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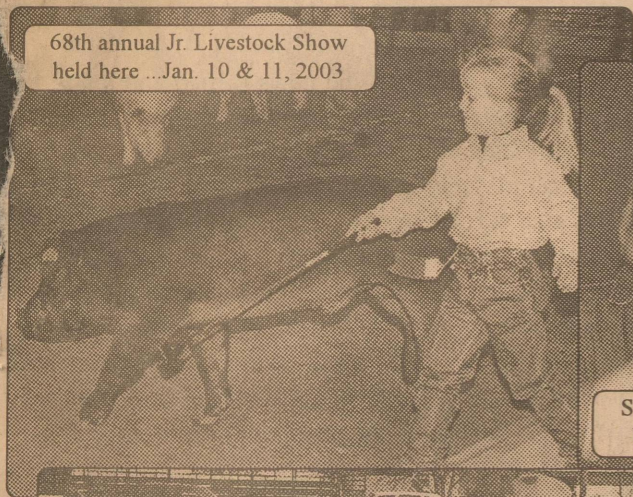


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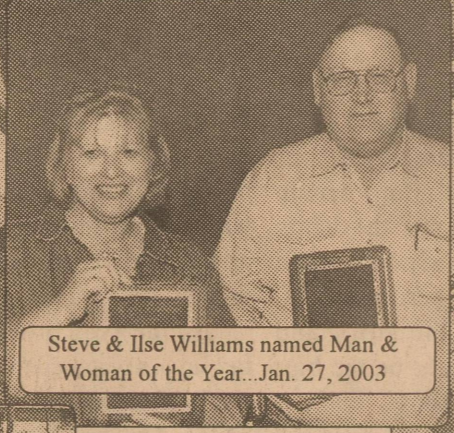
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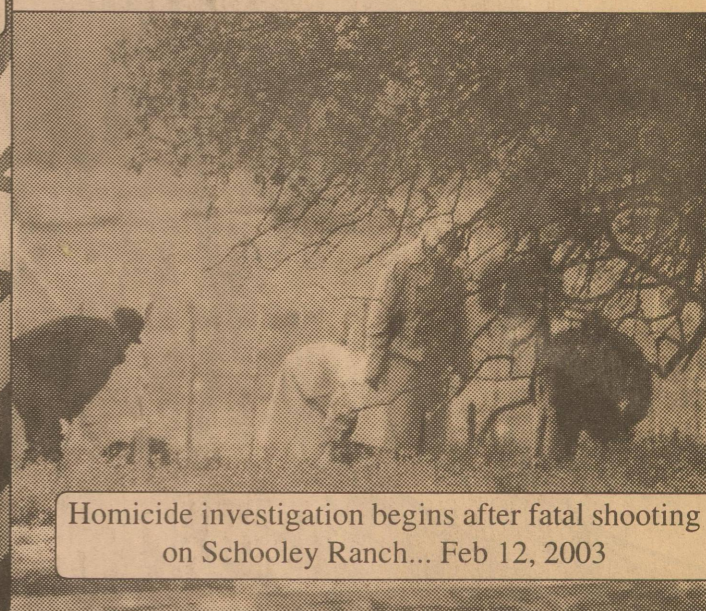
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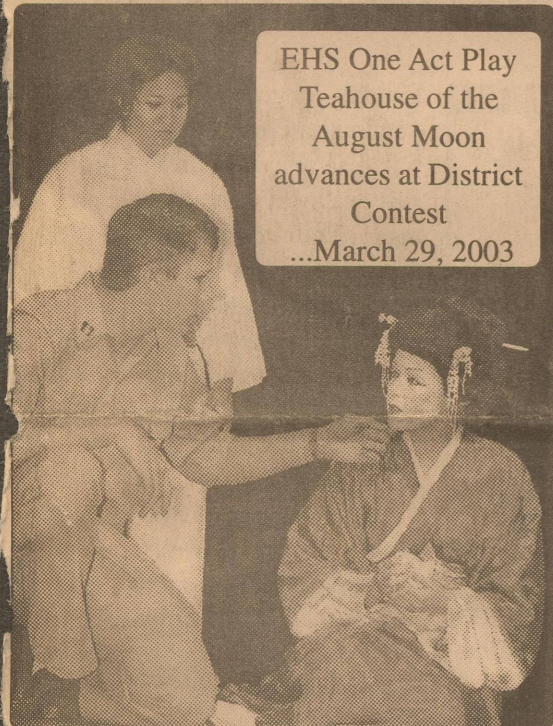


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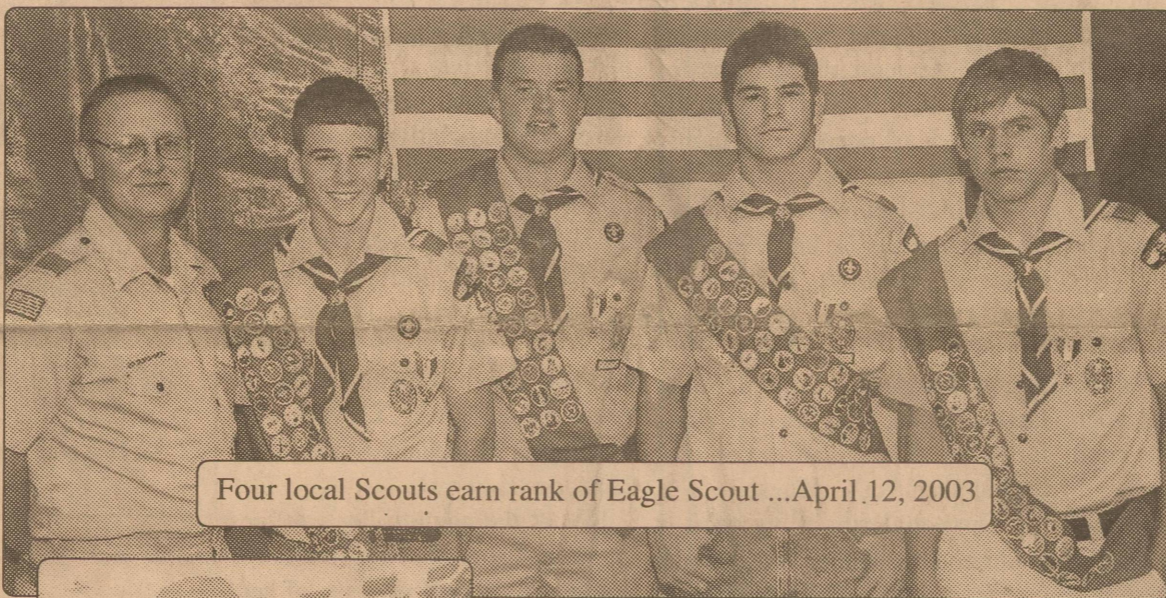


## 2003, a year like none other

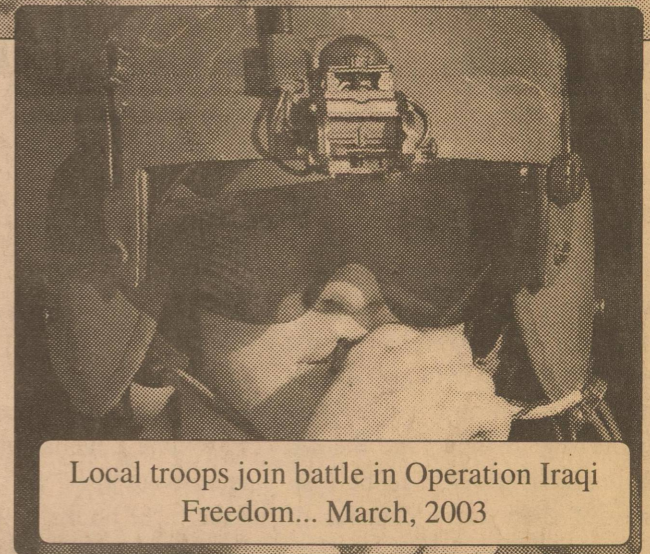
EHS One Act Play Teahouse of the August Moon advances at District Contest...March 29, 2003



Four local Scouts earn rank of Eagle Scout...April 12, 2003



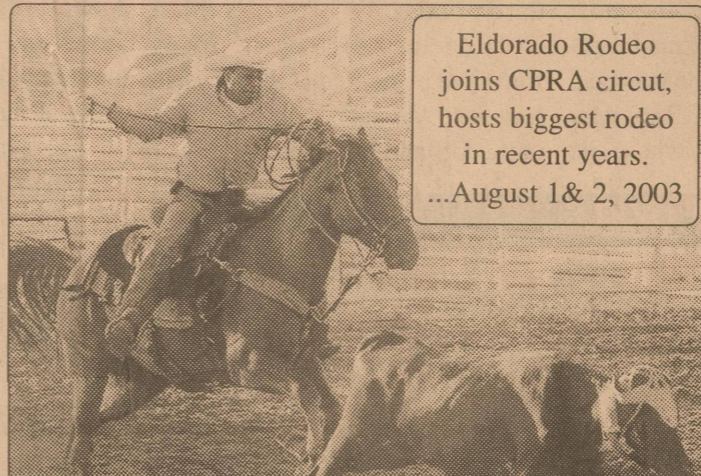
Local troops join battle in Operation Iraqi Freedom... March, 2003



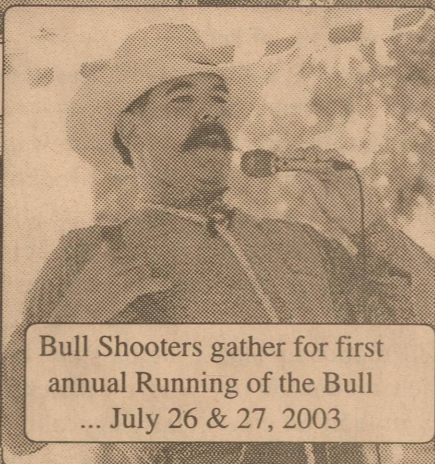
Courtney Brown, Courtney Sauer win 2A Girls Regional Doubles Title... April 24, 2003



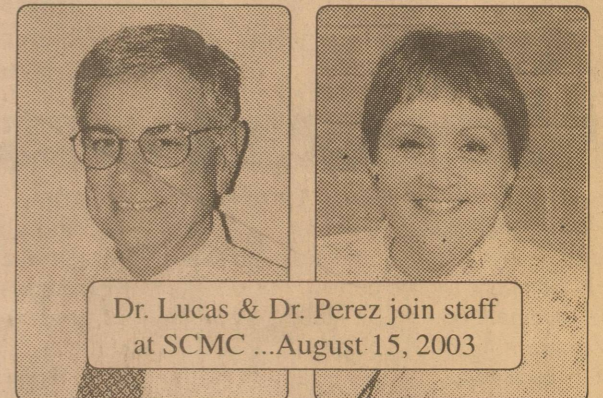
Eldorado Rodeo joins CPRA circuit, hosts biggest rodeo in recent years...August 1 & 2, 2003



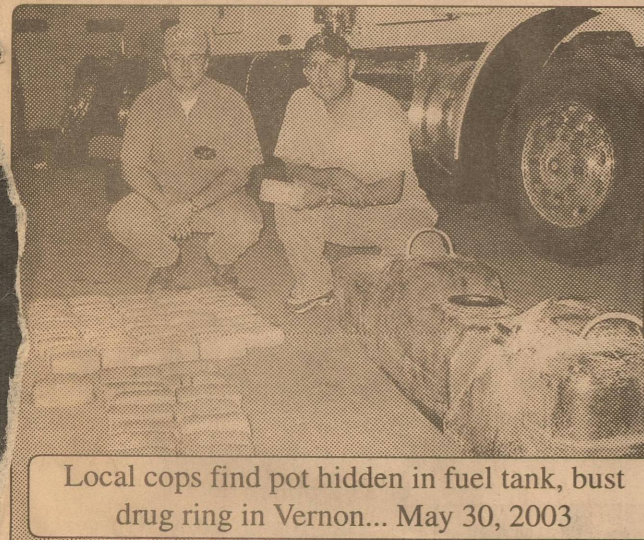
Bull Shooters gather for first annual Running of the Bull... July 26 & 27, 2003



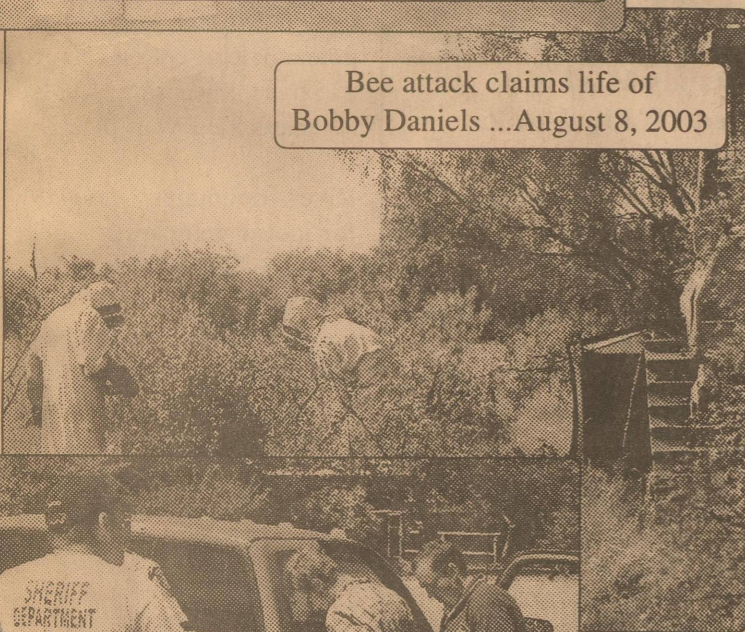
Dr. Lucas & Dr. Perez join staff at SCMC...August 15, 2003



Local cops find pot hidden in fuel tank, bust drug ring in Vernon... May 30, 2003



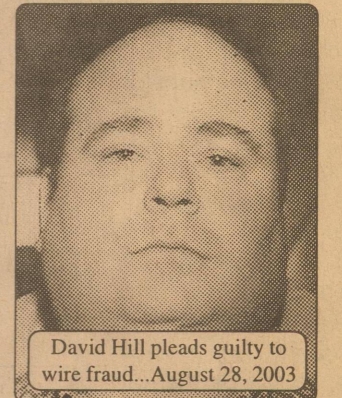
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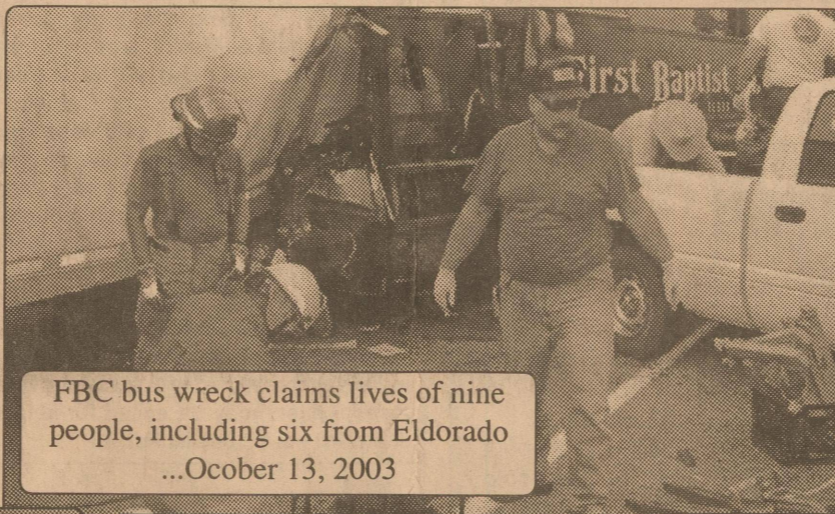
SCISD trustees grapple with budget shortfall...August 18, 2003



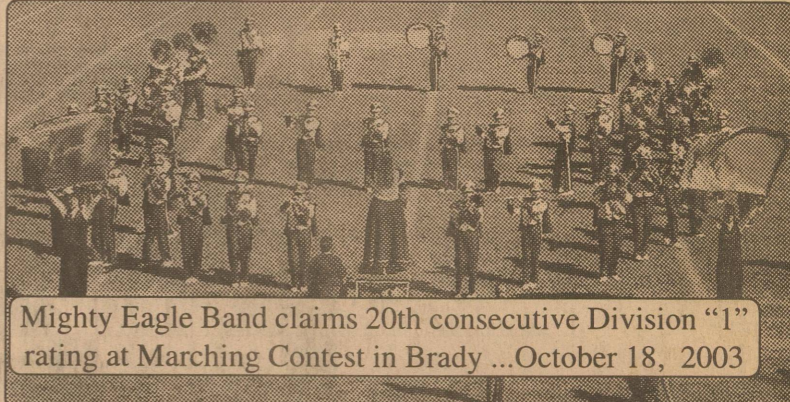
David Hill pleads guilty to wire fraud...August 28, 2003



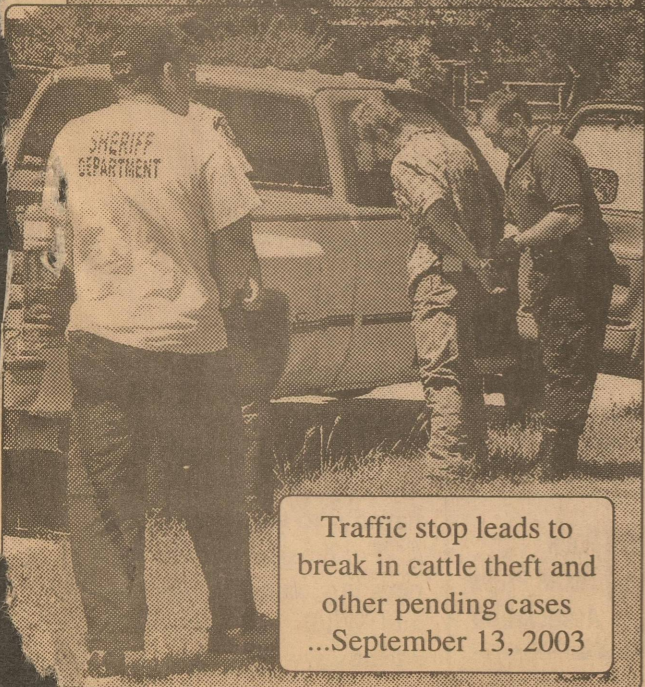
FBC bus wreck claims lives of nine people, including six from Eldorado...October 13, 2003



Mighty Eagle Band claims 20th consecutive Division "1" rating at Marching Contest in Brady...October 18, 2003



Traffic stop leads to break in cattle theft and other pending cases...September 13, 2003



Mickey Rathbone named to Texas High School Football Hall of Fame...November 20, 2003





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### Poster Art from the Golden Age of Mexican Cinema

Rogelio Agrasánchez of Harlingen collects Mexican movie memorabilia. He was a history professor before he decided to start doing historical research into Mexican films.

"My father owns one of the largest private Mexican film libraries. Fifty years ago he was transferring to videotape the old nitrate films, thought to be lost. Many of them were classics of Mexican cinema. I was the first one to receive the tapes and when I started watching them on the television screen I was really hooked by these black and white images from the 1930's. Many of the stars died a long time ago. I wanted to know more about those films, so I started gathering material, buying photographs, going to old movie houses and getting all the old posters I could find."

He says the posters were better than the movies they advertised.

"Back in the forties and fifties producers wanted to attract people to the movie houses, so they did great posters. They would hire the best artists, who used shocking colors, bright reds and greens and yellows."



by Tumbleweed Smith

Rogelio realized there was a lack of literature on the golden age of Mexican cinema, which he says lasted from 1936 to 1956. So he wrote three books on the subject. His first one was an elaborate picture book containing copies of 200 Mexican movie posters. The second one was on Mexican horror movies. The third is about Mexican movie stars.

"Pedro Enfante was a singer and very charismatic star of Mexican cinema. He did about fifty films. Every year, people go to his gravesite to have a celebration. His movies are very popular and when they're shown on TV they get good ratings. They're all in Spanish."

"Another star is Maria Felix who died recently. She did a lot of films not only in Mexico but in Europe as well. She was the most beautiful actress in Mexican cinema. Well, I better say she was on a par with Dolores Del Rio, who came from Hollywood, where she

did silent movies.

Then in 1943 she returned to Mexico and started doing Mexican films. She had a different personality. She was more cultivated but wore simple peasant dresses and no makeup.

"Other well known stars during the golden age of Mexican cinema were Jorge Negrete and Cantinflas."

Rogelio, who has degrees in story and philosophy, has been collecting Mexican movie items for fifteen years. When I went to his home in Harlingen I was highly impressed with the quality of the posters and the films. I couldn't believe how many he has. He keeps a few at his house, but most of them are kept in air conditioned storage in buildings all over Harlingen. The posters are kept flat in large cabinets with drawers similar to the type found in contractors or architect's offices.

The popularity of his items is evidenced by the fact that his book on Mexican Movie Posters is in its third printing.

Rogelio sells copies of his films and posters to collectors. He travels to Mexican movie festivals in the US and Mexico.

## The ups and downs of 2003

Somehow it seemed fitting, that Saddam Hussein, the fearless ruler of Iraq who began 2003 standing on his balcony, firing a rifle in the air, and promising to send a half million U.S. troops home in body bags, ended the year by being pulled out of a hole like a rat. My how the mighty had fallen.

2003 was like that. The highs were higher than anyone expected, but the lows, well the lows were terrible.

The first of those lows came on February 1 when the Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated over north central Texas. Many here in Schleicher County saw the debris trail streak across the sky as seven NASA astronauts perished. I remember writing the story and thinking that it might be the biggest story of the year.

Less than two weeks later word came of a shooting on the Schooley Ranch in southeast Schleicher County. We soon learned that Clifford Schooley, Sr. had been shot to death. His son, Cliff, Jr., reportedly admitted to firing the fatal shot, but claimed he had done so in self defense. At the time, I thought it might well be the biggest story of the year. Now, as 2004 begins, Schleicher County is facing a murder trial wherein the facts of the case will become public and justice will be



OVER THE

### BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

determined in a courtroom.

But, 2003 saw many good things, too. There were success for Eldorado students and athletes, in the classroom and on the playing field, and four young men earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Then there was the war in Iraq, it was short, and not nearly as bloody as predicted.

As the year ground on, local taxpayers watched as their dollars paid for an enlarged and renovated City Hall and Civic Center, new hangars at the recently reopened county airport, new tennis courts and a weight room at the school as well as upgrades and roof repairs on several school buildings.

There were the fun times, too. Eldorado saw its first-ever Elgootarod and Running of the Bull as Jim Runge proved to many of his detractors that his offbeat sense of humor and panache for promotion can and will bring people to Eldorado, and those people will spend money while they are here.

Local cops and courts stayed busy as the flow of drugs through Schleicher County seemed to increase along with the number of vehicles traveling the north-south U.S. 277 corridor. And, as usual, almost every accident on U.S. 190 turned out to be a soldier from Ft. Hood, either trying to get home on leave or hurrying back to report for duty.

The news turned bad again in late summer when Bobby Daniels died in a bee attack. He had been pushing brush, and since that activity goes on around this county all the time, I wondered if it might not be the biggest story of the year.

Eldorado got two new doctors as things at the hospital kept improving. David Hill plead guilty to wire fraud and the Mighty Eagle Band got its 20th consecutive Division "1" at marching contest, each of them a big story.

Then, on Oct. 12, the bus belonging to First Baptist Church collided with a truck on a highway in Louisiana and eight dear souls departed this earth. They included Domingo and Delia Pina, Kenneth and Betty Richardson, Mary Ruth Robinson, Jimmy Teel, Jean S. Demere, and Laverne Shannon. A ninth, Billy Frank Blaylock, would join them some weeks later in what is undoubtedly Eldorado's biggest story of the year.

## Super Bowl brings \$165 million to Houston

AUSTIN — The National Football League playoff cycle is just starting, but a state bill that didn't get much if any attention during the legislative session last spring has generated some interesting numbers.

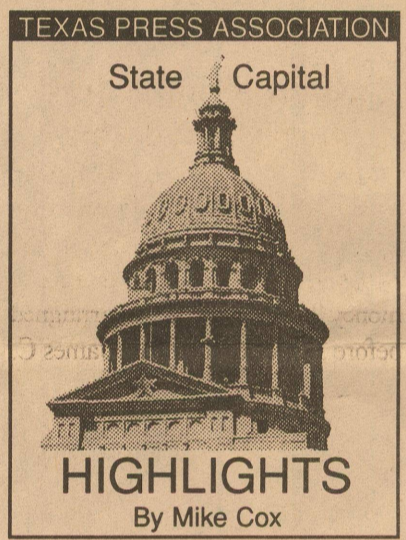
Senate Bill 275 tasks the comptroller's office with devising a forecast of expected tax gains associated with hosting a major sporting event in Texas. Such an event, Super Bowl XXXVIII, will be played at Reliant Stadium in Houston on Feb. 1.

What the comptroller's office found, as Carole Keeton Strayhorn said in the December issue of her agency's "Fiscal Notes," is that Texas will be the big winner, no matter which team has the highest score at the end of the game.

The estimate is that visitors will spend \$165.5 million in the Houston area. To break it down, that

includes \$68.8 million for lodging, \$26.8 million at bars and restaurants, \$15.3 million on entertainment, \$13.7 million on transportation and \$41 million in general retail sales.

State and local government, of



By Mike Cox

course, nets \$8.25 million of that.

"God Bless Texas" plates go on sale...

The new specialty license plates proclaiming "God Bless Texas" already were available before word spread on Christmas Eve that a case of Mad Cow disease had been confirmed in Washington state, but for Texas ranchers, the plates might seem particularly appealing now.

A set of the plates costs \$40 annually, with \$32 of that going toward the Texas Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to

Schools program. (The \$8 defrays administrative costs.)

"The responsibility to provide safe walkways and bicycle crossings for our school children is every bit as important as a quality education," Transportation Commission chairman John W. Johnson said when the new plate was unveiled on Dec. 17 at Timmerman Elementary School in Pflugerville.

Students at that school will benefit from a sidewalk construction project set to begin in the first quarter and the new revenue source will make more projects possible elsewhere in the state, Johnson said.

Also available is a specialty "God Bless America" plate. It, too, helps to fund the school safety program TxDOT administers.

Texas is in tall cotton...

Cotton continues to be Texas' leading cash crop, though when the final 2003 numbers are in, production is expected to be down somewhat from the previous year.

But cotton still earns Texas growers some \$1.6 billion a year, with a statewide economic impact of \$5.2 billion.

The Texas A&M University Cotton Program says just one 500 pound bale of cotton can produce 215 pairs of jeans or 21,960 handkerchiefs, take your pick.

Rivers no longer "navigable" for motor vehicles...

Some Texans may wake up on New Year's Day with throbbing temples, but collectively, as of the first day of the year, the Texas environment has one less headache.

Effective Thursday, it is against the law to operate motor vehicles in most Texas river beds, the Canadian and Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River excepted.

Passed during the 78th Legislature, the new law is expected to reduce damage caused to stream beds by All-Terrain Vehicle enthusiasts.

The law still allows public access, and has a provision for local government to develop local access plans to allow vehicles in certain areas where they would not be harmful to the environment.

For detailed information on the new law, check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Web site at [www.pwd.state.tx.us](http://www.pwd.state.tx.us).

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

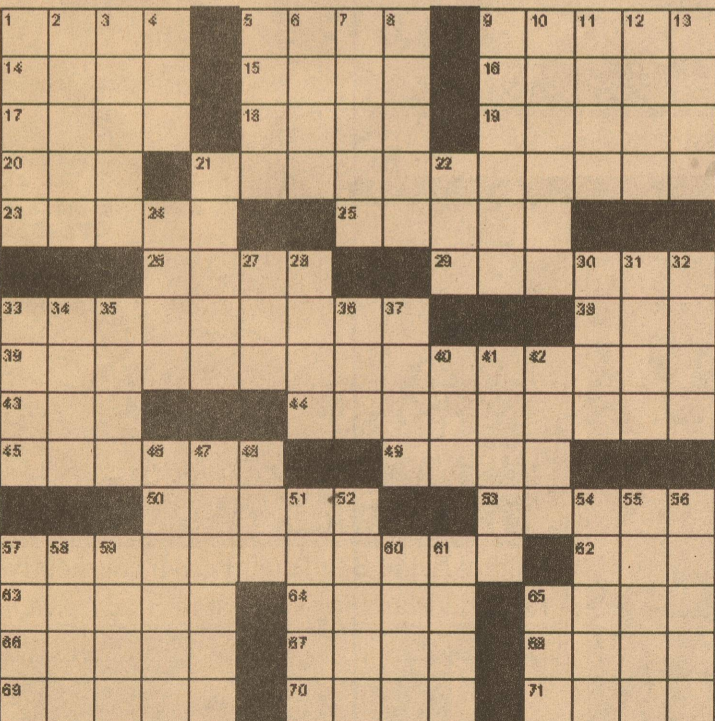
#### ACROSS

- 1. Marco Polo traveled there
- 6. Shady spot
- 11. Cardinal cap monogram
- 14. Propelled a kayak
- 15. Character actor Victor
- 16. -ha (commotion)
- 17. Explode with anger
- 19. 911 respondent
- 20. -fide
- 21. UFO passengers
- 22. Shakespearean Dane
- 24. Tonic's partner
- 26. Bologna's land
- 27. Ballfield path
- 32. Hatcher or Garr
- 33. -Locka, Florida
- 34. AWOL part
- 36. Suppressed
- 39. John - (the Lone Ranger)
- 41. Golf's "Slamin' Sammy"
- 43. Vocal quality
- 44. Speak off the cuff
- 46. Firebug's felony
- 48. Thurman film
- 49. Mineral in bath powder
- 51. College term
- 53. Austrian composer Gustav

#### DOWN

- 55. -Dhabi (Gulf emirate)
- 56. Ukrainian seaport
- 57. 2001 Will Smith biopic
- 59. Roach or rat
- 63. Windows fore-runner
- 64. Take the lead on
- 67. Bard's before
- 68. Like Stephen King stories
- 69. Tree-dwelling primate
- 70. Shepherd's place
- 71. Be fearful of
- 72. Working stiff, informally
- 7. wonder (musical flash in the pan)
- 10. Goes around
- 11. Spend big
- 12. Marisa of "My Cousin Vinny"
- 13. Led Zeppelin's "Whole Love"
- 18. Bottled spirits?
- 23. Corday's victim
- 25. Feeling rotten
- 27. When doubled, a Polynesian island
- 28. Acted the copycat
- 29. Captain a schooner, say
- 30. Granny
- 31. Tinker-Chance middleman
- 35. Lighten up
- 37. Tab-taker's phrase
- 38. Within earshot
- 40. Features of old phones
- 42. Field of influence
- 45. Consecrated
- 47. Lincoln's state: Abbr.
- 50. Moon pock
- 52. Late meal
- 53. Hobby kit
- 54. Be wild about
- 57. La Scala solo
- 58. Threw the bull
- 60. "Blondie" boy
- 61. "Herzog" author Bellow
- 62. Rolls radial
- 65. "You \_\_\_ There"
- 66. Yodeler's perch

#### Understatement!



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### 68th annual Junior Livestock, Project and Food Show held

The 68th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock & Project Show came off without a hitch last weekend as local youngsters paraded in a large show arena in the county ag barn. Near perfect weather greeted those who ventured out to the ag barn where livestock, art and projects were presented and judged. Kyle Eckert, Extension Assistant/Sheep and Goat Specialist, who judged the show last year returned to judge the livestock show and dog show this year.

The show, held on January 9, 10 & 11, saw numerous entries in Meat Goat, Steer, Heifer, Swine, Finewool Lamb, Crossbred Lamb and Medium Wool Lamb divisions. Entries in the Food Show and Creative Arts Show were also judged. Jaymie O'Harrow won the overall Showmanship Award and received a leather briefcase in recognition of the honor.

Reported in the Jan. 30, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

### Steve & Ilse Williams named Man & Woman of the Year

A crowd of about seventy-five people were on hand Monday night at the Memorial Building to see Steve and Ilse Williams named Man and Woman of the Year during the annual meeting of the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce. Stan Meador presented beautifully engraved plaques to the couple in recognition of the honor.

Other award recipients included Super S Foods, recognized as the community's Business of the Year, and Glenda Nix, honored as Educator of the year. Assistant Manager Ruben Tambunga accepted a certificate on behalf of Super S Foods. Nix, who recently retired from Schleicher Co. I.S.D., was on hand to receive an engraved plaque.

Reported in the Feb. 6, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success



Susan Buchholz of Eldorado posed recently with Columbia astronaut David M. Brown when he attended a Star Party at Ft. McKavett State Park

### Seven bright and shining stars fall from the Texas sky

NASA's space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry Saturday morning, Feb. 1, 2003, and disintegrated over Central and East Texas and Western Louisiana. The accident claimed the lives of all seven astronauts onboard. They included Shuttle Commander Rick Husband, Pilot William McCool, Mission Specialists Kalpana Chawla, David M. Brown, Laurel Clark and Payload Specialists William P. Anderson and Ilan Ramon.

Debris from the accident rained from the sky for hours. Firefighters in several Texas counties responded to fires attributed to the flaming debris. By Monday, par-



Stone masons Aaron Lankford and Bill O'Neal from San Angelo put the finishing touches on the tone facade at City Hall.

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looking back at the year 2003

tial remains of some of the astronauts had been identified. Meanwhile, wreckage from the Columbia, gathered by volunteers across East Texas was being taken to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where it is being cataloged and stored for investigators.

Reported in the Feb. 13, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

### Schooley accused of murdering his father

Clifford Schooley, Sr., of Eldorado, was pronounced dead Wednesday after an apparent gunshot to the head. His son, Clifford Schooley, Jr., reportedly telephoned the Schleicher County Sheriff's office at 11:33 a.m. and told the dispatcher that he had shot his father at the family ranch on County Road 245.

Sheriff's officers and emergency service personnel raced to the scene but arrived only to find the elder Schooley's body lying face up in front of his pickup truck. The truck's motor was still running. A long barreled handgun lay on the ground, underneath the dead man's hand.

Cliff Schooley, Jr., was taken into custody for questioning. Texas Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long was called in to assist with the investigation.

Despite telling officers that he had shot his father in self defense, Cliff Schooley, Jr. was charged with First Degree Murder in the case.

### David Hill charged with money laundering

David E. Hill, 41, of Eldorado, surrendered himself to authorities Sunday and was booked into the Schleicher County Jail on charges of money laundering. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace James C.

Doyle that same day and was released on \$10,000 surety bond.

The charge is closely related to two indictments handed down by Schleicher County grand jurors on January 8, 2003. At that time, grand jurors alleged that Hill had misappropriated funds from the Eldorado Youth Baseball League as well as from Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Niblett's Oilfield Service.

Reported in the Feb. 27, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

### Elgoatarod termed successful by EOBBC

Despite two days of cold and rainy weather that threatened to doom Eldorado's first-ever Elgoatarod festival, Saturday morning dawned clear and warm, much to the delight of the event's four hundred or so participants.

What exactly is an Elgoatarod? Well, those who attended the two-day festival learned that the Elgoatarod Festival is Eldorado's answer to the Alaskan Iditarod Dog Sled Race, packed with goat racing, goat kissing, and goat stick racing. The tongue-in-cheek festival is the brainchild of Jim Runge and is organized under the auspices of the EOBBC, or the "Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee," another of Runge's creations.



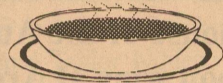
Jim Runge (L) looked on as Sheriff David Doran claimed the "Goat Kissing" title at the 2003 Elgoatarod festival.

Reported in the Mar. 13, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

### Locals gather to dedicate Austin Liveoak

Flags fluttered, flutes played and a canon roared last Thursday as Schleicher County residents were joined by proud Texans from across the state in marking Alamo Day in Eldorado. The occasion also saw the dedication of a Stephen F. Austin Liveoak tree, recently planted on the courthouse square. Several members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, including Carol Steakly, Dist. 1 Representative of the DRT, who addressed a crowd of about 300 people during the dedication of the tree. Also in attendance were a number of local dignitaries, portraying several heroes of the Texas Revolution and the early Republic.

### Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, January 5**  
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Roll Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk
- Tuesday, January 6**  
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Peas, Milk
- Wednesday, January 7**  
Oven Pork Chops, Noddles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
- Thursday, January 8**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, January 9**  
Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

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## Eldorado Forecast

Wed 12/31	Thu 1/1	Fri 1/2	Sat 1/3	Sun 1/4
<b>64/50</b>	<b>67/46</b>	<b>71/46</b>	<b>69/44</b>	<b>70/41</b>
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 64F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	Occasional showers. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Fair. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.

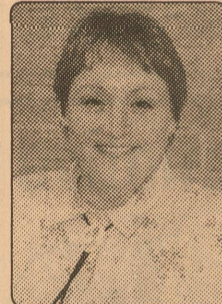
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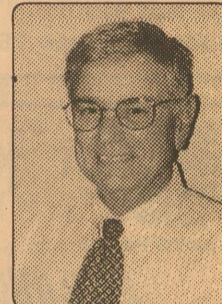
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## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

In 2003 we lost many dear friends and loved ones. Obituaries for the following individuals appeared in The Eldorado Success during the year.

- Billie E. Wallace
- Jesus R. (Chato) Martinez
- Walter C. Pope III
- Verel Kuykendall
- Mary Belle Starr
- Nell Reeves Singleton
- Eugene Allen Davis
- Paul King
- William Leon Stricklan
- Jacky D. "JD" Glasscock, Jr.
- Dorothy Wilson Pope
- Vitorina L. Chavez
- Joseph Clifford Schooley, Sr.
- Francis Yvonne Johnson
- Ewell L. Tankersley
- Juan Espinosa, Jr.
- Howard Mittel
- Gladys Perry Mittel
- Ricky Griffin
- Ann Tippitt Mann
- Isidoro "Lolo" Rangel Martinez
- Coleen Stevens Swatzell
- Dr. Jerry Dale Thomerson, D.V.M.
- Melba Marion Lewis
- Cecil Mackey
- Gloria Schultz Enochs
- Juanita Gallegos
- Robert Skurlock
- Verdo Crumley
- Ruth Baker
- Earl M. Yates
- Helen W. Williams
- George Wilford Draper, Sr.
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- Bernice Emma (Woods) Gibson
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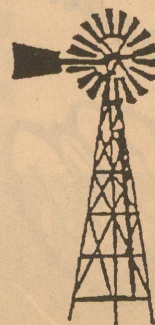
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Reported in the Mar. 27, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success



**Mark Gesch hired as SCISD Superintendent**

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, March 24, 2003 and voted unanimously to hire Mark Gesch as the district's new superintendent of schools. Gesch will begin at SCISD on May 1, 2003 on a consulting basis, and will officially take over as superintendent on June 6. Gesch, his wife, Robbin and son Jordan were on hand for the meeting.

Reported in the Apr 10, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**EHS One-Act Play "Teahouse of the August Moon" wins at Area**

J.L. Mankin was named Best Actor and Hannah Robledo and Travis Joiner were named to the All-Star Cast as the EHS entry, "Teahouse of the August Moon," won the Area 1-2A One Act Play Contest last Saturday in Alpine. Mayci Schwiening was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast and, in a rare move for a judge in a one act play competition, so were nine other members of the cast who play the villagers of Tobiki Village. They include: Diego Barrera, Mitchel Cole, Betsy

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- JANUARY**
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- 2nd Nadia L. Santellano, Savannah Reynolds
- 3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth Phillips, Jon-Michael Parker, Jody Martinez, Maribel Villavicencio, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Joel Martinez
- 4th Dena Manning
- 5th Zack Koenig, M'Kenna Gillespie, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar, Trey Chavez
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Green, Ivonne Granados, Sandra Guzman, Nestor Hernandez, Brencé Minor, Jessica Robertson, and Anna Troy. Johnny Larez was named to the All-Star Crew.

The play will next advance to the Region 1-AA contest in Abilene.



Isaiah Oliván as all smiles last Thursday as he tried on Capt. Avila's flight helmet.

**Marines Corps invades county airport**

Marine Captain Mando Avila said that his CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter was almost directly over Eldorado when one of the aircraft's two turbine engines gave out. "You can tell when one of these engines are about to fail," Avila told the Success. "I heard a high pitched whirring sound and we started looking for a place to set down."

That's how the Marine Corps chopper came to land at the Schleicher County airport on Monday, April, 7. Onboard with Avila was fellow pilot Capt. Vincent Ciucoli and crewman Cpl. William Swales and Cpl. Leo Arizabalo.

The men left Eldorado the following Saturday after a new engine was flown in and repairs were made at the County Airport.

Reported in the Apr 17, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Four scouts elevated to rank of Eagle Scout**

Court of Honor... the name given to the ceremony by which the Boy Scouts of America recognize the best of the best and elevate them to the rank of Eagle Scout. Such a ceremony hasn't happened very often in Eldorado, and it had been twenty years since one was last held here. So it was that a crowd of about 120, mostly family and friends of the four youths, gathered Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Eldorado to witness a bit of local history.

Jeffrey Bybee, Kolby Dombroski, Travis Joiner and Reese Schwiening joined an elite list of Eldoradoans, numbering twenty-six in all, to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Many of those who preceded the four young men were on hand for the ceremony. Among those were: Bob Sykes, '47; Jim Runge, '58; Herman Walker, Jr., '59; and David Meador, '63. Other Eagle Scouts attending the ceremony were: Gary Schwiening, '47; Andy Anderson, '71; and Bob Wanoreck, '77 (once and Eagle Scout, always and Eagle Scout).

Only once before had four Eldorado youths been promoted to Eagle Scout during the same year. That was in 1963 when Roy Lynn Love, Phil McCormick, Rex (Buzz) McCormick and David Meador, earned the honor. Meador was the only member of that group to attend Saturday's ceremony.

**Eagles tennis team claims 3rd consecutive District title**

At the District 2-2A tennis tournament the Eldorado Eagles claimed their third overall district title in as many years in what is arguably the toughest 2A tennis district in the state of Texas. Christina Redish and Chandra Wanoreck claimed the girls doubles championship with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over their teammates Courtney

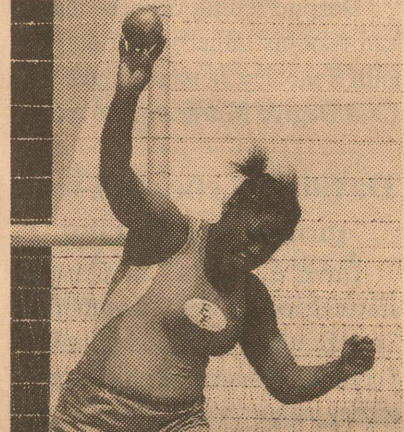
Sauer and Courtney Brown. In boys doubles action Quisto Gonzalez and Buddy Greer claimed their second district title in the last three years with a 6-2, 6-0 win over the Ozona team of Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez. Bobby Phillips and Heath Andrew claimed third with a close win over the Ozona team of Kris Gray and Roland Galindo.

**EHS tracksters advance four to Regional meet**

The Eagles and Lady Eagles had a good day Thursday, April 10 and all competed very well in the district track meet in Ozona.

Senior Christina Redish won the shot put with a throw of 36-7.75 and placed 2nd in the discus with a throw of 102-.5, therefore advancing to Regionals in both. Freshman Rachel Joiner placed 2nd in the high jump with a jump of 5.0' advancing to Regionals. She also placed 3rd (8-0) in the pole vault, barely missing a trip to Regionals.

Joining Redish and Joiner at the Regional Meet will be Eagle Eric Garcia who placed 2nd in the 1600 Meter Run in a time of 4:51.26. Also, Chris Sanchez who was 2nd in shot put with a throw of 46-10.5.



Christina Redish won the Shot Put at the District 2-2A Meet in Ozona with a throw of 36-7.75.

**Lady Eagles golfers advance to Regional**

Eldorado's Lady Eagles golf team finished second in District behind Sonora High School. After three games Hannah Robledo first place medalist had the lowest score of 274, among the Eldorado team. Blake Snelson shot a 292 placing 5th, Mikinzie Holley placed 7th with a score of 303, Mayci Schwiening scored 342 and Emily Newman shot for a total of 358. The team total score for the three tournaments was 1205 with Sonora team total coming to 1189. Third place Reagan County scoring a 1304.

Reported in the Apr 24, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Community wireless computer network up and running**

A year after Eldoradoans learned that their community had been awarded a half-million dollar Technology Infrastructure Board (TIF) grant, a high-speed wireless computer network is up and running in Eldorado and the service, once accessible only at a few public access sites, is now available to anyone who lives in or near Eldorado.

Individuals wishing to connect to the network from their home may do so for \$40 per month. A onetime purchase of wireless equipment will cost the subscriber approximately \$600. Businesses will be required to spend a bit more for the equipment, roughly \$1,500, with most of that going to pay for a security device called a "firewall." Once the equipment is installed, businesses with 1-5 computers will be charged a monthly fee of \$40. Larger businesses, those with 6-11 computers will pay \$80 per month.

Reported in the May 1, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Redish qualifies for State track & tennis**

Christina Redish, EHS senior, and daughter of Mack and Angie Redish of Eldorado, is the first Eldorado athlete to ever qualify for State UIL competition in two sports. She and her partner, Chandra Warnock have advanced in girls doubles tennis, and she will be competing in the Shot Put at the State 2A Track Meet.

Redish won the right to advance to Austin by placing 2nd at the Region 1-2A meet last week at Abilene Christian University. Her throw of 39-5.5

**EHS sends two girls doubles team to State tennis meet**

Sending a girls doubles team to the State tennis tournament in Austin is nothing new for Eldorado High School. Neither is it new for Eldorado to send two girls doubles teams in the same year. What is new, however, is for a girl to make it to the tourney for a third straight year, and with three different partners. That's the story this year for Christina Redish, the EHS senior, who along with partner Chandra Wanoreck, claimed the silver medal at the Region 1-2A tennis tournament in Abilene last week. And, to the surprise of no one who has followed Eldorado tennis through the years, the girls only lost when they faced another team from Eldorado, that of Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer, or as they are known to their fans, the two Courtneys.

But, the two Courtneys will be there, too. After losing to Redish and Wanoreck several time during the season, including the match for the District 2-2A championship, Brown and Sauer turned their game up a notch, attacked the net relentlessly, and surprised their teammates in the Regional final match. Brown and Sauer won the match and claimed the Region 1-2A gold medal 6-4, 6-3.

Reported in the May 8, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Voters choose Wanoreck in school election**

Jan Wanoreck out polled incumbent Phil McCormick 81-38 in the race for Schleicher County ISD Single Member District #2. It was the heaviest turnout on record in a single member district since the old at-large system of electing school trustees was abolished more than ten years ago.



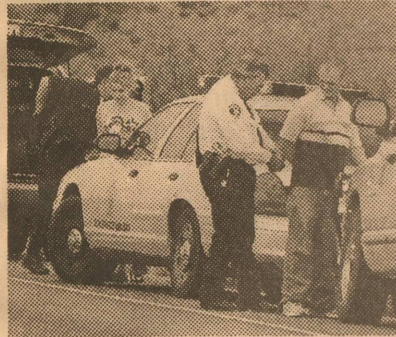
Phillip Martinez slid in safe under the tag of the Wildcats shortstop after hammering a double in the 4th inning of the second game as the Eagles swept Anthony in a best of three series. The Eagles won both games on the 10-run rule, 12-2 and 13-3.

**Eagles nine sweep Wildcats for bi-district crown**

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team needed only two games in a best of three series in Pecos to defeat the Anthony Wildcats for the Bi-District title. The Warbirds pounded out 27 hits in two games, winning them both by the 10-run rule. The two wins improved the Eagles season record to 22-7.

Eldorado will next face the Colorado City Wolves in Colts Stadium in San Angelo for the Area championship.

Reported in the May 15, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success



Chief Deputy George Arispe (foreground) and Deputy Jason Chatham (background) handcuffed suspects Tuesday after discovering a mobile methamphetamine lab in the back of a 2002 Mazda Tribute.

**Evidence in motel room leads to seizure of meth lab**

Marijuana and an assortment of drug paraphernalia left in a local motel room led to the arrest of five individuals Tuesday morning and the seizure of a mobile methamphetamine lab.

Sheriff's department personnel received a call Tuesday morning from Shaw's Motel, reporting that five subjects had just checked out of their two rooms and that a suspicious substance had been found in one of the rooms.

A description of the suspect vehicle, a 2002 Mazda Tribute, was obtained from the motel records and Deputy Jason Chatham quickly intercepted it some 13 miles west of Eldorado on U.S. 190.

**Spike Dykes speaks at EHS athletic banquet**

Former Texas Tech University football coach Spike Dykes was the featured speaker at the EHS Sports Banquet held Monday evening, May 12, in the Memorial Building. Dykes told the assembled athletes that through hard work and dedication great things can be accomplished by those who dare to do great things.

Despite the presence of a marquee name speaker, the real focus of the evening was on the athletes of Eldorado High School and the numerous awards were handed out in various sports and activities.



**The tax man cometh** — Scott Sutton was appointed recently to the post of Chief Appraiser of the Schleicher County Appraisal District. He comes to Eldorado from Brownwood where he has served as a field appraiser since 1998.

Reported in the May 29, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**42 grads earn EHS diplomas**

With strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" drifting through the air forty-two members of the Eldorado High School Class of 2003 filed into Eagle Stadium on Friday evening, May 23. It would be their final trip together as EHS students.

Moments later the forty-two graduates received their diplomas following a salutatory address by Courtney Sauer and a valedictory address by Lori Loomis.

Following the speeches, EHS Principal Tim Seymore announced the graduates' names as they crossed in front of the podium. SCISD President Jo Helen Kotsch presented each of the grads with their diplomas as Superintendent Mark Gesch moved each graduate's tassel across their cap to signify the commencement of a new life.

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Reported in the June 5, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Cops find fuel tank filled with marijuana**

Speeding through Schleicher County proved costly last Thursday for a Del Rio couple after 97 lbs. of marijuana was found hidden in the false fuel tank of a 1995 Dodge pickup. Roberto Valdez, Jr., 24, and Maria C. Delapaz, 21, both of Del Rio, were taken into custody and transported to the Schleicher County Jail where they eventually agreed to carry out the delivery of the load in Vernon, TX.

Once in Vernon, the pair left the truck in a parking lot where it was picked up by two other subjects, who were immediately detained. A search warrant was then served on a residence in Vernon where three more individuals were taken into custody. Schleicher County Sheriff's deputies Jason Chatham and David Olivan followed the load from Eldorado to Vernon, along with narcotics investigators from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and were there to assist with the arrests.

Reported in the June 12, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Schooley indicted in murder of his father**

Cliff Schooley, Jr. was indicted for murder on Monday, June 9, 2003, by a Schleicher County grand jury, in the shooting death of his father, Clifford Schooley, Sr., 79, of Eldorado. The jurors weighed evidence presented by 51st District Attorney Stephen Lupton, Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. officers and Texas Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long, before handing up their decision.

The indictment presents two allegations. First, it alleges that on Feb. 12, 2003, Cliff Schooley, Jr. intentionally and knowingly caused the death of Clifford Schooley, Sr. by shooting him with a firearm. The second allegation in the indictment is that Cliff Schooley, Jr., with intent to cause serious bodily injury committed an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of his father by shooting him with a firearm.

**Lindsey pleads guilty to theft from FUMC**

Linda Lindsey, 44, of Eldorado, plead guilty to felony theft Monday in connection with more than \$19,000 in funds missing, from the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado. Lindsey, who worked as the church's secretary when the funds came up missing, admitted to taking the money and agreed to make restitution as part of a plea arrangement. In return for the guilty plea and her agreement to make restitution, Lindsey received a 2-year prison sentence, probated for 5 years.

Reported in the June 26, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Dr. Lucas and Dr. Perez hired by hospital board**

Two weeks after voting to terminate Dr. Patrick Taylor's contract, the Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees moved this week to fill the vacancy by hiring two physicians, Dr. Jim Lucas and Dr. Lillian Perez. The two doctors will open clinic practices here beginning on Aug. 15, 2003. They will also be sharing duties in the hospital's emergency room. Dr. Lucas was named to be the hospital's Chief of Staff.



Eagles Coach Gary Grubbs was named the All-West Texas Coach of the Year by the San Angelo Standard-Times. A well deserved honor considering how quickly he turned the Eagles baseball program around.

**Grubbs named All-West Texas Coach of the Year**

Eldorado Coach Gary Grubbs was named Coach of the Year by the San Angelo Standard-Times when it named its All-West Texas Baseball team on Sunday. Six of Grubbs' players, Frankie Arispe, Philip Martinez, Michael Adame, Jared Grubbs, Homer Hernandez and Trey Chavez, also won spots on the prestigious All-West Texas team.

Reported in the July 3, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Garlitz hired as EMS principal**

Kara Sue Garlitz was hired last Thursday as Middle School principal by the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees. The vote to hire Garlitz was unanimous. She replaces Julie Griffin who recently retired.

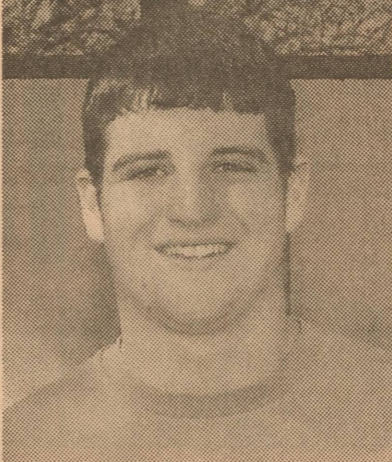
While the job may be new to her, the campus should seem very familiar, since that's where she spent the past 12 years teaching math.

Garlitz wasted no time in getting to work. She was in the office the very next day, unpacking and making numerous phone calls.

**School Bell calls home the Mias Amigas Club**

The old school bell rang out for the 72nd consecutive year Saturday morning, calling to order the annual meeting of the Mias Amigas Club. The meeting was held on the courthouse square and in keeping with custom, the members of the 50-year graduating class had the honor of clanging the bell.

Reported in the July 17, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success



**Griffin elected as 4-H District 7 Parliamentarian**

Will Griffin, a senior at Eldorado High School, was recently elected as District 7, 4-H Parliamentarian during the District 4-H Camp at the Alto Frio Encampment near Leakey. He was elected by all the 4-Hers from across the district.

Other 4-Hers from Eldorado attending the camp were Neal Higgins, Mark Bybee, Neal Brenner, Logan Jones and Taylor Niblett. Retiring County Extension Agent Nancy Lester accompanied the group.

Reported in the July 24, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Scott Edmonson named County Agent of the Year by TSGRA**

The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association presented several awards during its 88th annual convention in Kerrville on Friday, July 18, 2003. Among the honorees was Scott Edmonson of Eldorado who was named Outstanding County Extension Agent.

Edmonson was born and raised in Duncan, OK. After graduating from high school, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1989 and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education in 1991. He joined the Extension Service in 1991 and served in Irion and Guadalupe Counties prior to moving to Schleicher County in 1998.

**School board wants veteran band director**

SCISD trustees met Tuesday evening and voted to offer Walter Reneau of Iraan the band director's job here in Eldorado. Reneau will replace Gina Muela who left to take an assistant director's job in Littlefield. During Muela's tenure, and that of her predecessor, Mike Marsh, the Mighty Eagle Band amassed an impressive string of 19 consecutive Division "1" ratings at Marching Contest.

Reneau has met with a good deal of success himself during stints in five Texas towns. He began his career in Odessa in 1975, moved on to Seminole in 1978 and to Pecos in 1980. Then in 1985, Reneau went to Snyder where he stayed for 15 years. In 2000, Reneau moved to Iraan where he retired in 2002. Unhappy with retirement, Reneau was reportedly attracted by word that the head job in Eldorado was open.

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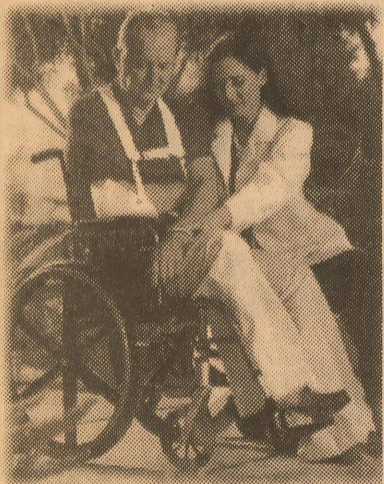
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Reported in the July 24, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

Eldorado's own Charlie Bradley won the top prize for "Biggest Lie" during the Running of the Bull festival. Bradley later claimed the story he told was true, but many suspected he was only warming up for next year's contest.

**"Bull" runs wild in Eldorado**

When Jim Runge first proposed a "Running of the Bull" festival in Eldorado, most folks had visions of young bulls charging through the town. Little did they realize that hundreds of people would flock to the courthouse square in Eldorado to see what Runge's version of "Running of the Bull" was all about.

What they found was a tongue-in-cheek spoof of the San Fermin Festival in Pamplona, Spain. No one was in danger of being gored by a bull, although there was a risk that the whole thing would prove to be too much fun.

Reported in the July 31, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Audit reveals improving financial position at SCMC**

Auditor Larry Anderson advised the Schleicher County Medical Center board of trustees Monday night that the district's financial position has improved dramatically over the past year. As Anderson went over the district's financial records for fiscal year 2001, he credited much of the improvement to a reduction in the hospi-

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tal's accounts receivable. Anderson noted that the district's cash position is better by some \$681,000.00 in just one year. He pointed to beefed up collection procedures and the transition of the hospital's clinic to Rural Health Clinic status as major contributing factors.

Only 15.5 percent of the district's \$4.6 million operating budget is derived from taxes, Anderson said. He added that the hospital's 8 percent bad debt ratio is well within expectations for a public sector hospital.

Reported in the August 7, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success



**Wounded man leads cops on 3-hour chase**

An Eldorado man managed to elude law enforcement officers for three hours, last Friday evening, despite the fact that he was suffering from a gunshot wound to the shoulder. Joe David Gandar, 21, was eventually found, hiding under a bed in a home on Rudd Road. After being subdued by officers, he was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated and transferred to a San Angelo hospital.

**1st Community recognized as Federal Credit Union of the Year**

1st Community Federal Credit Union President, Bill Nikolauk, traveled to Boston at the end of July to accept the prestigious "Federal Credit Union of the Year Award" during the National Association of Federal Credit Unions annual conference and exhibition. Nikolauk was accompanied by 1st Community's board chairman Jim Hartle, board member Johnny Fender, marketing & member services coordinator Vicki Loso and administrative assistant Jill Lamberson.

The award recognizes 1st Community's incredible rate of growth while at the same time maintaining its solid financial strength. It also acknowledges the credit union's commitment to give back to the communities where it is located.

Reported in the August 14, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Bee attack claims life of Bobby Daniels**

A bee attack on the Powell Ranch in southern Schleicher County is credited with contributing to the death of Bobby Daniels, 66, of Eldorado. Daniels was operating a bull dozer and was in the process of "pushing brush" when the attack occurred last Friday, August 8, 2003. Daniels' body was found about a quarter-mile from the dozer which was stalled against an uprooted tree. He had reportedly been stung "many times."

**Ragsdale sworn in as municipal judge**

Mayor John Nikolauk administered the oath of office Monday night to Municipal Judge Pat Ragsdale during regular monthly meeting of the Eldorado City Council. Ragsdale's wife, Dianna, held his father's Bible, as he took the oath.

Ragsdale was appointed to the position by the Eldorado City Council several months ago. He completed 32 hours of judicial training last month at a school for new judges in Austin. The school was funded by the Texas Supreme Court.

The municipal court has jurisdiction over areas involving city ordinances, as well as traffic and Class C misdemeanor offenses.

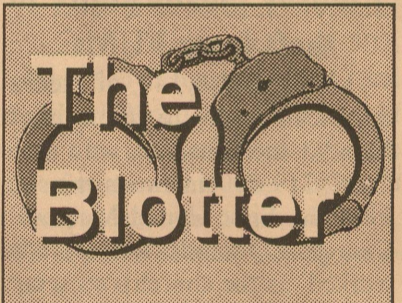
Reported in the August 21, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**SCISD face tough choices as they attempt to balance the budget**

Faced with declining student enrollment and the need to repay more than \$273,000 to the Texas Education Agency, school trustees sent Supt. Mark Gesch on a mission, find enough cuts to balance the books.

As part of the process, Gesch asked each of his three campus principals, and three program directors to come and update the trustees on the cuts they are facing and how they will be implemented.

The preliminary budget Gesch



*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**

**December 24 •** Gonzales, Sean Michael, male age 20, offense Burglary of a Habitation.  
**December 24 •** Gonzales, Dwayne Lloyd, male age 17, offense Burglary of a Habitation/Engaging in Organized Crime.  
**December 25 •** Hawkins, Shari Durrelle, female age 36, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Hold for Irion County.

**INCIDENTS**

**December 20 •**Schleicher County Sheriff Department Dispatcher received a threatening call from a male subject. Officer was notified.  
• Complainant reported someone had broke into their business and took a grinder and a tool box. Est. value \$400.00. Officer responded.  
• Complainant reported someone had taken a 22 rifle out of their truck. Est. value \$200.00. Officer responded.  
**December 24 •** Complainant called 911 to report they needed an officer because family was fighting. Officer responded.  
**December 25 •** 10:10 a.m. Complainant stated that they needed a

presented to the trustees Monday night was based on a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation. That's as high as Texas law will allow the rate to go and is up significantly from \$1.4226 in the current year's budget. And still, the number's won't balance.

Reported in the Sept. 04, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

**Father Vathalloor installed as priest at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**

The Catholic communities of Eldorado, Knickerbocker and Mertzon came together last Thursday for the installation of Rev. Joseph Vathalloor as the new priest at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado.

The beautiful service began with a reading from the letters of St. John, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God."

A ceremonial procession of participants filed into the church sanctuary, including a cross bearer, altar servers, Knights of Columbus Honor Guards, Deacons, a Bishop and Priests from the surrounding area.

**Hill pleads guilty to wire fraud**

David E. Hill, 42, of Eldorado, a former employee of American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC), pled guilty last Thursday to one count of Wire Fraud before U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings last Thursday in federal court in Lubbock. Hill faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

The case against Hill sprang from an investigation into the Eldorado Youth Baseball League and money that was missing from its account. Hill served as the league's president and, as such, had access to its funds. As the case developed against Hill, Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe learned that not only was money missing from the baseball league, other money, originating from Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora, and intended for the purchase of AFLAC insurance, and been funneled into Hill's accounts.

wrecker 15 miles East Hwy. 190. •9:30 p.m. Complainant reported road hunters on County Road 220 in a red pickup truck. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

**December 26 •** 8:30 p.m. Complainant requested a Criminal Trespass to be served. Officer responded.  
• 3:16 p.m. Complainant requested an officer check on a subject whose lifeline had went off. Officer responded. 3:22 p.m. paged out EMS2.

**December 27 •** Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident at convenience store. Subject requested a blue form. Officer responded.

**December 28 •** 1:53 a.m. Complainant requesting to speak to an officer. Officer responded.  
• 4:54 a.m. Subject requested an ambulance for a 95 year old female having chest pains. EMS2 and officers responded.  
• 1:17 p.m. Subject report of loose livestock on roadway. Officer responded.

• 3:03 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.  
• 4:45 p.m. Complainant stated that someone had pinned a few boar goats out in his pasture on Rudd Road.

• 7:23 p.m. Complainant on Old Sonora Road reported a water leak coming from her neighbors home. City contacted.

• 8:15 p.m. Complainant on San Antonio Street requested an officer come by and check possible fire, could not find source of smell of smoke. Officer responded and fire department.

**December 29 •** 8:40 a.m. Subject reported a vehicle was left out of the garage because the owner was to pick up the vehicle over the weekend. Vehicle was not picked up and seemed to have been broken into. Officer responded.

11:30 a.m. Subject on Hwy. 190 East reported five Herefords missing. Officer responded.

**Solution to puzzle on Page 2**

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Porter celebrates twenty-five years on the job at SCMC

When Marion Porter went to work at Schleicher County Medical Center, she was an aide in the Nursing Home. That was twenty-five years ago.

Since then, lots of things have changed and Marion Porter has advanced to become the Food Service Supervisor.

During a reception held in her honor, Porter explained when she came to work at SCMC, there were only two registered nurses in the entire hospital. Now, two of the fifteen RNs employed by the hospital are her daughters, Vickie Farmer and Becky Silva, who just happens to be the hospital's director of nursing.

SCMC presented Porter with a diamond ring in recognition of her service to the facility.

Reported in the Sept. 18, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

Drug bust leads officers to break in cattle theft case

A routine traffic stop proved to be anything but routine Saturday after marijuana and a quantity of methamphetamine was discovered in a pickup leading to the driver's arrest and his later implication in the theft of 23 head of cattle from a local ranch.

Otis Layne Babb, 20, of Eldorado, was taken into custody Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003, after Deputy Jason Chatham found marijuana and methamphetamine in his 1996 Dodge pickup. Chatham had pulled Babb over on F.M. 915 near the intersection of South West Street in Eldorado. At that time Chatham became suspicious and asked for permission to search the truck. That's when he discovered the dope.

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Reported in the Sept. 25, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

Trailer theft leads to more arrests

Yet another stolen trailer led to three more arrests here this week in a case related to the trailer/cattle theft story reported in last week's edition of The Success. Timothy Shay Reed, 31, was arrested Thursday, Sept. 18, by Coleman County officers on a Schleicher County warrant for theft of a cattle trailer and theft of three head of cattle from the Charlie West Ranch.

Also arrested was Lane Babb, 20, and Walter Wagner, 25, both of Eldorado. Babb was arrested a week earlier when a quantity of illicit drugs were discovered in his truck during a routine traffic stop.

At that time, Wager, who was a passenger in the truck, was questioned, but released. That incident turned up another stolen trailer and a nuber of stolen livestock.

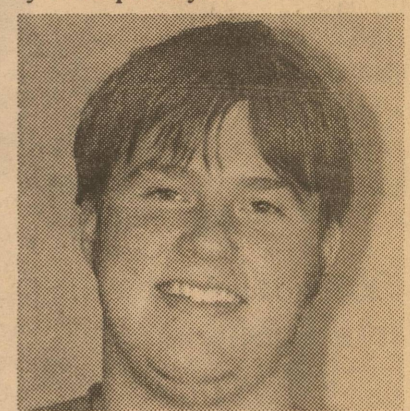


Walter Wagner, shown here being questioned during a traffic stop last week, was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft and engaging in organized criminal activity in connection with a trailer that was taken from a vacant lot on W. Mills Ave.

Reported in the Oct. 2, 2003 edition of the Eldorado Success

Travis Joiner recognized by National Merit Program

Principal Tim Seymore of Eldorado High School announced this week that EHS senior Travis Joiner has been named a Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation will be presented to Joiner by Principal Seymore.



Travis Joiner



Dynamic Debbie Doodle a.k.a. Robert Bybee

Eldorado men strut their stuff during all male style show

Tuesday night, a full decade since the last all-male show, came one sponsored by the Eldorado Lions Club's as part of its 75th anniversary celebration. Again, the ladies of Beta Sigma Phi were there to help. Dynamic Debbie Doodle, a.k.a. Robert Bybee, was judged to be the winner from among some 20 entrants.

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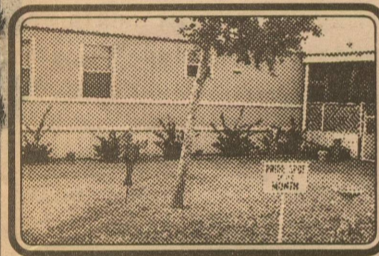
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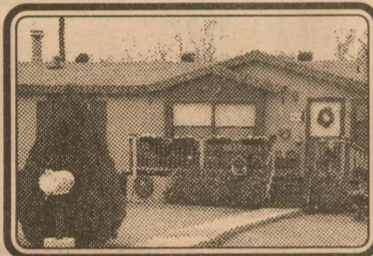
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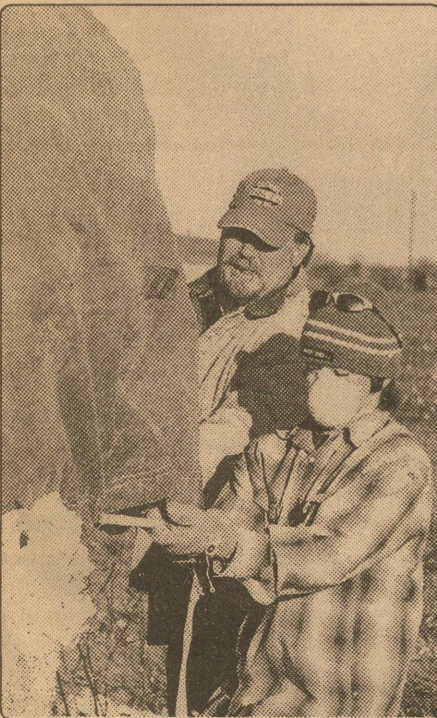
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Eldorado Spotlight



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**City moves forward with municipal court**

The Eldorado City Council met Monday and moved to fill the positions of prosecuting attorney and court clerk for the city's newly established municipal court. Attorney Beth Wallace of Sonora was appointed to serve as the city's prosecuting attorney. Wallace serves as the prosecutor for the City of Sonora, a job she has held for the past 19 years.

The city council also appointed Juanita Gomez, to serve as the clerk of the court. Gomez is already employed by the city as a billing clerk and will assume the record keeping duties for the court.

**"Energizer" John Callison keeps on goin' and goin'...**

At an age when others are looking to put their feet up, if they can even lift them, and take a nap in an easy chair, John Callison is still challenging himself, and others. Why shouldn't he? He's only 77 years old and he still has plenty of time to add to the 37 medals he has accumulated in the Senior Games.

In fact, John added three more medals this week, all of them Gold, moving the total up to 40! Competing at the State Senior Games

in Temple, John won the Basketball Free Throw Shooting, Basketball 3-0n-3 and the Basketball 3 Point Shooting competitions in the 75-79 age division.

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*Grief-stricken friends and family members gathered at First Baptist Church Monday to comfort and console one another as word on the bus wreck filtered through town. Here Les Bassinger greets Nancy Sproul as her daughter, Alison looks on.*

**Mourning After... Eldoradoans come to grips with tragic loss**

Grief swept over this tiny town Monday as word spread that five members of First Baptist Church, along with three guests from Water Valley and San Angelo, were killed in a tragic bus/truck accident near Tallulah, LA, about twenty miles from the Mississippi River,

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while seven other passengers, all of them from Eldorado, were clinging to life in four hospitals in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Domingo Pina, 65, his wife, Delia Pina, 72, Kenneth Richardson, 81, his wife, Betty Richardson 81, and Mary Ruth Robinson, 63, all of Eldorado were listed among the dead. So were Jimmie D. Teel, 68, and Jean S. Demere, 74, both of Water Valley, and Laverne Shannon, 76, of San Angelo.

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**Amazing grace, abiding faith...FBC families lean on their Lord**

Ever so slowly, and almost imperceptibly at first, Eldoradoans last week began the long journey back toward normalcy only days after losing five of their own in a horrific bus/truck crash in Louisiana. Elsewhere, families and friends of three others, two ladies from Water Valley, and one from San Angelo, also came to grips with their grief. They, too, lost loved ones in the crash. They, too, mourned their dead.

Meanwhile, in hospitals in Louisiana and Mississippi, seven survivors of the bus crash, each of them from Eldorado, clung to life.

Here in Eldorado Rev. Andy Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church, faced the arduous task of officiating three funerals for five members of his congregation — Delia and Domingo Pina, Kenneth and Betty Richardson, and Mary Ruth Robinson. The back-to-back services taxed the resources, not only of First Baptist Church, but of a grief stricken community.

**Mighty Eagle band earns 20th consecutive Division 1 rating**

The Mighty Eagle band took to the field in Brady last Saturday, and put 19 years of tradition on the line as it claimed its 20th straight Division "1" rating. It was no easy task as the band struggled to learn a new system under Band Director Walter Reneau, who replaced long-time director Gina Muela earlier in the year. The band will compete next at the Area contest in Waco.

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**A&M regents name Nancy Lester County Extension Agent Emerita**

Nancy Lester learned last week that she had been named County Extension Agent Emerita by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System.

Associate Vice Chancellor and Director Chester P. Fehlsl notified Lester of the honor saying that the board, during its September 2003 meeting had recognized her distinguished Extension work by granting her Emerita status.

Nancy Lester served Schleicher County as County Extension Agent for nearly thirty years before retiring this year. She agreed to work part-time for the county and assist with the upcoming Jr. Livestock Show while the county attempts to locate a replacement.

**Presbyterians mark 100th year of worship in Schleicher County**

Families came from near and far to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado on October 18th and 19th. Many committees and much work went into the preparation of these activities.

Festivities began at 4 pm on Saturday with a social time. Several church members set the stage dressed in early 1900's attire that had been furnished by Nancy Powell—these clothes were her mother's and grandmother's clothes. Each family displayed their history with the church with photographs and stories, along with the choir's and minister's history.

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**Rathbone named to Texas High School Football Hall of Fame**

Milton "Mickey" Rathbone of Eldorado will be inducted next May into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame. Rathbone, a 1943 graduate of San Angelo High School, played quarterback on the team that defeated Lufkin for the State Championship 26-13 during his senior year.

Following the induction ceremony, slated for Saturday, May 1, 2004 in Waco, Rathbone will join the ranks of such football greats as Hayden Fry, Donny Anderson, Earl Campbell, Doak Walker and Bobby Lane. He will find himself in familiar company.

**Garcia & Herrera earn trip to Regional Country meet**

Eldorado High School Cross Country runners competed in the District 2-2A at San Angelo State Park on Monday, Oct. 29, 2003.

Junior Eric Garcia was the only runner representing Eldorado in the varsity boy's division. He earned a silver medal coming in 2nd with a time of 18:06.89 for the three mile course. This will be Garcia's third trip to regional in Lubbock.

Clara Herrera earned a shot at regionals as an individual medalist coming in 5th place with a time of 14:15 in the girls division.

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**Ribbon cutting held at City Hall**

Current and former members of the Eldorado City Council gathered with guests and friends on Thursday evening, Oct. 30, 2003 to officially open the newly renovated City Hall.

Mayor John Nikolauk and former Mayor Bob Lester were joined by current council members Dora Bosmans, Toni Sudduth and Robert Bybee, as well as former council members John Callison, Jeri Whitten and Barbara Jackson in a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the building.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, David Griffin, a legislative aide to State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, read a proclamation from the legislator in honor of the occasion.

A reception followed the ribbon cutting with guests touring the facility.

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**Commissioners move to abolish Constable**

Schleicher County Commissioners have moved to abolish the office of Constable within the county. The Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to declare the office dormant. The vote came after Attorney James Kosub offered his

**FBC bus wreck claims 9th victim**

Billy Frank Blaylock, 78, of Eldorado died Monday morning in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, of medical complications, after seeming to recover from injuries he sustained in a bus accident in Louisiana on Oct. 13, 2004.

Blaylock, his wife Mabel, and 13 others were riding in a tour bus owned by First Baptist Church of Eldorado, when it collided with a parked tractor-trailer rig, loaded with bales of compressed cotton. The group had left Eldorado a day earlier on a tour that was to take them Pennsylvania.

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**Hill gets 16 months in federal prison**

David Edward Hill, 42, of Eldorado, a former employee of American Family Life Insurance Company (AFLAC), was sentenced Friday to 16 months in federal prison by United States District Judge Sam R. Cummings in his Lubbock courtroom. That's considerably less than the 5 year maximum sentence he could have received. Hill pled guilty in August to a charge of wire fraud. He was ordered to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons on December 26, 2003. In addition to the prison term, Judge Cummings ordered Hill to pay a \$2,000 fine and a \$100 mandatory court fee. He will face a three-year probation term once he is released in 2005.

The local charges brought in State District Court against Hill remain in place. In addition to the two counts he was indicted on in January, a separate charge of Money Laundering is remains to be settled.

**Scripture**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touches with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and the Son Jesus Christ.  
1 John 1: 1-3

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