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Investigation continues in Schooley murder case

Family and friends of Clifford Schooley, Sr. gathered in Eldorado on Saturday to say good-bye to a man they knew as a family man, a war hero and a church leader. Even as the farewells were being said, some couldn't help but question why the man they knew and loved had been shot to death by his son a mere three days earlier.

Meanwhile, law enforcement officers had questions of their own. Questions about how and when the fatal shooting had occurred. Some answers came more quickly than others and investigators soon dismissed claims by their suspect, Cliff Schooley, Jr., that he had acted in self defense.

A .22 caliber revolver found lying under the elder Schooley's hand tended to support the self-defense claim, but less than 12 hours after the shooting was reported, officers were convinced that the gun had not been a factor in the shooting and a charge of first degree murder was filed against the younger Schooley.

"Let's just say that things didn't add up," Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran told the Success last Friday, after investigators had spent a second day meticulously searching the crime scene.

The elder Schooley's body was transported to Lubbock where an autopsy was performed by the Lubbock County Medical examiner. Later, investigators would not confirm the Success that Schooley had been shot twice, once in the back of the head and once in the front. But, neither did they refute the claim.

The first officers to reach the scene of the shooting on Wednesday, January 12, 2003, were Chief Deputy George Arispe and Deputy Jason Chatham. They reported their arrival to the dispatcher by radio at 11:58 a.m., just 25 minutes after Cliff Schooley, Jr. called to report the shooting. Once

there, the lawmen found the body of 79-year old Clifford Schooley, Sr., lying in a pool of blood. They immediately took the Cliff Schooley, Jr. into custody and took possession of his 9 mm Ruger pistol, the gun allegedly used in the shooting. The officers then set about securing the scene, stretching bright yellow crime scene tape around the area.

Texas Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long was called in to assist with the case and he took over direction of the case the moment he arrived from Ozona. Long's trip to Schleicher County was a quick one. He arrived at the scene less than 90 minutes after the shooting was reported.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran was attending a Texas sheriff's conference in Austin when he received word of the shooting. He left Austin and drove directly to the Schooley Ranch, arriving at about 4:00 p.m.

By that time, Cliff Schooley had been questioned by Ranger Long and the investigation was well under way.

That evening, as deputies stood guard over the crime scene, Ranger Long and Sheriff Doran traveled to Lubbock in order to attend the autopsy the next morning.

A second day of intense investigation continued on Thursday as Sheriff's officers, joined by Texas Ranger Jerry Byrne and several Department of Public Safety investigators, scoured the area around the shooting, reportedly looking for bullets. At one point the officers made reference to a portable global positioning instrument. They declined to comment on why the device, which uses satellite technology to pinpoint a position on the earth's surface, was requested at the scene.

That same day, word came that 52-year old Cliff Schooley, Jr. had posted a \$50,000 surety bond and was released from the Schleicher County Jail.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Sifting for clues — Schleicher County officers were joined by DPS investigators and Texas Ranger Jerry Byrnes last Thursday as they pored over the scene of a fatal shooting that claimed the life of Clifford Schooley, Sr. of Eldorado.

The following day, Friday, February 14, the elder Schooley's 2003 Dodge pickup truck was the subject of much scrutiny and a crime scene photographer was seen carefully taking pictures of the truck. The pickup had been impounded by authorities the day of the shooting.

Murder is a first degree felony in Texas. If convicted of the charges currently filed against him, Cliff Schooley, Jr. could receive a 99 year

prison sentence and a fine of up to \$10,000.

The homicide investigation is the first in Schleicher County since the Dec. 27, 1989 murder of Jerry Kellogg. He was found shot to death on County Road 412 (Rabbit Road). Then Schleicher County Sheriff Ronnie Norris concentrated extensively on the case and pursued many out-of-state leads but the case was never solved.

Dollars and cents of a murder trial

Just about any county commissioner in any rural Texas county will tell you that the fastest way to scrap a county budget is to hold a murder trial. That prospect looms on the horizon now for Schleicher County after the shooting death last week of Clifford Schooley, Sr.

Not only could a trial prove costly, but the investigation leading up to court proceedings is expensive, too. Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. personnel went on an overtime schedule immediately after the shooting was reported. Since then, the cost of the investigation has been ticking upward.

Sheriff David Doran, who serves as Schleicher County's chief law enforcement officer and therefore the official most directly concerned with the department's budget, said that the dollars and cents of the case are not his primary concern. "I can't let the cost of the investigation enter into the equation," Doran said. "We have to follow where the evidence leads."

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin said that he intends to set aside \$50,000 from the county's reserve fund in order to pay for the investigation and trial. He said that he did not expect the State of Texas to assist the county with any of the costs since the charge against Cliff Schooley, Jr. is first degree murder, not capital murder.

Crockett County Auditor Sandy Stokes told the Success that a recent murder trial cost his county about \$300,000. In that case, the charge was capital murder and the defendant was convicted and sentenced to the death penalty.

Stokes said that a major factor that runs of the cost of a murder trial in a rural county is the fact that the defendants and/or the victims are usually well known in the community. Couple that with the publicity that murder cases generate and many judges feel compelled to order a change of venue and move the trial to another town.

The cost of a court appointed attorney can contribute greatly to the cost that a county must bear. In the Schooley case, Dist. Judge Barbara Walther has appointed San Angelo attorney Randol Stout to represent Cliff Schooley, Jr.

While most local officials don't expect the cost of a trial in the Schooley case to be nearly as expensive as the capital murder case in Crockett County, they are paying close attention to developments in the case.

In 1999, a high profile murder case in Jasper, Texas cost that county in excess of \$675,000.

"I don't think this is one of those," County Judge Johnny Griffin commented. "But you never know what will happen when one of these things goes to trial."

At press time, investigators are still looking into the Schooley shooting. Clifford Schooley, Jr., accused of shooting his father to death, is free on \$50,000 surety bond.

Elgoatarod promises to be about more than goats

Come one, come all to the first annual Elgoatarod festival. The event, the brainchild of Eldorado's Jim Runge, has been widely promoted by newspapers, TV and radio stations across the state. Already, more than 20 vendors have signed up to attend.

The idea for the Elgoatarod is based on Alaska's Iditirod dog sled race. Here,

goats will be substituted for dogs with fun being the main goal.

There are many activities planned for the weekend that are sure to "get your goat." Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and continue through 5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The Elgoatarod is sponsored by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee

and, as at all family-oriented EBOC events, the consumption of alcohol is discouraged.

In addition to arts, crafts and food booths, a huge attraction will be the Laser Maze coming all the way from Houston.

The Laser Maze is a portable structure utilizing laser tag. Laser tag is an interactive game for all ages played in a darkened arena where smoke swirls around your feet, lights flash and music pounds. You fire your "Laser" through the den to zap your opponents while trying to avoid being zapped. Laser tag is a heart pounding, adrenaline pumping game in which strategy and luck are joined to defeat your opponents. It will be set up at the NW corner of the Schleicher County courthouse square, along with a Kettle Korn booth from Overland, Kansas and a complete concession trailer from Granbury. There will be no need to leave the festivities to go get a bite to eat.

The truck and tractor show on Saturday will feature a 1914 Case tractor from Christoval, a 1965 El Camino from Center Point, a 1998 GMC Z-71 from Garden Ridge, a 1949 Ford Pick up from Eldorado, plus several show cars for display only. Area new truck and tractor dealers have been invited to display

their wares, also.

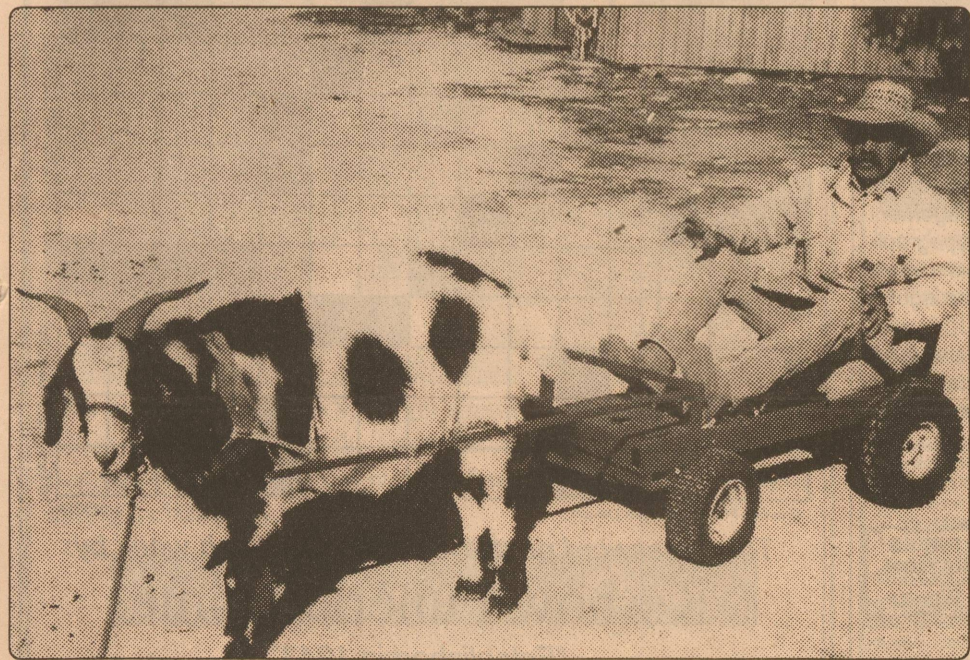
In the arts and crafts area, there will be personalized wooden silhouettes from Wolforth, rustic tin and metal items from Rowena, Jee's Jewelry from Fort Stockton, Alma's peanuts from Brownfield, night lights from New Braunfels, rice necklaces from San Angelo, canned salsa from Shepherd, chili dinner in a bag from Florence, girl scout cookies from Eldorado, a Tagoo Bird information dissemination booth, as well as Tagoo Bird shirts for sale and some surprises.

The dress of the day is "Tagoo." Everyone owning a "tagoo bird capital" shirt is encouraged to wear it to promote this lovable creature during the festival.

The first-ever running of the goats is planned for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, but a full schedule of events is planned before and after the first heat begins.

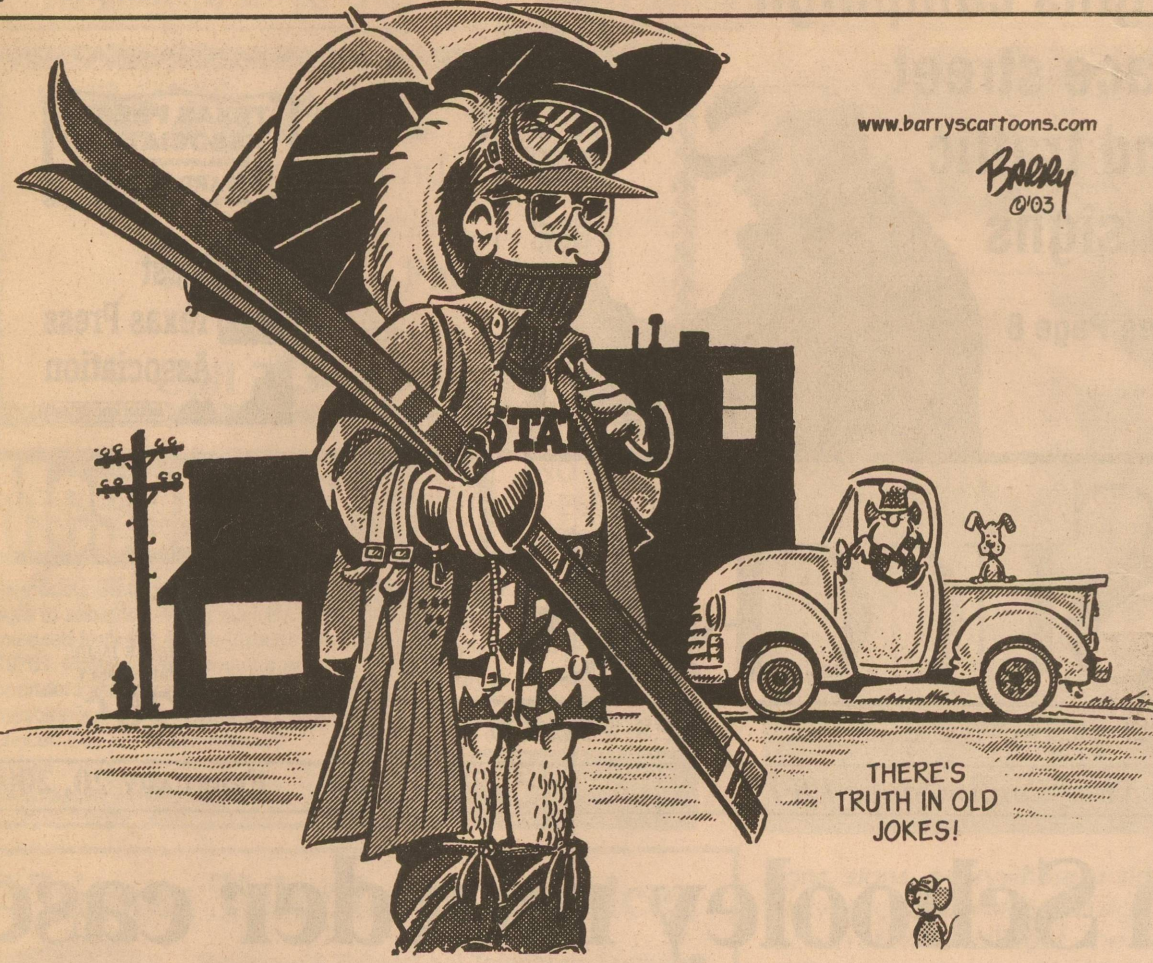
Among those slated to be in attendance is Claude Spencer, Eldorado's Tagoo Bird Guru. He will man a booth beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday where he will answer questions about Eldorado's famed Tagoo Bird.

The fun filled festival is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. A complete schedule of events may be found on Page 5.



COURTESY PHOTO

Hold on tight — Willie Vasquez displays one of the entries he plans to race in the upcoming Elgoatarod goat races. The races, modeled after the Alaskan Iditirod dog sled races will feature goats pulling various types of carts. There will be a number of heats and additional entries are encouraged.

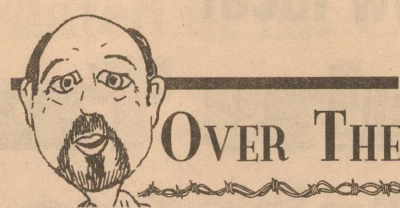


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DON'T LIKE TH' WEATHER HERE? JUST WAIT FIVE ...

Get used to it? I don't think so!



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Word about last week's tragic shooting of Clifford Schooley, Sr. quickly made its way around town last Wednesday. Soon, rumor fed upon rumor until no one could be even remotely sure what was true.

Here at the Success, we were about to go to press when we heard the chatter on the police scanner. Kathy grabbed a camera and headed out and I telephoned our printer in San Angelo in order to reschedule our print time. It was only the second time in the nearly nine years we've owned the paper that we missed our regular print deadline.

Even then, we still weren't sure what had happened. Slowly, over a period of hours, the grizzly details became known and again I telephoned the printer to push back the print time.

Readers began coming to the Success office at about 4:30 p.m.

in hopes of picking up an early copy of the paper. It got so bad that I posted signs in the newspaper office windows, and on the newsrack out front, saying that the paper was delayed by breaking news.

Finally, unable to wait any longer, we headed to press at about 9:30 p.m., nearly ten hours late. We rushed back to Eldorado and got the first issues on the street just after midnight. That's when we learned that first degree murder charges has been filed in the case, a detail we missed in our print edition, but one that was easily updated on our website.

Throughout the days that followed, the Success website, myeldorado.net, was inundated with viewers. On Thursday of last week the website received more than 47,000 hits. The next day was even bigger.

On Saturday, I deluded myself into thinking I could get some work done at the newspaper office. I was wrong. One visitor after another came by in hopes of glean a few more details about the shooting. I had to tell them that everything I knew was posted on the website. Then there were the phone calls. One caller, a former Eldoradoan who now lives in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex called to say that he appreciated the updates on the website. Then he said that he had forgotten how naive

everyone in Eldorado is.

"We have two or three murders a week, up here," he said. Then he added, "Folks in Eldorado need to get used to living in the 21st century."

I told him that I would take a pass on the big city life.

I found myself thinking about that phone call several times as the weekend wore on. And, the more I considered it, the more I realized that even during tragic events, Eldorado is a wonderful place to call home.

I like the fact that people here are still shocked by violence. Heaven help us if we ever grow accustomed to the brutality that passes without notice in larger cities.

I like, too, the fact that neighbors rush to help one another here in Eldorado. When the Texas Ranger in charge of the case wouldn't allow sheriff's deputies to leave the scene of the shooting in order to officially notify the widow, Eldoradoans took it upon themselves to call on and comfort her.

I also like the fact that Sheriff Doran, who was in Austin when he received word of the shooting, dropped everything and headed home. Before he reached the county he could be heard on the police scanner asking if the next of kin had been notified. He needn't have worried. By that time, Deputy David Oliván and Jail Administrator Lesa Martinez had taken it upon themselves to call on the grieving widow.

Last week's events were tragic and nothing we say or do will bring back the life that was lost. And, here in Eldorado we will never, ever get used to such things.

Perry: State agencies must prepare for 9% budget cut

AUSTIN — In case you missed Gov. Rick Perry's "State of the State" address to the Legislature last week, here's the Cliff notes version: We're broke but we can fix the budget without increasing your taxes.

More specifically, the governor called for state agencies to get ready for a 9 percent budget cut (agencies already have cut 7 percent from their general revenue funding for this fiscal year at the governor's order), and a 6 percent cut to Medicaid.

Under Perry's proposal, schools and state extension systems would be exempted from the agency cuts.

Perry also proposed taking \$350 million from the state's Rainy Day Fund.

If his requests are translated into legislation, Perry continued, it could save the state some \$9.5 billion, roughly the amount of the

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

state's anticipated revenue shortfall.

As soon as the Legislature wades through this fundamental problem, the next big issue is school finance.

"There is no clear solution currently on the table," he said. "But beginning now, we must work until a solution is found, because the era of Robin Hood must come to an end."

Some good news...

As legislators and state agencies continued to anguish over Texas' budget deficit, one piece of good news is Toyota Motor Corporation's decision to build an \$800 million assembly plant on San Antonio's south side.

The cost of the plant is merely

the first domino in what will happen to San Antonio's economy, and to some extent, Texas' in general: Building the plant will mean an estimated 2,000 jobs.

Once the plant is on line, some 2,000 people will work there. Having that many people on the plant payroll will produce another 5,300 spin-off jobs, though some analysts estimate more than double that number to 13,000 jobs.

All those numbers equal an economic impact over the next decade of nearly \$3 billion.

Liability law proposed...

Anyone who's been in a car crash knows that sickening sound of crunching metal and shattering glass. An estimated 20 percent of those folks know another equally disgusting sound: "I don't have any insurance."

Varieties of that unpleasant information range from "I don't know" to the sound of running feet on pavement as the driver at fault disappears leaving you and your insurance company holding the financial bag.

Since the law requiring all motorists in Texas to carry liability insurance first went on the books, the Department of Public Safety has estimated, based on analysis of accident reports, that 80 of drivers involved in vehicle crashes have the required coverage while 20 percent do not.

Hoping to solve this perennial problem, Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) has filed Senate Bill 411. The measure would create a liability insurance verification

program similar to one in Illinois where the non-compliance rate dropped from 17 percent to 5 percent after the law went into effect 12 years ago.

Under the system envisioned in Bivins' bill, the Department of Transportation would mail forms to randomly selected vehicle owners requiring that they provide proof of liability insurance or some other form of financial responsibility. If the registered owner does not respond in 30 days, a warning is mailed. If an owner still does not reply, the owner's registration would be suspended.

To re-establish registration an owner would have to prove financial responsibility and pony up a \$100 fee. Reinstatement after any subsequent violations would cost \$200.

Anyone caught driving while their registration was suspended would be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$2,000.

Civil War brochure available...

The new movie "God and Generals" has demonstrated once again that Americans are still interested in the Civil War.

The Texas Historical Commission has produced a 24-page brochure, "Texans in the Civil War," with information on historic and cultural sites in the state dating back to what the diehards still refer to as The War of Northern Aggression.

For a copy of the free brochure, call 512-463-6254 or visit the Web site www.the.state.tx.us.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Clover and Rachel Make Beautiful Music

I had been told several times about Clover and Rachel Carroll of Milano. People around Cameron and Rockdale said I ought to interview them. So I called them. Clover answered on about the second ring. I told him I wanted to do an interview with him and would it be OK if I came over. He said "We're in Colorado right now. You want to drive up here?"

Obviously they have a cell phone. And use it. I told Clover I'd love to come up there, but thought it'd be better if we met later at a more convenient place. We decided to meet at Hulen Mall in Fort Worth. I was on my way to East Texas and he said he needed to work that area to try to get some business.

Sound like a salesman? You betcha. Clover is a musician and he books his own appearances and sells his CD's. Clover plays guitar, Rachel plays bass and they both sing. They also write songs.

The CD's are what got me interested in the two. ADJ at KRXT in Rockdale played me a couple of cuts from their CD Texas Routes. In between the songs are brief sound bites from older people he has interviewed.

"They've got some wonderful stories to tell," says Clover. "Some of these are kin folks, some are people I've met." The interesting CD has 14 sound bites.

Another thing that intrigued me about the CD is the Barbecue Song. Clover and Rachel wrote a song about some of their favorite BBQ places. They name them in the song. There's plenty of them. It is one of their most requested songs. Some people say they want to eat at all the BBQ restaurants mentioned in the song.

Clover and Rachel met me at the foyer of Foley's, then went to their van for a visit. Both are just out of college. Clover studied law enforcement and Rachel studied computer graphics. They played music on the side while working at regular jobs. When Rachel lost her job at a dot com firm, they decided to go into music full time.

They've been at it well over a year now and stay busy. They play on weekends and work the telephone to get bookings during the week. They sleep in their van, which carries their instruments and sound gear.

"We're taking a businesslike approach to this," says Clover. We like it and want to keep doing it for a long time. We've studied business books and have made a commitment to this line of work. So far, it's been successful. But we work at it. A lot of musicians just have talent. But that's not enough. You've got to have some business sense."

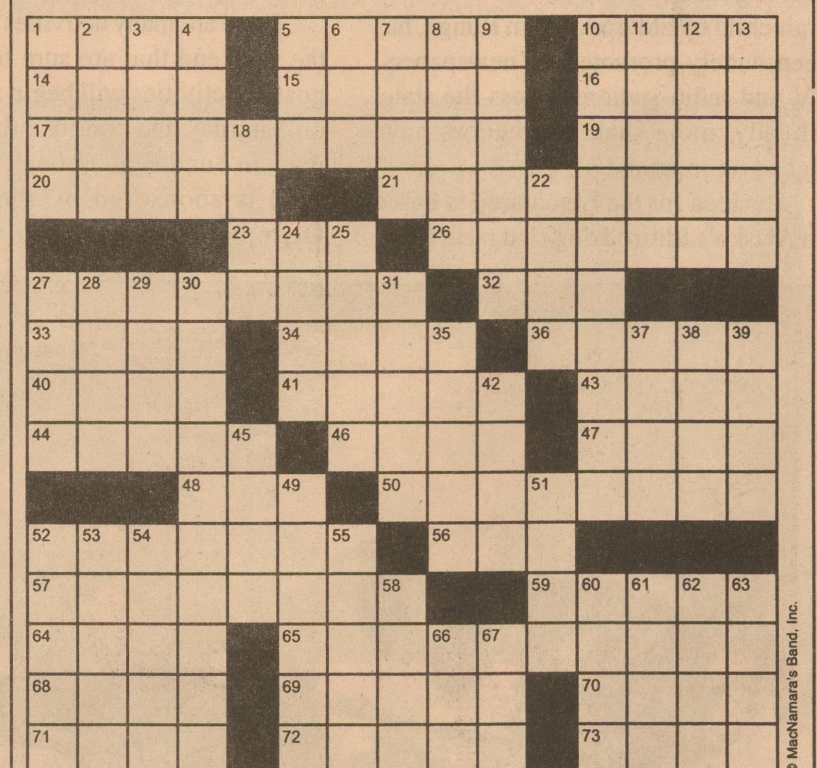
I have a feeling they'll do music as long as they want to.

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ACROSS
1. Agronomist's study
5. Muscle twitch
10. Classic Pontiacs
14. Heche or Rice
15. Nation on Hispaniola
16. Saint Philip (Renaissance priest)
17. Hoops star/mineral expert?
19. Q.E.D. middle
20. Tent sealer
21. Don, as a pair of pants
23. "You __ dog, you!"
26. Perennial presidential hopeful Harold
27. "Cheers" perch
32. " __ longa, vita brevis"
33. Bryce Canyon state
34. Economist Smith
36. Fur merchant John Jacob
40. Latvia's capital
41. Our biggest bone
43. Luminous ring
44. Inventor Nikola
46. Goof off
47. City in 33-A
48. Silly Putty holder
50. Shoes in the
52. Put-down artists
56. __ Kan (pet-foods name)
57. Jazz sax great John
59. Like some eclipses
64. Scrabble piece
65. How some minerals may be taken?
68. Where the Gobi is
69. Dry run
70. Privy to
71. Search for
72. Religious offshoots
73. Get bombed

DOWN
1. __ Club (merchandising chain)
2. "Don't bet __"
3. Early Peruvian
4. Security lapse
5. HBO alternative
6. Links standard
7. Lends a hand to
8. Baseball card tidbits
9. Secretary of Transportation Norman
10. Mineralogist's words of praise on the golf course?
11. Gulls' relatives
12. Emulate Bryan
13. Suppress
18. Perform in the king's court, say
22. Army chutist, briefly
24. Goof off
25. Alpine song
27. Reynolds or Young
28. Play to __ (draw)
29. Joplin tunes
30. Mineral butcher-shop purchase?
31. Tibetan monks
35. Elevator music
37. The O'Hara home
38. Cassini of fashion
39. Seven Hills spot
42. Country's McEntire
45. Antiquing agent
49. Skin transplants
51. __ podrida
52. Assume the role of
53. Gem State capital
54. Kate's sitcom friend
55. Napper's noise
58. Idle or Ambler
60. Foot or pound
61. El __ (weather phenomenon)
62. On the crest of
63. Lacoste of tennis
66. Gangster's gun
67. "Kidnapped" monogram

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Joseph Clifford Schooley, Sr.

ELDORADO — Funeral service for Joseph Clifford Schooley Sr. was held Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Mertzon Street Church of Christ in Eldorado. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Clifford was born June 22, 1923, in Voca, Texas. His parents were Dick and Lona Schooley. At 18, Dad joined the army and served as a tank commander in World War II. Dad received the Silver Star and Purple Heart, as well as a special honor from Belgium bestowed upon the 740th "Daredevil" Tank Battalion. Dad honored and loved his country that

he served. Every prayer that Dad prayed, he always asked that God take care of our nation.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; and three children, Cynthia Powell, Lorretta Ray and husband, Lee Ray, and Cliff Schooley Jr. and wife, Donna. Dad adored his grandchildren, Lee, Lauren, Gabe and Ericka. His special prides, though, were his three great-grandchildren, Arianna, Brett and Lane.

Dad passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003. He was 79 years old. We ask for your prayers for our family.

Francis Yvonne Johnson



State University in Stephenville.

She married Eldorado native J.C. Johnson, Jr. June 15, 1947 in Lamesa. She was not only a devoted and loving wife, a dedicated mother and best friend to her sons, but the world's greatest "MeMe" to her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her father, mother, and brother, Donald Brooks. She leaves behind her husband of 56 years, 2 sons, Johnny Johnson and Don Brooks and 4 grandchildren, Brittney and Cody Johnson and Jayme and Jake Brooks.

ODESSA — Francis Yvonne Johnson, of Odessa, passed from this life to be with the Lord Thursday, February 13, 2003, at the age of 77. She was born in Moran, TX, on February 17, 1925 to Edna and Tropol Brooks. She received a degree in accounting from Tarleton

A memorial service was held at Saturday, February 15, 2003, at Northside Baptist Church with Rev. Clydel Chapman officiating, and Rev. Glenn Harlin assisting. Graveside services were held Friday, February 14, 2003 at Moran Cemetery in Moran, TX. Services were entrusted to Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Ewell L. Tankersley

AUSTIN — Ewell L. Tankersley, 70, of Austin, passed away at his home on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003.

He was born in San Angelo, Texas, on Oct. 27, 1932, to Lake and Minnie Ramsel Tankersley. He grew up on ranches south of Mertzon, Texas, graduated from Mertzon High School and then attended and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1954.

He received a commission in the United States Air Force and after completing pilot training at Columbus, Miss., and San Angelo, Texas, he spent the remainder of his active duty as a pilot in the Strategic Air Command in Spokane, Wash., Guam and Japan.

Upon completing military service in 1957, he returned to the University of Texas for graduate school in the Master of Professional Accounting program and then joined KPMG LLP (CPAs) in Dallas in 1958. He was admitted to the partnership in 1966 and moved back to Austin in 1968 to open the KPMG Austin office as managing partner. In 1974, he was named managing partner of the Phoenix, Ariz., office and in 1978 moved back to the Dallas office of KPMG, where he worked until his retirement in 1985.

Since 1974, he has been involved in ranching in Schleicher and Irion counties. After retiring from KPMG, he was elected a director of the First National Bank of Mertzon and of Ennis Business Forms Inc. (NYSE). He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Austin.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and sister, Doris Tankersley Makinson. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; sons, Mike of Dallas and Jon of Houston and their wives, Tennessee and Kristy, respectively; as well as grandchildren, Jennifer, Kelsey, Amy, Skyler, Lake, Reagan and Will.

Graveside service was Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the Mertzon Cemetery. His first cousins who live in the Mertzon area served as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the First United Methodist Church in Austin or other charity of choice.

Births, Deaths, Weddings, Engagements are all reported in **THE SUCCESS** It's the best source around!

Tumbleweed to visit Sonora

submitted by: Ann Kay - Friends of Historic Sonora Inc./Main Street Program

Tumbleweed Smith is producer of "The Sound of Texas", a radio series which began in Big Spring, Texas and became the most widely syndicated radio show in Texas. He loves to bring the sounds and stories of Texas to radio and newspaper audiences across Texas.

Ever pick up a book and find it hard to put down? That's the way "Under the Chinaberry Tree" affected me and many others folks who have had the time to sit down and enjoy a moment, when they stepped into the stories that Tumbleweed Smith has written in this book. There is nothing like a Tex-

as story.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Inc./Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, and The Bank & Trust of Sutton County would like to invite you to come by The Bank & Trust of Sutton County lobby on Thursday, February 20, 2003, at 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tumbleweed Smith will also be at the Bank & Trust of Sutton County on Friday, February 21, at 10 a.m.-12 noon to sign and visit with you for a spell.

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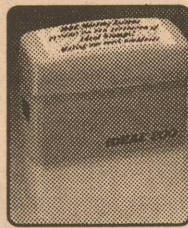
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Braedon Ken McCants

It's A Boy!

Braedon Kent McCants was born December 20, 2002 at 3:46 pm at Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, TX.. He weighed 7 lbs 12 ounces and was 20 inches long

Proud parents are William (Bill) and Michele McCants. His big sisters are Brianne and Kaitlyn.

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The 2002-2003 Lady Eagles Varsity Basketball Team (L-R) Chadra Wanoreck, Clara Herrera, Kasey Boysaw, Christina Redish, Heather Homer, Teresa Barajas, Lacy Ragsdale, Amanda Wanoreck, Hannah Robledo and Martha Lively

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The 2002-2003 Eldorado Eagles Varsity Basketball Team (L-R) Trey Chavez, Coach Alan Gillespie, Ray David Buitron, Mike Adame, Jordan Fay, J.L. Mankin, Quisto Gonzalez, Bobby Phillips, Phillip Martinez and Manager Armando Guzman.



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Tennis underway at EHS

The Eldorado High School Tennis season opened the season on Valentine's Day this year with a very respectable showing. The Eagles competed at the Lake View Invitational, a flighted tournament, against the likes of Lake View, San Angelo Central's junior varsity, Grape Creek, Sweetwater, Ozona, and Wall. Chandra Wanoreck and Christina Redish placed first in the first flight of girls doubles while Bobby Phillips and Heath Andrew placed second in the first flight of boys' doubles. Courtney Brown placed second in the #1 singles

bracket and Courtney Sauer placed second in the #2 singles bracket. Maxie Holley and Lauren Brown placed third in #2 doubles and Michael Ballew and Shay Parker won consolation in #2 doubles. Buddy Greer and Quisto Gonzalez played in the very competitive #1 and #2 boys singles spots and Quisto won consolation at the #2 spot. Taylor Baker and Allison Reynolds placed second in the #1 flight of junior varsity doubles while Dillon Greer and Robbie Young placed first in junior varsity doubles. The Tennis Team will play in Fort Stockton this weekend in preparation for Regional Team Tennis Tournament.

♥ Valentine's Golf Tourney ♥

The Two Couple Valentine's Tournament was held Saturday, February 15th. We had a great turnout considering the weather. Teams from Eldorado competing were: Nancy Lester, GERALYN Beach, Bob Bland, and Cy Griffin, Wayne and Cindy McGinnes with Sam and Karen Henderson, Mickey and Myrta Rathbone with Chris and Chris McCravey, Don and Susie Richters with Ross and Marilyn Whitten, Su Scott and Moises Hill with Ken and Kathy Newman, Melissa O'Harrow, Jane Archer, Jon Cartwright, and Tip Finley, Tom and Branda Gray and Brad Hull and Suzanne Alley.

Out of Town teams were: Gidget Tate, Sherry Bowden, Jeff Doan,

Mike and Juanita McBride with San and Shelly Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gauna with Rocky and Veronica Valdez, Monty and Debbie Jones with Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Steve and Frances Tackel with Becky York and Thomas Hanson.

Championship Flight: 1st place score 56 - Mike and Juanita McBride with San and Shelly Hughes; 2nd place score 57 - Gidget Tate, Sherry Bowden, Jeff Doan, and Johnny Doan; 3rd place score 58 - Melissa O'Harrow, Jane Archer, Jon Cartwright and Tip Finley.

President's Flight: 1st place was won by a scorecard playoff winning score 61 - Tom and Branda Gray with Suzanne Alley and Brad Hull; 2nd place score 61 - Wayne and Cindy McGinnes with Sam and Karen Henderson; 3rd place score 61 - Su Scott, Moises Hill with Ken and Kathy Newman.

A special thanks to all those who helped make out tournament a success!

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Tuesday, February 25
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Wednesday, February 26
 Chicken Noodle Soup, (MS/HS Choice - Chef's Salad), Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, February 27
 Chicken Nuggets / Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Cake w/ Icing

Friday, February 28
 Cheese Pizza w/ Breadsticks, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Peaches

Breakfast
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast

Monday, February 24
 Donut, Cheese, Orange Juice

Tuesday, February 25
 Pancake on a Stick, Syrup, Apple Juice

Wednesday, February 26
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

Thursday, February 27
 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese, Fruit Trail Mix

Friday, February 28
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice

Sheriffs visit State Capitol

On Wednesday, February 12, 2003, approximately 115 Sheriffs from around the state, including Sheriff David Doran of Eldorado, visited the 78th Legislature. The meeting, coordinated by the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, was intended to show that the lawmen are keenly interested in the actions taken by state lawmakers.

The county lawmen were first recognized in the House by Representatives by Rep. Terry Keel and then in the Senate Chambers where they were warmly welcomed by Sen. Steve Ogden. Resolutions were passed in both the House and Senate recognizing the Sheriffs and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. The lawmen then visited with their own Senators and Representatives in an effort to

provide input on bills that will be beneficial to their counties and the citizens of the State of Texas.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas Legislative Committee organized the day. The Legislative Committee is appointed by the President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and is composed of Sheriffs from around the state. Sheriff Chris Kirk is the Chairperson and Sheriff Margo Frasier is the Vice-Chairperson. They are active participants in the legislative process and insure that all bills introduced which affect the duties, responsibilities, training, court and jail functions of the Sheriffs are giving consideration. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas and the Travis County Sheriff's Office provided transportation to the Capitol.



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Lots of brain power — The EHS U.I.L. Science Team posed with the 1st Place Trophy they won Saturday at the Lakeview High School Science Meet. Team members include: (Front L-R) Tony Chavez, Lori Loomis, Courtney Sauer, Georgina Maritz, Clara Herrera, (Back L-R) Josh Trejo, Travis Joiner, Michael Hill and Jaaron Crawford.

Eldorado High School science team wins 1st Place trophy

The Science Team consisting of Courtney Sauer, Lori Loomis, Travis Joiner, Josh Trejo, Tony Chavez, Michael Hill and Jaaron Crawford under the sponsorship of Mrs. Angela Case and Mrs. Amy Rutherford placed first place as a team at the Division II: Conference A, AA, and AAA UIL Math and Science Meet held at Lakeview High School Saturday, February 15, 2003.

Eldorado High School had a total of four individual first place medals, one in Mathematics, one in Number Sense and two in Science.

Individual scores of the Science Team were: Senior Division: Courtney Sauer-1st place medalist and Lori Loomis-2nd place medalist;

Junior Division: Travis Joiner-1st place medalist, Josh Trejo-4th place and Tony Chavez-10th place; Freshman Division: Michael Hill-3rd place medalist, Jaaron Crawford-10th place.

Number Sense Team placed 2nd and the Mathematics Team placed 3rd under the direction of teacher Tom Gray, sponsor.

Individual scores of the Number Sense Team were: Senior Division-Lori Loomis-4th place; Junior Division-1st place medalist, Josh Trejo and Travis Joiner-3rd place medalist.

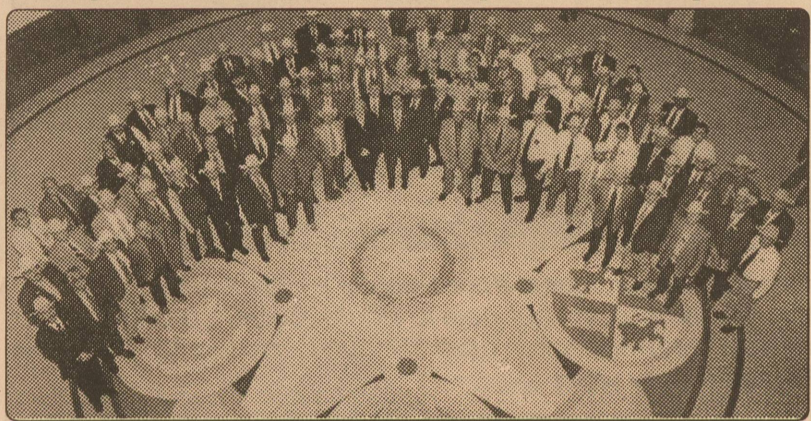
Michael Hill placed 3rd in the Freshman Division.

Individual scores for the Mathematics Team were: Senior Division: Lori Loomis, 3rd place medalist;

Junior Division-Travis Joiner, 1st place medalist and Josh Trejo placed 3rd.

Calculator Team individual scores were: Senior Division-Georgina Maritz, 5th place;

Junior Division-Josh Trejo, placed 2nd and was a medalist, Tony Chavez, 7th place and Clara Herrera placed 8th. Mrs. Amy Rutherford was the Calculator Team sponsor.



Lawmen call on legislators — 115 Texas Sheriff's gathered under the State Capitol Dome Wednesday. Here they are shown in the building's great rotunda.

Area codes to change soon

An announcement last summer that some 915 area codes would be changing this spring has some Schleicher County residents asking "So, when is it going to happen?"

The short answer is, soon! A three-way split of the western portion of Texas currently served by area code 915 will take place beginning on April 5, 2003. Area code 432 will cover towns including Midland, Odessa, Seminole, Pecos, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis, Alpine and Van Horn. 325 will cover Eldorado, Big Lake, Ozona, Sonora, San Angelo, Brady, Brownwood, Abilene, Snyder and adjoining towns. 915 will include the metropolitan El Paso area.

Use of the new codes begins Saturday, April 5. At that time, you will be able to make calls by either dialing the new 432 and 325 codes or the old 915 code. Anyone calling you can reach you by dialing either 915 or 325. This "permissive dialing" period allows time to get in the habit of dialing the new codes.

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 5, the new area codes must be dialed. A recorded message will remind callers to use the new area codes. Effective Saturday, Dec. 6, unless you dial the correct area code, you call will not go through and you will receive no reminder of the new area codes.

As the time nears for the area code change, your preparations should include revisions to printed materials such as checks, business cards, mailing labels, advertising and promotional materials, business directories, invoices, product packaging and Internet and website information to indicate your area code will change and when.

First Annual Eldorado Elgoatarod Schedule of Events Sat. & Sun. Feb. 22 & 23, 2003

Saturday, February 22, 2003
 9-Laser Maze opens
 10-Arts, crafts and food booths open
 10-Truck, Tractor & GTO show cars arrive
 10:30-Goatpasture Bingo
 11-Stupid Goat Tricks
 11:30-Goatee Beard Judging Contest
 12-Deadline for truck, tractor & GTO entries
 12:30-Tagoo guru answer booth opens/shirts for sale
 1-Judging of truck, tractor & GTO show
 1:30-Elgoatarod Phase 1
 2-Trophies awarded for truck, tractor & GTO show
 2:30-Pets in Goat's Clothing Contest
 3-Elgoatarod Phase 2
 3:30-Ugliest Goat Contest/

Stinkiest Goat Contest
 4-Best Dressed Goat Contest
 5-Closed for the day

Sunday, February 23, 2003
 11-Laser Maze opens
 11:30-Tagoo guru answer booth opens/shirts for sale
 12-Arts, crafts and food booths open
 12-Goat Kissing Contest/Goat Calling Contest
 12:30-Goat Milking Contest
 1-Elgoatarod Phase 3
 1:30-Goat Pill Flipping Contest
 2-Elgoatarod Phase 4
 2:30-Stick Goat Races
 3-Elgoatarod Finals...if needed
 3:30-Goat Lookalike Contest(Dress up like a goat)
 4-Bike/Wheelchair/Golf Cart/Etc. Goat Lookalike Parade
 5-I Look Like My Goat Contest

Comptroller's sales tax rebates indicate an uptick in local economy

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today delivered \$446.4 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 4.6 percent decrease compared to February 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates are down statewide by 3.2 percent as compared to the first two months of 2002. The story is very different locally, however.

Among the jurisdictions receiving payments were the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County and the Schleicher County Health Services Tax which were all increased considerably over the same period in 2002. (see chart below)

Comptroller Strayhorn sent February sales tax rebates of \$302.3 million to Texas cities, down 3.5 percent compared to February 2002. Texas counties received February sales tax rebates of \$24.8 million, down 2.6 percent compared to one year ago.

February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January by businesses that file monthly sales tax reports, along with sales taxes collected in October, November and December by businesses that report quarterly and sales taxes col-

lected throughout 2002 by annual sales tax filers. The state's share of sales tax reported in January was \$1.2 billion, down 3.1 percent compared to a year ago.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 14 and will be reported the following week in the Success.

February 2003 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	Feb '03	Feb '02	% Change	2003 YTD	2002 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$10,517.60	\$ 9,221.72	14.05% ↑	\$ 16,083.13	\$ 15,112.19	6.42% ↑
Schleicher County	\$8,798.89	\$ 8,468.55	3.90% ↑	\$ 13,992.44	\$ 14,073.63	0.57% ↓
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Woodwind Trio Advancing to State Solo & Ensemble: (L-R) Emily Newman, Anna Troy and Georgina Maritz received a Division "I" at the Region 7 UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Howard Payne University on Saturday, Feb. 8. These three young ladies will advance to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos in May.

Woodwinds and flutes advance to State contest

Each of the seventeen EHS musicians competing at the UIL Region 7 Solo and Ensemble Contest February 8th, 2003 earned the coveted "Division I" rating. The contest was held on the campus of Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Every event entered received a Division "I" rating with the Flute Quartet and Woodwind Trio advancing to Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest to be held in



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Bass Clarinet Soloist: Taylor Niblett received a Division "I" at the Region 7 UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Howard Payne University, Brownwood on Saturday, Feb. 8.

May at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Students receiving a Division "I" rating were: members of the Brass Ensemble: Charlotte Adame (trumpet), Rachel Joiner (trumpet), Maxie Holley (trumpet) Holly Ford (french horn), Diego Barrera (trombone), Ashton Murr (trombone) and Brence Minor (tuba); members of the Flute Trio: Hope Fuentes, Alison Sproul and Taylor Baker.

Taylor Niblett performing her Bass Clarinet Solo also received a Division "I" rating.

Students who will advance in the ensemble portion of the state contest and also received a Division "I" rating were the Flute Quartet consisting of Georgina Maritz, Brandi Davis, Mayra Bustos, and Laurie Almazan and the Woodwind Trio consisting of Georgina Maritz, Anna Troy and Emily Newman. These students where chosen to advance to the state competition because of the advance level of music they performed.

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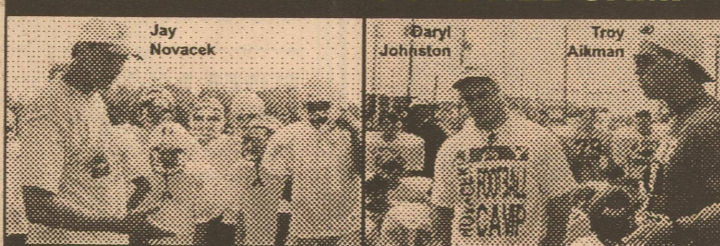
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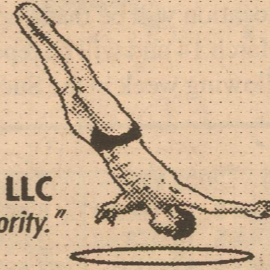
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by LouAnn Turner, County Tax Assessor

There will be new Voter Registration Certificates mailed to some Schleicher County registered voters within the next few days.

This is due to the redistricting of the school district. However, not all voters will have a change,

therefore, will not receive a certificate.

The new district number is beside SSD on the right side of the certificate above the name and address. Voters are asked to please destroy any certificate now in their possession, and, use the new one in the future.

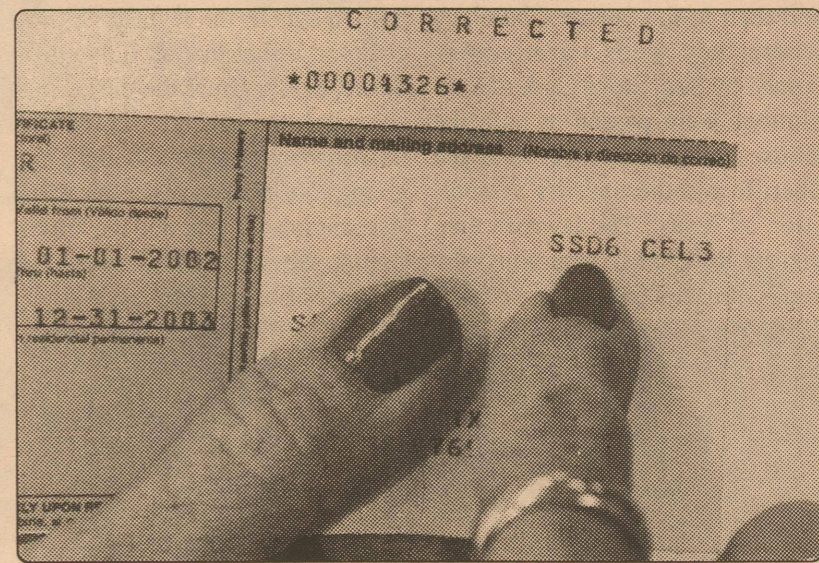
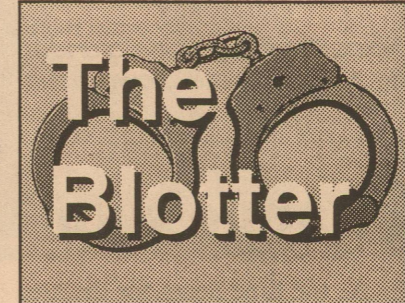


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And this is your School Board district — Tax Assessor-Collector Lou Ann Turner points out where to locate your school board district on your voter registration card. The number to the right indicates the voter's city ward.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

February 12 • Petralba, Jennifer A., female age 22, arrested by SC Officer, offense Theft By Check. Released on \$1,500.00 Surety Bond.
• Sepulveda, Richard, male age 17, offense Theft By Check, serving 15 days. Released time served.
• Medina, Cliserio Jr., male age 20, offense Theft By Check, serving 20 days.
• Schooley, Joseph Clifford, male age 52, arrested by Texas Ranger, offense 1st Degree Murder, Felony. Released on \$50,000.00 Surety Bond.

February 15 • Reyes, Alcadia Er-linda, female age 20, arrested by SC Officer, offense Out of County Warrants (Theft By Check.) Released on \$250.00 Surety Bond.

INCIDENT REPORTS

February 12 • 9:30 a.m. Subject reported a minor accident on Hall and Cottonwood.
• 12:51 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Mineral, Mineral or Mineral?

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\$3.00 Matinees before 6:00 p.m.
\$6.00 Evenings Friday-Sunday

*CHICAGO ds (PG-13)...	1:50	4:20	7:10	9:40
*JUNGLE BOOK (G).....	1:20	3:20	5:20	7:25
*FINAL DESTINATION 2				
ds (R).....	1:45	4:15	7:15	9:45
*BIKER BOYZ (PG-13)...			7:20	9:55
*KANGAROO JACK (PG)...	1:40	4:10	7:00	9:25
*JUST MARRIED-ds(PG-13)	2:10	4:45	7:40	10:00
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG-13).....	1:30	4:30		
*NATIONAL SECURITY PG-13	2:00	4:40	7:30	9:30

Times good for the week of 2/21 thru 2/27

Monday-Thursday		
*CHICAGO ds (PG-13)...	4:20 7:10	
*JUNGLE BOOK (G).....	5:20 7:25	
*FINAL DESTINATION 2		
ds (R).....	4:15 7:15	
*BIKER BOYZ (PG-13)...		7:20
*KANGAROO JACK (PG)...	4:10 7:00	
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*NATIONAL SECURITY PG-13	4:40	7:30

*No Passes or Discounts

• 11:33 a.m. Male subject called requested to speak to an officer. Three officers, Justice of the Peace and EMS responded to a homicide call.

• 6:03 p.m. Subject requested a complaint on contempt of court-child custody.

February 14 • 12:38 p.m. Complainant reported a controlled burn on County Road 412.

• 3:50 p.m. Complainant requested an officer and an ambulance 16 miles on Hwy. 190 East. Officer and EMS 1 responded.

• 5:01 p.m. Hospital requested an officer check on a subject whose life-line had gone off. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 6:29 p.m. Complainant reported that his ex-girlfriend did not show up at the courthouse square. Subject was unable to get his children for visitation for the weekend.

• 6:54 p.m. Complainant requested an officer's assistance because they had run out of gas. Officer responded.

• 9:35 p.m. Complainant called 911 to reported a domestic disturbance on County Road 114. Officer responded.

• 10:31 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about an incident that happened at the Middle School Valentine Dance. The incident involved subject's son. Officer responded.

• 11:52 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

February 15 • 9:09 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

• 1:25 p.m. Complainant on W. Fields reported two of their chain saws taken from their residence between February 12-15. Taken was (1) Poulan Woodshark, Est. Value \$121.00 and (1) McCulloch Mac 3210 estimated value \$110. Officer responded.

• 6:34 p.m. Officer responded to FM 2129 and County Road 107 for loose livestock. Officer responded.

• 8:00 p.m. Complainant reported someone pointing a laser light at their residence and at their vehicle. Officer responded and made contact with juveniles who had been pointing the laser. Three juveniles were counseled and the laser was confiscated.

February 16 • 2:12 a.m. Subject reported a car had overturned on Hwy. 277 South. Two officers and DPS Trooper responded.

• 2:22 a.m. Complainant reported a cement bench was in the middle of the Old Sonora Road. Another caller stated that another bench was in front of a business on Main Street. Officer responded.

• 6:00 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

February 17 • 9:24 a.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

• 4:30 p.m. Complainant reported someone had taken a green duffel bag out of their vehicle at convenience store. Estimated value \$265.00. Officer responded.

• 7:43 p.m. Subject on County Road 339 requested an ambulance for their daughter in law. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 11:19 p.m. Complainant requested an officer because they had run over a deer and needed an accident report. Officer responded.

February 18 • Complainant reported an intoxicated person in store. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

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Memorial Building

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5400 Titan gas gen., winches, Titan gas air compr., 20 ft. elect. grain atuger, gauge wheels, collectors Harley Davidson 1972 mod golf cart (mint), J.D. 12' diamond tool bar, scrap iron, cotton trailer running gear, sm. trailers, forced air port. Kero heaters, electric motors, bolt bins, Kinco cycle bar cutter, shop cart. Larin floor jack, Rockwall drill press, tarps, chain saw, metal cab & shelves, Formy elect. welder, cutting torches, 2 new well x trol bladder tanks Wx202 mod., grinders, gear pullers, gear reducers, Duo Fast nail gun, air impacts & air tools, electric drills-saws & etc., tap & die sets, B & D cut off saws, transit & tripod, belt lacer, house jacks & hyd. jacks, trailer jacks, Miller 225 elect. welder, roll around 2 pc. Dayton tool box, port a power, hyd. fittings in lg. chest, lg. amount of boomers-chains-come alongs, chain hoist, electric chain hoist, welding rods, lg. amount of hand tools, battery chargers, yard tools, air grease gun, vises, sev. pumps w/older gas motors, fuel transfer pumps, elect. hack saw, 30 gal. propane tank, ant. boat motors, 10" Sears table saw, De Walt chop saw, sm. wood planners, 3 rolls scrape cable, lots of good misc. items not listed.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Signs, signs, everywhere a sign — City of Eldorado employee Ricky Huichapa installed a sign Monday prohibiting parking on a section of W. Fields Street. The City Council ordered the installation of the signs, along with others regarding speed limits and the prohibition of trucks on city streets.

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Eldorado Woman's Club reports monthly meeting

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met February 11, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room. Sixteen members and one guest were present.

Myrt Williams gave the opening welcome followed by a prayer asked by Jo Callison and next Zee

Hickman led us in pledges to the flags. Jerre Holley, program chairman next introduced members to Mary Buchholz, our guest speaker.

Mary and Bob and their three sons are engaged in ranching east of Eldorado. Her grandparents who lived here were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Koy. Her mother is Mrs. Joe David Ross of Sutton County. Mary's families roots are tied to the ranching industry from all sides of her family.

Mary's interest in painting was the subject of her talk at our meeting. Mary received her college de-

gree in Agriculture Science. Mary showed us slides of some of her paintings to acquaint us with her work. Some slides were of black and white graphic paintings, some were in pastels and some were oil paintings.

For many years the Ross family have grown Angora goats and many of her paintings used those beautiful animals as her subject. Her pictures of horses would have pleased her great-great father as he raised fine horses. She shared with us that her mother is a talented artist as well.

Mary is also a portrait artist and spends many hours getting to know her subjects before doing their painting. She always wants her subject to love their painting and ask many questions in order to get to know them better.

Her great joy in painting was shown in each of the paintings what ever the subject. In her paintings of still life she used a special technique making you want to reach into the painting and take a piece of the fruit.

Mary has been invited to exhibit some of her paintings in places like the Capitol at Sacramento, California, LSU University in Louisiana, in San Antonio as well as one of her paintings was featured on the cover of The Ranch Magazine. It would be a special privilege to own one of her paintings. We appreciate and thank Mary for taking the time to acquaint us with her art work and explain some of her methods.

Our regular meeting followed with President Williams calling for reports from secretary Dorothy Harris and treasurer Nelva Martin. Roll call was answered with "Who's your favorite artist." Some names mentioned were Rita McWhorter, Thomas Kincaid, Norman Rockwell, Charles Russell, Mabel Blaylock and Frederick Remington. Our meeting closed by reciting the Club Collect.

Delicious refreshments were prepared by hostess Myrt Williams, Dorothy Harris, and Nelva Martin. Our next meeting will be March 11, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room.

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Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, February 17**
 Beef Tips, Rice, Cooled Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit Cup w/ Strawberries & Banana, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk
- Tuesday, February 18**
 Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday, February 19**
 Grd. Beef Steak, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn w/ Peppers, Hot Dinner Rolls, Carrot Salad, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Thursday, February 20**
 Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/ Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Friday, February 21**
 Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/ Fruit, Milk

- BIRTHDAY LIST**
- FEBRUARY**
 20th Lee Gillaspay, Richard Adame Jr., Stacey Reeves, Manuel Martinez, Wes Adkins
 21st Chelsey Martinez, Orval Edmiston, Luiz Martinez
 22nd Eric Cheatham, Peggy Daniels, Emilio Valejo Jr., Heather Nixon, Jimmy Powell, Josh Young, Ricky Fuessel
 23rd Mike Prater, Caleb Daniels
 24th Abelardo Montalvo, Marina Lozano, Toni Martin, Amanda Wanoreck
 25th Georgina Caldwell, Shanna Edmiston, Levona Lloyd, Kymm Nixon, Velma Tyler
 26th Jaime Martinez, Jennifer Martinez

- ANNIVERSARIES**
- FEBRUARY**
 20th Ramon & Martha Adame, Rudy & Teresa Perez
 21st Candi & Kurtis Homer
 22nd Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Perez
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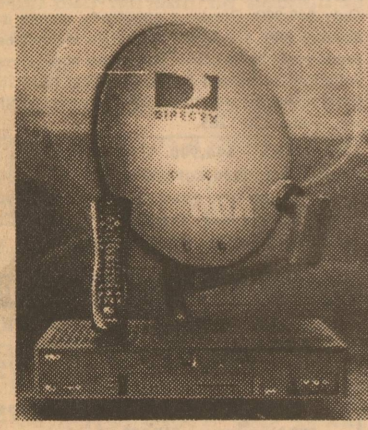


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Brass Ensemble (L-R) Rachel Joiner, Maxie Holley, Charlotte Adame, Holly Ford, Ashton Murr, Diego Barrera and Brence Minor received a Division "I" at the Region 7 UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Howard Payne University, Brownwood on Saturday, Feb. 8.



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Flute Trio (L-R) Taylor Baker, Hope Fuentes and Allison Sproul received a Division "I" at the Region 7 UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Howard Payne University, Brownwood on Saturday, Feb. 8.

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