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## Richters fills vacancy on hospital board

### School nurse fills seat left vacant by death of Delia Pina

Susie Richters was sworn in Monday evening, Feb. 23, 2004, to fill a vacant seat on the Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees. Ms. Richters was appointed last month to fill the vacancy left by the death of Delia Pina in Oct., 2003. She will serve until May, 2004 at which time the 1-year unexpired term will be on the ballot.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Randy Mankin, with trustees Shirley Joiner, Ricky Fuessel, J.D. Doyle, Frank Williams and Jim Martin in attendance. Following Ms. Richters' oath of office, the seven trustees then went behind closed doors for an executive session for the discussion of personnel items. They were joined by Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor and attorney James Kosub. The board returned to open session about an hour later, taking no action on the matter.

The trustees then took up discussion of the hospital district's personnel policy and heard recommendations from Sharon Dietz and James Kosub regarding the employee benefit section of the policy. Following a brief discussion the group voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation to convert vacation

time and sick time into personal time off that employees may take as desired.

Next, the board reviewed and approved the minutes of the Jan. 26, 2004 meeting and heard Quality Assurance reports presented by Nursing Home Director of Nursing Anita Jones and Hospital Director of Nursing Beckie Silva.

Sharon Dietz then advised the trustees that she is considering installing a satellite TV system to replace the facility's current cable TV system. She said she hopes the change will save the facility money over time and was asked to report back on her research at the next board meeting.

Ms Dietz also updated the board on the hospital's retirement plan and advised the trustees that a new direct deposit plan is being implemented for employee's payroll checks.

Dietz noted that a complaint against the nursing home was investigated by a Nursing Home inspector who ruled the complaint was unfounded. She further noted that the hospital's first full survey since joining the Critical Access program three years ago went well, with only one deficiency. She added that the deficiency, involving activity planning for Swing Bed patients, has already been

corrected.

The board then moved on to call for the election of board trustees on May 15, 2004. They also appointed Bessie Jones to serve as Election Judge and Beverly Minor to serve as Early Voting Clerk.

Next, the trustees reviewed and approved new liability property insurance policies. They also okayed the purchase of new carpet for the clinic lobby.

Reviews of the Critical Access Program and the Rural health Clinic Program were then carried out with the board finding that both programs are beneficial to the hospital district and opting to continue participation in both programs.

Before adjourning the trustees authorized two purchasing agreements, allowing the hospital to acquire supplies at discounted rates, and approved a contract with Donnie Burrows, the hospital's courier. They chose to table discussion on the purchase of a piece of equipment called a Biosite Triage Meter, pending more information on costs associated with the device.

The next meeting of the hospital board is slated for Monday, March 22, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the facility's board room.

## TxDOT public hearing offers glimpse of Texas future

The future of transportation in Texas was the subject of a public hearing held Monday, Feb. 23, 2003, at the Schleicher County Courthouse, by representatives of the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT). Hilario Rodarte, TxDOT Area Engineer, based in Sonora, presented a video presentation outlining Gov. Rick Perry's proposed Trans

Texas Corridor.

Rodarte explained to a group of fifteen interested citizens, including the Schleicher County Commissioners court, that the Trans Texas Corridor represents a vision for Texas Transportation as it may exist some 50-years in the future. The centerpiece of the plan is a network of futuristic roadways carrying

truck and passenger car traffic separately, along with a high speed rail line, freight rail service and an section for public utilities.

Rodarte noted that a 1200-ft. wide right-of-way would be required for the proposed roadway, or some 145,455 acres for each linear mile. He explained that a wide array of financing options would be required to help pay for the project, including toll roads, local governmental and private financing, as well as paying a royalty to landowners whose property is used in the project.

Most of the questions from the public concerned the Ports-to-Plains Corridor. Rodarte told the group that the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, slated to follow U.S. 277 through Schleicher County, has already been approved by the U.S. Congress and will be implemented as part of TxDOT's upgrade of the state's Trunk System.

Other concerns expressed were about the viability of high-speed rail transportation in Texas, the need for highway upgrades and economic development in the western part of the state and an almost unanimous disapproval of toll roads as a way of paying for the system.

Judge Johnny Griffin summed up the sentiment about toll roads by saying, "That's what the folks in the big cities would like. They want to build new roads to get us into their towns to spend money, but they also want us to pay for the roads."

Rodarte reminded the group that the Trans-Texas Corridor is a long-range plan and showed them a "conceptual map" outlining possible routes for new roadways, most of the routes roughly paralleled existing roadways. He said the emphasis will be to ease the burden on Texas roads, while increasing safety for the driver.

Public comments are being sought throughout the months of February and April in all 254 Texas counties, Rodarte said.

Rodarte closed the program by asking all in attendance to complete a survey and to draw routes on a map that they would like to see included in the Trans-Texas Corridor plan. He also urged all interested to continue communicating with TxDOT as well as their elected representatives.

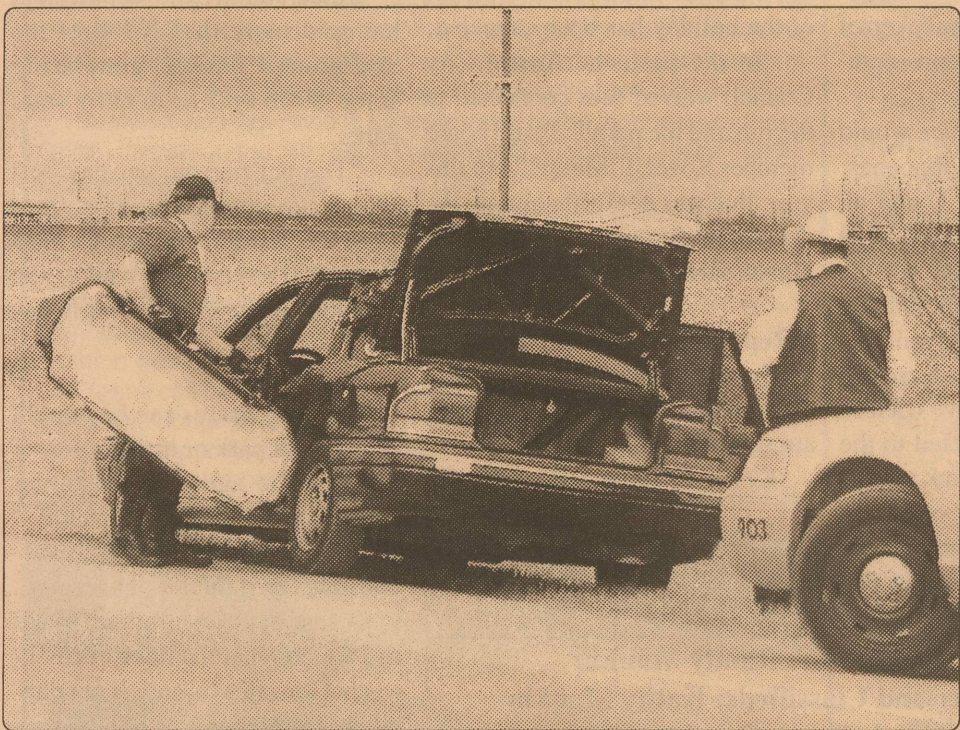


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**Pot hauler** — Deputy Jason Chatham replaced the back seat of this 1993 Mitsubishi after finding a quantity of marijuana hidden under seat. The car was towed to Eldorado where a second search uncovered more pot hidden in the vehicle's doors.

## Traffic stop on U.S. 277 yields 35 lbs. of marijuana

Sheriff's Deputy Jason Chatham notched up another drug bust Monday, uncovering some 35 lbs. of marijuana, with a street value of approx. \$25,000.00, hidden beneath the back seat and inside the door panels of a 1993 Mitsubishi sedan.

Chatham said he pulled the car over Tuesday afternoon on a routine traffic stop, some two miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277. He said he became suspicious after interviewing the driver and asked for and received consent to search the vehicle.

Chatham reports finding several packages of marijuana under the back

seat of the car. He then placed the vehicle's two occupants, Hevers Tino Herrera, 48, and Maria Leyva Herrera, 40, both of Mexico, under arrest.

As the two suspects were being transported to the Schleicher County Jail, their car was towed into town for a more thorough search, revealing even more pot hidden behind the car's door panels. Chatham also confiscated \$700 in cash from the suspects.

At press time, the suspects remained in custody in the County Jail awaiting arraignment before Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle at which time their bonds will be set.

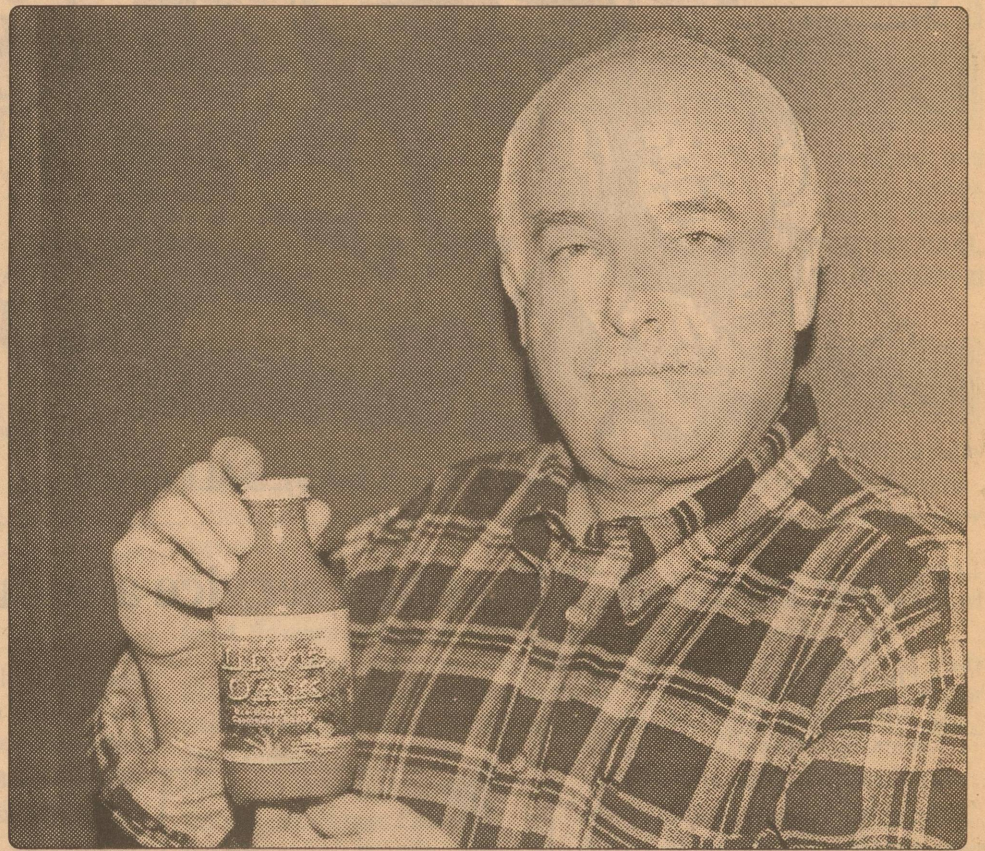


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**Just like his dad used to make it** — Jack Harris displays a bottle of Live Oak Barbecue and Condiment Sauce. The recipe made famous in and around Eldorado by his father, Orland Harris, is now on sale across state.

## Harris puts his dad's Live Oak barbecue sauce on the market

Jack Harris of San Angelo says that when he closed his Trader Jack's furniture store a few months ago, he knew exactly what business he wanted to get into next — one that's been in his family for decades, and one that he has never really gotten away from...barbecue. Having grown up in Eldorado, where his father, Orland Harris, became famous for his oak wood pit barbecue Jack says that he knew the people of Schleicher County would be the first to welcome his new product, Live Oak Barbecue and Condiment Sauce, made strictly by his late father's recipe.

Jack's mother, Dorothy Harris, still lives in Eldorado, as do many of his relatives. Just one more reason, he says, to begin marketing the barbecue sauce here, where it all started.

Over 50 years ago, the Harris family barbecue business began. Tradition and family pride in customer satisfaction has been handed down across three generations. "Pappy" Harris began the business along with his wife, Daisy Buleah. Their second son, Orland Harris carried the business forward and perfected the family's secret barbecue sauce. He promoted full meal catering for large and small groups, while his wife, Dorothy, perfected her mouth-watering potato salad, a

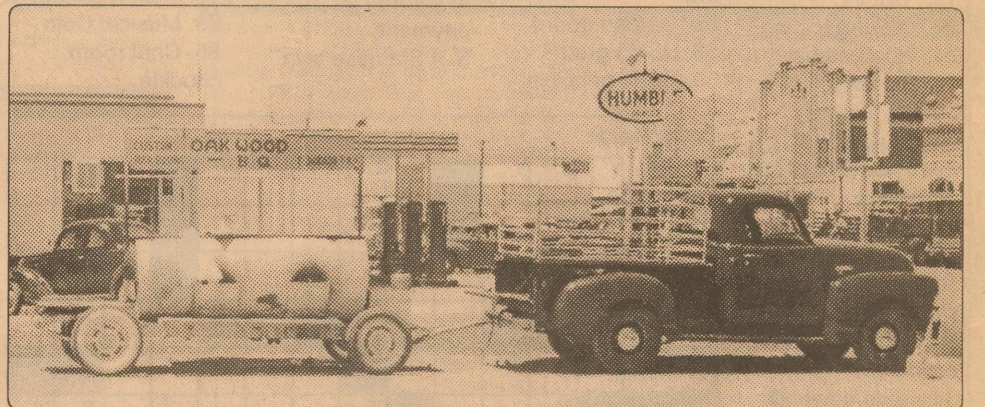
perfect compliment to the barbecue sauce.

As a young man, Orland followed the sheep shearing crews, cooking on open camp fires with dutch ovens from his chuck box. He pioneered the sauce and cooking style that has become a Texas tradition. When he retired, Orland passed the secret sauce recipe to his son, Jack, who had grown up learning the skills and tradition of the Harris family's "old style" of cooking.

Now, for the first time in 50 years, the Harris family secret, their famous Live Oak Barbecue Sauce is for sale to the public and is being marketed across Texas as part of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Go Texan promotion for products from the Lone Star State.

Here in Eldorado, the sauce is on sale at the Eldorado Success office and at the Schleicher County Museum. Stop by either place today, and pick up your own 16 oz. bottle filled with Schleicher County History. The sauce sells for \$3.95 plus tax and may be ordered in larger quantities.

Harris says the sauce is ideal as a condiment or dipping sauce and is particularly tasty with french fries, as a dip for chips or cold cuts and cheese. It's even great as a salad dressing!



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**Where it all started** — This 1940s circa photo shows Orland Harris' "Oak Wood" barbecue pit, parked near the intersection of Murchison Avenue and Southwest Main Street. The Humble station on the corner was located where First National Bank of Eldorado sits today. Note the theater building in the background as well as the 1907 bank building.

## Sheriff warns citizens about recent rash of pet poisonings

Sheriff David Doran asked this week that local citizens be on the look out for a person or persons involved in a recent series of pet poisonings in Eldorado.

Most of the cases involve dogs, but some cats may have been involved, the Sheriff said. He said he suspects that poisoned food items, such as frankfurters dipped or injected with antifreeze, are tossed into yards where pets find and

eat them, or the poisoned articles are left where unleashed and unsupervised animals that may be wandering loose can find them. The animals then usually suffer a slow and painful death, Doran said.

Anyone with information regarding a pet poisoning case is encouraged to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office at 853-2737 or stop by the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center.





MOM DOES A BASEBALL GAME ...

## Those radio & TV public service announcements

I had the privilege of addressing the Texas Association of Broadcasters recently during the organization's 50th anniversary. Among the give away items at the meeting was a CD entitled TAB'S PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT. It mentioned the \$500 million in public service time Texas radio and television stations provided in the past year.

For more than 80 years, Texas radio and television stations have been helping their communities, planning food or clothing drives and working with organizations like the Red Cross and United Way. The PSA's concern issues like education, health care and protecting the environment.

By airing more than 15,000 PSA's per day, Texas radio and television stations show their commitment to public service to the tune of half a billion dollars in just one year. This generosity by 429 of the 1,025 Texas radio and television stations set a record unmatched by any other industry.

Examples of just what broadcasters do to help their communities can be found in most any station. In Big Spring, KBST Radio asks people to drop by sacks of dog and cat food for the humane soci-



by Tumbleweed Smith

ety. The lobby of the station is so filled with the huge bags there's hardly room to get in the front door. Waco's News Talk 1230 morning host and program director Mack Watson says the TAB's annual research project includes information from 42% of stations in Texas about contributions to their communities. Data was analyzed by former UT communication professor Dr. August Grant.

His research showed that each station contributed an average of more than one million dollars in community service air time. To be exact, \$1,165,592. In addition, Texas stations gave cash donations worth \$18.7 million for scholarships, closed captioning services for the hearing impaired and staffing for public service projects. Broadcasters also raised millions of dollars for community efforts like re-stocking food banks, providing school supplies for children whose parents couldn't afford them and helping families with

terminally ill children. 15,968 public service messages aired daily, informing viewers and listeners about such topics as new opportunities in education, availability of health care, flood relief efforts in San Antonio and programs to address family violence.

Texas stations broadcast 5,828,320 advertisements for an array of community service campaigns including annual efforts such as the children's miracle network, coats for kids and a food pantry drive in Waco that brought in more than 450 tons of food. Each station aired an average of 37 public service announcements a day. The 429 stations participating in the research project aired 1,270 political debates and forums during the reporting period. Some opportunities for debate were refused by political candidates.

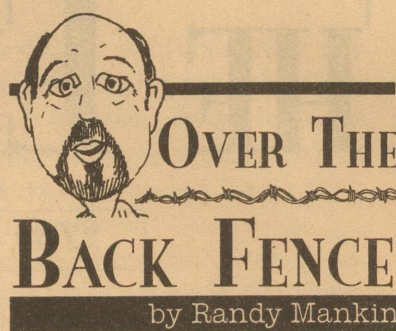
TAB's public service chair Jackie Rutledge summed up the effort like this: "From the smallest to the largest market, stations on a daily basis prove their commitment to serving local communities, the great state of Texas and our country by providing extraordinary leadership to help overcome adversity and build a brighter future for all."

## Charley Waite's brand of foreign policy

Open Range, starring Kevin Costner, is a great movie. Kathy and I saw it Saturday night on pay-per-view and thoroughly enjoyed it. I mention this only because I'm having a little trouble aligning Costner's views on geopolitics to the movies he makes and the characters he plays.

In Open Range, Costner plays Charley Waite, an experienced killer who learned his trade as an irregular (guerilla assassin) during the Civil War. We know this because we get to listen in as Charley tells Boss Spearman, his trail-boss and friend of ten years, played superbly by Robert Duval, how he took the tools he learned while in the military and headed west. He paid his way by selling his services to the highest bidder with no thought about right or wrong.

Never mind that Charley doesn't tell us which side he fought for in the war, and never mind that he isn't clear about how he decided to clean up his act. The premise of the movie is that at some point in time, Charley turned away from killing, at least for a livelihood, and joined up with Boss, a free grazer who sells cat-



tle after fattening them up on the open range.

Naturally, Charley and Boss are the good guys and it isn't long before they find themselves having to make some tough decisions, forced on them by a land baron who thinks he controls all the open range.

Neither of the men want to take the law into their own hands, but they feel they must, and they reason that the threat is so great that they just can't wait for help from the outside. "It would take too long to get a U.S. Marshal in here," the audience is told.

When the big show down comes, the heroes choose to march right into town, albeit in the middle of the night, take over the jail and wait for the bad guys to come to them (sort of like charging into downtown Baghdad). In antcipa-

tion of the shootout to come, Charley tells boss to follow his lead and let him handle the land baron's hired killer, a tough guy named Butler. As the two men step out to face down the land baron's gunmen, Charley pulls his Colt and shoots first, sending a .45 round through Butler's forehead.

The part I find odd about all this is that the situation in the movie is so similar to what happened in Iraq. Except in that instance, Kevin Costner urged against taking preemptive action and said Bush should wait, not for the U.S. Marshal, but for the United Nations.

Now before you start telling me how Costner is only an actor playing a role, remember, he not only starred in Open Range but produced and directed it. It was his movie...his vision.

On August 6, 2003, Costner criticized President Bush and his "squinty-eyed Wyatt Earp posturing" and urged the president to exercise restraint. I can't help but wonder if that was before or after he filmed the scene where Charley Waite sent Mr. Butler to meet his maker.

## Travis Co. DA probes House Speaker records

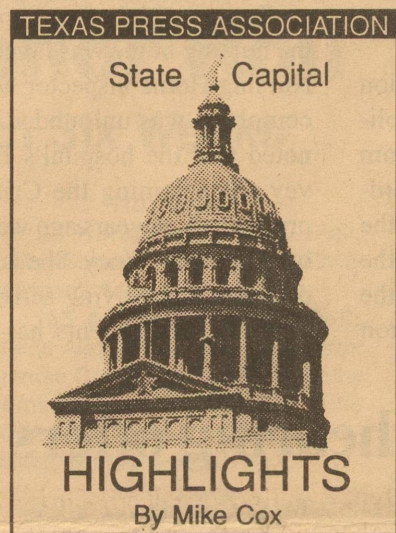
AUSTIN — Early voting in the March 9 primary began Monday, but in Austin political observers were busy counting subpoenas issued by the Travis County District Attorney's office in its investigation of House Speaker Tom Craddick.

In a written statement announcing that a subpoena seeking records had been served on Craddick, district attorney Ronnie Earle said the current investigation traces to a probe begun by his office in late 2002 into possible corporate campaign contributions on the part of the Texas Association of Business.

That investigation, he said, led to a look at how the group Texans for a Republican Majority raised and used contributions. During that investigation, Earle said "possible criminal conduct in connection with the race for speaker of the Texas House of Representatives was uncovered."

Craddick said his office would fully comply with the subpoenas.

"I am satisfied that I, and all other candidates for speaker of the House of Representatives for the 78th Legislature, conducted our races appropriately, and I am happy to have helped elect a Republican majority — as I have tried to do since I was first elected to the House in 1968," Craddick said in



a prepared statement.

### Party's still on, parade's off...

Texas Independence Day March 2 will be observed in ceremonies at the State Cemetery and on the south steps of the Capitol, but a parade and 5K run in honor of the holiday has been canceled.

"In the past, the Austin City Council waived fees connected to the run and the parade," said board member Roger T. Moore, "but this year, that was not forthcoming. We decided to regroup and plan an even bigger parade for March 2, 2005."

### 2 Republicans head to Senate

Two Republicans won special election runoffs for two Texas Senate seats Feb. 17.

Kevin Eltife received 46,428

votes, 52 percent, for District 1 in northeast Texas. Democrat Paul Sadler received 43,094 votes, 48 percent.

Kel Seliger, the former mayor of Amarillo, is the new state senator for District 31 in the Panhandle. Seliger finished with 41,101 votes, 56.16 percent, to opponent Kirk Edwards of Odessa who garnered 32,091 votes, or 43.84 percent.

The totals are unofficial until canvassed by the governor.

### New park pass raises revenue...

The Parks and Wildlife Department is selling a small piece of plastic good for admission to the state's 120 parks and historic sites, camping discounts and other benefits at state recreational facilities.

Since Jan. 1, the department has sold more than 3,300 of the \$60 annual passes, generating some \$200,000 to benefit state parks.

"The per-person, per-day cost of coming into parks varies from \$2 to \$5," said TPW Director Walt Dabney, "so it doesn't take you very long or very many trips to pay for the pass."

The new passes can be bought at any state park or historic site or through the agency's customer contact center at 512-389-8900.

### Gonzales bird flu not dangerous...

A case of avian influenza found in a noncommercial flock of chickens in Gonzales County is not dangerous to humans or poultry, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The strain identified in that county was a low pathogenic virus that is commonly found in bird populations, the department said.

The poultry industry injects more than \$1 billion into the Texas economy each year, the department said. Of that, \$123 million in 2002 came through exports.

"The discovery of this case in Texas could have tremendous trade implications," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, "and the TDA will continue to monitor the situation."

### Try some aluminum wings...

Poultry is important to Texas, but it's chicken feed compared to the impact aviation has on the state. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, the state's 10 largest airports support more than 630,000 jobs and bring more than \$34 billion to Texas' economy.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

1. Enjoy the rink
6. Tummy trouble
11. Shelley's "Queen"
14. Filled with freight
15. Runs a 10K
16. Old TV's "You \_\_\_ There"
17. Fruity soft drink
19. "Get it?"
20. Lacking locks
21. "You betcha!"
22. Soldier's helmet, slangily
24. Toughened
26. It has a floor but no ceiling
27. Steiger or Stewart
28. NASA mission start
31. Adrien of cosmetics
34. Glide downhill
35. Play about Capote
36. Jack or joker
37. TV exec Arledge
38. Feeder filler
39. "\_\_\_ had it!"
40. Unlike a dirt road
41. Gripped tightly

### DOWN

2. Piggish sorts
3. Gold purity measure
4. Allan-\_\_\_ (Robin Hood cohort)
5. Offered as a payment
5. A Siamese twin

### ACROSS

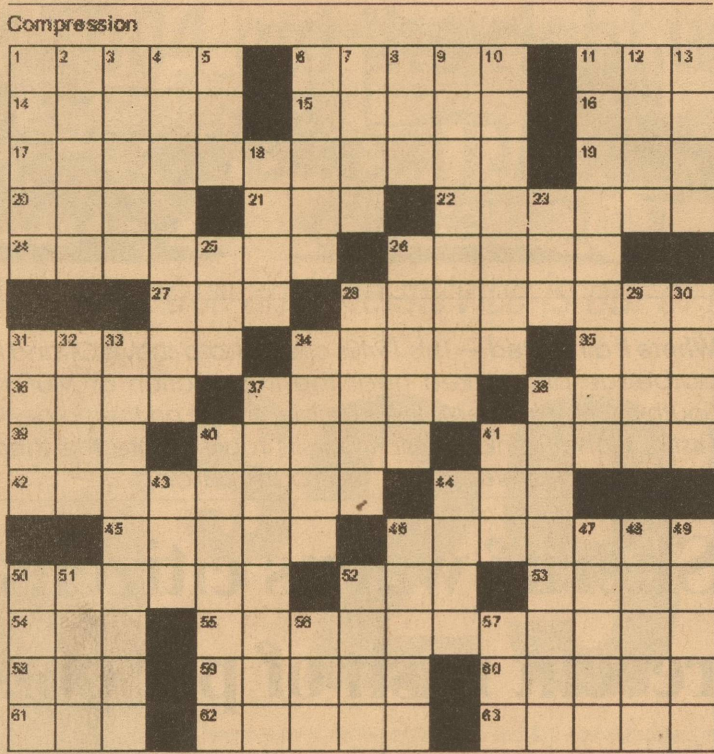
42. Like a ghost town
44. California wine, for short
45. Rowboat's rear
46. Rock's \_\_\_ Mode
50. Classic Chevy
52. Media mogul
53. Auto or pluto follower
54. Bush Sr.'s former org.
55. Garden gourd
58. USNA grad
59. Basic principle

### DOWN

60. Old hat
61. \_\_\_ Moines, Iowa
62. \_\_\_ Park, Colo.
63. \_\_\_ Wences

### ACROSS

6. Rainbowshaped
7. Role for Robin Williams
8. Post-E.R. place
9. Precedentsetting trial
10. Most pastyfaced
11. Propositioners' letters
12. Square footage
13. Borscht base
18. Took a gander at
23. Musical Cole
25. Chat room chuckle
26. Chan portrayer Warner \_\_\_
28. Got on the ump
29. Set loose
30. Wascally Wabbit pursuer
31. Acetic or boric
32. Super review
33. Reporter's means of entrance
34. Witches' gathering
37. Commuters' routines, often
38. Cushy gig
40. Church dignitary
41. Dignitary, for short
43. H, in Greece
44. Last letters, in Britain
46. Fender flaws
47. Jeanne of "State Fair"
48. Must
49. Early anesthetic
50. Slathered frosting on
51. "Make \_\_\_ a double"
52. Sloth's hangout
56. Windsor's prov.
57. Oil amts.



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# OBITUARIES

## Gus Eustace

SONORA — Gus Calvin Eustace was born to Thomas Brooks Eustace and Blanche Rice Eustace on Nov. 29, 1919, in rural Atascosa County. He passed away Feb. 23, 2004, at the age of 84.

After his mother died when he was five, he and his brother were reared by their father on various ranches in the South Texas brush country. Knowing that a good education was important, he and his older brother rode horseback to school, sometimes as far as 25 miles. He graduated from Campbellton High School and attended Texas A&I in Kingsville prior to service in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was in the 65th Armored Field Artillery and was awarded the Purple Heart and several Bronze Stars.

After returning from the war, he married Anna Mary Campbell on May 5, 1946. Most of his married life was spent on Harrison ranches, near Campbellton and Sonora. In 1990, he retired after 50 years with the Harrisons and moved to Sonora.

Gus was preceded in death by an infant son, Gus Calvin Eustace Jr.; his parents; two sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years; two daughters, Sherry Johnson and husband, Bob, of Eldorado and Kari MyCue and husband, Richard, of San Antonio; one son, Joe Brooks Eustace and wife, Melinda, of Pleasanton; a sister, Edith McCord of San Angelo; grandchildren, Ashley Moore and husband, Brent, of Eldorado, Lindsay Cranek and husband, Frank, of San Angelo, Arden MyCue and husband, Jesse Henderson, of Austin, Merrick and Ferris MyCue of Austin and Avery and Brooks Eustace of Pleasanton; a great-granddaughter, Logan Blair Moore; a nephew, Thomas Eustace McMullan; and nieces, Sandra Wilder and Diedre Almaguer.

The family extends its sincere thanks to the employees of the Schleicher County Medical Center for their wonderful care. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. The family requests memorials to a charity of choice.

## Ethel Louise Kenney

SAN ANGELO — Ethel Louise Kenney, 80, of San Angelo passed away on Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at her residence after a brief illness.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado, Texas, with Mr. Ray Don McIntosh officiating.

Ethel was born on June 30, 1923, in Jewel, Texas, to Ethelbert and Lizzie Wilson. She married Clay J. Kenney on Jan. 28, 1942. A devoted wife and mother, she worked as a telephone operator early in life, and after marrying and raising two sons, spent many

long years at Hemphill Wells where she retired. Although living in San Angelo most of her life, a home away from home on the Colorado City Lake was a delightful refuge she truly enjoyed. She was a member of the Johnson Street Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Clay Kenney of San Angelo; two sons, Donald Clay and Kenneth Wayne; four grandchildren, Jennifer, Jay-land, Christopher and Keith; and two great-grandchildren, Kanton and Katie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine sisters.

## Ofilia R. Salazar

ELDORADO — Ofilia R. Salazar, 54 of Mertzson and formerly of Eldorado passed away Saturday February 21, 2004 at her residence. Services were Monday February 23, 2004 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She is survived by 3 sons:

Daniel Salazar of Mertzson, Ramon Salazar of Weinert, and Martin Limones of Stamford, a daughter Christine Jimenez of Mertzson, a brother Ernest Salazar of Mesquite, 5 sisters Irma Guadarma of Mertzson, Eloisa Salazar of O'Brien, Margarite Slaughter, Martha Corjena and Emma Gutierrez, all of Sweetwater.

## Joseph William Whitley

SAN ANGELO — Joseph William Whitley, 77, passed away on Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, surrounded by loved ones.

Funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 24, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Dahlberg with Sierra Vista United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was a private service for the family in the Eldorado Cemetery.

J.W. was born to H.H. "Pete" and Effie Belle Whitley on the Will Davis Ranch in Schleicher County. He attended school in Christoval and Eldorado before joining the U.S. Navy in 1943. He also served in the Merchant Marines.

He married Barbara Parsley in 1955. They moved to Spokane, Wash., where J.W. fell in love with the beauty of the rugged wilderness of the Northwest. He later moved to Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, where he invested in land and timber. He loved to hunt and took many friends on hunting trips during his lifetime. He was a great outdoorsman who understood and valued all aspects of nature.

He married Sabra Carter on Aug. 30, 1991, in San Angelo, Texas. They lived in Bonner's Ferry from 1991-96 before returning to San Angelo. They enjoyed the many activities and trips they took

with their numerous friends at Rio Concho West. J.W. will be greatly missed by his buddies at the domino and card games at Rio Concho West.

J.W. was preceded in death by his parents; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Alberta and "Happy" Holland, Selma Meador Baxter and her husband, J.H., Juanita Starnes Wilson, Jack Starnes and Cliff Wilson. His father-in-law, Fred Carter also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Sabra Carter Whitley; two sons, Jed Whitley and wife, Debbie, and Dirk Whitley, all of Everett, Wash.; granddaughter, Aubrey Cranson; and grandson, Shane Whitley. He is also survived by three nieces, Jean Meador Brazzel and her husband, Charlie, of Eldorado, "Dinky" Meador Bailey of Fort Worth and Jackie Stevenson and her husband, Mark, of San Angelo; and one nephew, Ed Starnes and his wife, Nancy, of Benbrook, Texas. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Mary Carter.

Honorary pallbearers are Billie Weston, Lee Purdham, Bill Green, Bill Reynolds, Byron Phillips, Dusty Brazzel, Carl White and Milton Clark. Memorials may be made to The West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road., San Angelo, TX 76904.



**UIL Lakeview Invitational 3rd Place Sweepstake Winners:** Above (Front L-R) Travis Joiner, Tony Chavez, Rachel Joiner and Diego Barrera, (Back L-R) Josh Trejo, Kyle Taylor and Will Whitten, (Inset) Mitchell Cole. The group brought home various medals, ribbons and three trophies.

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN

## EHS grabs 6 Gold medals & 3rd in Sweepstakes at Lakeview HS

3rd Place Sweepstakes trophy now graces the trophy case in Eldorado High School for two firsts and two seconds place at the Lakeview Invitational Practice UIL Academic contest on February 21, 2004 in San Angelo.

Eldorado competed with twelve other schools in the Small School Division in Calculator, Mathematics, Number Sense, and Science. Eldorado High School science teachers Mrs. Angela Case and Mrs. Amy Rutherford traveled with the students to the Lakeview Invitational.

Eldorado's students took home six gold medals. One in Calculator, Mathematics and Science and two in Number Sense. Travis Joiner took top honors in Physics overall.

Eldorado's Calculator team and Number Sense placed 1st in the Small Schools Division and received a trophy for the school's trophy case.

Calculator team member Josh Trejo was first place medalist. Team member Mitchell Cole medaled placing 3rd and Tony Chavez placed 6th. All competed in the 12th grade division and their sponsor is Mrs. Amy Rutherford.

There were two first place medalists from Eldorado in Number Sense. Josh Trejo was gold medalist in the senior division and Diego Barrera was gold medalist in the sophomore division. Travis Joiner received a silver in the se-

nior division and Will Griffin received a bronzed in the junior division of Number Sense. Mr. Tom Gray is the Number Sense sponsor and the team earned another trophy.

Mathematics team placed 2nd with Will Griffin placing first in the Junior Division. Josh Trejo placed 2nd in the senior division. Senior Travis Joiner received a 4th place ribbon and sophomore Rachel Joiner placed 8th.

The Science Team placed 2nd overall. Junior Will Griffin placed 1st and senior Travis Joiner placed 2nd. Third place medalist was senior Tony Chavez. senior Josh Trejo placed 4th and sophomore Kyle Taylor placed 5th. Mrs. Angela Case and Mrs. Amy Rutherford are the Science team sponsors. Competition information was provided by Teresa Vasquez, Eldorado High School U.I.L. Director.

## Eldorado Forecast

Thu 2/26	Fri 2/27	Sat 2/28	Sun 2/29	Mon 3/1
54/27	59/31	65/44	68/40	67/38
Cloudy with rain and snow showers diminishing in the morning.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

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## Lady Eagles claim 4 spots on All-District squad

The District 2-2A All-District Girls Basketball Team was announced this week after all three of its playoff teams were eliminated from the state tourney. Eldorado's Lady Eagles placed four players on the team, with senior Clara

Herrera being named to the First Team squad. Senior Kasey Boysaw and junior Jessica Robertson each were named to the 2nd Team All-District squad while sophomore Chandra Wanoreck was named to the Honorable Mention Team.

Reagan County's Leah Fisher and Wall's Lauren Wieshuhn were named as the district's Most Valuable Offensive Players while Corie Davidson of Reagan County was named Defensive MVP.

Keli Davidson of Reagan County was selected as the District 2-2A Newcomer of the Year.

County and Coach Jerney Williams of Wall shared the Coach of the Year Honors.

Each year the All-District squad is selected by the district's coaches who nominate players from their own teams. The coaches are prohibited from voting for their own players, however.

**School Lunch Menu**

**Milk & Bread Offered**  
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 Breakfast  
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/ each BREAKFAST MENU

**Monday, MARCH 1**  
 Butter Rice, Toast/Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, MARCH 2**  
 Waffles/Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Wednesday, MARCH 3**  
 Biscuits/Sausage, Choice of Juice, Jelly, Milk

**Thursday, MARCH 4**  
 Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk

**Friday, MARCH 5**  
 Pancake on a stix/syrup, Pears, Grape Juice

**BASKET LINE**

**Monday, MARCH 1**  
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Pickles Spears, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, MARCH 2**  
 Steak Burger, French Fries, Sandwich Salad, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits

**Wednesday, MARCH 3**  
 Chef Salad/Crackers, Diced Ham/ Cheese Dip, Sliced Peaches, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

**Thursday, MARCH 4**  
 Steak Fingers, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Cowboy Cookies

**Friday, MARCH 5**  
 Barbecue on Bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves.

**CAFETERIA LINE**

**Monday, MARCH 1**  
 Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, MARCH 2**  
 Lasagna, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits

**Wednesday, MARCH 3**  
 Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sliced Peaches, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

**Thursday, MARCH 4**  
 Cowboy Beans/Cornbread, Potato Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Cowboy Cookies

**Friday, MARCH 5**  
 Barbecue on a Bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

### J.V. GIRLS

**CORRECTION**  
 January 27, 2004  
 Eldorado 07-06-05-10=28  
 Grape Creek 02-11-00-08=21  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Karina Sanchez 3, Katey Blair 19, Myra Robles 4, Tiffany Hernandez 2. 3 Point Goals: Blair (1). Also playing Josie Diaz, Sandra Guzman, Kristin Mittel, and Krista Troy.

January 30, 2004  
 Eldorado 08-14-15-12=49  
 Sonora 07-06-15-14=42  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Alicia Corrales 4, Britney Sellers 2, Karina Sanchez 4, Katey Blair 22, Tiffany Hernandez 3, Josie Diaz 6, Kristin Mittel 1, Myra Robles 7. 3 Point Goals: Hernandez (1). Also playing Anna Fuentes, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Marianne Guzman, Kimberly Samaniego, and Krista Troy.

February 3, 2004  
 Eldorado 10 -08 -05 -00 = 23  
 Big Lake 07 -13 -06 -16 = 42  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Chelsea Sellers 2, Katey Blair 13, Josie Diaz 1, Marianne Guzman 4, Kristin Mittel 2, Myra Robles 1. Also playing: Karina Sanchez.

February 6, 2004  
 Eldorado 09 -13 -06 -10 = 38  
 Wall 06 -13 -15 -05 = 39  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Karina Sanchez 11, Katey Blair 20, Marianne Guzman 8. Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Anna Fuentes, Chelsea Sellers, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Josie Garza, Kristin Mittel, Myra Robles, Kimberly Samaniego.

### J.V. GIRLS

February 10, 2004  
 Eldorado 05-10-08-10=33  
 Ozona 16-09-06-16=47  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Alicia Corrales 4, Karina Sanchez 1, Katey Blair 19, Josie Diaz 2, Marianne Guzman, 1, Kristin Mittel 4, Myra Robles 2. Also playing: Anna Fuentes, Britney Sellers, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, and Kimberly Samaniego

**8th GRADE GIRLS**  
 Mason Tournament  
 January 17, 2004  
 Eldorado 02-08-02-02=14  
 Mason 11-02-14-10=37  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kassi Tyler 2, Ashley Lozano 2, Chelsey Hill 8, Macy Chatham 2. Also playing: Deisy Rios, Blake Chatham, Amika Gonzales, Alli Perez, Desiree Valeriano, Chelsey Pridemore.

February 2, 2004  
 Eldorado 02-01-01-03=05  
 Wall 10-14-08-08=40  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Deisy Rios 1, Alli Perez 1, Chelsey Hill 2, Macy Chatham 1. Also playing were: Blake Chatham, Amika Gonzales, Kassi Tyler, Ashley Lozano, Desiree Valeriano and Chelsey Pridemore.

February 9, 2004  
 Eldorado 00-03-02-10=15  
 Ozona 05-08-09-07=30  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Deisy Rios 2, Ashley Lozano 2, Desiree Valeriano 2, Chelsey Hill 9. Also playing Blake Chatham, Amika Gonzales, Kassi Tyler, Alli Perez and Macy Chatham.

### 8th GRADE GIRLS

January 27, 2004  
 Eldorado 02-00-00-04=06  
 Reagan Co. 08-08-08-06=30  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Ashley Lozano 4, Chelsey Hill 2. Also playing were: Deisy Rios, Blake Chatham, Amika Gonzales, Kassi Tyler, Alli Perez, Desiree Valeriano, Macy Chatham and Chelsey Pridemore.

February 2, 2004  
 Eldorado 02-01-01-03=05  
 Wall 10-14-08-08=40  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Deisy Rios 1, Alli Perez 1, Chelsey Hill 2, Macy Chatham 1. Also playing were: Blake Chatham, Amika Gonzales, Kassi Tyler, Ashley Lozano, Desiree Valeriano and Chelsey Pridemore.

February 9, 2004  
 Eldorado 00-03-02-10=15  
 Ozona 05-08-09-07=30  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Deisy Rios 2, Ashley Lozano 2, Desiree Valeriano 2, Chelsey Hill 9. Also playing Blake Chatham, Amika Gonzales, Kassi Tyler, Alli Perez and Macy Chatham.

## Elgoatarod event added

by Jim Runge  
 If you own or have access to a goat, but don't have the time or know how to build a cart, wagon, carriage, chariot, etc. for the Elgoatarod, scheduled for March 6 & 7 on the courthouse square, a new event has been added just for you. A "Goat Busting" race will be held each day where youngsters can get on the back of a goat and ride it over a short course on grass on the courthouse lawn. There is also a stupid goat trick category if you have a goat that is stupid...or does a stupid trick!

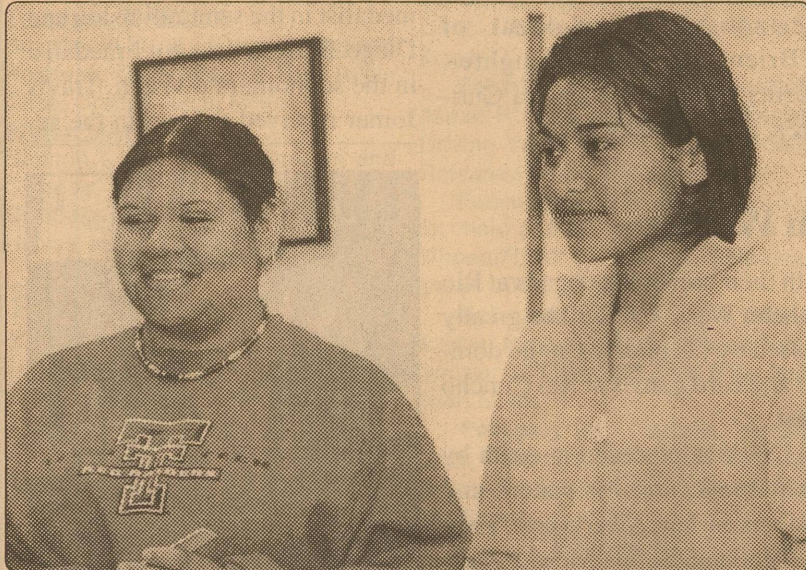


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**Arcade fun planned** — (L-R) Juanita Segura and Selvia Aranda presented got permission from the Schleicher County Commissioners on Monday for an "Arcade" Youth Group, including youths in grades 7-12 to use the Corral Room of the Memorial Building for a youth activity center.

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## Commissioners asked to freeze taxes on senior citizens

Brigitte Rogers of Sonora, representing the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, addressed the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday, February 23, and urged them to implement Proposition 13. Ms. Rogers explained that Prop. 13 was a constitutional amendment that was approved by the voters on September 13, 2003. The amendment allows governmental taxing entities to freeze property taxes for citizens over the age of 65, as well as disabled residents, who claim homestead exemptions. Rogers told the court that 72 percent of Schleicher County residents voted in favor of the amendment.

Prior to the adoption of Prop. 13, only school districts were allowed to freeze taxes on senior citizens.

Others present to express their support for the implementation of Prop. 13 in Schleicher County were August & Mary Roden, and Gene & Vernel McCalla. Also on hand for the discussion was Scott Sutton, Chief Appraiser of the Schleicher County Appraisal District.

Ms. Rogers advised the court that Schleicher County currently has 17 disabled residents is home to 217 senior citizens who claim homestead deductions. She explained the purpose of the bill is not to cut or eliminate taxes on seniors and the disabled, but to merely freeze the tax rate at its current level. Seniors will continue to pay their fair share, she said, they just won't have to pay a tax increase if one is implemented.

Ms. Rogers also noted that the amendment does allow for property valuations to be increased on homes subject to Prop. 13, if improvements are made or property values rise. The only thing that would be frozen is the tax rate, she explained.

After asking several questions about the issue, the commissioners opted to postpone action on the question until all commissioners were present.

The meeting was the second for commissioners during February. Judge Johnny Griffin was on hand as were Commissioners Johnny Mayor and Kirk Griffin. Commissioners Bill Clark and Matt Brown were absent.

In other business, Angela Belman met with the commissioners on behalf of Eldorado Youth Baseball, regarding the use of rest rooms and concession stand at the ball park during the for the upcoming baseball season. She noted that the ice machine in the concession stand is broken and that the room is in disarray. She added that the building was clean and everything was in working order at the close of the 2003 baseball season.

Judge Griffin advised Ms. Belman that the county has similar problems at the Memorial Building and Civic Center due to the fact that numerous people and groups use the facilities and the fact that the county has no one to check on things. Ultimately, the men agreed to pay for repairing the ice machine and ordered new locks to be installed on the facility. Ms. Belman assured the commissioners that the concession stand and rest rooms will be properly maintained by the Eldorado Youth Baseball group while they are in use of the property.

Next, City Administrator Randy Mankin met with the court regarding the status of an interlocal agreement the city and county are working out. Judge Griffin advised Mankin that he had no problems with the draft agreement presented at the commissioners meeting on Feb. 9th except that the county's insurance provider would want the city to indemnify the county for any problems that might arise with the housing of city prisoners in the county jail. Mankin said that while he couldn't speak

for the City Council, he believed they would understand the need for the change.

Mankin then brought up the subject of providing dumpsters for county residents. The commissioners agreed that it would be a good idea to place dumpsters on the north side of the courthouse the use of county residents with the county paying the going rate for the number of pickups required to service the dumpsters. Mankin explained that the city currently charges \$95 per month for a commercial dumpster that is picked up 5 times per week. He said the pickups could be adjusted as needed and the charge prorated if necessary. That seemed to please the commissioners who asked Mankin to add the language about the

dumpsters to the proposed interlocal agreement, along with the indemnity clause.

Next, Judge Griffin advised the court that a contract has been received from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, L.L.P. for the collection of delinquent court fines. The court voted to accept the contract. The motion also stated that Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle will set the date to start the collections.

Judge Griffin read to the court a resolution opposing the Texas State Land Office's Proposed Leasing of State Water Resources. No action was taken until all the commissioners were present.

In other business, the men approved a \$25,000 bond for Deputy Treasurer Angie Bownds. They

also heard an update on the new fuel system at the airport. Aviation fuel will be sold for \$2.10 per gallon with pilots paying at the pump with a credit card. The credit card reader is currently being set up.

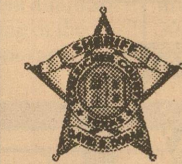
The men then authorized the expenditure of \$1,000 for a lectern that can accommodate a wireless microphone for the Civic Center.

A request from Mark Stull of Christoval was then heard, asking the court to waive the insurance requirement for leasing an airport hangar. It was explained that Mr. Stull owns an ultra-light aircraft that cannot be insured under regular insurance. He was asking the court to allow him to post a bond in lieu of insurance to cover any damages to the hangars and their

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## To the voters of Schleicher County:

In response to numerous questions I have received about the two party primaries, I would like to explain that I do not have an opponent in the upcoming March 9th Republican primary. I understand that many of my supporters want to vote in one or both of the contested races in this year's Democratic primary. Please, feel free to vote as you see fit. I appreciate your concern and I will be asking for your votes in the General Election in November. Thank you, and remember to vote on March 9, 2003.



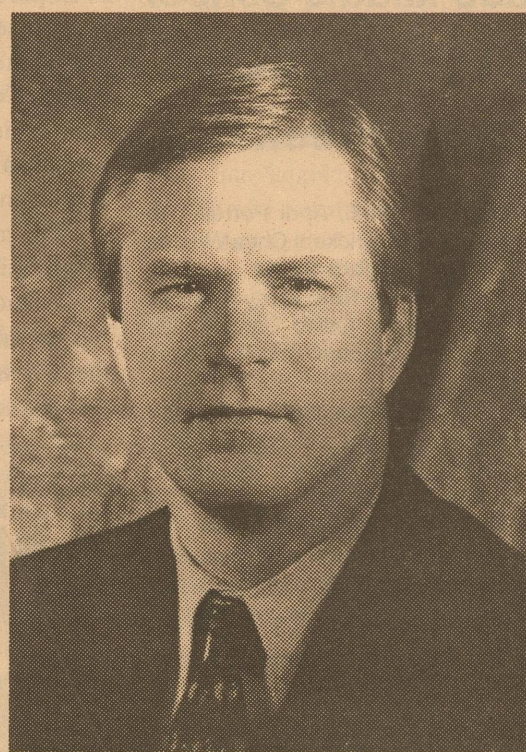
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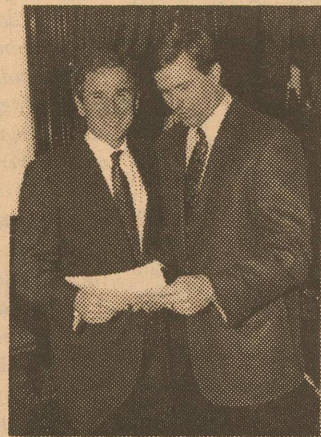
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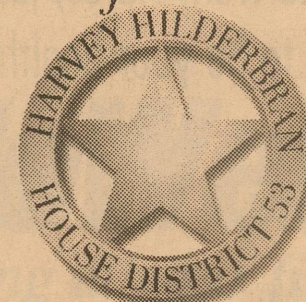
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**Mrs. McGregor's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Addye Chatham, Ysenia Ramirez  
**Honor Roll:** Madison Albin, Brittany Galan, Macy Mikeska, Jackson O'Harrow, Maria Reyes, Adriana Rios  
**Mrs. Mikeska's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Odette Barrientos, Justin Estrada, Abriana Islas  
**Honor Roll:** Elizabeth Olivares, Juan Carlos Aranda, Bailey Espinosa, Carlos Guzman  
**Third Grade**  
**Mrs. Beach's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: John Cody Brenner, Lori Escobar, Avery Nolen, Rose Turner, Stacey Valeriano  
**Honor Roll:** Paige Boysaw, Robin Hibbs, Nancy Iglesias, Blaine Mitchell, Rudy Montez, Kacy Gonzales  
**Mrs. O'Harrow's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: McKenna Gillespie, Mary Lou Martinez, Vic-

**Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks**

toria Olivan, Marcus Perez,  
**Honor Roll:** Ryan Espinosa, Brian Parsley, Hagen Porras, Hector Reyes,  
**Mrs. Sessom's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe, Austin Stapp  
**Honor Roll:** Camron Capps, Shelby Daniels, Jalen Garza, Lane Griffin, Edward Hernandez, McCall Miller  
**Fourth Grade**  
**Mrs. Edmiston's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Abby Fuentes  
**Honor Roll:** Morgan Gillespie, Clarissa Gomez, Evan Joiner, Dacy Whiddon  
**Mrs. O'Harrow's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Amanda Garcia, Shelby Seymore, Charli Swinford  
**Honor Roll:** Maddison Bilbrey, Brianah Creek, Karina Granados, Christian Sanchez  
**Mrs. Newman's Class**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Oscar Robles  
**Honor Roll:** Canu Acosta, Cesar Cruz, Nancy Granados, Polli Guerrero, Colt Jones, Ashby Ragsdale, Brianda Torres  
**\*DENOTES EAGLE EXCELLENCE**



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
 We appreciate you: Certified Nursing Assistants graduates were honored recently by the staff of Schleicher County Medical Center with a reception including cake and punch. The CNA grads include: (Front L-R) Gregory Fuentes, Eloise Estrada, Sonia Mills, Heather Homer, Clara Herrera, Adrian Arispe, Teresa Barajas; (Back L-R) Cole Wilkerson and Tony Chavez.

**HONOR ROLL**

**Fifth Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Amy Alviso, Deisy Aranda, Miles Mikeska, Aaron Minor, James O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson, Ben Wipff  
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Zachary Brame, Torey Griggs, Trevor Harrington, Allyson Jarrett, Briley Ledbetter, Aaron Parsley, Rosy Iglesias, Kymberlin K. Conn, J.R. Martinez, Carl McAngus  
**Sixth Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Hunter Alviso, Joseph Brown, Ryan Castillo, Tim Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa, Adriana Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Maureen Martinez, Cory Ragon, Maegan Self  
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Mason Baker, Alicia Hernandez, Clarisa Hernandez, Garrett Lux, Juan Medrano, Marcos Medrano, Ramiro Perez, Dustin Ramos, Greg Rodriguez, Hugo Rios  
**Seventh Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Marcela Huerta, Kirsten Stubbs, Joseph Turnbull, Corie Williams  
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Tracy Brenner, Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Deyanira Cruz, Juan Carlos Escobar, Victoria Fuentes, Marc Garcia, Isidro Granados, Meg Griffin, Austin Grubbs, Haley Higgins,

**Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks**

Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Troy Russell, Sara Trickett, Chris Whiddon  
**Eighth Grade**  
 "A" Honor Roll: Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Caleb Daniels, Tyler Dombroski, Jordan Gesch, Chelsey Stone  
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Richmond Adame, Blake Chatham, Misti Daniels, Erika Estrada, Maygen Eubanks, Amika Gonzalez, Manny Gonzalez, Nancy Hernandez, Luis Huichapa, J.P. Joiner, Deysi Rios, Clayton Sauer, Rhapsody Swyter, Kassandra Tyler, Desiree Valeriano

**Meals for Friends Menu**

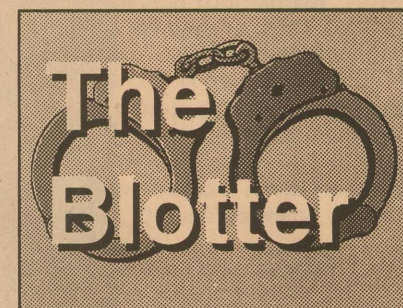
**Monday, MARCH 1**  
 Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday, MARCH 2**  
 Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk  
**Wednesday, MARCH 3**  
 Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/Caramel Icing/Juice/Milk  
**Thursday, MARCH 4**  
 Smothered Steak w/Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk  
**Friday, MARCH 5**  
 Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

Solution to puzzle on Page 2  
 Compression  

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**County Commissioners meet**

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 contents. The court gave Judge Johnny Griffin permission to review the matter and act on behalf of the county, provided the county's interests are protected.  
 Hilario Rodarte with the Texas Department of Transportation was present after lunch to hold a public hearing for the Trans-Texas Corridor. The commissioners listened to Rodarte's presentation and participated in the discussion.  
 The meeting ended with the commissioners meeting with 8th grade students Juanita Segura and Selvia Aranda, representatives of the "Arcade" group from Eldorado Middle School. The girls asked



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**  
**February 9** • Aycock, Angela, female age 24, offense 3 local warrants. Released on (3) \$500 bonds.  
**February 18** • Esquivel, Sara Alicia, female age 30, offense Theft by Check. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.  
**February 18** • Young, Joseph James Rogers, male age 24, offense Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Cash Bond.  
**February 21** • Barker, J.B. Louis, male age 26, offense Failure To Appear/Theft of Service. Released on \$1,500 Surety Bond.  
**February 24** • Herrera, Maria Leyva, female age 40, offense Possession of Marijuana over 5 lbs less than 50 lbs.  
**February 24** • Herrera, Hevers Tino, male age 46, offense Possession of Marijuana over 5 lbs less than 50 lbs.  
**INCIDENTS**  
**February 17** • 3:42 p.m. Hospital called for a ACLS transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS 2 responded.  
 • 4:00 p.m. Complainant on Honey-suckle reported bees at their residence.  
 • 5:11 p.m. Complainant reported that they would be having a controlled burn on FM 2596.  
 • 5:40 p.m. Complainant reported bees at their residence on Pelt Street.  
 • 6:43 p.m. Female subject reported a domestic disturbance. Two officers responded.  
**February 18** • 7:30 a.m. Deputy on duty reported a water leak on the corner of Oaks and Dorris. City was contacted.  
 • 2:30 p.m. Complainant on South Divide requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.  
 • 3:59 p.m. Complainant reported a welfare check on an elderly female in Menard. Menard County Sheriff Office notified.  
 • 6:40 p.m. Complainant on Hall reported a man with a gun in a maroon pickup. Officers responded and was unable to locate.  
 • 9:00 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded and found it involved a civil matter.  
**February 20** • 5:35 p.m. Complainant found a portable video game on South Main.  
 • 5:40 p.m. Complainant reported someone had broken into a vacant mobile home. Officer responded. Owner advised that a white built in stereo system with two speakers had been taken.  
 • 6:05 p.m. Complainant reported suspicious persons on the corner of US Hwy. 277 and Hwy. 190 West.  
**February 21** • 7:15 a.m. Complainant reported goats out on US 277 South. Several other complainants were called in also. Officer responded.  
**February 22** • 3:00 p.m. Complainant on East Street reported a dog was foaming from the mouth. Complainant called again at 6:41 p.m. Animal Control responded.  
 • 4:19 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off valued at \$27.57 from convenience store. Complainant called Sheriff Office and advised the owner of vehicle call the complainant and stated they would mail the money.  
**February 23** • 1:32 p.m. Complainant on S. Main reported bees at their residence.  
 • Complainant on East Street reported bees at their residence.  
 • Complainant on Brooks requested to speak with an officer about someone had sprayed paint on their vehicle. Officer responded.

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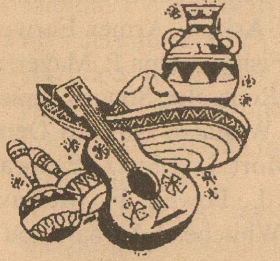
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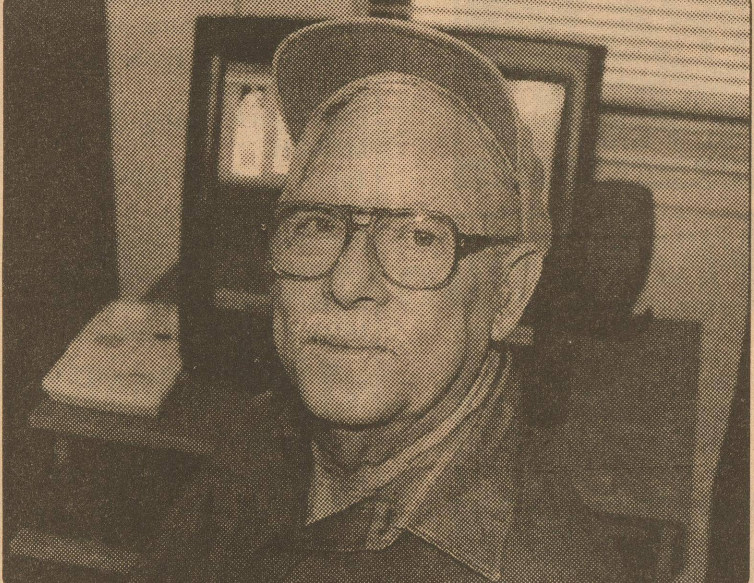
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## TSGRA Dist. 5 meeting scheduled here March 4

Members, directors and interested sheep and goat producers in TSGRA District 5 will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2004 at the Schleicher County Civic Center (old Ag. Barn south of town) in Eldorado. The meal will be hosted by First National Bank of Eldorado, Eldorado Wool Co. and the Schleicher Co. TSGRA directors. Brian Edmiston is District 5 chairman and is in charge of local arrangements.

The business portion of the meeting will be held immediately

following the meal. TSGRA officers will be on hand to report on the Lamb Promotion Board, the recently extended Ewe Lamb Retention Program and other matters of interest to sheep and goat producers. Glen Fisher, TSGRA past president, will report on activities of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center. District 5 members will elect directors for the coming year at the close of the business session.

District 5 is made up of the counties of Menard, Kimble,


Schleicher and Sutton. Now serving as directors are: Kimble County: J. R. Evans, Teddy Holekamp, Philip Jacoby, Henry Lackey, A. A. (Sonny) Price and David Whitworth. Menard County: Lee Callan, Jay Kothmann, Bob Rieck, Ross Stultz and Jay Wright. Schleicher County: Bob Buchholz, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Jock Dutton, Brian Edmiston, William Edmiston, Scott Edmonson, Judie Hughes, Norman Kohls, Mike Lux, Johnny Mayo, Jr., Michael Mertz, Mike Moore, Ross Whitten, and Claire Powell (Director at Large). Sutton County: Lee Bloodworth, Bob Brockman, Curry Campbell, Jimmy Condra, Jock Dutton, Edward Earwood, Ben Epps, Preston Faris, Jimmy Holman, Bill Karnes, Hensel Matthews, Robert S. Mayer, Seco Mayfield, Kathleen Moore, Tony Renfro, Edwin E. Sawyer, III, and John R. Wade.

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Current TSGRA officers are George Sultemeier of Ft. McKavett, president, A. H. (Chico) Denis of Vancourt, 1st vice president and Ray Willoughby, III of Eldorado, 2nd vice president.

Sheep & Goat producers in the 4-county area encompassed by District 5 are urged to bring a friend and attend this important meeting. The food will be great, and you will gain a lot of good information that will help you as a producer.

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## Schooley murder case set for pre-trial hearing on Monday

A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Monday morning, March 1, 2004, before Dist. Judge Barbara Walther in the Schleicher County courtroom, Clifford Schooley murder case. Cliff Schooley, Jr., stands accused of shooting his father, Clifford Schooley, Sr., to death on February 12, 2003, on the family ranch in the eastern part of the county.

District Attorney Stephen Lupton notes that he and defense attorney Hawkins have agreed to

move the trial to San Angelo and that Judge Walther has signed a change of venue order. The actual trial is slated to begin on Monday, March 22, 2004 in the Tom Green County Courthouse.

Lupton explains that the Tom Green County jury pool will be used to select a jury.

Cliff Schooley Jr. could face a sentence of 5 years to 99 years in state prison if convicted of the charge of first degree murder.

## EQIP signup underway now

The Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Eldorado will be taking Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications through April 16th. The EQIP program is a cost-share incentive program available to landowners and operators for the purpose of carrying out conservation practices on their land.

Each county within the state receives a base allocation of federal dollars ranging from \$70,000 to \$100,000. This money will be used as cost-share incentives to implement priority practices within the county. This year's priority concern, as identified by the Program Development Group, is prickly pear control.

Schleicher County also receives additional funding through EQIP to provide technical and cost-share assistance for Special Resource Concern Areas. These monies will be targeted toward land within the South Concho and Spring and Dove Creek Watersheds. Last year over \$670,000 was allocated to the two areas. Similar funding is expected this year. This year's priority concerns for these special resource concern areas are initial brush management on juniper and mesquite.

Cost-share rates were set at 50% of an average cost. All interested individuals are urged to come in and sign up as soon as possible. The local NRCS employees will review the application and ranking procedure with you and explain the program in more detail.

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 Isaiah 1: 18

## Eldorado High School Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

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 "A" Honor Roll: Tiffany Hernandez, Kristin Mittel, Kimberly Samaniego, Krista Troy  
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- 11th Grade**  
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