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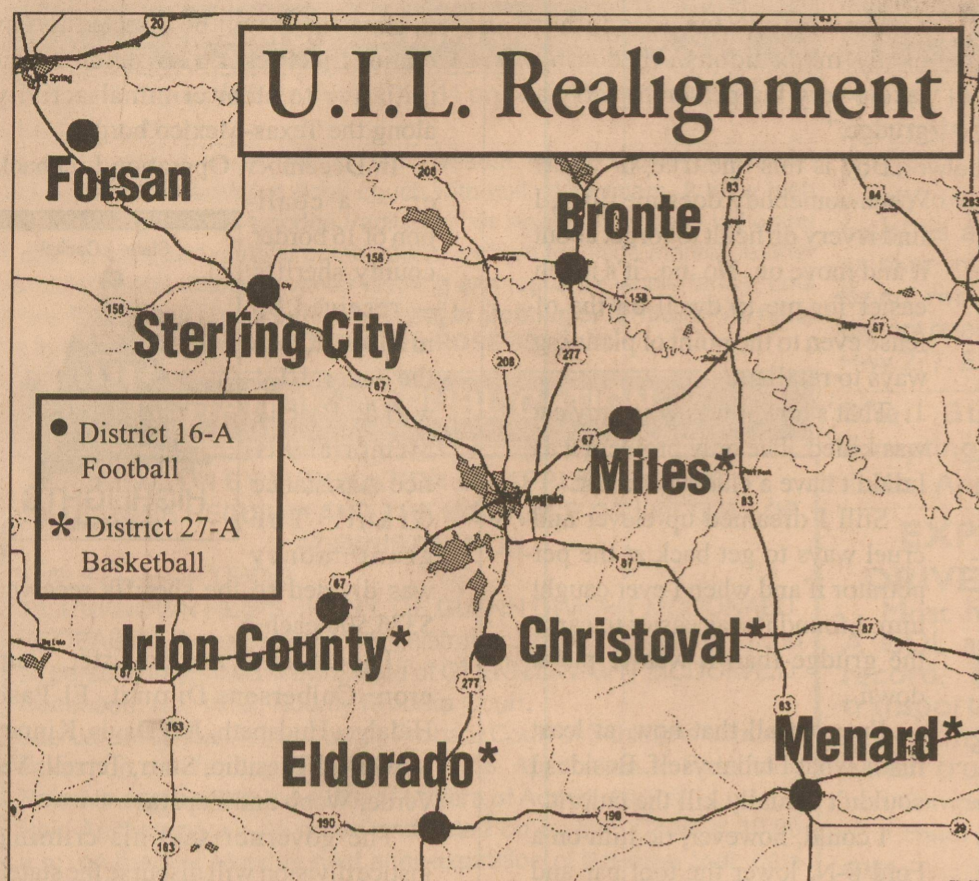
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Eldorado drops to 1A in UIL realignment

Shift means that Eagles go from smallest to largest in their district

Eldorado High School's long-expected move to Conference 1-A finally became a reality last week when the University Interscholastic League released its biennial realignment.

After suffering for years as the smallest school in district 2-2A and district 8-2A before that, Eldorado will become the largest school in District 16-1A where they will compete in football against Menard, Christoval, Irion County, Miles, Bronte, Sterling City and Forsan.

Basketball districts in Conference 1A differ because of the number of teams who play six-man football that

are thrown back into the pot with all the other 1A schools for basketball.

Eldorado's basketball district will be District 27-1A and will include Menard, Christoval, Irion County and Miles.

District realignments for spring sports have yet to be released and even the football and basketball districts won't become final until Feb. 21, 2006, giving school officials across the state time to appeal the UIL decision.

For his part, EHS Athletic Director Johnny Burleson said he was happy with the news. "It will still be a tough district," Burleson said, "but at least our kids won't feel out-numbered when they

take the field or go onto the basketball court."

The remainder of Eldorado's current District 2-2A will be divided in three different directions with Ozona and Reagan County moving west to compete in District 7-2A with Crane, Kermit, Alpine and Van Horn. Sonora, Junction and Mason will move east into District 8-2A with Blanco and Comfort, as well as Brady which moves down from Conference 3A. That leaves Wall and Grape Creek which will shift to the north into District 6-2A with Ballinger, Bangs, Coleman, Early, San Saba and Jim Ned.

Rabies reports on the rise

There have been six reported cases of rabies in area, according to local veterinarian William Edmiston. He noted one case in a fox that had entered a yard and started attacking the homeowner's dogs. There was also a case involving a sick raccoon that was reported in the county.

Edmiston urges caution when dealing with unknown and suspicious animals, or with animals exhibiting strange behavior.

He also notes that the members of the public should make themselves aware of details about Rabies.

Rabies is a viral disease affecting the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). It is transmitted from infected mammals to man and is almost always fatal once symptoms appear. Fortunately, only a few human cases are reported each year in the United States.

All warm blooded mammals including man can get rabies. Among wild animals, rabies is most often seen in raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes.

People can get rabies if they are exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a rabid animal through a bite or scratch. Although rare, exposure can also occur if infected saliva or nervous tissue gets into a fresh wound (one that has bled within 24 hours) or mucous membrane (eyes, nose, mouth). There have also been a few cases of person to person transmission in corneal transplant recipients when it was not known that donors were infected with rabies.

Early symptoms include irritability, headache, fever and sometimes itching or pain at the site of exposure. Within days, the disease progresses to paralysis, spasms of the throat muscles, convulsions, delirium and death.

The incubation period (time between exposure to the virus and the

start of symptoms) is variable but is normally two to eight weeks. Incubation periods of over one year have been reported.

To treat rabies first, the wound should be washed with lots of soap and water. Treatment consists of one dose of rabies immune globulin (dosage dependent on body weight) and five doses of rabies vaccine given on days 0, 3, 7, 14 and 28 after exposure. The rabies immune globulin should be given as soon as possible after exposure. The full amount should be put into the wound, if possible. The first dose of vaccine should be given at the same time but in a different site, usually in the upper arm.

Untreated exposure to a rabid animal does not always result in rabies. If treatment is obtained promptly following a rabies exposure, most cases of rabies will be prevented. Untreated cases will invariably result in death.

Protecting your pets includes all cats, dogs and ferrets should be vaccinated against rabies starting at three months of age and again one year later. After that they should be placed on a one or three year schedule, depending on the vaccine used, for regular booster shots.

Pet vaccination is important because vaccinated pets act as a barrier between wild animals and people to keep the rabies virus from spreading.

Any time your pet fights with a wild animal, or another pet, contact your county health authority for advice on what to do. Even though your pet has been vaccinated, a booster dose of rabies vaccine may be needed within five days of the incident. If your pet fought with a known or suspected rabid animal this will keep your pet from getting rabies as a result of the

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Details released on three drug & cash seizures

Local officials this week released details of three drug and cash seizures, including more than a two hundred pounds of marijuana found concealed in the bed of a utility trailer.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006, a 1985 tan GMC van pulling a homemade utility trailer loaded with new furniture was stopped as it headed northbound on U.S. 277. County and DPS officers cooperated on the stop and, after a drug dog alerted on the trailer, it was soon discovered that an unknown quantity of marijuana was hidden in secret compartments built into the trailer's wooden floor.

Ultimately, more than 200 lbs. of marijuana was found hidden in the trailer. A subsequent investigation led to the arrest of three individuals in Amarillo. Authorities are declining to release further details pending more arrests in the case.

Earlier in the month, on Jan. 12, 2006, a black 2005 GMC sports utility vehicle was stopped some 8 miles south

of Eldorado. Officers noticed a large amount of cash in the vehicle and two male subjects, Ramon Salazar Cervantes, 26, and Luis Alberto Moreno, 28, were arrested. Cervantes was turned over to U.S. Customs officers, who also took custody of the GMC and the undisclosed amount of cash. Moreno later bonded out of the Schleicher County Jail on a \$50,000.00 surety bond.

More recently, Darlene Salazar Torres, 36, of Del Rio, was taken into custody after her green 1999 Mitsubishi

was pulled over some six miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277 and more than 80 lbs. of marijuana was found in the vehicle. The woman's husband, Javier, Eduardo Torres, 37, was riding as a passenger in the car. Both were charged with Possession of Marijuana and booked into the Schleicher County Jail. Ms. Torres was later released on a \$2,000.00 surety bond. Mr. Torres remains in jail and is also facing charges for possession of an open container of alcohol and public intoxication.

Additional arrests close book on school burglary

Gabriel Vasquez, 17, of Eldorado was arrested Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, in connection with a string of recent burglaries, including the burglary and vandalism at the school.

Vasquez was charged with Burglary of a Building and Burglary of a Habitation. He remains in custody at press time.

Likewise, four juvenile suspects were arrested in connection with the burglaries.

"That pretty well wraps this one up," Chief Deputy George Arispe told The Success on Tuesday.

Last week, Armando Moreno, 18, of Eldorado, was arrested in connection with the same case. At that time Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy Arispe said that warrants had been issued for at least one more adult and "three or four juveniles."

Items taken in previous burglaries, including a gun, have been recovered, according to Sheriff Doran.

Deputy Arispe told the Success on Tuesday that he still didn't have a dollar amount on the damage done at the school.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Deputy Jason Chatham looks over a red 2001 Pontiac Grand Am belonging to Denisa Estep after it was struck in the rear driver's side door in a hit-and-run incident Friday evening, Feb. 4th 1.5 miles out of Eldorado on County Road 300. The incident remains under investigation but officers say they believe the car was struck by a large dually pickup truck. The car's driver, Marcelo Romo, drove back into town to notify police. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

Back to the drawing board

Schleicher County ISD trustees thought they had found their man and scheduled a dinner for Monday night when they planned to dine with one of their candidates for the SCISD superintendent's post before publicly announcing him as their lone finalist for the job. They would then wait the state-mandated 21 days before officially voting to hire him.

Unfortunately, the candidate, Marshall Harrison was hired away by another school and Monday night's meeting went for naught.

Harrison, who is currently the superintendent at Nazareth ISD, located in the Texas panhandle, was named as the lone finalist on Saturday for

the superintendent's post at Reagan County ISD in Big Lake. That board could vote to hire Harrison as early as Saturday, February 25th.

Mr. Harrison told the Success that he plans to start work in Big Lake on April 1st.

Meanwhile, back in Eldorado, SCISD trustees have renewed their efforts to recruit a superintendent.

Current superintendent George Blanch said the trustees had a list of several promising candidates that they hoped to start interviewing as early as next week.

"It sometimes works out this way," Blanch said. "When it does you just get back to work."

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Mami and Daddy

Few stories of personal heartbreak have moved jaded New Yorkers as much as the tragedy of Nixzmary Brown, the 7-year-old girl beaten to death by a stepfather who brutalized her for most of her short life, while her mother stood by.

Everybody mourns for a little girl who knew little other than pain. Everybody is sickened by the parents.

Something else is being said, too, in anonymous whispers unidentifiable in polite society.

Ah, yes. That Nixzmary's mother is Puerto Rican and the stepfather Mexican does not go unnoticed by all.

Even some Hispanics have taken note. "This is one of the reasons why Hispanics have the reputation that we do" says a comment on the Village

Voice Web site, signed by one Angela Echevarria.

I guess she means the stereotype that we are hoodlums from the barrio -- poor, uneducated, more

loyal to fellow gang members than to our flesh-and-blood family.

Bad mothers. Bad fathers.

When I was growing up, Hispanic families saw things the exact opposite way. The stereotype in my neighborhood was that Hispanic mothers cared so much for their children that they overprotected them, that Hispanic fathers were Old World strict but wholly dedicated to working for the family, and that in contrast, "American" parents were so centered on themselves that they let their kids run loose without supervision.

But the Hispanic parents' views of themselves have not crossed over to the broader society. Instead, there's the image of *mamis* who have five or six babies by two or three men, and don't really care much about any of them, the *papis* or the kids.

This is why an aberration like the case of poor Nixzmary Brown is taken by some to be symptomatic of what is wrong with Hispanic culture.

Because I am an American father married to an American mom, I know that the old stereotype about American parents being too selfish to care for their kids is false. And because I am the Hispanic son of Hispanic parents, I know, too, that the old stereotype about Hispanic parents being too thug-gish to care for their kids is false.

There is even the beginnings of scientific proof for the latter claim.

A study of births at Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital in the 1990s, published in the most recent issue of the Journal of Reproductive Medicine, found that Hispanic newborns tended to be healthier than babies of other ethnicities. For instance, reports The Miami Herald, 9 percent of Hispanic newborns had low birth weight, compared with 11 percent of white non-Hispanics and 18 percent of black non-Hispanics. Also, 13.1 percent of Hispanic babies were born prematurely, compared with 15 percent for white non-Hispanics and 22.2 percent for black non-Hispanics.

Epidemiologists call it the Hispanic Health Paradox. They ask, How can Hispanics, who on average are poorer, less educated and have less access to medical care, be healthier than others? Scientists carefully cite the centrality of the family in Hispanic culture as one possible factor.

Parents in my old neighborhood were wrong to stereotype "American" parents. But maybe their stereotype of themselves was exactly right.

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Some odds and ends from my email inbox

I don't know why, but there are some weeks when this column almost writes itself. Then there are weeks, like this one, when the words come slowly, if at all, and then they don't make sense.

So it is for times like this that I maintain a file in my email folder where I store all the odds and ends and bits and snippets of trivia that catch my eye.

One of these little gems was attributed to a wise old farmer. It says, "Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps."

I've heard it before and it really is just common sense, but sometimes common sense is hard to implement, especially in a crisis situation. And, here in the newspaper business, with deadlines facing us at every turn, we regularly find ourselves in a crisis situation...and almost always it's one of our own making.

So, I keep this one in my "Keeper" file to remind myself that I should look a little farther ahead and plan my day better lest I find myself trying to plow up a stump that I could have easily avoided.

And in a way, that's what this column is. Instead of beating my head against a wall for an idea to write about, I've decided to plow around the stump and raid my



Keeper file.

Another tidbit, this one also attributed to a farmer, notes that a bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

I'm sure that is true, although I have no personal experience, at least with the John Deere. I can tell you with absolute certainty, however, that a den of hornets can produce several flying demons that are faster than a Ford 8N.

Also, your garden variety red wasp can easily catch your garden variety 6-year-old boy, no matter how hard he pedals his bicycle.

Then there's the tidbit that my friend John Nikolauk forwarded to my inbox. "Meanness doesn't just happen overnight."

I hung on to this one because it came in right after our family cat had been poisoned. John had gone through a similar thing when one of his Black Labs was killed.

I'm not sure what makes some-

one mean enough to kill another person's pet, but I'm convinced it doesn't happen quickly. Meanness like that has to simmer awhile.

That brings me to another of my inbox tidbits..."It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge."

Boy is this one true, or what? When somebody does me dirty, I find it very difficult to forget about it and move on. No, no...it's much easier for me to dwell on the offense even to the point of planning ways to retaliate.

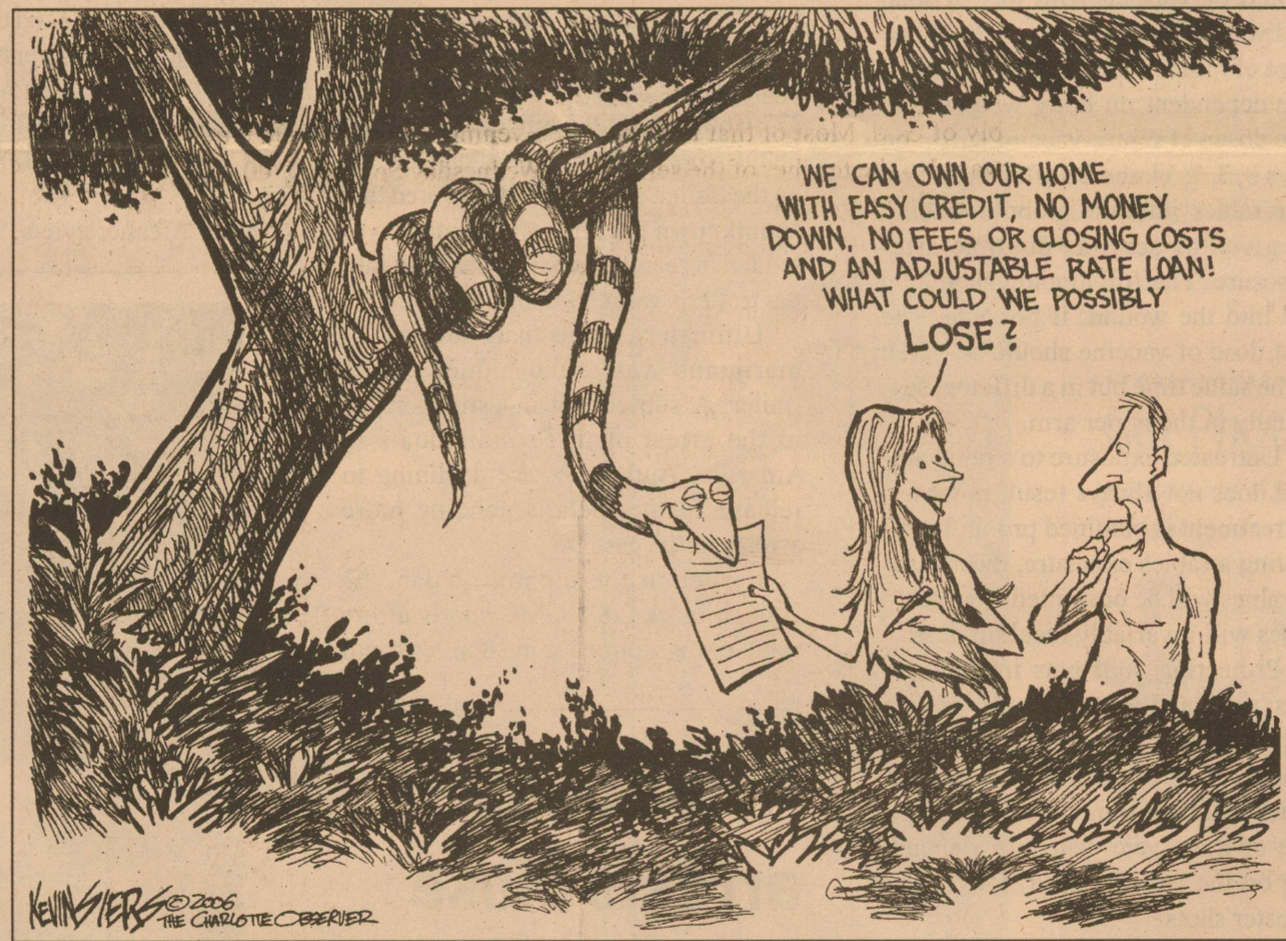
That's how it was when my cat was killed. The only problem was I didn't have a clue who did it.

Still I dreamed up clever and cruel ways to get back at the perpetrator if and when I ever caught him. I found it was easier to carry the grudge than it was to put it down.

I'm past all that now, at least that's what I tell myself. Besides I couldn't actually kill the culprit.

I could, however, tie him on a Ford 8-N, lower the tool bar and point it toward a hornet's den.

That brings me to my final two points, and they, too, comes from my Keeper file. "Forgive your enemies...it messes with their heads," and "The best sermons are lived, not preached."



Ramona has a pet Bobcat

You can sense the strength in Bobby's front legs and shoulders. The sound that he makes comes from way down deep inside and scares away the faint of heart. Even polecats are afraid of Bobby.

Bobby is the pet bobcat belonging to Ramona Werst of Mertzon. When her husband took her to the place that sells bobcats, she chose Bobby because he was so playful.

"When you get a bobcat as a baby and bottle feed him, he'll bond with you," says Ramona. "He doesn't know he's a bobcat. In fact, he would be a disgrace to bobcats. He's afraid of mice."

I sat down with Ramona and Bobby and we had a nice visit. Ramona says Bobby is spoiled rotten.

"When I was bottle feeding him, he used to get me up at two o'clock in the morning for his bottle, then do the same thing at four o'clock and six o'clock. Now we have an automatic feeder that comes open



by
**Tumbleweed
 Smith**

for him at two o'clock and six o'clock. He likes that a lot."

She got the bobcat five years ago.

"He was small enough to fit in the palm of my hand, just a little bitty baby. Now he weighs around forty-five pounds."

The bobcat lives in a fenced in area beneath a second-story deck.

"He's got a ramp that leads directly into our bedroom. He can come and go anytime he wants to. In his space under the deck he's got his own jungle gym, an igloo that's got a blanket in it and all kinds of balls to play with."

When visitors come, Bobby goes away.

"We'll show Bobby to our

guests, then lock him up in our bedroom and his pen. We do that just in case he doesn't like a scent. Or he might be hungry."

Bobby has a domestic house cat for a brother. He thinks the pet dog is his mother. He plays fetch with a tennis ball and tug of war with a sock. When he's playing tug of war, he sounds ferocious. His growls would make most people head for the door. Bobby has a special diet.

"Every three weeks my husband David and I have to chop up raw liver, raw hamburger and cat food and mix it all together and freeze it.

Bobby's a little particular. He has to have his food just a little bit frozen."

At night, Bobby sleeps with Ramona in spite of his loud purring. "He sleeps right on top of me from my shoulders to my stomach." She says she's never been afraid. When he misbehaves, she smacks him on the nose.

Border security initiative gets 2nd infusion of cash

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 2 announced an additional \$3.8 million in state funds will be directed to Operation Linebacker, a law enforcement initiative to stem criminal activity along the Texas-Mexico border.

In December, Operation Linebacker — a coalition of 16 border county sheriffs — received \$6 million from the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The grant money was divided so the sheriffs received \$376,500 each.

The counties are Brewster, Cameron, Culberson, Dimmit, El Paso, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde, Webb and Zapata.

The governor said his criminal justice division will disburse the state's \$3.8 million so the sheriffs will receive \$223,000 each.

"By funding additional patrol hours, new technology tools and rapid deployment teams of state troopers, we will make Texas — and the nation — more secure," Perry said.

Increased surveillance along the 1,200 mile Texas-Mexico border enabled deputies in Hudspeth County to stop a Jan. 23 attempt by smugglers to cross the Rio Grande into the U.S.

At the scene, sheriff's deputies and Border Patrol agents spotted three vehicles manned by civilians and men armed with automatic weapons and wearing military-style uniforms.

The El Paso Times reported that Juan Carlos Focerrada Berumen, the Mexican consul general in El Paso, said the men were not Mexican soldiers, but because of the incident, the Mexican government would not allow its soldiers within 3.2 miles of the border.

Rister most recently worked as a senior advisor and director of research for Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and before that as the executive director of the Republican Party of Texas. His other legislative experience includes serving as chief of staff for state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville.

Before he was confirmed, Rister's GOP background prompted a letter by state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, urging Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, to reconsider the appointment.

Rister named chief of agency

Milton Rister has been confirmed as chief executive of the Texas Legislative Council, a 14-member nonpartisan office that drafts legislation and performs a variety of other services primarily for the Texas Legislature, but also serves state agencies and the citizens of Texas.

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Stayhorn critiques state agency

Last August, state Rep. Todd Smith, R-Eules, asked the office of the state comptroller to investigate the business practices of the Texas Residential Construction Commission.

After completing her review of the agency last month, state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said she was "deeply troubled" when she found the TRCC functions as a "homebuilder protection agency."

Her office conducted a survey of homeowners, and reported that 86 percent of the respondents said their builder failed to fix construction defects in their homes.

Strayhorn offered suggestions to improve the TRCC. She said the agency should not shift builder fees to the homeowner and not allow public mem-

Beta Sigma Phi Report

The Beta Sigma Phi met February 6 at the home of member Janee Finley. All enjoyed a salad supper to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Hostesses for the event were Janee Finley and Glenda Harris. This was a combination of the Valentine's Day and a pledge rush at which time we invited new members to join our organization.

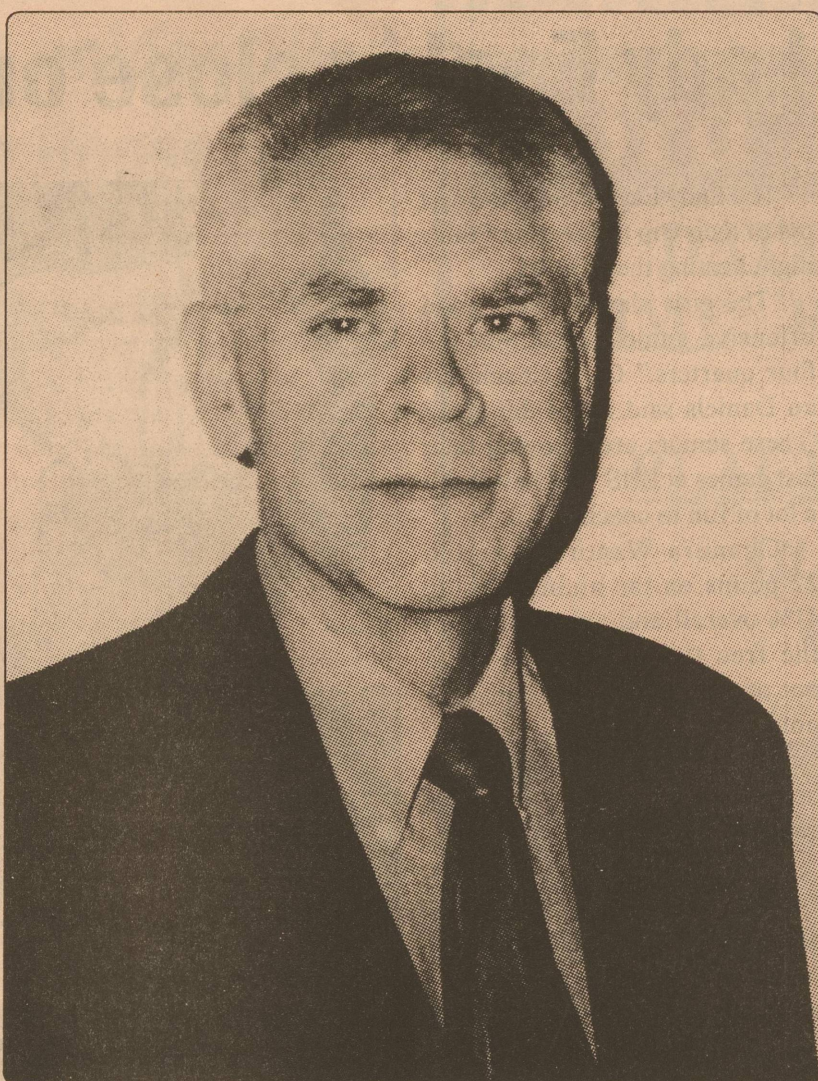
We were fortunate to have three new prospects to join and learn about the group. The new guests were Maggie Lloyd, Linda Delvechia, and Lyndi Harris. We

have more who were unable to join us for the supper but all look forward to their joining us at our next meeting, February 28.

We elected a Valentine Sweetheart and this year had a tie. The Sweethearts for this year are Laura McCutcheon and Janee Finley.

We then opened gifts from our secret sisters and drew for the sunshine gift. It was won by Kim et Nelson.

The next meeting will be February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ladies Club Room at the Memorial Building.



Agape Assembly of God Pastor Myles Miller

Miller to lead Agape Assembly

The Agape Assembly of God, 502 E. Warner Avenue, has a new pastor. Myles Miller has come from San Angelo to assume the pastorate here. Pastor Miller had graduated from International Bible College, in San Antonio, with a bachelors degree in theology, then spent four years in the Air Force during the Vietnam War era. After leaving the Air Force he spent about fifteen years as assistant pastor of First Assembly of God in Del Rio. From Del Rio, he moved to San Angelo and spent about fifteen years on the deacon board of First Assembly of God. Most of that time he was also the teacher of the senior adult Sunday school class and spent a term as Sunday school superintendent.

After coming to San Angelo, he returned to federal service, in the social services field. Along with working in ministry and federal service, Mr. Miller has also earned a Bachelor of Arts in education from Sul Ross University and a Master of Education in guidance and counseling from Angelo State University. He is leaving federal service after a combined military and civilian career of over twenty years.

Pastor Miller says he is looking forward to full time Christian ministry after feeling God's leading to return to his real calling. He expresses a desire to minister, not only to those in church, but to the

whole Eldorado community.

Though feeling somewhat sad to leave San Angelo when all three of his sons, two daughters-in-law, and one-year-old granddaughter have recently settled there; he says he knows that it is the right thing to do. "God will watch over us all and it is not that far away," he adds. The pastor invites the whole community to "come and experience God's presence with the great people of Agape Assembly of God."

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bers of the commission to have ties to the construction industry.

The TRCC was created by the Legislature in 2003 to resolve disputes between homeowners and builders without the expense of litigation.

Governor remembers Mrs. King

Coretta Scott King, a longtime agent for nonviolent social change and the widow of slain civil rights leader, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died Jan. 30, at age 78. Gov. Perry ordered flags to be

flown half-staff on Feb. 7 in her honor.

"Today (first lady) Anita and I join all Texans in celebrating the life of Coretta Scott King, and we extend our prayers as the nation mourns her loss," Perry said.

"Mrs. King ... worked right alongside her husband, Martin Luther King Jr., to advance the cause of freedom, and after his untimely passing she did not pause in her efforts to fight for economic and social justice. ..."

King died from an assassin's bullet after speaking at an April 4, 1968, rally in Memphis, Tenn.

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◆ CURIOUS GEORGE (11:40) 2:00 4:20 7:00 9:20 (G)	◆ BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:00 4:00 7:05 10:15
◆ THE PINK PANTHER (11:50) 2:15 4:50 7:30 10:00 (PG)	◆ BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (12:15) 2:45 5:15 7:50 10:25 (PG-13)
◆ FIREWALL (12:20) 2:50 5:20 7:55 10:30 (PG-13)	◆ NANNY MCPHEE 2:05 4:30 7:20 (PG)
◆ THE MATADOR (12:00) 2:20 5:00 7:45 10:20 (R)	◆ ANNAPOLIS 4:10 6:50 9:30 (PG-13)
◆ WHEN A STRANGER CALLS (11:45) 2:10 4:35 7:10 9:40 (PG-13)	◆ UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION (R) 2:30 5:05 8:00 10:40
◆ SOMETHING NEW 7:15 9:50 (PG-13)	◆ GLORY ROAD 1:10 6:45 (PG)
◆ GOODNIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK 10:35 (PG)	◆ LAST HOLIDAY 4:05 9:45 (PG-13)
	◆ HOODWINKED (12:30) 2:35 4:55 (PG)
	◆ FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) 1:15
	◆ CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:05 4:15 7:25

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Lady Eagles close out basketball season

The Lady Eagles made the best out of their trip to Junction Friday night beating them 70-43.

"The girls played a very good offensive game throughout the four quarters," Girls Coach Brian Daniels said about the game. "These seniors are enjoying their last games at EHS, and have been a lot of fun to coach."

Chandra Wanoreck netted 22 points on the night shooting 41% overall and was 88% from the free throw line. She hit 4 out of 8 times outside the three point line.

Taylor Baker came in second in the points race with 12 in the contest.

Josie Diaz totalled 10 points, netting 57% of her shots and hitting 2 out of 3 from the three point line.

Others scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kirsten Stubbs with 7 points, Haley Higgins with 6 points, Karina Sanchez with 5 points, Maxie Holley with 4 points, Chelsey Hill and Cassandra Buitron with 2 points.

The Lady Eagles then traveled to Grape Creek on Tuesday and dropped their last game of the season 40-54.

"We just didn't have a good night of shooting in Grape Creek," Coach Daniels said.

The Lady Eagles shot 22% overall on the night.

Wanoreck and Baker led the Eagles with 7 points a piece on the night. Higgins went for 6



Kirsten Stubbs and Josie Diaz battle for the ball with two Ozona Lady Lions during girls varsity action here last week. The hometown girls went on to win two of their last three games with victories over Ozona and Junction. They dropped their final game of the season to Grape Creek leaving the Lady Eagles with a 4-10 district record

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points, and Hill and Holley both hit for 5.

Sanchez finished the evening with 4 points while Buitron, Stubbs, and Diaz all had 2 points.

With that loss the Eagles record dropped to 10-20 on the season and 4-10 in district play.

Baker averaged 7.8 points a game on the season and 8 rebounds per game. Wanoreck was close behind with 7.6 points a game and 9.2 rebounds per game.

Stubbs finished the season with 6.8 a game with 8.5 rebounds. Holley had 4.3 a game, and Bu-

iron had 4.2 with 3 rebounds.

Higgins managed 4.1 points a game with 6.8 in rebounds. Sanchez had 3.4 a game and 2.7 rebounds.

Hill had 3.1 a game and Diaz had 3.6. Both of them averaged 1.3 rebounds per game.

7th GRADE BOYS

January 30, 2006
Eldorado 04-05-04-09=22
Reagan Co. 02-01-04-07=14
Playing for the 7th Grade Eagles: Eloy Bustos 4, Miles Mikeska 10, and Briley Ledbetter 8. Also playing: Jaymie O'Harrow, Bailey Minor, Joshua Jureck, Zack Brame, Ben Wipff, J.R. Martinez and Aaron Parsley.

7th GRADE GIRLS

January 30, 2006
Eldorado 02-04-02-03=11
Reagan Co. 11-07-10-06=34
Playing for the 7th Grade Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 7; Ashley Paulson 4. Also playing were: Carli McAngus, Deisy Aranda, Amy Alivzo, Laura Garcia, Marci Minor, Abbie Ussery, Brenda Galan and Brittany Gauna.

8th GRADE GIRLS

January 30, 2006
Eldorado 02-07-06-01=16
Reagan Co. 04-00-06-10=20
Playing for the 8th Grade Lady Eagles lots in overtime: Maureen Martinez 4, Adrianna Hernandez 7, Mary Alice Aguirre 4, Patricia Hernandez 1. Also playing were: Emily Espinosa, Taylre Bilbrey, Victoria Garza.

School Lunch Menu

- Milk & Bread Offered**
Menus Subject To Change
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- BREAKFAST MENU**
- Monday, February 13**
Biscuits, Sausage, Orange Juice, Jelly, Milk
 - Tuesday, February 14**
Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Milk
 - Wednesday, February 15**
Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk
 - Thursday, February 16**
French Toast Stix's, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
 - Friday, February 17**
Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Milk
- BASKET LINE**
- Monday, February 13**
McRib Sandwich, Tator Tots, Pork-n-Beans, Lemon Pudding/Topping
 - Tuesday, February 14**
Cheeseburgers, Sun chips, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Cup Cakes
 - HAPPY VALENTINES
 - Wednesday, February 15**
Crispy Beef Taco's, Carrot Stix, Dip, Tossed Salad, Sliced Peaches
 - Thursday, February 16**
Chef Salad, Crackers, Diced Ham/Cheese Cup, Broccoli Tops, Dip, Mixed Fruit
 - Friday, February 17**
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Chips, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

8th GRADE BOYS

January 23, 2006
Eldorado 05-06-02-12=25
Sonora 15-05-18-14=52
Playing for the 8th Grade Eagles: Tony McCord 2, Dustin Ramos 5, Mason Baker 2, Ryan Castillo 4, Wes Brown 4, Ivany Sanchez 5, David Tirado 3. Also playing: Juan Medrano, JR Trujillo.

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- Wednesday, February 15**
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- Thursday, February 16**
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Hot Rolls, Mixed Fruit
- Friday, February 17**
Bar B Q on Bun, Chips, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

AG cracks down on web sites selling cell phone records

Practices by fraudulent data brokers amount to invasion of privacy

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today launched an extensive investigation into allegations that several renegade Web sites are illegally offering to sell Texas consumers' cell phone records that are considered private information.

The Attorney General has also contacted cell phone providers regarding the actions they are taking to better safeguard customer information.

"This is a serious breach of personal privacy," said Attorney General Abbott. "The business of using trickery to obtain consumers' cell phone records amounts to nothing more than the illegal trafficking of private information."

Online data marketers promoting these illegal services charge between \$50 and \$200 for obtaining records of specific cellular phone calls, usually those made over the previous 30 days. Some Web companies falsely tell their customers that these records are public information.

To halt the business practices and to prevent the further spread of these Web sites, the Attorney General's investigation demands information from several dozen pirate Web companies illegally claiming to have access to private cell phone records for a price. The results of the investigation will determine what legal action may be warranted.

Attorney General Abbott's investigation will also focus on liabilities against those who conduct transactions that open consumers to possible dangers, including possible victims whose information may have fallen into the wrong hands. Some cell phone users, for example, may seek anonymity because they are protecting themselves from an abusive ex-spouse or a person stalking them. There are also concerns about the release of phone records of officers' who work undercover.

To prevent such abuses, Attorney General Abbott urges

consumers to contact their cell phone companies to find out if any party has requested their cell phone records. Otherwise, consumers may have no way of knowing if their privacy has been breached. Consumers may also request a unique password-protected account through their cell phone companies to prevent others from accessing these records.

Consumers who believe their records may have been compromised may file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office by calling toll-free (800) 252-8011 or

file online at www.oag.state.tx.us

The Attorney General will evaluate whether any activities violate the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The growing threat to consumers' privacy, as reported recently among mainstream media and technology publications, has also prompted the Federal Trade Commission and Federal Communications Commission to open investigations into the activities of these fraudulent brokers.

K of C Free Throw Tourney slated Saturday in EMS gym

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eldorado Middle School Gym.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district, and the state level competition. International champions are announced by the K of C International Headquarters based on scores

from the state level competitions.

All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions (Determine age as of January 1, 2006). Last year more than 247,000 sharpshooters participated in 4,017 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Rogelio Adame at 853-3629 or Jimmy Aguilar at 853-3098.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Drum accompanying a sitar
6. Bundle of papers
11. "Rumor ___ it ..."
14. Best possible
15. Puccini opera
16. Genesis boat
17. Ersatz spaghetti go-with?
19. Hosp. scan
20. Highly regard
21. Trillion: Prefix
22. Toddler's "piggy"
23. Home of twigs
25. Reduces in width
27. Fish tales
30. Moderator
32. Tea leaves reader
33. Director Lee
34. Red-coated cheese
36. Brown tone
39. Letterhead symbol
41. Nigeria's largest city
43. Watch readouts, briefly
44. Go for fish
46. Old Italian coin
47. ___ Moines, Iowa

DOWN

1. It's money, proverbially
2. Fruity quaffs
3. Ready to collapse
4. Grows dark

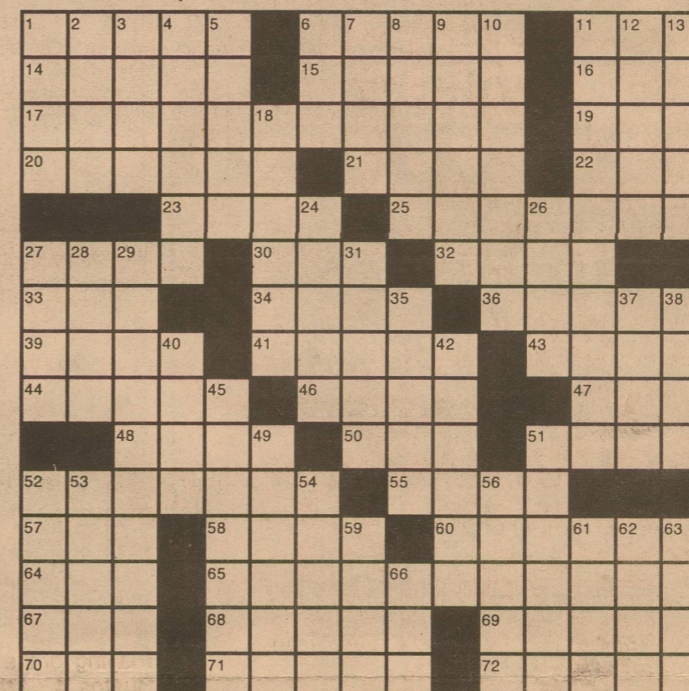
DOWN

5. "The Zoo Story" playwright
6. Cardinal's monogram
7. Textbook publishers ___ Rinehart and Winston
8. Ruhr valley city
9. Legends and Integras of autodom
10. Shelly of "The Donna Reed Show"
11. Antioveremotingactor weapon?
12. Directional sign shape

DOWN

13. Heavens above
18. Light beer brand
24. Word before wave or basin
26. Virginia dance
27. In ___ land (spaced out)
28. Barge ___ (interrupt)
29. Machine in the Faberge plant?
31. Mandrake's field ender
35. Aesop story
37. Bad time for Caesar
38. Org.
40. Cassini of fashion
42. Biblical dancer
45. Otic malady
49. Fits together
51. Pester
52. Perrier competitor
53. Juicy tropical fruit
54. Time on the job
56. Co-op alternative
59. Field measure
61. Had in hand
62. Toledo's lake
63. Crowd noise
66. Cassis-flavored

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- 11th Laurie Almazan, Patrick Ruiz, Reuben Minor, Phil McCormick, Alberto Mathias Buitron
- 12th Rick Stricklan, Denese Capps, Joe King, Donna Whitten, Alex Weddle
- 13th Kathleen Nolen, Austin Whitten, Jazmine Ford, Kathy Faull, Leo Rodriguez, Christine Romero, Casey Akins
- 14th Austin Albin, David Olivan, Cody Engdahl, Marcos Hernandez, Torey Griggs, Chase Storie, Emily Ussery
- 15th Rena Adame, Marion Porter, Victor Belman, Shannon West, Andrea Leal, Karen Sherrod, Georgie Santellano, Clay Burleson
- 16th Cody McCravey, Daniel Ward, Becky Barajas, Bob McWhorter, John O'Harrow, Dorrace Beach, Nestor Hernandez, Alicia Garza

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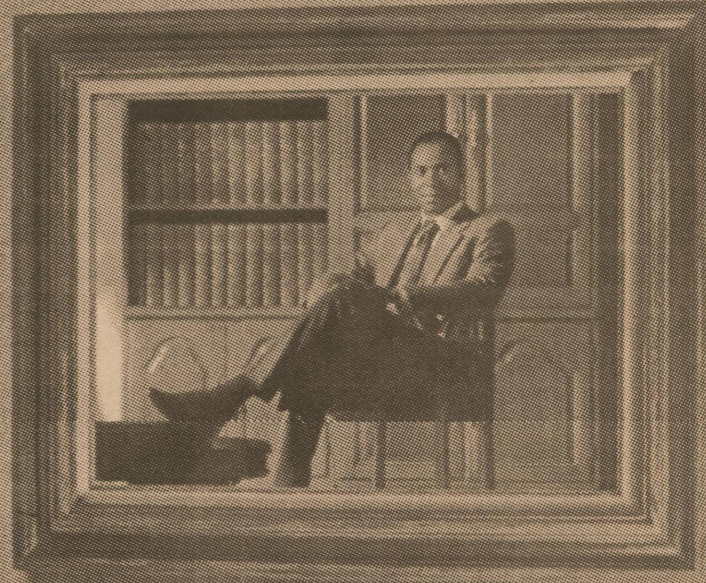
The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, February 5. There were eighteen adults and one youth, Chance Meyers, who played in the Play Day. The results were: 1st place - 7 under par - Ross Whitten, Su Scott, Ken Thomas, and Chance Meyer. 2nd place - 6 under par - Rocky Robles, Tip Finely, and Gordon

Jones. 3rd place - 5 under par - Barry Lane, Johnny Lee Arispe, and Bill Wells. Three teams tied for 4th place - 3 under par - Jon Cartwright, Phil McCormick, and C.R. Sproul; Steve Snelson, Joe Garza, and Gordon Emmons, and Moises Hill, Roy Guerrero, and George Scott. The next Play Day will be Sunday, March 5.

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 John Nikolauk, Mayor

City wraps up planning grant, council looks to extend debt seven years to pay for street repairs

Grant administrator Kay Howard or A & J HOWCO Services of Lubbock was on hand Monday evening for the Eldorado City Council meeting and assisted in a public hearing concerning the closeout of the 2004 Planning and Building Capacity Grant. The purpose of the grant was to provide an overview of city services available and to assist the city in planning for future grant projects.

Ms. Howard went on to note that grant money might be available to assist elderly homeowners in making repairs to their homes. The council expressed interest in the project and asked Ms. Howard to keep them updated on any developments in that particular grant program.

The council then met with financial advisor Larry Skiles concerning their options for financing a capital improvement project, namely street repairs, in

the amount of \$300,000. Skiles advised that the program could be financed and paid off over a seven year period using money that is presently being used to pay off other bond issues. Those bond issues will be paid off soon. If new debt is not issued, the city will be forced to lower its tax rate by the amount of the debt service levy in the coming year.

Mr. Skiles was given a copy of a street improvement plan the council recently paid KC Engineering \$6,000 to prepare.

At that point, council member Toni Sudduth said that KC Engineering had recently rented office space in the building where she works in San Angelo and she advised that she would be abstaining from any future votes involving the company.

Mayor John Nikolauk then informed the council that the law firm of Kosub, Griffin and Elkins

had given him a proposal for conducting council member training on the Texas Open Meeting & Public Information Acts. The training is now required of all elected officials with current office holders having until January of 2007 to complete the training. The mayor also presented a bill in the amount of \$808.11 for city's portion of the Ports-to-Plains Coalition membership dues. The council took no action on either item.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then reported on the yearly inspection of the city's two water towers and ground storage tank. He explained that all three tanks will need hatch repair and cleaning, costing the city approximately \$11,000.

Fay also passed on information on his efforts to locate a new garbage truck. He said he had found a new trash truck in the range of \$110,000.

Fay then updated the council on the county's Orient Heights Colonia sewer project. He noted that project has gotten off to a slow start because of rock that crews have encountered digging the first ditch. Fay also reported the landfill was undergoing its yearly inspection and that the only thing TCEQ inspectors found wrong at the city sewer plant was a slightly elevated pH level.

Among other business the council took action as follows:

- Approved purchasing 5 high band pagers for the Fire Department and approved brake repair on the City Pumper truck. Fire Chief Jerry Jones was present for the request.

- Issued a proclamation for a day of prayer for rain on Sunday, February 12, 2006. The proclamation was a request from Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMT.

- Approved Amendment #2 on Junked/Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance #105-91 to wording change from Administrator to Mayor.

- Approved Amendment #17 on Utility Ordinance #105-06 which prohibits multiple residences or businesses from being served by single water/gas meter.

- Approved current bills, financial reports, January Tax Report.

- Approved increase in salary for Tony Fay who received a certification in sewer plant operation.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then updated the council on a voting machine school she recently attended. Also, the council was given the calendar for the upcoming city election. First filing date would be February 11.

At the conclusion of the meeting Secretary Carolyn Mayo told the council she was approached by a real estate agent inquiring about three lots on Southwest Main owned by the city. She told the council this was good opportunity to sell the property and asked the council if they would put the property up for public auction. The council discussed the matter briefly and tabled the matter.

Councilman Bill McCutcheon told the council and Mayor he would not be completing his second year as councilman stating that he will be relocating to another town.


Among those present for the meeting were Mayor John Nikolauk, City Council Members Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Richard Mendez and Juquin Rojas. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Minor was absent.

Also present were City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, Superintendent Floyd Fay and new code enforcement officer Karen Robertson.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006, in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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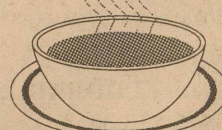
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Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, February 13
 Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk

Tuesday, February 14
 Bar-B-Que Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapples, Choc. Chip Cookies, Milk

Wednesday, February 15
 Fried Fish w/ Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk

Thursday, February 16
 Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk

Friday, February 17
 Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk

Investigation continues into unidentified skeletal remains found near Roosevelt

Human remains were found January 23, 2006, under a cedar tree along the right-of-way of Interstate Hwy. 10, some thirty miles east of Sonora, according to published reports in the Devil's River News and The Junction Eagle. As yet the body remains unidentified.

The body was reportedly found by three men on a survey crew who at first thought they had found a badly decomposed deer carcass.

The Kimble County Sheriff's office was called to investigate but the inquiry was handed off to Sutton County when it was determined that the body was actually in Sutton County. Sheriff Joe Fincher and Texas Ranger Brooks Long then took up the investigation.

Authorities remain tight-lipped about the case, even as rumors

swirled through Sonora and Junction that the body was missing its head and finger tips. Remnants of a campsite believed to be used by illegal aliens was reportedly found near the body.

Sheriff Fincher told the Success on Tuesday that he is awaiting a report from the Medical Examiner in Lubbock but that the case is being treated as a homicide. Fincher said he estimated the body had been at the scene about a year. He would not confirm that the body was missing its head but did say that a backpack had been found nearby. It is unclear at this time, however, if the backpack is in any way connected to the case.

For his part, Ranger Brooks Long referred most questions to Sheriff Fincher but did confirm that statements attributed to him

in earlier reports were accurate.

Long was quoted in those reports as saying that the remains were in poor condition but that they were transported to Lubbock in as pristine a condition as possible. Long said he estimated the body to have been there for six to eight months. The Ranger also noted that animal activity may have been the cause for the supposed missing head. He said he hoped a forensic anthropologist might help determine what happened to the victim.

Long went on to say it is not at all unusual to find a body dumped alongside an Interstate highway.

Meanwhile, the investigation continues. Persons with information about the body are encouraged to contact the Sutton County Sheriff's Department at 325-387-2288.

Rabies: awareness is your first defense

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current incident.

Preventing the spread of rabies in domestic animals start by minimizing the exposure to rabies to do so may be minimized by:

- Removing all stray dogs and cats;
- Having all pets vaccinated and keeping them up-to-date on their vaccinations;
- Avoiding contact with all wild animals, especially those acting abnormally.

People can be exposed and not know it. Bats have small, sharp teeth that may not leave a visible puncture wound or noticeable pain at the bite site, therefore it is possible to be bitten without knowing it as described in the following scenarios. These scenarios indicate a reasonable probability that an exposure could have occurred:

- Contact between a person's bare skin and the bat's head (or any part of the bat while not looking directly at the bat)
 - Bat found in a room with a sleeping person
 - Bat found in a room with an unattended child
 - In some circumstances, bat found close to an unattended child outdoors
 - Bat found in a room with a person under the influence of alcohol or drugs or with other sensory or mental impairment
- If the bat is found in any scenarios indicating reasonable probability of exposure, as listed above,

it should be captured and tested for rabies. To avoid losing the bat, leave one person in the room watching it with doors and windows closed, while another person goes to get a coffee can, lid, gloves, or similar equipment to capture it. Your county health authority may also be contacted for advice on

how to capture the bat and submit it for rabies testing. If it is certain the bat did not have contact with a person or pet, the bat can be allowed to leave through an open window. Do not exit the room until you observe the bat leaving through the window. Close the window when the bat leaves.

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- * Refreshments
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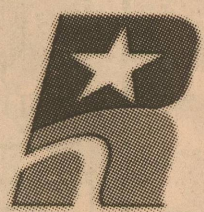
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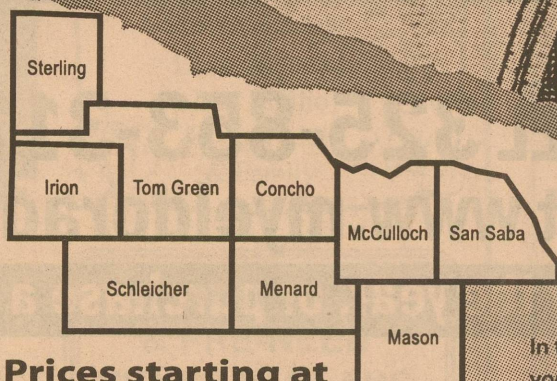
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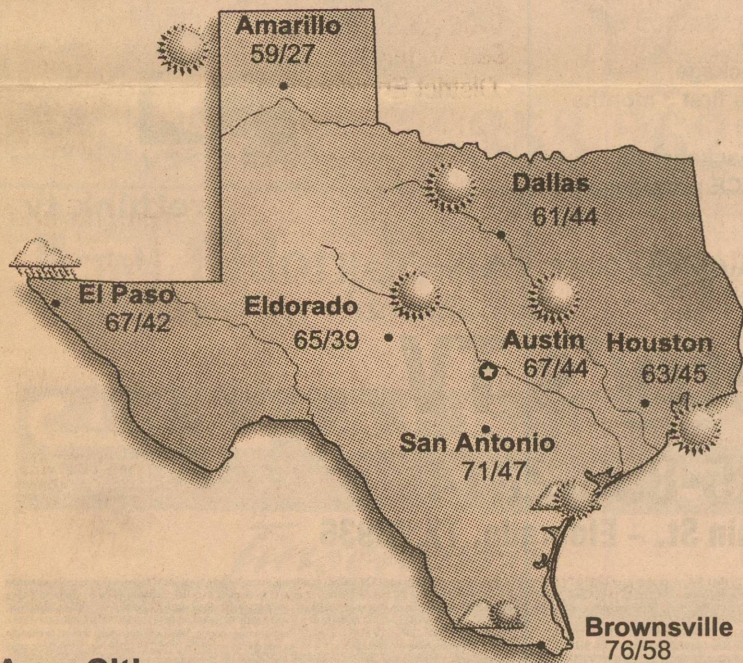
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 2/10	Sat 2/11	Sun 2/12	Mon 2/13	Tue 2/14
65/39 Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	62/33 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	57/25 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 20s.	62/31 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	63/36 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 6:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:28 AM Sunset: 6:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 6:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 6:28 PM

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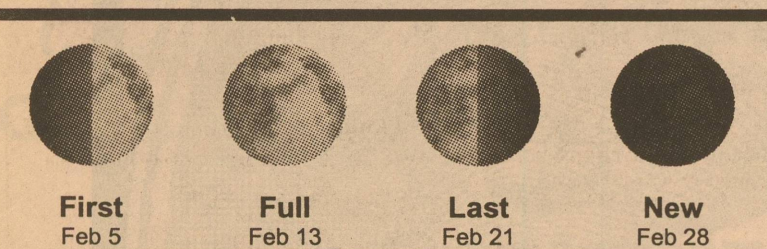
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	65	44	sunny	Kingsville	74	52	pt sunny
Amarillo	59	27	sunny	Livingston	61	39	sunny
Austin	67	44	sunny	Longview	58	40	sunny
Beaumont	60	42	sunny	Lubbock	65	32	sunny
Brownsville	76	58	pt sunny	Lufkin	60	38	sunny
Brownwood	67	42	sunny	Midland	66	38	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	71	54	mst sunny	Raymondville	76	54	pt sunny
Corsicana	60	43	sunny	Rosenberg	64	44	sunny
Dallas	61	44	sunny	San Antonio	71	47	mst sunny
Del Rio	71	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	69	41	sunny
El Paso	67	42	rain	Sulphur Springs	57	40	sunny
Fort Stockton	68	48	pt sunny	Sweetwater	65	42	sunny
Gainesville	57	39	sunny	Tyler	58	39	sunny
Greenville	58	39	sunny	Weatherford	60	40	sunny
Houston	63	45	sunny	Wichita Falls	63	39	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	44	28	mst sunny	Minneapolis	31	22	sn shower
Boston	34	21	pt sunny	New York	37	27	mst sunny
Chicago	35	29	sn shower	Phoenix	80	52	mst sunny
Dallas	61	44	sunny	San Francisco	65	52	sunny
Denver	61	29	mst sunny	Seattle	55	40	pt sunny
Houston	63	45	sunny	St. Louis	42	30	mst sunny
Los Angeles	80	56	sunny	Washington, DC	39	28	sunny
Miami	67	51	sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 2/10	Sat 2/11	Sun 2/12	Mon 2/13	Tue 2/14
5	4	5	5	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale. 0 = No protection. 11 = Extreme protection.

Six sentenced in Dist. Court

The 51st District Court, with Judge Barbara Walther presiding, met on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at the Schleicher County Court-house.

The following individuals plead guilty and were sentenced.

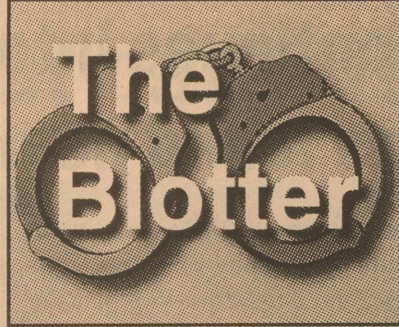
- David Thomas Fairchild of San Angelo was indicted on March 20, 2005 for possession of a controlled substance. Fairchild was given 5 years deferred adjudication, a \$1,000 fine and has to pay \$140.00 restitution jointly with Guadalupe Pena.
- Baltazar Maldonado Pena, male age 25, of Del Rio was indicted on March 30, 2005 for possession of marijuana. Pena was given two years deferred adjudication, a \$1,000 fine and has to pay \$140.00 restitution jointly with Guadalupe Pena.
- Guadalupe Pena, female age 34, of Del Rio was indicted on

March 30, 2005 for possession of marijuana. Ms. Pena plead not guilty to indictment, but plead guilty to a lesser charge. She was given 2 years probation, and has to pay jointly with Baltazar Pena \$140.00 restitution to the court.

• Jose Luis Riojas, male age 27, of Christoval was indicted on July 25, 2005 for assault on family member/enhanced. Riojas received 5 years probation and \$1,000 fine.

• Paul Ireta Alfaro of Loraine, Texas, male age 53, was indicted on December 5, 2005 for driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more. Alfaro was given 6 years probation and a fine of \$1,500.

• Ramiro Buitron, Jr., male age 18, was indicted on December 5, 2005 for assault on family member/enhanced. Buitron was given 5 years probation and \$1,000 fine.



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 31 • Alfaro, Paulino Ireta, male age 53, arresting officer SC deputy, Serving 10 days.

February 2 • Vasquez, Gabriel, male age 17, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Burglary of a Building / Burglary of a Habitation.

• Torres, Javier Edwardo, male age 37, offense Public Intoxication and Open Container.

• Torres, Darlene Salazar, female age 36, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

February 3 • Lozano, Joe Louis, male age 38, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Controlled Substance. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

February 4 • Gevea, Hatten Lee, male age 41, offense Domestic Violence.

• Barajas, Francisco, male age 64, arresting officer Game Warden, offense DWI 1st. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

February 6 • Dehoyas, Gildardo E., male age 59, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Traffic Violation.

• Bolm, Samuel Edwin, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Making Alcohol Available to Minor. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

February 8 • Cortez, Bobby Jr., male age 30, arresting officer SC deputy, offense local warrant. Released on PR Bond.

INCIDENTS

February 1 • 5:44 p.m. Complainant reported a driver possibly intoxicated. Officers responded.

• 5:49 p.m. Complainant reported being sedated from hospital visit. Officer responded.

• 7:11 p.m. Complainant reported a bike in the bushes at the school.

February 2 • 2:33 a.m. Complainant reported a prowler on her property. Officer responded.

• 7:25 p.m. Complainant reported being hit by another vehicle repeatedly. Officers responded.

February 3 • 8:53 a.m. reported a suspicious vehicle parked out by her gate. Officer responded.

• 9:35 a.m. Reported a shop lifter.

• 11:24 p.m. Caller reported possible intoxicated driver north of Eldorado. Officer responded and unable to locate.

February 4 • 3:17 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. EVFD responded.

• 5:47 p.m. Complainant reported smoke southwest of town. EVFD responded.

• 6:44 p.m. Complainant reported being assaulted. Officer and Game Warden responded.

• 8:13 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 9:20 p.m. Complainant called 911 and hung up, called back and said they had the wrong number.

February 5 • 9:25 p.m. Complainant reported child trying to commit suicide. Officer responded.

• 1:05 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 4:57 p.m. Caller advised of small bag or pile of debris on fire. Caller advised that he was a volunteer fireman from Sutton County and would attempt to extinguish the fire. Officer arrived at scene and was notified by caller that the fire could have been possibly ignited by a subject driving a white Ford late 1980-1990 pickup southbound on 277. Sutton County was notified and was asked to attempt to locate vehicle.

February 6 • 7:12 p.m. Caller advised of two vehicles driving at a high rate of speed on streets in and around the Community Baptist Church and courthouse and memorial building. Caller unable to ascertain additional information to help identify the vehicles being reported. Officer responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Sandwich Shop

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

CITATION BY PUBLICATION ON APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND THE ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

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Schleicher County, Texas

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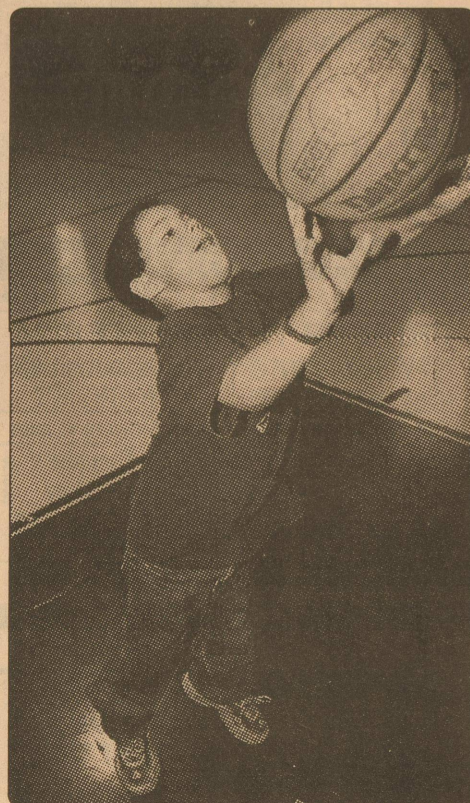
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Stargazer

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Clyde Tombaugh finally on his way to Pluto

Feb. 4 is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Clyde Tombaugh, astronomer who in 1930 discovered Pluto, and the only American to discover a planet. A year before his historic discovery, Tombaugh was an obscure 23-year-old Kansas farm boy who, as a hobby, made telescopes to view the night sky.

Armed with a high school diploma, his self-taught expertise, a strong work ethic, and love for astronomy, Tombaugh arrived at

Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, AZ, Jan. 15, 1929. The observatory was beginning a third search for a ninth planet, dubbed Planet X by the observatory's founder, Percival Lowell. Many astronomers doubted there were any more planets, and one even told the young Tombaugh he was wasting his time looking for something that didn't exist.

Yet he undertook his new job with determination. The easier part of his two-phased job was to take thousands of photos of tiny areas of the night sky, each area being photographed twice, a week apart. Even this wasn't always easy as telescopes must be at the temperature as the surrounding air, so on freezing winter nights he had to endure bitter cold to take photos.

Then using a viewing device called a "blink comparator," the more challenging part of his job was to make detailed comparisons of the pairs of photos. Over a period of a week, stars don't move relative to each other, so Tombaugh looked for objects that did move, that is, were in a different place on the two photos relative to the surrounding stars. This took not only great visual acuity but incredible perseverance and patience.

But after only a year of searching, he hit pay dirt. Feb. 18, 1930, comparing photos taken Jan. 23 & 29, he found the elusive Planet X and wrote his name in astronomical history.

In 1993 my wife and I visited with then-87-year-old Tombaugh and his wife, Patsy, in their home in Las Cruces, NM. Although they had not previously known us, they were delightful and gracious hosts. Through his fame, and the professional snubs he endured in the early years, he remained renowned for his humility, warmth, friendliness and humor. His love of puns is legendary. As he autographed my copy of his biography on the page with a photo of himself and his cat (named Pluto) he asked if that page was OK, and grinned as he added, "The wrong page would be cat-astrophic."

Now 76 years after Pluto's discovery, NASA, on Jan. 19, launched the New Horizons space craft on its 9 year journey to Pluto. As one of many who came to love the man, it is gratifying to know that Clyde Tombaugh, who died in 1997, is finally on his way to his beloved Pluto. New Horizons is carrying some of his ashes. He'll have to wait 9 years before reaching his tiny, remote world, but patience was one of Clyde Tombaugh's virtues.

• Now through Feb. 9 evenings, Saturn is within two moonwidths of the Beehive star cluster, coming closest Feb. 1. (This will look best in binoculars.)

• Feb. 2 Thu.: Groundhog Day and Candlemas, a cross-quarter day celebrating the middle of winter.

• 5 Sun. evening: The 1st quarter Moon is between Mars and the Pleiades.

• 11 Sat. evening: The Moon is 6' below Saturn in the east.

• 12 Sun.: The full Moon of February is called Snow Moon, Hunger Moon and Wolf Moon.

• 14 Tue. morning: Venus is at its brightest.

• 14 Tue. all night: The Moon travels across the night sky with Saturn, the two coming closest just before dawn.

• 17 Fri. evening: Mars is nearly within the Pleiades.

• 17 Fri. late evening: Rising shortly before midnight, the Moon and the star Spica are but an eyelash apart as they move across the sky together the rest of the night.

• Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Mars is high in the southwest as Saturn is rising in the east. Morning: Jupiter, up by 2 a.m., is high in the south southeast while Venus rises an hour and a half before the Sun.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Makes 4 servings

- 1 1/3 pounds (about 4 medium) Wisconsin potatoes (golden flesh*)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary or 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crumbled
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic (or any of Chef Paul Prudhomme's Magic Seasoning Blends)
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1-inch squares

Heat oven to 475°F. Cut potatoes into 1 1/2-inch cubes. Combine remaining ingredients except bell pepper into baking sheet with sides; mix to blend. Add potatoes and bell pepper. Toss to coat. Arrange in single layer. Bake 30 to 35 minutes until potatoes are tender and lightly browned, tossing 2 or 3 times during baking.

*Any specialty or fingerling potato can be used.

Parmesan Potato Wedges

Makes 4 servings

- 2 pounds unpeeled Wisconsin potatoes (russet, about 4 large), washed and drained
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon Chef Paul Prudhomme's Poultry Magic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Vegetable cooking spray

Cut each potato lengthwise into 6 wedges. In small plastic bag, combine cheese and poultry seasoning. Pour olive oil into large plastic bag. Roll potato wedges in olive oil, then in cheese mixture. Arrange wedges in single layer on 15 x 12 inch baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375°F 30 to 35 minutes or until potatoes are tender and golden brown.

Potato Burgers

Makes 4 servings

- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Vegetable Magic
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
- 1 cup cooked, finely diced Wisconsin potatoes (russet)
- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 teaspoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic

Combine tomato sauce, vegetable seasoning, onion and parsley. Toss potatoes with 1/4 cup tomato sauce mixture.

Divide ground beef into 8 thin patties. Top 4 patties with equal portions potato mixture and place remaining patties over tops. Pinch edges together well. Season burgers with 1/4 teaspoon meat seasoning per side. Brown burgers in hot skillet. Turn and pour remaining tomato sauce mixture into skillet. Cover; simmer 10 minutes.

Jazzy Potato Soup

Makes 8 (1-cup) appetizer servings

- Seasoning Mix
- 2 tablespoons Chef Paul Prudhomme's Meat Magic
 - 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 - 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves

- Creamy Mixture
- 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1/2 cup cottage cheese
 - 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

- Soup
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
 - 1 cup chopped celery
 - 2 cups small-diced Wisconsin potatoes (russet)
 - 4 cups large-diced Wisconsin potatoes (russet), divided
 - 1 cup apple juice
 - 4 cups vegetable stock, divided
 - 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
 - 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions

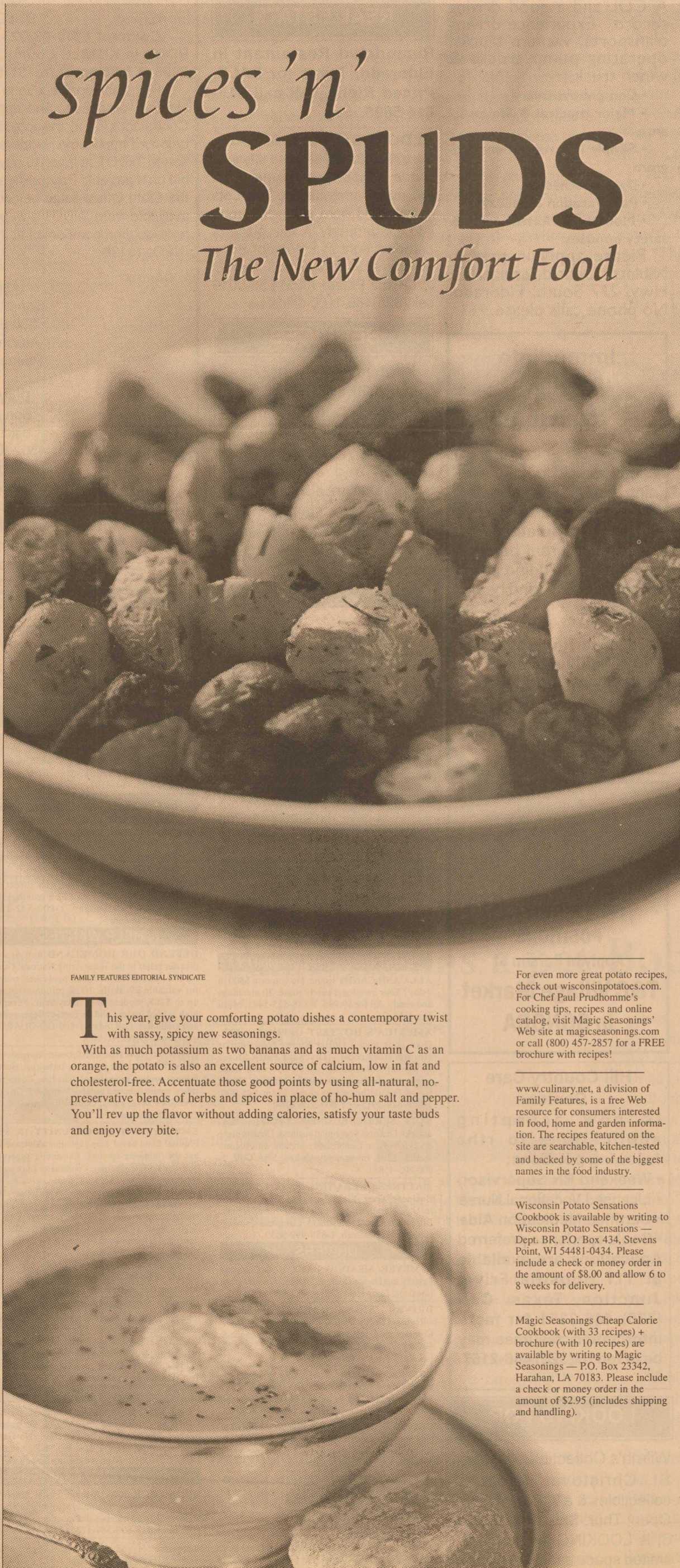
Combine seasoning mix ingredients in small bowl. Set aside.

For creamy mixture, place 1/4 cup milk plus cottage cheese and flour in blender. Blend until smooth. Add remaining milk; blend until thoroughly mixed. Set aside.

Preheat heavy pot over high heat to 350°F, about 4 minutes. Add onions, celery, small-diced potatoes, 2 cups large-diced potatoes and 2 tablespoons seasoning mix. Stir and cook 5 minutes, scraping bottom of pot as crust forms. Add apple juice, scrape bottom free of crust. Cook until liquid evaporates, about 10 minutes.

Add 1 cup vegetable stock and remaining seasoning. Scrape to clear all crust; transfer mixture to blender. Purée until smooth and return to pot. Cook over high heat until crust forms on bottom, about 8 minutes. Add 1 cup stock, and scrape to clear crust. Stir in remaining stock and cook 1 minute. Add remaining large potatoes and bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook 12 minutes, scraping occasionally. Stir in reserved creamy mixture and bring just to simmer. Remove from heat and stir in parsley and green onions.

Cook's Tip: Because the amount of starch in potatoes varies greatly, the soup may be a little too thick or thin. Add more or less stock to get desired consistency.



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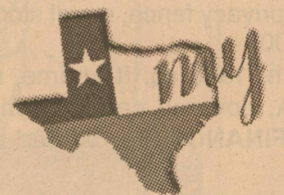
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