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District 2-2A title

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Into a third-century...
Ruth Baker celebrates
her 102nd birthday

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For Your Information

The History of Valentine's Day

In Rome in A.D. 270, Valentine, bishop of Interama, had enraged the mad emperor Claudius II, who had issued an edict forbidding marriage. Claudius felt that married men made poor soldiers, because they would not want to leave their families for battle. The empire needed soldiers, so Claudius abolished marriage. Valentine invited young couples to come to him in secret, where he joined them in the sacrament of matrimony. Claudius learned of this "friend of lovers," and had the bishop brought to the palace. The emperor, impressed with the young priest's dignity and conviction, attempted to convert him to the Roman gods, to save him from certain execution. Valentine refused to renounce Christianity and boldly attempted to convert the emperor. He was executed on February 24th of that year.

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On This Date

On this date in 0060 St Paul is thought to have been shipwrecked at Malta. In 1720 Edmund Halley was appointed 2nd Astronomer Royal of England. In 1763 the Treaty of Paris ended the French-Indian War. In 1863 PT Barnum staged the wedding of Tom Thumb & Mercy Lavinia Warren. In 1920 major league baseball outlawed all pitches involving a tampered ball. In 1959 a tornado tore through St Louis killing 19 and injuring 265. In 1989 the World Wrestling Federation admitted that pro wrestling is an exhibition and not a sport, in a New Jersey court.

Birthdays of note include: 1702 composer Jean-Pierre Guignon; 1890 novelist Boris L Pasternak; 1893 comedian Jimmy Durante; 1893 tennis player Bill Tilden; 1906 actor Lon Chaney, Jr.; 1939 vocalist Roberta Flack; 1950 Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz; 1958 actress Sharon Stone; 1966 Dallas Cowboy Daryl "Moose" Johnston; 1967 actress Laura Dern.

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Valentine's Day Trivia

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.

The Roman Lupercalia, a celebration of fertility began on February 14th. The date was later borrowed by the early Christians to celebrate a martyr by the name of Valentine.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Be mine, Valentine — Maria Villa decorated Valentine's cookies Tuesday as part of a fundraiser for the Family, Career & Community Leaders of America Club.

EHS students bake Valentine's cookies for annual fundraiser

What do you get when you mix 135 pounds of flour, 57 pounds of Crisco, 70 pounds of sugar and 17 1/2 dozen eggs and several EHS students? Six hundred Valentine's Day cookies, of course!

Each of the last 12 years Vocational Home Ec. teacher Chris McCravey's Family, Career & Community Leaders of America club has mixed, cut and decorated heart-shaped Valentine's cookies to sell for their annual fundraiser. This year the group made and decorated an estimated 600 hundred heart shape cookies with the help of many volunteer hands.

Two weeks ahead of Valentine's Day each year, the students

try out their baking and math skills making volumes of cookie dough. The cookies are baked and then frozen until they are decorated. That's when the real fun begins as each of Mrs. McCravey's students take turns decorating hundreds of cookies with traditional and not so traditional sayings. The six inch iced cookies are then sold for \$1.00 and may be purchased by anyone visiting the classroom. As this year's holiday approaches, the rooms will overflow with pink iced confections.

The funds collected helps the Family, Career & Community Leaders of America members pay their dues and travel to their convention.

Knights of Columbus announce local free throw champions

Three boys and three girls from Eldorado, and one boy from Mertzton ranging in ages 10-14, were named local champions of the 2000 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. These seven students have earned the right to compete at the district level. The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #11282 in Eldorado sponsored the local competition at the Eldorado Middle School Gym, Saturday, February 4th, 1000. All youngsters ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Amika Gonzales was the 10-year-old girl's champion and J.P. Joiner was the winner of the 10-year-old boy's division. In the 11-

year-old boy's bracket, Russell Cathey was the boy's champion. Twelve-year-old winner in the girl's division was Charlotte Adame. The 13-year-old boy's division was won by Ryan Cathey. Fourteen-year-old champion's were Christina Redish in the girl's bracket and Ricky Villarreal from Mertzton in the boy's bracket. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts per contestant until a winner emerged.

Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held on February 13 in Sonora in the Sonora Middle School Gym at 3:00 p.m. with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

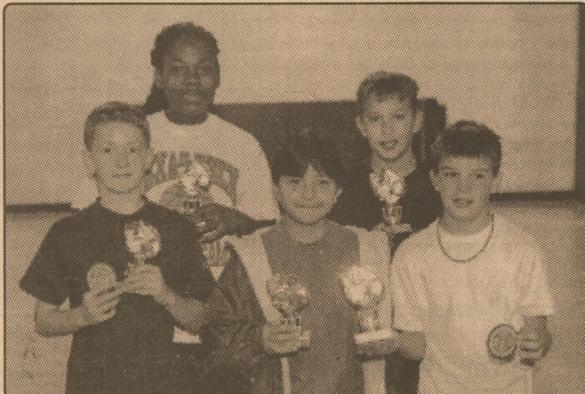


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Free Throw Champs — Winners of the K of C Free Throw contest were (Front L-R) J.P. Joiner, Amika Gonzalez, Russell Cathey (Back L-R) Christina Redish and Ryan Cathey. (Not pictured) Charlotte Adame and Ricky Villarreal.

Rabies epidemic in Schleicher County

by William Edmiston, DVM

Rabies is endemic (it's here to stay) in the wildlife population of Schleicher County and periodically spills over into the domestic livestock and pets, and has the potential to infect humans, with resulting suffering, economic loss, and death. Wildlife, especially skunks and raccoons, incubate the rabies virus for long periods of time (at least 18 months) without developing clinical signs of disease.

During times of stress, such as mating season (Feb-May for skunks), and/or nutritional deficits (hungry due to dry weather with few insects, rodents, and green plants) these infected animals break with clinical disease while shedding large numbers of rabies virus in any body fluid, especially saliva.

Clinical signs of rabies are first a change in behavior, (aggression, movement during daylight hours, loss of normal fear response, loss of muscle control of tongue and throat causing excessive salivation) then progressive loss of bodily muscle control, then death. During the infected stage and especially during the clinical phase, rabies virus can

be transferred to another animal especially by a bite resulting in another (or many) case of rabies.

Our wildlife population is highly stressed at present, due to the dry weather. The resultant increase in activity while mating and hunting for food, allows many more animal conflicts, transmitting rabies. Rabies has snowballed to an epidemic, which appears to continue to escalate. Numerous skunks, raccoons, foxes, and other animals have been seen sick and/or dead on area ranches, and the level of rabies exposure has caused one vaccinated dog to break with rabies.

Vaccination of domestic animals, especially dogs and cats, is our best line of defense against human exposure to rabies. Most persons, even children, have a natural fear or resistance to consorting with skunks and other wild animals, and usually will remember these encounters. In contrast, most people

will readily pet a dog or cat, allowing close proximity to make a bite or scratch possible to allow rabies transmission from pet to human

Vaccination of animals should provide an acceptable level of protection against the rabies virus, and multiple vaccinations will greatly increase the level of protection. Texas state law requires annual vaccinations against rabies for dogs and cats, and the rabies vaccinations should be given by 3 months of age. At the Eldorado Animal Clinic, we additionally suggest that we follow up the initial vaccination with a Booster at 4 months of age.

Please check the vaccination status of your pets and any valuable or frequently handled livestock, especially horses, and keep them current on rabies vaccinations to protect yourself, your pets, and your neighbors. Call 853-2572 if you have questions or need assistance.

Youth hockey league forming

Parents interested in coaching or otherwise helping start a youth hockey league in Eldorado are encouraged to attend a meeting with Coach Dave Lewis in his Middle School classroom (second door on the left when you enter the Middle School.) The meeting is slated for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12th

School in Coach Dave Lewis' classroom on Saturday, February 12th. The group will be discussing rules, equipment, playing areas, clinics, age groups and dates.



photo by Randy Mankin

Out on a limb — Tom Green County horticulturist John Begnaud was town last week to trim the old elm tree adjacent to Meador Park on Main Street. Begnaud, with the help of local extension agent Scott Edmonson, trimmed the tree at the request of the City of Eldorado.

Crawford arrested on livestock theft charges, two years after leaving county

Bobby Dwight Crawford, 46, of Mississippi, was arrested Monday in San Angelo on a two-year-old warrant from Schleicher County. Crawford was charged with theft of livestock and booked into the Tom Green County Jail. He was later released on \$10,000 bond.

The charges stem from an investigation conducted by Chief Deputy George Arispe and Cattle Ranger Jack Andrews in 1997. A grand jury indictment was handed down in the case on January 9, 1998. However, by that time, Crawford had already left the state.

Crawford, who operated Mesa Cattle Company, a cattle feedlot in southwest Schleicher County, allegedly sold some of the cattle left in his care at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo. Other cattle were moved onto ranches in Schleicher, Tom Green and Coke counties. When the livestock owners came to claim their cattle, they reportedly found that both Crawford and the livestock were gone.

Deputy Arispe reported that he

attempted to serve Crawford with a number of civil citations in 1997 relating to lawsuits on past due accounts. He found Crawford had fled, leaving a number of livestock unattended in the feedlot.

It is unclear at this time exactly how many head of livestock are missing. "This was a very complicated case," Arispe told the Success. "There were cattle missing, other cattle had been moved onto leased ranches for grazing and the leases hadn't been paid."

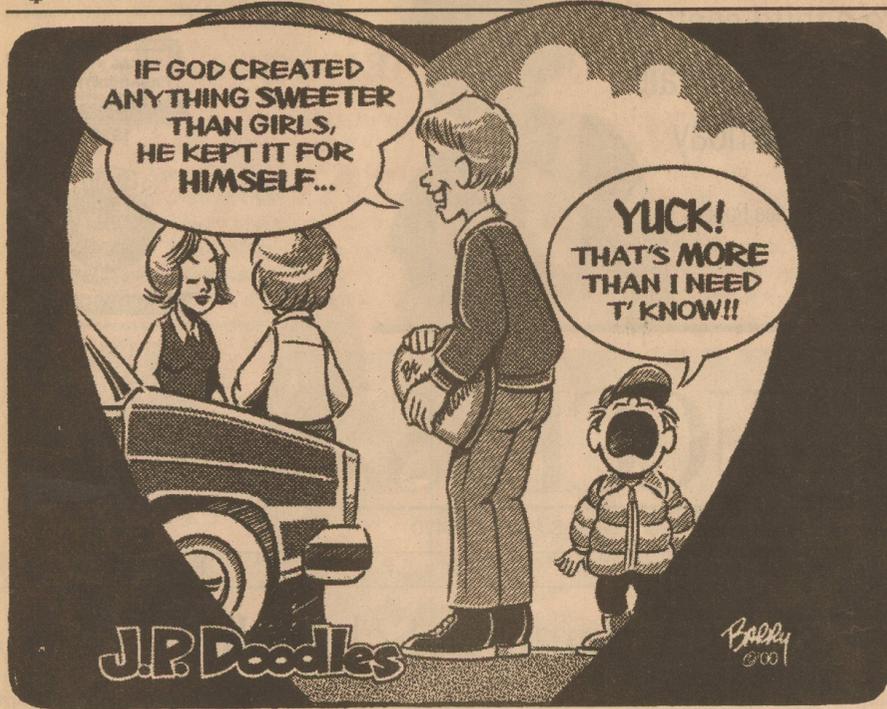
Arispe said that some livestock owners, who had already paid Crawford to feed and care for their cattle, found themselves also having to pay landowners whose grazing leases hadn't been paid. "If they didn't pay, they couldn't pick up their livestock," Arispe said.

Crawford was reportedly picked up in San Angelo on felony theft by check charges. That's when officers served the two-year-old Schleicher County warrant.

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Get your own Valentine...mine is taken



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

I was working at a clothing store in Lubbock when I first met Kathy. She worked in the office where she was the accounts payable clerk for the store, and five others that were owned by the same family. I was a lowly sales clerk, working the front floor in the company's downtown store.

When I say front floor, I mean that I wasn't supposed to venture back into the suit department. That's where the experienced salesmen worked and they were very jealous of their territory...and their high commissions. Instead, I was supposed to sell shirts and socks and underwear. You know, the low ticket items, where the commissions were considerably lower as well.

Occasionally, a customer would come in, looking for a shirt or a tie,

and I would manage to get them back into the suit department. Only if the other salesmen in the department were busy could I help the customer look at a new suit. But, when that happened and the customer made a purchase, I got the commission.

There were a couple of brothers working at the store, Eddie and Alvin, who were well past retirement age. They knew all there was to know about selling suits and made certain that I understood that fact. If I somehow managed to sell a suit, Eddie and Alvin would find something for me to do...like inventory the stockroom.

One day, at break time, I went to the back of the store to get a coke. As I stood there sipping the drink and trying to figure how to slip customers past Eddie and Alvin, the back door opened and Kathy walked through.

She was six feet tall with long blonde hair. The fact that she was standing two or three steps above me, made her look even taller. I swallowed hard and managed to utter one or two syllables but she just swept past me as if I wasn't there...I was in love.

I determined then and there that Kathy was the one for me and I set out to win her. It wasn't easy, though. You see, there were lots of college boys who had worked at that clothing store. Consequently, Kathy had heard all the really good lines before. So, I had to be more creative. But my persistence paid off and she finally agreed to a date.

Three years later we were married. Over the years, she has stuck by me through thick and thin.

I think the toughest test of our marriage came when we decided to buy the newspaper. Those who work closely with their spouses will understand how much of a challenge it has been. If you've never worked sixty hour weeks in an office with your spouse, try it sometimes...you'll find out how solid your marriage really is.

Still, through it all, Kathy has stayed the course. And, I'm more in love with her today than I was twenty-three years ago when we were married.

Valentine's Day is next Monday. Flowers, candy and cards will convey the sentiments of the day to countless loved ones around the globe.

But, at the Mankin household, we're not into all that. You see, Kathy has never been very impressed with conventional gifts. So, just like all those years ago, I've had to be creative.

Happy Valentine's Day, Kathy, and thank you for letting me share your life.

Revised law makes nicotine data available

AUSTIN — Anyone who wants to know how much nicotine is in a certain brand of cigarettes should have an easier time finding the information.

The Texas Department of Health has adopted a revision to state law that will allow Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., Lorillard Tobacco Co., Philip Morris Inc., and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. to provide information to the department by using a mathematical model to determine the nicotine yield of their products.

Information on nicotine yield provided to the health department will be subject to the Texas Public Information Act, the law that gives citizens access to most documents held by state agencies and local government.

Armed with information, citi-

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



zens can make a better-informed decision whether or not to smoke cigarettes.

Methods used to obtain information on nicotine yield also will be found under the revised Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 161, Subchapter P.

Bush Security Has a Price

Gov. George W. Bush's presidential campaign is not cheap and taxpayers, of course, are footing the bill.

Department of Public Safety records show Texas spent at least \$2.65 million last year for what is being called "executive security,"

the Associated Press reported.

The DPS listed the figure as a lump sum for security for Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

At the end of 1998, when Bush began considering a run for president, executive security costs were about \$286,000. Since then, the governor has traveled out of state on campaign trips, with the state paying for his security.

Aides to Bush say the state also paid for former Democratic Gov. Ann Richards' security when she campaigned for President Clinton in 1992.

AG Rules on Judge's Mail

A Texas Attorney General's opinion issued last week said Denton County officials are required by state law to allow the Denton Record-Chronicle, or anyone from the public, to regularly review the county judge's official mail.

The newspaper first asked in June to review County Judge Kirk Wilson's mail daily.

At first, the judge granted the request but later denied daily access and asked the attorney general to rule.

Class-size Exemptions Limit

State officials are making it harder to get a class size exemption, the Texas State Teachers Association reported last week.

Last year, 150 school districts asked the state to waive the 22-pupil limit on kindergarten through fourth grade.

That marks a 50 percent increase in the number of districts asking for a waiver five years ago.

Now, two new restrictions will

apply:

- Beginning in the fall, all campuses getting waivers will have to have a state rating of "acceptable" and show annual gains in student performance in future years; and

- Districts requesting waivers for more than two consecutive semesters must hold public meetings at each campus affected by a waiver.

Bush Names 'Ambassador'

Gov. Bush has designated Secretary of State Elton Bomer as the Census 2000 ambassador for Texas.

State agencies are to cooperate with and assist the Bomer in census outreach activities.

More than 500 Local Complete Count Committees have been formed in Texas to spearhead grassroots campaigns to educate local residents about the importance of the census.

And, more than 26,000 federal census workers will be needed to conduct the Texas census throughout the year.

Studio Proposal Made

Hoping to attract Hollywood, the Austin Film Society has proposed to use vacant buildings at the capital city's defunct Robert Mueller Airport for sound stages and production offices for making commercials, films and videos over the next 10 years.

Filmmakers including Mike Judge, creator of "King of the Hill," documentary filmmaker Paul Stekler and Elizabeth Avellan, who produces films with director Robert Rodriguez, said the Mueller studios would bring jobs, money and publicity to the Austin area.



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No Y2K Problems on the Beach

The sunset was spectacular. The clouds were trimmed with silver and gold as the sun laid a bright orange stripe on the water before sinking into the gulf. Sounds like Texas, doesn't it.

Well, it's Florida. A little place called Cape San Blas on a strip of beach referred to as Florida's Forgotten Coast. This is Northern Florida. The panhandle. Florida's Big Bend. It's where the best beaches are. Cape San Blas has bright white sand that is so clean it squeaks when you walk on it. The gulf water has a gentle surf here. It's calm and peaceful, a good place to start the new millennium.

We went to Florida because my wife's cousin Bill has an uncle who owns a beach house in Cape San Blas and rents it out. The house is named Do Me Good. We were trying to figure out somewhere to go to welcome the new century. We thought about Key West and tried to get accommodations there, but the prices were outrageous. A room at a moderately priced motel that might cost fifty to seventy dollars a night was going for five hundred dollars a night.

Cuz Bill told us about the place at San Blas, so we decided to go there. It's near Apalachicola, a historic old sailing town that feels and looks like the times when big ships came into the harbor there. Some other places nearby are Saint George Island, Mexico Beach and Port Saint Jo. Palmettos grow here in profusion, right along with tall pine trees. It is an area of beautiful homes. In spite of all the hurricane

threats, land is expensive here. A tiny lot next to Do Me Good is for sale for \$150,000.

We had oysters at Boss Oysters, a restaurant in Apalachicola. They prepare oysters seventeen different ways. We didn't try all of them. My favorite was with ceviche. Oysters are big business here. Apalachicola Bay provides ninety percent of Florida's oysters and ten percent of the nation's supply. One and a half million pounds of oyster meat are shucked around Apalachicola each year.

In Florida, fireworks are sold in super markets. We bought some at Piggly Wiggly to celebrate the New Year on the beach. The temperature was perfect. Around 70 degrees.

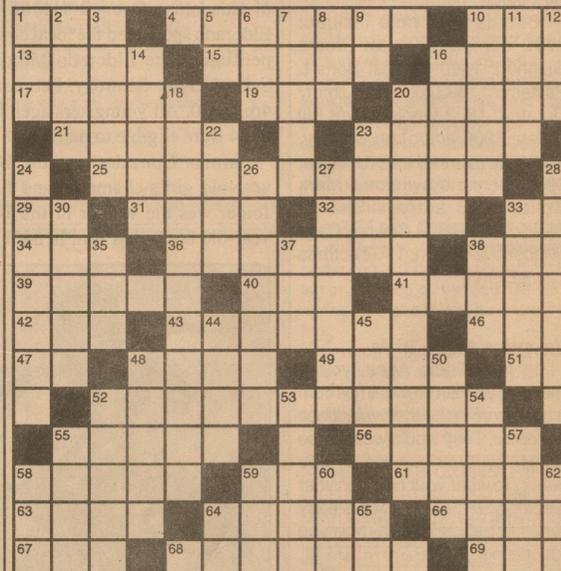
High season in Florida is summer, I don't understand that. All during the last day of 1999, people were building things near the water. The beach sand was formed into a giant Sphinx, a castle-like structure that had turrets and stairs on the inside of it, a bear, a woman and all manner of things. It was fun to walk along and see all the creativity that went into building sand sculptures. At night on New Year's Eve people sat outside and built fires.

Our fireworks were duds. I tried to light a package of firecrackers so they would all go off together, but nothing happened. I threw them in the fire and nothing happened. But some others worked and people on either side of us had some real fireworks, so we got to watch. It was a great way to start a new year.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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OBITUARIES

Ethel Carrell

ELDORADO — Ethel Mae Carrell, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2000, in a local hospital.

Services were held Sunday, February 6, 2000 at the Mertzson Highway Church of Christ. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born May 6, 1915, in Menard County and was a long-

time resident of Eldorado. She was a sales clerk for McCalla's Department Store and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy Gibson of Lewisville; a brother, Vernon Clark of Fort Stockton; a sister, Jean Templeton of San Angelo; two granddaughters; one grandson; and five great-grandchildren.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Happy Birthday — Ruth Baker (right) has lived in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. She celebrated her 102nd birthday at the Schleicher County Nursing Home last Saturday. She was joined at the ceremony by three other nursing home residents who celebrate their birthdays in February (L-R) Alma Sauer (82), Virginia Swift (82) and Willie Johnson (99).

Round-up of Texas authors set for February 20th in Menard

The Library Club of Menard, Inc. will be hosting a luncheon and book fair with an impressive list of Texas authors on hand to visit and mingle with the guests. Authors attending will be Elmer Kelton, Mike Blakely, David Marion Wilkinson, Ken Hodgson, Ken Casper a.k.a. K.N. Casper, Preston Lewis and Jane Vaughan.

The benefit will be held at the Menard Country Club on Sunday, February 20, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. The luncheon will be followed by a book fair, at which participants may purchase autographed editions of the author's books. A portion of book sales will be donated to the library building fund and

Sharon Murphy of Houston will conduct the book fair.

Tickets for the luncheon and book fair will be \$50.00 each and space is limited. Advance reservations can be made by calling Marjorie Russell at 915-396-4621. There will be also be \$10 ticket available for the book fair only. This fundraiser is for the Menard Public Library Building Fund.

It's A Girl

Cory and Erin Edmiston are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Alyssa Moran. The little lady made her appearance January 13, 2000, weighing in at 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Welcoming her were grandparents Phil and Wanda Edmiston of Eldorado; Art and Nancy Little of Azle; great grandparents Nita Martell of Holiday, Florida; Bill and Billie Wallace of San Angelo; Betty Gross of Andrews, and Orval and Charlene Edmiston of Eldorado.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

A great windy, cool day on Sunday February 6th for our regular Play Day. We had a supper turn out with 36 adults and 1 youth, Byron Guiterrey.

1st place score 59, Tom Gray, Guy Grippin, Ricky Griffin and Brenda Gray

2nd place score 59, Jim Broome, Bob Wanoreck, Gordon Jones and Bill Freitag

Score card play - off for 1st

3rd place score 60, Jon Cartwright, Bob Bland, Bill wells and Nancy Lester.

Score card play off for 3rd place with four teams competing with a score of 60. Brent Poyner, Howard Ledbetter, Ken Newman and Aaron Sanchez, Moses Hill, Eddie Hill, Sam Hernandez and Gordon Emmons, Victor Bellman, Don Richters, Ken Thomas and Lynn Griffin.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, March 5th.

It's A Girl!

Kent and Kristen Giles of Eldorado are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Brittany Belle Giles. She arrived just in time for Christmas on December 24, 1999 at 7:25 a.m. in a Stephenville hospital. Brittany weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces and was 17 inches in length. Grandparents are Ronnie and Linda Giles of Stephenville, Texas and Marilyn and Dale King of Cleburne, Texas

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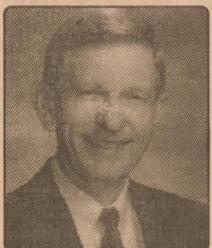
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Eagles roundballers sweep Sonora, boys grab district lead

by David E. Hill

Both Eldorado roundball squads were victorious against Sonora this past Friday night at Eagle Gym. In addition to two excellent ball games, Eagle fans got a exhibition of skills from some future Eagles under the direction of Coach Randy Mitchel. All in all it was a good night for EHS basketball.

Coach Leslie Gooch's Lady Eagles needed a win against Sonora for any hopes of a play off spot. A win is what they got. The Lady Eagles probably played their

best game of the year. The results were EHS on the winning end of a 60 to 46 contest.

Eldorado came out early and grabbed a 16 to 10 lead in the first quarter of the contest. The Lady Eagles continued the outscore SHS in the second 13 to 9 and took a 10 point 29 to 19 lead into intermission. In addition to the strong offensive showing, EHS played excellent defense in the first half. Eldorado continued to pour it on in the third quarter as they outscored Sonora 15 to 9 taking a 44 to 28 lead into the final

stanza. The fourth quarter would be the only quarter that SHS would outscore the Lady Eagles, but it was too little, too late. The Lady Eagles closed out the Lady Broncos by 14 winning 60 to 46.

The Eagles were led by Kayla Kohls with 20 points and Tabitha Lloyd had 12. Leigh Ann Neal had 5 steals, Kohls had 4, and Stacy Nicholson had 9 rebounds.

EHS had a great night on the offensive end of the court and played a tough defensive game in a must win situation. Coach Gooch commented, "this was a great victory for the kids. It keeps our play off hopes alive. Kayla Kohls had a good all around night and Tabitha Lloyd came off the bench to play a huge role in the victory."

Eldorado will finish the season in Forsan. The win runs the Lady Eagles season record to 12 and 16 and 4 and 5 in District play.

The second game of the double header saw Alan Gillespie's Eagles finish the sweep of Sonora as the Eagles won 66 to 54.

EHS got off to a slow start as Sonora came out on top of the first

quarter 21 to 13. Eagle fans had seen EHS start slowly the last time out and didn't like what they saw. Sonora extended it lead by 3 in the second taking a 11 point lead into the half 33 to 22. After some adjustments at half time, Eldorado came out in the third and turned an 11 point deficit into to a 4 point lead outscoring Sonora 21 to 6. The Eagles offensive show continued in the final quarter as EHS extended its lead to 12 by scoring 23 points in the fourth to Sonora's 15. Final score, Eldorado 66, Sonora 54.

Anthony Pina paced the Eagles with 26 points, Michael Mayo had 18, and Joey Bullard had 12. Mayo had 15 rebounds, Bullard had 8, and Johnny Herrera had 5. William Robledo had 7 assists on the night.

Sonora played two different EHS teams on Friday. Fortunately for Eagle fans, the right team for EHS came out in the second half.

Coach Gillespie commented, "all of the team continue to contribute and play important roles. The crowd support was awesome and was a huge factor in the game!" EHS got some help as well, Ozona lost to Wall and gave the Eagles sole possession of first place in District 2 2A. The win runs the Eagles record to 23 and 7 and 6 and 1 in loop play. EHS plays Forsan next.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Fast break — William Robledo sank this jumper to help the Eagles defeat Sonora 66-54 last Friday night in Eagle Gym.

Eldorado boys defeat Forsan

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles continued their march through District 2 2A by defeating the Forsan Buffaloes Tuesday night in Forsan by 20.

The Eagles led the entire ball game. EHS jumped to a 20 to 13 lead in the first and then took a 10 point 38 to 28 lead at the half. Eldorado extended their lead to 14 at the end of the third and closed out the Buffs by 6 in the fourth. Final score, EHS 72, FHS 52.

Anthony Pina had 21 points,

Joey Bullard had 14, and Michael Mayo had 13. Mayo led all rebounders with 10, and Jeff Stafford pulled in 7.

Coach Gillespie commented, "we played relaxed and our bench really played well." The win runs the Eagles record to 24 and 7 and 7 and 1 in District play.

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Also, anyone interested in coaching or umpiring is welcome, as well. An umpire's certification program is planned for Saturday, Feb. 19th in Sonora. Eldorado Youth Baseball will pay for rule books for anyone wishing to attend the program.

Any potential players interested in playing in the two new age divisions are encouraged to contact Bill Dykstra at 853-2288 or Terry Roberts at 853-2945 as soon as possible, to sign up. Those interested in attending the umpire certification program should call no later than Wednesday, Feb. 16.

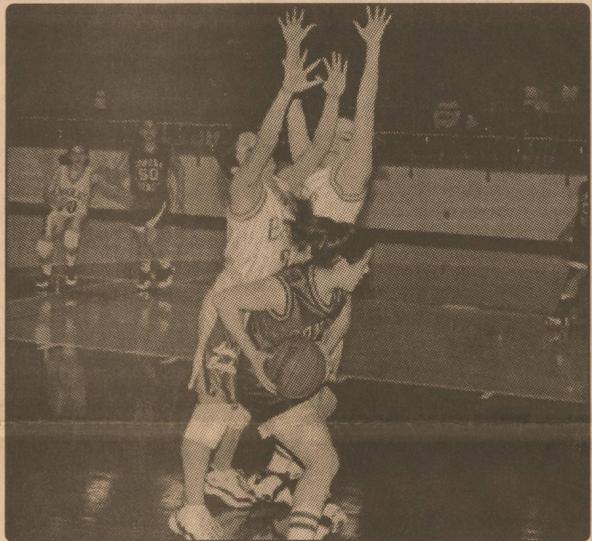


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Swarming defense — Vanessa Gonzalez and Kayla McCravery proved too much for this Sonora player last Friday night as the Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Broncos 60-46.

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Lady Eagles' end season in Forsan

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Lady Eagles season ended in Forsan with an overtime loss to the Lady Queens 55 to 52. The loss will have the Lady Eagles finish in fourth place in District 2 2A out of the playoffs.

Stacy Nicholson and Kayla Kohls led all scorers with 15 and Kayla McCravery had 6. A total of 9 Eagles scored for EHS. Nicholson had 16 rebounds and Christina Redish had 7 rebounds.

Eldorado's Tabitha Lloyd was injured driving to the basket for the winning basket late in the game and suffered a fractured nose (her condition was not available at press time). The Forsan player was charged with a flagrant foul and EHS made one of the free shots and then got the ball, however, Forsan got a rebound and scored forcing the game into OT.



Girls District 2-2A Standings			Boys District 2-2A Standings		
	W	L		W	L
Ozona	10	0	Eldorado	7	1
Wall	8	2	Ozona	6	2
Sonora	5	5	Sonora	5	3
Eldorado	4	6	Wall	3	5
Forsan	2	8	Junction	3	5
Junction	1	9	Forsan	0	8

Eagle Players of the Week
Lady Eagles: The Entire Team
Eagles Boys: Anthony Pina

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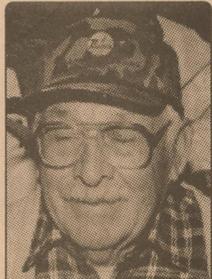
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Love, Joyce Whitten

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TxDOT Transportation Planning & Program Division

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2000, the Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TPP) of the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting in San Angelo, Texas, to discuss possible changes to the route selection criteria of the Texas Highway Trunk System.

The Texas Trunk System is a planned 4-lane divided highway system that includes and complements the interstate highway system. The system has not changed since its adoption by the Transportation Commission in 1990.

TPP is proposing to review the existing selection criteria codified in the Texas Administrative Code and receive comments on possible additions to the criteria at a series of public meetings held throughout the state. These changes, if adopted by the Texas Transportation Commission, could add highways to the existing system.

The San Angelo meeting will be in the Training Room of the Vehicle Titles and Registration Building, located at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd.

Other meetings, including contact phone numbers, that are scheduled include Childress, Feb. 14 940-937-2571; Uvalde, Feb. 16 (210-615-1100); Corsicana, Feb. 22 (214-320-6100); Huntsville, Feb. 28 (409-778-2165).

From 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., displays showing the current Trunk System and selection criteria will

be available for review. During this time, TPP staff will be available to answer questions. At 7:00 p.m., there will be a formal presentation followed by a public comment period.

At each location, the meeting will include (1) a discussion of the Trunk system development; (2) a presentation on existing selection criteria and (3) an overview of the impacts of changing the criteria and the steps involved.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meetings. Comments regarding proposed changes to the Trunk system selection criteria are requested. Verbal comments may be presented at the public meeting. Written comments may be presented at the public meeting or may be mailed or delivered to Mr. Alvin R. Lueddecke, Jr., P.E., Transportation Planning and Programming Division, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, Texas 78714-9217 or electronically mailed (e-mailed) to pthurin@dot.state.tx.us. To be included in the official public hearing record, written comments must be received or postmarked by March 8, 2000.

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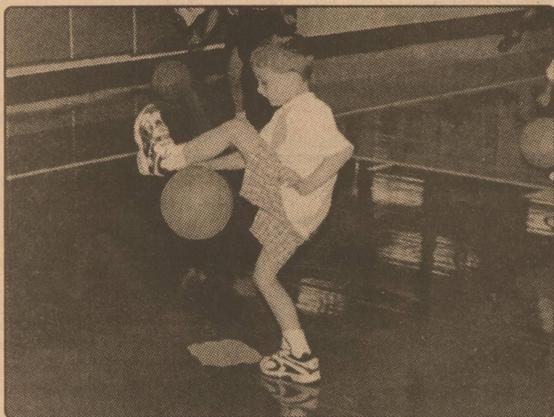
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SCISD's special education program gets an "A"

For three days last week, February 1, 2 & 3, members of the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) onsite review team were on campus at Schleicher County I.S.D. Marilyn Cranford, Jenny Mansfield, Jan Jeffries and George Kampert spent the time reviewing

SCISD's special education program.

The team met with administrators, teachers, parents, students and community members. Their main concern were the 99 SCISD students that were diagnosed as learning disabled or speech impaired during the 1999-2000 year.

On Thursday, February 3rd three members of the TEA onsite review team met with SCISD staff to report their findings on the effectiveness of the school's special education program. They noted that of the 13 special education indicators reviewed in the process, 11 were in compliance with state

and federal requirements. That finding earned high marks for the school district which drew praise from the team members.

The team's written report was presented to the district and will be made available to the public at a later date.

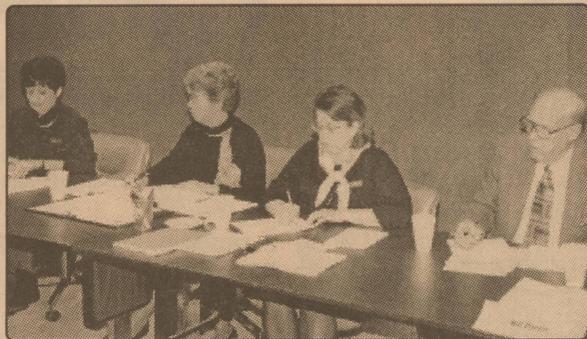


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Checking things out — An onsite review team from the Texas Education Agency visited SCISD last week to look over the district's special education program. They are (L-R) Jan Jeffries, Marilyn Cranford - Team Leader, Jenny Mansfield and George Kampert.



8th Grade Boys

January 28, 2000 WALL TOURNAMENT
Eldorado 10-05-02-18=35
Grapecreek 49
 Cole Wilkerson, 2; Trey Chavez, 12; Forrest Holt, 5; Homero Hernandez, 5; Travis Lively, 5. Other players: Tony Chavez, Jeff Bybee, Oscar Munoz, Josh Trejo.

January 29, 2000 WALL TOURNAMENT
Eldorado 08-16-15-10=49
Wall 05-08-10-07=30
 Tony Chavez, 2; Cole Wilkerson, 5; Shay Parker, 2; Trey Chavez, 15; Travis Lively, 2; Forrest Holt, 9; Chris Sanchez, 10; Homero Hernandez, 7. Other team members Jeffrey Bybee and Oscar Munoz.

January 29, 2000 WALL TOURNAMENT
Eldorado 08-09-00-18=35
Christoval 12-15-14-02=44
 Cole Wilkerson, 4; Trey Chavez, 15; Travis Lively, 2; Homero Hernandez, 10; Josh Taylor, 4. Other team members: Tony Chavez, Shay Parker, Jeffrey Bybee, Forrest Holt, Oscar Munoz, Joshua Trejo.

January 31, 2000 WALL, TEXAS
Eldorado 04-08-09-13=34
Wall 14-15-18-12=62
 Travis Lively, 6; Trey Chavez, 13; Homero Hernandez, 4; Danny Sanchez, 2; Chris Sanchez, 9. Other team member Tony Chavez, Cole Wilkerson, Shay Parker, Jeffrey Bybee, Forrest Holt, Oscar Munoz, Joshua Trejo.

February 7, 2000 ELDORADO, TEXAS
Eldorado 05-06-14-14=39
Sonora 07-17-08-16=48
 Trey Chavez, 14; Forrest Holt, 7; Danny Sanchez, 8; Chris Sanchez, 10. Other team members Tony Chavez, Cole Wilkerson, Travis Lively, Shay Parker, Jeffrey Bybee, Homero Hernandez, Oscar Munoz, Joshua Trejo.



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That's my ball — Lady Eagle Jennah Richters #14 took on a couple of Lady Broncos last week to tie up the ball and give possession to Eldorado. The Lady Eagles won the game 60-46.



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
 • Feb. 6 Estrada, Eduardo, male age 40, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Plead Guilty in County Court. Ordered to report to probation.
 • Feb. 6 Hernandez, Samuel G., male age 34, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.
 • Feb. 6 Estrada, Felipe Flores, male age 35, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.
 • Feb. 7 Chowning, Bobby Ray, male age 59, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS
February 2
 • 4:30 p.m. Complainant requested a Criminal Trespass Notification served.
 • 9:27 p.m. Criminal Mischief-complainant reported that someone had slashed a tire on their vehicle.
 • 1:08 a.m. SC Officer investigated a suspicious vehicle parked west of school grounds. Called in license plate.

February 3
 • 6:26 p.m. Local store reported a customer had found a checkbook in a basket.
 • 8:10 p.m. Complainant on Olive Street reported a very strong smell of gas near their resident and down the road. City was contacted.

February 4
 • 12:24 a.m. Complainant at apartments requested an ambulance. Officers and EMS 2 assisted.
February 5
 • 10:15 a.m. Complainant on called requesting to speak to an officer about vehicles pulling up to the neighbors yard and honking continuously.
 • 11:53 p.m. Complainant advised there may be a motorist in need of assistance on Hwy. 277 south. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

February 6
 • 7:40 a.m. Complainant needed on call person from the City to go to their resident. Their sewer is backing up.
 • 1:00 p.m. Complainant requested ambulance crew for basic transfer to San Angelo.
 • 4:15 p.m. Complainant from apartments reported that their vehicle has been egged, beer cans and dirty diapers are being placed in the bed of truck.
 • 7:10 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer.

February 7
 • 5:07 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to resident. A relative was harassing them. Officer responded.
 • 7:19 p.m. Complainant reported that a small blue car had rolled out into the highway. Officer responded, owner was contacted and vehicle was moved back into driveway.
 • 10:24 p.m. Complainant requested that an officer go and check on grandmother. Subject has not answered her phone all day. Complainant called back and said to disregard. A friend went by and everything is OK.

February 8
 • 7:37 p.m. Complainant traveling on north Hwy. 915 reported seeing a horse tied to a bridge and subject laying on the side of the road. Officer responded and subject was just resting.
 • 10:00 a.m. Report of a Controlled Burn 14 miles on north Hwy. 915.
 • 4:19 p.m. Complainant on S. Main reported that their vehicle may be stolen. Officer responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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