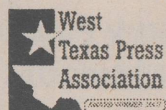


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## HighMount Exploration again tops taxpayer list

### YFZ Ranch ranks 3rd on countywide list

HighMount Exploration and Production, L.L.C. ranks as Schleicher County's top taxpayer again this year with \$76,108,140.00 of taxable value, which equates to a tax bill of \$1,597,890.40.

The lions share of that amount, or \$890,465.24 will go to the school district. SCISD's tax rate this year is \$1.17 per \$100 valuation. Schleicher County will claim the next largest slice of the pie at \$494,702.91 with a tax rate of \$0.65. Schleicher County Hospital District is next in line and will receive \$201,306.03 which it generates with a tax rate of \$0.2645. Meanwhile, Plateau Underground Water District, the smallest taxing entity in the county will receive the balance of HighMount's tax offering, some \$11,416.22. The water district's tax rate this year stands at \$.0150.

HighMount was the county's top taxpayer last year. The company's total tax bill last year came in at \$748,162.05. This year's levy represents an increase of \$849,728.35, attributable mainly to last year's jump in the price of oil and gas and new wells coming on line since the last tax bills went out.

The remainder of the county's top ten taxpayers are all energy companies, except for the YFZ Ranch, which placed 3rd on the overall list.

Rounding out the top ten were: 2. Pogo Producing, Company \$28,395,780.00; 3. YFZ Land, L.L.C. \$28,177,500.00; 4. BJ Services, Inc. \$15,197,630.00; 5. Discovery Operating, Inc. \$13,919,930.00; 6. Diamond S Energy \$13,020,040.00; 7. Approach Operating LLC \$12,823,900.00; 8. Unit Petroleum Co \$11,452,970.00; 9. Telesis Operating Co Inc \$11,236,840.00; and 10. Aries Operating LP \$11,154,500.00.

The City of Eldorado, which may collect taxes only within the city limits had a much smaller tax roll. AEP Texas North Company topped the list of city taxpayers with a taxable value of \$927,180.00.

The remainder of the city's top ten consisted of: 2. First National Bank of Eldorado \$728,450.00; 3. National Oilwell Varco \$488,200.00; 4. Verizon Southwest \$434,490.00; 5. Eldorado Place Apartments \$420,700.00; 6. South-

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## Passing the Torch

Outgoing County Judge Johnny Griffin issued the oath of office Friday, January 2, 2009, to incoming County Judge Charlie Bradley. All newly elected and re-elected county officials were sworn in during the ceremony that ended Griffin's 30-year tenure as Schleicher County Judge.

## Jeffs named in indictments

FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs was named in three indictments released this week by the Schleicher County Clerk's office. Jeffs was indicted by Schleicher County grand jurors on July 22, 2008 on one charge of Sexual Assault, a 1st degree felony. In it he is accused of assaulting a girl younger than 17.

Jeffs indicted again on August 21, 2008 on a charge of Bigamy, also a 1st degree felony. The indictment alleges that Jeffs was legally married to Annette Barlow when he married another person

other than his spouse who was younger than 16 years of age.

The third indictment was issued on November 12, 2008. It accused Jeffs of sexual assault of a child younger than 14 years of age. Once again, the charge is a 1st degree felony.

The indictments were not made public until warrants were served on Jeffs last month. He remains in jail in Mohave County, Arizona awaiting trial on charges relating to an underage marriage he allegedly arranged and performed.

## 74th annual Jr. Livestock Show slated this weekend

by Courtney Barbee, Extension Agent  
Family & Consumer Science

The second Saturday in January is always set aside for the Schleicher County Livestock Show. That weekend is coming up this Saturday.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the youth of Eldorado at the show and meet the new County Extension Agent Cody Bundick. See *Schedule of Events on Page 6*.

We will get started at 8:00 a.m. A complimentary lunch is provided by the First National Bank of Eldorado of barbecue and fixin's. Of course we invite you stay after lunch and participate in our premium sale. The contributions made to

our sale help provide opportunities for the 4H and FFA kids to show livestock, and also participate in other 4H and FFA events throughout the year.

Also, we are again having a PeeWee showmanship directly before the sale. Any and all kids under the age of nine are invited to participate. This year the PeeWee showmanship will be sponsored by First Community Federal Credit Union, and each kid will receive a special prize.

And, as always there will be a project and food show!

The weather looks like it will be good, so come out to the Civic Center and enjoy the day supporting the youth of Schleicher County.

## FLDS mother wants jury to determine child's custody

Child welfare authorities are seeking permanent conservatorship of a 14-year-old Marianne Jessop, a girl believed to be a child bride of FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs.

But, the girl's mother, Barbara Jessop, wants a jury to decide who gets custody of Marianne, according to court papers filed last month in 51st District Court.

Ms. Jessop's request was filed ahead of a "permanency hearing" scheduled for Thursday in San Angelo at which time state officials are slated to update Judge Barbara Walther on the girl's experience since being placed in foster care.

Investigators believe the girl was married to Warren Jeffs when she was only 12, in a ceremony presided over by her father, Frederick Merrill Jessop.

"The major concerns were that Mrs. Jessop does not believe that abuse to (the girl) happened, she does not take responsibility for her role in that abuse, she is dependent on people that had involvement in the abuse to (the girl), she does not have a plan to protect (the girl) other than her promise, she is minimally cooperative with CPS and seems to be deliberately misleading CPS about her marriage to Frederick Merrill Jessop,"

the state's report said.

Ms. Jessop appeared August 18, 2008 at a San Angelo court hearing where she invoked her fifth amendment protections more than 50 times.

Frederick Merrill Jessop was indicted by a Schleicher County grand jury on a charge of performing a marriage ceremony prohibited by law.

Disturbing photos of Warren Jeffs holding and kissing the girl following the ceremony were made public last year when they were introduced into evidence by the state.

CPS spokesman Patrick Crimmins told *The Success* on Tuesday that his agency had held out hope for family reunification in the case. Now, however, permanently removing the girl from the Jessop home has become the agency's top priority.

"Family reunification still remains an eventual goal," Crimmins stated. "But, it has become a secondary goal."

Crimmins noted that it is not unusual for custody cases to be decided by a jury. He said it is unlikely that the case will be heard before March of this year.

In the meantime, Marianne Jessop remains with an unnamed foster family.



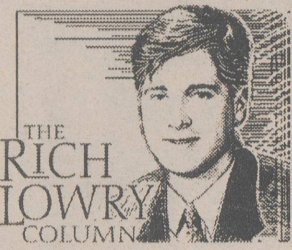
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Clayton and Colton Arendt groomed their meat goat Tuesday afternoon as their sister Cassidy kept busy in the background. The boys were preparing for the Junior Livestock Show slated for this weekend. The youths are the children of Cody and Christy Arendt of Eldorado.

## Buck up, America — we've seen worse

How sour is the public mood? An NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll found about half of people believe 2008 was one of the worst years in American history. At times, Abraham Lincoln's lament has seemed apt, "We live in the midst of alarms; anxiety beclouds the future; we expect some new disaster with each newspaper we read."

But some perspective, please. Even a steep recession doesn't compare with the events that have made for America's worst years. To wit:



**1837:** In a real-estate bubble, people borrowed paper money to speculate in Western land. According to John Steele Gordon's book "An Empire of Wealth," land sales by the federal government were \$2.5 million in 1832 and \$25 million by 1836. President Andrew Jackson determined to prick the bubble by accepting only gold or silver as payment and succeeded all too well. Banks failed, Wall Street crashed, the price of cotton fell by half and 90 percent of the country's factories closed. "The country suffered," Gordon writes, "the longest economic depression in the nation's history. It didn't reach bottom until February 1843, fully seventy-two months after it began."

**1862:** Any year of the Civil War qualifies as one of the country's worst, but in June 1862, Robert E. Lee took command of the Confederate army defending Richmond, Va., and pushed back the Union army. At Fredericksburg at the end of the year, Gen. Burnside hurled his Union troops at Marye's Heights, although warned that doing so would constitute "murder, not warfare." The Union lost more than 12,000 men. England seemed close to recognizing the Confederacy, and state and congressional elections went poorly for Lincoln's Republicans. "If there is a worse place than hell," President Lincoln said, "I am in it."

**1940:** The economy was still limping, with unemployment at 14.6 percent (it had hit 19 percent in 1938 during "the depression within the depression"). Adolf Hitler marched into the Netherlands, Belgium and France, overrunning them in weeks. The American public was divided about how to respond, and the country's defenses were unprepared. The army had fewer soldiers than Yugoslavia, and troops often had to train using broomsticks. Western democracy seemed on the verge of eclipse.

**1968:** Assassinations, urban riots, a losing war in Vietnam -- it was the year of the great American nervous break-down.

Of course, the country persevered:

--The economy recovered from the depression of 1837, and six decades after the adoption of the Constitution, Gordon notes, had "expanded by a factor of eighteen or more."

--In U.S. Grant, Lincoln finally found his general to match Lee.

--We rearmed, and defeated the Axis, as the economy shook free of the Great Depression for good.

--The aftershocks of 1968 reverberate still, but in the 1980s the country entered a long period of prosperity and defeated the Soviet Union.

"We have overcome some grim, frightful times," says best-selling presidential historian Jay Winik. "With inspired leadership, with the American spirit and ingenuity, and with an open political system that resolves conflicts through debate rather than violence, we've always been able to restore the country to dynamism and health." And surely will again, as 2008 fades into the past.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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## We can live with criticism over polygamist compound raid, but not a lack of action

The state's raid on the West Texas polygamist compound has become a sacred touchstone, and not just for the peculiar sect that lived there.

It has mushroomed into a celebrated cause for those who mistrust "the government" in general and the state's child-welfare system in particular.

State-sponsored child snatchers seized shrieking babies from their desperate mothers' arms, they furiously recount in endless retellings via the Internet.

Families were torn apart by scheming, doctrinaire bureaucrats. Traumatized children remain unable to forget the nightmare of being "kidnapped" and bused away from home. And so on.

Well, people will believe what they want, often without regard to what facts and good sense should tell them. No amount of remedial analysis, at this late date, will remove the April 3 raid at the Yearning For Zion Ranch from the sacramental calendar of government-martyr holy days.

We can live with it. We can live with the implied insistence that members of the Fundamentalist Church of Latter-day Saints were somehow victims of state-sponsored persecution; that subsequent court rulings that Child Protective Services exceeded legal guidelines somehow vindicate the cultlike sect.

They do not, because the ugly-but-essential truth remains: Under-

### Opinion

by Jacquelyn Floyd



age girls were routinely being "married" - and sexually violated - by middle-aged men, and nobody was doing a darn thing to stop it until the state of Texas showed up.

No angry anecdotes about CPS witch hunts can change that reality. No amount of black-helicopter paranoia alters that bald truth.

Still, critics are already dismissing a CPS report, issued last week, as a fabrication, a frame-up job. That report detailed the findings of the months-long investigation, including "spiritual" marriages between a dozen underage girls and adult men. It also cited the harm done by the constant exposure of young children to these "marriages."

I can only wonder at sect members, irate at state welfare workers for "traumatizing" children, who don't seem to think it's "traumatic" for a child to see his or her 13-year-old sister bundled off into sexual servitude to a man four times her age.

Those who complain over being "uprooted" from the Eldorado compound do not mention any discontent at being uprooted earlier, when loony FLDS "prophet" Warren Jeffs "invited" them to abandon their own old lives to colonize paradise-in-West Texas.

Those who weep angry tears

over families torn apart might consider opening their homes to the so-called "lost boys," teenagers who have been forcibly cast out of FLDS communities to maintain a favorable ratio of adult men to potential plural wives.

The fact is that it was virtually impossible to carry out a surgical removal of only the most-victimimized kids from the FLDS compound.

Given the sect's reclusive nature and the extraordinary indoctrination of its members from infancy onward, the state had two choices: Remove all the kids up front and sort it out later, or do nothing.

The state took the former route, which has cost it no end of hindsight harping over "Gestapo tactics" and extralegal "barbarianism."

The latter choice, the road that would have avoided all these public-relations problems, would have been to do nothing.

That would have been easy. No legal backlash, no religious-rights hysteria, no fresh round of fury against Texas' overloaded and often inefficient child-welfare system.

It would have been easy, but it would have been morally reprehensible.

That, we could not have lived with.

*Jacquelyn Floyd is a columnist for the Dallas Morning News where this column first appeared on December 30, 2008. It is reprinted here with permission.*

## Craddick drops bid for 4th term as speaker

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, abandoned his bid for a fourth term as speaker when it became clear that a challenger had secured enough vote pledges to win.

The official vote won't be taken until Jan. 13, opening day for the 81st Texas Legislature.

According to his pledge list, Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, gained the support of more than 80 House members, many of them Democrats.

On the other hand, many members who had intended to vote for Craddick signaled their support for Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo.

Straus, a 49-year-old insurance executive, is a relative newcomer who has been a House member since the 2005 session. Smithee, 57, is an attorney. He began serving as a House member in 1985 and has been elected to 13 consecutive terms.

As of Jan. 1, the Texas Ethics Commission, the state agency in charge of election filings, listed 13 House members as candidates for speaker. Neither Straus nor Smithee was on that list.

Craddick's three terms as speaker were contentious. While in control of the agenda, Craddick overcame budget shortfalls in the \$10 billion range but the House steadily lost Republican seats.

Craddick, the most senior member of the House with more than 40 years to his credit, withstood parliamentary challenges to his leadership and walkouts by Democrats. He bucked party tradition by championing a tax on business profits that was designed to compensate for a statewide reduction in local property taxes.

### Perry names division chief

Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 2 appointed Ellen Witt as director of his office's Division of Disaster Recovery and Renewal. Witt succeeds Brian Newby at the post.

The division's job is to support the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal, a public/private sector advisory panel that is guiding the state's long-term recovery and renewal efforts in the wake of the 2008 hurricane season.

The division works with local officials to help ensure communities are positioned to rebuild after future catastrophic events.

In other news, Gov. Perry appealed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to deny an extension of Hurricane Ike relief. No word yet on the status of the appeal.

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

### Perry has served longest

On Dec. 19, Gov. Perry became Texas' longest-serving governor, with 2,919 consecutive days in office. That's eight years. At the end of his current term in 2010, he will have served more than 10 years as Texas' highest-ranking state official. Perry was serving as lieutenant governor in 2000 and he became governor when then-Gov. George W. Bush resigned from office to seek the presidency.

### Ethics prosecutor completes term

Ronnie Earle, Travis County district attorney and the state's chief ethics prosecutor since 1977, completed his term.

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## Holiday Visits



by Tumbleweed Smith

During the holidays we had a chance to visit our kids. We first went to Oakland, California to spend a week with our youngest son BZ and his family. He is a talented musician and audio engineer with his own recording studio. BZ is also a composer and creates music for television, movies and commercials.

I got to watch a recording session. A fellow composer came over and needed a drum track on an album she was doing. The drummer, Billy Lee Lewis, pulled up in his vehicle and unloaded a ton of drums and associated equipment. He set it up in a soundproof room full of microphones. They spent an hour or so setting up everything and placing ten microphones in strategic places to get the sound they wanted. It was fascinating to see BZ's hands fly across the computer keyboard, tweaking things to make sure every note, every voice, every sound of the drum set was recorded properly. The session lasted nine hours to put the drum track on six songs.

BZ spent a lot of his spare time in 2008 building a telescope. He would sit at the dining table after the



evening meal and rub a cloth over a piece of glass nearly two inches thick and eight inches across. I got to help him finish the telescope, which is nearly as tall as I am. We mounted the glass, which the rubbing had made concave. Then we mounted the focusing scope and the viewing mirror. Next we finished the birch wood stand so the telescope could rotate. It's quite a deal. When we had the crescent moon with Venus and Jupiter just under it, I called BZ to see if he could see it with his telescope. He said it was foggy and he couldn't see the sky.

We next visited our son Kevin and his family in Dallas. They've got some interesting things going on. They've been hosting an exchange student from Germany named Neely. She is fifteen years old and is attending high school in Dallas. She has learned a lot since

being in Texas.

Kevin and his wife Jill are involved with professional sports. Jill works for the Mavericks and stages the arena activities during a game. She manages the Jumbotron. Kevin works as a technical director during TV broadcasts of the Mavericks, Rangers and Stars and does a lot of editing for various sports projects in the Dallas area. He also is the technical director for college sports broadcasts all over the country.

I have been privileged to see both Kevin and Jill work during a game. Kevin sits in an extremely well-equipped trailer with 88 TV screens on the wall in front of him. When Jill is not doing the Jumbotron she is doing other chores, like putting the scores and other information on the screen.

Kevin and Jill have a five year old named Caleb. They work a lot at night and are looking into something that would allow them more time at home with Caleb in the evenings. They are considering a YOGA studio. They've already picked out a name: GO YOGA. It should be operational after the first of the year.

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## Rev. Monsignor Louis B. Moeller

**BALLINGER** — The Rev. Monsignor Louis B. Moeller, 83, of Ballinger passed away Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

The Rev. Moeller was born Dec. 13, 1925, to Joe C. and Mary (Multer) Moeller at Olfen, Texas. Moeller began his priestly ministry in the Diocese of Amarillo where he pastored several Texas communities, including Amarillo, Happy, Tulia, Rowena, Stanton, Tarzan, Lamesa, O'Donnell, and Pep. In 1962 when the Diocese of San Angelo was established, the Rev. Moeller served as pastor of Snyder, Odessa, Ozona, Big Spring,

Sonora, Brownwood, Junction, Menard, Brady, Eldorado, San Angelo, and his last assignment, Ballinger.

He is survived by a brother, Maurice Moeller and wife, Dorine, of Rowena; and a sister, Ruby Hlavinka, of Texarkana. Also surviving are seven nieces and nephews and 19 great-nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Mass and Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, also at St. Joseph Catholic Church.



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Reverend Oliver Marson will portray Joshua during the morning Service at Community Baptist Church on Sunday, January 11, 2008.

## Joshua of Jericho to visit Community Baptist Church

Rev. Oliver Marson will be portraying the Old Testament character Joshua on the 11th of January at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado. Sunday School begins at 9:45 am and morning worship begins at 11:00 am.

The title of the drama is God's Plumbline, and it tracks Joshua's life both serving under Moses and later as he assumes responsibility as the leader of the nation of Israel. The drama addresses the question many ask regarding Moses' punishment and his not being allowed to enter the Promised Land. It points out that God has clear expectations of all his followers and failure to follow God's plumbline always results in discipline. The story follows the trail of the children of Israel from the time they leave Egypt until the battle for the pagan city of Jericho. You won't want to miss the blast of the ram's horn as the walls tumble around the startled residents of Jericho.

Walk In My Sandals Ministries travels to churches and other venues portraying the Bible characters we've all come to know and love. These dramas are carefully re-

searched and presented in historical costumes by Rev. Oliver Marson of Sewanee, TN. Rev. Marson has been performing these dramas for more than 20 years throughout the United States and around the world. He currently portrays more than 20 different biblical characters. Rev. Marson is a 21 year veteran of the United States Air Force and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Educational Ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft Worth.

### Meals for Friends Menu



**MONDAY January 12th, 2009**  
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Corn Bread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk.

**TUESDAY January 13th**  
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Black Eyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapples, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk

**WEDNESDAY January 14th**  
Fried Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk.

**THURSDAY January 15th**  
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk.

**FRIDAY January 16th**  
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## IRS offers tax tips as filing season nears

1. Gather your records...now! It's never too early to start getting together any documents or forms you'll need when filing your taxes: receipts, canceled checks, and other documents that support an item of income or a deduction you're taking on your return. Also, be on the lookout for W-2s and 1099s, coming soon from your employer.

2. Find your forms. Whether you file a 1040 or 1040-EZ, you can download all IRS forms and publications on our Web site, IRS.gov.

3. Do a little research. Check out Publication 17 on IRS.gov. It's a comprehensive collection of information for taxpayers highlighting everything you'll need to know when filing your return. Review Pub 17 to ensure you're taking all credits and deductions for which you're eligible.

4. Think ahead to how you'll file. Will you prepare your return yourself or go to a preparer? Do you qualify to file at no cost using Free File on IRS.gov? Are you eligible for free help at an IRS office or volunteer site? Will you purchase tax preparation software or file online? There are many things to consider. So, give yourself time

to weigh them all and find the option that best suits your needs.

5. Take your time. Rushing to get your return filed increase the chance you will make a mistake and not catch it.

6. Double-check your return. Mistakes will slow down the processing of your return. In particular, make sure all the Social Security Numbers and math calculations are correct as these are the most common errors made by taxpayers.

7. Consider e-file. When you file electronically, the computer will handle the math calculations for you, and you will get your refund in about half the time it takes when you file a paper return.

8. Think about Direct Deposit. If you elect to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than waiting for a check by mail.

9. Visit IRS.gov often. The official IRS Web site is a great place to find everything you'll need to file your tax return: forms, tips, FAQs and updates on tax law changes.

10. Relax. There's no need to panic. If you run into a problem, remember the IRS is here to help. Try IRS.gov or call our customer service number at 800-829-1040.

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by Linda Thistle

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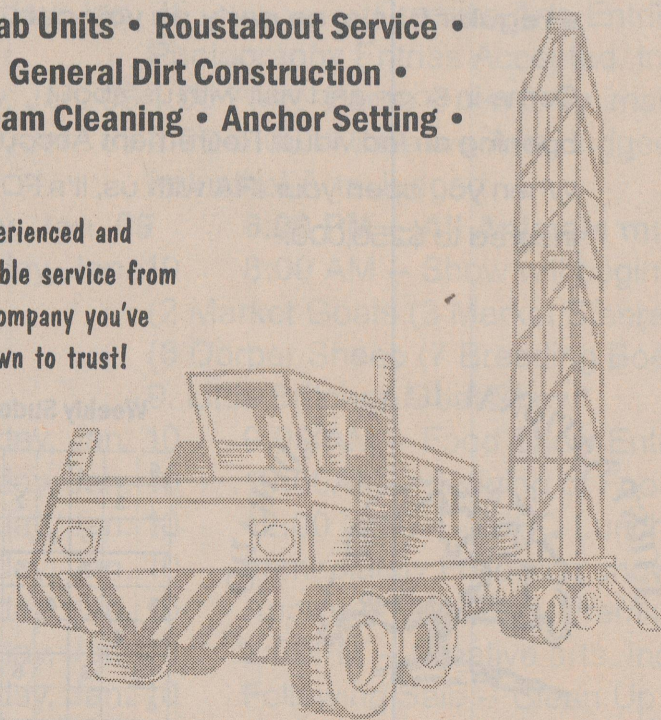
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# HOOP SCORES

## 8th Grade Girls

November 24, 2008  
Eldorado 06-03-07-12=28  
Miles 05-03-09-05=22

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 12, Nikki Herrera 5, Mary Lou Martinez 4, Fernandez 2. 3 Point Goal Herrera (1).

December 1, 2008  
Eldorado 04-07-06-06=23  
Christoval 04-03-0504=16

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 12, Nikki Herrera 5, Mary Lou Martinez 4, Fernandez 2. 3 Point Goal Herrera (1).

December 08, 2008  
Eldorado 07-03-04-03=17  
Mason 13-06-02-03=24

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 8, Guerro 3, Mary Lou Martinez 5 Fernandez 1.

December 15, 2008  
Eldorado 02-07-10-10=29  
Mertzson 06-03-00

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 12, Nikki Herrera 5, Mary Lou Martinez 4, Fernandez 2. 3 Point Goal Herrera (1).

## 8th Grade Boys

December 15, 2008  
Eldorado 12-09-12-14=47  
Irion Co. 00-02-05-08=15

Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchell 10, Brian Shriver 2, Will Barker 20, Rico Martinez 7, Dylan Ramos 2, John Paul Galan 2, Diego Sanchez 4.

## 7th Grade Girls

December 8, 2008  
Eldorado 05-02-06-02=16  
Menard 01-05-06-11=23

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mikayla 5, Kimberly Sanchez, 4, Maria Reyes 4, Jordan 2.

## 7th Grade Boys

December 15, 2008  
Eldorado 00-05-09-21=21  
Irion Co. 02-04-09-11=11

Scoring for the Eagles: Bailey Espinosa 6, Michael Bilbrey 8, Justin Estrada 1, Tyler Martinez 6. 3 Point Goal: Martinez (1).

## SCISD School Lunch Menu

**BREAKFAST MENU**

Monday January 12, 2009  
Waffle Stix/Syrup, Pear Cups  
Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday January 13th  
Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereal,  
Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday January 14th  
Pig-n-Blanket, Choice of Juice  
Milk

Thursday January 15th  
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice of , Cereal,  
Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday January 16th  
Cereal Bar, Crackers, Choice of Juice,  
Milk

**CAFETERIA LINE**

Monday January 12, 2009  
Pork Chops/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday January 13th  
Beef Stew/Grilled Cheese, Corn bread,  
Carrot Stix /Broccoli Tops / Dip, Lemon  
Pudding

Wednesday January 14th  
Taco Rolls, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pork-n-Beans  
Rosie Applesauce

Thursday January 15th  
Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, Refried  
Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced  
Pineapple

Friday January 16th  
Chicken Burger, Baked Chips, Sandwich  
Salad, Apple Halves

**BASKET LINE**

Monday January 12, 2009  
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich,  
Baked Chips, Sandwich Salad, Mixed  
Fruit

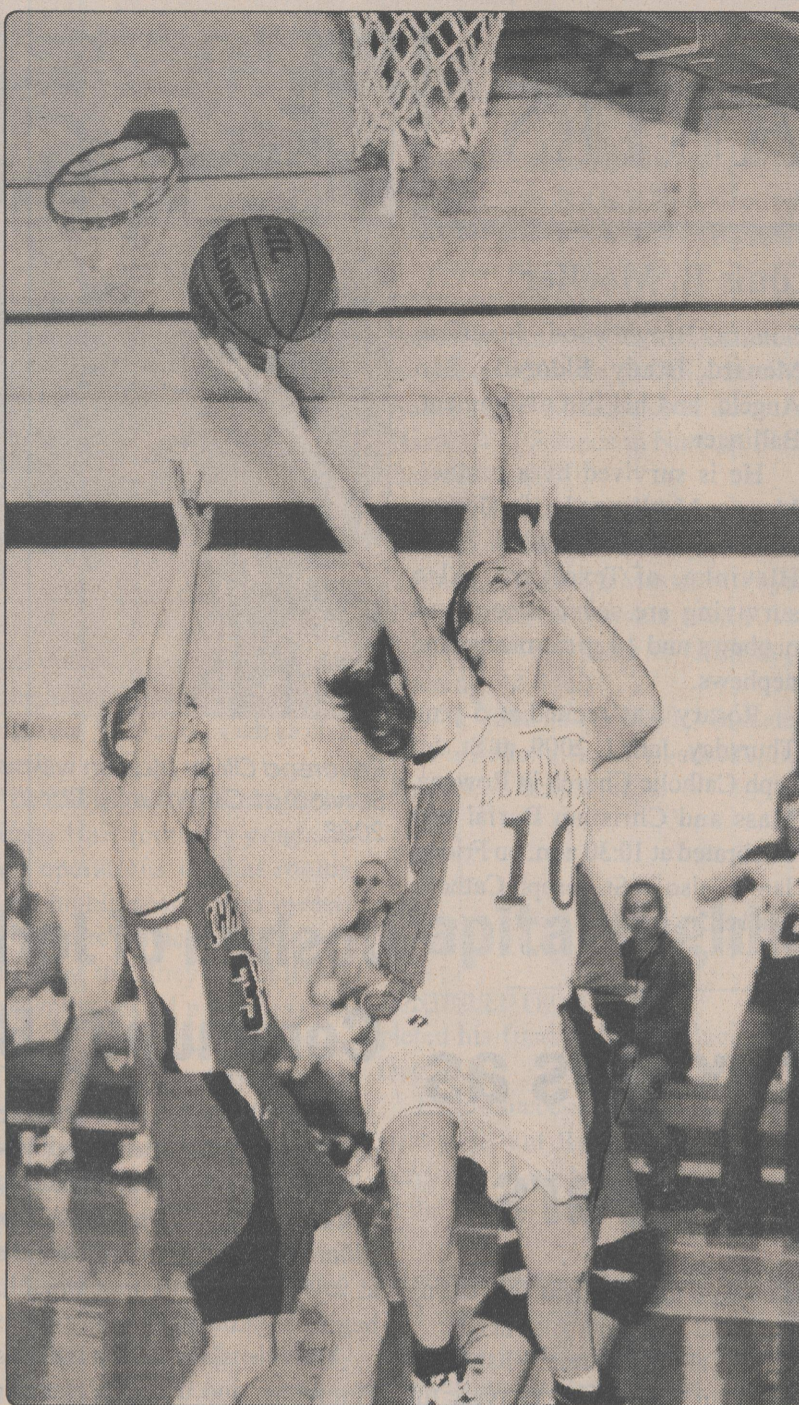
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Crispos/Cheese Sauce, Pork-n-Beans,  
Sliced Cucumbers, Lemon Pudding/Top-  
ping

Wednesday January 14th  
Crispy Beef Tacos/ Refried , Beans, Let-  
tuce/ Tomato Salad  
Carrot Stix/ Dip, Rosie Applesauce

Thursday January 15th  
Corn Dogs, Pork-n-Beans, Tossed Salad,  
Sliced Pineapple,

Friday January 16th  
Chicken Burger, Baked Chips, Sandwich  
Salad, Apple Halves,

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Alyson Jarrett put up this shot during the varsity basketball tournament held here Dec 29-30. The Lady Eagles placed 4th in the tournament after falling to Christoval 38-34 in the final game.

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## GO EAGLES



## AND LADY EAGLES

## Lady Eagles take 4th at local tournament

The Lady Eagles placed fourth at the Eldorado Varsity Tournament held December 29 and 30th. The Lady Eagles lost to Christoval in a very close game, losing by 4 points.

The Lady Eagles won their first game Monday against Comstock a sound 57 to 40. High scorer was Haley Higgins 21 points, with 10 shots made during the fourth quarter, followed by Aubrey Martinez who scored 10, followed by Katie Niblett's 9 which included a 3 point goal and Bridgett Mitchell's 8. Brianah Creek shot 5 which included a 3 point goal.

The Lady Eagles moved on to the semi finals on Tuesday against Nueces Canyon. The Lady Eagles lost to Nueces Canyon 53 to 65. Aubrey Martinez

and Haley Higgins were top ball carriers each scoring over 10 points each. Bridgett Mitchell scored 9 and Allyson Jarrett score 8. Also putting points on the board were Corie Williams 2, Kadie Niblett 4 and Brianah Creek 5.

The last game against Christoval for the third place was Tuesday afternoon. The Lady Eagles fought hard, but missed several important free throws. There was not a top scorer in this game. Most of the team scored. Allyson Jarrett 4, Garza 2, Brianah Creek 4, Bridgett Mitchell 4, Haley Higgins 2, Aubrey Martinez 6, Rubio 2, Corie Williams 5 and Kadie Niblett 5. Williams shot a 3 point goal.

Harper won the championship game against Nueces Canyon Tuesday afternoon.



7th Grader Michael Bilbrey sets up for a shot again Mason at a home game on December 8, 2008. Bilbrey scored 2 points against Mason. Eldorado lost to Mason 9 to 19.

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8th Grader John Paul Galan goes up for a shot against Mason. Eldorado 8th Grade team took the lead against Mason 34 to 29 at home on December 8.

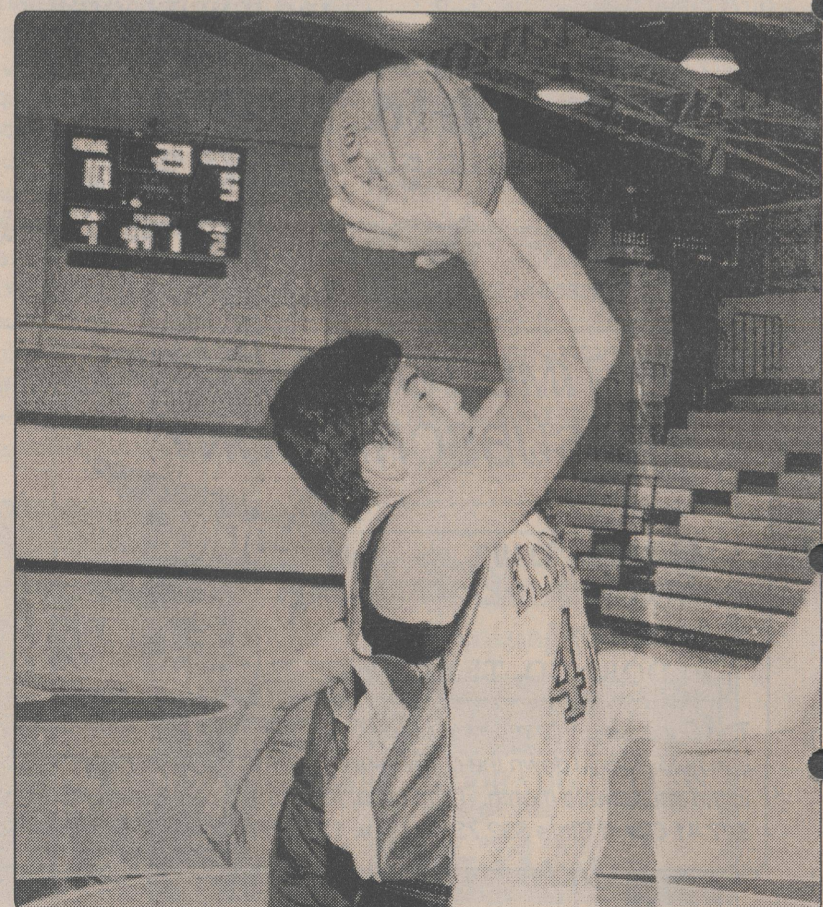


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**New County Attorney**

Clint Griffin (R) accepts congratulations from his father, Judge Johnny Griffin after being sworn in as the new Schleicher County Attorney. It was one of Judge Griffin's last acts before retiring after 30 years in office.

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## Texas among 27 states testing horses for Contagious Equine Metritis

Texas is among 27 states tracing and testing horses that may have been exposed to contagious equine metritis (CEM), a highly contagious disease that can be transmitted during breeding or artificial insemination. CEM can cause temporary infertility of horses. The disease, not known to affect humans, was first detected in the U.S. in 1978, then again in 1979. In both instances, the infection was eradicated.

In mid-December 2008, a CEM-infected quarter horse stallion was detected in Kentucky during routine testing for international semen shipment. The USDA and Kentucky animal health authorities quickly initiated an epidemiological investigation, leading to the testing of more horses. To date, seven infected stallions have

been detected: four in Kentucky, and three in Indiana. The Indiana stallions had spent part of the 2008 breeding season on the Kentucky premises where the initial CEM case was detected.

As of January 2, 2009, 78 potentially exposed horses (nine stallions and 69 mares) in 27 states have been identified and located, and placed under hold order or quarantine by state animal health authorities, pending test results.

In Texas, veterinarians from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state regulatory agency for livestock health, have contacted the owners of 14 mares and a stallion with epidemiological links to the infected horses. Testing of the 15 horses in Texas will begin the week of January 5. Currently, Texas has no known CEM

infection.

As the epidemiological investigation widens, at least 250 additional horses are being traced in more than 25 states.

Dr. Ellis, Texas' assistant state veterinarian, stressed that CEM is spread by infected equine animals during breeding, not by casual contact or shared boarding facilities. CEM is a venereal disease transmitted by infected stallions either during natural service or through artificial insemination.

CEM-infected horses must be quarantined and treated with disinfectants and antibiotics over a period of several weeks. Following a course of successful treatment and re-evaluation, the animals may be certified CEM-negative and released from quarantine.

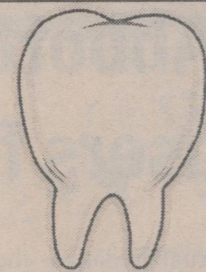
## County's top taxpayers

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west Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. \$357,520.00; 7. Griffin Oil Company \$265,800.00; 8. Enterprise Leasing Co of DFW \$254,660.00; 9. Griffin Construction LLC \$253,000.00; and, 10. Town and Country Food Stores \$243,560.00.

The city's tax rate this year stands at \$0.8257 per \$100 valuation.

Chief Appraiser Janie Mitchell explained that the appraised values and tax payments listed above do not reflect discounts available for early payment.



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9th Tata Belman, Raymond Riley, Keith Nance, Kim Albin, Rocky Huichapa, Ricky Huichapa  
10th Micah Grelle, Richard Harris, George Scott, Billy Williams, Carisa Porter  
11th Clayton Mack Edmiston, Manny Gonzalez, Sharon Spinks, Rosa Lozano  
12th Edward Barajas, Teresa Thomas, Mike Lux, Jerry Jones  
13th Gary Hanusch Jr., April Fuentes, David Meador  
14th Casey Snelson, Tanner Haynes, Meredith Gruben Bradley, Dylan Dombroski, Brittaneey Gauna, Andrea Rodriguez  
15th Leroy Reeves, Janet Curtis, Santos Trevino, Michelle Martinez

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## FBI warns about scams and hoaxes

Robert E. Casey Jr., Special Agent In Charge, Dallas, FBI, advises due to the recent increase in frequency and variety of internet, mail, e-mail, and telephone scams, the FBI provides the following information and recommendations:

Fraudulent telemarketing scams are estimated to cost over 40 billion dollars a year. The Department of Justice estimates the number of American consumers defrauded each year by fraudulent telemarketing at one in six. Fraudulent telemarketers are continuing to target elderly citizens in disproportionate numbers.

Some of the more common scams that continue to be a concern include:

- Nigerian Letters;
- Lottery/Sweepstakes Scams;
- Internet Auction Fraud.

### NIGERIAN LETTERS

Individuals and businesses continue to receive letters from Nigeria through the mail, over fax machines, and over e-mail. These letters appear to come from a prominent individual or company with access to a substantial sum of money. The writer purports to need someone with a bank account outside Nigeria to facilitate recovery of this large sum of money. These Nigerian scam letters have been going around for years and there are now numerous versions which may appear to originate from outside Nigeria. Do not provide bank account information, or other personal information based upon these letters.

### LOTTERY/SWEEPSTAKES

This scam involves the victim receiving notification, either by telephone, mail, or e-mail, that the victim has won a large sum of money, typically from Canada,

although they may originate elsewhere. The victim is then convinced to pay money, under the guise of customs taxes, processing fees, or as a fee to convert the winnings to United States currency, as a prerequisite to receiving the winnings. Do not send money as a condition of receiving lottery or sweepstakes winnings. It is a violation of Federal Trade Commission (FTC) trade rules to require a purchase as a condition of entering a contest, sweepstakes, or other promotion. Also, it is illegal to play a foreign lottery through the mail or on the telephone or internet (Title 18 United States Code, section 1301-1307).

### INTERNET AUCTION

This scam involves a "buyer" expressing an interest in purchasing something, typically over the internet. The buyer will then send a check to the victim in an amount above the purchase price. The buyer explains why the check is higher than the purchase price and asks the victim to send the balance back to the buyer. The victim, believing the certified check is good, then forwards the excess money back to the buyer. The check sent by the buyer is counterfeit and the buyer has no interest in purchasing anything. Sellers should be cautious of a buyer who wants to send a check for an amount above the purchase price. Sellers should be cautious of sending merchandise or money back to the buyer, without first ensuring that the buyers form of payment is legitimate.

### RED FLAGS TO WATCH FOR

a) Pressure: Scammers will often pressure the victim to act quickly. The "opportunity" is only available for a limited time, or the prize will be given to someone else if not claimed;

b) Pay Up Front: A scam will often require the victim to pay money up front in order to take advantage of the "opportunity." No legitimate contest requires a winner to pay money up front to claim the winnings;

c) Will Not Send Written Information: The scammer will rarely send written documentation to the victim, because that provides the victim time to think about the situation, as well as provides the victim the means of checking out the operation/organization;

d) Excuses: The scammer will often be unable to answer legitimate questions posed by the victim. They will provide excuses rather than directly address such questions and concerns. They will even become upset because the victim is questioning the caller by threatening to provide the opportunity to someone else if the victim is not interested.

### DO'S AND DON'TS

DO ask for the business/organization name and address (many will not provide this information, because it is something that may be verified); DO ask for written information. This gives the potential victim the opportunity to examine the offer and talk to others about the offer; DO talk to family and friends about the situation. A second opinion is always a good idea. Something that sounds too good to be true, normally is; DO call the Better Business Bureau (BBB) if you are unfamiliar with a business;

DON'T pay to receive lottery/contest winnings; DON'T allow the caller to pressure you to ACT NOW! DON'T give out bank account numbers, credit card numbers, or other personal information to anyone you did not initiate contact with and you know is a reputable business.

## Happy New Year!

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# Attorney General Abbott urges parents to protect young cell phone users from tech savvy predators

DALLAS – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today encouraged parents to utilize tools that can help protect young mobile telephone users from harmful content and child predators. Citing a recent increase in young cell phone users--and increasingly versatile wireless devices' potential for ex-

ploitation by sexual predators--the Attorney General urged parents to protect their children in the wireless world.

"With so many young Texans using mobile telephones, it is critically important for parents to protect their children from technology-savvy sexual preda-

tors," Attorney General Abbott said. "By implementing parental controls and learning more about the potential dangers facing young cell phone users, well-informed parents can help keep their children safe. As increasingly sophisticated criminals use new technology to communicate with potential victims, parents and law enforcement must harness all available resources to ensure children are protected."

According to a September 2008 study by Harris Interactive, an international research firm, approximately 79 percent of teenagers ages 13 to 19 have mobile devices. As a result, a steadily increasing percentage of children are using cell phones to communicate and access the Internet. By implementing parental controls on their child's wireless communications device, parents can block young users' access to potentially dangerous Web sites, such as chat rooms.

The Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Unit routinely conducts sting operations in chat rooms, where highly-specialized investigators create online profiles falsely indicating that they are children. Frequently, sexual predators communicate with the undercover officers and ultimately attempt to establish a time and place where the predator intends to meet and sexually assault the "child." Since Attorney General Abbott established the Cyber Crimes Unit in 2003, more than 100 online predators have been arrested for soliciting or attempting to sexually assault children.

Because of the dangers posed by online predators, Attorney General Abbott recently urged the Legislature to update Texas' sex offender registration laws. If enacted, the Attorney General's proposal would require that sex offenders register their e-mail addresses, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information.

For tips parents can use to keep their children safe in a wireless environment, visit The Wireless Foundation's Web site, [www.wirelessfoundation.org](http://www.wirelessfoundation.org).

## ASU awards degrees to fall grads

Angelo State University conferred 370 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 364 graduates during 2008 fall commencement exercises December 13 in San Angelo, Texas.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Associate/Bachelor of Science in Nursing (A.B.S.N.) and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

The following graduate degrees are offered: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.), Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science (M.S.) and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.).

The 2008 Fall graduates include the following from the Eldorado area were Jennifer M. Luedcke, B.S.; Robert S. Parker, B.B.A.; and Andrea H. Robles, B.A.

## Capital Highlights...

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pleted his final term in office on Dec. 31.

Earle's successor, his long-time first assistant Rosemary Lehmburg, was elected by popular vote in the general election of 2008.

### Lawmakers file more bills

Here are samples of a few of the hundreds of proposed new laws senators and representatives have filed in advance of the soon-to-begin legislative session.

HB 375 by Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, would reclassify farm elk as livestock under the agriculture code. Other species currently classified as livestock include horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, exotic livestock

and hogs.

HB 438 by Eddie Lucio III, D-Rancho Viejo, would make it illegal for a motor vehicle operator to use a wireless communication device to read, write or send a text-based communication while driving.

SB 392 by Dan Patrick, R-Houston, would amend the election code by eliminating straight party voting for judicial offices, such as supreme court justices, courts of criminal appeals justices, district judges, criminal district judges, family district judges, county court at law judges, county criminal court judges, county probate court judges and county justices of the peace.

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  6. Neighbor of Algeria
  10. Bating avgs., basically
  14. Make amends
  15. Where the shah ruled
  16. Actor Rob or Chad
  17. Letterman show feature
  19. Olympics blade
  20. Germany's Graf von \_\_\_
  21. Make jubilant
  22. Like Easter eggs
  23. Folk wisdom
  25. \_\_\_ Thesaurus
  27. Have the money for
  30. Beyond tipsy
  32. Jelly flavor
  33. Bel \_\_\_ cheese
  34. Addams cousin
  37. Hourly fee
  38. Poet Stephen Vincent \_\_\_
  39. Have the lead role
  40. Colonial insect
  41. Track prelims
  42. Sling ammo
  43. Accustomed with
  45. Longtime baseball manager
  - Anderson
  46. Grow choppers

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4. Pronghorn or impala
5. Filmmaker Spike
6. Choreographer Alice de \_\_\_
7. Opera highlight
8. In baseball's "cellar"
9. Part of a mortgage payment
10. Frat brother-to-be
11. Newspaper staffer
12. Nestling's call
13. Bagel toppers, perhaps
18. Social misfit
24. It's unrefined
26. Have a tab
27. Taj Mahal site
28. Lebowitz or Drescher
29. Big time in New Orleans
30. \_\_\_ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
31. Light shirts
33. Bog fuel
35. Propane holder
36. Deuce beater
38. Adorned
39. Light, horsedrawn carriage
41. Snicker syllable
42. Healthful getaway
44. Takes the tiller
45. Do in, as a dragon
46. Give lessons
47. "My Fair Lady" lady
48. Starts the pot
51. Hawaiian port
52. "Put \_\_\_ writing!"
54. Bront's Jane
55. Oodles
56. Microscope part
59. \_\_\_ Four (the Beatles)

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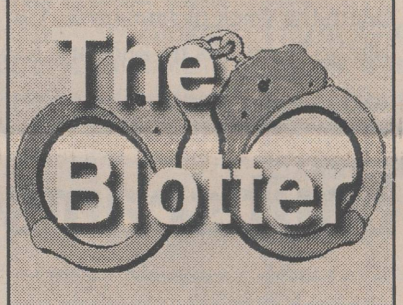
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The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. 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.

**ARRESTS**  
**January 5** • Jalomo, Enrique, male age 20. Offense Warrant Tom Green County. Released to Tom Green County

**INCIDENTS**  
**December 31** • 3:17 am A male age 22 yrs. of age attempted suicide and was at the hospital. Officer Herbert was notified. ER staff noted that they didn't need an officer on site.

- 5:13 pm Caller reported a fire on County road 412. Fire fighters paged out.
- 5:19 pm Unknown Caller reported fire.
- 7:01 pm Caller requested an officer. Officers responded.
- January 1** • 10:22 pm Clerk reported male walked out with a pack of cigarettes. Officer dispatched.
- January 2** • 12:03 am Caller requested to speak to an officer about male following her and wouldn't leave her alone. Officer responded.
- 2:31 pm Caller reported a grass fire at 5 north. Units responded.
- 4:24 pm Caller reported a brush fire just south of Huldale plant. Fire Department paged out.
- 6:30 pm Man broke down on Rudd Rd. and 2084. Stranded

- there over 12 hours according to caller. Units dispatched to scene.
- 7:06 pm Caller reported a Silver Ford 3/4 ton PU with red headache rack traveling at a high rate of speed towards Eldorado. Officers responded.
- 9:16 pm Officer reported there was no water at the jail. And other residents in Eldorado were also without water.
- 10 05 pm Caller reported father had beaten kids and wife. All units responded.
- 10:06 pm Caller reported family violence at location. All units responded. Victim refused to make a statement or press charges. There were no visible marks on visible portions of victim's body. Subject was advised that the person responsible for the assault could very well cause victim and family greater injury the next time. Victim still refused to file charges.
- January 3** • 5:45 pm TX DPS in San Angelo requested a welfare check on a person here in Eldorado. Said he was either drunk or having a stroke. Further investigation by this dept. revealed that the person who called the DPS in San Angelo had indeed suffered a stroke a few months back. Subject found to be OK.
- 6:47 pm Caller reported a cow in roadway 12 miles past the old roadside park. Officer responded.
- 6:57 pm Child playing with phone initiated 911 call.
- January 4** • 4:30 pm Caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to a suspicious vehicle continuously passing by his house. Officer responded.
- January 5** • 5:31 pm Caller reported a controlled burn in a trash pit on their property.
- January 6** • Security alarm company requested an officer at local business. Officer responded.
- 12:22 pm ER reported an incident. Officer responded.

**74<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHLEICHER COUNTY LIVESTOCK, FOOD AND PROJECT SHOW**

— SCHEDULE OF EVENTS —

Wed, Jan. 7                      5:00 PM Food Show Recipe Forms Due

Thursday, Jan. 08              -- Creative Arts Entries Accepted, Photography Entries Accepted, Industrial Arts Entries Accepted

Friday, Jan. 09 1:00 PM -- Barns Open to Animals arriving

Friday, Jan. 09 2:00-5:00 -- Creative Arts Judged, Photography Judged, Industrial Arts Judged

**Friday, Jan. 09              6:00 PM -- All Animals must be in barns. weighed-in and classified**

Saturday, Jan. 10              8:00 AM -- Show will begin with the following order: (1 Market Lambs (2 Market Goats (3 Market Steers (4 Market Swine (5 Gilts (6 Dorper Sheep (7 Breeding Boer Goats 8. Angora Goats 9. Little Britches Goat Show\*

Saturday, Jan. 10              9:00 AM -- Food Show Entries Must be in place

Saturday, Jan. 10              10:00AM -- Judging of Food Show

Saturday, Jan. 10              12:00 NOON -- BBQ Lunch, Break from show

Saturday, Jan. 10              Immediately Following show -- Presentation of Awards

Saturday, Jan. 10              Approx. 2 PM              -- Premium Sale

Saturday, Jan. 10              2:00PM -- Creative arts, Industrial Arts, Photography Projects Released

Saturday, Jan. 10              Following Sale -- Clean Up

Saturday, Jan. 10              Following Clean Up -- Livestock Released

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ANGEL Tree....Thank You!

The Resource Center wants to thank everyone that took part in the Angel Tree project this year. The seventh grade students made up money enough to take care of 38 Angels.

We also want to thank the businesses that put up Angel Trees: First National Bank, Duckwalls, and Super S.

The Dollar General Store brought in ten new children outfits that were given away to little Angels. Food was collected by students in Elementary school and the Ministerial Alliance.

Thanks also to every one that took an Angel or Angels. They are: Pearl Vinlove, Frances Peters, Linda Lindsey, The Woman's Club, Eldorado Lions Club, Eldorado EM Services (15 Angels), First Methodist Church youth (20 Angels), Linda Gonzalez, Helen Ledbetter, Kimberly Griffin, Martha's Angels, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Jackson, Holly Brame, Christy Brown, Ilse Williams, Randy Mitchel, High School Student Council, Rosa Martinez, Marion Porter, Denise Capps, Glenda Harris, Ester Bunton, Norma Lynn Mund, Peggy Grelle, Jo Ann Heffernan, Jessie Jenkins, Paula Boyer, Michelle McCants, Senaida Martinez, Tammy Balance, Shirley Pina, Aaron Santellano, Ann Schooley, Connie Wells, Mary Robinson, Belinda Faulk and boys, Rose Mary Factor, Stan Meador, Lupe Romo and to any one that did not sign when they took an Angel there were 140 children that had a better Christmas because of all of you.

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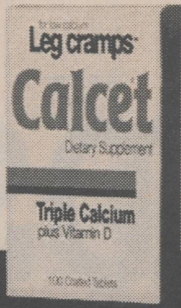
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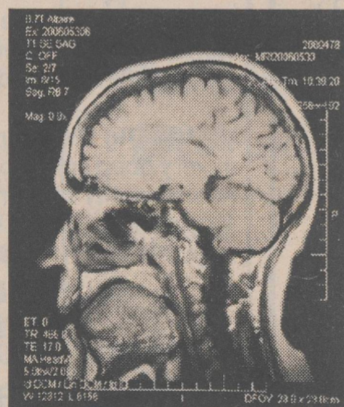


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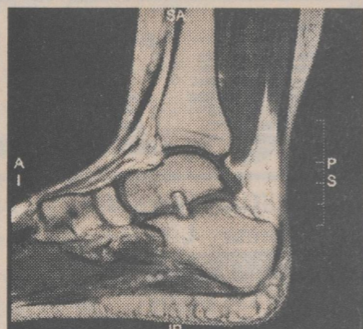


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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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## Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

### One Hundred Years Ago

2009, a new year for Schleicher County and Eldorado, but if you turned the clock back one hundred years to 1909, you might find a totally different place. No TV, computers, modern appliances, cars, planes or even paved roads. Very few homes had electricity. The population was around 1,890 in the county, mostly rural homes.

Eldorado was a thriving little town in 1909, with three churches, three grocery stores, one hardware store, one general merchandise store, one grain and feed store, two drug stores, one hotel and two banks. There were three doctors who usually made house calls traveling in horse and buggy.

Business lots sold for around \$1,500 a lot. This was a fair price

considering the fact most merchants expected the population of Eldorado to exceed 10,000 in a few years.

In 1909 W.D. Ake brought the first automobile to Schleicher Co. It was a two cylinder Buick with chain drive that cranked on the side and had a rod for steering.

Government for the County consisted of: J.A. Whitten, Judge; W.C. Benton, Co. Clerk; W.M. Holland, Sheriff; H. W. Finley, Tax Assessor; and P.H. McCormick, Co. Treasurer.

In 1909, Eldorado Independent School District voted 20,000 worth of bonds for a new brick school building (pictured above). Two students, Essa Hoover and Bertha West, completed the tenth grade to graduate. The total number of students in school was 201, and J.B. Smith was the Superintendent.

The first woven wire or wolf proof fence was erected in 1909 by Edd Ratliff. This was a great asset for stock farmers and ranchers.

Times were a lot different one hundred years ago, but I think the people of Schleicher Co. were pretty much the same, good, honest, caring folks, same as today.

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