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Rangel pleads guilty to San Angelo burglary

11-year-old boy identifies Rangel as the "Jogging Burglar"

Ernesto Rangel, 38, of Eldorado pleaded guilty last week to burglary in a San Angelo courtroom. District Judge Rae Leifeste gave Rangel the stiffest sentence possible, 20 years in prison.

The case stemmed from an incident on May, 2, 2002, when an 11-year-old San Angelo boy awoke to find Rangel in his home. The boy reportedly chased Rangel out

of the house. Rangel had previously been arrested for similar incidents. Once in 1987, then again in 1994. During that time he was nicknamed the jogging burglar, primarily due to the casual way he ran along San Angelo streets before stopping to walk into homes through unlocked doors.

Rangel did a stint in prison fol-

lowing his 1994 conviction and was paroled in 2001.

San Angelo police reportedly suspected Rangel in a recent string of burglaries when they noticed similarities to the older cases. At that time they began monitoring Rangel's activities, watching him as he left his car in the College Hills section of San Angelo and walked through the neighborhood.

Police received a report on May 2, 2002, of a burglary in the neighborhood, while they had Rangel's car under surveillance. They waited near the car and arrested Rangel when he returned. He was identified at the scene of the burglary by the 11-year-old boy.

District Attorney Steve Lupton praised the boy's bravery, stating that the case depended on his identification of Rangel.

San Angelo police say they suspect Rangel was involved in several unsolved burglaries, dating back to 2001. In some of the cases, the burglar watched sleeping children. In others, he reportedly stole money and jewelry.

Rangel was ultimately prosecuted on the May 2, 2002 case due to the strong evidence which offered prosecutors the best chance at a conviction.

It is unclear at this time if Rangel's status as a parolee will add to his 20-year sentence.



Busted — Deputy Jason Chatham uncovered a quantity of "Crystal Methamphetamine" and an assortment of drug paraphernalia on Thanksgiving Day after his drug detection dog "Brutus" alerted on this 1989 Dodge van. James Wade McGinnis, 32, of Longview, WA, was booked into the County Jail and released later on \$3,000 surety bond.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Santa's Helpers — These Eldorado 8th grade students, known as the Christmas Committee, raised \$300 in donations from Middle School students and teachers in order to adopt 12 angels from the Angel Tree. The funds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for 12 needy children. Pictured above are: Front Row (L-R) Felipe Martinez, Josue Chavez, Russell Cathey, Alicia Corrales, J.C. Rodriguez, Richmond Adame, Logan Jones. Back Row (L-R) Krista Troy, Mark Bybee, Luis Almazan, David Hernandez, Drew Bosmans, Adam Dominguez, Ricky Mercado, Raul Rios, Sammy Estrada, Emmanuel Rodriguez and Ram Buitron.

Enforcement of animal ordinance begins Jan. 1

Rules on dumpster use will also be enforced

The City of Eldorado will begin enforcement of its new animal control ordinance on January 1, 2003, City Administrator Randy Mankin announced this week. The newly completed Animal Shelter passed an inspection by the Texas Dept. of Health recently and city crews are currently sealing and painting the concrete floor and concrete walls that separate the individual pens.

"The City Council adopted the ordinance several months ago, but we have delayed enforcement until the shelter was completed," Mankin said. "It is my hope that people will get their pets vaccinated and register them at City Hall during the month of December."

The ordinance regulates pets within the Eldorado city limits and prohibits livestock and poultry.

Meanwhile, a long-standing ordinance governing the use of city dumpsters will also be enforced, Mankin said. City employees, acting in their capacity as code enforcement officers will begin issuing citations to people found to be using dumpsters without permission. Currently the only people

who may use city dumpsters are city sanitation customers who pay for the service.

"People who live outside the city routinely bring their trash into town and place it in the dumpsters, in direct violation of the city ordinance," Mankin said. "Dumpsters are to be used only by the people and businesses that pay for the service."

A particular concern are the dumpsters located on the court-

house square. Mankin explained that those dumpsters are meant for use by county offices, and by persons or organizations who have permission to use the Memorial Building.

"The city landfill is open 5 days a week and anyone who lives in Schleicher County may use it free of charge," Mankin said. "There aren't many other landfills in Texas with such lenient rules."

Christmas Trilogy planned here Dec. 14 & 15

Once again, a unique, two-day event will be presented for the citizens of Eldorado and surrounding environs. Three local organizations have joined to create a trilogy built around illusions developed in McKinney, TX in the early 1990s for a haunted house that was renowned in the DFW metroplex. The illusions were brought to Eldorado in early 2002 and have been redesigned for this Christmas presentation.

The first part of the trilogy will be held in the 1907 Bank/Pool Hall on Main Street between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Sponsored by the Circus 101 Class, members will present a very brief version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with the emphasis being on the actual appearances of the ghosts of Marley, Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Come. Cast members will don Dickens era garb and be available for pictures. Admission for this show is \$2.

Stage two of the trilogy is sponsored by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee and will take place in their world headquarters, located just SE of the only stoplight in town. The build-

ing has been converted into Grinch's cave and visitor's will see the infamous Grinch steal Christmas, only to be apprehended by Batman, who will force the Grinch to return his take to the original location. This show will take place between 7 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 14. Admission to this aspect of the trilogy is only \$1.

The three part show will return to the 1907 Bank/Pool Hall on Sunday, December 15 between 2 and 5 p.m. and is sponsored by the Tagoo Bird Preservation Society. This will conclude the trilogy with the immediate, mystical appear-

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Eagles place twelve on 2-2A All-District squad

With the elimination of all three District 2-2A teams from the State UIL 2A playoffs last week, EHS Coach Gary Grubbs has released the annual list of All-District players. In all, 12 Eagles players were named to the team.

Among those claiming spots on the 2nd Team All-District squad were: Mike Adame, tight end; Ray David Buitron, linebacker; Quisto Gonzalez, running back; Ross Hodges, defensive tackle; Philip Martinez, defensive end; and Landon Nixon, special teams.

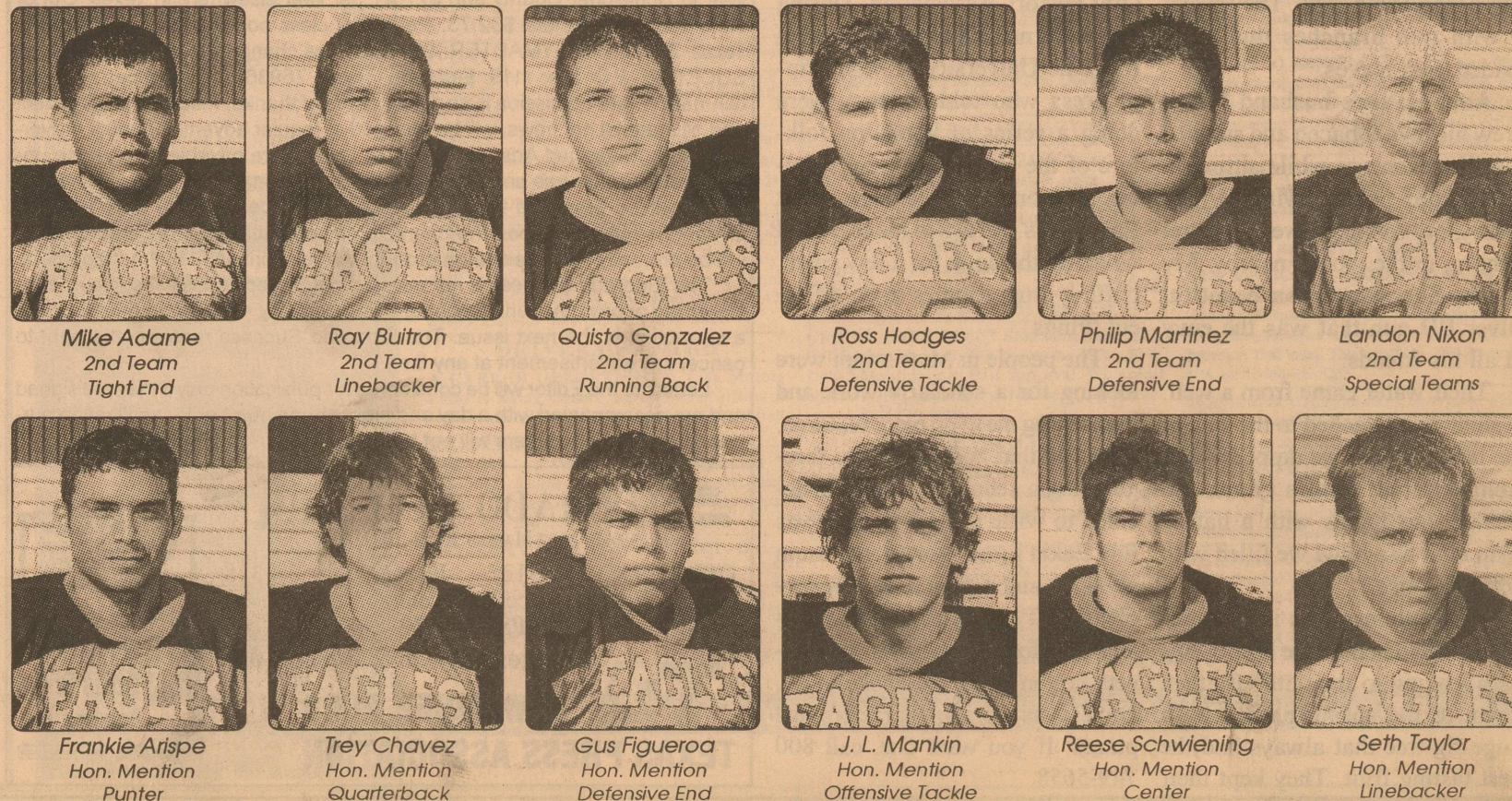
Earning positions on the Honorable Mention All-District team were: Frankie Arispe, punter; Trey

Chavez, quarterback; Gus Figueroa, defensive end; J.L. Mankin, offensive tackle; Reese Schwiening, center; and Seth Taylor, linebacker.

Ozona running back Jarryd Taylor was named the district's Most Valuable Player. Reagan County running back Allen Harrison and Wall running back Jaron Haney were named the district's Offensive Co-MVP.

Defensive MVP was Ozona defensive tackle Chase Clark. Newcomer of the Year was Brian Rasberry of Wall.

Coach Steve Taylor of Ozona was named District 2-2A Coach of the Year.



Mike Adame
2nd Team
Tight End

Ray Buitron
2nd Team
Linebacker

Quisto Gonzalez
2nd Team
Running Back

Ross Hodges
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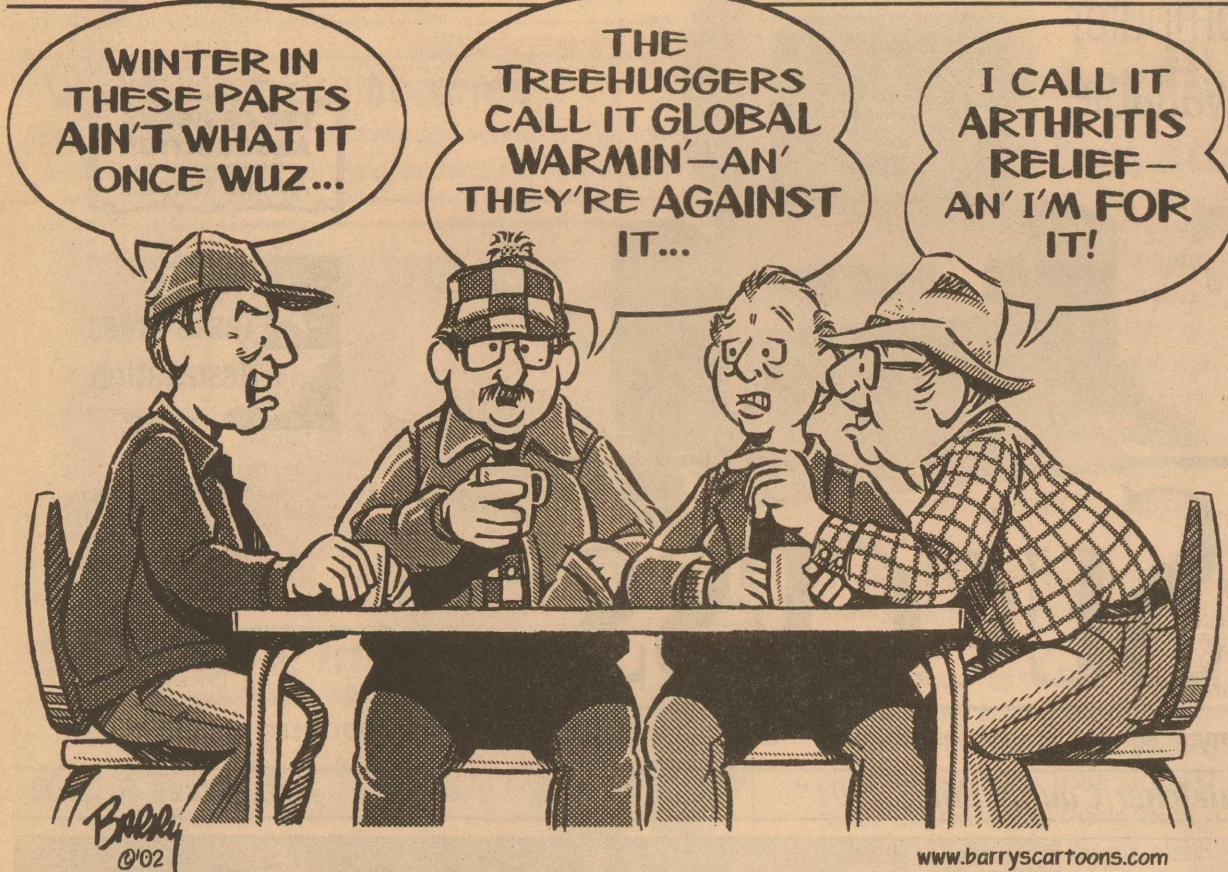
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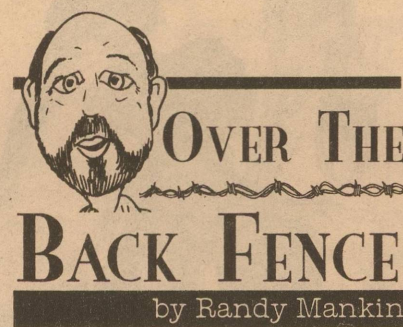
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Hon. Mention
Offensive Tackle

Reese Schwiening
Hon. Mention
Center

Seth Taylor
Hon. Mention
Linebacker



Eldorado is well positioned for future growth



Eldorado has survived numerous boom and bust cycles in its 107 year history. Like most towns in West Texas, Eldorado's economic well being is tied directly to the fickle whims of the marketplace. The price per pound of wool and the cost of a barrel of oil have long dictated the fate of the town.

Vince Lombardi, the late and great coach of the Green Bay Packers, once said that a football team's future depends on how well it prepares during the off season. "Progress during the lean years ensures success during the green years," he stated. The same holds true for towns, even very small towns in rural West Texas.

That is why I'm confident that Eldorado's brightest days lay before it. While other towns have

collapsed inward during economic downturns and curtailed vital services, Eldorado has continued to move forward, albeit at a slower pace.

Take, for example, our hospital and nursing home. When federal regulations forced other communities to decide between higher taxes or closing their facilities, many of them took the expedient and politically popular (at the moment) course. Sonora no longer has a nursing home. Menard and Ozona have closed their hospitals.

Somehow, Eldorado's hospital and nursing home have survived, thanks in large part to the citizens of this community who chose to support it. In recent years the facility has undergone an extensive upgrade of its equipment. The staff at SCMC consists of some of the most highly qualified and best trained health care professionals in the state.

Another trend that the people of Eldorado wisely resisted was the one that saw most of our neighbors close their landfills. Now, not only does Eldorado still have a landfill for its own use, surrounding towns pay handsomely for the privilege of dumping their trash, thereby allowing the City of Eldorado to upgrade services and launch the first long-term paving program in years.

Highway infrastructure up-

grades are in the offing, as well. With U.S. 277 included on the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor, that road will be widened to a four-lane in the not-to-distant future.

Then, there's the Forts-to-Ports Coalition, a group of cities that are pushing to upgrade U.S. 190 to a four-lane road. Their effort got a huge boost when U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld signaled his support. Consequently the project jumped ahead of several others and found its way into the Federal Highway Administration's 2003 Performance Plan. The plan, driven by "Homeland Security" concerns spells out a new strategic vision for the nation's highway system. And, the U.S. 190 upgrade is part of that vision.

Sure, the highway improvements could be a few years down the road, but they are coming. That's why I'm convinced that Eldorado is well positioned for future growth. We already have great water and an excellent school system. Add to the mix a couple of four-lane highways, a state-of-the-art rural hospital, and other necessities like a landfill, and you have got to like Eldorado's chances.

I'm leaving a lot of things out, I know. Things like the high speed wireless community network that promises to make high speed Internet connectivity available, not to mention distance learning opportunities and the advantages of telemedicine. Plus, there are the ongoing efforts to market Eldorado to tourists and hunters, thereby limiting our dependence on oil and Ag.

Yes, I know the area economy is in a slump. But, like Lombardi said, it's during the tough times that champions learn how to win.

Whooping cranes numbers increase in Texas

AUSTIN — Turkeys (the edible variety, no political joke intended) are the bird on most folks' mind these days, but one other member of the avian species has been getting some attention.

The endangered whooping crane has begun showing up at its winter home on the coast and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is urging waterfowl hunters to be careful not to get that bird confused with its legal-to-hunt cousin, the sandhill crane.

Whooping cranes are protected and can't be shot. They are white with black wingtips. The smaller sandhill cranes are gray. (If you're a hunter, make sure you get

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



this right: A mistake is illegal and expensive.)

Biologists in Canada have reported that somewhere between 180 and 190 of the big birds — they stand more than 4 feet tall and are the tallest in North America — left their breeding grounds for their annual migration to the Lone Star State in late September and early October. That's an increase from the 176 whooping cranes that wintered in Texas last year.

If you spot a whooping crane, call the Parks and Wildlife Department at 1-800-792-1112 or e-mail a report to lalinam@wimberley-tx.com.

One thing to be thankful for...

A lot of Texans don't seem to have much trouble coming up with a reason not to get a flu shot: "don't have the time," "it'll give you the flu," "I never get sick" and on and on.

Here's a new idea: Remember the last time you had the flu and how badly you felt.

As Texas Health Commissioner Eduardo Sanchez put it recently, "Millions of people get a flu shot every year. Millions more need to."

The vaccination is particularly recommended for persons over 50 (an increasingly large percentage of the population), nursing home residents, people with diabetes, people with asthma or other chronic respiratory conditions and those with heart or kidney troubles. And for the first time this year, public health officials also recommend the shot for infants 6 months to 23 months.

To put the importance of the shots into perspective, every year about 8,000 Texans end up in the hospital with a bad case of the flu. In addition, flu or its complications kills 1,500 in Texas annually.

Finally, something to look forward to if you have not had your

shot yet: The peak season for flu is during January and February.

West Nile update...

Unfortunately, there's no shot to prevent West Nile virus. The virus has now been identified in 195 of Texas' 254 counties, up from 176 in the previous survey.

Of the cases reported in Texas, 165 have been in humans, the Department of Health reports. Of the 165 human cases 23 became ill in July, 76 in August, 50 in September and 16 in October.

There have been eight deaths — four from Harris County and one each from Tarrant, Randall, Hood and Dallas counties.

Looking ahead to college...

The Comptroller's office has opened a new enrollment period for the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan.

Under the plan, parents can fix their children's future college tuition costs and other required fees at current prices, and pay the amount in monthly installments to lessen the shock many parents experience when their kids graduate from high school and head to the proverbial ivy-covered halls.

The enrollment period continues to May 23.

For more information on the plan call 1-800-445-4723 or check: www.texas tomorrow funds.org



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Under the Chinaberry Tree

When I was growing up in Fort Worth, my parents visited their brothers and sisters in Athens and Canton. My mother's sister, Hattie, lived in the country just outside Canton. On summer afternoons, my mother, her sisters Ethel and Effie would gather under a big chinaberry tree in Hattie's yard and shell peas. Mostly the shelling was an excuse to visit. The conversation was about family and neighbors, mostly. There was plenty of laughter.

The vision of my mother and her three sisters sitting in cane bottom chairs in the shade of that big dark green tree is extremely strong in my memory. The picture of Aunt Hattie's house is as clear in my mind as if they were still there today and I was a small boy watching them from a feather bed on the screen porch.

The ground around the house was hard packed earth. They swept it with tree branches that were loaded with leaves.

Aunt Hattie's husband Henry grew his own tobacco and smoked it in the evenings while sitting in their front porch swing. Uncle Henry, my dad and I went squirrel hunting in the woods nearby. My cousin Sherman had a beautiful silver BB gun that was the envy of all his friends.

Their water came from a well. A shelf was attached to the side of the house where we dipped water from a bucket with a gourd and washed our hands with a bar of soap next to a bowl we filled with water to rinse.

The outhouse was in the middle of a field behind the house. The path leading to the outhouse then down to the spring passed by a huge fig tree that always had the best tasting fruit. They kept their

milk in a jar with a small rope on the top of it that allowed them to raise the jar from its cool spot in the spring. I've never seen water so clear. You could look into the water and see white sand that looked like whipped cream.

Aunt Hattie washed her clothes outside in a black pot over a fire. The barn was small and made of old weathered boards. It seems like there were always some fresh peanuts in the barn, still clinging to their vines. We feasted on those frequently.

All these East Texas memories prompted me to write a book about East Texas folkways. It's titled UNDER THE CHINABERRY TREE and is published by Eakin Press in Austin (eakinpress.com).

Actually, the book had its origin eight years ago in Salt Lake City where I conducted a seminar during a meeting of the National Oral History Association. During one of the meals I sat next to a man from the University of Mississippi press who told me they were doing a series of books on folklore of the South and were wanting someone to do a book about East Texas. He asked me to do it. I wrote on the book for a few years, putting it up at times to do different things.

The people in Mississippi were looking for a scholarly work and kept asking me to do more research. I tired of that and decided to forego doing a scholarly work and decided to write something that was fun. Eakin Press showed interest in my book and it's out now. I'm very pleased. It covers things like overalls, pigs feet, scarecrows, sunbonnets, cotton fields, the smoke house, East Texas stories, characters and places. If you want one, call 800 749-5658.

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 - Robert Fulton's power
 - Pillow cover
 - Hamburg's river
 - One of a seagoing trio
 - Get pooped
 - Ms. White driving in a desert procession?
 - G.P. gp.
 - Tense and irritable
 - Like some windshields
 - Convention choice
 - Swedish soprano Jenny
 - Takes too much, briefly
 - Bell and Rainey
 - Petty quarrel
 - "Cool"
 - Analyze grammatically
 - Corrida call
 - Award-winning animation of "The Love Bug"?
 - Attendance fig., often
 - Olympics sensation Hughes
 - Van Gogh's village
 - Get whupped
- DOWN**
- Coll. hoops event
 - "___ matter of fact
 - Stadium sales force
 - Coq au ___
 - Religious recluse
 - Overly stylish
 - Love personified
 - Comedian Bill, briefly
 - Picture puzzle of mass-transit vehicle kissers?
 - Dry as dust
 - Stud stakes
 - Erato or Clio
 - Well-___ (rich)
 - River of Tours
 - Familiar with
 - Praline nut
 - Santa Anna took it
 - James ___ Garfield
 - "Michael Collins" actor Stephen
 - Black suit
 - Faint trace
 - A deadly sin
 - ___ standstill
 - Decimal part of a logarithm
 - Where the fans are stumped?
 - "Rule, Britannia" composer Thomas
 - Anthropologist Margaret
 - Play segments
 - Cabinetmaking wood
 - Corday's victim
 - Steno group
 - Sunburn soother
 - Till stack
 - Yuletide tune
 - Old U.S. gas brand
 - Play segments
 - Louvre locale
 - Error removers
 - Hannibal "The ___" Lecter
 - Old London transport
 - Pre-Euro Portuguese cash
 - Shake awake
 - Contented sighs
 - Fire remnant
 - Get slippery, in winter
 - Trunk, in art class
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OBITUARIES

Lester Nixon

Lester Nixon passed on Friday, November 29, 2002 as the last member of a frontier family who settled in Schleicher County in 1917. Born October 17, 1921, in Eldorado, he was the youngest of 14 children raised by Paul and Leuticia Nixon. His parents influenced his development in church song leading, dry land farming and business ownership.

Lester is survived by Leota (Hunt) Nixon, his wife of 53 years, whom he married on March 29 1949. He leaves eight children: Jorgi Lagow Stanford of Eldorado; Reginald Lagow of Winters, TX; Laura Nowlin of Eldorado; Leslie Martin of Naperville, IL; Louann Perez of Mission, TX; Lester Paul Nixon of Eldorado; Reuben Nixon of Nogal, NM; and Matthew Nixon of Gatesville, TX. He also leaves 19 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Lester excelled at the things he loved. He started dry land farming in eighth grade when his father gave him his first piece of land. Today he holds the Schleicher Count record for dry land cotton production of two bales per acre. He later raised cattle and sheep farmed, custom farmed and ran his own paint and body shop in Eldorado.

Lester became a Christian in 1952. The 30 years he lead sing-

ing at the church of Christ in Eldorado mark the most memorable year of his children's lives. He loved studying the Bible and teaching Bible classes. On Sundays he invited ministers home with him in order to learn all he could about God's will for his life. He and Leota opened their home to many missionaries and church members for studying and singing. They loved the church, and God has used them to influence many Christians and family members.

Several values impressed Lester. His children still talk about his generosity with those in need. He went out of his way to help those less fortunate. Leota helped him in this effort with her visits and home cooked meals for those in need. He also valued a good name. He once said, "If stripped of all earthly possessions, a good name is all you would have. So it must be treasured." He displayed this principle in his honest and fair business dealings. He knew that is a small town word gets around, and he used this to his benefit.

Though he worked hard, Lester also enjoyed playing. He loved to hunt, fish, and play cards and dominos with family and friends. Family pictures show catfish as long as Lester was tall, which he caught by diving under huge rocks with a large hand-held hook. Lester also loved the close friends with whom he enjoyed these activities.

The legacy Lester leaves displays the values of honesty, hard work and a strong faith in God. His memory lives on in the hearts of those he leaves behind. Hopefully, his Christian example will live on within us as well.

Services were held Tuesday December 3, 2002, at the Mertzson Highway Church of Christ. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Country Christmas Concert

A mixture of country and traditional Christmas music will fill the air on Sunday evening, December 15, 2002 at the Tom Rattliff Theater at 7:00 P.M.

Entertainment will be provided by Top of the Divide Band and Girls 4 God.

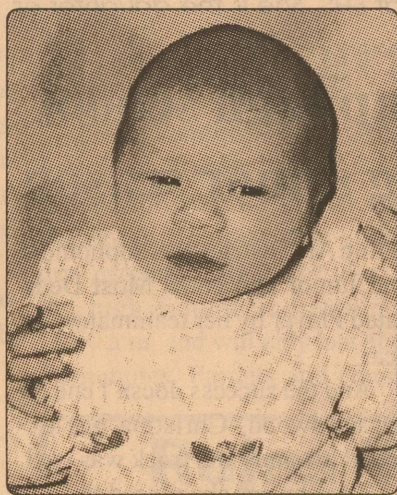
The Top of the Divide Band include Terry Green, bass fiddle; Joella Parker, guitar; Steve Williams, guitar and harmonica; Michael Felver, drums, Jon Cartwright, guitar; Wayne Joiner, fiddle; Marcus Murr, vocal and Sandy Stokes, mandolin and fiddle.

Also performing will be The Girls 4 God who will sing carols along with a flute trio. Member of the Girls 4 God group are Layna

Murr, leader, Lindsay Pridemore, Chelsey Pridemore, Haley Higgins, Brittani Romero, Darci Vick, Brandie Cross, Corie Williams, Rhapsody Swyter, Ashley Lozano, Jessie Valero, April Porras, Emily Espinosa and Alex Vandensen.

Refreshments will be provided by the Girls 4 God and admission is free.

Donations will be accepted to benefit Girls 4 God, a group of young teenage girls who began meeting in September for Bible study. The donations will help to buy supplies for upcoming service projects the group has planned.



Laney Elizabeth Martin

It's a Girl!

Holley and Pat Martin of Sonora proudly announce the birth of their daughter Laney Elizabeth. She was born on October 22, 2002, at 9:29 a.m. at the Shannon Hospital. She weighed 7lbs. 7oz. and was 19 inches in length.

Laney Elizabeth was anxiously awaited and welcomed home by her big brothers Hudson and Wiley Ray Martin of Sonora; Grandparents Buff and June Whitten of Eldorado and Jimmy and Sherry Martin of Eldorado; Great-grandparents Jim and Jerre Holley of Eldorado, Jim and Nelva Martin of Eldorado and Jim and Maggie Davis of Port Aransas; and Great-great grandmother Pearl Bolt of Eldorado.



Davis Lane Swartz

It's a Boy!

Todd and Kim Schwartz announce the arrival of their son, Davis Lane. Davis was born on October 21, 2002 at 5:10pm at San Angelo Community Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20.25 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Damien and GERALYN Beach of Eldorado and paternal grandparents are Billy and Betty Schwartz of Wall. Leroy and Dorrace Beach of Millersview and Gerald Lange of Rowena are Davis's maternal great-grandparents, and paternal great-grandmother is Mary Havlak of Wall.

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 12/5	Fri 12/6	Sat 12/7	Sun 12/8	Mon 12/9
47/25	51/26	58/30	62/33	56/27
Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 47F.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 20s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

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8th Mace Joy, Allyson Jarrett

9th Rosario Sotio, Shanna Porter, Becky Saldivar, Nora Fuentes, Bobby Andrews, Martha Spinks, Aaron Fuentes, Amy Evans, Cherie Niblett Paulson

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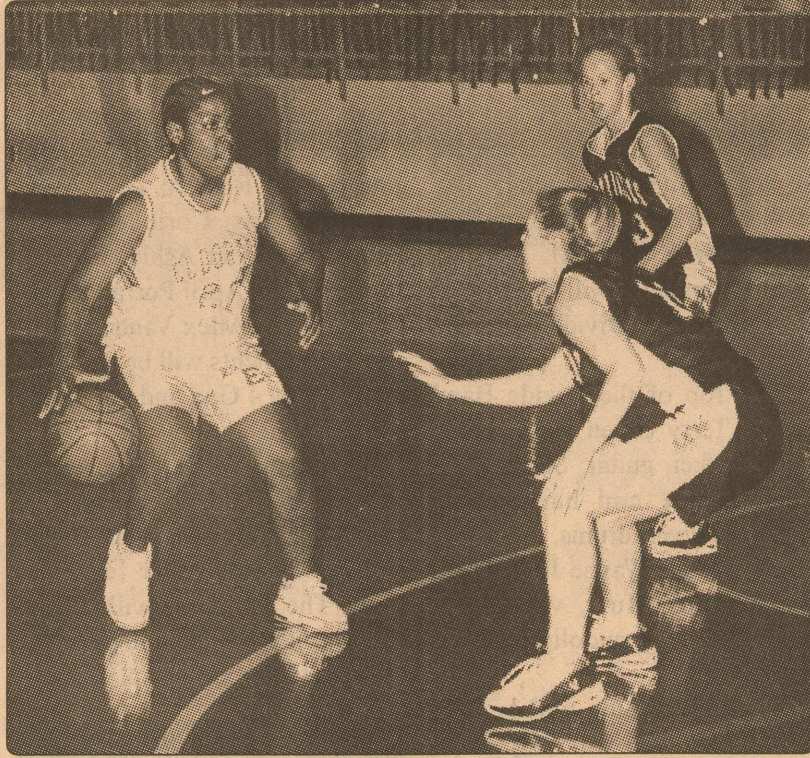


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Intense concentration — Christina Redish brought the ball down court last week for the Lady Eagles as they took on the McCamey Lady Badgers. Redish is a senior at EHS. She is the daughter of Mack and Angela Redish.

Redish looks to cap high school career with strong senior season

by David E. Hill

When classes started in August of this year, it meant the beginning of the end for one special Eldorado Lady Eagles student athlete. Coaches and teachers will have special memories about all of those they coach and teach each year, but those like Christina Redish are extra special. She is a great athlete and a great student and if this year is anything like the three previous, Eagle fans should just sit back, relax, and enjoy the game.

Christina's first love is basketball. A trait that comes from her Dad, Mack, who has been known to play some hoops himself. She comes into this season as a 3-Year Letterman of the Lady Eagle basketball squad. As a freshman she averaged 8.5 points/game and 7.5 rebounds/game and added 3.4 assists. Her sophomore year saw a scoring average of 12.6 points/game and had 9 rebounds/game adding 3.6 assists. Last year, she averaged 14.6 points/game and 11.5 rebounds/game with 4 assists. She led the team in scoring and rebounds. This year she continues to excel, including a 35-point, 16 rebound, and 5-assist performance against Fort Stockton.

She was Honorable Mention as a freshman, All-District and Aca-

demie All-District as a sophomore and Junior and voted Most Dedicated Player by her teammates last year.

And the success doesn't end on the hardwood. Christina has excelled in tennis and track as well. As a freshman, she placed third in singles and was a member of the third place team tennis squad. Her sophomore year she placed second in district, regional, and state in doubles and was a member of the state champion team tennis squad. She also qualified for regional in the shot put. Last year she placed first in district, regional, and won state in doubles and again was a member of the state team tennis champion. Redish then won district in the shot and placed second in district in the discus going to the regional meet in both events. She was chosen as Most Valuable in both sports last year.

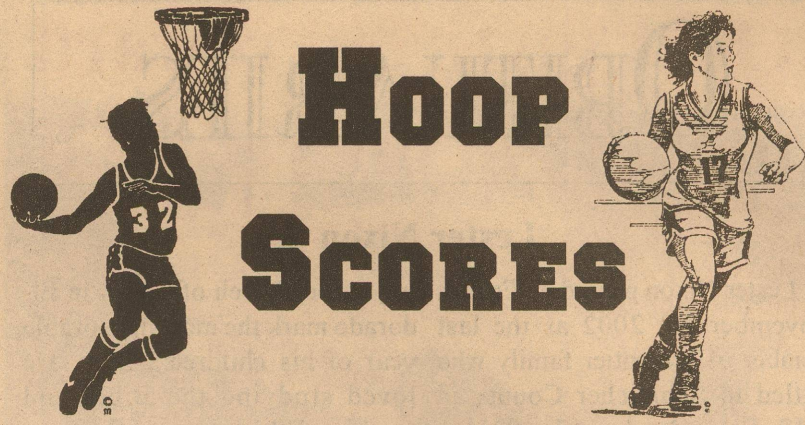
In addition to sports, Christina has been a Cheerleader (J.V. freshman/sophomore, Varsity junior/senior) all four years as well.

And probably the most special accolade that an athlete can be proud of is academics. With all the time committed outside the classroom, Christina has maintained a 96 average thru her junior year.

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VARSITY GIRLS

November 23, 2002
Eldorado 07-09-12-07= 35
Winters 14-11-22-10=59
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Chandra Wanoreck 2, Hannah Robledo 2, Christina Redish 19, Clara Herrera 7, Amanda Wanoreck 3. 3 point goals: Redish (1) and Herrera (1).

November 25, 2002
Eldorado 13-11-14-25=63
Ft. Stockton 12-08-11-13=44
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 4, Amanda Wanoreck 10, Hannah Robledo 4, Christina Redish 35, Clara Herrera, Martha Lively 2. 3 point goals: Redish (1).

November 26, 2002
Eldorado 08-15-09-09=41
McCamey 10-11-14-12=47
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Christina Redish 15, Clara Herrera 5, Teresa Barajas 5, Lacy Ragsdale 2, Amanda Wanoreck 12, Martha Lively 2. 3 point goals: Redish (1), A. Wanoreck (1) and Herrera (1). Varsity Girls Coach Rene Valeriano.

J.V. GIRLS

November 26, 2002
Eldorado 08-03-06-04=21
McCamey 04-17-04-09=34
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 1, Britney Sellers 1, Chandra Wanoreck 7, Micaela Gonzalez 5, Taylor Baker 7. Coach Vicky Williams.

8th GRADE GIRLS

December 2, 2002
Eldorado 00-00-02-07=09
Wall 14-06-12-04=36
Scoring for Lady Eagles: Chelsi Sellers 2, JC Rodriguez 5, Sandra Garza. 3 point goal: JC Rodriguez (1). Scoring for the "B" Team was Erika Buitron 2 points. Coach Don Richters.

7th grade girls basketball

by Coach Matt Rutherford

The Seventh Grade Lady Eagles fell to the Wall Hawks in Eldorado on Monday night. The Lady Hawks outlasted the Eagle "A" team 45-17. Leading the Eagle scorers was Chelsey Hill with nine points followed by Lynley Glass with three points, Amika Gonzalez and Kassie Tyler with two points each and Macy Chatham had one point. The Lady Eagles shot 50 percent from the free throw line. Congratulations also to Ashley Lozano, Blake Chatham, and LiAna Danford who, along with the other lady eagles played a great game. Way to

VARSITY BOYS

November 25, 2002
Eldorado 15-00-11-07=33
Ft. Stockton 23-00-09-16=48
Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 2, Bobby Phillips 4, Trey Chavez 2, Quisto Gonzalez 6, Philip Martinez 10, Mike Adame 2, Jordan Fay 3, Danny Sanchez 4. 3 point goals: Martinez (2) and Fay (1).

November 26, 2002
Eldorado 11-09-00-12=32
Mason 01-13-10-14=38
Scoring for the Eagles: Ray David Buitron 4, Bobby Phillips 7, Trey Chavez 11, Philip Martinez 8, J.L. Mankin 2. 3 point goals: Chavez (1) and Martinez (1). Coach Alan Gillespie.

JV BOYS

November 26, 2002
Eldorado 09-12-01-10=32
Mason 10-11-08-05=34
Scoring for the Eagles: Michael Ballew 5, Ryan Cathey 5, Jorge Bustos 5, Jeremy Ussery 4, Kolby Dombroski 7, Frank Wipff 6. 3 point goals: Cathey (1) and Bustos (1). Coach Garza.

JV-B BOYS

November 26, 2002
Eldorado 02-10-03-03=18
Mason 09-02-04-06=21
Scoring for the Eagles: Caleb Nixon 3, Diego Barrera 2, Nestor Hernandez 3, Eric Garcia 9, Epolo Herrera 1. 3 point goals: Nixon (1), Hernandez (1) and Garcia (1).

December 2, 2002
Eldorado 09-02-04-08=23
Wall 13-08-19-12=52
Scoring for the Eagles: Caleb Nixon 5, Nestor Hernandez 10, Eric Garcia 6, and Epolo Herrera 2. Also playing were Jeffrey Bybee, Michael Hill, Diego Barrera, Johnny Larez and Jaaron Crawford. 3 point goals: Nixon (1). Coach Gary Grubbs.

hustle ladies.
The "B" team fell to the Wall Hawks 10-6. Accounting for the Eagles' six points were Rhapsody Swyter, Nancy Hernandez and Chelsey Pridemore. Good job girls.

School Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change

Cafeteria Line
Monday, December 9
Chalupas w/ Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pineapple Chunks
Tuesday, December 10
Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Rosy Apple Sauce
Wednesday, December 11
Soft Beef Tacos, Lettuce & Tomato, Crushed Pineapple, Jello Topping
Thursday, December 12
Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, White Cake w/ Icing
Friday, December 13
Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chocolate Cookies
Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast
Monday, December 9
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Fresh Fruit
Tuesday, December 10
Biscuit w/ Jelly, Sausage, Apple Juice
Wednesday, December 11
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice
Thursday, December 12
Breakfast Pizza, Pineapple Juice
Friday, December 13
Muffin, Cheese, Orange Juice



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OGT gives out reward money; many refuse it

AUSTIN, Texas — Despite a shaky economy, many Texans who provide information about wildlife crimes are not cashing in on their deserved rewards.

'Operation Game Thief' is Texas' wildlife crime stoppers program and offers rewards of as much as \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in a wildlife crime. Begun in 1981 as a result of laws passed by the 67th Legislature to help curtail poaching, the program is a function of the law enforcement division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. About \$160,000 in reward money has been paid so far.

Callers to the OGT line (800) 792-GAME remain anonymous and recently, quite a few have said they don't want a reward. During the six-month period ending Sept. 20, 24 callers said they did not want a reward.

"While more than half of the total callers reporting violations to OGT request a reward, of those who provide enough information to make a criminal case, the number requesting a reward is less than 50 percent," said Buddy Turner, assistant chief of wildlife law enforcement. "Many folks tell the dispatcher that they are not interested in a reward, they would just like to see the violators apprehended."

At its fall meeting recently, the Operation Game Thief committee decided to give \$3,500 in rewards to callers who provided information about an antelope slaughter and more rewards totaling \$4,275 were authorized in other, unrelat-

Christmas trilogy

Continued From Page 1
ance of Santa Claus from the North Pole via the InterJet. The InterJet is a state of the art concept, much more advanced than the Internet. Instead of just transmitting words and pictures via cyberspace, the InterJet is able to transport objects and living creatures through space at Internet speeds. Hence, Santa Claus will be whisked into town to listen to Christmas wishes and then pose for pictures by his fireplace. Admission to the show is \$1, and pictures with the jolly old man will be available at an extra charge.

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ed cases.

The violations involving the antelope occurred in December of 2000. TPWD game wardens learned of the crime from firefighters who responded to a grass fire west of Kerrick that was related to the killings. When wardens arrived on the scene, they found evidence that some of the 24 antelope had been run over with vehicles, resulting in broken legs and other serious injuries. And some antelope had been shot at close range with shotguns.

Ten people were convicted of various violations against in that case earlier this year. State and federal law enforcement officials have called the case the single largest illegal killing of big game in Texas in many years. The group as a whole had to pay \$12,600 in restitution to TPWD for the value of the animals. Fines in the case totaled \$23,500.

If you have any information about a wildlife crime, please call (800) 792-GAME.



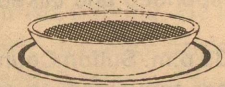
Fireman of the Year — The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department named Robert Parker (center) as its Fireman of the Year. Parker, who is the department's President received the honor from Jerry Felver (L), the department's Secretary and Fire Chief Jerry Jones (R). Parker has been a member of the fire department since 1978.

D.A.R.E. graduation slated

Just a reminder from Officer John E. Rodriguez that D.A.R.E. graduation will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2002. The graduation ceremony will take place at the high school auditorium at 11:30 a.m. and will only last about 30 minutes. Parents and commu-

nity members are invited. It would mean a great deal to all the children participating if they had someone in the crowd to see them receive their certificate. Officer Rodriguez stated "It's been great teaching this great bunch of children. Hope to see you there."

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, December 9**
Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potato, Italian Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange Half, Milk
- Tuesday, December 10**
Ground Beef w/ Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortilla, Toss Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday, December 11**
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, December 12**
Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Friday, December 13**
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- 8 MILE (R) 2:00 4:45 7:30 9:55
- FRIDAY AFTER NEXT (R) 2:30 5:00 7:40 9:45
- SANTA CLAUSE 2 (ds) (G) 1:40 4:15 7:00 9:30
- HALF PAST DEAD (PG-13) 4:30 9:35
- THE RING ds (PG-13) 1:50 4:25 7:15 9:50

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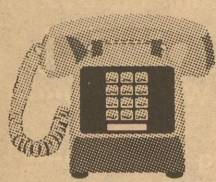
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ping & the Internet 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ High School Library Access Lab

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• Intro to Windows Part 2 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Middle School Comp. Lab

• Internet in Espanol 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Catholic Church - Head Start Annex

Saturday Dec. 16 • Internet 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ High School Comp. Lab

• Word - Intermediate 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Middle School Comp. Lab



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Once over, not so easy — Chief Deputy George Arispe was the first law enforcement officer to reach the scene of this one-vehicle rollover last Friday morning, despite the fact that it was two miles inside Crockett County on U.S. Highway 190. The driver of the 1995 Ford pickup, John Alvin Padier of Christoval, was taken by Schleicher County Volunteer EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated for injuries he sustained when the pickup overturned. Arispe noted that Padier reported that he swerved to miss a deer. Arispe turned the investigation over to DPS Corporal Ben English from Ozona. Padier is employed as a driller by Patterson Drilling Company.

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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

November 28 • McGinnis, James Wade, male age 32, arrested by SC Officer, offense Felony Controlled Substance. Released on \$3,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

November 26 • 6:21 p.m. Complainant reported a diabetic male who may possibly be losing their memory. Officer responded.

November 27 • 8:30 a.m. Seven notification Criminal Trespasses were served at apartments on Eastfield.

• 2:59 p.m. Complainant reported kids playing around Senior Center. Officer responded and found everything OK.

November 28 • 7:06 p.m. Subject reported several subjects drinking on the parking lot of church. Officer responded and talked to subjects.

• 8:39 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Officer requested an officer to assist in locating a vehicle that was involved in a hit and run in Sonora. Officer responded. Vehicle was located by Sutton County.

• 8:52 p.m. A minor two vehicle accident, with no injuries, was reported at the intersection of Hwy. 190 West and Hwy. 277. Officer assisted and wrecker was contacted.

• 10:29 p.m. Dispatcher received a 911 call with no answer and an open line. Officer responded to the residence on East Street. Dispatcher was able to make contact at the same time the officer arrived at the residence. All was OK, child was playing with the phone.

• 11:28 p.m. Dispatcher received a prank call from the pay phone at

the nursing home stating that there were 2 persons drinking and possibly nude at the baseball field. Two officers responded and found nothing.

November 29 • Complainant reported a one vehicle accident 20 miles west on Hwy. 190. Officer and EMS 2 responded. Accident was in Crockett County and Crockett County's Sheriff Office was notified.

• 1:09 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1.

• 7:12 p.m. Subject requested an ambulance for a neighbor. EMS responded.

November 30 • Subject requested a vehicle watch.

• 3:18 p.m. Subject requested an officer for a civil standby. Complainant wanted a Criminal Trespass Notice served on husband. Officer responded. Notice served and on file.

• 4:57 p.m. Complainant on County Road 110 reported a controlled burn.

• 9:22 p.m. Complainant reported someone screaming on North Street. Officer responded and found a goat was being attacked by a dog.

• 10:58 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver traveling North on Hwy. 277. Two officers responded.

December 1 • 10:59 a.m. Complainant reported a dead deer in front of apartments on Eastfield Street. Officer responded and advised to call animal control.

• 11:08 a.m. Complainant reported a truck parked illegally in a handicapped parking space at grocery store. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 1:00 p.m. Unknown subject reported a 3 vehicle accident on Divide Street in front of Sheriff Office.

December 2 • 7:25 a.m. Complainant reported an insulator was on fire 4 miles South on Hwy. 277. Officer and utility company were informed.

• 6:45 p.m. Subject on Denny Street requested an officer. Subject reported to the officer that someone had shot and killed their dog.

• 9:27 p.m. Complainant on Del Rio reported a male subject had been looking into the windows of their residence. Officers responded.

December 3 • 12:59 a.m. Complainant stated that she was having trouble breathing. EMS 2 responded.

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Pearl Harbor Day event features noted author, attack survivors

FREDERICKSBURG — This year's Pearl Harbor Day Program at the Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg features Joe Galloway, author of "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young" a New York Times best seller. The book served as the basis for the recent hit movie, "We Were Soldiers" starring Mel Gibson.

Pearl Harbor survivors and their family members annually gather with the public to pay tribute to those who served on Dec. 7, 1941.

Galloway is a writer in Washington, D.C., for Knight Ridder News Service. His book is a detailed accounting of the Ia Drang Campaign, the first major clash between American and North Vietnamese regular troops in November 1965 and the bloodiest of any battle fought during the entire war.

On May 1, 1998, the U.S. Army awarded Galloway a belated Bronze Star for rescuing a badly wounded soldier under heavy fire in the Ia Drang Valley in November 1965. Retired General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who has known Galloway in two wars, calls him "the finest combat correspondent of our generation — a soldier's reporter and a soldier's friend."

For more information on Dec. 7 events and locations, visit the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/nimitz/>).

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LOCATION	DAYS of the WEEK	TIMES
H.S. Library Access Lab	Mon	6 - 8 p.m.
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Head Start Bldg. at Catholic Church Annex	Tue	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Senior Citizen Center	Mon	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
First National Bank	Wed thru Fri	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
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Public Library	Mon thru Fri	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
*Schleicher County Medical Center Lobby	Mon thru Fri	10:00 - 1:00 p.m.
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Schleicher Co. EMS Bldg next to Fire Hall	Mon thru Fri	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

* These sites are not accessible as of 11/25/2002

Texas winter trout fishing begins today

AUSTIN, Texas — For an inexpensive, entry-level fishing experience the entire family can enjoy, it doesn't get much easier than winter trout fishing in Texas.

Beginning Dec. 5 and continuing through March, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will stock 239,000 rainbow trout at 97 sites across the state. Many of the fish stockings will be conducted at small urban lakes, state park lakes and popular river tail-races, including the Concho River in San Angelo on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, offering easy an-

gling access. The site will be restocked on Friday, January 3, 2003.

The popular trout-stocking program has been an annual offering in Texas for the last two decades. All trout are hatchery reared and typically measure about 10 inches in length, although some "brood-sized" larger trout occasionally are included in the stockings.

The trout-stocking program is funded through the sale of Texas Freshwater Trout Stamps and through donations from local entities and conservation groups like

Trout Unlimited. The \$7 stamps are required, in addition to a valid fishing license, for almost anyone fishing for freshwater trout in Texas waters. Those exempted from fishing license requirements, including children younger than 17 years old, are not required to have a trout stamp.

The freshwater trout stamps are available wherever fishing licenses are sold and are included in the purchase of a Super Combo license. The daily bag limit is five trout and there is no minimum length in all Texas waters except an approximately 10-mile stretch of the Guadalupe River below Canyon Lake Dam. For additional details about the special harvest regulations and the location of that river stretch, please consult an Outdoor Annual Guide. The special regulations are not in effect in the area immediately below Canyon Lake Dam.

Separate fees are not charged to fish for trout in state parks, just the normal entry and facility use fees. Trout stamps are required as in other public waters.

Trout normally are stocked by noon on the day listed, although times depend upon weather and the number of water bodies on the schedule. In many instances, youth are given first access to trout during special youth-only fishing.

For more information about upcoming rainbow trout stockings, check the TPWD Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish/reports/trout2000.htm>) or call TPWD at 800-792-1112 and follow the menu options.

For further information, contact the A.E. Wood Fish Hatchery at (512) 353-0572, Dundee Fish Hatchery at (940) 586-1203, Jasper Fish Hatchery at (409) 384-2221, Possum Kingdom Fish Hatchery at (940) 779-2301, or the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center at (903) 676-2277.



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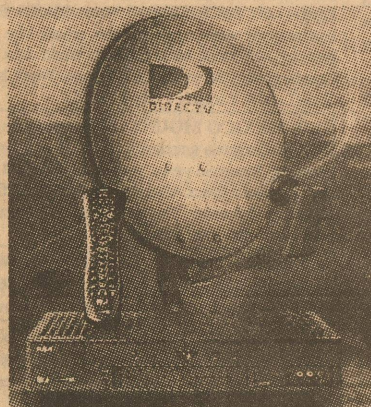


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