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U.I.L. realignment shuffles area

**Dist. 2-2A...Ozona & Forsan are out,
Mason & Grape Creek are in**

Eldorado High School will be the smallest school in District 2-2A next year, after the University Interscholastic League's (U.I.L.) reclassification and realignment takes effect. That news came down Tuesday, February 1, from U.I.L. headquarters in Austin as the statewide biannual realignment was announced.

Remaining in the district with Eldorado will be Sonora, Junction and Wall. However, district foes Ozona and Forsan will not back next year.

Ozona will join District 1-2A in far West Texas where it will compete with Anthony, Tornillo, Van Horn, McCamey and Reagan County. Forsan will be competing in District 3-2A with Stanton, Seagraves, Coahoma, Colorado City and Plains.

Mason and Grape Creek will be joining District 2-2A. Grape Creek is moving down from conference 3-A where it recently completed its second year of varsity sports competition in District 6-3A. Mason moves from District 25-2A and

will be the easternmost school in the District 2-2A. Last year, Mason's football team advanced to the quarter-final round in the state playoffs and the school's tennis team is a perennial powerhouse.

Eldorado High School's enrollment of 205 is well below the other schools in the district. Before the realignment, schools in conference 2-A had enrollments ranging from 160 to 344. The bottom number moved up to 170 for next year, a fact which directly impacted another area school, Iraan.

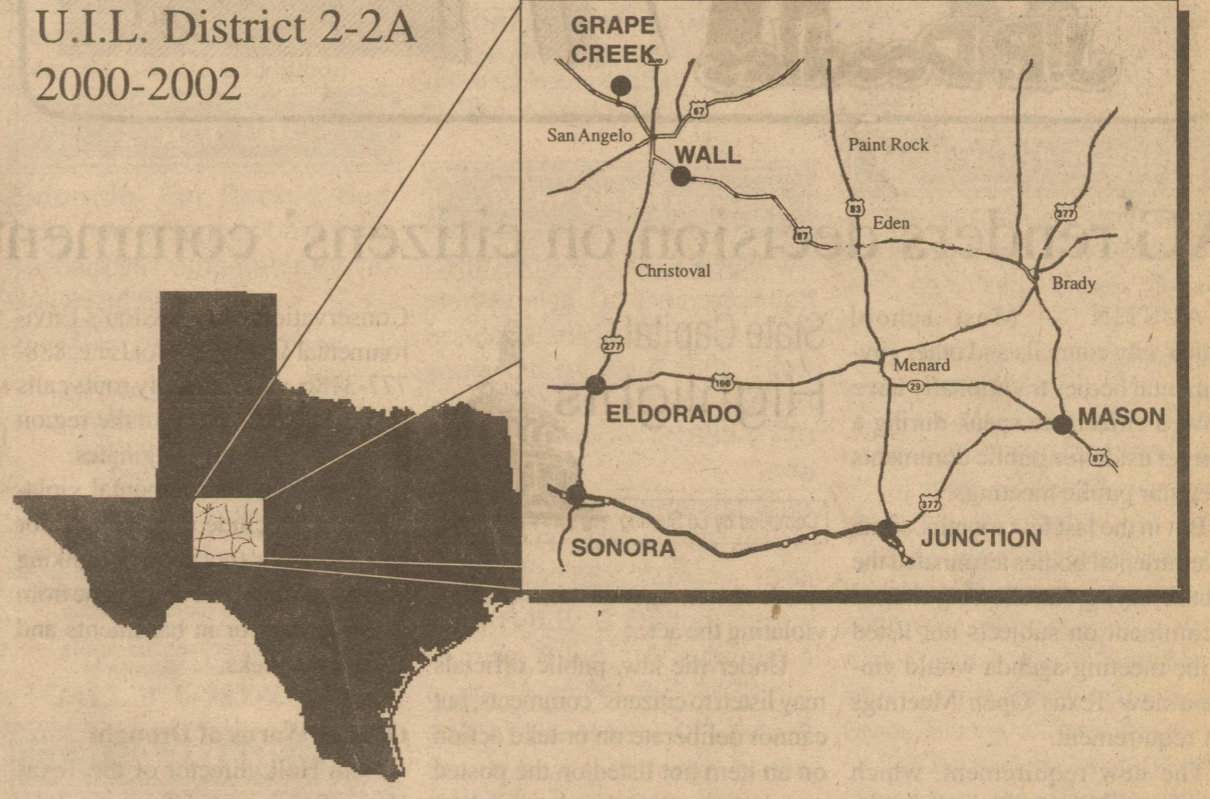
Because of a decrease in enrollment and the increase in the bottom number of the 2-A enrollment range, Iraan will drop down to conference 1-A next year where they will compete in District 7-1A with Ft. Davis, Ft. Hancock, Marfa, Rankin and Wink.

The realignment is tentative for now since some schools across the state have already announced that they intend to appeal the U.I.L.'s decision.

Schleicher County I.S.D. official

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U.I.L. District 2-2A 2000-2002



Despite tough loss to Ozona, Eagles boys still in district 2-2A 'driver's seat'

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles completed the first round of District 2-2A competition last Friday night in Junction with a victory. The Eagles were unbeaten in the first round of play with a 5 and 0 record. In addition, EHS is ranked number 8 in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches statewide poll. All of this has cre-

ated quite a stir around Eagle Gym and around town.

Then, Tuesday night, the team lost a heartbreaker to Ozona in Eagle Gym. Despite the loss, the Eagles control their own destiny so far as the District 2-2A title is concerned. With Sonora due to play here and Ozona having to travel to Sonora, the Eagles are firmly in the driver's seat.

At practice this past Monday, several Eagles stopped and spoke about the season. Each of them were asked several questions about the team's success. When asked what was the biggest key to the team's position is, the words teamwork, unselfishness, hustle, strong bench, height were mentioned by everyone. Anthony Pina said, "We have a complete team, excellent speed, good defense, and a strong bench." He continued, "This has been a lot of fun."

Will Robledo stated, "This is

the most unselfish bunch of guys I've been around. Everyone contributes."

Joey Bullard added, "This team never backs down, no matter what's going on, we never back down."

Everyone on the team agreed that this week is the most important stretch in the second half of the season. "Playing Ozona and Sonora at home are really big games," said Jason Brock.

When asked about the number 8 ranking in the state, Michael Mayo said, "It picks the team up in practice and in games. We are enjoying the hype and hope to continue the winning ways to move up in the standings."

In the end, everyone on the team agreed that they had expected success this season, but maybe not this much. It was interesting to hear the confidence the

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For Your Information

Rounding Out the Chips

A new technology that could reduce the cost of semiconductors by utilizing tiny silicon spheres instead of chips to contain integrated circuits has been developed by a firm in Allen, near Dallas. This process could reduce manufacturing costs by as much as 90%; production time would drop to one-tenth.

The semiconductors are produced in ball form in glass tubes, thus eliminating the costly "clean rooms" where chips are currently made.

On This Date

On this date in 1690 the first paper money in America was issued in the colony of Massachusetts. In 1870 the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution allowing black suffrage was adopted. In 1882 circus owner PT Barnum bought his world famous elephant Jumbo. In 1913 the 16th Amendment allowing a federal income tax was ratified. In 1987 the San Diego Yacht Club celebrated the return of the America's Cup after "Stars and Stripes" won the first A.C. regatta hosted outside the United States. In 1998 a US military plane clipped cable car lines in northern Italy, killing 20.

Birthdays of note include: 1807 Joseph E Johnston, Confederate General; 1811 Horace Greeley editor ("Go west, young man"); 1894 Norman Rockwell, artist/illustrator; 1907 James A Michener, author.

Drunk For Science

An estimated 13.7 million alcoholics in the U.S. may soon have help in dealing with their dependency. Acamprosate, a drug used to reduce the urge to drink, is currently on the market in Europe and is being tested for use in the U.S. The makers of acamprosate may try to sell the drug over the counter—making alcohol treatment more accessible to those in need.

In clinical trials, half of the patients using acamprosate abstained for three months, compared with 39% of those using a placebo.

The search for the causes of alcoholism may lead to solutions for treatment of the disease, and fruit flies may be the answer.

Researchers at the University of California at San Francisco are using fruit flies in an attempt to crack the genetic causes of alcoholism. The fruit flies share some similar symptoms with humans, such as hangovers and the "shakes." There is also a formal classification for the fruit flies who are the first to weave, stumble, and finally tumble down a series of ledges.



Award winning faculty — Eldorado Middle School received the Elmer Watson School Recognition Award recently. EMS faculty and staff who made the award possible are (Front L-R) Susan Parker, Betsy Thackerson, Delia Herrera, Jill Preston, Kay Creek, Glenda Nix, Ginger Cooper, Principal Julie Griffin (Middle L-R) Katrina Gonzales, Betty Robinson, Lois Dean, Jimmy Saldivar, Kara Sue Garlitz, Kriss Griffin, Christy Meador, David Lewis (Back L-R) Rick Singleton, Tom Hollingsworth, Sharon Spinks, Larry Mitchel and George Spinks.

Middle School earns Watson Recognition Award

Eldorado Middle School (EMS) has been awarded the Elmer Watson School Recognition Award given by the Texas Middle School Association (TMSA) for the 1999-2000 school year. Criteria considered were based on the recommendations for transforming middle schools that were published in "Turning Points," the report of the Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development, and "Spotlight on the Middle," the report of the Texas Education Agency.

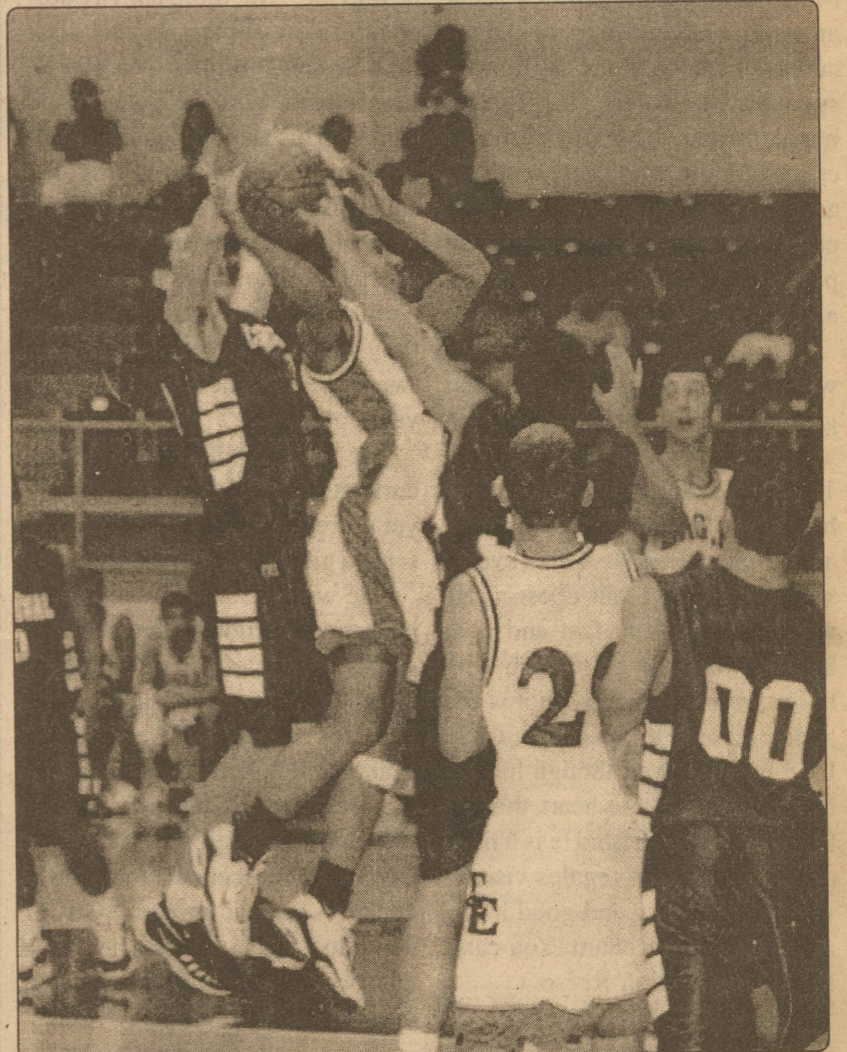
The criteria were focused in four areas: Creating a Community for Learning, and Creating Parental Involvement for Student Achievement. Among the items

considered by the TMSA were innovative strides that EMS has made in several areas, including:

- Student/Teacher Referrals
- Personalized teacher praise
- Adopt-A-Highway
- Flexible Scheduling
- Ropes Challenge Course
- Whole Language Approach
- Teacher Controlled Curriculum
- Shared Decision Making
- Health Services
- Law Enforcement Involvement
- Safe School Programs
- Eagle Period Reading
- Nightline Study Tutorial
- Incentive Trips to Schlitterbahn
- X-Files/Bulletin Board Recognition

• Spring Fling Incentive
• End-of-Year Awards
• Parent Conferences
• Progress Reports to Parents.
• Individual Parent Contact
• Homework Hotline

Eldorado Middle School opened its doors in 1986, since that time it has been at the forefront of innovative educational practices, receiving numerous awards from regional and statewide agencies. Fourteen years later, success at the campus continues to be recognized with awards such as the Elmer Watson Recognition Award. The award will be officially presented at the annual TMSA Conference in Austin on



Up in the air — Anthony Pina powered through a curtain of flying bodies to sink a 2-pointer and draw a foul during Eagles action against Christoval recently.



Only \$39.99, and...yes, we accept plastic

I tuned in to see the Superbowl last Sunday night. Partly because the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans were playing, and partly to see a bevy of Superbowl commercials.

Advertisers shelled out a record \$2.2 million per 30 second ad during last Sunday's game. By the looks of some of the ads, I wonder why they were for internet companies, one of which went so far as to state that the computer geeks who own the company don't know the first thing about advertising. The ad went on to note that the company had just spent big bucks to make this public admission.



Okay??? What's that got to do with promoting an internet site?

One particularly funny commercial for an internet brokerage firm showed a man, lying on his stomach, being wheeled into an emergency room on a stretcher. When a nurse asked what was wrong with the man, another lifted the sheet and pointed, saying, "He's got money coming out of the wazoo!"

Money coming out of the wazoo was a running gag throughout the rest of the commercial. At one point, another nurse asked if the patient had insurance. "Are you kidding?" a doctor asked. "He has money coming out the wazoo."

I'm not sure what any of that had to do with investing on-line, but the spot was hilarious.

Then there was the commercial for the company whose sole purpose for existing is to help you and me han-

dle our mounting credit card debt. The spot began with a man explaining how he and his family had found themselves swimming in debt. Somehow, after buying only essential items, their credit cards were maxed out. The family, it seems, had nowhere to turn...except to the very credit counseling service which was sponsoring the ad.

At that point an announcer, who sounded very caring and compassionate, explained that, for a very small fee, the credit counseling service could help families such as the one we had just seen. With sound advice, loan consolidation, and proper budgeting of resources, anyone could overcome the burden of staggering credit card debt, the announcer stated.

He then gave a phone number to call. That same number was splashed across the screen, just in case you weren't listening closely. For only \$39.99 you, too, can learn to live debt free, he said.

And, he explained...we accept all major credit cards.

I don't know who the company was targeting with the ad...but I'm fairly sure it wasn't the poor fellow who had money coming out the wazoo.

AG renders decision on citizens' comments at meetings

AUSTIN — Most school boards, city councils and other governmental bodies traditionally have allowed citizens to speak during a time set aside for public comments at regular public meetings.

But in the last few months, some governmental bodies terminated the practice, saying that allowing citizens to comment on subjects not listed on the meeting agenda would violate a new Texas Open Meetings Act requirement.

The new requirement, which went into effect Sept. 1, prohibits governmental bodies' employees or another person from addressing a quorum of officials on non-agenda items.

Last week, Attorney General John Cornyn said governmental bodies in fact could allow citizens to

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



speaking on non-agenda items without violating the act.

Under the law, public officials may listen to citizens' comments, but cannot deliberate on or take action on an item not listed on the posted meeting agenda, other than to place an item on a future meeting agenda.

The attorney general's opinion was requested by Tim Curry, Tarrant County criminal district attorney.

Enviro Hot Line Debuts

Texans can now report environmental violations by calling a toll-free number.

The Texas Natural Resource

Conservation Commission's Environmental Violations Hot Line, 888-777-3186, automatically routes calls to the TNRC office in the region from which the call originates.

Common environmental violations may include unusual taste or smell in public (not private) drinking water, fish kills, odor of gasoline from storm sewers or in basements and sludge in creeks.

Official Warns of Drought

Jim Hull, director of the Texas Forest Service, said Texans will be at unprecedented risk if rains don't come soon.

Hull was among two dozen farm, ranch, banking, conservation and emergency management officials who testified before the 15-member National Drought Policy Commission in Austin.

Hull said Texas' explosive population growth and abundance of natural fuels such as juniper, combined with a lack of moisture, have created a potentially dangerous situation.

"We have never, ever experienced this much fuel buildup," Hull said.

Money Set Aside for Toad

Texas Parks and Wildlife voted to spend \$1.64 million to help save the rare Houston toad, an amphibian that hasn't been seen in Houston since 1960.

The 2-inch brown-and-green toad will get another 1,000 acres of wetlands next to Bastrop State Park in a land purchase from the non-profit Nature Conservancy of Texas.

The land purchase is part of a plan to assemble 15,000 acres in Bastrop County for the toads.

Ed. Chief Stresses Instruction

Education Commissioner Jim Nelson last week called for more emphasis on junior high and high school instruction to improve test scores and better prepare Texas students for college.

Nelson also said the state's new high school graduation test will measure a much broader range of academic skills and be tougher to pass than the current test.

On the new test are algebra I, geometry, English III, writing, U.S. history, biology and integrated chemistry and physics.

The current test measures lower-level skills in math, reading and writing.

Other Highlights

- Tort reform passed by the Texas Legislature in 1995 has not produced the huge savings for insurance consumers that some have claimed, according to a study by the Consumer Federation of America.
- J. Robert Hunter, a former Texas insurance commissioner and director of the consumer federation, attributed the slowing of insurance rate hikes in Texas to safer cars, the aging of the baby boomers and increasing competition between insurance companies.
- In 1999, the Texas Attorney General's Elder Law and Public Health Division collected nearly \$1.7 million in civil penalties assessed toward nursing homes and assisted living facilities where violations occurred. The amount collected in 1999 is more than 3.5 times more than was collected in 1998, Attorney General John Cornyn said.



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Bonham's Character in Residence

For years, Sam Rayburn has been the most prominent name around Bonham. He served as speaker of the house during the Roosevelt and Truman years. The Sam Rayburn library in Bonham has a replica of Mr. Sam's Washington office.

Down in the basement of the Rayburn library is an impish little guy that reminds people of an Irish leprechaun. His name is MacPhelan Reese. Besides being an expert on Sam Rayburn and the author of a book about the famous speaker, Mr. Reese is a former boxer, former vaudeville performer, an ex-Hollywood gag writer, an artist, a poet and above all, a thinker who puts his thoughts down on paper. He has written four books, all steeped in philosophy.

This bearded, tweed-coat-wearing dynamo is in his 90's and gets around like he's still fighting as a welterweight. He weighs about 120 pounds. He wears the beard, he says, to keep from being called a bald-faced liar. He walks everywhere, can drive but doesn't. He walks straight and fast and is at home at his desk piled high with books, papers, records, photos and audio tapes. He speaks with an Irish brogue, even though he was born in Bonham. His heart, though, like his roots, is Irish. He is a literary Napoleon. He regales visitors with tales, poetry and good information about Mr. Sam. You can't ignore MacPhelan Reese.

He writes, "Ignorance is crime's masterpiece." He concluded that the person to be most afraid of is one with no sense of humor. He chooses his words well. He

writes about himself: "I am what I sham. I'm the unsheltered, helter-skeltered, failed or flouted, often daunted, much unjoined, memory-haunted, still unwanted, self-concealing, self-revealing, seldom healing, quite unneeded, quite unheeded, hoping, groping, leaping, creeping, bird-watching, word-botching pie-eyed Piper of Bonhamlin. I am the has been who never was."

While I was interviewing him, he told me, "Sir, there isn't a poorer interview subject in this state than myself." Wrong, Mr. Reese. I treasure the book he gave me and signed in his classic, beautiful, calligraphy style of handwriting. It's called Gullible's Travails and contains all sorts of essays, thoughts, poems. For the ladies he writes:

"It's sad when you think, though they're colder, yet bolder, that twenty years hence they'll be five years older."

He muses, "Platonic love is a curious blend of less than a lover yet more of a friend." And "Time is not a gift. Don't misuse its loan."

He writes Socrateasers, an alphabetized section in which he lists words and gives his meanings to them: "Addiction: Pill kill. Why this hurry for your last farewell. Is there a tardy bell in hell? Beauty Parlor: A narcissalon? Chastity: An unchased waste below the waist? Divorce: Wreckconciliation? Earthquake: A seismic sneeze?" One of his philosophical essays states: "We think we're thinking when we quote thoughts of others learned by rote."

For a visit with a true character, visit Mac at the Sam Rayburn library in Bonham. Many have and are richer for the experience.

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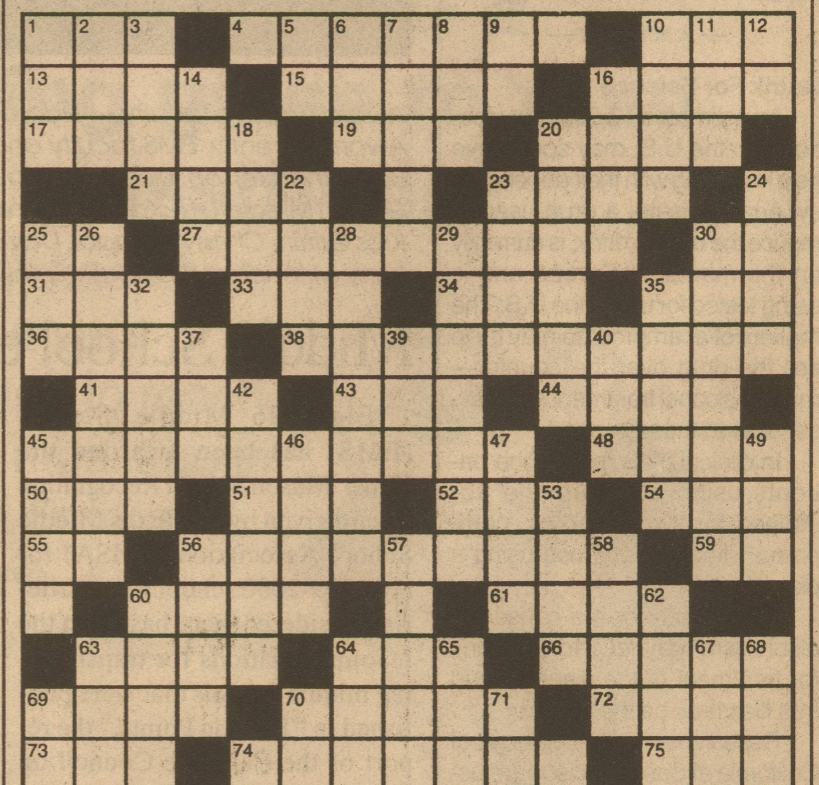
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OBITUARIES

L.E. 'Ed' Davis

SAN ANGELO — L.E. "Ed" Davis, 100, of San Angelo died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was born July 16, 1899, in Medina County. In 1928, he married Nora Sofge from Richland Springs. They moved to San Angelo to start their life together. Ed was a longtime rancher. He loved the land as well as life.

He will be missed. He was preceded in death by his wife.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.



Mr. and Mrs. Beau Sallee *courtesy photo*

Glasscock/Sallee exchange vows

Jana Glasscock and Beau Sallee of Eldorado were married December 31, 1999, at Hillcrest Baptist Church in San Angelo with Jim Broome officiating.

The Bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Glasscock Jr. of San Angelo. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Glasscock of Mertzson, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Souells of Abilene.

The Bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kennemer of Menard and the late Allen Sallee. Great Grandmother Verda Crumley is of Eldorado. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sallee of Eldorado, and Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brown of Fayetteville AR.

It's a Girl

Morgan Sallee welcomes home her baby sister Cilyssa Paige Sallee born Jan 19, 2000. She weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Travis and Lisa Sallee of Ft. Worth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kennemer of Menard, Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sallee of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Brown of Fayetteville AR. Great-grandmother is Verda Crumley of Eldorado.

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Dear Editor:

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, in association with the Schleicher County E.M.S. and the Eldorado Fire Department, are in the process of organizing an Emergency Services Explorer Post.

The Post will focus on the career fields of Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Fighting. This new organization is open to young people, ages 14-20, (after successfully passing a background check and screening interview) but participation will be limited to 20 successful candidates.

Planned activities include: CPR and Basic First Aid training, Fire Fighting Skills, participation, in conjunction with San Angelo Police Department, in an Explorer Disaster Drills, and Law Enforcement competitions as well as many other 'hands-on' activities in the emergency services area.

Anyone 14-20 years old with an interest in gaining first hand experience in one or more of these fields, should make plans to attend our "First Nighter" meeting. The meeting will begin at 7pm on Thursday, February 10th, and will be held at the Schleicher County Memorial Building (located on the Courthouse Square across from City Hall).

A registration and insurance fee of \$10.00 will be assessed successful candidates.

For more information contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at (915) 853-2737 or David Chapman (915) 655-7107.

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It's a Girl

Jorge and Roxanne Arispe proudly announce the birth of their daughter Emelda Marie, born January 29, at 4:25 p.m. at Community Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Emelda Marie was welcomed home by her sisters Miranda and Branda Gail.

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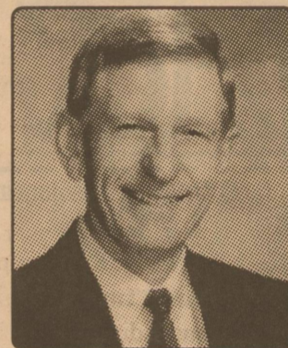
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Lady Eagles split 2...next 2 games are crucial!

by David E. Hill

Coach Leslie Gooch's Lady Eagles went 1 and 1 this last week in District 2 2A play. The team is currently in fourth place in the District race and need two wins in the last two games of the season to force a play in with Sonora. Coach Gooch commented, "we really need to pack the gym tomorrow night as every game has play off implications. The crowd Tuesday was great! We need another loud crowd just like that one!"

Eldorado traveled to Junction last Friday and came away with a 9 point victory. The game was a rough contest and it is always tough when you play in Kimble County.

EHS came out and found themselves down by two at the end of the first quarter by the score of 16 to 14. The Lady Eagles came out in the second and played good defense and outscored Junction 13 to 9 taking a 27 to 25 lead into the half. The third quarter proved to be the difference as Eldorado went on a 15 to 3 run. Junction fought back in the fourth but Eldorado's lead was too much to over come and EHS finished on top 54 to 45.

Kayla Kohls led all scorers with 14 followed by Christina Redish's 13 and Kim Jones' 10. Tabitha Lloyd had 8 rebounds and Megan Poynor and Kohls each had 4 steals.

Coach Gooch commented, "Christina really was the spark for us coming off the bench." The win runs Eldorado's record to 3 and 4 in loop play and 11 and 15 on the season.

On Tuesday the Lady Eagles hosted league leading Ozona. EHS came up on the short end of a 44 to 24 score. Eldorado played a much better game this time as compared to the last meeting and defensively played a good game.

The first quarter was a defensive one as Ozona led by five 9 to 4. Eldorado stayed close through most of the second stanza, but the Lady Lions got hot at the end of the quarter outscoring EHS 15 to 5. Eldorado again came out in the third and played tough defensively and cut the lead by one scoring 10 to Ozona's 9. The Lady Eagles were finally worn down by Ozona

in the fourth as the Lady Lions closed out the game by a 10 to 5 difference in the fourth.

Stacy Nicholson had 10 points and 8 rebounds while Kayla Kohls had 9 points. Nicholson had a big game on both ends of the floor.

Coach Gooch commented, "defensively we played much better than in our first meeting. We have to find a way to put the ball in the hole and points on the board." The loss ran EHS's record to 3 and 5 in District play and 11 and 16 for the year.

Eldorado has two games remaining in District play (Sonora/Forsan) and needs wins in both contests to attain a "play in" with Sonora for third place. Everyone needs to come out and support our Lady Eagles as they take on the Sonora Broncos tomorrow night in Eagle Gym at 6:30 PM. Wear your Green and BE LOUD!

Eagles boys go 5&0 in 1st half of District 2-2A play

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles closed out the first round of District play with 2 wins. The Eagles put away Wall and Junction on the road to complete the first round of loop play.

Last week Eldorado played both games on the road with the first one in Wall. EHS came out in the first quarter and took a 12 to 9 lead and then outscored the Hawks by 3 in the second taking a 26 to 20 lead into intermission. The third quarter proved to be the difference in the ball game as the Eagles came out and scored 23 points to the Hawks 6. Eldorado closed out the game by scoring 19 in the fourth to Wall's 14 for a final score of 68 to 40.

Joey Bullard led all scorers with 25, followed by Michael Mayo with 13, and Anthony Pina with 10. Mayo had 14 rebounds and Bullard had 11. Will Robledo had 5 assists and 6 steals in the contest.

Coach Gillespie commented,

"We played great defensively and our bench continues to play really well."

Eldorado then traveled to Junction last Friday night to take on the Eagles of Junction. Eldorado came out on the winning end of a 60 to 54 contest. This was a very physical game for both ball clubs and got rough at times.

Eldorado came out strong in the first quarter taking a 7 point lead 17 to 10. Junction then fought back closing within two of the Eagles outscoring EHS 21 to 16. Both teams traded baskets in the third quarter with each getting 9 points. Eldorado finally took the win scoring 18 in the fourth and closing out Junction by 6.

Pina had 17 points, Bullard had 15 and five other Eagles got in on the scoring for the team. Bullard and Jason Brock each had 11 rebounds and Robledo had 6 assists.

Coach Gillespie said, "Junction came out with a lot of enthusiasm and emotion, we finally got control and came away with the win."

Eagles fall to Ozona 61-54

by David E. Hill

Eldorado suffered its first loss of the season to rivals Ozona at Eagle Gym on Tuesday night. The loss creates a tie for first place between the two teams in District 2 2A. Eldorado will play 3 of the 4 remaining games at home and need to win out to assure themselves at least a share of the District championship.

EHS started very sluggishly as Ozona jumped out to a 21 to 6 margin in the first quarter. Eldorado closed within 11 outscoring the Lions 14 to 10 in the second quarter. At the end of the third, the Eagles saw themselves down by 16, 50 to 34. The fourth quarter was all Eldorado as the Eagles closed within 2 with a little more than 3 minutes in the game. However, EHS went cold and missed some key baskets down the stretch and came up on the short end of the 61 to 54 score. The first quarter was the difference in the ball game as the Eagles could not ever get back on top. Eldorado showed great poise in the fourth as they fought back to get in the game.

Will Robledo led all scorers with 15, Joey Bullard had 12, and Michael Mayo had 10.

Coach Gillespie commented, "Ozona was extremely hot in the first half and our shots were not falling. We played much better defensively in the second half. We showed tremendous character to come back in the fourth quarter after being down by 16, I was really proud of our kids making the come back."

The loss runs Eldorado's record to 5 and 1 in District and 22 and 7 on the season. Eldorado hosts Sonora tomorrow night in a very important contest. Be sure to be there and BE LOUD!



Up and over — Stacy Nicholson put up a shot under the goal Tuesday night as the Lady Eagles hosted the Ozona Lady Lions.

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Girls District 2-2A Standings

	W	L
Ozona	6	0
Wall	5	0
Eldorado	3	2
Sonora	4	2
Forsan	1	4
Junction	0	4

Boys District 2-2A Standings

	W	L
Eldorado	4	0
Sonora	3	0
Ozona	3	1
Junction	1	1
Forsan	1	2
Wall	0	2

Eagle Players of the Week

Lady Eagles: Stacy Nicholson
Eagles Boys: William Robledo

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Eagles boys in driver's seat

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upper classmen had in the sophomore bench that has contributed so well to this point in the season.

Coach Gillespie agreed with the team's thoughts, "We have had excellent team work and our supporting cast has been tremendous."

When asked what the biggest key to the team success, "Hard work, and believing in what's happening, also, Coach Molina has really stepped in and helped in every way." Coach Gillespie said the key to success in the second half of District play is, "staying healthy and staying focused."

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Mar 18	TWO PERSON 18-HOLE LOW BALL 1:30 p.m. tee-off, \$50.00 per team
Apr 15-16	TWO MAN SELECT SHOT 8:30 a.m./1:30 p.m. tee-off \$120.00 per team (food provided on Saturday)
May 13	ONE PERSON SCRAMBLE 18 hole one person 1:30 p.m. tee-off \$30.00 per person
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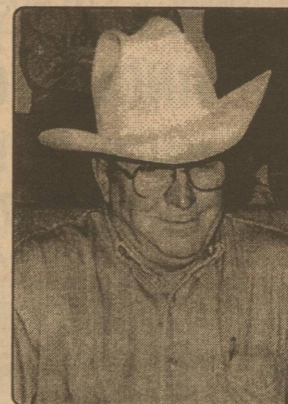
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Tuesday, February 8th

Sausage & Cheese Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, White Cake/Icing

Wednesday, February 9th

Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Mixed Fruits, Brownies

Thursday, February 10th

Steak Fingers/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Orange Jello/Topping

Friday, February 11th

Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding

Breakfast

½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, February 7th

Sliced Peaches, Waffle/Syrup

Tuesday, February 8th

Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

Wednesday, February 9th

Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast

Thursday, February 10th

Mixed Fruits, Hot Oatmeal/Toast

Friday, February 11th

Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line

Monday, February 7th

Corn Chip Pie, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pineapple Slices, Cherry Crunch Cake

Tuesday, February 8th

Chili Crisptos, French Fries, Applesauce, White Cake/Icing

Wednesday, February 9th

Fish Sandwiches/Cheese, Tater Roundabouts, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Mixed Fruit, Brownies

Thursday, February 10th

Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Orange Jello/Topping

Friday, February 11th

Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding



Rogues Gallery — (L-R) Beverly Minor, George Arispe, Dorothy Dacy and Glen Nix were among the many "jailbirds" who volunteered to be locked up last week as part of a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Locals locked up to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association

More than twenty local citizens volunteered last week to be "locked up" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). During the day, Schleicher County Sheriff's officers transported the volunteers to a makeshift jail, located at the Memorial Building. As the "prisoners" fulfilled their sentences, they were allowed to tele-

phone family, friends and co-workers in an attempt to solicit "bail money," which went directly to MDA.

Sheriff David Doran and his posse helped out by serving warrants and delivering prisoners to the "jail" while Cactus Cafe provided lunch for the "jailbirds."

In all, the effort raised

\$5,650.00 for the charity. Among those volunteering for the worthy cause were: Buddy White, Glen Nix, Edna Crowder, Joan Bailey, Jerry Jones Dr. Debbie Dorie, Ricky Jones, Andy Anderson, Gary Shipman, Smokey Taylor, Mary Grimaldo, James Doyle, George Arispe, Rita Reeves, Dorothy Dacy, Bob Wanoreck, Louis

Rangel, Jan Blair, Eddie Albin, Beverly Minor, Esther Stuckey, Sherry Lux, and Susie Ramirez.

Event organizers expressed their appreciation to the "inmates" that participated in the Eldorado Lock-up, calling the fundraiser an overwhelming success. Plans are already being made for another such event next year.

Texas Forts Trail celebrates Black History Month

February is Black History Month and the Texas Forts Trail would like to salute the Buffalo Soldier.

African-Americans have fought and died in every war in United States history. During the Civil War, more than 2000,000 men served in U.S. Colored Troops (USCT) and other segregated regiments such as the 54th Massachusetts Infantry. These soldiers showed marked courage and devotion is what became a war to end slavery in North America. After the war, in recognition of this national resource, Congress authorized several "colored" regiments - African-American soldiers with white officers (although black officers were eventually allowed). After some reorganization black troops were consolidated into two infantry (the 24th and 25th) and two cavalry (the 9th and 10th) regiments.

Serving mostly on the Indian frontier and along the Mexican border, these soldiers performed admirably under some of the worst conditions. Hampered by inferior equipment and horses and subject to often bitter racism, African-American troops maintained high esprit de corps, lower than aver-

age desertion rates, and higher than average reenlistment. The "Buffalo Soldiers," as their Indian adversaries called them, played a major role in the long Indian Wars and in the War with Spain. The Buffalo Soldiers were especially active in Texas and in the final campaigns against the Apaches in New Mexico.

On Sunday, Feb. 27, from 2:00-4:00 PM, Fort Concho hosts a Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day. Fort Concho was the regimental headquarters for the famed 10th Cavalry for seven years and hosted both infantry and cavalry troops for most of its' existence. This year's Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day will feature the talents of Mr. Henry Crawford of the Museums of historians. With period equipment, field gear, weapons, uniforms and stories they will relate the life and times of the black troops in Texas after the Civil War. There is no admission charge for this event.

Please join all of the Texas Forts Trail Region in its salute to the Buffalo Soldier. Special thanks to the historical information for this article.



Top 9-1-1 Poster Winners - (Front L-R) 2nd Graders Adriana Hernandez, Bailey Minor and Marty Powell were winners in the 9-1-1 Poster Contest. Prizes were presented to them by Red-E-Fox 9-1-1 Superhero and Field Correction Officer David Olivian on January 21st. These students along with their classmates participated in the 9-1-1 Poster Contest. Adriana Hernandez's poster is featured in the 9-1-1 Regional Calendar

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U.I.L. District Realignment

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 cials seem to be happy with the realignment. "We were pleased," commented SCISD Superintendent Hal Porter. "Always with U.I.L. realignments you can look for a whole lot worse in terms of travel and expense. So, I suppose you could say that we're happy."

SCISD Athletic Director Jim Fryar was also happy with the new look of the district. "It's a good group of schools to work with and I think we will be able to be competitive in this district," Fryar stated. "One thing is for sure, it will be one of the toughest tennis districts in the state."

Fryar said that he had completed a preliminary football schedule for next fall, however, a few surprises in the realignment sent him scrambling to fill open dates.

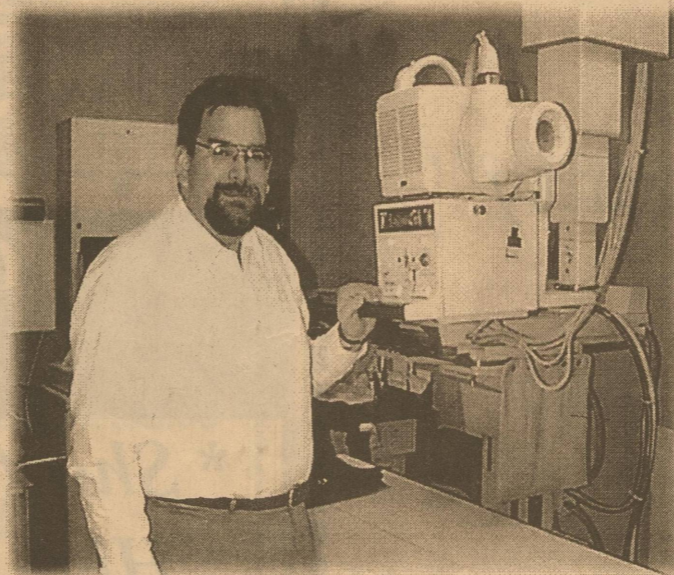
One of those dates was filled when Christoval and Eldorado agreed to a non-district game. It will be the first time the neighboring schools have ever played. That game is slated for September 1st of this year.

The realignment will affect more than just athletics as every U.I.L. academic competition will also be governed by the change. Debate, Informative Speaking, Science competitions and a host of other events will now be conducted along the new district lines.

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JV Girls

January 25, 2000
 Eldorado 02-02-02-05=11
 Wall 10-03-03-11=27
 Marina Lozano, 2; Samantha Smith, 2;
 Jessie Calcote, 2; Blake Snelson, 3;
 Amanda Wanoreck, 2.

Eagles J.V.

December 7, 1999
 Eldorado 12-10-14-17=53
 Irion County 12-14-09-07=42
 Johnny Arispe, 5; Wesley Jones, 5;
 Quisto Gonzalez, 6; Thomas Ballew, 9;
 Daniel Mata, 5; Leonel Medrano, 6;
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 4; Benji Gonzalez, 13.

Eagles J.V.

December 9, 1999
 Iraan Tournament
 Eldorado 22-10-07-20=59
 Crane JV 11-10-10-16=46
 Ramon Barajas, 6; Johnny Arispe, 3;
 Wesley Jones, 4; Thomas Ballew, 12;
 Daniel Mata, 7; Leonel Medrano, 3;
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 4; Benji Gonzalez, 20.

December 10, 1999
 Iraan Tournament
 Eldorado 10-08-12-13=43
 McCamey 07-14-08-12=41
 Ramon Barajas, 9; Johnny Arispe, 6;
 Wesley Jones, 4; Quisto Gonzalez, 2;
 Daniel Mata, 16; Leonel Medrano, 2;
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Phillip Martinez, 2.

Eagles J.V.

December 11, 1999
 Iraan Tournament
 Eldorado 07-11-14-02=37
 Greenwood 64
 Ramon Barajas, 4; Johnny Arispe, 9;
 Manuel Hernandez, 2; Wesley Jones, 10; Thomas Ballew, 3; Daniel Mata, 7; Jimmy Rodriguez, 4.

Junior Varsity Boys
 Eldorado 10-16-15-11=52
 Menard 08-06-04-04=22
 Ramon Barajas, 10; Hector Adame, 6;
 Johnny Arispe, 2; Manuel Hernandez, 4;
 Wesley Jones, 6; Quisto Gonzalez, 4;
 Thomas Ballew, 12; Daniel Mata, 1;
 Leonel Medrano, 1; Jimmy Rodriguez, 4; Phillip Martinez, 2.

Eagles J.V.

December 17, 1999
 Eldorado 05-17-06-12=40
 Robert Lee 06-12-05-05=28
 Ramon Barajas, 10; Johnny Arispe, 8;
 Quisto Gonzalez, 2; Thomas Ballew, 8;
 Daniel Mata, 4; Leonel Medrano, 2;
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 3; Bobby Phillips, 2;
 Phillip Martinez, 1.

December 20, 1999
 Eldorado 07-06-11-13=37
 Ballinger 11-11-08-16=46
 Ramon Barajas, 2; Manuel Hernandez, 6; Thomas Ballew, 11;
 Daniel Mata, 16; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2;
 Matt Curtis, 2.

January 4, 2000
 Eldorado 09-08-19-14=50
 Colorado City 12-13-18-18=55
 Ramon Barajas, 14; Hector Adame, 2;
 Manuel Hernandez, 5; Wesley Jones, 10;
 Quisto Gonzalez, 4; Thomas Ballew, 7;
 Jimmy Rodriguez, 8.

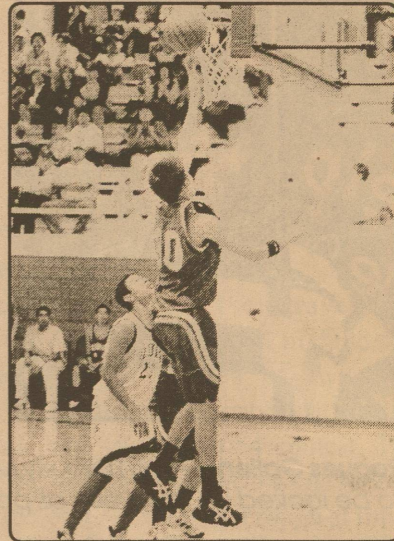


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Driving to the bucket — Thomas Ballew laid up this shot recently in JV boys action against Ozona. Eldorado pulled out a 40-39 victory in that contest.

The Blotter

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**
- Jan. 28 Greathouse, Guadalupe D., female age 61, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
 - Jan. 28 Queandro, Quarles, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana Less Than 2 Oz. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
 - Jan. 29 Wright, Jimmy Paul, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana Less Than 2 Oz. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• Jan. 29 Steam, Don, male age 35, hold for Irion County, charge Motion To Revoke, Driving While Intoxicated.

- REPORTS**
- January 12**
- 2:30 p.m. Complainant contacted the Sheriff's Office and reported an unknown subject was calling their residence and threatening the family. A trace was performed through local phone company security and a number was located and charges are pending.
 - **January 25**
 • 4:42 p.m. Report of a dog that had been hit by a vehicle on South Divide. Animal Control was contacted. Owner was contacted.
 - **January 26**
 • 5:55 p.m. Complainant found some older band uniforms in ditch on Hwy. 190 West.
 • 7:16 p.m. Complainant reported that 3 illegals came to their residence and asked to use the phone. Border Patrol was contacted.
 - **January 27**
 • 3:38 a.m. Gas company reported that they would be flaring to start their power backup.
 • 4:35 p.m. Complainant on Hwy 915 reported their black lab mix with a curly tail was missing.
 - **January 28**
 • 1:25 p.m. Complainant reported phone harassment, requesting a com-

plaintain number to file with local phone company.

- 7:50 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed. Complainant reported subject driving vehicle threw a bottle out of the window and hit their windshield. Officer responded and one male subject arrested.
- 11:00 p.m. Complainant requested a city worker and worker responded.
- 11:55 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver on Hwy. 277 North. Officer responded.
- **January 29**
 • 5:09 p.m. Complainant reported dogs killing his livestock. 4 Angora goats killed. Complainant shot 2 dogs, red had collars, black no collar.
 • 5:55 p.m. Complainant reported water everywhere. City of Eldorado contacted.
- **January 30**
 • 1:09 a.m. Complainant advised that there maybe a possible fire out on Hwy. 277 North about 10 miles. Officer responded and Fire Chief contacted, and advised that it may be a flare. Officer reported that it was a flare from gas plant.
 • 12:50 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver 9 miles Hwy. 277 North. DPS Trooper responded.
 • 1:59 a.m. Complainant from gas plant reported that they would have a flare shooting in the air.
 • 2:13 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed caring bales of hay. Complainant reported hay was not secured in any way. Officer responded.
 • 7:20 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about kids playing near their home.
- **January 31**
 • 12:45 a.m. Complainant advised that there was a male subject walking on Hwy. 277 North. Officer responded.
 • 10:14 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to drive by and be on the look out for a white/beige new model van with a tire on the back. The vehicle was shining brights at their resident.

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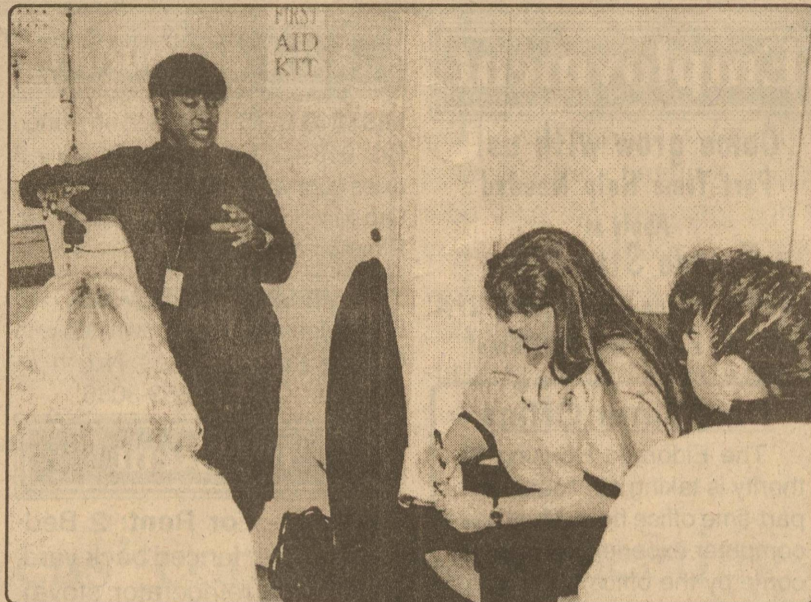


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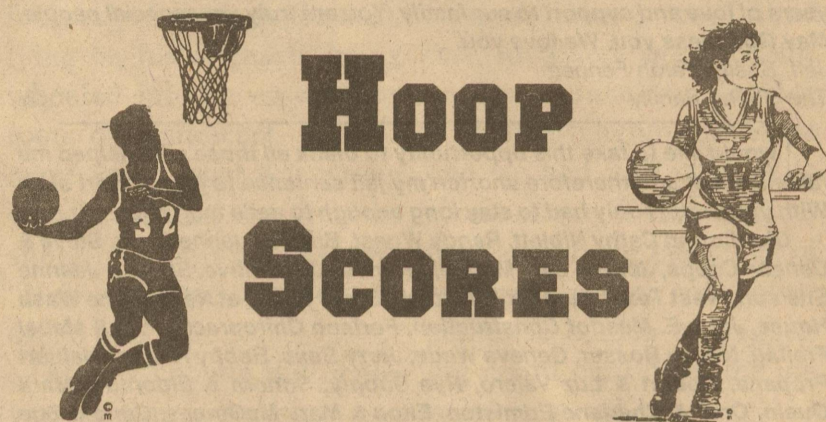


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Offensive rebound — Tony Fay pulled down this rebound during the varsity boys action here Tuesday night. The Eagles lost their first district match of the season to Ozona by a score of 61-54



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Eldorado	10-15-16-13=52	Eldorado	06-10-12-12=40
Stanton	06-14-06-17=43	Ozona	09-10-13-07=39
Ramon Barajas, 6; Johnny Arispe, 2; Wesley Jones, 16; Quisto Gonzalez, 6; Thomas Ballew, 8; Jimmy Rodriguez, 4; Bobby Phillips, 4; Matt Curtis, 6.		Ramon Barajas, 10; Hector Adame, 7; Wesley Jones, 6; Quisto Gonzalez, 4; Thomas Ballew, 7; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Matt Curtis, 4.	

January 11, 2000		January 21, 2000	
Eldorado	11-11-18-19=59	Eldorado	11-13-12-05=41
Christoval	17-07-07-02=33	Sonora	14-18-19-17=68
Ramon Barajas, 8; Hector Adame, 5; Johnny Arispe, 2; Wesley Jones, 4; Quisto Gonzalez, 5; Thomas Ballew, 17; Jimmy Rodriguez, 4; Bobby Phillips, 4; Phillip Martinez, 5; Matt Curtis, 5.		Ramon Barajas, 2; Hector Adame, 5; Johnny Arispe, 3; Wesley Jones, 9; Quisto Gonzalez, 1; Thomas Ballew, 3; Tony Fay, 8; Jimmy Rodriguez, 6; Matt Curtis, 4.	

January 22, 2000	
Rocksprings Tournament	
Eldorado	13-09-12-14=48
Junction	05-08-04-12=29
Ramon Barajas, 6; Johnny Arispe, 3; Wesley Jones, 6; Quisto Gonzalez, 2; Thomas Ballew, 15; Tony Fay, 6; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Bobby Phillips, 2; Matt Curtis, 6.	

January 22, 2000	
Rocksprings Tournament	
Eldorado	17-17-10-10=64
Bracketville	09-15-02-07=33
Ramon Barajas, 18; Hector Adame, 5; Wesley Jones, 15; Quisto Gonzalez, 1; Thomas Ballew, 7; Jimmy Rodriguez, 6; Bobby Phillips, 2; Phillip Martinez, 6; Matt Curtis, 4.	

January 25, 2000	
Eldorado	20-20-21-12=73
Wall	04-08-08-09=29
Ramon Barajas, 10; Hector Adame, 10; Johnny Arispe, 8; Wesley Jones, 5; Quisto Gonzalez, 4; Thomas Ballew, 2; Jimmy Rodriguez, 9; Bobby Phillips, 8; Phillip Martinez, 7; Matt Curtis, 10.	

January 28, 2000	
Eldorado	16-13-08-20=57
Junction	08-04-07-05=24
Ramon Barajas, 3; Hector Adame, 3; Johnny Arispe, 6; Wesley Jones, 12; Quisto Gonzalez, 6; Thomas Ballew, 7; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Bobby Phillips, 4; Phillip Martinez, 6; Matt Curtis, 8.	

February 1, 2000	
Eldorado	07-22-11-15=55
Ozona	11-14-10-13=48
Ramon Barajas, 10; Hector Adame, 7; Johnny Arispe, 7; Wesley Jones, 2; Quisto Gonzalez, 6; Thomas Ballew, 6; Jimmy Rodriguez, 14; Matt Curtis, 3.	

Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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Being Mother and Housewife Has Its Ups and Downs

QUESTION: What answer do you have for those who say that being a mother and a housewife is boring and monotonous?

DR. DOBSON: Some women see the responsibility that way — but we should recognize that most other occupations are boring, too. How exciting is the work of a waiter who serves food to customers every day, or a medical pathologist who examines microscopic slides and bacterial cultures from morning to night, or a dentist who spends his lifetime drilling and filling, drilling and filling, or an attorney who reads dusty books in a secluded library, or an author who writes page after page after page?

Few of us enjoy heart-thumping excitement each moment of our professional lives. Even the high-profile jobs have their boring dimensions.

On a trip to Washington, D.C., a few years ago, my hotel room was located next to the room of a famous cellist who was in the city to give a concert that evening. I could hear him through the walls as he practiced hour after hour. He did not play beautiful symphonic renditions; he repeated scales and runs and exercises, over and over.

This practice began early in the morning (believe me!) and continued until the time of his concert. As he strolled onto the stage that evening, I'm sure many individuals in the audience must have thought to themselves, "What a glamorous life!" Some glamour! I happen to know that he had spent the entire day in his lonely hotel room in the company of his cello. Musical instruments, as you know,

are terrible conversationalists.

No, I doubt if the job of a homemaker and mother is much more boring than most other jobs, particularly if the woman refuses to be isolated from adult contact. But as far as the importance of the assignment is concerned, no job can compete with the responsibility of shaping and molding a new human being. That statement is not particularly politically correct in this cultural environment, but I believe it to be true.

May I remind full-time mothers of one more important consideration: You will not always carry the responsibility you now hold. Your children will be with you for a few brief years, and the obligations you now shoulder will be nothing more than dim memories. Enjoy every moment of these days — even the difficult times — and indulge yourself in the satisfaction of having done an essential job right!

QUESTION: My older child is a great student and earns straight A's year after year. Her younger sister, now in the sixth grade, is completely bored in school and won't even try. The frustrating thing is that the younger girl is probably brighter than her older sister. Why would she refuse to apply her ability like this?

DR. DOBSON: There could be many reasons for her academic uninterest, but let me suggest the most probable explanation. Children will often refuse to compete when they think they are likely to place second instead of first. Therefore, a younger child may avoid challenging an older sibling

in his area of greatest strength.

If Son No. 1 is a great athlete, then Son No. 2 may be more interested in collecting butterflies. If Daughter No. 1 is an accomplished pianist, then Daughter No. 2 may be a boy-crazy goof-off.

This rule does not always hold true, of course, depending on the child's fear of failure and the way he estimates his chances of successful competition. If his confidence is high, he may blatantly wade into the territory owned by big brother, determined to do even better. However, the more typical response is to seek new areas of compensation that are not yet dominated by a family superstar.

If this explanation fits the behavior of your younger daughter, then it would be wise to accept something less than perfection from her school performance. Every child need not fit the same mold, nor can we force them to do so.

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