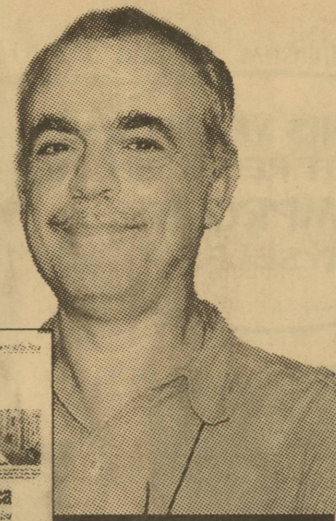


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Axe work — Volunteer firefighter Joey Jones used an axe to probe for hot spots following a fire at the home of Juan Espinosa, Jr. on South Cottonwood Street. The fire began when a board, resting above the fireplace insert, began smoldering. It was reported to the 9-1-1 operator at 5:03 a.m. on Sunday, December 30, 2001.

Eldoradoans share their New Year's Resolutions

The tradition of making New Year's resolutions dates back to the time of the ancient Babylonian empire. In those days the most common resolutions involved the return of items borrowed from a neighbor. That tradition, along with several others, continues to this day.

One particular tradition, a belief actually, involving good luck being tied to the consumption of certain foods, is almost universal. The Dutch, for example, believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day signifies that the year has come full circle and thereby guarantees good fortune in the coming

My new year's resolution is I hope I get better in this new year.

Jack Williams

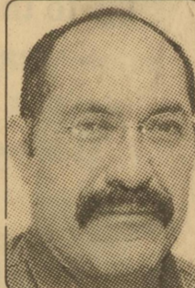


for the coming year. While a number of people said they didn't believe in making resolutions, a good number were willing to share their resolutions with us.

You will find them sprinkled throughout the paper.

My resolution is to be more compassionate and more caring.

Jessie Guadarrama



year. Closer to home, it's Black-eyed peas that are supposed to bring good luck.

Still, it is the making, and sometimes breaking, of New Year's resolutions that is the oldest tradition. On Monday, Lori Stricklan interviewed several Eldoradoans about their resolutions

My resolution is to try to stay healthy and live a good life for the new year.

Richard Mendez



My New Year's prediction is the price of eggs will rise to a \$1.87 a dozen.

Kenneth Wheeler



My New Year's resolution is to try to take more time out for family.

Carolyn Mayo



Photo by Kathy Mankin

Car meets deer — EMS volunteers placed the driver of this 1999 Ford Taurus into an ambulance for transport to Schleicher County Medical Center last Friday after the 1999 Ford Taurus he was driving, hit a deer ten careened into a sign post. Jeremy Kyle Deremo, 20, of San Angelo, drives a "test car" for a San Angelo based company, was traveling northbound at the time of the accident, along with a convoy of other "test cars."

SCISD unveils School Breakfast Program as students return from holiday break

All local school students will be required to participate in the school breakfast program beginning Monday, January 7, 2002. Students returning from their holiday break will notice that their morning schedules have been altered in order to make time for the federally funded program.

Participation in the program, which is administered by the Texas Education Agency, is optional. SCISD trustees chose last year to implement the program here, making a free nutritious breakfast available to every SCISD student.

According to information provided by the TEA, the goal of the program is to effectively meet the nutritional needs of Texas children by offering low-cost nutritious breakfasts to all children during the school day. Locally, low-cost translates to free since the household income requirements of the district's students qualifies for full reimbursement from federal funds.

It should be noted that every student, kindergarten through 12th grade, will be required to participate. While schedules have not been entirely agreed upon, campus administrators are working hard to make sure the students can cycle through the cafeteria in a timely manner.

According to an information sheet provided to Eldorado Middle School students, all students will be required to take the prepared food. They must select at least 3 of the 4 items presented. After that, the students may eat the food, give it to another student, or throw it away.

In all, the U.S. government spent \$5.2 million on the school breakfast program in fiscal year 2000, paying for just over 4.1 million meals. Total expenditure for fiscal year 2001 have not yet been tallied, however, the government expects the cost to increase to \$5.6 million.

The School Breakfast Program was established by Congress — first as a temporary measure through the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 in areas where children had long bus rides to school and in ar-

reas where many mothers were in the workforce; then with permanent authorization in 1975 — to assist schools in providing a nutritious morning meal to children. The program provides cash reimbursements for meals served to school children. The children may be enrolled in public, private, nonprofit and tax-exempt schools; or living in public/private, nonprofit and tax-exempt residential child care institutions.

The program provides children

with one-fourth or more of their "Recommended Daily Allowance" for key nutrients. Research has indicated a link between participation in the breakfast program and educational attainment. Low-income children who participate in school breakfast programs achieve higher standardized test scores than low-income children who do not participate in the program. The program is also associated with reductions in tardiness and absenteeism among participants.

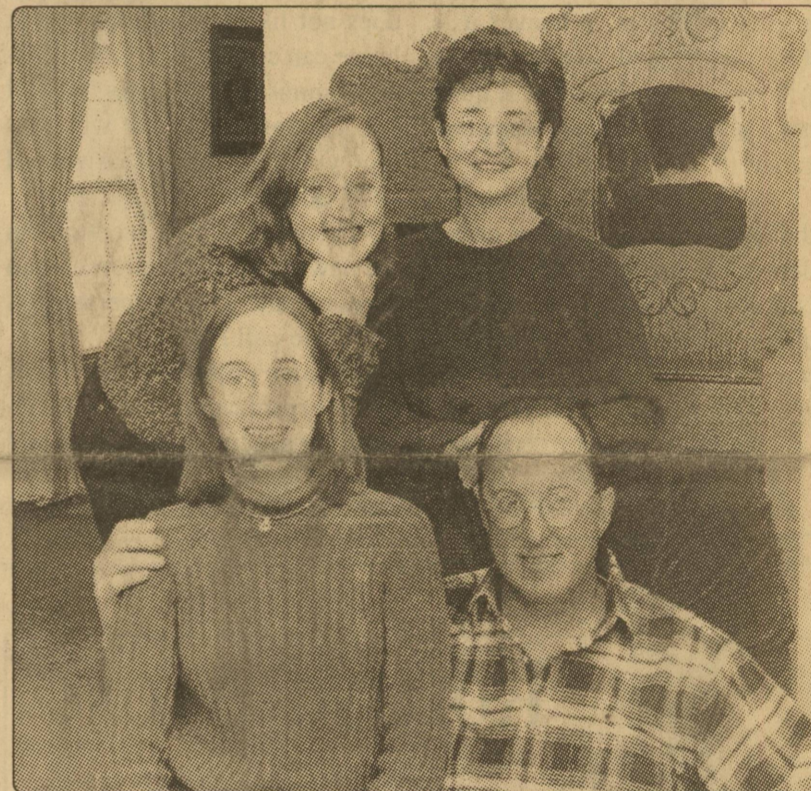


Photo by Kathy Mankin

New minister in town — Stan Troy is the new pastor at First United Methodist Church of Eldorado. Stan, his wife Vicky and his daughters, Anna and Krista, come to Eldorado from Luling where he was pastor for the past four and one half years.

Troy takes over as pastor at First United Methodist Church

Stan Troy takes over as pastor this week at First United Methodist Church of Eldorado. He replaces Janice Petty, who left to take the pastorate at Divine, Texas. Troy comes to Eldorado from Luling where he served as pastor for four and a half years. Before that he served in Sabinal and Garfield.

Troy was born in Dallas in 1954 and grew up in Lubbock and Temple. He is a graduate of Temple High and of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Divinity Degree in 1999. Prior to answering God's call to the ministry Troy worked as an artist.

Stan Troy and his wife Vicky have two children, Anna, 15, and Krista, 13. He has a grown daughter, Casey, who lives in Austin.

The entire Troy family loves music. Vicky Troy sings in the church choir and plays piano. Anna and Krista both play piano as well as participating in the school band, Anna on the oboe and Krista on the clarinet. Krista enjoys singing and acting and has aspirations toward Broadway. Anna is keenly interested in archaeology.

Both Stan and Vicky Troy are avid deer hunters. He says his other interests include sports, playing guitar, singing, and horses. Three other members of the Troy family have also come to live in Eldorado: the dogs, Katy and Beau, as well as Iggy the cat.

Troy says he is ready to get to know folks in the community and to get busy with the Lord's work here in Eldorado.

Rehab 2002 slated for January 19th

by Mabel Freitag and Committee

The doors at Southwest Texas Electric Coop will be open Saturday January 19th, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight for the annual Rehab Telethon for our local phone bank. Call 853-2544.

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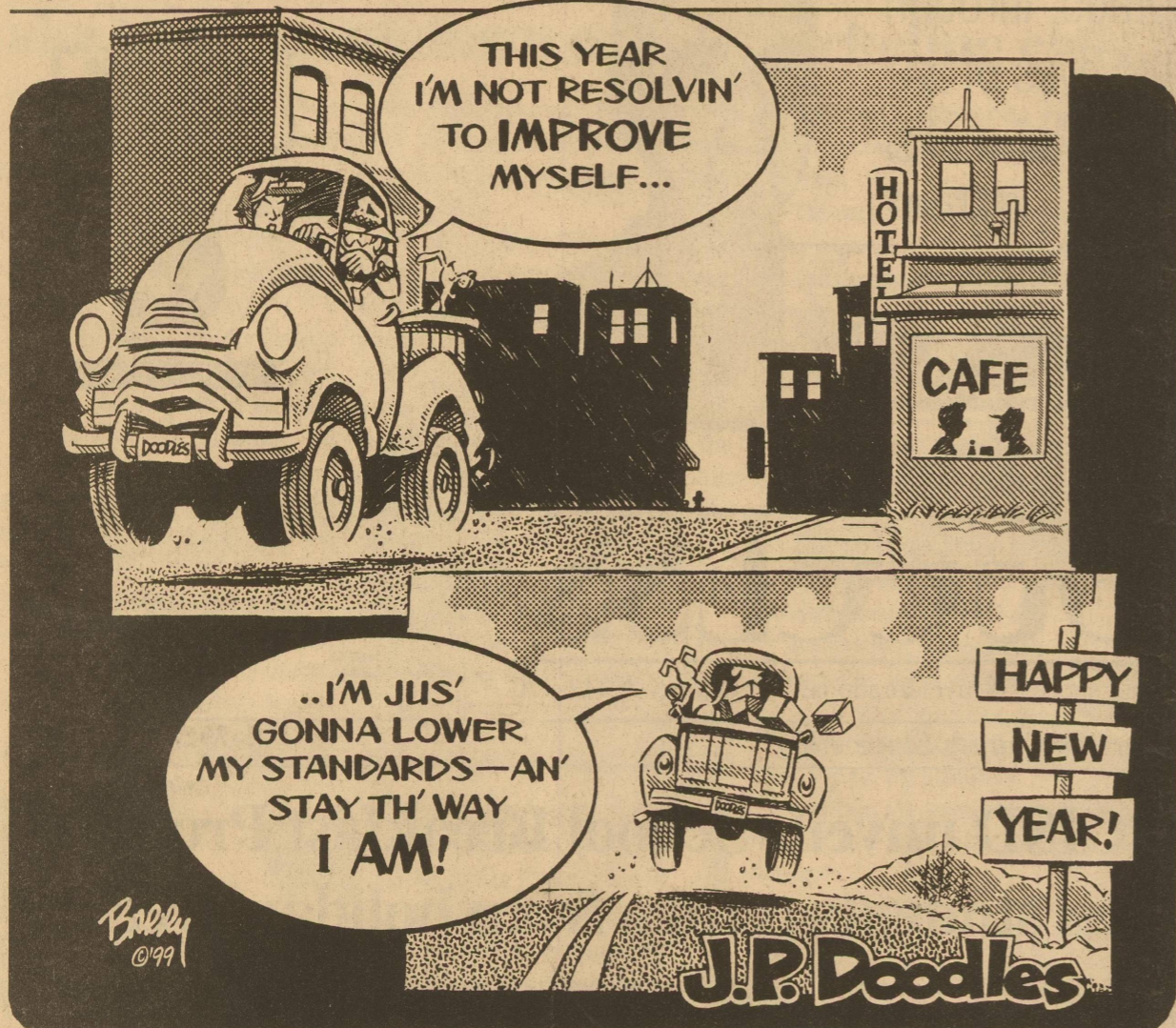
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One man's thoughts about Texas and Osama Bin Laden

The following is a reprint of a Letter to the Editor that appeared in the "Denton Record Chronicle."



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Dear Editor:

Terrorism — What is that? I get a big laugh at the dialogue of Osama bin Laden, the Taliban, politicians, and the news media. They say terrorists will hit us again in the oncoming weeks and months.

What a joke! You have a better chance of getting killed out on Interstate 35E than by a terrorist.

Osama has probably seen 100 degree plus summers in Afghanistan, but he doesn't have fire ants to go with it. If he did he wouldn't be sleeping on the

pulled in behind a cattle truck while it's raining, or ridden in the front seat of a pick-up between two cowboys after they just eaten a big bowl of Texas Red.

Texas ain't for sissies! We have posted signs all over the state that say "Don't mess with Texas!"

Osama, consider yourself warned!

Dwight Crawford Sr.
Sanger, Texas:

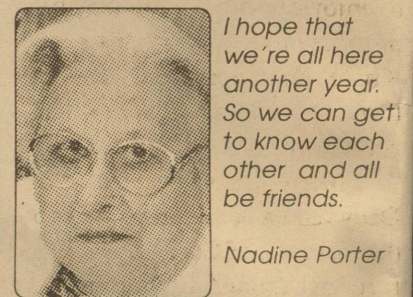
ground in his cave.

He talks of pain and suffering he is going to inflict on us. He doesn't know what pain is until he gets kicked by a green broke, two year old colt in a freezing rain.

Germ warfare? Texas ticks will give you Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme disease, blister beetles kill your horse, green bugs destroy a wheat crop, and termites eat your house. Anthrax has killed Texas cattle for over 125 years. What's new?

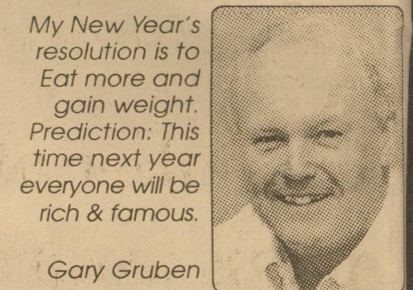
Our prairie dogs carry the plague, armadillos carry leprosy, and our bats and skunks carry rabies. We have rattlesnakes, copperheads, and water moccasins. Ho-hum.

They talk of gas and biological warfare. They have never



I hope that we're all here another year. So we can get to know each other and all be friends.

Nadine Porter



My New Year's resolution is to Eat more and gain weight. Prediction: This time next year everyone will be rich & famous.

Gary Gruben

No-call bill takes aim at telemarketing

AUSTIN — You've just sat down for supper after a long day. The phone rings. You get up from a hot meal to answer.

Chances are, the caller is some boiler room solicitor or worse, a talking computer. Whoever it is, they want to sell you something. All you want is peace and quiet, not a phone pitch from some cold caller.

As the New Year approaches, thanks to HB 472, a law passed during the last session of the Legislature, your chances of eating dinner uninterrupted are about to improve.

Beginning Jan. 1, anyone who

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



does not like solicitation calls at home can contact the Public Utility Commission to go on its no-call list. Getting on the list will protect you from some unwanted calls, but not all.

There are some exceptions in the new law that still allow certain types of calls, even if a person gets on the no-call list.

Opinion polls, calls from non-profit organizations and calls requesting political support will still

be able to get through.

The no-call provision also does not prevent a business from calling a consumer if they have had a business relationship within the past year. But if you do get such a call, you can request to be placed on that firm's no-call list.

The PUC list will be updated every three months. A listing automatically expires after three years, but can be renewed.

For more information on the no-call program, check the PUC's Web site at www.puc.state.tx.us or call 1-888-782-8477.

Moncrief won't run

Sen. Mike Moncrief, Fort Worth Democrat, announced last week he would not be seeking reelection to the upper chamber of the Legislature. His area, District 12, took on a much more Republican hue after redistricting.

New parole head named

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Parole Division has a new director, Bryan Collier. The division and its 2,700 employees oversee 78,000 parolees in Texas.

Collier, 36, came up through the ranks, starting 14 years ago as a field parole officer.

He replaces Victor Rodriguez, who resigned earlier this year to take over as chief of the McAllen Police Department.

New Year's Eve trivia

Amaze your friends at New Year's Eve parties with your command of Texas trivia. Clip and save:

- Texas has 27 commercial airports in 24 cities. And more than 90 percent of the state's population lives within 50 miles of one of those airports. Of course, you still have to make it through airport security checks.

- Texas has the largest road network of any of the 50 states.

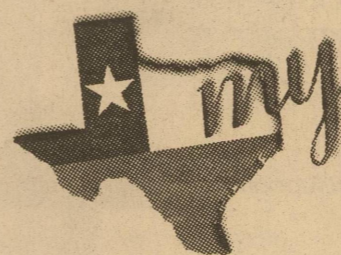
- Texas has 12,000 miles of mainline railroad track.

- The Port of Houston handles more foreign cargo than any other port in the United States.

- Two-thirds of all trade between the U.S. and Mexico passes through Texas.

- And how long is the Texas-Mexican border? Answer: 1,248 miles.

Up to the minute weather



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That Stranger Is Back In Town

Roylene Chandler is a deputy county tax collector in the Upton county town of McCamey. She works with car titles and license plates. She stays in her office after regular office hours just because she likes her work. People are always knocking on her door, looking for a justice of the peace or the sheriff or probation officer or somebody. Roylene always lets them in.

Two years ago she was checking up, counting her money. Her cash drawer was on the table. Someone knocked on the door and she got up to answer it. A tall man was standing there and wanted to see Malcolm Rymers, a retired deputy sheriff. The man at the door said he was Malcolm's friend.

Roylene told the man Malcolm had retired, but since he was a friend, she would be glad to get Malcolm on the phone. She knew Malcolm wouldn't want to miss a chance to speak to a friend. The man said, "OK" and followed Roylene down the hall into the office.

Just as they entered her office, the man asked her how long she had lived in McCamey. She told him since 1950. The man said "If you've lived here that long, then what I'm gonna tell Malcolm will probably blow your mind."

He said, "I'm the fool that robbed the Security State Bank here in 1974."

Roylene said, "Oh."

She didn't know what to do. She saw her money out there in the open and here was this ex bank

robber. "Like an idiot I took a newspaper and nonchalantly tried to cover up the money. As if he hadn't seen it. He could have already had me knocked in the head, taken my money and left."

She was nervous, but managed to get Malcolm on the phone. While the men talked, she took the money and put it in a vault and opened the back door just in case she had to make a run for it. She sat and listened to the man talk to Malcolm on the phone. "I found it fascinating because here was an ex convict and bank robber talking to the man who arrested him. They talked like they were old friends."

Roylene heard the man tell Malcolm they never had a gun during the holdup. She didn't hear Malcolm's response.

The man said to Malcolm: "I'll tell you what. I remember the time we were in the Pecos County jail and they beat the living daylights out of us. We were so happy when you and Sheriff Langford came and brought us back to Upton county because Upton county had the best jail we were ever in."

The man left shortly after the telephone conversation.

"He was real nice," says Roylene. "He lived out in California and he said his bank robbing days were over and he had cleaned up his act and was too old for that kind of stuff, anyway."

Roylene learned a lesson. "That taught me to make sure and know who was on the other side of the door when I was counting my money."

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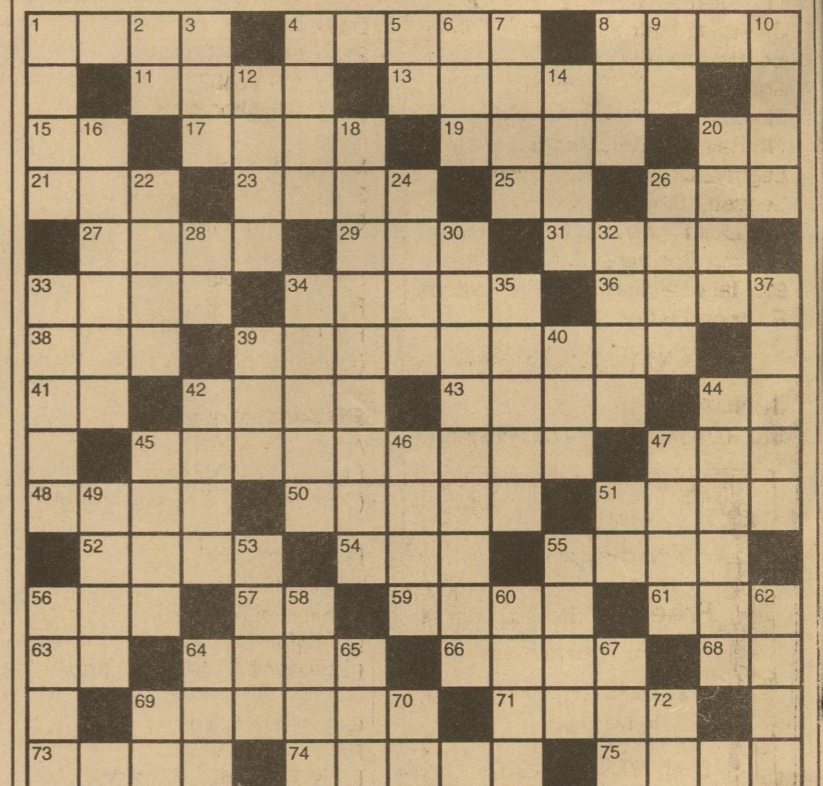
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Carmen Reyna

ELDORADO — Carmen Reyna, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, in a local nursing home. Service will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home. Survivors include her husband, Gregorio Reyna of Eldorado.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Amigo's Dream restaurant was the setting for the Christmas 2001 meeting of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. All seven members came dressed in festive Christmas attire to enjoy a traditional holiday meal of turkey and dressing. Hostesses Kim'et Nelson and Dorothy Dacy furnished cheesecake and peach cobbler for dessert.

Following dinner Dorothy Dacy read a beautiful poem about the meaning of Christmas and our free gift from God through the birth of Christ.

There was much excitement as secret sisters exchanged gifts. This

is a time that Kappa Delta members look forward to each year. Members Linda Lindsey, Flora Hubble, Dorothy Clark, Mary Leigh Dunagan and Barbara Jackson were all there to enjoy the event. Prospective member Mary Nolen and Johnye Moore visiting from Clyde were also guests at the dinner. Even though the guests had no secret sister Mary received a gift from the hostesses and Johnye received a gift from her niece Barbara Jackson.

A big thank you to Amigo's Dream restaurant and our hostesses for making our Christmas dinner a wonderful celebration



Mrs. Joshua Trey Elder

Courtesy Photo

Manning-Elder wedding

Amanda Lynn Manning and Joshua Trey Elder, both of Lubbock were married December 22, 2001 in Eldorado, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Andy Anderson officiating.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Griffin of Eldorado. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Elder of Seminole.

Sister of the bride, Dena Monroe of Plainview was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Crystal Clark of Midland and Addie Barnes of San Angelo. Junior bridesmaid was Madelon Osborne of Menard and the flower girl was Elizabeth Griffin of Eldorado.

Cole Elder of Seminole, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Groomsmen were Joshua Clark of Midland, Luke Sheets of San Marcos and Cody Flemming of Seminole. Ring bearers were John Lansin Osborne of Menard and Kirk Lane Griffin Jr. of Eldorado.

The ushers were Eric Hanson of San Marcos, Ryan Ray and Casey Forbes of Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Eldorado High School and is currently attending Texas Tech University. The groom is a graduate of Seminole High School and is also attending Texas Tech University.

After the wedding trip the couple will live in Lubbock.

Barajas graduates from ASU

Luby Barajas, a 1994 graduate of Eldorado High School, is now a 2001 fall graduate of Angelo State University. She received her Bachelor's degree with secondary teaching certification in Spanish and Kinesiology on December 14, 2001. She has recently been employed with the San Angelo Independent School District where she will be teaching Spanish at Lakeview High School.

Ludy Barajas is the daughter of Rita Trevino and the late Fernando Trevino, the wife of Ramiro Barajas Jr. and the mother of 2 sons, Stefan and Tavan.



Luby Barajas

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Chamber of Commerce plans awards reception

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The Chamber is currently ac-

cepting nominations for man and woman of the year. Nomination forms may be picked up from the Chamber of Commerce office or from Connie Andrews at Mittel Insurance. Nominations must be returned no later than January 15th.

Any organization or business wishing to recognize someone special are welcome to present them at the banquet. Please contact Connie Andrews with this information by January 20th.

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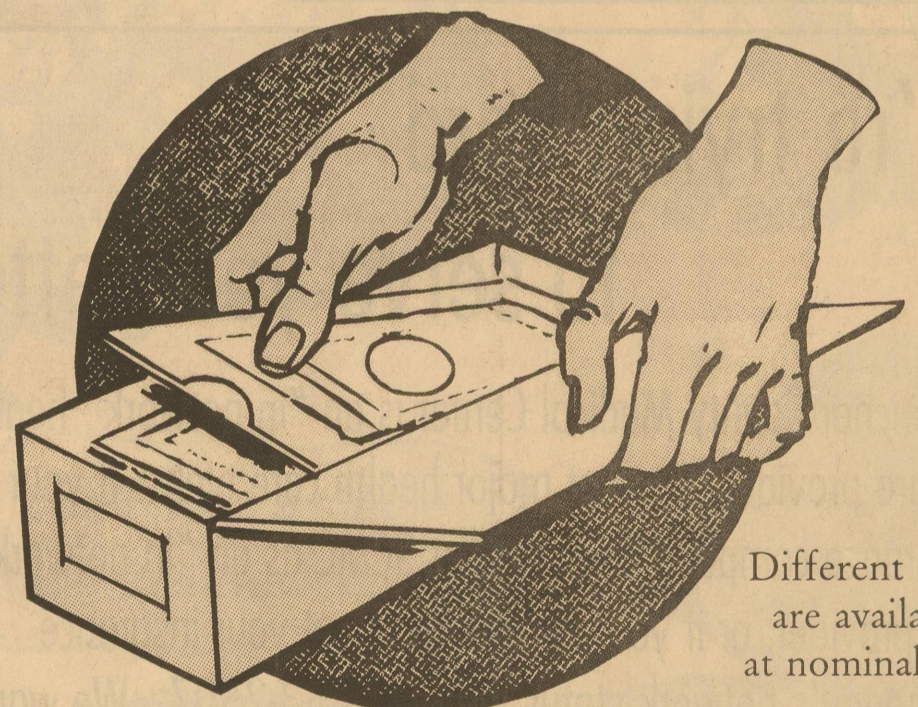
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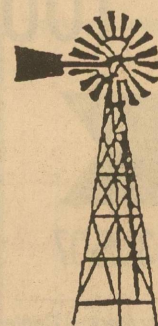
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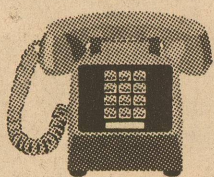
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Lady Eagles go 2-3 on the week

Open District play tomorrow night

by David E. Hill

The Lady Eagles got in 5 games this past week and came away with 2 wins and 3 losses. Eldorado had 2 wins in the Iraan Tourney over this past weekend.

In the Iraan Tournament, Eldorado opened play against Marathon. EHS took control early and led the entire ball game coming away with an 81 to 29 victory. Leigh Ann Neal had 22 and Christina Redish had 18. In round two, the Lady Eagles faced Wink. EHS found themselves trailing by 2 at the end of the first and 5 at the half; however, they came back in both the third and fourth quarters for the win. EHS came out on top by a 44 to 40 margin.

EHS would then play 3A Greenwood in the third round. EHS played a strong first half, but could not hold in the second as Greenwood came away with the 47 to 29 win. Gentry Newman had 11 points and Redish had 6. In the final game of the tournament, the Lady Eagles faced host Iraan. EHS came out on the short end of a 41 to 38 score. Eldorado led for the first 3 quarters of the game but were outscored 16 to 12 in the final stanza. Neal led all scorers

with 15 followed by Redish with 11.

Leigh Ann Neal was named to the All-Tournament team for the Lady Eagles.

On Monday, the Lady Eagles hosted Colorado City for a 1 pm tip-off. The game was back and forth in the first half as both teams traded leads. Colorado then pulled away in the third and fourth quarters for the 48 to 33 win. Redish had 10 points while Newman and Neal each had 8.

The Lady Eagles will kick off District 2-2A play this Friday at Eagle Gym against Grape Creek. EHS begins district play hoping to get into the playoffs. This year should see Eldorado, Wall, Mason, and Sonora all vying for the three-playoff spots at the end of the season. Coach Gooch commented on the beginning of district play, "we just have to get better at being consistent. These ladies have worked hard and we just have to come together and play a solid four quarters each district contest."

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Lady Eagles as they host Grape Creek at Eagle Gym tomorrow night at 6:30 pm.



Photo by Kathy Mankin
Pretty shot — #23 Johnny Herrera drove the lane then pulled up for this jump shot against Colorado City Monday afternoon. The Eagles came from behind in the contest to defeat the Wolves 68-62.

Eagles win 3 lose 2 over holidays

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles went 2 and 2 in the Iraan Tourney over the weekend and then beat Colorado City on Monday to go 3 and 2 for the week.

The Eagles opened tournament play against Marathon and came away with a 101 to 49 win. EHS took control early and never let Marathon in the game. Ten Eagles scored in the contest. Wesley Jones had 15, Benji Gonzalez had 13, Thomas Ballew had 12, and Jimmy Joe Rodriguez and Johnny Herrera each had 10. In the second round the Eagles faced Stanton. The Eagles lost Thomas Ballew in the first two minutes with a broken hand, and things just didn't get much better from there. EHS made only 8 of 20 from the charity stripe and lost by 10 59 to 49.

Eldorado then faced Sanderson and again came away with an easy win. EHS was up 18 and the half and finished with a 80 to 41 win. Tony Fay had 19, while Phillip Martinez, Ramon Barajas, and Gonzalez each had 14. In the consolation final, Eldorado faced Iraan

and came up short in a 63 to 61 loss. The Eagles found themselves down 4 in the first, 11 at the half, and 13 at the end of the third. The Eagles then played a great fourth quarter and cut the lead to two in the final stanza. Gonzalez had 16 with Barajas and Fay scoring 11 each. Benji Gonzalez was named to the All-Tournament Team.

On Monday, the Eagles hosted Colorado City and again found themselves down at the end of the third quarter. However, Eldorado would not come up short as the Eagles outpaced C-City by 11 in the final quarter for the 68 to 62 win. Four Eagles were in double figures as Fay had 16, Gonzalez had 14, Barajas had 13, and Herrera had 12. The Eagles season record now stands at 11 and 9.

Eldorado will travel to Stanton on Friday. The JV will tip off at 2 pm and the Varsity at 3:30.



Photo by Kathy Mankin
Movin' inside — Lady Eagles #10 Leigh Ann Neal worked the ball inside Monday afternoon against Colorado City. The Lady Eagles fell to C-City 48-33.

School Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

- Monday, January 7**
Soft Beef Tacos, Ranch-Style Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Fresh Apples
- Tuesday, January 8**
Porkchopette/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Lime Jello
- Wednesday, January 9**
Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Sliced Bread, Orange Wedge
- Thursday, January 10**
Chicken Pot Pie, Whole Kernel Corn, Peach Halves, Dinner Rolls, Peanut Butter Cookies
- Friday, December 21**
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Breakfast**
½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast
- Monday, January 7**
Dry Cereal, Graham Crackers
- Tuesday, January 8**
Biscuit, Peanut Butter
- Wednesday, January 9**
Dry Cereal, Pkg. Crackers
- Thursday, January 10**
Donut, Cheese Sticks
- Friday, January 11**
Muffin, Fruit
- Fast Food Line**
- Monday, January 7**
Turkey/Cheese Sand, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fresh Apples
- Tuesday, January 8**
Burritos, Mexican Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Lime Jello
- Wednesday, January 9**
Pizza, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Orange Wedge
- Thursday, January 10**
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peanut Butter Cookies
- Friday, January 11**
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chocolate Chip Cookies

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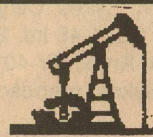
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A post-Sept. 11 view of Eldorado...as seen through the eyes of an Italian journalist

Editor's note: Luigi Offedu, a reporter for Milan, Italy's *Corriere Della Sera* (The Evening Messenger) newspaper, made his way to Eldorado just one week after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He reported his findings on America's heartland in a feature story published on Sept. 20, 2001. With Mr. Offedu's assistance, as well as others, we offer this translation.

The headline reads: "All the small communities of the United States and Canada are with Bush and with the American government. The authors and the minds behind the attack will be found and punished. The president must unearth the battle-axes of war."

The main caption over several photos in the story reads: "On the brink of war."

The boldface banner headline under the photos reads: The mobilization of the Cowboys: we will defend America.

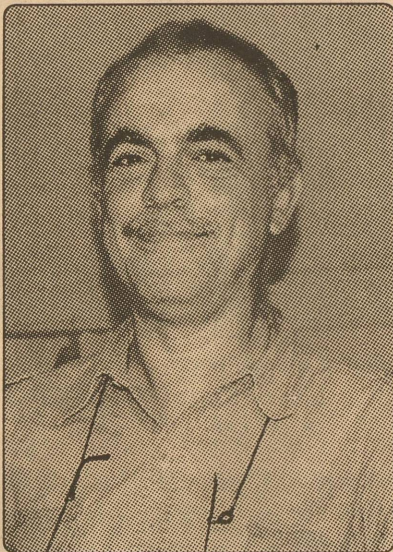


Photo by Kathy Mankin
Luigi Offedu, journalist
"Corriere Della Sera"
(daily circulation 900,000+)
Milan, Italy

There is war around the corner. And if at Boston or Washington there are heard thunderclaps, here it is a deep vibrating rumble that in the end will be heard even louder.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

Eldorado (Texas) David Doran the sheriff, wears a tie embroidered with cactus, and Texas boots. And on his silver star, which he wears pinned to his belt together with his pistol, there is a little black ribbon: "It is for our dead." He is seated at his desk and behind him is the flag and two photographs: John Wayne and George W. Bush. "I have faith in George," says the sheriff, "George will get on with the work. And we are already there. Shortly, he will free us of those assassins. He will free everyone, even you Europeans and Italians. Because now no one feels safe anymore even in their own houses. Not even here in my own town." He takes a long look at the black ribbon on his star and after a long silence: "Certainly we are afraid, of the terrorists and of war. I am anguished. But do you know something? After this tragedy America will become better. In fact it already is: we are more united, more understanding of each other."

So, too, swears the banner hanging over Main Street: "America holds its head high, fierce and united." And the billboard in front of the Baptist Church: "A nation that prays together will stay together." And this is what they say; they have faith in George W., even the cowboys with long hair who devour ham and eggs with tankards of coffee at the familiar restaurant "Dairy Mart" at 6:30 in the morning before returning to their ranches

Everything is in order. The bottom line is the president, who grew up only an hour away from here, just like his father and just like Lyndon B. Johnson, the president who tied his name for the most part to the war in Vietnam. This is Eldorado, 1,951 inhabitants, West Texas, United States of America: a bank, a post office, three gas stations, 14 churches, and tens of immense ranches; a football team that calls itself the "Eagles"; a newspaper born 100 years ago that sells a thousand copies, it has 2 employees and is called the *Eldorado Success*; a coffee shop and an old motel with 28 dollars a night rooms with a tapestry of stars and strips at the entrance which proclaims: "USA: the life, the liberty and the search for happiness." And there is no house without a flag at halfmast, nor is there a window without the blinking light of a TV.

To the north is Oklahoma, to the south Mexico, to the southwest is the Rio Grande valley. At nighttime the automobile lights capture deer and coyotes. If you take the superhighway to the east you will get to the military base where reservists from all over America are gathering; if you drive for half an hour to the west you see the monument to Davy Crockett; little forts from the eighteen hundreds, pioneer wagons, and stone tablets that recall this or that battle with the Indians.

And so, this is the heart of America. "I, if 'they' will permit it, will go to the front tomorrow," says the mayor John Nikolauk, 70 years old, Vietnam veteran, retired colonel pilot, who at one time commanded the nearby Goodfellow Air Force Base, and the "good kids. This is where the real authentic Americans live, more so than in New York. It is true, we are a little boastful when we say we are the best of all. But at the bottom of it all, we are kidding, we don't even believe it ourselves. We are simple people; look at these ranchers; many of them are millionaires but they get up at dawn to go milking (there is a chorus from the coffee house, "we are very mad, let's finish it with this Osama son of...") Perhaps we are a little ingenuous. But in a moment like this..." In a moment like this even the Americans of Eldorado, just like all their compatriots, live attached to the radio or TV. The ultimatum is about to or already has been given. There is war around the corner. And if at Boston or Washington there are heard thunderclaps, here it is a deep vibrating rumble that in the end will be heard even louder.

You sense it on the two planes that bring you down here from New York, landing at the almost empty airports of Houston and Austin; on every airplane just 12 passengers where there are 122 empty seats. And then on the road that was baptized "Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway" from Austin to Sonora and Eldorado, with its banners at all the ranches, and the stars and stripes--during the last three days, 450,000 were sold in the Wal-Mart supermarkets alone--along side the one with the large star of Texas. At Johnson City even the kiosk that sells snakes with bell collars is covered with flags. The daily newspaper Houston Chronicle contains two pages of flag etiquette: how to fold and unfold it, how to retire it at night, and so on. On the road there are any numbers of radio stations that play "God bless America." Commentators explain how the tribes of Israel defeated their enemies, and how the pioneers protected their frontiers. A billboard near Sonora proclaims: "Wake up Cowboys!"

Finally, at sundown, here is Eldorado. The "Eagles" are practicing in front of the school. The rest of the city is full of little houses and deserted streets. But all you need to do is knock on any door by chance, and within 5 minutes the reporter is escorted from door to door and greeted as if he had been born here and lived here all his life. You have diner with the family of Gary Gruben, vice-pres-

ident of the local bank; who first recites a prayer with everyone else, asking God to look over his dear ones, the foreign guest, "our country, I am a Texan first and then an American—Gruben says—but now there are no differences." And Stan Meador, the owner of a large ranch: "This must not be another Vietnam; the question is how do we perceive the war; up until now we are in the right, but if we injure any civilians you might support us anymore." Randy Mankin, editor of the *Eldorado Success*: "What do you think Osama? How about a cruise missile right on your noggin. All the way from Jordan River to the east." Pamela White: "Our youngsters from here are also leaving. I'll wait for them on Main Street with my flag, just like I did for the ones coming back from the Gulf war."

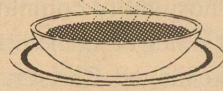
Among those who are leaving are Brandon and Blake, 19 and 22 years old, sailor and airman, two of the four children of Mary Leggett. They are the two oldest. The other two play in the parlor of the house near their mother, blond and pretty. She is holding in her arms, a photo of Brandon in uniform. "I didn't want them to enlist; it was not the career that I wished for them. I am generally against war; but if my children die over there, I will be proud of them."

It is now night time, and out on Main Street, a strong wind has arisen which stretches out the flags. It is purely prophetic and definitely Tex-american; and when we go out, the colonel-mayor's eyes are glistening.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, January 7**
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk
- Tuesday, January 8**
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, January 9**
Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Thursday, January 10**
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, January 11**
Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

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*THE MAJESTIC (dts) (PG) 1:00 5:10:8:20
*HOW HIGH (R) 2:45 5:00:7:15 9:25
*NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE (R) 2:20 4:35:7:40 9:55
*BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG-13) 2:15 4:40:7:05 9:45
*OUT COLD (PG-13) 2:40 4:45:7:30 9:50
*SPY GAME (R) 1:20 4:00:6:45 9:20

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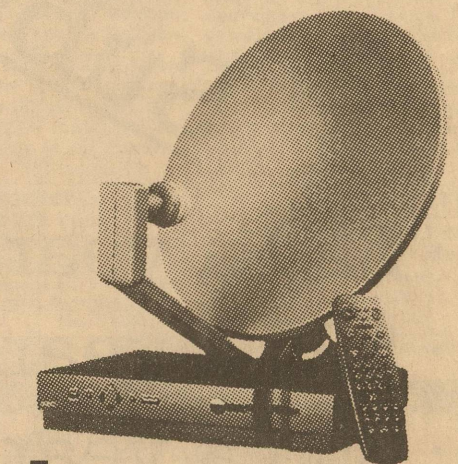
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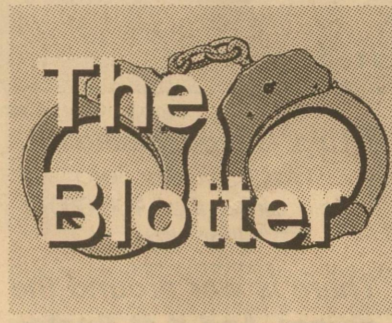
facilities house their classrooms. These are men and women elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy meetings; at conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education; and during numerous conversations about the schools.

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During School Board Recognition Month take time to say "thank you to the seven trustees for their dedication to our children."



Band Sweetheart — EHS senior Andrea Robles was named EHS Band Sweetheart during the band's annual Christmas Concert on December 16, 2001.



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.

ing the neighborhood. Officer responded.

- 9:50 p.m. Complainant reported that a red 2 door car was weaving all over the road 7 miles out on Hwy. 277 North.

- December 23 • 10:18 a.m. Tom Green Sheriff Office received a report of a 18 wheeler driving recklessly. Cab is blue and yellow. Officer responded, was unable to locate.

- 1:00 p.m. Report of approx. 25 head of sheep at county line on South Hwy. 277. Owner contacted.

- December 24 • 8:40 a.m. Report of a gate down and sheep getting out. Officer responded.

- December 25 • 8:05 a.m. Complainant reported a brown Jeep Cherokee about 10 miles out on 190 East that had ran out of gas and had been there since 2 a.m.

- December 26 • 11:09 a.m. Subject reported a controlled burn on McIntosh Hwy.

- 2:15 p.m. Subject reported a controlled burn on County Road 110.

- 3:40 p.m. Complainant stated that they had a pit bull dog in their yard and that did not belong to them.

- Complainant brought in a plastic bag of marijuana they had found in the parking lot of apartments.

- December 27 • 12:04 p.m. Complainant on McIntosh reported an explosion. Officer notified.

- December 28 • 1:40 a.m. Complainant reported they heard someone in their back yard. Officers responded.

- 9:08 a.m. Clinic requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

- 5:45 p.m. Complainant found small black/tan dog on Divide Street.

- 6:13 p.m. Subject reported that there were subjects in the area selling product without a license. Officer responded.

- 7:50 p.m. Subject reported a dark colored pickup by their house near the alley. Subject wanted an officer to check on truck. Officer responded.

- 8:06 p.m. Subject reported that he was leading a convoy, and one of the drivers hit a deer and ran off the road. Officer responded and EMS 2.

- 8:15 p.m. Complainant reported hitting a deer with vehicle on FM 2129.

- December 29 • 1:50 p.m. Complainant on North Street reported their home and vehicle had been hit with what they believed to be paint balls. Officer responded.

- 4:40 p.m. Subject reported that some items had been taken from one of their rent houses. Sheets of outdoor siding valued at \$100.00. Officer responded.

- 4:50 p.m. Subject requested an officer be sent to their residence because of problems with a teenage child. Subject needed to know their rights.

- 9:56 p.m. Subject reported a suspicious vehicle parked in front of a house 9 miles South of Eldorado. Officer responded.

- 11:55 p.m. Subject reported loud music being played, and would like it to be turned down. Officers responded.

- 5:03 a.m. Subject reported a fire in residence from fireplace. Officer responded and units from fire department.

- December 30 • 8:05 a.m. Complainant on McWhorter reported daughter's vehicle being hit with a paint ball possible being in color.

- 1:24 p.m. Complainant on Highland reported that a tail light on the passenger side of their vehicle had been broken by what appears to be a paintball. Officer notified.

- December 31 • 4:14 p.m. Subject requested an officer to drive down alley. Subject was not sure if they were hearing gun fire or fire works. Officer unable to locate anyone in the area.

- 4:48 p.m. Subject stated that a dog keeps chasing them. Subject has spoken to the owner on a previous incident.

- 5:11 p.m. Subject requested an officer at the emergency room and stated that a person had been bitten by a dog. Officer responded.

- 9:31 p.m. Subject requested an officer to disperse a group of people shooting fireworks at apartment parking lot. Officer responded.

Eldorado Woman's Club News

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club's meeting began December 11, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. with members attending the Christmas Musical of the Kindergarten through the 4th grade students under the direction of Joella Parker at the High School Auditorium. Joella, being the genius she is, arranged a program of perfect delight beginning with Kindergarten and 1st grade students charming everyone with Away in a Manger; Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Jingle Bells. Next the 2nd. grade sang All I Want is My Two Front Teeth; Joy to the World; and You'd Better Watch Out. Lastly the 3rd and 4th grades concluded the program with a delightful rendition of Silent Night, Holy Night; Feliz Navidad, sung in both English and Spanish; Little Drummer Boy and I Ain't Got Nothing for Christmas.

What a lovely way to begin our Annual Christmas Party meeting. Following the musical entertainment members traveled to the lovely home of Mary Roden to continue our meeting. The theme for our meeting was "Joy to the World". President Jo Callison opened the meeting with a warm welcome to 15 members and 2 guests. Ester Bunton led in a prayer then Mary McGinnes led us in pledges to the Flags.

Secretary Bobbie Sanders next gave her report followed by a report from Treasurer Nelva Martin. Shine Spigarelli then reported on our Christmas Angel Tree activities concluding our old and new business.

Roll call was answered by telling about a very special Christmas. Some of these was the birth of a daughter, Dec. 25, 1962. Another had just moved into the jail and Edwin Jackson as Santa brought a very special Christmas to the family. Another received a special Shirley Temple doll. For another it was a soldier son getting to be home for Christmas, for another it was when the Christmas fruitcake turned out to be moldy, another received an engagement ring are only a few of our special memories.

We then enjoyed special Christmas refreshments prepared by the hospitality committee and several other club members. We next exchanged Christmas ornaments under the fun direction of Ester Bunton. Through Ester's magic we all, even though fun and confusion abounded, ended up with the ornament we will treasure. Our meeting was closed with reciting our Club Collect.

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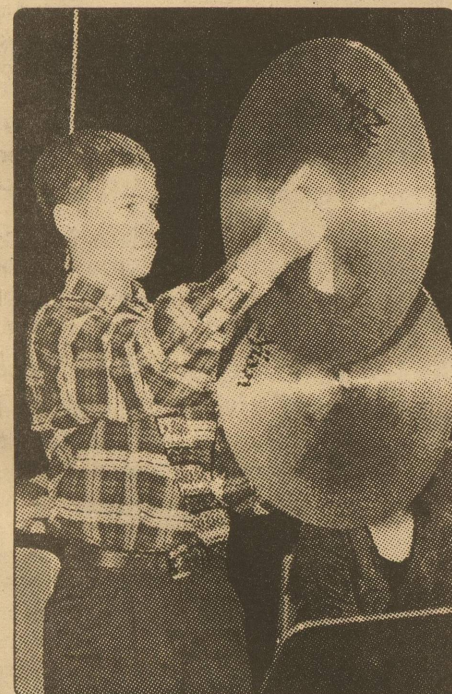
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You should obtain the name of the solicitor and the purpose of the call before providing any information to the caller. Most legiti-

mate telemarketers will provide you with an address and phone number to contact them if you have questions.

Some telemarketing is done with an automatic dialing/announcing device (ADAD), which provides a recorded message. The machine must disconnect from your line within five seconds after termination of the call. If the device cannot disconnect within five seconds, a live operator must introduce the call and receive the consent of the customer before beginning the message.

Any recorded ADAD solicitation message must be shorter than 30 seconds or be able to recognize

a customer's answering machine and terminate the call within 30 seconds.

Be very cautious about leaving your name and telephone number on the message portion of an automated solicitation call. I could lead to "cramming," having unauthorized services billed to your phone.

If you have Caller ID, you may be able to identify telemarketing calls and avoid answering.

Telemarketers are prohibited from blocking their names and phone numbers from Caller ID devices.

Remember, telephone solicitors cannot call a residence before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and before noon or after 9 p.m. on Sundays.

- Obtain the name of the solicitor and if possible, the phone number.

- Ask the solicitor to place you on the company's do not call list.
- If calls persist contact the PUC.

To file a telephone solicitation complaint of if you have other questions relating to your telephone or electric service, call the Public Utility Commission toll free at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477).

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Filing for county office picks up pace as deadline nears

With the news last week that County Commissioner Ross Whitten will not seek reelection in Precinct 4, a flurry of speculation began about possible candidates to fill that seat. Amid the rumors, however, only three men have filled as the Success goes to press on Wednesday. Matt Brown and William Edmiston have each filed for the

Precinct 4 Commissioner's seat in the Republican Primary. Mike Lux has filed in the Democratic Primary.

Incumbent Commissioner in Precinct 2, Bill Clark, filed for reelection in the Democratic Primary. So far, he has drawn one challenger, Albert Torres, also filing in the Democratic Primary.

Other incumbent officials fil-

ing for office in the Democratic Primary include Judge Johnny Griffin, Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle, County Treasurer Karen Henderson and County Clerk Peggy Williams.

The deadline for filing is at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2002. The Success will print a complete list of candidates in next week's edition.

Volunteers needed for Bald Eagle survey

TYLER, Texas — Texas Parks and Wildlife is looking for volunteers to assist in the annual mid-winter bald eagle survey scheduled for January.

TPW conducts the survey each year at 19 locations across Texas. In last winter's survey, 120 observers spotted 212 bald eagles. The

survey assesses long-term trends in bald eagle populations in Texas. The bald eagle is no longer listed as an endangered species but is still classified as protected, according to wildlife officials at TPW.

"The population has been staying steady over the past few years," said Annice Storey, of TPW.

The survey will be conducted Jan. 11-13. Volunteers are needed at Lake Buchanan, Toledo Bend Reservoir, Lake Fork and Lake Whitney.

Also, experienced birders and volunteers with boats are asked to contact Storey at (903) 566-1626, Ext. 205 by Jan. 4 to sign up.

Graduated driver license program begins

The Graduated Driver License Program, created by Senate Bill 577 in 2001, goes into effect January 1, 2002. The program creates two phases of driving requirements for minors under age 18.

Grandfather Clause

Any individual who receives either their instruction permit or provisional license before January 1, 2002 will not be affected by the new graduated system. They are grandfathered out of all phases of the new graduated system.

Phase One Requirements

- Applicants under age 18 must

hold an instruction permit or hardship license for a minimum of six months before a provisional license is issued. Once the applicant has completed this phase and meets all other current licensing requirements, they "graduate" to phase two—a provisional license with restrictions. (See "Phase Two Requirements" below for details.)

- The minimum age for the licensed operator required to accompany an instruction permit holder in the front passenger seat increases from 18 to 21.

Phase One Enforcement

- Street enforcement of phase one will begin in a limited fashion January 1, but only for permits issued after January 1.

- Initially, the permit will be stamped to better assist patrol officers in determining if the new 21-or-over provision for licensees accompanying permit holders applies. This will eventually be replaced by language on the permit itself. If the permit does not specify the 21-or-over provision, the old standard of 18-or-over will still apply and enforcement action may not be applicable.

Phase Two Requirements

Once the applicant has held a driving permit for six months, completes an approved driver education course and reaches their 16th birthday, they are eligible to progress to phase two—a provisional license. In phase two, driving privileges of provisional licensees are restricted for the first six months of issuance. During that six-month period, the applicant may not:

- have more than one passenger under 21 years of age who is not a

family member, or

- operate a vehicle after midnight and before 5 a.m., unless driving is necessary for employment, school or school-related activities or a medical emergency.

Note that the passenger and time limitations in phase two do not apply if the provisional license holder is accompanied by a licensed operator age 21 or older in the front seat.

Phase Two Enforcement

- Since applicants must have an instruction permit for six months under the new law, patrol enforcement of phase two restrictions will not begin until July 1, 2002.

- Officers must look on the back of the license to determine if enforcement is appropriate. The language under the restriction code will state "TRC 545.424 applies until MMDDYY." If that date has passed or there is no entry, enforcement action is not necessary.

Miscellaneous:

- A law officer cannot use this law as probable cause for a traffic stop.

- The legal driving age in Texas remains 16. (An applicant may still apply for an instruction permit at 15.)

- 46 states and the District of Columbia have some form of a graduated driver license system.

Threat against Texas schools "not credible"

A terrorist threat reported just before Christmas against unspecified Texas schools has been deemed "not credible" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation after investigation by several law enforcement agencies.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the information had come from a foreign government working in cooperation with U.S. authorities. After further investigation, it was determined that the threat was not credible. At this time, there is no information to suggest that any threat to a Texas school exists.

The threat warning has been withdrawn and Texas law enforcement officials stress that Texas schools are safe. Law enforcement in Texas will continue to be vigilant and alert in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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Don't Punish Child For Offenses He Can't Comprehend

DON'T PUNISH CHILD FOR OFFENSE HE CAN'T COMPREHEND

QUESTION: Our 2-year-old son is not yet toilet trained, although my mother-in-law feels he should be under control now. Should we spank him for using his pants instead of the potty?

DR. DOBSON: No. Suggest that your mother-in-law cool down a bit. It is entirely possible that your child can't control himself at this age. The last thing you want to do is punish a child of any age for an offense that he can't comprehend. If I had to err on this matter, it would be in the direction of being too late, rather than too early.

Furthermore, the best approach to potty training is with rewards and encouragement rather than with punishment. Give him a sucker (or sugarless candy) for performing his duty. When you've proved that he can comply, then you can hold him responsible in the future.

QUESTION: Is there any way to prevent a child from having night terrors? It is happening in our house nearly every night, and it is really hard on my husband and me.

DR. DOBSON: Yes, you can usually prevent your child from going into stage-four sleep by giving him or her a minor amount of medication. I wouldn't suggest you do that unless the night terrors are regular and disruptive to adult sleep patterns. You should talk to your physician about this matter if that is the case.

QUESTION: Should school children be required to wear

clothes that they dislike?

DR. DOBSON: Generally not. Children are very concerned about the threat of being laughed at by their friends and will sometimes go to great lengths to avoid that danger. Conformity is fueled by the fear of ridicule. Teens, particularly, seem to feel, "The group can't laugh at me if I am identical to them." From this perspective, it's unwise to make a child endure unnecessary social humiliation. Children should be allowed to select their own clothes, within certain limits of the budget and good taste.

QUESTION: My 4-year-old daughter, Karen, is a whiner. She rarely speaks in a normal voice anymore. How can I break her of this habit?

DR. DOBSON: There is a process called "extinction" that is useful in situations like this. Here is how it works: Any behavior that has been learned by reinforcement (i.e., by rewards) can be "unlearned" by withholding those rewards. It sounds complex, but the technique is simple and very applicable to Karen's problem.

Why do you think she whines instead of speaking in a normal voice? Because you have rewarded that sound by letting it get your attention! As long as Karen is speaking in her usual voice, you are too busy to listen to her. Like most toddlers, she probably babbles all day long, so you have often tuned out most of her verbiage. But when she speaks in a grating, irritating, obnoxious tone, you turn to see what is wrong. Therefore, Karen's whining brings results her normal

voice does not, and she becomes a whiner.

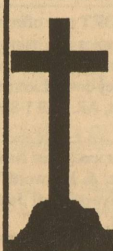
In order to break the habit of whining, you must simply reverse the process. You should begin by saying, "I can't hear you because you're whining, Karen. I have funny ears; they just can't hear whining." After this message has been passed along for a day or two, you should show no indication of having heard a moan tone. You should then offer immediate attention to anything she says in a normal voice. If this control of reward is applied properly, I guarantee it to achieve the desired results.

Most human learning is based on this principle, and the consequences are certain and definite. Of course, Grandma and Uncle Albert may continue to reinforce the behavior you are trying to eliminate, and they can keep it alive.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.focus.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House. Copyright 1998 James Dobson, Inc. Distributed by Universal Press Syndicate 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111; (816) 932-6600

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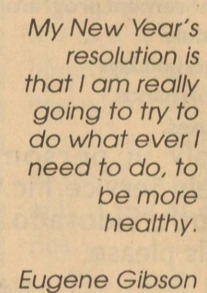
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Lou Ann Turner



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My New Year's resolution is to get accepted to college.

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