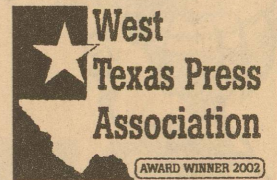




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over holidays

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County officials — Pausing for a photo after taking the oath of office last Thursday morning were six Schleicher County officials. Pictured (L-R) are: Matt Brown, Commissioner Pct. 4; Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle; Bill Clark, Commissioner Pct. 2; County Treasurer Karen Henderson; County Clerk Peggy Williams and County Judge Johnny Griffin.

City council takes up traffic control issues

The Eldorado City Council met Monday, January 6, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and discussed several ways to control traffic, and slow down speeding drivers in the city limits.

A public hearing, called for the purpose, drew input from only one citizen, Lavonne Espinosa, of Bluebonnet Drive. She expressed concern about people speeding on her street and turning around in her yard.

City Administrator Randy Mankin, directed by the council during last month's meeting to bring recommendations for lowering speed limits in residential neighborhoods, did just that. He suggested that speed limits could be lowered on almost all city streets from 30 mph to 20 mph. In two neighborhoods, Glendale and the Christian Addition, with particularly narrow streets, Mankin recommended lowering the speed limit to 15 mph. He suggested leaving North Street and East Street at 30 mph.

The council favored lowering the speed limit along North Street

as well and suggested a 25 mph limit for it.

Changes to the speed limits were not voted on, however. Instead, a second public hearing was called so that the changes could be incorporated into a traffic control ordinance. The subject is due to be discussed again at the February, 10, 2003 meeting of the council.

The meeting was the first of 2003 for the council. It was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk. Council members Juquin Rojas, Robert Bybee, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor and Dora Bosman were on present for the meeting. Council member Richard Mendez was absent.

Among other traffic control issues discussed was a request for a parking zone on Fields Ave, just opposite the High School Gym. It was noted that the zone is needed to assist with the loading and unloading of a handicapped resident and that the area is often times blocked during basketball and football games. The council okayed the request and directed Mankin to have to parking signs

installed. Discussion then turned to truck traffic on city streets. It was noted that an existing ordinance already prohibits most truck traffic on city streets and Randy Mankin was directed to erect signs as necessary to keep the trucks out.

A request by a resident on S. Nance Street to reopen a portion of an alleyway, previously closed by the council, was denied. The council further directed that substantial barricades be erected in the alleyway as to prevent traffic from using it. The barricades are to be moveable, however, so that city crews may gain access in order to maintain buried utility lines.

Also present for the discussions regarding traffic control was Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran. He briefly updated the council on steps his deputies take in enforcing speed limits within the city. At one point, discussion turned to the possibility of acquiring a radar trailer that could be placed in neighborhoods where

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New Year brings new representation

Redistricting shifts Schleicher County into new districts

Long time Congressman Lamar Smith no longer represents Schleicher County. Not because he lost an election, far from it, the San Antonio Republican holds one of the safest seats in the country. Instead, shifting population trends forced Schleicher County out of Smith's 21st Congressional District and into that of Democratic Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Stenholm, who once considered the 17th district safe territory, no longer can. The 13-term congressman narrowly won his last three re-election bids. Now comes word that he will offer legislation that would extend the term of a U.S. Representative from 2 to 4

years. Congress can't make such a change on its own. It would require a constitutional amendment. If Stenholm does carry through with his plan and offer the legislation, it would be the most controversial of his career.

Schleicher County, along with the rest of Texas, also has a new U.S. Senator, thanks to the retirement of Phil Gramm. Former Texas Attorney General John Cornyn easily defeated former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk for the job. Always the politician, Gramm resigned a few days early so that Cornyn could be sworn in ahead of the new crop of Senators, there-

by giving him a head start up the Senate's seniority ladder.

Redistricting affected Schleicher County at the state level, too, as the county moved from State Senator Jeff Wentworth's district into that of Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock. As the legislature returns to session next week, Schleicher County will also have a new State Representative. Or, almost a new one.

Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, who found himself moved into the same district with Rep. Bob Turner, has represented this area before. That was 10 years ago, when redistricting moved Schleicher County out of his district. When Turner decided to retire rather than face election against a fellow incumbent, Hilderbran once again became Schleicher County's State Representative.

There's new blood on the local level, as well. County Commissioner Matt Brown was sworn in last week to replace retiring commissioner Ross Whitten. Brown will represent the citizens of Schleicher County Pct. 4.

Man's death termed a suicide

Hugh Richard Lindsey, Jr., 49, of Eldorado, was found dead Wednesday, January 8, 2003, from a single gunshot wound to the chest. Law enforcement officers and EMS personnel responded to a 9-1-1 call at Lindsey's home at 112 Cedarwood at about 8:00 a.m.

Lindsey's body was found in the living room. A .38 caliber revolver, with one spent round in the cylinder, was found next to the body.

Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle was called to the scene and reportedly pronounced Lindsey dead from a self-inflicted gunshot.

Just what exactly is an Elgoatarod?

You may have heard some talk around town lately about an Elgoatarod race scheduled for Feb. 22-23 here in Eldorado. If you've been puzzled by the talk, well rest assured, so have we. But, a few well placed questions soon found us talking to Eldorado's native promoter, raconteur and entrepreneur, Jim Runge.

"The Elgoatarod was inspired by the Alaskan Iditarod dog sled race," Runge said. "Except we'll be featuring goats pulling sleds, wagons, travois...or just about anything."

"There will be a goat milking contest, a best dressed goat contest, goat kissing and a stupid goat tricks contest," Runge continued.

"Of course there will be a goat/

owner look-alike contest and lots of goat pill flipping."

Runge plans to stage the two-day event on the Schleicher County Courthouse square and is already booking entries. One team of racing goats will be pulling an open topped oil drum, cut to resemble a Roman chariot. Another, built from a riding lawn mower frame, appears a bit more sturdy.

"There are lots of factors to consider when building an entry. It's sort of like Nascar," Runge said. "How much speed do you want to sacrifice for a measure of stability?"

But there's more to the Elgoatarod than racing, Runge says. He plans other activities, like an ugliest goat contest, the stinkiest goat

contest and a goat calling contest. There will be goat pasture bingo, stick goat races and a goat bike parade with a prize for the bike most resembling a goat.

For those preferring motorized sports, there will be an accompanying truck and tractor show and of course, a category for everyone's favorite goat, the Pontiac GTO.

Persons seeking more details are encouraged to contact Jim Runge at 853-2434 or 3678. You may also contact him by email at: eldoradotexas@hotmail.com

Participants are required only to have a sense of humor and a willingness to have fun.

It is unclear at this time if there will be enough entrants to have a goatee growing contest.

Jr. Livestock and project how begins today

The 68th annual Schleicher County Junior Livestock, Food and Project Show, will begin today at the agricultural exhibition center just south of Eldorado on U.S. 277. Over 50 4-H and FFA students are expected to compete for money and ribbons over the two day period.

Creative Arts and the Industrial Arts entries will be judged between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. today with public viewing beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Industrial Arts division is a new contest this year and hopefully have plenty of participation. Age divisions for the industrial arts show will be: Sub-Junior: 6th grade and under; Junior: 7th and 8th grade; and Senior: 9th thru 12th grade.

Livestock entries must be in place by 6:00 p.m. this evening.

The Livestock show will begin Friday afternoon, January 10th with the Lamb Show beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Swine Show divisions will begin at 4:00 p.m., with the Cattle judging beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. the Meat Goat Show will begin the days events. The food show and dog show two popular events will follow. The dog show open to the public will have three age divisions and two categories. The categories are "Dressed Dog" and "Groomed Dog." The dressed dog can be in costume, dressed to match exhibitor, or dressed appropriately for the breed of dog. Please have your dog at the show barn at 10:45 and on a lease. No dogs will be allowed in the show-barn until all the livestock showing is completed and livestock is out of the show arena.

See the complete schedule of events.

The advisors for this year's show will be: Scott Edmonson,



Given 'em the once over — Judge Kyle Eckert inspected lambs during last year's Jr. Livestock Show. Eckert returns to judge this year's show.

CEA-Ag; Nancy Lester, CEA-FCS; Cory Stevens, ASI; and Chris McCravey Family and Consumer Sciences.

Kyle Eckert, Extension Assistant/Sheep and Goat Specialist from San Angelo will serve as the Livestock Show judge. Art Show will be judge by Mary Buchholz of Eldorado and Industrial Arts judges will be Bill (Rabbit) Sudduth and George Spinks. The Food

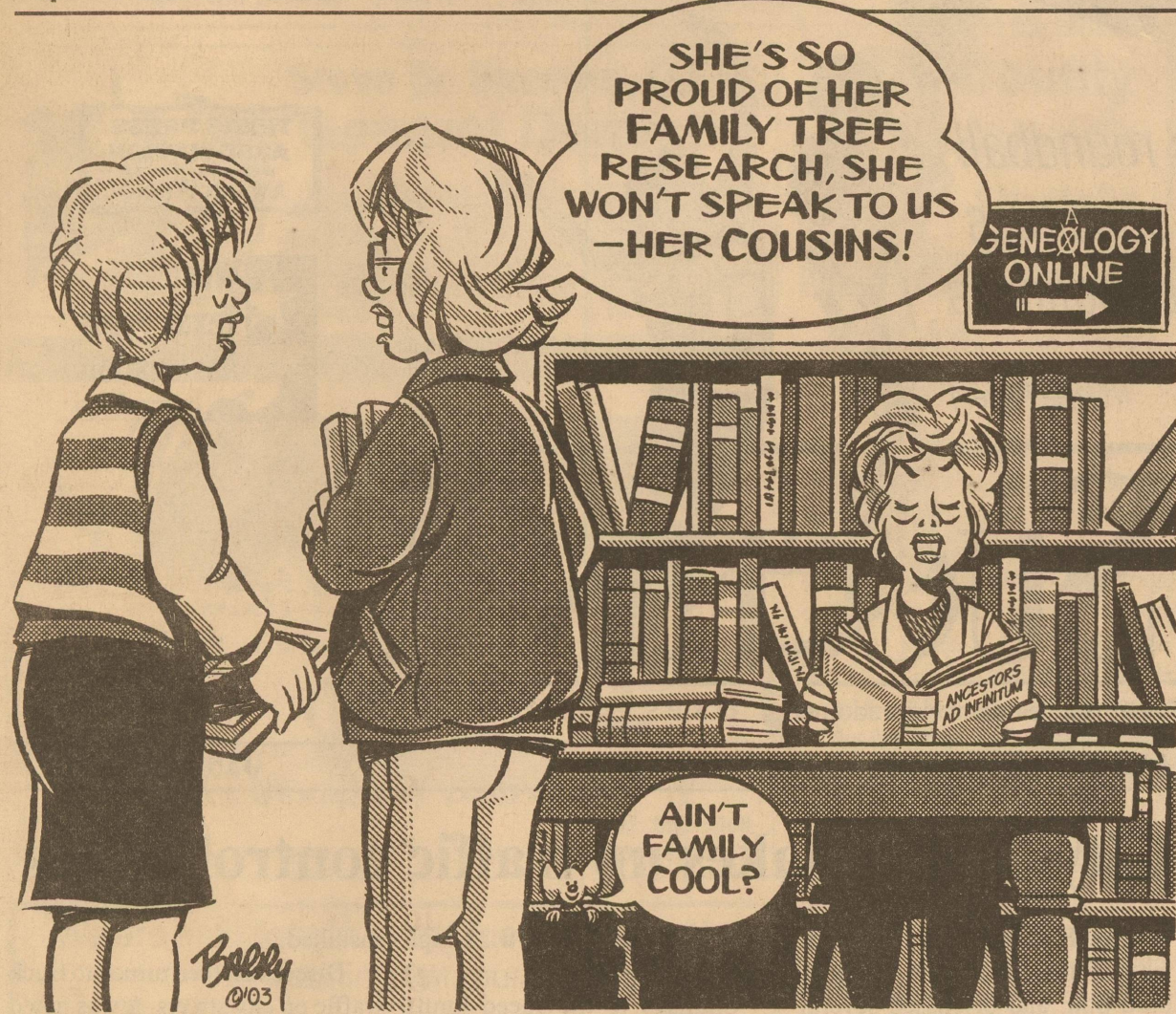
Show will be judged again this year by 4 judges from Menard.

Steve Nelson and Felipe Pina will be catering Saturday's noon meal of barbecue and all the trimmings.

The stock show will be in the ag barn which will be going under another transformation after the stock show in February as a new Civic Center. The stock show is open to the public and everyone is invited!

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

Thursday, January 9	
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Creative Arts and Industrial Arts Entries Judged
6:00 p.m.	All Livestock Exhibits in Place
6:00 p.m.	Weight Cards Submitted to Bookkeepers
Friday, January 10	
2:30 p.m.	LIVESTOCK SHOW BEGINS
4:00 p.m.	Lamb Show
5:30 p.m.	Swine Show
5:30 p.m.	Cattle Show
Saturday, January 11	
8:30 a.m.	LIVESTOCK SHOW CONTINUES
9:00 a.m.	Meat Goat Show
10:00 a.m.	Food Show Entries Must be in Place
11:00 a.m.	Judging of Food Show Entries
12:00 noon	Dog Show
12:30 p.m.	BBQ Luncheon
	Presentation of Awards
	Livestock & Food Premium Sale
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Creative and Industrial Arts Entries Released
	Following Auction Livestock Released and Clean Up



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New car sales, auto rental taxes decline 10 percent

AUSTIN — Surely you've seen the commercial. The beloved family dog bounds up to a young woman sitting on a couch. Wait, there's something in his mouth: A set of keys to a new car.

There are variations, but figures from the Comptroller's Office show that getting handed car keys by one's significant other, parent or pet is a lot less common these days than it is on television.

What this means to Texans, besides forcing most of us to acknowledge that we didn't get a new Lexus for Christmas, is that with automobile sales and rentals down, tax revenue is down.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



According to the Comptroller, motor vehicle sales and rental taxes were down nearly 10 percent in September, October and November, the first quarter of the state's fiscal year compared with the same period last fiscal year.

Translated to money, that decrease amounts to \$70 million. A 1.6 percent drop in the state's primary revenue source, the sales tax, amounts to another \$60 million less for the same three-month pe-

riod last year.

Unfortunately for Texas, the math just keeps getting worse. These drops in tax revenue are going to affect the current \$114 million budget, not to mention the projected deficit in the new budget lawmakers will soon begin putting together for the next two fiscal years. That figure has been estimated as high as \$12 billion.

The bottom line is no different, despite the worsening numbers: Something's got to give, either deep cuts or new sources of tax revenue.

Time to rent that tax...

Or buy that new party dress, assuming your candidate won. Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will be sworn in on Jan. 21, with all the hoopla that normally follows.

You don't have to dress up for one of the best aspects of this every-four-year ritual, the 19-gun salute. Seeing an array of howitzers on the Capitol grounds, even if they are only firing blanks, is impressive.

Bankruptcies up, stocks down

The reason state government is having money problems is the same reason many businesses and individuals are having difficulties: The economy.

Sometimes a memorial can be pale blue

I had the opportunity a couple of weeks ago to visit the Memorial on the site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma, City. Like most people, my only impressions of the memorial, and the deadly blast that led up to it, were based on television images. While one picture may indeed be worth a thousand words, in this case, pictures don't suffice. A person must stand there and soak up the eerie silence of the place.

A field of empty chairs occupies the space where the building once stood. Each one, bearing the name of a person killed in the bombing, occupies a spot near where that person's body was recovered. There are 168 chairs in all, with each of them standing in silent testimony to a life tragically lost.

On the north side of the field of chairs is a reflecting pool, along the path once traveled by the street where Timothy McVey parked a rental truck filled with explosives.



by Randy Mankin

At one end of the reflecting pool stands a black marble wall inscribed with the time... 9:01 a.m. At the other end of the pool stands an identical wall inscribed with the time... 9:03 a.m. The two times represent the minute before and the minute after the horrendous explosion. The pool, and the field of chairs lies between the two walls. They represent the tragic events of 9:02 a.m. on April 19, 1995.

I can't imagine the convoluted logic that led McVey and his partner, Terry Nichols, to carry out such a heinous crime. Neither can I imagine what they sought to accomplish. Some blame a twisted hatred of America, others claim the men were brainwashed by others.

Whatever the reason, the result of their actions remains memorialized forever between those two black marble walls.

As I made my way along the walkway between the two walls, I found myself searching the names inscribed on the chairs. At the West end of the building, where the structure did not entirely collapse, there were fewer chairs. As I moved toward the center, however, I found myself faced with more and more of them. At the East end of the structure, where the devastation was at its greatest, was the largest concentration of chairs. And, many of these chairs were much smaller

than the others, with each one representing a child who was killed in the building's day care center.

Standing there, looking at those tiny chairs, I glimpsed a pale blue Teddy Bear laying on one of them. At that moment, my half-hour struggle to hold back the tears failed. Just as TV pictures don't do justice to the memorial, neither can mere words express the grief that a child's toy can bring forth.

Across the reflecting pool from the field of empty chairs stands a 100 year-old elm tree. Early on in the planning for the memorial, it was decided to leave the tree in place as a tribute to those who survived the deadly blast. The tree, and the survivors it represents, stands in stark contrast to the chairs across the way.

The thought that an empty chair might represent death dates back to the Civil War. Following the war, as photography became available to the masses, hundreds of American families, North and South, posed around empty chairs, a representation of a loved one who had not survived the conflict.

When I first heard that a field of empty chairs was being considered by Hans Butzer, the memorial's designer, I was reminded of that old tradition. At the time, the bombing of the Murrah Building was the single largest terrorist attack on American soil. Sadly, it was perpetrated on Americans by Americans, also reminiscent of the Civil War.

Yes, I was moved beyond words by the memorial. But the true price of the tragic events of April 19, 1995, was made real to me, not by the monuments I saw, but by that solitary pale blue Teddy Bear.



ROLLING ALONG

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Chef for the Day at the Mansion

I did a good thing. For my wife's birthday I gave her a "Chef For a Day" package at the Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, the state's only five star hotel and restaurant. Susan is an excellent chef (we really dine every night) and we had enjoyed eating at the Mansion.

Our wedding anniversary is just a couple of weeks before her birthday. I gave her a card on our anniversary that told her she would be a Chef for a Day on her birthday. She was thrilled. She spent the next two weeks full of anticipation.

The package includes a day in the kitchen, a meal for two in the Mansion's restaurant, a copy of Executive Chef Dean Fearn's Cookbook and a night's stay at the hotel.

When we arrived, Susan was taken immediately to the kitchen and given a chef's jacket with her name embroidered on it. She was one happy cook.

During the day she got to actually help prepare food that was served in the restaurant. She loved it and learned a lot. Our meals haven't been the same since. They've been much improved.

She worked in the kitchen from ten A.M. until 6 P.M. While she was relaxing in the Jacuzzi, the kitchen sent up a bottle of champagne, some nachos and some chocolate covered strawberries. Our kids had cards and flowers sent to our room. It was a very festive occasion.

At dinner, we stopped at the entrance of the restaurant to admire some of the desserts. Susan proudly told the Maitre d' which

ones she had helped prepare. She actually got to use a tiny blowtorch to scorch some of the restaurant's signature dessert, the Creme Brulee.

Before the meal, Dean Fearn came over and sat with us for a couple of photos. He told us "You're going to eat 'til the cows come home."

He informed us we were going to have small portions of every item on that night's menu.

The sommelier came to our table and presented us two bottles of wine, one red, one white.

We had a dozen courses. About halfway through the meal I remember the maitre d' coming over and giving us four more forks. Toward the end of the evening they brought us five desserts all at once. The four people sitting at a near-by table had been glancing over at us occasionally during the meal. When the desserts showed up, they just stared.

As I write this, I'm looking at a small pile of items that serve as memories of that special day: photos, cards, notes, ribbons, some hotel stationery and the menu. Susan's chef jacket still has food stains on it. She hasn't moved it from the door knob where she put it when we arrived home. She loved the day.

It might be my best present to her ever, even better than the trip to the Rose Bowl Parade I gave her one year. I announced that trip by putting a rose on her pillow with airline and parade tickets attached to it. She asked me if she could take anyone she wanted. Luckily, she chose me.

The number of bankruptcy filings was up last year, and the stock market ended the year down for the third year in a row, the first time that has happened since 1941 and only the second time since the Depression.

And so far no one has seen any signs that business is picking up, which has a lot of people worried. In fact, the big bet is that 2003 will see even more bankruptcies than last year.

Two new Web sites

World War II had a huge impact on the world and on Texas and the Texas Historical Commission now has a Web page dedicated to Texas' role in the global conflict. The page features the results of a survey the agency conducted to gather information on important military and home-front sites, from training bases to prisoner of war camps.

The new page can be reached through the commission's home page, www.the.state.tx.us.

The House of Representatives also has a new Web site, www.house.state.tx.us/. Visitors to the site will be able to monitor committee hearings as well as the proceedings of the full house.

The Texas Senate Web site also will have legislative information at www.senate.state.tx.us/.

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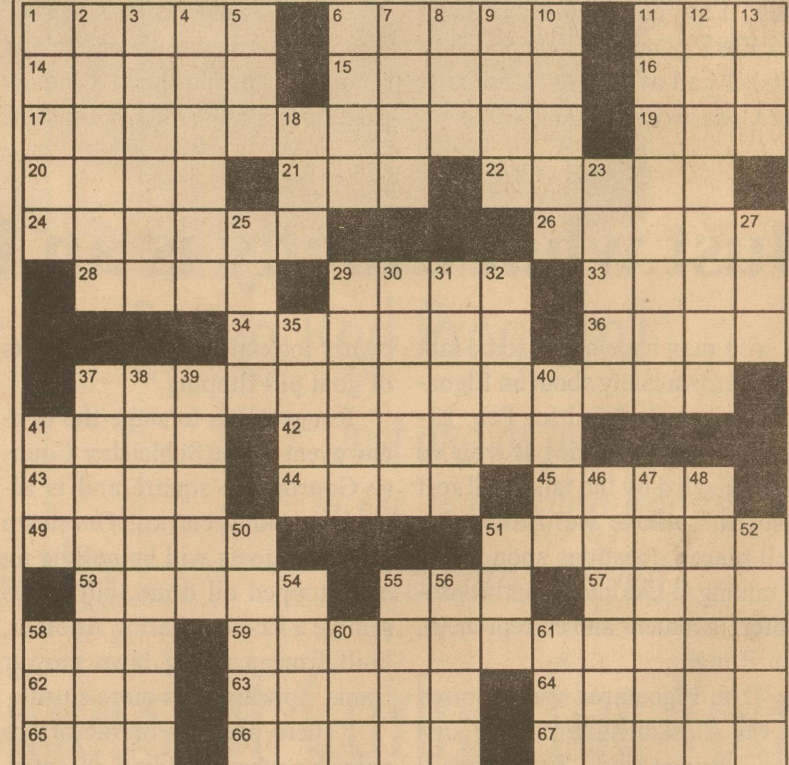


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17. Source of satire since 1952	58. Braun or Peron	30. Actress Verdugo	
19. Thumbs-down vote	59. 37-Across's slogan	31. Muscular strength	
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21. ___-K (toddlers' school)	63. Spine-tingling	35. Boot camp fare	
22. "The ___ made me do it!"	64. Hanna-Barbera pup	37. Place for old documents	
24. Tijuana snooze	65. ___ NO HOOKS	38. Sidewalk stand quaff	
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28. Source of Italian bubbly	67. Take the wheel	40. The Beehive State	
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42. Least bonkers		52. Nosy sort	
43. Wile E. Coyote's supplier		54. You, to a Quaker	
44. Cheeseburger		55. Redding of song	
		56. "Peter Pan" pirate	
		58. Bird of the outback	
		60. "Chances ___"	
		61. "Now ... where ___ I?"	
		12. "Rosemary's Baby"	

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OBITUARIES

Mary Helen King

SAN ANGELO — Mary Helen King, 51, of San Angelo, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at her home.

She was born July 19, 1951, in Sonora, Texas, to the late L.J. and Ola Mae King. She was employed 26 years with Shannon Medical Center and five years with SCCI.

She is survived by her longtime soul mate, Charles Ray Frazier; three daughters, Ola Evette King, Gwendolyn Denise King and Nicole DeAnna King; five sisters, Pearlie King of Colorado Springs, Colo., Vera McWilliams of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Carolyn King, Gwendolyn Stone and Dineace Fleeks, all of San Angelo, Texas; one uncle, Josh Hastings and wife, Cora; two aunts, Helen Fay and Rosetta Lozano, all of Eldorado, Texas; six grandchildren, Jeremaine King, LaKia King, Rayshad King, Mary King, Khalil King and Kazion King; two aunts; one great-aunt; and a host of family and friends. Mary also leaves to mourn very special friends, Jason Francis, and Tano and Linda Agüero.

Funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 6, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Preston "Gene" Eugene McDaniel

SAN ANGELO — Preston "Gene" Eugene McDaniel, 48, a lifetime resident of San Angelo, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at his residence. He was born July 30, 1954, in Pasadena, Texas. Gene served in the United States Marine Corps for four years. He was a masonary and a mechanic.

Gene was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth McDaniel; and grandparents, A.C. and Mattie Collins, and Emerson and Nieta Dyer. Also preceding him in death were special lifelong friends, Jesse Ramirez, Galan Gary, Phillip Hasty, Opal Johnston and Barbara Padiar.

Survivors include his parents, Rodney and Norma Dyer of San

Angelo; sons, Chris McDaniel and wife, Renea, McDaniel of Brownwood and Caleb McDaniel of San Angelo; his special love, Tammy, and her two daughters, Michelle and Samantha, all of San Angelo; sister, Caroline Lloyd of Eldorado; brothers, Ronnie McDaniel and wife, Bellenda, of Bertram and Paul Dyer and wife, Nancy, of San Angelo; stepsons, Conan Elliott and wife, Danice, and Robert Jones, all of San Angelo, and Shawn Weber and wife, Crystal, of Devine; stepdaughter, Shelly Frantum of San Angelo; 12 grandchildren; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; and special lifelong friends, Arnold Meeks, Jarvis Patton, Bonnie Hasty, Inkie Weber and Jimboe.

ASU releases Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2002 Fall Semester has been announced at San Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees from Eldorado,

along with their majors, are Lindsay Beach, nursing; Garrett Bownds, finance-real estate option; Joseph Bullard, pre-engineering; Jason B. Charboneau, art/secondary certification; Lavonne R. Espinosa, interdisciplinary studies; Juan (Johnny) A. Herrera, undeclared; Catherine R. Lloyd, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Tabitha N. Lloyd, animal science; Sarah A. Mankin, biochemistry; and Ericka N. Schooley, interdisciplinary studies.

Chamber seeks nominations for Man & Woman of the Year

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting "Man and/or Woman of the Year" applications for 2002. Please come by Mittel Insurance or the Chamber office for an application form. If you need further information, please call the Chamber office at 853-3109.

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Stoney Harris and Lyndi Smalley

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Smalley/Harris engagement

Ms. Brenda Smalley of Baird, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smalley of Abilene, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter Lyndi Smalley to Stoney Harris son of Glenda Harris of Eldorado, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris of Eldorado, Texas.

Lyndi is a 1998 graduate of Baird high school. She is currently attending Angelo State University and is employed at Wild Little Indians Day Care Center.

Stoney is a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School. He attended S. Plains College in Levelland Texas. He is currently employed at Griffin Fuels.

Lyndi and Stoney plan to be married on March 8, 2003 at the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, January 13**
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk
- Tuesday, January 14**
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapples, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk
- Wednesday, January 15**
Fried Fish w/ Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk
- Thursday, January 16**
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk
- Friday, January 17**
Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk

BIRTHDAY LIST

- JANUARY**
- 9th** Tata Belman, Raymond Riley
- 10th** Micah Grelle, Selina Rojas, Richard Harris, George Scott, Billy Williams, Carisa Porter
- 11th** Ricky Jones, Sharon Spinks, Carolyn Hamilton, Emmanuel Gonzales, Rosa Trevino, Larry Marshall
- 12th** Edward Barajas, Teresa Thomas, Allen Kuykendall, Teresa Lux, Mike Lux, Jerry Jones, Mary Nolen
- 13th** Gary Hanusch Jr., April Fuentes
- 14th** Casey Snelson, Tanner Haynes, Meredith Gruben
- 15th** Leroy Reeves, Janet Curtis, Santos Trevino, Michelle Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES

- JANUARY**
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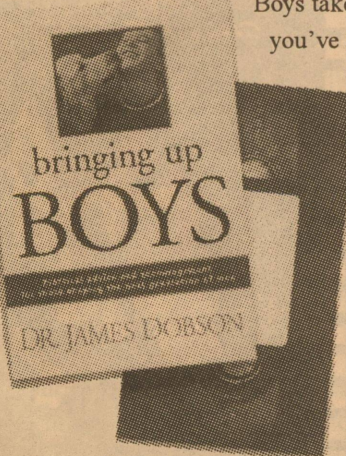
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Eagles basketball action continues through holidays

The Eldorado Boys Basketball team had a busy holiday as they traveled to the Iraan Tournament December 26-28. The Eagles played a little tired and shorthanded and went 1-2 over the course of the event. In the first game Eldorado played the Stanton Buffaloes at 8:00 pm on Thursday night. Stanton pulled out the very close win 51-50 with the added benefit of a half-court shot at the buzzer at half-time. Stanton's inside game and offensive rebounding hurt the Eagles. Eldorado also only shot 2 of 6 free throws which has been a strength.

The Eagles would return to Iraan on Friday to play the host tournament team Iraan. Iraan is very athletic and got out early on Eldorado and went on to win 89-66. Jordan Fay shot the ball well and Mike had a solid game.

On Saturday the Eagles would play their final game at the Iraan Tournament against Buena

Vista. Eldorado responded with a big 76-37 win. It was a good 3rd game after a long tournament weekend. Mike Adame was honored by being selected to the All-Tournament team.

It was still the school holidays and the Eagles made a long trip to Colorado City and the land of the Wolves. The Eagles showed a lot of improvement in a lot of areas but still came up short 58-47. The game was as close as 4 points in the 4th quarter but the Eagles had to start fouling to try to get the ball back. Eldorado had a difficult 1st quarter as C-City shot very well, especially from 3 point range. The Eagles effort was much better, especially rebounding.

On Friday, January 3rd, the Eagles returned home to play for a long-awaited home game. The opponent was Stanton and the Eagles were looking for redemption. Eldorado had made several adjustments and had added a few new wrinkles in preparation for district. The effort was some of the best all year as Eldorado won 60-39. The Eagles held the big post player of Stanton to only 4 points this game and J.L. Mankin blocked three of his shots. When J.L. got into foul trouble Mike Adame came in and unselfishly continued the defense and provided scoring punch. Trey Chavez was moved to post and responded with 10 defensive rebounds and 5 offensive rebounds plus good inside defense. Bobby Phillips was hot from 3 point land as he made 4 of 6 while Quisto Gonzalez led the team with 10 assists. Trey Chavez was also perfect from the free throw line as he went 5 for 5 and made 5 steals in the contest. Other top rebounders were Bobby Phillips with 8, Philip Martinez with 5 and Ray David Buitron with 5. All Eldorado boys teams won on this night as the both the JV-B and the JV notched victories.

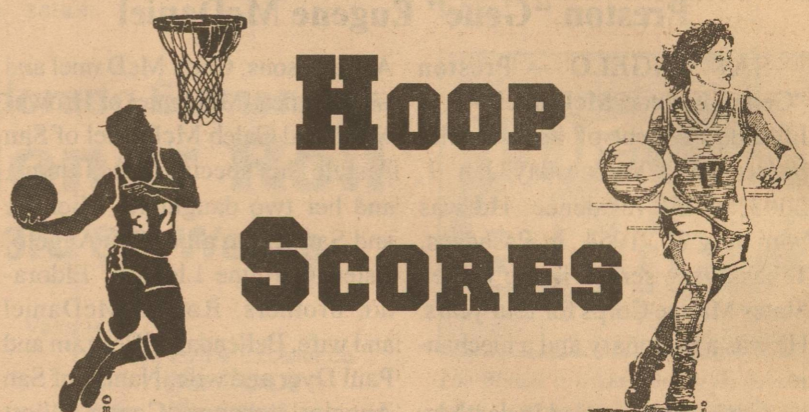
The Eagles next game will be at Bangs on Tuesday, January 7th with the JV at 5:15 and the Varsity at 8:00. The times are unusual due to a girls district game also at Bangs. The boys first district game will be at Reagan County on Friday, January 10th.



Inside move — Bobby Phillips powered his way past Stanton defenders for 2 of his 18 points during Eagles' varsity action here last Friday. The Eagles defeated the Buffaloes 60-39.

School Menu

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Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line
Monday, January 13
 Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Dinner Roll, Brownies
Tuesday, January 14
 Sausage Pizza, Breadsticks, Tossed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Peaches (MS/HS Choice)-Baked Potato, Cheese Cup w/ Tossed Salad, Breadsticks)
Wednesday, January 15
 Fish nuggets w/ Tartar Sauce, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Sliced Bread, Chocolate Pudding w/ Topping
Thursday, January 16
 Beef Tacos, Lettuce & Tomato, Crushed Pineapple, Peanut Butter Cookies
Friday, January 17
 BBQ Sandwich, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Pear Halves
Breakfast
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast
Monday, January 13
 Pancake on a Stick w/ Syrup, Apple Juice
Tuesday, January 14
 Honey Bun, Cheese
Wednesday, January 15
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice
Thursday, January 16
 Baked Cheese Strata, Apple Sauce
Friday, January 17
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice



HOOP SCORES

VARSITY BOYS

Iraan Tournament
Dec. 26-28, 2002

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Eldorado	10	8	15	15
Stanton	5	13	18	15

Scoring: Ray David Buitron 6, Bobby Phillips 9, Trey Chavez 10, Quisto Gonzalez 6, Philip Martinez 17, Mike Adame 2

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Eldorado	17	24	11	14
Iraan	21	26	25	17

Scoring: Ray David Buitron 3, Bobby Phillips 14, Trey Chavez 7, Philip Martinez 8, Mike Adame 21, Jordan Fay 13

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Eldorado	27	17	20	18
Buena Vista	8	0	11	10

Scoring: Ray David Buitron 6, Bobby Phillips 7, Trey Chavez 13, Quisto Gonzalez 8, Philip Martinez 23, Mike Adame 16, Jordan Fay 3

VARSITY BOYS

January 2, 2003

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Eldorado	9	12	15	10
C-City	17	15	11	15

Scoring: Ray David Buitron 3, Bobby Phillips 7, Trey Chavez 10, Quisto Gonzalez 2, Philip Martinez 10, Mike Adame 2, Jordan Fay 6, Danny Sanchez 4

January 3, 2003

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Eldorado	14	23	13	10
Stanton	14	8	9	39

Scoring: Ray David Buitron 3, Bobby Phillips 18, Trey Chavez 16, Quisto Gonzalez 2, Philip Martinez 6, Mike Adame 8, Jordan Fay 7

J.V. GIRLS

December 30, 2002

	06-08-03-07=24
Eldorado	06-08-03-07=24
Colorado City	05-05-02-06=18

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 2, Allison Reynolds 2, Britney Sellers 4, Maxie Holley 5, Lindsey Schwiening 2, Taylor Baker 4, Rachel Joiner 5.

District Game
January 3, 2003
First Game

	08-07-05-10=30
Eldorado	08-07-05-10=30
Grape Creek	09-13-09-08=39

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 9, Allison Reynolds 2, Britney Sellers 2, Maxie Holley 8, Karina Sanchez 1, Josie Diaz 2, Lindsey Schwiening 3, Rachel Joiner 3. 3 point goals: Betsy Green (3).

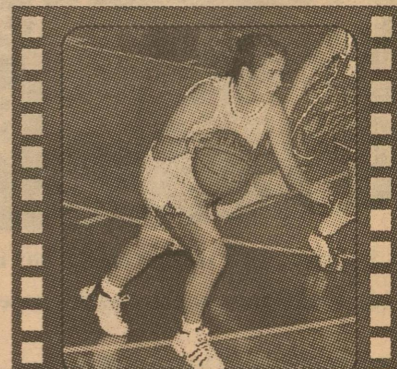
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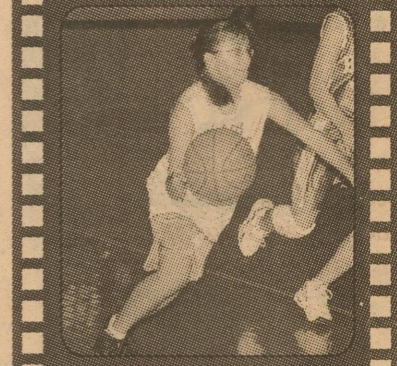
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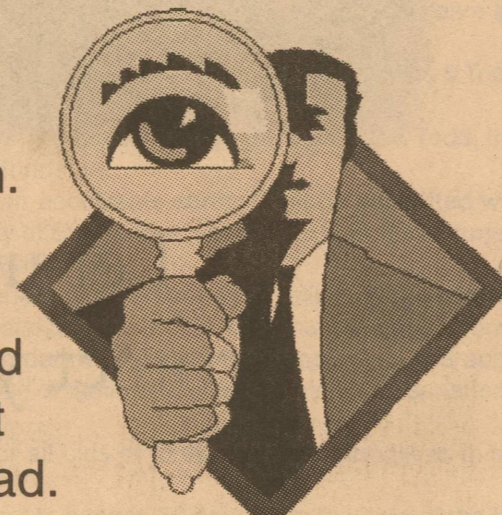


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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

A beautiful Sunday afternoon and a great group of golfers on Jan. 5th. We were so lucky for the weather to cooperate for our regular-Play Day. There were 32 adults ready to play.

1st Place score 59 - Victor Belman, C.R. Sproul, Gordon Jones and Edward Dominguez

2nd Place score 59 - Jon Cartwright, George Scott, Lynn Grif-

fin and Su Scott.

3rd Place score 60 - Moses Hill, Phil McCormick, Joe Garza and Nancy Lester.

Score Cord play off for 1st and 2nd place.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, Feb. 2nd (Ground Hog Day) weather permitting.

Happy Golfing! Keep that smile on your face!



Aerospace Scholar — EHS junior Travis Joiner was accepted recently into the Texas High School Aerospace Scholars Program. He is shown here with his Physics teacher, Amy Rutherford.

Joiner accepted into NASA Aerospace Scholars Program

EHS junior Travis Joiner was accepted recently into the Texas High School Aerospace Scholars Program. The program, sponsored by the NASA, allows students to experience an onsite workshop at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Joiner will attend the workshop during the summer of 2003.

During the week-long workshop, Joiner will work with other students along with engineers and educators to complete a project on Mars exploration. He will receive

tours of the space center, attend briefings by astronauts and engineers, and participate in hands-on activities and field trips.

The experience will undoubtedly be beneficial to Joiner who intends to pursue a career in aerospace engineering.

To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria: must be a U.S. citizen; be at least 16 years of age; be a Texas resident; currently in his/her junior year of high school; display an interest in and an aptitude for math, science, engineering, or computer science; be able to commit to a one-year relationship with JSC, including a designated six-day residential experience during the summer; and have access to the Internet (home, school, or public library) and e-mail.

The High School Aerospace Scholars Program is in its fourth year at NASA. It opened to students for the first time during the summer of 2000.

Free tax help available Feb 8

The American Association of Retired Professionals (AARP) will provide free income tax filing assistance to Schleicher County taxpayers of low and middle incomes, with special attention to those age 60 or older.

AARP volunteers are IRS trained and the service they provide is confidential. They offer to answer tax questions you might have, to prepare your tax return, and to file it electronically.

Local coordinator of the program is Ilse Williams, 853-2460.

The sessions will be held at the Memorial Building on Saturday, February 8th, from 10:00-3:00 p.m. and longer if necessary. In order to avoid unnecessary waiting times, please call for an appointment, 853-2574.

For further questions about the program, call toll free 1-888-AARP-NOW.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Not impressed with local law enforcement

Dear Editor:

As a former citizen of Schleicher County it saddens me to see the current condition of a once loved West Texas town. Eldorado does not consist of much and never will due to oppression and an unwillingness to change, which plagues the county's territory. It appears that the local law enforcement has run off the "real" deputies and replaced them with "traffic cops." During my years of growing up there it was always a joke about having deputies from Mayberry, but I guess this has become reality. During a recent visit to my hometown, I was pulled-over, North of Eldorado on Hwy 277, because my tinted windows appeared too dark in the passing of an officer on the highway. A tint specialist located in the DFW area, where I have had no questions as to the legality of the windows, had professionally tinted them. The officer stated that there was no traffic violation; he just wanted to check the windows to see what percentage of light was entering the vehicle. After doing so on several windows it was clear that the car was tinted in such a fashion that it would appear legal to any consumer. A significant difference was noted in the front and back windows, however, the front windows were reading below the state required levels. Common sense tells me that owning a 2002 model vehicle, with factory UV protection on the windows, will in fact read less than the state required 33% upon purchasing legal tint for the windows. After receiving the citation, I then realized that there obviously has been no allowance for a margin of error for the testing device used. The dirt and grime on the windows also must not affect the device, just as the calibration must not be adjustable. Questions began to arise since the Schleicher County officers' vehicles are tinted very dark and numerous vehicles passed on the highway were noted with "dark" windows. How could one vehicle get singled out and others not even stopped or questioned? It makes no sense. All that aside, when a call was placed to determine what steps were necessary to resolve the matter, the Justice of the Peace explained that "With those dark windows, the car looked as if it came from Mexico because a lot of cars coming from there have windows that almost look black." To me this seems to be discrimination based on where you are from or what type of vehicle you drive. Having had a similar incident in California, I assumed that, like there, a fine would be paid after the windows were shown/proven as corrected. That was not possible. Payment of the ticket is the only way to resolve the problem.

I understand that Eldorado has made numerous traffic stops which have led to drug busts and that's great. I'm glad to see Eldorado is doing its part with the "War on Drugs." Anyhow, I would think that the local law enforcement would be more concerned with a number of vehicles riding around town disturbing the peace with

their music, cars doing donuts at the baseball field, and underage drinking rather than attempting to pull people over for erroneous reasons. The officers could use their "bored/down" time for such things as to study up on how an accident scene should be worked. An example of how this would be beneficiary is on November 27th and accident occurred at the intersection of HWY 277 and Pearl Street. One of the responding officers parked in the middle of HWY 277, creating a "high risk" area, which could lead to additional accidents. Is it TX DOT procedure to block major Highways with patrol cars for minor casualty accidents? If the officer had been trained correctly, the accident would have been moved off to the side of the road and out of the way of traffic. Who is responsible for hiring in new deputies and making sure they are up to par. Is there special training that teaches small town law enforcement how to mis-use county funds and to look for easy ways to harass motorists?

Should the citizens of Eldorado wish to live in a town that is known for this type of behavior that's great. If the town also wishes to lose out on motorists traveling through, supporting the local economy, that is their decision as well. It has been discovered that many people would rather go fifty miles out of their way just to avoid meaningless traffic stops rather than go through Eldorado. I hope the town gets the results that are desired. Until that day, enjoy the tumbleweeds blowing through town because one day that's all that will be left.

Sincerely,
Cory Edmiston



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City council holds regular monthly meeting

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speeding is an issue.

In other business, the council heard from City Superintendent Floyd Fay regarding activity in various city departments. Fay advised that shifting clays soil, caused by recent rains, has caused numerous breaks in water and sewer mains. He said that city crews have been repairing the breaks as quickly as possible.

Randy Mankin then updated the council on a meeting that he had with representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Mankin said that Mike Graber, from the Austin office of the TCEQ, had come to

Eldorado recently to tour the city's old landfill and offered advise on obtaining a 10' aerial extension for the portion that is now open. Mankin said the extension is needed to help prevent water from accumulating on the trash cells and to use up some of soil that is stockpiled on the site. A request for the aerial extension was previously authorized by the council and Mayor Nikolauk signed a cover letter to accompany the formal permit request documents.

Mankin then presented the council with a change order request on the City Hall expansion project. He noted that the contractor had encountered a concrete

ledge, a previously unknown abandoned pipeline, and considerable rock, while excavating for the building's foundation. The council authorized an additional payment of just over \$900 for the work.

In other business, the council reviewed and approved the minutes of the Dec. 9, 2002 meeting. They also went over the monthly bills and authorized a budget amendment. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo reviewed the numbers with the council and distributed the quarterly investment report.

Next, the council called for bids for construction of a water system improvement project. The project, funded mostly by a grant from the Texas Community Development Program, will allow for improvements in the water system in three separate parts of town, plus the installation of an "altitude valve" on the water tower at City Hall. It was explained that restrictions in the water lines connecting the city's two water towers prohibits the North tower from filling. Mankin said the altitude valve will force the North tower to fill, while preventing the City Hall tower from overflowing.

Before adjourning, the council authorized a pay increase for an employee who had completed a 3 month orientation period.

Many thanks — Eagle Booster Club President Bill Hodges presented David Creek with a plaque this week, denoting him as the Eagle Booster Club Supporter of the Year.

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Creek named Eagle Booster of the Year

by Wm. B. Hodges
Booster Club President

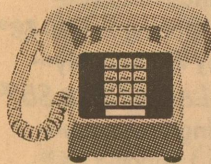
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the goals to make athletics more rewarding for our young people.

Last year's award went to Niblett's Oilfield Service. This year's award goes to David Creek for his outstanding service to our organization.

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Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:
Furnish and install 2" DR21 Class 200, 4" DR18 C900 PVC water line, pavement replacement, 3/4" service re-connections, fire hydrant assemblies, gate valves, steel encasement, 6" and 2" line re-connections, cutting and plugging of existing water lines, tapping sleeves, flush valves, altitude valve assembly, trench and excavation safety system, electrical controls and project sign.

Bid/Contract Documents including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 2500 S. Willis, Ste. 202, Abilene, Texas 76905.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$60.00 with Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit is not refundable.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Eldorado or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Eldorado reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Eldorado for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Eldorado
John Nikolauk, Mayor

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PINOCCHIO (G)	2:15:45	
THE WILD THORNBERRIES (PG)	1:20	5:30:20 9:15
8 MILE (R)	2:00:25	7:10 9:35
THE RING (PG-13)		7:15 9:40

Times good for the week of 1/10 thru 1/16

Monday-Thursday

JUST MARRIED (PG-13)	4:45	7:40
TREASURE PLANET (PG)	4:40	7:00
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG-13)	4:30	7:30
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG-13)		5:00:00
PINOCCHIO (G)	4:50	
THE WILD THORNBERRIES (PG)		5:30:20
8 MILE (R)	4:25	7:10
THE RING (PG-13)		7:15

* No Passes or Discounts

HONOR ROLL Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

SECOND GRADE
Mrs. Sessom's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe*, Ashley Bullard*, Camron Capps*, Shelby Daniels*, Veronica Fuentes*, Jalen Garza*, Lane Griffin*, Edward Hernandez*;
Honor Roll: Lorenzo Fuentes*, Brooke Guerrero*, Nikki Herrera*, Dylan Ramos*, Kevin Solis*;
Mrs. Beach's Class
"A" Honor Roll: John Cody Brenner*, Lori Escobar*, Nicholas Gonzales*, Nancy Iglesias*, Blaine Mitchell*, Avery Nolen*, Rose Turner*, Stacey Valeriano*;
Honor Roll: Paige Boysaw*, Kasey Gonzalez*, Robin Hibbs, Rico Martinez*, Rudy Montez*, Chasity Willis*;
Mrs. Lisa O'Harrow Class
"A" Honor Roll: Ryan Espinosa*, M'Kenna Gillespie*, MaryLou Martinez*, Victoria Olivan*, Brian Parsley*;
Honor Roll: Brittany Arrendondo*, Justin Estrada*, Cody Kohutek*, Ashley Mettlin*, Marcus Perez*, Hagen Porras*, Hector Reyes*, Ruben

Vasquez*
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THIRD GRADE
Mrs. Mikeska's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Autumn Myers-Rush* and Oscar Robles*;
Honor Roll: Melissa Bullard*, Karina Granados*, Polli Guerrero*, Evan Joiner*, Charli Swinford*;
Mrs. McGregor's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Austin Barajas*, Amanda Garcia*, Morgan Gillespie*;
Honor Roll: Ivan Cardenas, Abby Fuentes, Nancy Granados*, Colt Jones*, Ashby Ragsdale*, Brianda Torres*, Dacy Whiddon*;
Mrs. Jones' Class
"A" Honor Roll: Canu Acosta*, Brianah Creek*, Christian Sanchez*;
Honor Roll: Sierra Arispe*, Maddison Bilbrey, Melissa Gonzales*, Domingo Torres*;
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FOURTH GRADE
Mrs. Edmiston's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Miles Mikeska* and Shelby Seymore*;
Honor Roll: Deisy Aranda*, Kymberlin Conn*, Tate Evans, Brenda Galan*, Laura Garcia*, Trevor Harrington*, Allyson Jarrett*, Carli McAngus*, Cruzita Trujillo*;
Mrs. Newman's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Jaymie O'Harrow*, Ashley Paulson*;
Honor Roll: Tyler Farmer, Torey Griggs*, Rosy Iglesias*, Josh Jurecek*, Marci Minor*
Mrs. Melissa O'Harrow Class
"A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo*, J.R. Martinez*, Ben Wipff*;
Honor Roll: Samantha Brown, Eloy Bustos, Briley Ledbetter*, Bailey Minor*, Aaron Parsley*, Zach Taylor*
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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
January 2 • Garcia, David Home-ro, male age 46, arrested by SC Officer, offense Public Intoxication, Resisting Arrest and Transport.
January 3 • Gonzales, Noel Rodriguez, male age 31, arrested by SC Officer, offense Local Warrants. Released time served.
• Benes, John Corey, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, offense Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 oz.). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
• Jones, Tommy Louis, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, offense Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Released time served.

INCIDENT REPORTS
January 1 • 3:28 p.m. Female complainant reported they had been harassed. Officer responded and found everything OK.
• 3:38 p.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist who had ran out of gas 17 miles out on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded.
January 2 • 5:55 p.m. Report of an intoxicated male subject on West Avenue. Officers responded and placed one male subject in custody.
• No Time • Request for an officer to gather information on a possible hunting violation and give to Game Warden.

• 10:05 p.m. Report of loud music at apartment on Eastfield Dr. Officer responded.
January 4 • Complainant on Eastfield Dr. called 911 to report someone was breaking into their apartment. Officers arrived and was unable to locate any intruders.
• 9:23 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an intermediate transfer. EMS responded.
• 10:31 a.m. Complainant on Main St. requested an ambulance for an elderly male. EMS 1 and officer responded.
• 3:41 p.m. Complainant on Hall St. requested an ambulance for female. EMS 2 and officer responded.
• 4:55 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

• 6:30 p.m. Subject reported loose livestock.
January 5 5:05 a.m. Complainant on Cottonwood reported their husband's blood sugar was low. EMS 2 responded.
• 10:21 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.
• 12:12 p.m. Complainant on FM 1828 reported some of their cattle had been stolen. Officer responded.
January 6 • Complainant on FM 2596 reported loose livestock. Officer responded and owner contacted.
• 9:22 p.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from apartment on Eastfield Dr. Officer responded.
January 7 • 6:55 a.m. Complainant reported they would be conducting a controlled burn on County Road C.R. 428.
• 10:30 a.m. Complainant reported losing approximately 7 sheep between their house and the Irion County line on Hwy. 915.

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Card of Thanks

Sincere thanks and our love for all the kind deeds done for us while Bill was in the hospital. Bill and Sarah McCravey

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Angel Tree Project a success. You generosity made the holidays special! Extra Thanks to First National Bank, 1st Community Federal Credit Union, and Duckwalls for hosting a tree, and to Patsy Kellogg for making it all work out. The Schleicher County Welfare Board

The family of Elena Rodriguez would like to thank everybody for their support during the loss of our loved one. The kind words, prayers, food, plants and flowers were appreciated. Rojelio and Juana Rodriguez & Family; Adan and Gracie Rodriguez & Family; Elena and Jimmy Aguilar & Family; Berta and Larry Nicholson & Family

Our facility was filled with laughter and our hearts filled with glee. Your kindness and compassion did not go unnoticed!

That's why we're saying thank you for everything you did for us during the Christmas Holiday and wishing you all a Happy New Year!

The residents at S.C.M.C. Nursing Home want to thank the following group: First United Methodist-Church Martha's Angels.

BID NOTICE

Schleicher County Independent School District is soliciting bid proposals for Metal building with concrete slab, 50x60x10. Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., February 6, 2003, SCISD Administration Office, 205 Field, Eldorado, Texas 76936. Interested parties should contact Gary Grubbs at 915-853-2514 ext. 330. Send to Schleicher County ISD, Attn.: Metal Building, 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.

BID NOTICE

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.

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BID NOTICE

Schleicher County Independent School District is soliciting bid proposals for Auditorium lighting and sound system. Specifications must meet all U.I.L. requirements. Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., February 3, 2003, SCISD Administration Office, 205 Field, Eldorado, Texas 76936. Interested parties should contact Kara Garlitz at 915-853-2514 ext. 421 or John Kotsch at 915-853-2514 ext. 525. Send to Schleicher County ISD, Attn.: Auditorium, P.O. Box W Eldorado, Texas.

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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Pat Cummins. For several years now, Pat has managed to purchase the first copy of the Eldorado Success in each calendar year. She did it again this year and is shown here with it at the Senior Citizens Center which is where the Spotlight camera caught up with her.

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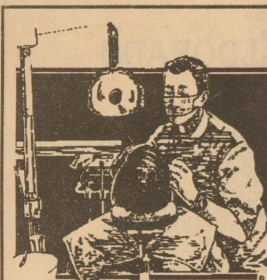
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County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmondson

2002 Agricultural Census surveys arriving

Many of you may have or will be receiving the United States 2002 Agricultural Census sent out by the USDA. I would like to encourage each recipient to complete the survey and return it by the deadline. The information gathered from this census is vital and very important to the future of Agriculture.

If anyone needs any assistance in completing the form, please feel free to contact this office and we will do our best to help you complete it. Remember that if you received a copy of the census, then you need to respond, because it's the law. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Recycling greeting cards

Did you know... Last year San Angelo Friends of the Environment (SAFE) Recycling Center collected 253 pounds or 23,631 cards that were donated to St. Jude's Ranch for abused and neglected children.

Well now that you do... SAFE Recycling Center, 925 Knickerbocker Road will be collecting greeting cards that will be used for the children at St. Jude's Ranch to make crafts and such. The cards will be picked up and transported to Boulder City, Nevada, where the ranch is located by USF Bestway freight company. The last day for donations will be Feb. 14, 2003. Just tear off the back of the card and drop them off. We like them all... old and new!!!



PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN

Under construction — Tony McCrea extended his tape measure Wednesday morning as work progressed on the City Hall expansion project. In the background, Danny McCrea moves a framing board toward the jobsite. Once the foundation work was completed last week, framing began and progress on the job became more apparent to passersby.

Former Eagles coach and quarterback take Bandera to 3A State title in 2002

by Ruby Morrison

Mike Williamson was the football coach for the Eldorado Eagles in 1977 and 1978. He is now the coach for the Bandera Bulldogs.

Randy Morrison played football for the Eldorado Eagles in 1976-77-78-79. His sophomore and junior years Mike was his

coach. After graduation Randy played 2 years of football for the McMurry Indians of Abilene then transferred and graduated from Angelo State.

Mike went to Bandera in April 1993. Randy went to Bandera in August 1993. Out of the ten years they have coached together seven

of these years they have won district and six of these years they have won the semi-finals and the quarter finals before losing. But for the 2002 football season the Bandera Bulldogs have gone all the way and won the State 3A title by defeating Greenwood after two overtimes.

Senior Day 2003 slated at State Capitol

Senior Day 2003 at the Capitol is set for Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. on the front steps of the State Capitol in Austin, Texas.

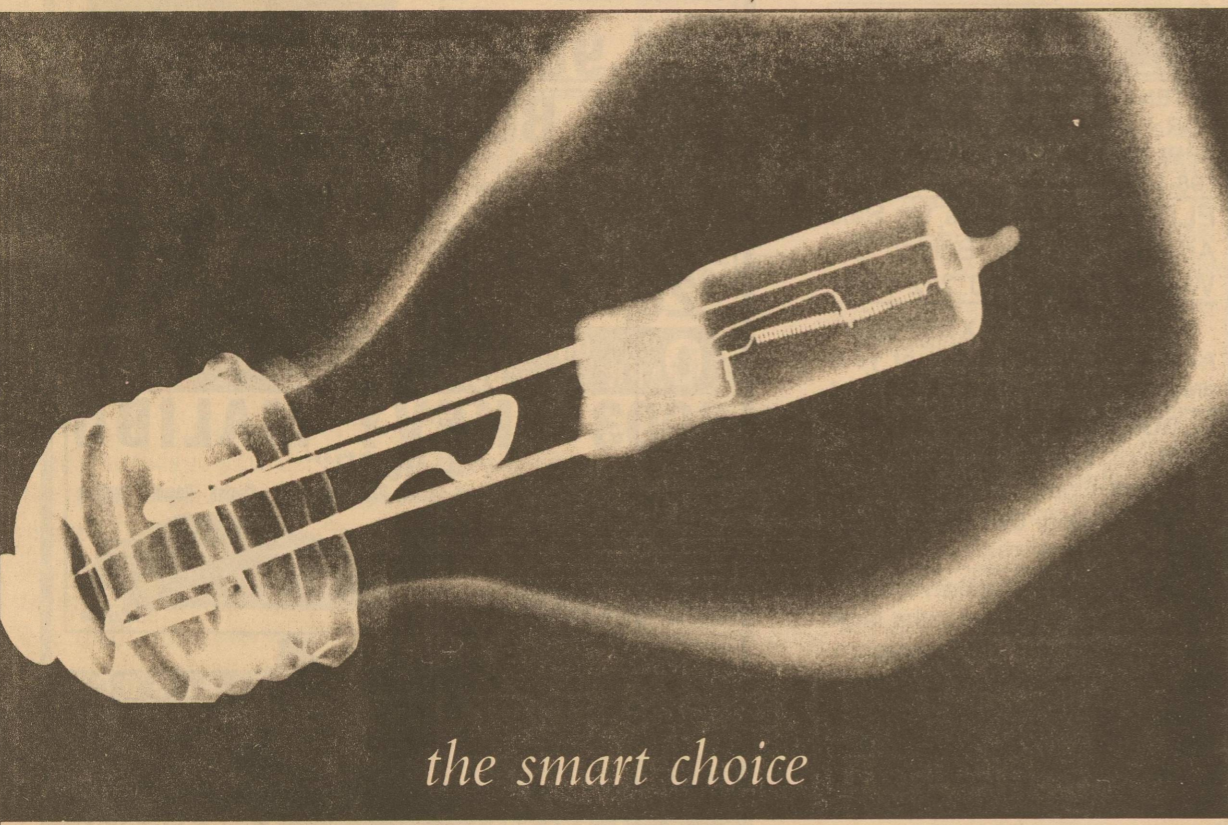
Senior Day 2003 at the Capitol theme is "Seniors: The Heart of Texas," which will focus on senior citizens' past and present contributions to the state, as well as those yet to come.

Guest speakers include the Honorable Greg Abbott, Attorney

General of Texas; Coach Darrell K. Royal; Senator John Carona of Dallas; and Representative Jesse Jones of Dallas. The Texas Department of the American Legion will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem will be led by Ms. Senior America, Texas' own Mary Virginia Tuinstra. At noon, there will be a Texercise Lap around the Capitol with attendees also invited to visit the Senior Day exhibit in the Capitol's

Lower Rotunda with Senator Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin make a presentation.

There is a \$30.00 (not refundable) charge for this trip which includes a round trip ticket on a chartered bus, your lunch, and a snack. For more information on Senior Day 2003 please contact Rosie Quintela or Liz Elliott with the Area Agency on Aging at 915-223-5704 or 1-877-944-9666 by January 20, 2003.



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Most of our members are too young to remember when "lamp" meant "coal oil lamp." Heck, so are we. 1937 is the year most cooperatives started spreading the light. Before then, farms and ranches depended on wood stoves and coal oil and ice blocks for light and cooking and refrigeration. At the time, private power providers didn't see any profit in putting electricity in "the sticks."

So rural families got together and formed electric cooperatives, and with the help of government loans, did it themselves. Just ordinary people, many of them our grandparents and great-grandparents, but they spread the light in the dark land between the cities. All because they believed in the power of people working together: cooperation.

Electric deregulation is based on the belief that competition is better than cooperation. Put electricity on the market and it'll be cheaper. Maybe, maybe not. For now, Southwest Texas Electric Co-op has decided not to opt in to deregulation, at least till we're sure it's right for our members. We think the smart choice is to "wait and see." After sixty years, we've learned a little patience and that what's good for city folk doesn't necessarily apply out here. For more information, visit our web site or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.



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