



Happy New Year

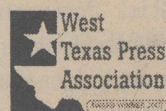
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009



Volume 108
Issue 1

THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

SINGLE ISSUE
PRICE ONLY
75¢



"The Voice of Eldorado and Schleicher County Since 1901"



© Copyright 2009, Masked Rider Publishing, Inc. • U.S.P.S. # 342-470 • website: www.myeldorado.net • e-mail: success@myeldorado.net

TDFPS reports child abuse or neglect within 91 YFZ families

Twelve girls age 12-15 said to have entered into Spiritual Marriages — Seven gave birth to at least one child

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services issued its long-anticipated report last week, covering the April 3, 2008 raid at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado and the subsequent removal of 439 children by Child Protective Services.

The 21-page report says that 274 of children from 91 families were subject to abuse or neglect. Twelve girls in particular were found to have been given in "Spiritual Marriages" to older men in the polygamous FLDS church. Seven of those girls are alleged to have given birth to at least one child.

The bulk of the neglect cases apparently involve children who were exposed to sexual abuse of other children within a family or household.

TDFPS spokesman Patrick Crimmins told *The Eldorado Success* on Tuesday that six legal cases involving 15 children from five mothers remain open as part of his agency's ongoing investigation.

Crimmins continued by saying that the agency's

goal is to non-suit as many cases as possible as quickly as investigators feel comfortable that the children involved are no longer in immediate jeopardy. He would not comment whether the six remaining cases might eventually be dropped by the agency. If the cases continue, lawyers for the state will be arguing for the removal of the fifteen children.

The YFZ raid began on Thursday, April 3, 2008, after a family shelter received calls for help from a person identifying herself as Sarah Barlow, an underage mother at the YFZ Ranch. Those calls are now widely believed to have been placed by a Colorado woman with a history of making hoax or false police reports.

Once Texas Rangers and Child Protective Service workers entered the YFZ Ranch they sought to find and identify Sarah Barlow. Despite receiving little cooperation from ranch residents, the investi-

gators soon found more than 400 children living on the property, far more than the "100 or so" residents ranch officials had said were living there.

While Sarah Barlow was never located, several underage girls with babies, or who were pregnant, were identified, leading officials to launch a parallel criminal investigation.

At one point, with YFZ residents still refusing to cooperate in identifying the children, District Judge Barbara Walther issued an order removing the children from the property. That order was later overturned by the Texas Third Court of Appeals and the children were returned to their parents while the CPS investigation continued.

Eventually, many YFZ residents, including 34 fathers attended parenting classes and DNA samples helped establish the identities of all the children, despite the fact that many of the men from the YFZ Ranch did not show up for DNA testing.

"We were able to identify at least one parent in each case," Crimmins said on Tuesday. He declined to say how many of the 439 children have had both parents identified.

The state's report goes on to detail \$21.55 million in expenses incurred during the operation. Of that amount, some \$12.4 million is attributable to foster care and other placement costs, while more than \$9 million was spent on caring for the children and their mothers once they were moved from Eldorado to San Angelo, three days after the raid began.

None of the legal costs are included in the \$21.55 million figure.

YFZ Ranch officials responded quickly to the state report, calling it fraudulent. A seven-page press release issued by Willie Jessop stated, "When Texas law-enforcement officials and CPS invaded

SEE YFZ ON PAGE 6

Yearly Rabies vaccine bait airdrops begin January 7th

The Texas Department of State Health Services' annual airdrop of vaccine baits, credited with turning the tide against the spread of rabies strains carried by coyotes and gray foxes, will begin next week. Some 2.9 million baits will be dropped over parts of 41 Texas counties, including Schleicher, Menard, Sutton and Irion counties.

"The purpose has been to create and maintain zones of vaccinated coyotes in South Texas and gray foxes in West-Central Texas to prevent the spread of rabies to other animals and humans and to eventually eliminate canine and gray fox rabies in Texas," said DSHS veterinarian Ernest Oertli, director of the department's Oral Rabies Vaccination Program.

"No human cases of rabies in either area have occurred since the airdrops began," he said.

Flights of five specially equipped airplanes will be from four airports. Scheduled start dates and locations are: Jan. 7, Zapata County Airport near Zapata and Kimble County Airport in Junction; Jan. 12, Pecos Municipal Airport; and, Jan. 19, Del Rio International Airport.

The number of animal cases of ca-

nine rabies in South Texas has declined from a high of 142 animal cases when the program began in 1995 to none through October 2008. Gray fox cases are down overall from an all-time high of 265 cases in 1994 to 11 reported through October 2008.

The specialized baits for coyotes are made of fish meal. The vanilla-flavored bait for gray foxes is made of dog-food and molasses. Encased in each bait are 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine. "The vaccine cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Oertli said.

Because baits contain a biological agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife if people touch them, baits should not be handled. The brown baits, measuring 1.25 by 1.25 by .75 inches, are marked with a DSHS toll-free number, 1-877-722-6725, people may call for information.

"Getting pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law is still essential to preventing the spread of rabies," Oertli said. He added that a domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait.



COURTESY PHOTO

\$10,000 Donation

First National Bank of Eldorado donated \$10,000 last week to the Schleicher County Wellness Foundation to help fund the construction of a Wellness Center in Eldorado. Ilse Williams (2nd from Right) accepted the check on behalf of the foundation from (L-R) FNB president Hyman Sauer, vice president Shirley Joiner and cashier Angela Redish.

Griffin presides over final Commissioners Court

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, December 22nd in a regularly scheduled session for the last time in 2008 and the final meeting with long-time County Judge Johnny Griffin presiding. Commissioners Lynn Meador and Johnny Mayo were in attendance, as were County Clerk Peggy Williams and Treasurer Karen Henderson. County Judge-elect Charlie Bradley and Road Superintendent Clay Burselson were also present while Commissioners Matt Brown and Kirk Griffin were absent.

Among other business, the commissioners approved the purchase of a new fax machine for Tax Assessor/Collector Jeanne Snelson's office. They authorized the payment of Judge Griffin's health insurance until August, 2009, at which time he will be eligible for Medicare. The action was taken in order to show appreciation for Griffin staying on as judge after his retirement until Charlie Bradley can be sworn in on January 2, 2009.

Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent Courtney Barbee the Home Demonstration agent then submitted a request to be reimbursed for mileage she has driven since she took the position. It was noted she has to travel great distances at her own expense. The commissioners agreed to reimburse her for half of her travels. Irion County, where she also serves as agent, could possibly pay the other half.

The commissioners then accepted a bid from Creek Swabbing and Roustabouts to build the site pad for the new Schleicher County Wellness Center. The \$10,500 bid was the only one submitted for the project.

Ilse Williams, a member of the Child Welfare Board, then reported on the need for a parenting skills program. She said that questionnaires were distributed on all three campuses at school during parent/teacher conferences. In all, more than 90 parents were questioned about the need for parenting classes. Of that

amount, more than 80 indicated they would be interested in the classes.

Ms. Williams explained that the Child Welfare Board has sufficient funds to initiate the classes and asked if the commissioners were interested in seeing the project move forward. The men voiced their interest and urged Ms. Williams to return with more information as the program is put in place.

In other business, it was noted that a report has been prepared with a detailed description for a proposed new swimming pool facility. This report will be looked over and put on the agenda for the first meeting in January.

A question arose as to how citizens are responding to possibility of upgrading the swimming pool. It was agreed that most people in the county don't mind paying increased taxes as long as there are improvements being done. All those present said they have only heard positive responses to the improvement prospect.

SEE COMMISSIONERS ON PAGE 3

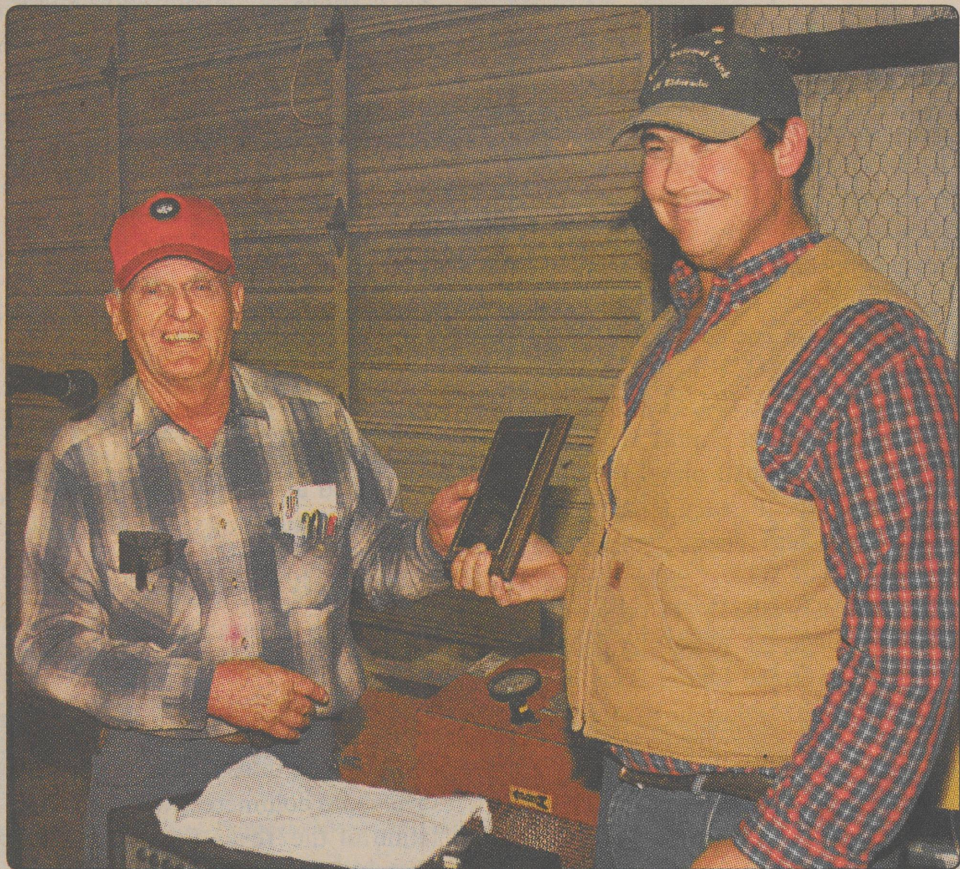


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Firefighter of the Year

Kary Gibson (R) was named Firefighter of the Year by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department. He is shown here accepting a plaque from Fire Chief Jerry Jones (L) during the Fire Department's annual Christmas dinner held December 16th.

Farewell to the War Presidency

Holding forth in the Oval Office, President George W. Bush is as upbeat and self-confident as ever, even if markedly grayer. Yet a sense of yesterday hangs about him, not just because Barack Obama is already de facto president, but because the war on terror that animated his presidency has faded in the public mind.

To talk to Bush about his presidency is to enter a time warp, a world where the 9/11 attacks loom large, where the transformation of the Middle East is an urgent priority, and where the president's energy is devoted to managing a very hot war in Iraq. The most consequential event of Bush's presidency was a terror attack, and the most consequential decision was an invasion of another country. The world will hold nasty surprises for Obama, but he clearly hopes to focus on the homeland -- and not in the sense of "homeland security." The central indices of his presidency probably won't be people liberated and terrorists killed, but jobs created and energy-efficient light bulbs installed.

The public has done worse than reject President Bush, it has -- despite all the heat still generated by his administration's controversies -- passed him by. As the Arabs say, the dogs bark, but the caravan moves on. And Bush feels it.

"Over time," Bush says, "because we were effective at protecting the homeland, the fear of an attack began to dissipate. People knew that there was an attack in London and that would raise concerns, but there wasn't this, you know, on-edge awareness anymore. And so the job of the government is in some way self-defeating toward keeping the country alert and aware."

In defending his decisions, Bush hearkens back to that bygone era. "You cannot isolate Iraq without placing it in the post-9/11 environment and what life was like," he says.

As Condi Rice recently said, "If you were in a position of authority on September 11th, then every day since has been September 12th." So it was for Bush, with the management of two wars on top of it.

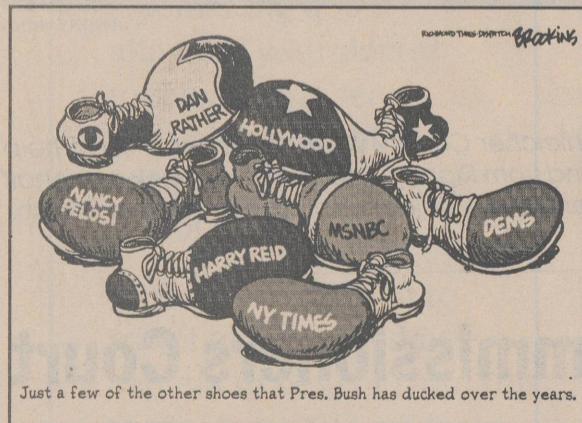
Recalling Iraq's descent toward full-scale civil war in 2006, Bush says: "This was all-consuming during this period of time."

With the surge, Bush set out to create conditions in Iraq that would make the war sustainable for his successor. He succeeded. The new Iraqi-U.S. security agreement, Bush says, "enshrines a presence and the doctrine of return on success that gives the president, the new president, some latitude."

John McCain campaigned on the success of the surge and on the same sense of urgency about the war on terror as President Bush. People didn't reject McCain's views so much as the very notion of another war presidency.

Bush has been diminished by events and his own failures, but there's a largeness to his character -- in his sincerity and courage -- that will only be appreciated long from now. He's confident "conservatives will rebound," with "new ideas" and "new blood." A first step is adjusting to a world where a war presidency seems passé.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
(c) 2009 by King Features Synd., Inc.



THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

Publisher and Editor: Randy Mankin
Office Manager and Classifieds: Kathy Mankin
Reporter and Photographer: J.L. Mankin
Circulation and Production: Kathleen Inman

The Eldorado Success is published weekly at 204 SW Main Street in Eldorado, Texas by Masked Rider Publishing, Inc. Subscriptions are \$21.83 per year in Schleicher County and \$27.41 per year elsewhere in Texas. Out of state subscriptions are \$32.73. Periodical class postage paid at Eldorado, Texas 76936. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE ELDORADO SUCCESS, P.O. Box 1115, Eldorado, Texas 76936-1115. Notices of entertainment where admission is charged, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect and all material not news, will be charged at regular advertising rates. Advertisements, Classified Ads and Cards of Thanks are payable in advance unless the customer has an established account. A finance charge of 1.5% per month will be assessed to customers with balances over 30 days old. Any erroneous reflection upon the character or reputation of any person or firm will be promptly corrected when brought to the attention of the management.

The Eldorado Success is not responsible for copy omissions, typographical errors or any other unintentional errors that may occur other than to make a correction in the next issue. The Eldorado Success reserves the right to cancel any advertisement at any time.

Letters to the Editor will be considered for publication only if they are signed and are accompanied with a day and night phone number for verification purposes. Letters may be edited for length or offensive material. Anonymous letters will not be published.

THE ELDORADO SUCCESS
© Copyright 2009 MASKED RIDER PUBLISHING, INC.
Office: (325) 853-3125 Fax: (325) 853-3378
E-Mail: success@myeldorado.net
USPS 342-470
website: www.myeldorado.net

MEMBER 2009
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Resolution Revolution

By this time every year, I have eaten myself into clothes that are two sizes larger and indulged in so many cookies and candy that I can hear my arteries hardening.

After the happy sighs, I look into the mirror. First, I'm disgusted with myself and my mirror. Then I scold myself: "Why, oh why, do you do this to yourself every year?!" And only then, do my thoughts turn to self-improvement.

Those are the Three Stages of New Year's Resolutions. This year I'm going to do something really different. Well, yes, I indulged in bad-for-you foods for a month and a half -- just like every year. And yes, I went through the Three Stages of Resolutions -- just like last year. But this year, I'm resolving to lose weight... Okay, that happens every year, too.

What's different is my methodology. Many self-improvement books will tell you to determine what your goal is, find someone who made it there, and then do what that person did. Don't try to reinvent the wheel. If someone else has done it, then simply take the same path.

So, okay, I want to have a figure like Jennifer Lopez. Unfortunately, Ms. Lopez does not post her eating habits on the internet. I can imagine, though, that she must eat things that I wouldn't find in my kitchen. Things like seeds, roots, and tree bark. Even so, if I could follow her around all day, every day, eat what she eats and do the same exercises, I could look like Jennifer Lopez. I am conveniently forgetting genet-

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



ics here and I'd appreciate it if you would as well.

Obviously, Ms. Lopez's bodyguards would have an issue with letting a lunatic like me follow her around, so the only other thing I can do is call in Ebenezer Scrooge's ghosts and let them take me where I need to go. That way I could observe, without being observed.

Well, I called their agents and The Ghosts of Past and Future were available except for two weddings and a funeral in March, but Present, the one I needed, was booked until May. You see, I'm not the only one with these hare-brained ideas. The Ghost of Christmas Present must be in high demand at this time of year.

So... That's not going to work. I began to think: Who is where I want to be, weight-wise? This person must be someone I can have access to 24/7. It must be someone that I wouldn't have to pay. My eyes lit on my ten-year old daughter. She is skinny as a rail (a skinny rail), happy as a clam (how do you know when a clam is happy?), and healthy as an ox. (Do oxen ever get sick?) We have a winner!

I observed her eating and exercising habits. By the time she was ready for her breakfast of a giant

orange and an Oreo cookie, I had been awake for three hours. After the first hour, I scarfed down a raspberry-filled donut to stop the hunger pangs. She spent the rest of the morning lying on her back on the sofa with her feet and arms straight up in the air balancing a throw-pillow on them and peering between her limbs at the TV. I lay down on the sofa, but I couldn't get my feet up that high. I fell asleep during I-Carly.

Lunch was precisely six seeds from a pomegranate that she would "save for later," ten mini carrots, and a piece of peppermint bark from a Christmas gift basket. "I'll be darned," I thought. "Skinny people really do eat seeds, roots, and bark!"

Not surprisingly, around 3 o'clock, my daughter got hungry and had a handful of pretzel chips. I finished off four pieces of peppermint bark... What? It's on the diet!

She then went outside and performed 978 revolutions with her hula hoop. I couldn't manage four in a row. I decided that hula hoops only work for people who have a waist.

I wondered what Jennifer Lopez was doing right now? I made a new New Year's Resolution: Next year I would book The Ghost of Christmas Present early.

You can reach Laura at lsnyder@lauraonlife.com Or visit her website www.lauraonlife.com for more columns and info about her books.

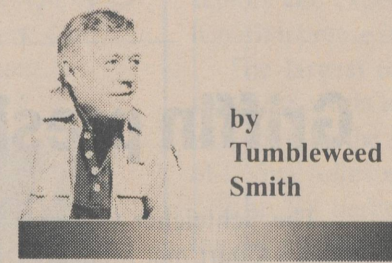


Welcoming the New Year in Style

We love New Year's Eve in our house. It means a lot. The first time I kissed my wife was on New Year's Eve in 1960. I was working at a radio station and she brought me some fudge. As midnight approached, I looked into her eyes and said, "It's not New Year's until you've been kissed" and planted one on her.

As corny as it is, we repeat that scenario every December 31st at midnight. She still makes fudge with the same recipe she used 48 years ago. We've celebrated New Year's Eve in various places around the country, including New York City. Our celebrations are not elaborate events, usually with just a few close friends or family. The last couple of years we've welcomed the new year at our son Kevin's house in Dallas. His wife Jill and my wife Susan lay out a sumptuous feast and we toast with champagne. Our two grandsons join in the festivities.

When I was in Spain during my Army years I picked up the tradition of eating a dozen grapes at midnight on December 31st. We do that. Each grape represents



by Tumbleweed Smith

a month of good luck in the new year. We also eat black-eyed peas, that great Texas tradition. I spent some time in East Texas early this year and discovered the folks there feast on black-eyed peas and cabbage; the peas for luck, the cabbage for money.

Last year, our resourceful daughter-in-law Jill managed to get two tickets to the Cotton Bowl game for Kevin and me. We got to see Missouri beat Arkansas. I did my graduate work at the University of Missouri. Before the game, I told Kevin that last time he went to a University of Missouri football game he was in a stroller.

The weather was just right for football: clear, sunny skies and chilly weather. We bundled up good. We sat on the Arkansas side where a few Missouri fans were sprinkled among the crowd. At the beginning

of the game there was a lot of pig calling. People yelled SOOOO-EEE at the top of their voices. As the game progressed, the Arkansas fans got quieter because their team was getting shellacked. Every time Missouri scored, we stood up, yelled and applauded.

Missouri fans have a crowd yell. Fans at one end of the stands will yell M-I-Z. Fans at the other end will yell Z-O-U. It is a haunting sound that would send any Arkansas football player running for the exit. It's easy to tell folks from Missouri. They call their state "MISSOURAH."

I must say the DART people did an excellent job of getting people to and from the Cotton Bowl. We boarded a DART train at Mockingbird station, got off at Pearl, climbed on a bus and went right to Fair Park. The bus driver took a route that had practically no traffic.

Kevin and I had been to Cotton Bowl games before when my alma mater Baylor played. We always had fun. I'm sorry to see the Cotton Bowl moving to Jerry Jones's stadium in Arlington. It won't be the same.

Gov. appeals FEMA decision to deny aid

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 19 appealed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to deny his request for an extension of Hurricane Ike relief.

Perry had asked for 18 more months of 100 percent reimbursement of emergency protective measures, debris removal and other relief work related to the September hurricane.

"The assistance I am requesting is similar to what Louisiana received following Hurricane Katrina and Texans deserve to be treated no less."

"The communities devastated by this storm need this funding and need it now," Perry said.

Education progress ratings are in Seventy-five percent of Texas schools and 67 percent of Texas school districts met or exceeded the 2008 federal Adequate Yearly Progress standards, the Texas Education Agency reported Dec. 19.

Those standards measure student graduation rates for high schools and districts; attendance rates for elementary schools; and passing rates and participation rates on state reading and mathematics tests for grades 3 through 8 and grade 10.

Texas may gain seats in 2010

Texas stands to pick up as many as four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, if population projections come true.

Reallocation of the 435 U.S. House seats will be based on the 2010 decennial U.S. Census. TxDOT asks for freight ideas The Texas Department of Transportation says it is looking for innovative, environmentally sensitive ways to move freight across the state.

On Dec. 19, TxDOT published a "Request for Information," a document asking for suggestions on how to develop freight transport systems that minimize environmental impacts and technologies with low carbon emissions in particular.

"Potential systems could include technology involving electromagnetic propulsion where the electricity is supplied by green technology such as wind or solar generation. Such systems could potentially operate on a rail or other fixed channel," an agency release stated.

TxDOT also asked for help with developing a business model to finance, develop and operate these systems.

AG reaches 'Airborne' settlement

The state of Texas, 31 other states, and the District of Columbia on Dec. 16 resolved their enforcement action against Airborne Health Inc. and its operators, Victoria Knight-McDowell and Thomas John McDowell.

Under the multi-state agreement, Airborne is prohibited from continuing to claim that its dietary supplements cure or prevent certain diseases. Airborne's cold prevention, sore throat and allergy remedies have not been recognized as approved drugs by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Texas Attorney General's Office stated.

Airborne marketed its products as over-the-counter remedies for illnesses. Because the FDA has not recognized Airborne's dietary supplements as drugs, the company was charged with introducing unapproved drugs into commerce, which is a violation of the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The state's enforcement action against Airborne involves a referral Attorney General Greg Abbott's office received from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

SEE CAPITAL ON PAGE 13

OBITUARIES

Janice Baker Ratliff

Janice Baker Ratliff, age 83, of San Angelo passed away Monday, December 29, 2008, at Shannon Medical Center.

Graveside service was Wednesday, December 31, in the Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado, Texas, directed by Kerbow Funeral Home. The Reverend Joe McGee, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Eldorado, officiated.

Janice was born July 12, 1925 in Eldorado, Texas. Her parents were Leslie L. and Zeila Baker. She married James Thomas (J.T.) Ratliff in Eldorado on April 28, 1945. He died on September 10, 1994.

She was a member of First Pres-

byterian Church of San Angelo, attended school in Eldorado, and Metropolitan Business College in Dallas, Texas.

She had been employed at Crane Company in Dallas, Good-fellow Field in San Angelo and First City Bank of San Angelo. She retired from First City in 1987 after 41 years of service. She worked in various departments and retired as assistant vice president.

Survivors include her sister, Danell McCormack of Eldorado; nephews, Karl McCormack of Ballinger; Kyle McCormack and wife, Medley, of Odessa; and Keith McCormack and son, Cody, of Eldorado.

Kelly Jo Blakeway

Kelly Jo Blakeway, 32 of Eldorado, TX went to be with her Lord and Savior December 27, 2008.

Kelly was born March 9, 1976 in Eldorado, TX, where she attended school and spent most of life. She never met a stranger and always considered everyone she met to be her friend. She will be remembered by her family as a very loving person.

Kelly was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Radle Odom; her grandfather, William Radle, Jr.; and grandparents, Blake and Helen Blakeway.

Kelly is survived by her son, Jimmie Don Fleming of Shalamar,

FL; grandmother, Louise Radle of Eldorado, TX; aunt and uncle, Norma and Gary Brawner of San Angelo, TX; cousins, Andrea Robledo of Bloomington, IN, Amy Robledo, Al Brown, Victoria Brown and Zachery Brown of Mertzon, TX. She is also survived by her stepfather, Sam Odom of Marble Falls and stepbrothers Shawn Odom and family of Kingsland, TX and Justin Odom of Marble Falls.

Many friends including very special friends Chris & Michael Jenkins and Raymond Trimble, Jr. Services were at the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Louise Newlin Logan



Louise Newlin Logan departed this life on December 25, 2008 in the Schleicher County Medical Center in Eldorado, Texas at the age of 94 year, 9 months and 7 days after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born in Field Creek in Llano County, Texas on March 17, 1914 and was the fourth of eight children born to Ellis E. Newlin and Eula Marsh Newlin.

Louise moved with her family to Schleicher County, Texas at the age of ten years, attended Eldorado Schools and made Schleicher County her home for the remainder of her life. She was an active member of the Church of Christ for 80 years and loved her church family. She also loved to cook, play games and spend time with her family and friends.

On July 17, 1932 she married Fred James Logan Sr. in a marriage that lasted for 72 years until his death on December 18, 2004. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Fred James Logan Jr.; a son-in law, Rony Kerr; four sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by one brother,

Willard W. Newlin of Arkansas; a sister-in-law Minnie Skinner of San Angelo; two daughters, Yvonne Kerr and Charleen Sudduth and husband Myrl and a daughter-in-law, Wilma Logan all of Eldorado. She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Teresa Poynor, Kelly Kerr, Lori Jones and husband Ricky all of Eldorado, Benny Logan and wife Peggy of Ozona, Margie Logan of New Braunfels, Ronda Kerr of Houston, Amy Patterson and husband Kent of Allen, and Glyn Sudduth and wife Delila of San Angelo. 15 great-grandchildren, Clay Butler and wife Joy, Casey Poynor, Megan Poynor, Brandon Logan and wife Stephanie, Jayce Logan, Murray Logan, Bailey Ann Logan, Kelsey Kerr, Whitney Lloyd and husband Cory, Logan Jones, Riley Jones, Tori Thorne, Lexi Thorne, Madison Sudduth and Mason Sudduth. Step great-grandchildren; Israel Joiner, Jeremy Joiner and wife Ivy, Kasea Joiner, Jenna Hemiter and husband Wes, and Albert Robles. Great-great grandchildren; Tavan Espinosa, Paris Espinosa, Wyatt Lloyd and Mayci Paige Lloyd. Step great-great grandchildren; Kaleb Cobb, Ketcher Joiner, Kash Joiner, Isabella Hemiter and Josephine Hemiter.

Paul bearers were Benny Logan, Kelly Kerr, Glyn Sudduth, Clay Butler, Casey Poynor and Brandon Logan.

Services were Monday, December 29, 2008 at the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ with Clyde Dukes officiating. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Donations may be made to a favorite charity.



Tate and Kamryn Williams, grandchildren of Ilse Williams (R) were joined by Richard Mendez (L) as they drew the name of Gary Shipman, the winner of the Playhouse Drawing sponsored by the Schleicher County Wellness Foundation. Williams and Mendez serve on the foundation's board of directors.

Commissioner's Court...

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

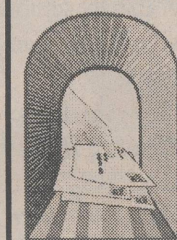
Before adjourning, it was decided to obtain another copier for the second floor of the courthouse. The men also decided to explore the possibility of installing gas heat in the rodeo concession stand restrooms in order to keep the

plumbing from freezing during the winter.

Judge Griffin also explained that he had made the decision to change electric providers and lock in a low rate with WTU.

Following the meeting, the county officials and employees enjoyed their annual Christmas party.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Know who you're dealing with

Dear Editor:

It is hard for me to believe after all the people of Eldorado know about the FLDS that some are having members from the YFZ ranch for construction jobs. Are they not aware that the money they are paying the fundamentalists goes to perpetuate their lifestyle?

Please give some thought to whom you are hiring. Saving dollars is not a good enough reason to support this group.

Mary B. Robinson

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY January 5th, 2009

Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk

TUESDAY January 6th

Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/Pears, Milk

WEDNESDAY January 7th

Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

THURSDAY January 8th

Meatloaf w/Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

FRIDAY January 9th

Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

You Looked! So Will Your Customers!



It pays to advertise in THE SUCCESS

West Texas
FEED AND MERCANTILE, LLC
10 E. Gillis St. 325-853-2730
ELDORADO, TEXAS
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30-5:30 ~ Sat. 7:30-2:30

Check Out Our Winter Jackets & Coveralls

10LB \$100 Bag
20LB \$200 Bag
ICE

KATDADDY'S BAR-B-QUE
325-853-2832 ~ 601 SW Main

GREAT BBQ
Sausage, Brisket
Hot Dogs
Chili Cheese Dogs
Chicken Strips
Steak Fingers
Homemade Fries
and much more!

Mon-Fri. 11AM-7PM
SATURDAY 10AM-5PM ~ CLOSED SUNDAYS

ELDORADO ONLINE ALL THE TIME

Happy Sweet "16" Abigail

We Love You
From all of the family!

Out With The Old...

Happy New Year!

...In With The New!

Whether you view the new year as a beginning or an end, what really counts is finding the time to spend with people you care about, doing the things that matter most, and for us that means letting you know just how much we appreciate your business!

Happy New Year and many thanks.

Remember to stop by and pick up your complimentary 2009 calendar!

It's a New Year's Tradition From FNB Eldorado!

GROWING STRONG TOGETHER

Main 853-2561 • TeleBank 853-2567
www.fnbelldorado.com
Member FDIC

D L Automotive

We're Backing The Mighty Eldorado Eagles!



We're Backing The Eldorado Lady Eagles!

109 W. U.S. Hwy. 190
Eldorado, Texas 76936

853-2629

Proudly Supporting The Eagles!!!

John E. Meador Construction

General Oil Field Construction

Complete Roustabout Service • Fully Insured
• Pumping Service • Radio Equipped
• Backhoe • Welding • 24-Hour Service
• Sandblasting & Painting
• Polyethylene or Steel

Phone: (325) 853-3135

NOV NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO

General Oilfield Supplies Pump Repairs



GO EAGLES!

216 South Divide Eldorado, TX 76936 Ph: (325) 853-4060 Fax: (325) 853-1411

NOS Niblett's Oilfield Services, Inc.

PUMP TRUCKS, TRANSPORT SERVICES, VACUUM TRUCKS, ACID TANKS, FRAC TANKS, EQUIPMENT HAULING

Hwy. 277 S. P.O. Box 910 Eldorado, Texas 76936

(325) 853-2521

B. J.'s Garage & Wrecker Service

Proud Supporter of the Eagles and Lady Eagles!

853-4080

216 S. Main Eldorado, Texas 76936

We're Behind You All The Way, Eagles!

Crowder Services, Inc.

306 S US Hwy 277 • Eldorado, Texas 76936

(325) 853-2852

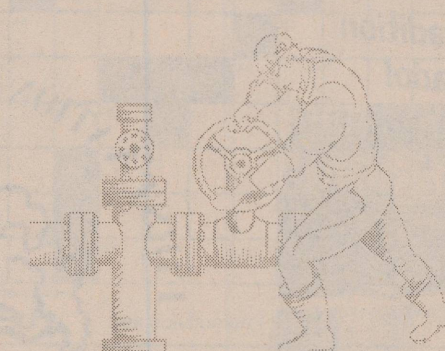
A Petroleum Industry Construction Company
In Field Valve Lubrication Service

CREEK

SWABBING AND ROUSTABOUT SERVICE

912 S. HWY. 277 • SONORA, TX 76950

325-387-5938



- Swab Units • Roustabout Service •
- General Dirt Construction •
- Steam Cleaning • Anchor Setting •



Dustin Gauna, Senior 1st Team Tight End 1st Team Defensive End
Tim Maskill, Senior 1st Team O-Line Hon. Men. D-Line Academic All-District
Wes Brown, Junior 1st Team Running Back Academic All-District
Garrett Lux, Junior 1st Team D-Back Academic All-District
Ryan Castillo, Junior 1st Team Linebacker Academic All-District
Miles Mikeska, Soph. 1st Team Linebacker Academic All-District



Kaleb Murr, Senior 2nd Team O-Line Academic All-District
Johnny Mejia, Senior 2nd Team D-Back
Gabriel Gomez, Senior 2nd Team D-Line
Ivany Sanchez, Junior 2nd Team R-Back Academic All-District
Ben Wipff, Sophomore 2nd Team Center Academic All-District



Rance Cathey, Senior Hon. Men. Quarterback Academic All-District
Paul Martinez, Senior Hon. Men. Wide Receiver Hon. Men. Defensive back
Josh Jurecek, Sophomore Academic All-District
Hugo Rios, Junior Academic All-District

Eagles place 13 on 29A All-District Squad

With the elimination of the Junction Eagles from the State 1A playoffs last week, the All-District Team for District 29A has been released. The Eldorado Eagles placed 15 players on the team overall and claimed 27 total slots.

Individual honors were as follows:

- Dustin Gauna, 5'10" 220 lb. senior - 1st District Tight End and 1st Team Defensive End.
- Tim Maskill, 6'1" 260 lb. senior - 1st District Offensive Line, Honorable Mention Defensive Line and Academic All-District.
- Wes Brown, 5'9" 160 lb. junior - 1st Team Running Back and Academic All-District.
- Garrett Lux, 5'10" 165 lb. junior - 1st Team Defensive Back and Academic All-District.

- Ryan Castillo, 5'10" 165 lb. junior - 1st Team Linebacker and Academic All-District.
- Miles Mikeska, 5'11" 175 lb. sophomore - 1st Team Linebacker and Academic All-District.
- Kaleb Murr, 5'9" 235 lb. senior - 2nd Team Offensive Line, and Academic All-District.

- Johnny Mejia, 5'9" 161 lb. senior - 2nd Team Defensive Back.
- Gabriel Gomez, 5'9" 225 lb. senior - 2nd Team Defensive Line.
- Ivany Sanchez, 5'7" 185 lb. junior - 2nd Team Running Back and Academic All-District.
- Ben Wipff, 6'0" 245 lb. sophomore - 2nd Team Center and Academic All-District.

- Rance Cathey, 6'0" 152 lb. senior - Honorable Mention Quarterback and Academic All-District.
- Paul Martinez, 5'11" 142 lb. senior - Honorable Mention Wide Receiver and Honorable Mention

Defensive Back.

- Josh Jurecek, 5'11" 190 lb. sophomore - Academic All-District.

- Hugo Rios, 5'9" 220 lb. junior - Academic All-District.

Dustin Stapp of Junction and Ryan Taylor of Rocksprings were named Co-MVPs of the District.

Meanwhile, Running Back John Zamora of Menard was named Offensive Player of the Year while Linebacker Zach Nash of Mason was named the Defen-

sive player of the year.

Jordan Keeton, a freshman Offensive Tackle and Defensive End from Junction and Justin Brock, a junior Running Back and Safety from Rocksprings, were named Co-Newcomers of the Year.

Coach Ronnie Casey of Menard was named Coach of the Year.

All District squads are determined by a vote of the coaches within the district. Coaches may not, however, vote for their own players.

ELDORADO SUCCESS PRINTING

LETTERHEAD, ENVELOPES, BUSINESS CARDS, SINGLE SHEET, MULTI-PART

853-3125

SCISD School Lunch Menu

- BREAKFAST MENU**
- Monday January 5, 2009**
Blueberry Muffin, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Tuesday January 6th**
French Toast/Syrup, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Wednesday January 7th**
Hot Pocket Breakfast Sandwich, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday January 8th**
Pancake on a Stix/Syrup, Applesauce cups, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday January 9th**
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

- CAFETERIA LINE**
- Monday January 5, 2009**
Fish Strips/ Tartar Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Pineapple Tidbits
- Tuesday January 6th**
Chicken Spaghetti/Hot Rolls
Tossed Green Salad, Early June Peas, Sliced Peaches
- Wednesday January 7th**
Super Nachos/Cheese Sauce, Carrot Stix / Dip, Peppers
Pear Halves
- Thursday January 8th**
Chalupas/ Cheese Cup, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Friday January 9th**
Hamburger / Chips, Burger Salad, Pickles, Apple/ Oranges

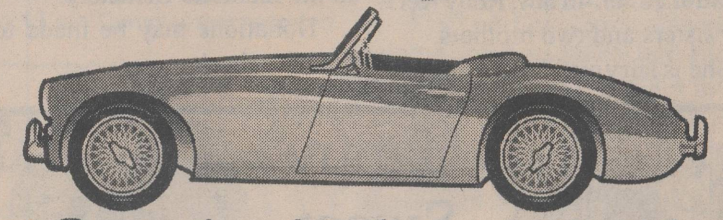
- BASKET LINE**
- Monday January 5, 2009**
Steak Burgers/Baked Chips, Burger Salad, Carrot Stix / Dip, Pineapple Tidbits
- Tuesday January 6th**
Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fresh Broccoli/ Dip, Sliced Peaches
- Wednesday January 7th**
Chef Salad / Dressing, Diced Ham/ Cheese Cup, Crackers (8), Pear Halves
- Thursday January 8th**
Egg Rolls/ Soy Sauce, Veggie Steamed Rice, Crunchy Cole Slaw, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Friday January 9th**
Hamburgers/Chips, Burger Salad, Pickles, Apples/Oranges,

ALL MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Dustin Ramos put this shot up over a Kermit defender as the Eagles took on the Kermit Yellowjackets Tuesday night in the finals of the Eldorado Tournament. The 'Jackets prevailed in the contest 71-43 and the Eldorado boys finished second in the tourney. Meanwhile the Lady Eagles placed fourth in the tourney

YOU'VE GOT IT.



Somebody else wants it!

Got something special you no longer use?
Sell it in the Classifieds.
It may just be the perfect item to fill somebody else's need.

THE ELDORADO SUCCESS
325-853-3125



Students who participated in the Elementary UIL events pictured are: Star Foley, Canyon Faull, Mikah Boone, Anthony Olivares, Austin Albin, Madison Arispe, Victor Castro, Chase Mertz, Davis Hutto, Noah Sorrells, Jess Gonzales, Branda Minor, Emily Nixon, Jordan Stanford, Payton Whitten, Faith Katsch, Amalio Villanueva, Logan Wong, Michelle Martinez, Sydney Covarrubios, Elizabeth Griffin, Trent Collins, Will Mynatt, Kade Creek, Alex Alvarez. UIL coaches are: Mrs. Melissa Emmons, Mrs. Lisa O'Harrow, Mrs. Katy Meador, Mrs. Darlene Edmiston, and Mrs. Nell Edmiston.

COURTESY PHOTO

Elementary students compete in District UIL

by Maria Hendryx

Students competed in academic UIL competition last week and walked away with several medals and ribbons. Congratulations to all students who participated and to the teachers who coached and encouraged them.

The results are as follows: 4th grade spelling: Star Foley, 1st place; Mikah Boone, 4th place; 4th grade team spelling of Star Foley, Canyon Faull, Mikah

Boone, 2nd place. 2nd grade storytelling: Trent Collins, 6th place. 4th grade Number Sense: Team of Victor Castro, Chase Mertz, Davis Hutto, Noah Sorrells - 3rd place. 4th grade Art Smart: Jess Gonzales, 4th place. Team Art Smart of Jess Gonzales, Branda Minor, Emily Nixon, Jordan Stanford, - 2nd place. 4th grade Ready Writing: Jess Gonzales, 4th place. 2nd grade Creative Writing: Payton Whitten, 1st place.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eldorado Middle School UIL Academic Results

The Eldorado Middle School participated in 2008-2009 District Academic UIL before the Christmas break. Schools competing were Christoval, Forsan, Iraan, Irion County, McCamey, Stanton, and Wink.

Eldorado brought home three individual and team gold medals, two in Dictionary Skills and one in Social Studies. Also, there were 10 individual silver medals awarded and 5 bronze medals.

The medals and ribbons were handed out in an assembly held Friday, December 19, 2008 in the High School Gym.

Dictionary Skills - 5th Grade individual winners: 1st place - Jamie Chancellor; 2nd place - Grant Emmons, and 6th place - Garret Emmons. 1st place team - Jamie Chancellor, Grant Emmons, & Garret Emmons; 6th Grade individual winner: 1st place - Bre Crofoot; 2nd place team - Bre Crofoot, Whitney Perez, & Jessica Gonzalez. Sponsor teacher Bridget Chancellor.

Editorial Writing - 8th Grade individual winner: 5th place - Mary Lou Martinez.

Ready Writing - 5th Grade individual winners: 2nd place - Danielle Clark and 5th place - Garret Emmons; 6th Grade individual winner: 2nd Place - Stormi Rinehart; 7th Grade individual winner: 3rd place - Addye Chatham. Sponsor teacher Kay Creek.

Listening Skills - 8th Grade individual winner: 4th place - Edward Hernandez. Sponsor teacher Christy Meador.

Maps, Graphs, & Chart - 5th Grade individual winner: 4th place - Grant Emmons. Sponsors teachers Jesse Rubio & Jhett Norman.

Mathematics - 6th Grade individual winner: 4th place - Esme Ruezga, 3rd place team: Esme Ruezga, Jacob Mettlen, & Whitney Perez; 7th Grade individual win-

ners: 2nd place - Abriana Islas and 5th place - Michael Bilbrey; 2nd place team - Abriana Islas, Michael Bilbrey, & Robert Martinez. 8th Grade individual winner: 2nd place - Jessica Pasillas. 2nd place team - Jessica Pasillas, Lori Escobar, & Domingo Torres. Sponsor teacher Debby Griffin.

Music Memory - 5th Grade individual winner: 6th place - Kaitlyn Lindsey. Sponsor teacher Traci Teaff.

Number Sense - 5th Grade individual winners: 4th place - Garret Emmons and 6th place - Bryce Carman; 2nd place team - Garret Emmons, Bryce Carman, & Danielle Clark; 6th Grade individual winner: 2nd place - Esme Ruezga; 2nd place team: Esme Ruezga, Tres Whitten, & Cody McCormack; 8th Grade individual winner: 2nd place - Mary Lou Martinez; 3rd place team winners: Mary Lou Martinez, Ryan Espinosa, & Lane Griffin. Sponsor teacher Gail Stevens.

Social Studies - 5th Grade individual winners: 2nd place -

Jake Swindall, 3rd place - Rafael Ruezga, 5th place - Jaime Chancellor; 1st place team: Jake Swindall, Rafael Ruezga, & Jaime Chancellor; 6th Grade individual winner: 3rd place - Arden Mertz; 2nd place team: Arden Mertz, Alexis Garcia, & Dalton Buchholz; 8th Grade individual winner: 6th place - Hector Reyes; 3rd place team - Reyes, Lane Griffin, & Eric Estrada. Sponsor Dawn Whitten.

Spelling - 5th Grade individual winner: 3rd place - Danielle Clark; 2nd place team: Danielle Clark, Strait Pridemore, & Jose Luis Olivares. Sponsor teacher Lavonne Espinosa.

Impromptu Speaking - 8th Grade individual winners: 2nd place - Austin Stapp, 5th place - Brian Shriver, 6th place - Ryan Espinosa. Sponsor teacher Jim Wyatt.

Modern Oratory - 7th Grade individual winner: 3rd place - Addye Chatham; 8th Grade individual winner: 2nd place - Jessica Pasillas. Sponsor teacher Katrina Gonzales.

BIRTHDAY LIST

JANUARY

- 1st John Mack Redish, Rosalio Rocha, Donnie Overstreet, Dexter Jay, Emily Newman, Tico Robles
2nd Nadia L. Santellano, Savannah Reynolds
3rd Hyman Sauer, Sonia Martinez, Rebecca Martinez, Jon-Michael Parker, Sasha Rodriguez
4th Amber Hamilton, Dena Manning
5th Zack Koenig, M'Kenna Gillespie, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar, Trey Chavez
6th Stacy Nicholson, Marcus Murr, Joyce Higdon, Andree Garza
7th Ray David Buitron Sr., Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Steve Parker, Steven Farrell
8th Delia Herrera, Candi Homer, Thelma Bosmans, Gene C. Rojas, Dan McWhorter, Anna Troy

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

- 3rd Richard & Lewanna Hartgrove

You're a part of our family...we'll be there for you!



THE GERMANIA COMPANIES

SAUER AGENCY
5 W GILLIS, ELDORADO, TX
915-853-3068
TOLL FREE-1-800-657-9225

Shell Star Stop

303 N. Divide-853-3474
Store hours 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM — EVERYDAY!

January Deli Special



Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich + Tater Tots
3.99 Each + Tax

Deli Hours 5 am to 10 pm



Budweiser, Coors & Miller
20 Pk Bottles for \$ 17.99



\$7.00 + TAX
WEDNESDAY
SPECIAL
1 TOP-LARGE PIZZA



Piping Hot Pizzas Freshly Made!

853-2504

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

Through both good times, and not-so good times, we always know that we can count on the friendship of customers like you, and this gives us much to celebrate at this time of year.

To all of you from all of us, go our best wishes for a year filled with hope, peace, happiness and success!

Rosa's Casita Restaurant

Open New Year's Day
Regular Hours!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

Have you missed out on the flu or pneumonia vaccine?

Don't delay!
Come by the business office and we will be glad to help you get that checked off your list for the winter season.

Flu Shot \$15
Pneumonia Vaccine \$35

CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY

Schleicher County Medical Center & Family Clinic

Monday - Friday 8a-12n/ 1p-5p

400 West Murchison ~ Eldorado, Texas 76936
Hospital 325.853.2507 ~ Family Clinic 325.853.3137



Thank You THANK YOU Thank You THANK YOU

Eric Christopher Solis
December 29, 2008 is my birthday. I am 1 year old and would like to give thanks to everyone who helped me and my family when I was born two weeks early and had lung and heart problems. I want to thank every single teacher and coach in elementary, middle school and high school for your support. And special thank you to Mrs. Solia Rojas and her family for every thing they did.
From Eric and Family Solis.

Thank You Thank You Thank You THANK YOU THANK YOU

Texas Forest Service distributes \$5.7 million to local fire departments

COLLEGE STATION, Texas—Texas Forest Service is delivering a little holiday cheer to more than 900 Texas fire departments. Through a legislative grant, TFS is distributing \$5.7 million to departments that helped fight wildfires during the 2005-06 wildfire season. The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department will receive \$559 as its part of the disbursement.

House Bill 15 of the 80th Texas Legislature provided funds to help pay for the cost of fighting wildfires statewide between Dec. 1, 2005, and Sept. 18, 2006. A portion of these funds were designated to help local fire departments recover some of the expenses incurred during that time period.

"We were in total surprise when we received the check," John Robinson, assistant fire chief for the Retreat Volunteer Fire Department, said. "This money will definitely help us purchase things

we need. We are hoping some of it will go towards a down payment on a new tanker."

Texas Forest Service's role in this reimbursement process is to verify fire reports and to distribute the payments to the fire departments. Expenses eligible for reimbursement were reported and determined through the Texas Forest Service Fire Reporting System.

House Bill 15 provided for the recovery of fire department expenses that were not already covered by FEMA or TFS emergency grants. Some local fire departments received reimbursements from FEMA for the period of time that Texas was under a Presidential Emergency Declaration. In addition, fire departments that submitted eligible requests for grants during the fire season received TFS Rural VFD Assistance Program emergency grants.

Delbert Robertson, fire chief for the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, said his department was very glad to get the reimbursement money.

"We had no idea this money was coming," Robertson said. "We are going to use it to get a new pumper tanker to use on rural fires."

Prophet's lawyers

Michael L. Picarella and Richard Wright, attorneys representing FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs, were in Eldorado on Thursday, December 18, 2008 when they interviewed Sheriff David Doran and reserve deputy John Conner. The lawyers are trying to prove that the YFZ Ranch raid was unlawful so they can prohibit evidence seized during the raid from being introduced against their client during his upcoming trial in Arizona. Texas Ranger Lieutenant Brooks Long was also interviewed. The lawmen were joined in the interview by lawyers from the Assistant Attorney General Eric Nichols and Arizona Assistant Attorney General Timothy Linnins.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

State issues report on YFZ custody cases

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the YFZ Ranch on April 3, 2008, their actions were totally unjustified. They had no credible evidence of abuse, only a hoax telephone call from a woman currently undergoing psychiatric treatment. They never entered the Ranch to find

the supposed 'victim' but rather to go on a fishing expedition for evidence of abuse, neglect, or supposed criminal activity."

Jessop continued by alleging that a law enforcement officer fired several rounds from his gun during the raid "in an apparent at-

tempt to provoke a confrontation. With snipers positioned on the limestone rocks above the sacred site, this action easily could have triggered a bloody assassination."

For his part, Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, who participated in the six-day long raid, disputed Jessop's claim of gun shots. "I never saw or heard any gunfire," Doran said. "Come to think of it, I don't remember seeing Willie Jessop there, either. I don't think he showed up until later."

Jessop's statement continued by saying, "A formerly self-sustaining community has been reduced to poverty. They now must pay \$544,100.77 in property taxes, but their resources have been wasted and their source of livelihood cut off."

Jessop was correct about the amount of property tax owed by the YFZ Ranch. The amount is scheduled to have increased by an additional \$5,441 on January 1st.

Capital Highlights...

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Agency releases YFZ report
The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services on Dec. 22 released a report on its ongoing investigation of the polygamous YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

The findings are summarized as:
"12 girls are confirmed victims of sexual abuse and neglect because they were married at ages ranging from 12 to 15. There were 43 girls removed from the

ranch from the ages of 12 to 17 - which means that more than one out of every four pubescent girls on the ranch was in an underage marriage."

"262 other children were subjected to neglect because parents failed to remove their child from a situation in which the child would be exposed to sexual abuse committed against another child within their families or households."

The complete 20-page report can be found at www.dfps.state.tx.us.

was swerving on the road and didn't know if driver was falling asleep or intoxicated. Officer responded.

December 18 • 2:41 am Caller reported that he hit a deer and was going to drive his vehicle into town. Officer Chatham notified.

4:52 am Caller reported dogs barking and asked to speak with the Sheriff.

8:37 am Caller stated that he had caught a dog in a trap. City notified.

10:27 am Complainant requested to speak to an officer about damages to a 2007 GMC 3500 4 x 4 pickup.

3:57 pm Hospital Administrator asked to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

5:34 pm 911 calls came in and attempts to establish contact were unsuccessful.

6:57 pm Caller requested a welfare check at his home. Officer responded. All was well.

10:54 pm Complainant reported loud music near their residence. Officer responded.

December 19 • 8:01 am Caller reported severe damage done to front gate at ranch. Officers responded.

8:32 am Caller reported a brown Corin weighing 15 lbs. with brown collar missing.

9:49 am Caller reported very fluffy dog about 56 lbs. with black tip on tail.

3:37 pm Caller reported receiving harassing phone calls from local resident.

December 20 • 2:37 am Caller requested an officer due to family violence. Officer responded.

7:04 am Caller reported having a blowout on 277 South. Officer responded.

8:36 pm Tom Green County reported dark four door vehicle driving reckless. Officer responded.

9:34 pm Caller advised a vehicle

a mean dog that had chased them. Animal Control notified.

December 21 • 9:18 am Caller reported an abandoned vehicle, truck looked like it hit guard rail. Officer responded.

10:06 am Caller advised SO he left his vehicle 10 miles North. He stated he swerved to hit a deer and struck guard rail.

5:22 pm Caller reported what appeared to be a sick opossum near their house. Animal control contacted.

8:45 pm Caller reported guard-rail damage at dry draw. Officer notified.

December 22 • 9:27 am Alarm went off at High School. Officer responded.

11:32 pm Caller reported that husband was at residence and was not allowed to be on property. Deputy dispatched.

December 23 • 7:24 pm Deputy passed on to City, a 30 mph speed limit sign is needed at Cottonwood and Paseo De Vaca.

December 24 • 4:51 pm Caller needed number for Llano Sheriff Dept.

December 25 • 3:40 pm Caller stated that a vehicle had backed into his vehicle.

December 26 • 8:57 pm Caller reported they were going spotlighting on their property.

11:08 am Complainant reported poachers shooting multiple shots toward their fence line. Took off in pursuit. Officer headed to intercept. Sonora game warden informed of the chase and will head to join.

10:15 pm Caller accidentally hit the 911 button on phone.

10:57 pm Complainant was still in pursuit of poacher on FM 2084.

10:58 pm San Angelo SO reported more information on poacher on FM 2084.

11:21 pm Complainant reported that the poachers had turned into a private ranch road. He got a good description of the vehicle and a partial license plate number.

December 27 • 4:41 am Burglar alarm went off at residence. Officer Notified.

11:05 am Trooper was needing to confirm a subject that had been involved in a fatality accident 10-12 miles south of Sweetwater, TX. Officers notified.

December 29 • 10:00 am Walk in requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

Steve M. Sessom, D.D.S.
General Dentistry

Hwy. 277 N. 304 Ave. D
Eldorado, TX Ozona, TX 76943
(325) 853-2534 (325) 392-2575

STANFORD PLUMBING LLC Eldorado's Service & Repair Plumber
Your LOCAL Licensed Plumber

325-853-2500

Finding A Great Plumber Doesn't Have To Be A Draining Experience!

- Drain Cleaning
- Fixture Repair & Replacement
- Emergency Repairs
- Water Heaters
- Water, Sewer and Gas Repiping
- Fully Stocked Truck
- Master Plumber M-38127

Glyn Hutto Livestock

All Classes of Sheep & Goats
Bought-Sold

5 Miles West of Eldorado on CR 412

Certified Scales
853-2717 or (325) 277-8622

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

LOOK!

13109.....
JOHN Q. PUBLIC
BOX 12345
ELDORADO, TEXAS 76936-2345

The Success prints renewal dates on all mailing labels. Our readers can help us hold down the cost of subscriptions by mailing in renewals in the appropriate month. Thank you! In County \$21.83; Out of County \$27.41 Out of State \$32.73. PO Box 1115, Eldorado, TX 76936.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

You Can Call Me At

C	H	E	A	T	M	E	T	S	S	A	P	S								
P	A	B	L	O	U	R	A	L	A	L	O	E								
A	L	B	E	R	T	G	O	R	E	B	A	R	E							
					R	U	G	S	W	A	R	N	E	D						
C	R	A	V	E	N	S	M	E	S	S										
H	E	L	E	N	E	P	A	R	I	S	H									
U	N	F	I	T	P	A	V	E	D	E	N	G								
T	E	R	N	H	E	R	O	D	S	P	A	R	E							
E	W	E	T	O	E	I	N	S	C	A	R	E								
M	A	N	O	R							S	T	A	N	D	O	N			
A	M	O	U	N	T						O	M	A	R						
R	U	B	S								A	L	V	I	N	A	I	L	E	Y
I	S	E	E								C	O	I	L	B	R	A	V	E	
E	E	L	S								H	Y	D	E	S	A	X	E	S	

Business Cards and Self-Inking Stamps on sale now at

THE SUCCESS

204 SW Main Street
853-3125

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. Accidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Deal from the bottom, e.g.
6. "Miracle" team of 1969
10. Gullible sorts
14. Painter Picasso
15. River to the Caspian Sea
16. Natural soother
17. "An Inconvenient Truth" presenter
19. In the buff
20. Toupees, slangily
21. Gave a heads-up to
23. Cowardly sorts
27. Tough to resolve
28. Curtis of hair care
29. County, in Louisiana
32. Ill-suited
33. Unlike a dirt road
34. Chang's twin
37. Fork-tailed flier
38. King in "The Passion of the Christ"
39. Practice with a pug
40. Merino mother
41. Front-end alignment concern
42. Hiccups cure, supposedly
43. Needs a bib
45. In short supply
46. Lord's realm
48. Use for support
49. Sum total
51. Sharif of film

DOWN

1. Tax pro
2. Shakespearean prince
3. Flow back
4. Hoppy brew
5. Driving rain
6. TV chimp J. Fred
7. Lustful god
8. La Brea stuff
9. Did in
10. Buffalo skaters
11. First American in space
12. Tiny openings
13. Run-down
18. Correct the pitch of
22. At the center of
23. Water park feature
24. Extend, in a way
25. Inventor of dynamite
26. Mineral deposit
29. Left Bank locale
30. Stratford's river
31. Part of "Roy G. Biv"
33. Do a KP chore
35. Pusher's pursuer
36. Eco-conscious
38. Sob syllable
39. Check the price of
41. Unable to decide
42. Brilliantly colored beetles
44. Shakes awake
45. Kid on "South Park"
46. Mme. Tussaud
47. Elicit chuckles from
48. Mona Lisa feature
50. RPM gauge
51. "Ars Amatoria" poet
54. Moviedom's Myrna
55. Nest egg letters
56. Far from strict
57. Time to revel, perhaps
58. "You betcha!"

You Can Call Me At

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14					15				16				
17						18					19		
23	24	25	26								27		
28							29	30	31				
32						33					34	35	36
37													
40													
46	47												
49													
52													
59													
62													

American Profile Homestead Content 081207 © Macmillan's Barco, Inc.

This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

Kerbow Funeral Home

Established in 1943 ~ Family owned and operated
Monuments • Pre-Need Burial Insurance
(325) 853-3043 (325) 387-2266

Texas 2x2

Display Advertising Network

Reach more than a half million Texas consumers with affordable 2x2 advertisements.

Call: THE ELDORADO SUCCESS for details

853-3125

WEST TEXAS CLASSIFIED AD NETWORK™

CLASSIFIED ADS

- ✦ ELDORADO
- ✦ SONORA
- ✦ OZONA
- ✦ BIG LAKE

Place your non-commercial classified ad in the Eldorado Success, Devil's River News, Ozona Stockman and the Big Lake Wildcat for one low, low price. Call today for details!

853-3125

Card of Thanks

Chris, Jackie and Sienna would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who sent flowers, gifts, and for all the prayers after our accident.

Words cannot express all of the love and generosity we received during Jackie's hospital stay.

Thank you one and all. We are very grateful!



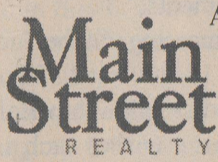
Shell

ATTENTION
FARMERS, RANCHERS, &
COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS

Want to receive great service concerning your daily fuel and lubricant needs, then call Daniel Hartin or Doug Phillips with Regal Oil, Inc. in San Angelo at 325/658-7521. They are ready to visit with you about your Wholesale Gasoline, Diesel Fuel & Petroleum Product needs.

...DON'T GET THE FLU...
...DON'T SPREAD THE FLU...
...GET VACCINATED...

Texas Department of Public Safety is offering FLU Shots on January 28, 2009 at the Resource Center: 105 West Calendar. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested however if you can not pay services will not be denied.



Anita Hudson, Broker ~ Stacy Turney, Broker
215 E. Main St.
Sonora, TX, 76950,
Ph. 325-387-6115
Fax 325-387-2402
www.SonoraTexasRealEstate.com

Schleicher County Acreage For Sale

- 80.383 Acres w/home - \$130,000
- 88.036 Acres - \$125,000
- 83.875 Acres - \$115,000

• 88.036 Acres - SOLD
4 tracts of land ideally located approx. 4 miles west of Eldorado on US Hwy. 190. New survey provided.

Eldorado Spotlight

NOW OFFERING
AUTO LIABILITY
STARTING FROM
\$29.00 A MONTH

*THINK MITTEL INSURANCE AGENCY
FOR YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS*

COMMERCIAL AUTO, PROPERTY,
GENERAL LIABILITY & WORKERS' COMP

We are an independent insurance agency offering coverages through various companies to find you the best possible rates.

HOME TOWN INSURANCE

Personal, Auto, Home, Umbrella, Mobile Home,
Motorcycle, Boat, Personal Watercraft, Travel Trailer & Motor Homes.
"Representing Over 10 Competitive Companies"
Commercial, Auto, Property, General Liability & Umbrella

Mittel Insurance

853-2576 ~ 119 Main St. Eldorado
Call or come by our office for your comparison quote.

EMPLOYMENT

NOW HIRING in **DOLLAR GENERAL**
Eldorado, San Angelo & Sonora, TX!

STORE MANAGERS

1 year management experience in a retail environment preferred.

STORE MANAGERS in TRAINING

1 year retail management experience preferred. Position begins at competitive hourly wage and with the opportunity to become Store Manager.

ASST. MANAGERS

6 months supervisory experience preferred.

LEAD ASSOCIATES ASSOCIATES

This is retail! Dollar General Corporation is one of the fastest growing retail companies with more than 8,000 stores in 35 states.

— Jumpstart your retail career today —

Apply in person: Dollar General
401 S. Divide Street • Eldorado, TX 76936

www.dollargeneral.com

Supports a Drug Free Workplace • Equal Opportunity Employer

EMPLOYMENT

Schleicher County Medical Center Nursing Home is looking for **Certified Nurse Aide** to work a Full time position. For details Call Anita Jones, D.O.N. 325-853-2507 Ext. 138. 48tfn

MANAGER TRAINEES NEEDED. \$1900. per month for full time. \$750. per month for part time. Call for information: 325-653-8383 51-3b

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS WANTED

Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operating pump trucks & winch truck

- Competitive salary
- Major medical & life insurance
- Simple IRA retirement program
- Days off schedule
- Paid Vacation & holidays
- Monthly performance
- Safety bonuses

Please apply in person Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc. Hwy. 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.

FULL AND PART-TIME HELP
MR. D'S LIQUOR & BEER
216 HWY. 277 NORTH
Sonora, TX 325-387-3351
Apply In Person
tfn 24b

Full Time Floor/ER RN

7p-7a shift
New wage scale
36-40 hours a week, shift differential
ACLS, PALS and/or TNCC certifications preferred
Benefits available:
vacation, sick days, health & retirement options
24 hour on-site childcare
Contact: Vicki Farmer, DON
Resumes faxed to 325.853.3523
Phone 325.853.2507 ext 109
Schleicher County Medical Center
400 W Murchison
Eldorado, TX 76936

Housekeeping Supervisor FT
Supervisory/HK experience preferred
Must have High School Diploma or Equivalent
Contact: Sharon Dietz, Admin Or e-mail sdietz@scmc.us

Schleicher County Medical Center
400 W. Murchison
PO Box V
Eldorado, TX 76936
Phone: 325-853-2507
Fax: 325-853-3166

SCHLEICHER COUNTY I.S.D.

Eldorado, Texas
Is seeking applicants for

Full-Time Custodian

For applications contact Oscar Martinéz
325-853-2514, ext. 525

SCISD EOE

REAL ESTATE

ELDORADO-House for Sale: Sunset Acres, 3BR, 2BA, 2 Living Areas, 2 Dining Areas, Updated paint and floors. Established yard, new privacy fence. 325-277-1792. 1-4b

ELDORADO-Noble Realty Offers House For Sale. 108 Maple. Very nice 3BR, 1BA brick home with fireplace. Quiet neighborhood. Detached 2 car garage and covered patio. MUST SEE!! Call 325-949-1000 or 325-340-0801. 45tfn.b

ELDORADO-Home for Sale. 4/2 home with office, on 10 acres in Schleicher County. Peace and quiet with abundant deer and turkey. Lots of Oak Trees. Storage buildings and small barn. 18 miles from Eldorado and 26 miles from Sonora. Call to see. (325) 853-2248, (325)277-1050, or (325)277-4945. 49tfn

ELDORADO-FOR SALE: 2 acres on paved road. It has city water with horse pens and a little shade. Included are 23 pregnant nannies and a Billy goat. For more information Call: 325-277-1424 51&1b

HOME FOR RENT

Eldorado-FOR RENT- Ranch House- 3 Bedroom, Living Room, 1 Bath, Kitchen. Call 325-853-2218 or 325-277-3453 for more information. 1b

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1995 Suburban with leather interior, needs a little work but runs good. \$2,750.00 or best offer. \$450.00. 4X8 utility trailer with hinged bed. \$350.00. Call 325-650-6324. 1-4b

For Sale: Breeding Age Registered Brangus Bulls - Top Bloodline. Fertility Tested. Call Tommy Reeh, Doss, Texas at 830-669-2325. 45tfn

Liquid Cattle Supplement - 16% protein, 10% fat All-natural, competitively priced. Lorenzo Lasater 325.656.9126 1b

For Sale: Motorized Chair-Used very little; few times on sidewalk. Call 853-3492 If no answer Leave name and number. 1b

FOR SALE: 42" Hitachi Wide Screen HDTV \$500. Call 325-277-3693 50-51b, 1-2b

Estate/Garage Sales

ELDORADO-GARAGE SALE- Friday, Saturday, & Sunday- Location: Parking Lot at John Meador Construction (Hwy. 190 East); Time: 7:30 a.m.; Furniture, Clothes, Dishes and a TV.

Lynn Meador Real Estate

5 N. Divide ~ Eldorado, Texas 76936
Lynn Meador, Broker 325-650-6324
Jo Ward, Agent/ 325-853-2339

FM 2596 10 acre tract with 3 BR 2 B home in excellent condition. Lots of improvements including metal barns, pens, shop and storage, fenced yard, 1 mile SE of Eldorado. \$139,000.00

104 Old Mertz Rd - 4BR -2 Bath home on 0.308 acre tract. In very good condition with spacious floor plan, attractive hard wood floors, plenty of storage, central ac/heat, new roof, metal privacy fence and all metal shop/storage. Over 2100 square feet of living area. Near school. \$98,000.00

ALL PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN ELDORADO, TX

NO RENTAL LISTING AVAILABLE

SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL TODAY!

Call 325-853-2808

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



TexSCAN Week of
December 28, 2008

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

100% RECESSION PROOF! Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. 25 machines and candy. All for \$9,995. 1-888-625-5481. Multi Vend, LLC.

DRIVERS

CDL-A DRIVERS: EXPANDING Fleet offering Regional/OTR runs. Outstanding pay package. Excellent benefits. Generous home. \$300 lease special on Volvos. National Carriers, 1-888-707-7729. www.nationalcarriers.com

DRIVER: JOIN PTL today! Company Drivers-Earn up to 40¢ cpm. 1/2 cpm increase every 60K miles. Average 2,800 miles/week. CDL-A required. www.ptl-inc.com 1-877-740-6262.

DRIVERS: ASAP SIGN-ON bonus. 35¢-41¢ cpm. Earn over \$1000 weekly. Excellent benefits. Need CDL-A & 3 months recent OTR. Call Toll free, 1-877-258-8782. www.meltontruck.com

HELP WANTED

BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL and College? Travel and Have Fun with young successful business group. No experience necessary. 2 weeks paid training. Lodging, transportation provided. 1-877-646-5050.

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop

Extend your advertising reach with TexSCAN, your Texas Classified Ad Network.

HOMES FOR SALE

7BR/4BA HUD \$25,812! 3BR/2BA only \$10,900! 5BR/3BA only \$16,275! Foreclosures & bank repos! These homes must sell! For local BNI listings call 1-800-544-6258 ext. 9847

MISCELLANEOUS

AIRLINES ARE HIRING. Train for high paying aviation maintenance career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified. Housing available. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance, 1-888-349-5387.

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from home. Medical, Business, Paralegal, Computers, Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial aid if qualified. Call 1-866-858-2121, www.CenturaOnline.com

REAL ESTATE

141 ACRES, 1 hour from Albuquerque/Santa Fe. Beautiful mountain views, good tree cover, all weather county road frontage. \$725/acre terms, Toll free 1-877-797-2624. www.newmexranches.com

AFFORDABLE COUNTRY LIVING. 3.21 acres, north of Brady. Central water, electricity. Large oak, mesquite trees. Newer mobiles allowed. Low down, low monthly payments. 1-800-876-9720. www.texasranchland.com

COLORADO FORECLOSURE 40 acres \$29,900. Outstanding view, Access to BLM Canyon Rec Land. Financing. Call 1-866-696-5263 ext. 4847

TEXAS 20 ACRES Only \$13,500-50-down \$135.00 monthly. No credit check. Roads-Surveyed. That's only 1.5¢ per sq. ft! Free information. 1-877-532-4511 www.lonestarinvestments.com

TEXAS & OLD MEXICO: Affordable hunting & fishing property. 100 acres for \$79,000 with 10% down & no credit check. All sizes available up to 20,000 acres. Call 1-877-77-BIGLAND (1-877-772-4452)

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN!


Statewide Ad \$450
303 Newspapers, 1,017,914 Circulation
North Region Only \$195
98 Newspapers, 276,893 Circulation
South Region Only \$195
103 Newspapers, 488,823 Circulation
West Region Only \$195
102 Newspapers, 252,398 Circulation

To Order: Call This Newspaper direct, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

FREE DIRECTV 4 ROOM SYSTEM!
 265+ ALL DIGITAL CHANNELS!
 130 HD CHANNELS!
 FREE HBO, Showtime & Starz for 3 Months!
 Packages Start only \$29.99
 FREE DVR/HD
 No Start Up Costs!
 We're Local Installers!
Toll Free 800-214-7110

Mesothelioma EXPERIENCE COUNTS
 Lawyers with over 85 years combined expertise.
 Ryan A. Krebs, M.D., J.D. Doctor-Lawyer in Full-time Law Practice
 Richard A. Dodd, L.C.
 Timothy R. Cappolino, J.C. Board Certified "Mesothelioma" Attorney Trial & Real Estate Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
 NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT
 CAMERON, TEXAS
1-888-MESO-FIRM
 (1-888-637-6347)
 www.AsbestosLaw.com

SAVE UP TO 50% OFF YOUR NEXT HEATING BILL!
 Was \$499 Now Only \$279!
Advanced Portable Infrared iHeater
 Saves Money NOW...Saves Money LATER
 ✓ Heats up to 1000 sq. ft. evenly for about a \$1 a day
 ✓ Safe around kids & pets
 ✓ Cannot start a fire
 ✓ FREE shipping
 ✓ Full factory warranty
 ✓ NEW low price!
 Call NOW to Order
1-800-469-0456
 Order online 24-7 www.iHeaterStore.com

Got land? United-Bilt has quality, custom-built homes for you, with affordable financing you just can't find anywhere else:
ZERO down • 100% financing
No payments for 6 months!

 800.756.2506 ubh.com
 Homemade just for you

myEldorado.net
 www.myeldorado.net
 Eldorado's Internet Homepage

Let the work begin!

Ray Saucedo supervised as George Villanueva moved earth with a large track loader as work got underway Tuesday at the intersection of West Murchison and West Street on construction of the Schleicher County Wellness Center began. The men work for Creek Swabbing and Roustabout Service. The company won the bid Monday to prepare the pad for the new facility. Members of the Wellness Center board hope to have the new center up and running in the near future.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eldorado Woman's Club meets last time for 2008

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. It was our last meeting for 2008. Theme for the meeting was "Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange." Fifteen members and one guest were present. President Myrt Williams opened the meeting with a warm welcome to everyone. She then called on Jill Preston for our opening prayer and Linda Stutes to lead in our pledges. A Christmas theme was carried out in the table decorations. The tables were covered with green cloths and the center pieces were different at each table. One table featured a poinsettia theme, another had a porcelain Santa placed among the greenery and on one of the side tables a blue angel that was purchased in honor of Charlotte Steele was so

beautiful. Another featured a large picture done by Sherrie Niblett of her back yard. She has also used this theme as the cover for our cook books. We thank Sherrie for being a part of the designing committee and using her special talents for our cookbooks.

Pat Holt next read the minutes of our last meeting. They stand as read. Treasurer Melva Martin followed with her report. Roll call was answered with "My Best Christmas Gift." Rene Calcote's dad gave her a special Bible; Jerry Holley's family always make their exchange of gifts and had a great time planning the gifts; Pat Holt cleaned their house for their first Christmas Eve in their house; also the Holt's oldest child Edward was born December 18th that year. Susan Lwelyn's two daughters gathered up all their old dolls and made new clothes for all the dolls; Cathy Niblett said Elizabeth's child was born on Christmas Eve. Mary Roden's mother had all six of her children at home at one time and Trish Rowe said their first baby was born on January 2nd. Karen Stower got married and Betsy Thackerson said a big snow storm happened and she got to ring the sleigh bell. Betsy Thackerson said a big snow storm happened in the 50's and she also

got Cocker Spaniel Puppies. Myrt's daughter finally got the job she was waiting for.

Also it was reported that one time club member Pauline Burkhalter's husband had died.

Betsy Thackerson reported that the club would continue the "Bakeless" Bake Sale as our fund raising project, and Mary Roden made a motion for approval of our projects, etc. and Penny Bland seconded the vote. Also Mary Roden, Illness and Bereavement person needed to be informed when a club member was sick so she could send them a card. Cathy Niblett also reported there was no limit to what the club could do when we remembered our Veterans during our Nov. 11th meeting.

Continuing our business meeting President Williams called for Program Leader Ruth Davis. Ruth gave us a stirring book review of the book she had chosen. The book is "The Other Wise Men," by Henry Van Dyke. The book is about the fourth wise man Artaban. The events happening then were during the time of King Herod's reign of Persia. All the wise men were of different ages. They had in their possession three gems; a sapphire, a ruby and a pearl and each had something to do with the story of

the baby Jesus. The book is about when baby Jesus was born and how the bright star in the heavens at this time led the wise men to Jesus and the events that happened at this time. We are always honored when Ruth is our speaker. She has such an understanding of her subject that we always receive a deeper understanding of the subject she is presenting. Thanks Ruth for your enlightenments.

Following our excellent program President William, said that Patsy Kellog of the Resource Center had said she was going to take a decorated Christmas tree to a special family for their Christmas and that club members were welcome to contribute gifts for the family.

We enjoyed our special refreshment time and the exchange of gifts. We ended our business meeting by reading our club Collect.

Hostess for our special refreshment time were the second half of our Club Membership group. Thanks to all of you for the delicious refreshments.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist fellowship Hall.

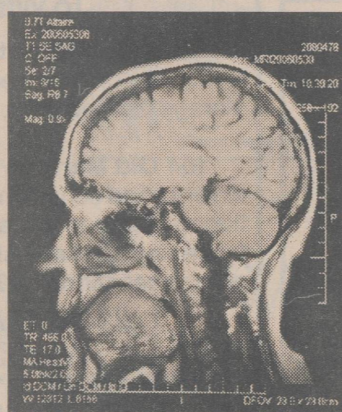
Your reporter wishes each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

State-of-the-art MRI available on-site at Hudspeth Memorial

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) produces diagnostic images of astonishing quality, allowing your doctor to diagnose disease or evaluate problems accurately without the use of radiation.

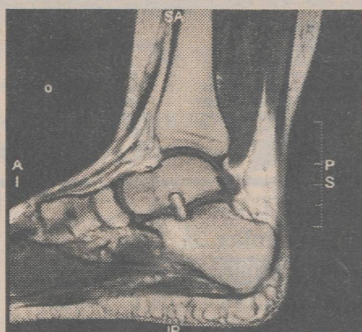
In the past you had to travel to large medical centers to benefit from this technology. *Not anymore.*

Hudspeth Memorial now has a 1.5 Telsa MRI unit on site equipped with the very latest in computer software.



MRI is especially useful for examining soft tissue, your brain, your muscles and skeletal system, your heart and arteries, and early detection of cancer.

Hudspeth Memorial's diagnostic resources rival those of big-city medical centers. Our on-site MRI unit is state-of-the-art.



Hudspeth Memorial: Quality care. Close to home.

LMH
 LILLIAN M. HUDSPETH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 308 Hudspeth • Sonora • (325) 387-2521

Nation's seniors getting largest Social Security increase since 1982

(SPM Wire) While the economy may be hurting, good economic news for senior citizens is coming from the Social Security Administration which has announced that seniors can expect a 5.8 percent benefit increase in 2009.

The largest benefit increase since 1982, this boost in funding will come in the form of a "Cost-of-Living Adjustment."

The 5.8 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment is beginning with benefits that over 50 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in

January 2009. Increased payments also will be coming to more than seven million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries.

While benefits increase yearly to compensate for inflation, based on rises in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' "Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers," the largest increase in 26 years in Social Security is more than welcome in the current economy.

These changes, though, will not necessarily come as a blessing to all, as more payout by the Social

Security Administration necessarily means more pay-in by taxpayers around the country.

Of the estimated 164 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2009, about 11 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2009 can be found online at www.medicare.gov.

More information about Social Security benefits can be found at www.ssa.gov.

How to Stick to your fitness resolutions

(StatePoint) It's that time of year again, when many of us earnestly resolve to get in shape only to break our resolutions soon after ringing-in the new year.

"A majority of New Year's resolutions focus on losing weight, getting in shape and leading a healthier life. Unfortunately a majority of resolution-makers find it hard to stick to their pledges," says Kevin Betts, a certified personal trainer and chief operating officer of Fitness Together, the world's largest organization of personal trainers. Here are Betts' top five tips for

sticking to your resolutions:

- Create a plan and start slow. Don't exercise too hard, too fast or you'll burn out and not achieve your goals.
- Set small and timely goals. To help you see signs of progress and stay motivated to stick to a fitness routine, set small and strategic milestones at two months, six months and more.
- Keep it interesting. Don't do the same workout every single time, or you may get bored and quit.
- Locate an expert. There's so much information out there, it's

confusing. There are healthy and unhealthy ways to get in shape. An expert can point you in the right direction to help you reach your goals.

• Don't play the numbers game. People equate fitness with weight loss, but it shouldn't dominate things. A healthy lifestyle is more important.

For more tips on getting in shape, visit www.fitness-together.com.

"Getting in shape doesn't have to be a chore you dread," stresses Betts.