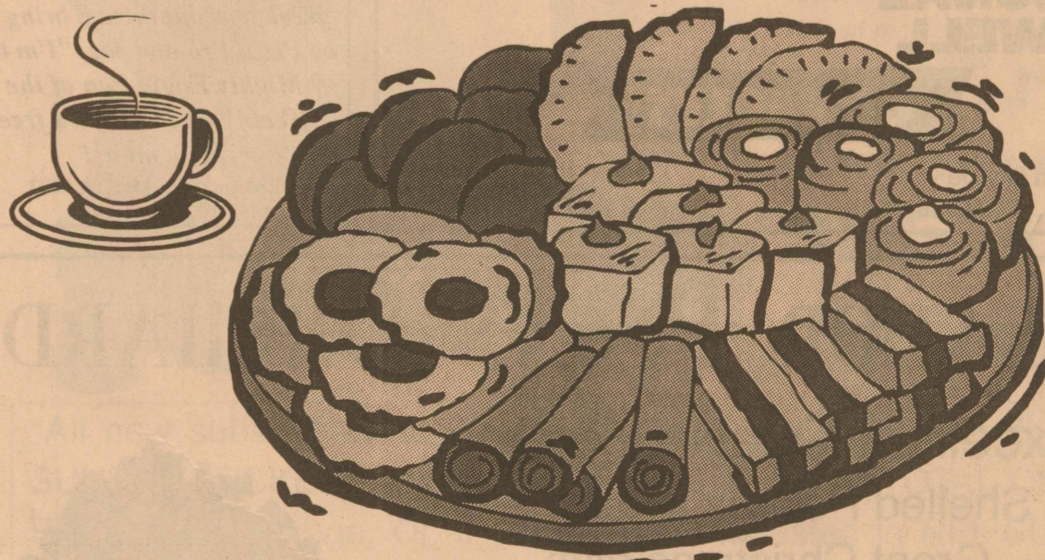
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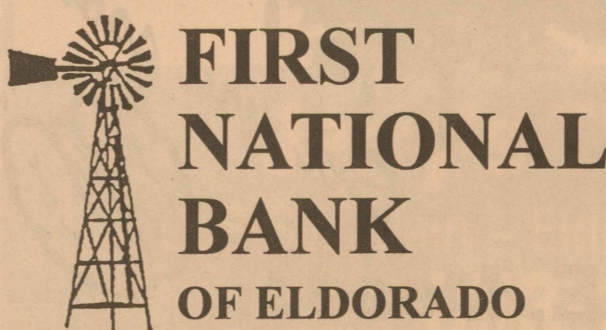
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VARSITY GIRLS

December 04, 2003
 Eldorado 15-09-11-11=46
 Miles 12-16-15-06=49
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 14, Courtney Whitten 2, Chandra Wanoreck 2, Clara Herrera 17, Jessica Robertson 4, Taylor Baker 7, Betsy Green 2. Also playing: Brittany Sellers, Lindsey Schwiening, Teresa Barajas. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (1), Herrera (1).

December 05, 2003
 Eldorado 07-07-09-14=37
 Iraan 11-14-15-07=47
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 14, Chandra Wanoreck 5, Clara Herrera 16, Taylor Baker 2, Teresa Barajas 2. Also playing: Courtney Whitten, Jessica Robertson, Brittany Sellers, Lindsey Schwiening, Maxie Holley, Betsy Green. 3 Point Goal: Herrera (3).

December 06, 2003
 Eldorado 09-14-06-06=35
 Robert Lee 08-12-11-09=40
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 9, Chandra Wanoreck 3, Clara Herrera 15, Taylor Baker 3, Jessica Robertson 2, Teresa Barajas 2. Also playing: Courtney Whitten, Brittany Sellers, Lindsey Schwiening, Maxie Holley, Betsy Green. 3 Point Goal: Herrera (2).

VARSITY BOYS

December 04, 2003
 Eldorado 11-23-13-01=48
 Miles 14-08-11-12=45
 Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 12, John Fay 6, Ryan Cathey 4, Trey Chavez 20, Jared Grubbs 1, Kolby Dombroski 3, Frank Wipff 2. Also playing were: Micheal Ballew, Danny Sanchez, Josh Trejo. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (2), Dombroski (1), Chavez (3).

December 05, 2003
 Eldorado 16-15-18-07=56
 Iraan 16-14-16-08=54
 Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 26, John Fay 10, Trey Chavez 14, Jared Grubbs 2, Kolby Dombroski 2, Frank Wipff 2. Also playing were: Micheal Ballew, Ryan Cathey, Danny Sanchez, Josh Trejo. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (3), Fay (2), Chavez (3).

December 05, 2003
 Eldorado 05-14-10-09=38
 Irion Co. 09-13-14-11=52
 Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 12, John Fay 11, Trey Chavez 4, Kolby Dombroski 8, Frank Wipff 3. Also playing were: Micheal Ballew, Ryan Cathey, Jared Grubbs, Danny Sanchez, Josh Trejo. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (2), Fay (2).

HOOP SCORES

J.V. GIRLS

December 04, 2003
 Eldorado 05-10-10-09=34
 Sterling City 01-12-10-01=24
 Scoring for the JV Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez 3, Katey Blair 19, Josie Diaz 4, Mariana Guzman 2, Myra Robles 6. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were: Anna Fuentes, Alicia Corrales, Chelsey Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Guzman, Tiffany Hernandez, Kimberly Samienego, Kristen Stubbs.

December 05, 2003
 Eldorado 03-04-06-05=18
 Iraan 06-08-12-12=38
 Scoring for the JV Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez 1, Katey Blair 14, Josie Diaz 2, Kristin Mittel 1. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were: Anna Fuentes, Alicia Corrales, Chelsey Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Marianna Guzman, Kimberly Samienego, Myra Robles.

December 06, 2003
 Eldorado 10-08-14-06=38
 Junction 04-10-04-02=20
 Scoring for the JV Lady Eagles: Alicia Corrales 2, Karina Sanchez 7, Liz Lacy 2, Katey Blair 9, Tiffany Hernandez, 3, Josie Diaz 5, Marianna Guzman 2, Kimberly Samienego 2, Kristin Mittel 2, Myra Robles 3. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were: Anna Fuentes, Chelsey Sellers, Sandra Garza.

December 09, 2003
 Eldorado 04-04-04-03=15
 Iraan 10-10-10-07=37
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Katey Blaire 4, Josie Diaz 3, Marianna Guzman 4, Kristen Mittel 2, Myra Robles 2. Also playing for the Eagles: Chelsea Sellers, Liz Lacy, Karina Sanchez, Tiffany Hernandez, Kimberly Samienego, Krista Troy, Alicia Corrales.

JV BOYS

December 04, 2003
 Eldorado 17-12-15-10=54
 Menard 06-07-06-17=36
 Scoring for the Eagles: Eric Garcia 4, Epola Herrera 2, Russell Cathey 9, Jorge Bustos 10, David Hernandez 5, Abel Montalvo 2, Sammy Estrada 4, Jeremy Ussery 10, Adam Dominguez 2, Armando Moreno 4.

December 05, 2003
 Eldorado 10-17-08-15=50
 Sterling City 12-13-18-10=53
 Scoring for the Eagles: Eric Garcia 4, Russell Cathey 5, Jorge Bustos 18, David Hernandez 2, Abel Montalvo 4, Sammy Estrada 4, Jeremy Ussery 12. Also playing for the Eagles were: Epolo Herrera, Adam Dominguez, Armando Moreno.

December 06, 2003
 Eldorado 06-09-14-07=36
 Brady 10-13-13-12=48
 Scoring for the Eagles: Eric Garcia 3, Russell Cathey 7, Jorge Bustos 7, David Hernandez 2, Sammy Estrada 4, Jeremy Ussery 13. Also playing for the Eagles were: Epolo Herrera, Adam Dominguez, Armando Moreno, Abel Montalvo.

December 09, 2003
 Eldorado 16-03-10-07=26
 Iraan 32-03-05-03=38
 Scoring for the Eagles: Russell Cathey 5, Jorge Bustos 2, David Hernandez 2, Abel Montalvo 2, Sammy Estrada 4, Jeremy Ussery 7, Adam Dominguez 4. Also playing for the Eagles were: Epolo Herrera, Armando Moreno, Eric Garcia.



Eagle power — Josh Trejo worked the ball inside the lane during varsity action against Brooksmith recently.

8th GRADE BOYS

December 08, 2003
 Eldorado 06-02-13-02=23
 Wall 11-04-09-05=29
 Scoring for the Eagles were: J.P. Joiner 7, Pedro Garcia 2, Lalo Sanchez 2, Manny Gonzales 3, Jorge Mata 4, Jordan Gesch 5. Also playing for the Eagles were: Tyler Dombroski, Clayton Sauer, Luis Huichapa, Richmond Adame.

7th GRADE GIRLS

December 08, 2003
 Eldorado 08-01-01-05=15
 Wall 04-05-10-06=25
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Haley Higgins 2, Cassandra Burtron 2, Kristin Stubbs 9, Bridgette Mitchel 2. Also playing for the Eagles were: Deyanira Cruz, Meg Griffin, Tracy Brenner, Jessica Valero.

8th GRADE GIRLS

December 08, 2003
 Eldorado 00-02-06-00=08
 Wall 14-08-21-00=43
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Deisy Rios 3, Kassi Tyker 2, Ashley Lozano 3. Also playing for the Eagles were: Blake Chatman, Amika Gonzales, Chelsey Hill.

7th GRADE BOYS

December 08, 2003
 Eldorado 10-04-06-06=26
 Wal 00-04-14-02=16
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Rance Cathey 6, Austin Grubbs 11, Milo Vallejo 2, Dustin Gauna 2, Dustin Ramirez 3, Troy Russell 2. Also playing for the Eagles were: Timothy Maskill.

7th GRADE "B" BOYS

December 08, 2003
 Eldorado 03-00-00-00=03
 Wall 07-00-00-00=07
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Chris Minor 1, Mark Rodriguez 2. Also playing for the Eagles were: Mark Garcia, Jonathan Belman, Paul Martinez, Josh Taylor, Rolando Gonzalez, Uriel Barrientos.

Eagles place 2nd at Mertzon Super Hoops Tournament

The Eldorado Boys Varsity basketball team lost in the championship game of the Irion Co. Super Hoops Tournament Saturday night by the score of 51-38 to Irion Co. The Eagles received a 2nd place plaque. The game was close throughout and 35-35 at one point in the 4th quarter until Eldorado fell a little behind and had to foul to try to get the ball back. Free throws played a major difference as the Hornets shot 19 and the Eagles only 7. It was a great effort.

For Eldorado Terrell Boysaw and Trey Chavez earned All-Tournament honors. In route to the championship game Eldorado defeated Miles and Iraan. The Eagles will travel to Stanton for the 13th Annual Hooptown Classic December 11-13 at Stanton High School. Eldorado will play Wink at 4:00 pm on Thursday in the Old Gym.



All-Tournament Honors—L-R Terrell Boysaw and Trey Chavez earned All-Tournament Honors at the Irion's County Super Hoops Tournament last weekend.

School Menu

- Milk & Bread Offered
- Menus Subject To Change
- Breakfast
- 1/2 pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast
- Monday, December 15**
- Pig-N-Blanket, Apple Sauce, Pineapple Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, December 16**
- Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, December 17**
- Scrambled Eggs/Toast, Grape Juice, Sliced Peaches, Milk
- Thursday, December 18**
- Banana Nut Muffins, Cereal, Pears, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday, December 19**
- Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk

- Cafeteria Line**
- Monday, December 15**
- Chili Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rosy Applesauce
- Tuesday, December 16**
- Soft Tacos, Cheese Cups, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Brownies
- Wednesday, December 17**
- Beef Stew, Corn Bread, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pineapple Slices, Peanut Butter Cookies
- Thursday, December 18**
- Burritos, Mexican Corn, Tossed Salad, Apple Halves
- Friday, December 19**
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

- Fast Food Line**
- Monday, December 15**
- Chili Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rosy Applesauce
- Tuesday, December 16**
- Bar-B-Que on A Bun, Corn Chips, Pinto Beans, Pickle Spears, Brownies
- Wednesday, December 17**
- Cheese Pizza, Bread Stix, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Peanut Butter Cookies
- Thursday, December 18**
- Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Hamburger Salad, Apple Halves
- Friday, December 19**
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, orange Halves

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Workforce board receives in-home learning grant

SAN ANGELO – The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board was awarded an In-Home Learning Opportunities grant of \$149,915 from the Texas Workforce Commission. The In-Home Learning Opportunities project is targeted to develop the employment skills and education level of 30 participants in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling and Sutton counties.

The In-Home Learning Opportunities project assists participants in developing their skills and obtaining work experience to gain employment. The In-Home Learning System offers over 300 courses in-

cluding adult basic education, GED preparation, computer literacy, business communications, teamwork, management, basic accounting, customer service, sales, time management, phone skills, planning and many other industry-specific courses. Work experience is obtained through community service where the participant volunteers his or her time to a participating employer or is gained through unsubsidized employment.

The use of information technology to improve productivity, create new capabilities, and expand services in the workplace is increasing at a rapid rate. Faced with an available workforce with

the lack of education and training, lack of work experience, and lack of skills, 33 area businesses committed to collaborate with the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board and their Texas Workforce Centers to select training participants for the In-Home Learning System. In an effort to increase the economic competitiveness of their communities, participating employers promote the following principles -assist in recruitment, ensure successful employment outcomes, and increase job retention. The participating employer will provide work skills and experience, mentoring, and will be involved in the selection

of the In-Home Learning courses. The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board and their Texas Workforce Centers in San Angelo and Brady provide services in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green counties. For more information regarding the In-Home Learning Opportunities project contact Kelly Baraza at (325) 655-2005.

County opposes unfunded mandates

Schleicher County Commissioners voted Monday to join with counties across the state in supporting a referendum against unfunded governmental mandates. The purpose of the proposed referendum is to seek a constitutional amendment prohibiting the State of Texas from requiring additional spending on the part of counties unless the state also provides the funding for the mandate.

The referendum was first proposed by Bee County Tax Assessor-Collector Andrea Gibbud. It would give Texas primary voters the opportunity to express their feeling on unfunded mandates. If the referendum passes, legislators favoring a constitutional restriction on mandates would have a little extra clout in the next session of the state legislature.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown were in attendance.

Among other business, W.W. "Buff" Whitten met with the commissioners and offered to return the \$100 monthly compensation he receives as Veterans Service Officer. He told the court he will continue to serve without compensation.

Next, Judge Griffin presented a request from the Lower Colorado River Authority to send a letter of support for the "Clear Skies Initiative" bill currently favored by Republicans in the U.S. Congress. It was explained that the initiative would place limits on emissions from electric power plants across the country. The bill would require emissions from electrical power plants be cut back over a 15 year period. Commissioner Bill Clark said he supported the bill since it would take longer to implement than other competing legislation and would be the most business friendly. After discussion the commissioners agreed to send a letter in support of the Republican plan.

The commissioners then voted to cast their 1,650 votes for Commissioner Matt Brown and elect him to the Schleicher County Appraisal District board of directors. The district is made up of the county, City of Eldorado and the Schleicher County ISD.

Judge Griffin the updated the men on the installation of a fueling system at the airport. He said that fuel pumps have been installed along with the concrete slab and a fuel tank. The men then agreed to appoint Richard Gibson to the Airport Board in recognition of his hard work at the airport.

Commissioner Clark then asked that the county take steps to supply electricity to the newly constructed animal feeding barn near the Civic Center. It was decided that Commissioner Brown would explore the cost of installing an electrical conduit to the facility.

The men next voted to accept a diesel fuel bid from Regal Oil in the amount of \$1.1474 a gallon for 7200 gallons of diesel fuel. The only other bidder was Griffin Fuel who bid \$1.1525 a gallon.

The commissioners then discussed the rental fee schedules for the Civic Center. It was noted that two schedules, one for nonprofit groups and the other for profit-making businesses. The non profit rental price for social meetings and dances is \$50.00 per room. Non profit business rental price is \$350.00 for the entire facility or \$175 per room for Rooms A or B and \$100 for Room C.

Businesses wishing to rent the facility will pay per day \$750.00 for the entire facility and \$300 per room for Room A or B and \$150.00 for Room C.

An addition \$500.00 fee will be charged under both schedules for

the set up of animal pens.

It was further noted that the facility will be available to the public on a first come/first served basis with county residents having first consideration if conflicts should develop. Also, there will be a \$70.00 per day fee for rehearsals, decorating and other similar activities.

A cleaning and inventory fee of \$50.00 per room will be charged and a security fee of \$100 will be assessed for dances. A refundable deposit of \$300 per room will be charged.

It was noted that no nails, tape, straight pins, screws or thumb tacks will be allowed on the walls in Room A.

Rooms A & B have heat and air conditioning and both have access to the kitchen and rest rooms. Room C has no heating or air-conditioning or rest room facilities.



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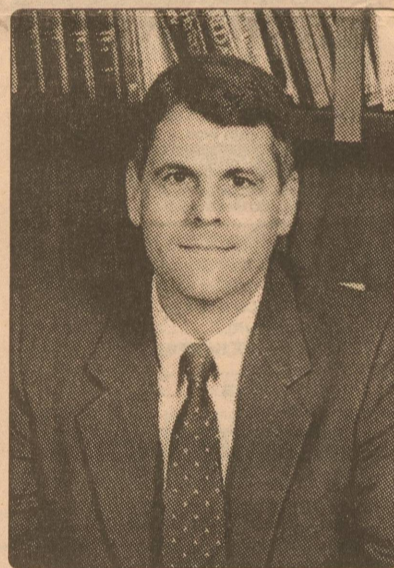
Marian Overstreet

Overstreet seeks reelection

I am Marian Overstreet and I would like to announce that I will be running for a third term of office as County Attorney. It's a difficult job and I am willing to serve our county for another four years. Crime has increased considerably over the last few years, even in Schleicher County, and I have the experience and education to continue to prosecute those criminals. Schleicher County is good place to live. I want to continue to help keep our citizens safe. Please consider voting for me.

Loomis runs for Co. Attorney

Raymond Loomis has announced that he is a candidate for Schleicher County Attorney in the Democratic Primary March 9th. Upon filing to be a candidate he stated, "My candidacy offers Schleicher County a choice in the upcoming election. Schleicher County needs a full time County Attorney. The primary duty of the County Attorney's office is to prosecute criminal cases, and as such, a good, working relationship between the County Attorney and the Sheriff's Department is necessary. I will pay close attention to the cases that come before the County Attorney's office and will work closely with our Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement officers to assist them in maintaining the security that the citizens of Schleicher County deserve. I will also make myself available to the County Commissioners to assist whenever needed to allow the County's business to run efficiently. I believe I have the



COURTESY PHOTO
Raymond Loomis

experience and work ethic to make the County Attorney's office one that Schleicher County citizens will be proud of, and I will take the responsibilities seriously. I need your support, and I look forward to talking with as many citizens as I can during the next few months. If anyone has any questions feel free to call me."

The Public Is Invite To the Annual Christmas Band Concert

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Schleicher County ISD trustees hold regular monthly meeting

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ditional capital outlay totaling \$381,519 for new roofs for the high school and a new weight room. Mr. McKee concluded his report by praising the administrative staff, including Business Manager Ray Ballew, Rachael Nixon, Sandra Robledo and Darlene Huckaby. Following McKee's report, the board voted to accept the audit.

During a review of the district's current finances, it was noted that the school's fund balance stood at

\$961,598.09 on Nov. 30. Of that amount, some \$507,900.09 has been designated for capital improvements.

Next, Supt. Gesch recognized the business office staff, including Ray Ballew and Sandra Robledo, for receiving a certificate of recognition from the Texas Education Agency for early implementation of the Government Accounting Standards Board #34 update for fiscal year 2002. He noted also that the efforts of former Supt. George Blanch and Financial Director

Loretta Edmiston should not go unnoticed as they also were instrumental in the process.

High School Principal Tim Seymore recognized Cross Country Regional Qualifiers senior Clara Herrera and junior Eric Garcia who were present and received congratulations from the board.

Maintenance Director John Kotsch then presented a blueprint for a safer pickup and drop off area for elementary children. This project as he explained will come from the proceeds from the \$30,000 Wolslager Foundation Grant already received. Approximately \$17,000 is designated for the new drop area with a covered walkway to be built in the existing elementary parking lot. Plans include a walkway, concrete bar-

rier columns and a canopy cover.

When complete, the new drop off area will replace the zones currently being used by elementary parents. The remainder of the grant will pay for security cameras and the equipment necessary for installation. The walkway project bids are due to be received on December 12.

In other business, Supt. Gesch noted that the schools total enrollment stands at 601 students. The board voted to accept two consent items which were to consider two donations for the Project Angel Tree. The trustees also voted to waive the tuition fee for a middle school student and accept the Texas Association of School Boards evaluation instrument for the Superintendent of schools.



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An angel is waiting for you. The annual Angel Trees are up and decorated with many special angels. Over 100 angels are waiting for someone to choose them. Each angel represents a child from Schleicher County who has requested a gift for Christmas. The Angels can be picked up at First National Bank, 1st Community Credit Union and Duckwall's Variety Store. A spending limit of \$25 is placed on each angel.

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MILITARY NEWS

Airman Ryan Adame

Air Force Airman Ryan D. Adame has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air

Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Adame is the son of Richard and Yolanda Adame of Eldorado, Texas. He is a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

MARKING A PITCH

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The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

December 5 • Harrison, Cort Winn, male age 35, sentenced to Substance Abuse Felony Program.

December 5 • Dominguez, Andrew III, male age 20, serving for In-on County. Serving weekend only.

INCIDENTS

December 3 • 8:46 a.m. Complainants requested an ambulance. EMS 2 and two officers responded.

• 4:28 p.m. Complainant on Cottonwood reported they had bees in their stove vent. Eldorado Fire Department notified.

December 4 • 6:21 p.m. Complainant reported a possible fire on

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO: ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the above named City of Eldorado intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Contract No. 723259

Exempt Activities

Grant Administration
Engineering Services

Environmental Assessment Activities

Installation of four thousand eight hundred linear feet (4,800 l.f.) of six-inch (6") PVC C-900 waterline, eighteen (18) gate valves, five (5) flushing valves, one thousand four hundred linear feet (1,400 l.f.) of ¾ inch polyethylene SDR-9 tubing, nineteen (19) residential service reconnects, pavement replacement, and associated appurtenances.

Cost of the Project \$201,238.00

Finding Of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of Eldorado has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 (P. L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by City of Eldorado, which documents the environmental review of the project, and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at City Hall, City of Eldorado, 6 S. Cottonwood St., Eldorado, Texas 76936 and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments Of Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release Of Funds

The City of Eldorado will undertake the activities described above with the Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 2003 under grant numbered 723259 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Eldorado is certifying to ORCA that John Nikolauk in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, City of Eldorado may use the Block Grant funds, and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P. O. Box 12877 Austin, Texas 78711-2877. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the ORCA. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the ORCA.

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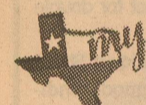


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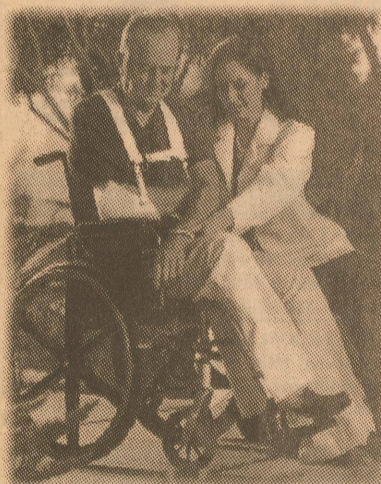
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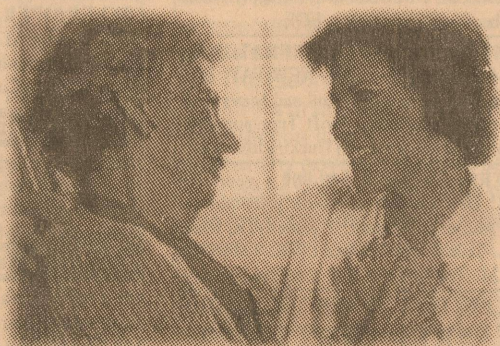
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Range restoration workshop slated for Dec. 17

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The tour will start from the white barn located across U.S. Highway 87 from the state school. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units



County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmonson

will be offered.

Dr. Darrell Ueckert, TAES range researcher here and the day's speaker, said anyone interested in economically and ecologically feasible methods for improving degraded rangeland is invited and en-

couraged to attend.

"Rangeland ripping, wing ripping, and disk diking are mechanical soil disturbance practices installed on the contour 15 to 30 feet apart," said Ueckert. "These treatments increase surface roughness which slows runoff thus helping water soak into the soil. Ripping alone increased the 2003 grass production three-fold on the site we'll visit during the tour. Ripping and spraying for weed control increased grass production eighteen-fold.

"The tour will show vegetative

responses on areas ripped and seeded in 1996 and 2002. We'll also have the equipment we used onsite and have information on the costs of implementing these practices."

The Texas Cooperative Extension Offices involved with the tour include those in Glasscock, Sterling, Irion, Coke, Concho, Tom Green, and Schleicher Counties.

For further information contact the Extension office in any of the sponsoring counties or call Dr. Darrell Ueckert at (325) 653-4576.

City Council meeting held Monday evening

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Tommy Minor, Robert Bybee, Richard Mendez, Juakin Rojas in attendance. Toni Sudduth joined the meeting in progress.

Among other business, the council took up discussion of traffic problems on North West Street, between the Middle School and the school's two gymnasiums. Currently, that portion of the street is designated as a one-way. Councilmember Robert Bybee explained that he was in favor of converting the street to a two-way since many people disregard the law and travel the wrong way down the street. When the question of signs and street markings was asked, City Administrator Randy Mankin explained that city crews are prepared to install new signs and markings as soon as the council decides whether or not to change the street's traffic flow.

After a lengthy discussion, the council decided to call a public hearing for its next meeting on January 12, 2004. At that time they will seek public input on the question of North West Street before voting on the issue.

The council then heard updates from Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay and City Administrator Ran-

dy Mankin who noted that Marcus Riojas has been appointed to serve as the city's code enforcement officer. Riojas will have the task of enforcing the city's various ordinances. It was explained that he will begin January 2, 2004 and will concentrate his efforts at first on abandoned vehicles, unsightly lots and animal control. Riojas will be filing complaints with the newly formed municipal court.

After reviewing the city's fi-

ancial reports and approving the first budget amendment of the 2003-04 fiscal year, the council heard updates on the new election laws and investment laws for public entities. They then cast the city's votes for Schleicher County Appraisal District (SCAD) board of directors. They city's 2267 votes were divided between Phil McCormick, William Edmiston, Jim Martin, Eddie Albin and Matt Brown. The SCAD board is elected each year by the SCISD board of trust-

ees, the Schleicher County Commissioners and the Eldorado City Council.

Under new business, the council approved the holiday schedule for 2004 and tentatively set a schedule of city council meetings for the upcoming year. They also voted to accept a government surplus International diesel powered truck, donated to the city by the Sheriff's Dept. Sheriff David Doran, who was on hand for the meeting, explained that County Road Superintendent Clay Burleson had turned the vehicle down since it had only a single rear axle. Randy Mankin explained that City Supt. Floyd Fay had inspected the truck and had decided the city could use the vehicle. A question about whether approval of the county commissioners was needed was addressed when the council voted to accept the truck contingent upon the approval of the commissioners.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

"One by One Can" Community Resource Center Director Patsy Kellogg looks on in disbelief and gratitude for the generosity of the community through the efforts of 5th and 6th grade students who, with only a month of planning, collected mounds of groceries for the food pantry at the Resource Center. The food was delivered by the students who formed a "Can Brigade" last Friday from the halls of the Middle School to the store rooms of the Resource Center. They were assisted by local law enforcement and fire department who blocked the streets for the brigade.

Scripture

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1: 17-18

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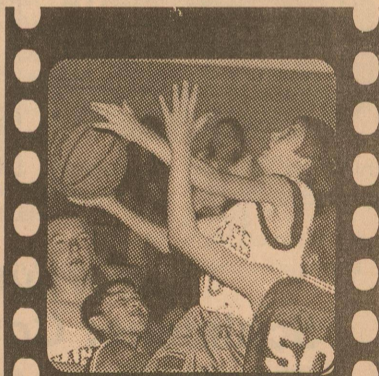
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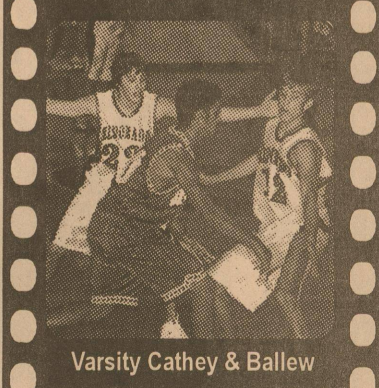
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