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**Double Crunch** — Melissa Sanchez, 25, of Sonora, above, and Amanda Michelle Figueroa, 17, of Eldorado, at left, were both taken to Schleicher County Medical Center Sunday by EMS ambulance where they were treated and released following this two-vehicle accident approx. one-half mile south of Eldorado on U.S. 277. According to Deputy David Oliván, who investigated the accident, Figueroa was driving southbound in a 2001 Ford pickup when she pulled over on the shoulder and attempted a U-turn, colliding with Sanchez's 2002 Oldsmobile Alero. Oliván said that Figueroa was cited for making an unsafe turn.

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## City awards contract on Orient Heights project

### Engineer asked for "Silver Bullet" to fix algae problems at sewer plant

by Staci Key

The Eldorado City Council met Monday, May 9, 2003 and reviewed four bids on a water improvement project in the Orient Heights addition. The bids ranged in price from a high of \$179,253.26, submitted by Darnell & Dickson of San Angelo to a low bid of \$89,012.00, submitted by G & S Construction of Hermleigh, TX.

After hearing from the city's engineer, Steve Dennis, that he had worked with G & S on previous occasions and that the company had performed well in the past, the council voted unanimously to award the bid to G & S, pending a check with cities and counties for whom the company had worked in the past. It was noted that some \$40,831.00 remained available for use in the project, or possibly for other work the city might have.

The meeting was the regular monthly meeting of the council and was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk. Council members present included Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez and Juáquin Rojas. A vacant seat remains on the council following the resignation of Robert Bybee last month. Mr. Bybee was present for a portion of the meeting, however, when Mayor John Nikolauk presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his service on the council.

Also present were City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay, engineer Steve Dennis, and Fire Chief Jerry Jones.

In other business, Steve Dennis visited with the council regarding the possibility of purchasing a Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) unit for use at the city's sewer plant. Dennis explained that DAF units were normally used in industrial settings to remove high levels of suspended solids generated in various manufacturing processes. He said that such a unit, which mixes a polymer into the wastestream, before injecting it with a quantity of dissolved air, would work to remove algae from the city's sewer plant.

Dennis estimated a DAF unit would cost the city approximately \$55,000.00. He said that with shipping and installation costs, the city could expect to spend

a total of \$70,000.00 to bring such a unit into service. He said that while DAF units were once popular in the treatment of wastewater, most larger cities had converted to fully mechanical plants with extended aeration ponds, while smaller towns like Eldorado were using lagoon and pond systems. Dennis explained that the city's present lagoon system utilizes a series of large, but shallow ponds, creating a massive surface area, where sunlight can lead to the explosive growth of algae.

City Administrator Randy Mankin told the council that considering the hundreds of thousands of dollars the city has spent through the years trying to deal with the problems at the sewer plant, he had asked Dennis to come up with a "silver bullet" or a sure fix so that the council wouldn't have to spend any more money on the facility.

Dennis explained that the nearest DAF unit of similar size to the one he was recommending for Eldorado, is operating in Ft. Worth at a food plant that makes corn dogs. At that plant, the DAF unit is used to pretreat wastewater before it is drained into Ft. Worth's sewer system. Dennis said that algae causes total suspended solid (TSS) counts of 150-280 parts per million at the local wastewater treatment plant while commercial manufacturing facilities deal with TSS numbers a thousand times that high. He said he was "ninety-eight percent sure" that a DAF unit would solve the city's algae problems.

With that assurance, the council voted to pursue the purchase of a DAF unit and call for bids. All councilmembers voted in favor of the measure except Toni Sudduth, who abstained.

In other business, the council met with Maria Torres regarding problems with her water bill. It was explained that a new water meter was installed at her home and that an errant reading was recorded in the meter book. Seven months went by before the error was caught, resulting in Ms. Torres being underbilled. She questioned why she was being asked to pay the difference since the problem had been caused by city personnel. She was told that an ordinance adopted by the council years ago required City Hall staff to collect for underbilled services.

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## Have you done your homework? Now your parents can know for sure!

Students beware! Now, with the help of a little modern technology and access to a computer, your parents can keep tabs on your grades, attendance and progress at school thanks to a new on-line grade reporting system implemented at SCISD.

Technology Director J.D. Doyle showcased the new grade reporting system Monday night during the SCISD trustee meeting, held in the Middle School Library. Doyle said the system will end the game of 40 questions that many parents play with their children about homework and getting to class on time.

Doyle explained that high school and middle school teachers have been able to enter their students' grades into the system for the last three years. Elementary just joined the program and now, other records, like attendance, are being kept and made available online on a daily basis. Doyle said the system has "128 bit encryption," making it secure. Parents or guardians may access the online permission and waiver form by going to the school's website at <http://www.scisd.net> and the clicking the Parental Access bar. After printing out the form, it should be filled out and submitted to the campus secretary or to him, Doyle said.

The meeting was the regular monthly session of the SCISD school board. Trustees Eddie Albin, John Paul Joiner, Jan Wanoreck, Kurtis Homer, Berta Nicholson, Lupe Sanchez and Board President Jo Helen Kotsch were on hand for the meeting. SCISD Supt. Mark Gesch was also present, as were the three campus principals.

While reviewing the district's financial reports, trustee Kurtis Homer asked about a \$12,000 expenditure at the Ele-

mentary. Maintenance Director John Kotsch told the board the money was spent for material for a student drop-off zone at the Elementary campus. Also purchased were several web-based security cameras. Both items are being funded with a \$30,000.00 grant through the Wolslager Foundation.

Food Service Director Ima Bruce spoke briefly and advised the board of changes she has implemented in the food lines in an effort to make school lunches healthier. She explained that the cafeteria offers fresh fruit or canned fruit every day and prepares one dessert each week. She said that chicken pot pies and spaghetti were added in response to a request by Shannan Wideman at last month's board meeting. Bruce said 1 percent lowfat milk is being offered. Ms. Bruce noted that attempts to serve meatloaf and spinach were not well received by the students. Board President Jo Helen Kotsch commended Ms. Bruce on her handling the cafeteria and noted she had received several compliments on the cafeteria meals being offered. Ms. Bruce concluded her presentation by explaining that food waste has declined and reminded the board she must use food commodities offered by the government to prepare the meals.

Counselor Maureen Hodges was on hand to answer questions about her expanded duties. She has taken on additional work since the departure of Glenn Nix at the end of the Fall Semester. Supt. Gesch presented the board with a set of guidelines for counselors as offered by the Texas Education Agency. He suggested the trustees use the guidelines when considering qualifications of counselors they might hire in the future.

The board voted not to change the

current sick leave policy after a committee of teachers, administrators, support staff and board members reviewed sample policies and decided Schleicher County ISD current sick leave policy is sufficient.

The board voted to call for a trustee election to be held May 15, 2004 with Single Member Districts #3 and #4 to be filled. Currently, Berta Nicholson holds District 3 position and Kurtis Homer holds District 4 position. The board also approved Bessie Jones as Election Judge and Rachael Nixon as Early Voting Clerk.

Discussion then moved to the donation by David Creek of a scoreboard for the baseball field. Problems with the football scoreboard and an advertising contract with Coca Cola came up in the discussion. At one point, a motion to table the item failed. That was followed by a motion by Berta Nicholson, seconded by Jan Wanoreck, to accept the donation of a wireless scoreboard, valued at \$11,000 from David Creek. The motion passed with Nicholson, Wanoreck, Kurtis Homer and John Paul Joiner voting in favor and Jo Helen Kotsch,

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## New landfill hours announced

The City of Eldorado landfill will be open to the public on the first Saturday morning of each month beginning on Saturday, March 7, 2004. The weekday hours have been shortened, however. The landfill will close at 5:00 p.m. each weekday beginning on Tuesday, February 17, 2004.



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

**Many thanks** — Mayor John Nikolauk (L) presented Robert Bybee with a plaque of appreciation Monday night, noting his service on the Eldorado City Council from July 2, 1998 to Jan. 12, 2004.



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### How Many Pops Can A Boy Get?

When Tommy Hutto was a 7th grader in Fort Worth, he and some of his friends had a contest. "We decided to see who could get the most pops during the school year. I got 278 pops that year with a paddle. Every time you did something wrong you got three pops. We kept up with the count to see who could get the most pops."

Tommy says they did everything they could be hauled off to the assistant principal's office to get a paddling.

"We just did different things. We would walk into school with our shirttail out or unbutton our shirt in the front. Just goof-off things. We did it for the fun of it. It was a contest. I'll never forget that number. 278 pops in one year. And I came in second place."

He shined shoes around the stock yards area. "I'd go into these bars and pool halls and shine cowboy boots. I got to be pretty good at playing pool."

As an adult he opened a pool



by Tumbleweed Smith

haul and lounge on Jacksboro Highway in Fort Worth. "I sold beer by the pitcher. You have no idea how fast some guys can drink a pitcher of beer."

Tommy Hutto spent the first part of his life in Houston County. He moved back there when his sons were young and started a pulpwood business.

"I guess I worked harder and made less money at that than anything I've ever done. One week we worked from daylight to dark all week and when we paid our gas bill and everything we had two dollars."

Twenty-seven years ago Tommy started hauling off garbage for people who lived in the country. Then, his only vehicle was a pickup truck. His business has grown.

"We're hauling about two hundred thousand pounds of garbage a week away from Houston County. We're running three packer trucks and dumping everything in a landfill in Angelina County. We have a contract with the commissioner's court to pick up everything outside the city limits of Crockett, Grapeland and Lovelady."

Some years ago, Tommy started a clown ministry. "I was Sheriff Stumpy. I would go into the neighborhoods with my stick horse. My pockets were always full of bubble gum. I'd have kids following me and I'd get them all in one spot and I would start telling them about how much Jesus loved them."

Tommy carried a bull whip with him. "That's the way I got their attention. I'd take my whip and crack it and it'd sound like a 22 shot."

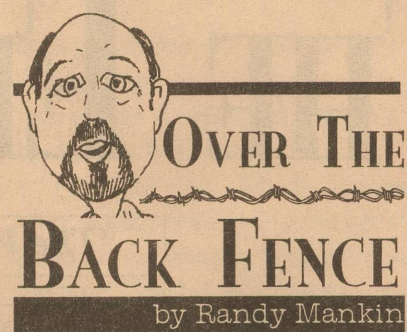
Tommy started a program to give food and clothing to needy families around Crockett. He is a lay preacher.

## A farewell to football, for a little while

I was watching ESPN over the weekend, hoping against hope that I had fallen asleep and dreamed the end of the football season. Surely, I thought, someone, somewhere must be playing football. I was right, at least partially, for the NFL's all-star game, the Pro Bowl was on, but even a football junkie like me, suffering from a week of withdrawal, cannot equate the Pro Bowl to a real football game.

Somewhere amid the conglomeration of ESPN channels that sprout up to beam zillions of basketball games into the average American's home via the 18-inch satellite dish, was a football interview show. It was an old one, I think, at least it looked old. But, there on the screen were Roger Staubach and Terry Bradshaw, the two greatest quarterbacks of a bygone era, talking about the rivalry that developed as their two teams, the Cowboys and the Steelers dominated the 1970s.

Watching these two old war horses -- actually they didn't look that old on the program, but it was probably 15 years old itself -- reminisce about the glory days was a bit disconcerting, considering how ferociously competitive they were



by Randy Mankin

when they were in their prime.

I found it all so odd. Here were these two Hall of Famers, casually chatting about games that are now the stuff of legends. They seemed like a pair of Cold War spies who, decades after they had tried to assassinate one another, found a cozy den and a couple of hours for reflection and mutual admiration.

Brett Favre, QB extraordinaire of the Green Bay Packers, comes as close as any of the latter day quarterbacks to exhibiting the tenacity, the stick-to-itivness, the dogged determination that Staubach and Bradshaw evidenced on each and every play of every single game.

Wasn't it Frank Sinatra who said that a man without adversaries has no character?

Well, on the day these two sat down for that interview, whenever it was, and where ever it was,

there was character enough to go around.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see this kind of exchange in other fields of endeavor. Imagine if Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev could have carried out such a conversation. Or how about Napoleon and the Duke of Wellington...or Grant and Lee?

When it was over, I found that my appetite for football and been sated, not by runs and passes, fumbles and tackles, but by a thoughtful and almost serene conversation about the finer points of the game. These great football players, and they are two of the very greatest, demonstrated to me that any success they may have realized on the playing field sprang, not from their physical prowess, but from their own intellect.

Never mind what you think you know about Terry Bradshaw from his goofy persona on Fox NFL Sunday, he truly understands the game. Never mind the Roger the Dodger nickname that Staubach earned as a scrambling quarterback, he was the NFL field general of his age. Like Joe Montana who followed them, and Brett Favre of today, they were and are the best of the best.

### Ag chief calls of water debt payment

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was in Mexico earlier this week to discuss something fundamental to Texas agriculture and everything else; water.

The prime topic on the agenda was Mexico's water debt to Texas under the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty. With a lingering drought, Mexico had gotten way behind in its release of water into the Rio Grande in recent years.

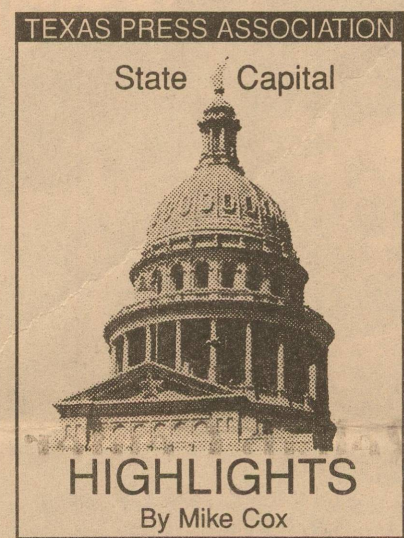
But last month, the nation released 389,306 acre-feet of water, an act Combs said was greatly appreciated by South Texas farmers. However, the nation still owes Texas more than 1 million acre-feet of water.

The good news, Combs said before leaving for Mexico, is that Mexico got a lot of rain last summer. In fact, it has 4.5 million acre-feet of water in reserve in impoundments on the Rio Concho (which flows into the Rio Grande).

"The next logical action is to start reducing the water debt owed to Texas," Combs said. "The time to pay up is now."

#### Public schools mark 150 years...

Texas declared itself independent from Mexico in 1836, but it



ry of public education in Texas, visit the agency's Capitol Complex headquarters to see a special exhibit called "Remembering the Past, Building the Future: Celebrating the First 150 years of Texas Public Schools." The exhibit, free to the public, is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

#### Don't feed the bears...

Not that Texas has that many bears in its state parks, but beginning in March, it will be against the rules to feed the wildlife.

Published for public comment last December, the then-proposed rule received only six comments — though four of those were in opposition to the change. The wildlife feeding ban will cover all 120 state parks.

The reason behind the measure is safety, the Parks and Wildlife Department says. "When wild animals begin associating humans with food," said TPW Director Walt Dabney, "they don't become less wild; they lose their inherent fear of humans."

That, he continued, increases the chance of an unfortunate bite or worse. Getting caught feeding a wild animal also could take a bit out of a person's wallet to the tune of up to a \$500 fine.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1. Neap and ebb, for two
- 6. Ho-hum
- 10. Flat formation
- 14. 21-year-old, by most accounts
- 15. Churchill Downs event
- 16. Novelist Turgeniev
- 17. Renter's document
- 18. Distinctive air
- 19. Department store department
- 20. Los Angeles native?
- 22. Division word
- 23. Eye protection
- 24. Biblical strongman
- 26. "Et tu, Brute?" speaker
- 30. \_\_\_ dish (lab vessel)
- 32. Knight clothes?
- 33. Kids' card game
- 34. Use TNT
- 38. Reformer Jacob
- 39. Sense of self
- 40. "Bearded" bloom
- 41. Relay race handoff
- 43. \_\_\_ Miz"
- 44. State Farm competitor
- 45. Circus barkers
- 47. Addict, e.g.

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- 1. Starbucks size
- 2. Light bulb, in comics
- 3. In two parts
- 4. "Born Free" lioness
- 5. Outstanding

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- 66. Granny
- 67. Slingshotshaped joints
- 68. \_\_\_-foot oil

DOWN

- 1. Starbucks size
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- 4. "Born Free" lioness
- 5. Outstanding

6. Mark on steer

- 7. Heap praise
- 8. Plot unit
- 9. Noted kidnap victim
- 10. Actress Benzell's surroundings?
- 11. Makes level
- 12. \_\_\_ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
- 13. Williams of "Happy Days"
- 21. It's mostly nitrogen
- 25. Wall St. figure
- 26. Pasta or potato, to marathoner
- 27. Diva's delivery
- 28. Give off
- 29. Uninspiring classical composition?
- 30. Congressional gofers
- 31. Bow-toting god
- 33. Place to make a wish
- 35. Some are fine
- 36. Trig ratio
- 37. Bygone despot
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- 46. One of the Wyeths
- 47. Helping hand
- 48. \_\_\_ Hall (New Jersey university)
- 49. Addis \_\_\_ Ethiopia
- 50. Bay area county
- 51. Goes to the polls
- 54. Like service station rags
- 55. 1996 candidate
- 56. Pull up stakes
- 57. Local \_\_\_ network
- 58. \_\_\_ She Lovely" (Stevie Wonder hit)
- 59. Butterfly catchers

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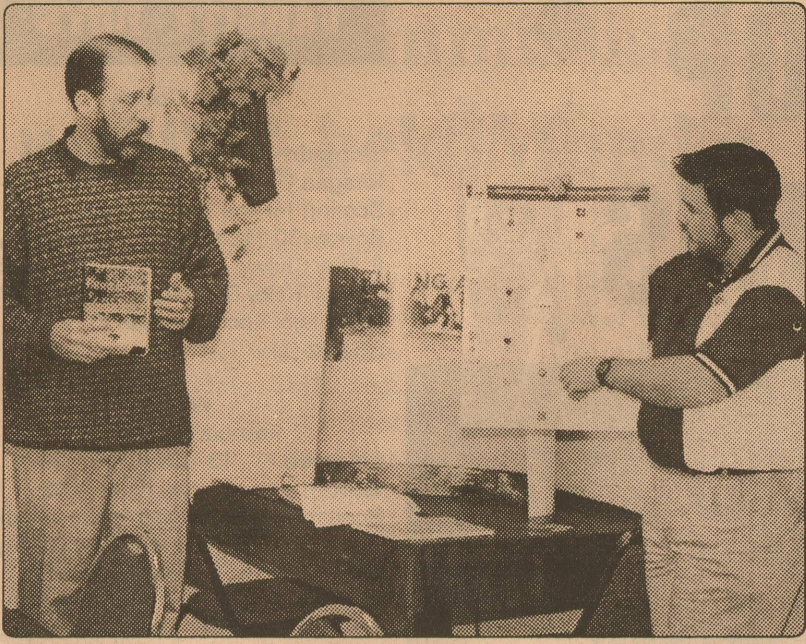


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**Venturing a challenge** — Dennis Luellen and Mike Mitchell, representing the Boy Scouts of America, addressed a group of Explorer Scouts and their advisers Monday evening at Casa Arispe Restaurant. The pair were in town to advise the group on Venturing Programs that the young Explorers can pursue.

## Explorer Post #33 takes up Venturing Program

Explorers and advisers from Eldorado's Explorer Post #33 met Monday evening, Feb. 9, 2004, to discuss the potential benefits of incorporating a Venturing program into the Explorers' current operations. Dennis Luellen and Mike Mitchell, representing the Boy Scouts of America, met with the group to discuss the program during a meeting at Casa Arispe Restaurant.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age.

Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to pre-

pare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Explorer Post #33 is jointly sponsored by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept., the Eldorado Fire Dept., and the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS.

## Nino of among 150 artists in benefit for Rehab Center

Peggy Nino of Eldorado, an assistant Professor of Art at Angelo State University since 1989, will be among 150 artists participating in the fifth annual Stribling Art Extravaganza on Feb. 20-22 at historic Ft. Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Ms. Nino has her M.F.A. degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and her B.A. degree from the University of Houston.

The event will be held at Fort Concho's Commissary, Quartermaster and Barracks 6 buildings. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21 and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004. Admission is free. Beverly and Ben Stribling are underwriting the show and sale. Also assisting with a portion of the event costs are Deby and Danny Calhoun and First Na-

tional Bank of Mertzon. Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics and watercolors to bronzes, ceramics and wood — all of which will be for sale.

The young Artists' Display, sponsored by Jud Gray, will be expanded this year into Barracks 6 and will feature the works of local and area high school students. "Not only are we pleased with the tremendous response from area and local artists," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland, "we're equally proud to provide an opportunity for the public to see the amount of artistic talent in the region and, at the same time, provide a source of financial support for West Texas Rehab Center facilities in Abilene, San Angelo, and Ozona."

More information about the event is available by calling WTRC-San Angelo at 325-223-6300.

## EHS grad BreeAnne Davis to perform in San Antonio

The tradition will continue when the West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band takes to the stage at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

BreeAnne Davis 2001 Graduate and now a senior music major, daughter of David and Tammy Davis of Eldorado will perform.

The band's performance will mark its 11th appearance at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) convention—a number unrivaled by any other university band to date. The group, under the direction of Don Lefevre, associate professor of music, will perform a full concert before an estimated crowd of 2,500.

Performances at the TMEA convention are by invitation only and the WTAMU band is one of

three university bands invited to play this year. Bands invited to perform are selected by concert recordings submitted by university directors across the state. Bands are eligible to perform once every four years.

"This is the biggest convention of its kind, and for us it's the best type of exposure," Lefevre said. "The exposure is national because people from all over the country come to this."

In addition to performing, the WTAMU faculty and students will get the chance to attend TMEA concerts, sessions, clinics and master classes.

## Eldorado Forecast

Thu 2/12	Fri 2/13	Sat 2/14	Sun 2/15	Mon 2/16
41/24	45/33	63/34	64/41	56/37
Considerable cloudiness. Cold. High 41F. Winds NNE at 15 to 25 mph.	Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Few showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

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## BIRTHDAY LIST

### FEBRUARY

- 12th Rick Stricklan, Denese Capps, Joe King, Donna Whitten, Alex Weddle
- 13th Kathleen Nolen, Austin Whitten, Jazmine Ford, Kathy Faulk, Leo Rodriguez, Christine Romero, Casey Akins
- 14th Austin Albin, David Olivan, Cody Engdahl, Marcos Hernandez, Torey Griggs, Chase Storie
- 15th Rena Adame, Marion Porter, Victor Belman, Shannon West, Andrea Leal, Karen Sherrod, Georgie Santellano, Clay Burleson
- 16th Cody McCravey, Daniel Ward, Becky Barajas, Bob McWhorter, John O'Harrow, Dorrace Beach, Nestor Hernandez
- 17th Betsy Thackerson, Evelyn Quintana, Cynthia Joiner, Allen Ray, Michael Box, Andy Perez, James Austin, Kayla McCravey, Cody Sherrod
- 18th Idalia Adame, Felix Arispe, Hillary Hodges

## ANNIVERSARIES

### FEBRUARY

- 13th Julian & Lesa Martinez, Kermit & Janet Overton
- 14th Elena & Manuel Pina, Raymond & Mary Spears
- 15th Danny & Debi Pina, Climente & Patricia Aguilar
- 17th Sam & Karen Henderson
- 18th Earl & Lora Mae Lloyd, Mr. & Mrs. Felix Arispe

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As Tax Assessor-Collector I will continue to collect taxes for the County and Hospital District as I believe County taxes should be collected by the official you elect in office. Giving the collections to another collecting entity, would cost the county considerable amount of money for the county taxes to be collected elsewhere and in the process loose the contract that the hospital district has with the county for their tax collections.

Motor vehicle is one of the most complicated duties in the Tax Assessor-Collectors office. There have been tremendous changes in the Motor Vehicle Division since I started working at the tax office. Some of the changes that will be coming in the months to come and early next year will be printing registration stickers at the point of sale, all special license plates that are processed in Austin will be processed at the tax office.

I will continue to do voter registration as well as liquor license. Some citizens want for the tax office to open thru the lunch hour, in my opinion that would be a hardship considering there is only two people in the office, when one is out sick, vacation, etc. The office would still need to be closed at some time during the day and cause conflict among other county offices that would still remain closed at lunch.

There are several duties to the Tax Assessor-Collectors office, which I feel I am the best qualified candidate. Remember to vote on March 9, 2004. A vote for me is a vote for experience.

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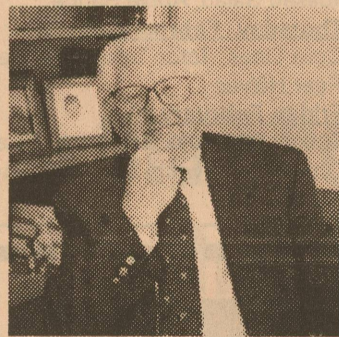
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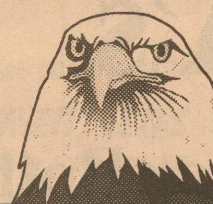
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February 3, 2004

Eldorado 09-02-02-06 = 19  
Reagan Cnty 12-27-14-12 = 65  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 6, Clara Herrera 7, Jessica Robertson 2, Taylor Baker 4. Also playing for Eagles Maxie Holley, Britney Sellers, Betsy Green, Chandra Wanoreck.

Wall

February 6, 2004

Eldorado 00-03-02-02 = 07  
Wall 14-20-12-13 = 59  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Brit-tany Sellers 2, Clara Herrera 3, Jessica Robertson 2. Also playing: Kasey Boysaw, Maxie Holley, Betsy Green, Chandra Wanoreck, Taylor Baker.

**7TH GRADE BOYS**

Ozona

February 9, 2004

Eldorado 08-07-07-04 = 26  
Ozona 04-10-04-10 = 28  
Scoring for the Eagles were: Rance Cathey 6, Austin Grubbs 5, Milo Vallejo 2, Dustin Gauna 4, Joseph Turnbull 8. Also playing: Mark Garcia, Paul Martinez, Josh Taylor, Dustin Gonzalez, Chris Minor, Dustin Ramirez, Jonathan Belman, Troy Russell.

**School Lunch Menu**



Milk & Bread Offered  
Menus Subject To Change

**Breakfast**  
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz.  
Juice offered w/each breakfast  
**Monday, February 16**  
Biscuits/Gravy, Ham, Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday, February 17**  
Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Apple Sauce, Milk  
**Wednesday, February 18**  
Oatmeal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Milk  
**Thursday, February 19**  
Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Friday, February 20**  
Glazed Donuts, Cheese Slices, Choice of Juice, Pear Halves, Milk  
**Cafeteria Line**  
**Monday, February 16**  
Cheese Pizza, Bread Stix, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit  
**Tuesday, February 17**  
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Creamed Potato, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits  
**Wednesday, February 18**  
Soft Tacos, Cheese Cups, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peaches, Cowboy Cookies  
**Thursday, February 19**  
Super Nachos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix w/ Dip, Pear Halves  
**Friday, February 20**  
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves  
**Fast Food Line**  
**Monday, February 16**  
McRib Sandwich, French Fries, Pork-N-Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Tuesday, February 17**  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Carrot Stix w/ Dip, Pineapple Tidbits  
**Wednesday, February 18**  
Pepperoni Pizza, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce  
**Thursday, February 19**  
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Pear Halves  
**Friday, February 20**  
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

**HOOP SCORES**



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

*Grace under pressure — Lady Eagles senior Kasey Boysaw managed to hold on to this rebound Tuesday night despite being swarmed by Lady Lions defenders as the Lady Eagles closed out their 2004 season.*



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

*One last game — Lady Eagles senior Clara Herrera stood with her mother (L) Delia Herrera and grandmother (R) Lupe Guerrero as the seniors were introduced Tuesday night prior to the last game of the season against Ozona.*

**7th grade Lady Eagles end season at 11-4**

by Coach Matt Rutherford

The Eldorado Seventh Grade Lady Eagles wrapped up their season in Ozona Monday night. The "A" team finished the year 11-4. They finished 7-3 in district play,

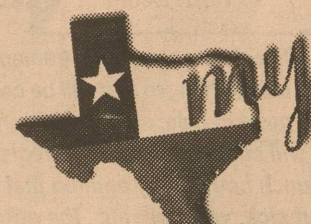
won the Mason Invitational in convincing fashion, and placed second in the Wall Tournament. They were undefeated at home and, in their last home game, defeated Wall. The girls had a very successful year. The future is certainly bright for Lady Eagle basketball with many girls on both the "A" and "B" teams showing great promise. Leading the team in scoring for the year was Kirsten Stubbs with 109 points followed closely by Cassandra Buitron with 90. The scoring breakdown for the remainder of the Eagles is as follows:

points; Veronica Belamn— 5 points; April Porras - 4 points. Also playing for the Eagles were Marcela Huerta and Angela Hernandez.

Scoring does not tell the entire story, and even though our three leading scorers were probably our leading defenders and rebounders, Jessica Valero and Bridgette Mitchell certainly provided an aggressive defensive spark for the team when needed. Deyanira Cruz also provided great rebounding help. Meg Griffin and Tracy Brenner played key roles in crucial situations throughout the season. Great season ladies. Keep working at it!

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**EHS Golf Schedule**

Feb. 23	Ozona	Girls
Feb. 26	Sonora	Boys
Mar. 1	Ozona	Boys
Mar. 3	Sonora	Girls
Mar. 23	Big Lake	Girls
Mar. 24	Big Lake	Boys

District Tee Off for Girls will be at 8:00 a.m for Boys will be at 1:00 p.m.

Mar. 31	Big Lake
April 7	San Angelo
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## County commissioners meeting held Monday

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court started their Monday morning meeting by approving a contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. for collections of past due fines and court costs. Judge Johnny Griffin explained that, under a new state law, any funds the company collects that became delinquent before June 18, 2003, will cost the county a 30 percent collection fee. However, collections on accounts that became delinquent after that date will be paid entirely to the county. The company will get its 30 percent fee from the person owing the money.

The meeting was the first of the month for the commissioners. It was called to order by Judge Griffin with Commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance.

In other business, the commissioners met with City Administrator Randy Mankin to review a draft of an interlocal agreement between the county and city. The men told Mankin they would ask County Attorney Marian Overstreet to review the draft. He said he would present copies of the draft to the City Council at their meeting scheduled for that evening. They agreed to discuss the agreement further at a future meeting.

The court then opened the only bid received for a new police car. Jim Bass Ford of San Angelo offered the bid in the amount of \$20,381.00 for a 2004 Crown Victoria with a police package. After calling on Sheriff Doran to inspect the bid, the court then voted to accept the bid.

Sheriff Doran then asked that the county consider changing the way expenditures are applied to his budget. The men agreed that it wasn't fair for funds the money spent to repair a radio tower that serves the fire department, EMS and other police agencies, including the Border Patrol and DPS to be taken out of his department's account. Judge Griffin noted that other expenditures, including \$5,000 for new radar for the DPS trooper, are routinely charged to the Sheriff's Dept., making the department's budget appear to be over-expanded. The commissioners agreed to change that practice in 2004.

A contract with Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative was then approved so that electrical service could be extended to the animal feeding facility near the Civic Center. Following a brief discussion, the men chose to take no action on buying a podium and microphone

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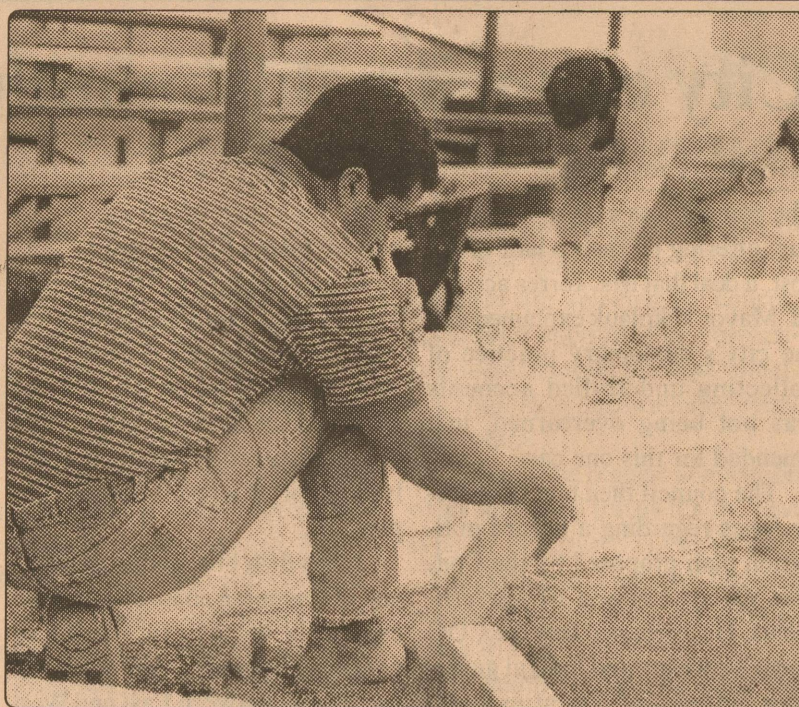


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
**One rock at a time** — Stonemasons Juan de la Fuentes (foreground) and Juan Suarez (background) worked on rock wall made of Austin Stone around the homeplate area at Eagle Field on Monday. The work is part of an ongoing upgrade of the EHS baseball facility

## Mark Bybee's hog wins at Ft. Worth Livestock Show

FT. WORTH — Mark Bybee, a 4-H member from Eldorado, exhibited a First Place Yorkshire in the Junior Barrow Show at the 2004 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on February 6, 2004.

The Stock Show's Junior Division this year is hosting 7,508 entries by youth of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums will exceed \$89,356.

The junior entry list is part of the overall count this year of more than 24,000 head of cattle, sheep,

swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits. The 108th Annual Stock Show, underway at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, will continue through February 8. Total prize and premium money for the Livestock Show and its accompanying World's Original Indoor Rodeo is approaching \$700,000.

The Stock Show provides an annual opportunity to showcase the livestock industry and the growing Metroplex. The hundreds of thousands of visitors who attend the Show during its 23-day run will include many people from nations outside the United States. Last year the show hosted over 930,000 visitors from more than 60 other countries.

## School board candidate workshop planned in S.A.

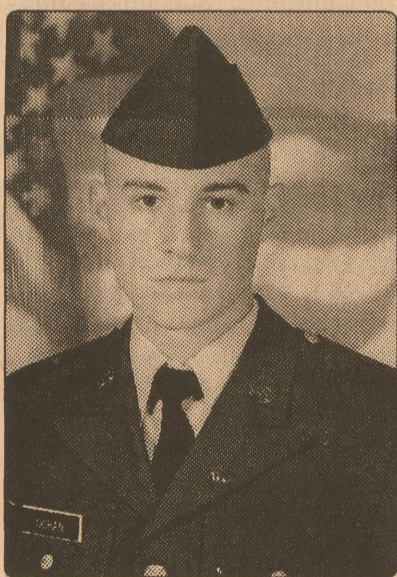
San Angelo-Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Monday, February 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 S. Irene St., San Angelo).

The workshop, cosponsored by the Region 15 Education Service Center and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members

will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a TASB video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at [www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org) for other dates and locations.



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Pvt2 David Ray Doran

## Pvt2 Doran completes MP training

Pvt2 David Doran recently graduated from Company D, 795th Military Police Battalion on January 23rd at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Attending the graduation was his parents David and Lenette Doran. David is a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School. After completing a brief visit with his family in St. Roberts, Missouri, he will undergo three weeks of intensive Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After Airborne training David will be stationed in South Korea.

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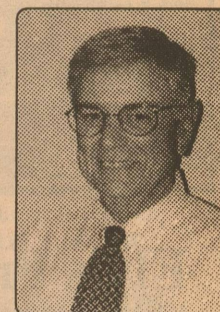
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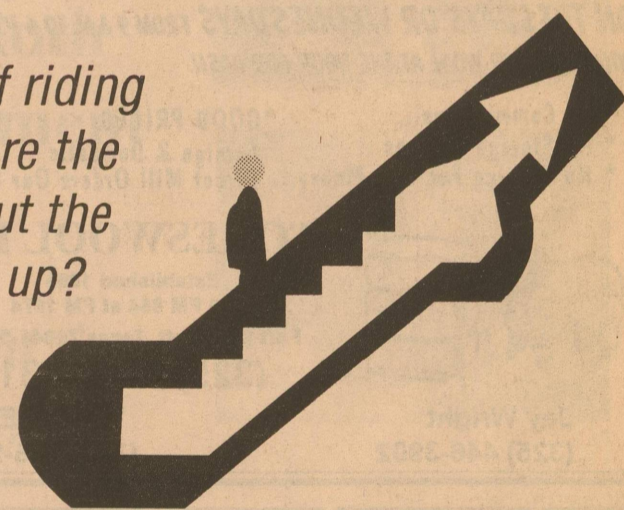
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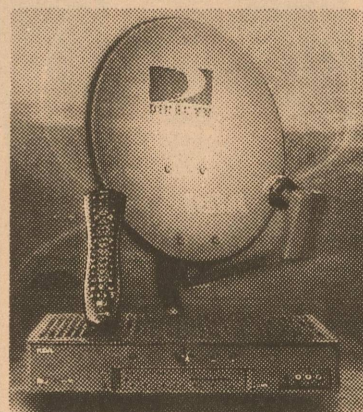
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# City council holds monthly meeting for February

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The council was a bit more generous, offering to absorb half of the cost, a deal that Ms. Torres accepted. Mayor Nikolauk explained that the city's customary practice of collecting underbilled accounts was not being overturned, just amended for this one case.

The council then met with Jerry Jones regarding a hazard mitigation plan proposed by the Concho Valley Council of Governments. He explained that the COG under new state and federal guidelines, cities and counties must adopt a mitigation plan in order to qualify for disaster assistance funding in the event of a natural disaster, such as a tornado or hurricane. Jones said the COG has received a 75 percent matching grant for the development of an area-wide plan that would include

the 13-county Concho Valley COG. As a way of paying the 25 percent match for the grant, COG cities and counties are being asked to track their in-kind expenses. He said that Schleicher County had already signed off on the idea and asked the city to do the same. With that, the council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution of support.

Jones then brought up the subject of renaming some city streets, especially those with similar or confusing names. Jones noted the similarities between East and West Fields Avenues and Eastfield, Westfield, Northfield and Southfield Drives. Also, confusing, he said was Lee Avenue and Lea Street as well as West Avenue and North West and South West Streets. Mayor Nikolauk expressed his desire to cooperate with the emergency service agencies in finding a solution to the problem, acknowledging that Schleicher County had already committed to rename two streets that lie outside the city limits. Nikolauk asked Jones to return with a specific proposal on which the council can act.

Utility Supt. Floyd Fay then updated the council on work in the various departments he oversees. He noted that several older gas meters are being changed out and outlined work that is progressing in the water, landfill and street departments. Fay then sought approval to fund a safety award program with money in the employee's Coke fund. The council agreed to the request and authorized the expenditure of \$400, along with \$300 from the Coke

fund for the purchase of safety awards.

City Administrator Randy Mankin then updated the council on several unusual situations regarding animal control, including one that was addressed to him as a letter to the editor at his business, the Eldorado Success regarding the lack of animal control coverage after city business hours. Mankin said the letter also called on him as the City Administrator and since it arrived at the newspaper after deadline, he chose to address it from the city's perspective. He said he phoned the letter writer to explain that at this point in time the city does not have any employees "on-call" after hours, except on an emergency basis. He said the call was well received and that the complainant seemed to understand. With that, Councilmember Toni Sudduth told Mankin that he should recuse himself from such situations since his position at the newspaper and his part-time job as city administrator might appear to be a conflict of interest. Mankin answered that he would take the suggestion under advisement but said he felt he had acted properly.

He also advised the council that City Hall as received an inquiry about adopting an animal that had been impounded at the city's animal shelter. Mankin said he told the person that, under the city's animal control ordinance, the animal had to be kept for 3 business days to allow its owner to claim it. Also, he said he advised the caller that all fees would have to be paid and a current rabies vaccination obtained, as well before the animal could be adopted. After discussing the matter briefly, the council took no action to change the city's on call policy or the animal control ordinance.

## Commissioners meeting held

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Mankin then told the council of an investment officer training school that is scheduled for March 25-26 in Midland. He noted that he had been asked by the council to seek investment training. Toni Sudduth asked Mankin if his time wouldn't better be spent at City Hall. Mankin agreed saying that the City Secretary Carolyn Mayo is a trained investment officer and that the city's investment policy is very conservative. He said he couldn't imagine making any changes. With that, Ms. Sudduth offered a motion to remove Mankin as an investment officer. Mayor Nikolauk objected, however,

for the Civic Center complex. The commissioners spent most of the meeting poring over a county-wide road map prepared by the Concho Valley Council of Government which was submitted to the court for review and changes. Before adjourning, Judge Griffin updated the court on the installation of runway lights at the airport. The lights will cost the county \$16,739.00 in matching funds with the total cost of the installation costing the Department of Transportation \$167,390.00.

**Meals for Friends Menu**

- Monday, February 16**  
Closed For President's Day!
- Tuesday, February 17**  
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday, February 18**  
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, February 19**  
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Milk
- Friday, February 20**  
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk

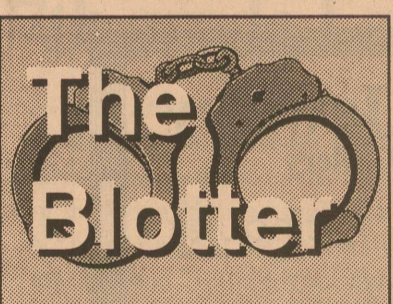
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**ARRESTS**  
**Correction: February 2** • Lopez, Richardo, male age 39, offense Burglary of Habitation instead of Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$20,000 Surety Bond.  
**February 4** • Willborn, Nadine Marie, female age 38, offense Driving While License Suspended/Out of County Warrants.  
**February 7** • Rodriguez, Luis Donnie, male age 17, offense Disorderly Conduct/Minor in Possession of Alcohol.  
**February 7** • Guess, Steven Arthur, male age 42, offense Driving While License Suspended.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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**INCIDENTS**  
**February 3** • 2:00 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.  
**February 5** • 6:45 a.m. Complainant reported someone was stealing his electricity at apartments. Officer responded.  
**February 6** • 3:00 p.m. Hospital requested a Criminal Trespass be served on a male subject. Officer responded.  
 • 5:35 p.m. Subject requested an ambulance for an elderly male possibly having a stroke. Officer and EMS 2 responded.  
 • 11:35 p.m. Complainant reported kids being to loud on E. Dorris. Officers responded.  
**February 7** • 6:09 p.m. Complainant requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.  
 • 6:15 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver. Officer responded and vehicle located and officer found everything OK.  
**February 8** • 2:18 a.m. Complainant requested to an officer speak with an intoxicated subject. Complainant called back to disregard call.  
 • 12:31 p.m. Complainant reported a minor two-vehicle accident. Officer Arispes responded to accident with no injuries. A white 1997 Plymouth Breeze, driven by Joshua Markin, age 24, and occupied by a female passenger, was traveling north on US Hwy. 277. A silver 2003 Mazda Protege, driven by 18-year old Janette Flores of San Angelo, was also traveling north on US Hwy. 277. As both vehicles were stopped at traffic light the driver of the 2003 Mazda let off their brake and the vehicle bumped into the 1997 Plymouth Breeze. Little damage was observed on either vehicle.  
 • 5:19 p.m. Complainant called 911 reported a two-vehicle accident on US Hwy. 177 south. All units responded along with EMS 1 & 2.  
 • 10:33 p.m. Complainant called the Sheriff Office to report some juveniles who looked suspicious. Two officer responded.  
**February 9** • 7:15 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious camper at the entrance to his property on County Road 102. Officer responded.  
 • 8:48 a.m. Middle School employee requested to speak with an officer about a student. Officer responded.

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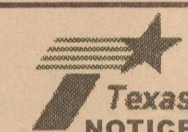
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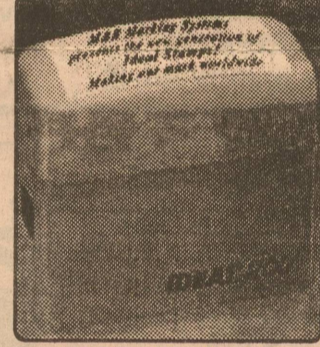
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## Knights of Columbus free throw champions announced

Eight boys and girls from Eldorado and one from San Angelo, ages 10 to 14 were named local champions of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships of Eldorado and have earned the right to compete at the district level. Our Lady of Guadalupe Knights of Columbus Council #11282 sponsored the local competition at Eldorado

EMS gym. Amy Alviso was the ten year old girls' champion and Zack Brame was the winner of the ten year old boys' division.

In the eleven year old bracket, Allyson Jarret was the girls' champion and David Luna was the boys' champion.

Twelve year old winner in the boys' divisions was Dylan Dom-

broski. The thirteen year old girls' division was won by Carmen Herrera of San Angelo and the boys' by Joseph Turnbull.

Fourteen year old champions were Amika Gonzales in the girls' bracket and Manny Gonzales in the boys'. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throws attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free

throw per contestant until a winner emerged.

Each of these winners will compete at the district level which is to be held on February 15, 2004 at EMS Gym at 2:00 p.m. with eye toward moving on to the state and international level.

The Knights of Columbus appreciate all that gave their time to make this event happen.

## SCISD school trustees hold their regular monthly meeting

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Eddie Albin and Lupe Sanchez voting against.

Next, the board voted to approve a letter of intent to proceed with a Wolslager Foundation Grant application in hopes of funding playground equipment for the elementary school.

Two student transfer requests from Christoval were okayed by the trustees. One is a middle school student, the other is in high school.

Other items the board approved included the purchase of two nine-passenger vehicles at \$21,000.00 each. One is a Chevy Suburban, the other is a Yukon XL. Money for the purchase came from the school's fund balance since it had not been budgeted.

The board also approved moving the April 12 board meeting to

April 19 because of a Spring Break holiday and authorized an overnight trip to San Antonio so that students in the EHS chapter of Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE) could attend the group's state convention. The board also approved "Option One" for the 2004-2005 school calendar. It was noted the option mirrors the current 2003-2004 calendar.

The trustees the discussed charging for broadcast rights to SCISD sporting events. Supt. Gesch told the board that the UIL requires a contract be in place before school sporting events can be broadcast. Mr. Gesch also recommended charging a fee of \$150 for football and \$75 for other sports. Trustee Eddie Albin said he did not take issue with the contract por-

tion but felt the district should not charge for broadcast rights. He followed with a motion to that effect, seconded by Jan Wanoreck. The motion passed with Berta Nicholson casting the lone dissenting vote.

The board then an executive session lasting over two and one-half hours for the discussion of personnel and administrative contracts as well as the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. When the group returned to open session they voted to approve one-year contracts for the three campus principals with Jan Wanoreck abstaining from the vote. The group then approved a motion to table discussion of Supt. Gesch's contract with Berta Nicholson casting the only vote against the motion.

Before the adjourning, Supt. Gesch told the trustees that the next regular board meeting will be held March 22, 2004. He also noted that Middle School language arts teacher Jill Preston has announced her intention to retire at the end of the school year.

## Social Security lists changes for 2004

As the new year begins, it is probably a good time to review some of the annual Social Security and Medicare changes that became effective in January 2004.

Most of the changes affect people already getting Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. But a Few people who work and pay Social Security taxes.

Beginning in January, Social Security and SSI benefits went up 2.1 percent. That means the average Social Security retirement benefit rose from \$903 in 2003 to \$922 in 2004. Of course, the increase applies to all Social Security benefits, not just retirement payments. For example, the average disability check climbs from \$844 in 2003 to \$862 in 2004. And the average benefit payable to widow(er) goes up \$18, from a 2003 rate of \$870 to \$888 in 2004.

The basic SSI payment rate for an individual rises from \$552 to \$564. The rate for a couple goes from \$829 to \$846. But please note that these figures represent just the federal portion of the SSI payment. Many states supplement that federal rate with their own payment, which also generally goes up annually with cost-of-living raises.

People getting Social Security benefits who are under full retirement age, not disabled, and still working also have updates to take into consideration. The earnings threshold in 2004 is \$11,640. For every \$2 earned over that limit, \$1 must be withheld from any Social Security benefits due. The 2003 threshold was \$11,520.

## College Days slated Feb. 14 for prospective ASU students

Angelo State University will open its doors to prospective students considering college careers and will give them an up-close-and-personal view of ASU life Saturday, Feb. 14, during "College Days."

In addition to sampling the various academic and extracurricular programs available at the university, students and their families will also be treated to lunch compliments of the university.

Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with check-in at the C.J. "Red" Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Davidson Center with a welcome by ASU President James Hindman. Tours of the campus will then be conducted, including a stop at the Food Service Center for the complimentary lunch.

After lunch students and their families will return to the Davidson Conference Center for the ASU Expo, where information

will be available on academic programs, student organizations, extracurricular activities, financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, residence halls and other areas of interest to prospective students and their parents.

Special information sessions also will be presented for students interested in a variety of ASU programs, including education, nursing, physical therapy, pre-law and pre-health professions.

Throughout the event ASU faculty, staff and students will be available to welcome guests to campus and to answer their questions about all aspects of student life at ASU.

College Days coordinator Bonnie Stennett said the event is a great opportunity for prospective students to get acquainted with ASU, its faculty and the educational experience it offers. Another College Days program is scheduled April 3.

For more information on College Days, contact the ASU Office of Admissions at (325) 942-2058.

**Scripture**  
 And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your father served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.  
 Joshua 24: 15

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