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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Sheriff David Doran and Deputy Jason Chatham escorted James Michael Lowe, 19, into the Schleicher County Jail after his arrest on Dec. 16, 2003. Cell phone records led officers to information relating to the burglary of 3 homes, 3 businesses and 18 autos. Sean Michael Gonzalez, 20, and Duwayne Lloyd Gonzalez, 17, were also arrested and charged in connection with the case.

Arrests clear up two dozen burglaries

Suspects charged with burglaries of 3 homes, 3 businesses and 18 autos

A lengthy investigation into a series of burglaries resulted in the arrests of three individuals recently and cleared up a total of twenty-four home and auto burglaries.

James Michael Lowe, 19, of Eldorado and Sean Michael Gonzalez, 20, of San Angelo each face three charges of burglary of a habitation, three charges of burglary of a building and thirteen charges of burglary of a vehicle. Bonds totaling \$280,000 were set for each of the men. At press time, Lowe and Gonzalez remain in the Schleicher County Jail.

A third suspect, Duwayne Lloyd Gonzalez, 17, also of San Angelo, and brother of suspect Sean Michael Gonzalez, was charged with misdemeanor theft. He was released on a \$1,000 surety bond.

Authorities first became aware of the thefts in August of 2003 when reports began coming into the Schleicher County Sheriff's office about vehicles being broken into. What lawmen at first hoped were only a few unrelated incidents soon grew in scope with homes and businesses being burglarized. By November of

2003 the cases involved three home, three business and eighteen auto burglaries.

Investigators got their first solid lead when phone records from a cellular phone taken in one of the burglaries revealed that someone had been placing calls from the phone. The investigation soon pointed to Duwayne Lloyd Gonzalez and he was brought in for questioning. A series of interviews followed with officers questioning Lowe and the both Gonzalez brothers, as well as witnesses who reportedly had knowledge of the crimes.

"We were pretty sure we were on the right trail," Sheriff David Doran told the Success. "As soon as we got the tip about the cell phone and started asking questions, the burglaries stopped."

In time, the officers developed enough information to obtain arrest warrants for the three suspects. They also began calling on pawn shops in San Angelo where some of the stolen merchandise was recovered. Other stolen goods were recovered when the three were taken into custody. Interestingly some of the loot came from homes and businesses whose owners were not even aware they had been victimized.

James Michael Lowe, 19, was taken into custody on Dec. 16, 2003. Sean Michael Gonzalez and Duwayne Lloyd Gonzalez were arrested on Dec. 24, 2003.

Lowe and Sean Michael Gonzalez will face felony charges State District Court in the three home burglaries and the three business burglaries. They will face misdemeanor charges in County Court in the thirteen vehicle burglaries. Duwayne Lloyd Gonzalez faces misdemeanor theft charges in County Court.

"This has been a long and tedious investigation," Sheriff Doran said after the arrests were made public. "I want to give credit to my officers on this case, for their persistence and their investigative skills."

Doran said that Deputy Jason Chatham was the lead investigator on the case and was assisted by Chief Deputy George Arispe.

Sheriff Doran noted that a separate investigation into a burglary of the Richardson home on Lee Avenue continues. "At this time I don't believe the Richardson burglary is connected to this case," Doran stated. "However, it remains under active investigation."

The Richardson home was burglarized shortly after Kenneth and Betty Richardson were killed in the First Baptist Church Bus wreck on August 13, 2003. Sheriff Doran said that solving crime remains a priority and he asks that anyone with information about the case please contact his office at 853-2737.

Livestock Show set for weekend

by Scott Edmonson
County Extension Agent - Ag

The annual Schleicher County Livestock, Food and Project Show will take place this weekend, January 8-10, at the newly completed, Schleicher County Civic Center. We are really excited about having the first major event in the new facility and hope that everyone will

come out and take a look.

This event gives all the 4-H and FFA members an opportunity to show off their livestock projects to hometown folks. They have been working very hard with these projects and look forward to showcasing them this weekend.

The schedule for this years show is as follows:

Thursday, January 8th	
2-5 p.m.	Creative Arts and Industrial Arts Judged
6 p.m.	All Livestock must be in barn and weight cards turned in
Friday, January 9th	
2:30 p.m.	Sheep Show (Breeding followed by Market)
4 p.m.	Swine Show
5:30 p.m.	Cattle Show (Breeding followed by Market)
7 p.m.	Rabbit Show
Saturday, January 10th	
8:30 a.m.	Goat Show (Breeding followed by Market)
9 a.m.	Food Show Entries in Place
10 a.m.	Judging of Food Show Entries
11 a.m.	Dog Show
12:Noon	BBQ Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation and Sale

San Angelo fire claims life of Mitzi Sessom

Mitzi Sessom, 20, of Eldorado died Monday, January 5, 2004, in University Medical Center in Lubbock. She suffered severe smoke inhalation during a fire at a home in San Angelo during the early morning hours on January 1, 2004. Sessom, who was unconscious when she was pulled from the home, reportedly never regained consciousness.

Sessom's death is the second in her immediate family in the last six weeks. Her grandfather, Billy Frank Blaylock, died on Nov. 17, 2003 from injuries suffered in the First Baptist Church bus wreck on Oct. 13, 2003.

Sessom was a student at Texas Tech University and was a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School. She was the daughter of Steve and Eva Jo Sessom of Eldorado and Rocky Milby of Midland, Kentucky.

David Doran seeks reelection as Sheriff

I, David R. Doran, would like to announce that I am seeking reelection as Sheriff of Schleicher County. It has been my great pleasure to hold the position for two terms and I am asking you, the voters of this county, to allow me to continue in the job.

Since taking office in 1996, my first priority has been, and continues to be, providing this county with fair and impartial law enforcement. To do this, I have assembled a staff of highly trained deputies, jailers and dispatchers and I have seen to it that they have the equipment and material necessary to do their jobs. I also require that they continue their training, even beyond the level required by the State of Texas.

As for my own training, I hold an Advanced Peace Officer's license and am currently working toward my Master Peace Officer's certification. My work experience began shortly after graduation from Eldorado High School when I joined the U.S. Army. While in the service, I rose to the rank of Sergeant (E5) before returning home to pursue a career in law enforcement, first as a Correctional Officer here in Schleicher County, then as a Deputy Sheriff. I also worked for the Kerrville Police Department and the City of San Angelo Park



COURTESY PHOTO
Sheriff David R. Doran

Police. In all, I have fifteen years of law enforcement experience.

I was raised here in Schleicher County and since my earliest days I have always dreamed of being Sheriff. I deeply appreciate the trust you placed in me eight years ago. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you. I look forward to doing the same in the future.

My wife, Lenette, and I have two children, Krista, 24, who lives at home,

and David Ray, 19, who is currently serving in the Army as an Airborne Military Police Officer. He is completing training in Ft. Benning and will soon be deployed to South Korea.

Crime, no matter how small, directly impacts its victims. I have made it a departmental policy to diligently pursue criminal investigations, regardless of how long they take, or where they lead, and regardless of who those investigations might implicate. Whether it's pursuing a drug investigation into North Texas to break up a drug ring there, or looking for a missing bicycle at the school, my officers are trained to follow through, maintain their paperwork, and remember that every crime has at least one victim. In between all of this, we patrol traffic and try to keep our streets and roads safe.

Eldorado is my home and it is here that I want to stay and continue my career in law enforcement. I look forward to meeting with each of you in the coming months as the campaign moves forward and I look forward to exchanging ideas with you about how we, working together, can make this a better place. It is my hope that you will return me to office as your Sheriff. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

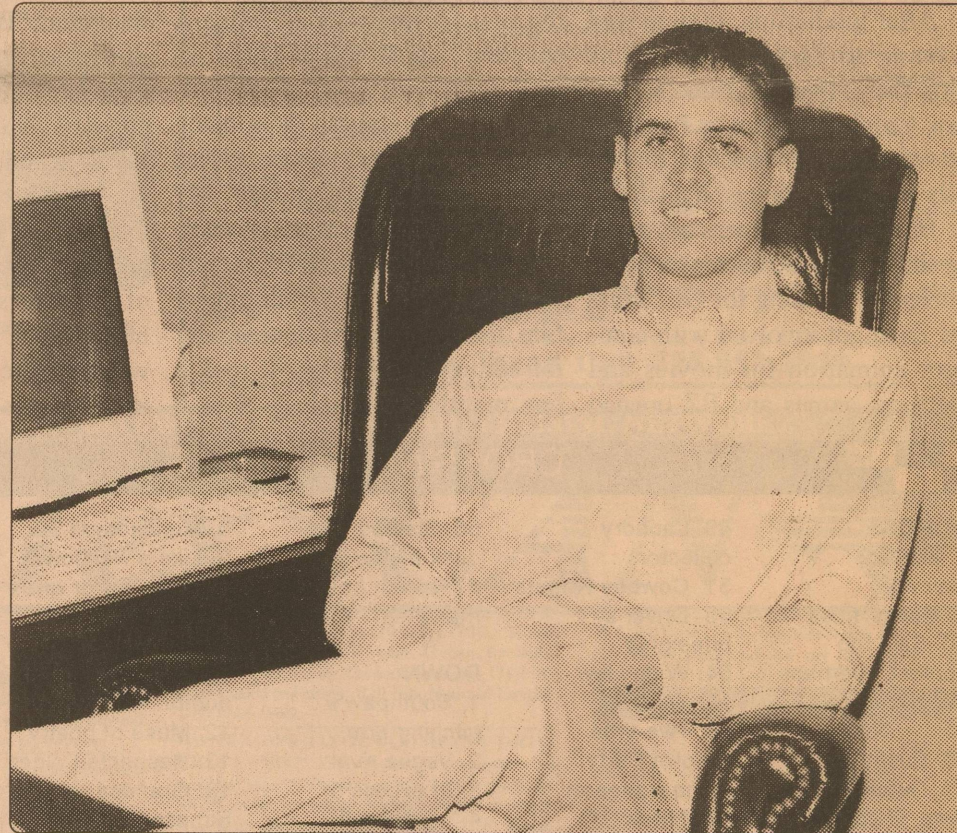


PHOTO BY STACI KEY
Mason Vaughan is the new Vice President at First National Bank of Eldorado. He fills the vacancy left by the departure of Gary Gruben who resigned to become President of Cattleman's National Bank of Round Mountain.

Vaughan joins staff at FNB

Mason Vaughan was appointed Vice President of the First National Bank of Eldorado recently. He comes to Eldorado from Austin where he was employed by the Texas Department of Banking as a Financial Examiner. Prior to that, Vaughan worked as a teller at San Angelo National Bank in San Angelo and as an assistant manager at Drumgooles restaurant in Lubbock.

Vaughan grew up in Lamesa, but finished high school in Lubbock after

his parents moved there. He then attended Angelo State University, earning a degree in Finance Real Estate in 2001.

Vaughan and wife Emilee have been married for a year and a half. She graduated from Texas State University in San Marcos on Dec. 20, 2003, and is currently employed by Schleicher County ISD. The couple currently live in San Angelo but they are looking to relocate to Eldorado in the near future.

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The Hollywood Big Shots

When my sons were growing up, our dining room table was the favorite hangout place for a group of young teenage boys who played a game called Dungeons and Dragons. Their names were Charlie, Zane, Jantz and my son BZ. They all graduated from Big Spring High School in 1986. They were very serious about the game and it influenced them to read J.R.R. Tolkien and similar authors.

At college, BZ majored in classical guitar and sound production, Zane graduated with an engineering degree, Charlie got involved with nuclear physics and Jantz studied music. They took summer vacations together, sometimes traveling as far away as Europe.

After graduation, they moved en masse to Seattle, spent a few years there, then migrated to San Jose, California, then to Pacifica, just outside San Francisco and finally into San Francisco itself.

By now their careers were taking shape. Charlie became a rocket scientist working for GE. Jantz and Zane got involved with computer animation for movies and electronic games and BZ opened



by Tumbleweed Smith

a recording studio.

Zane wrote a novel in high school and later wrote a movie script. The four guys decided to make Zane's script into a movie. They all left their jobs in California and came home to Big Spring where they could get free food and lodging while they filmed their movie. Charlie was behind the camera, Zane directed and Jantz and BZ did the music and sound.

The enthusiasm of the young film makers was appreciated by the movie community in Dallas. A couple of actors and a special effects man with good credentials donated their time to the project. A cast of characters was assembled and locations were chosen. My grandson Jackson called the film-makers the Hollywood Big Shots.

It was shot on 16 millimeter film, then transferred to computer for editing and mixing. It took a few months to finish it, then it

stayed on a shelf for a few years. Every once in awhile, the guys would think about doing something with it, get it out and work on it some more. But mostly, they were involved with their jobs.

The movie is called HELL IS TEXAS and is now being sold in 7-11 stores on the east coast. The distributor plans to bring it west.

This is an amazing bunch of guys. A few years ago, Charlie decided to hitchhike around the world. He took off a couple of years to do it. Once Zane decided to take a year off to study some new computer programs.

Now that their careers are established, they're getting married. Zane married Ronda, who was in the movie and they have twin daughters. BZ married Margaret and they have my wonderful grandson Max. Charlie just got engaged and Jantz just works all the time and is not married.

I was out in San Francisco over the holidays and BZ, Charlie, Zane and I went to see the latest Lord of the Rings Movie. It was like being back in our dining room watching the guys play Dungeons and Dragons.

Scrapings from the bottom of the barrel

Where is CSI when you need them?

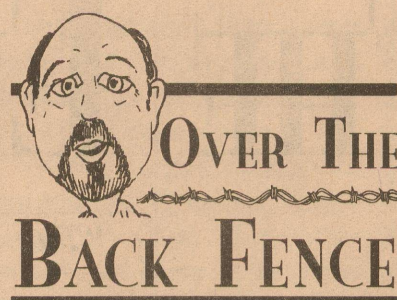
Police everywhere are cringing after the Atlanta Police Department admitted to keeping a 17-year-old boy locked up for five months because they assumed the red paint on his T-shirt was blood. Charges that he killed a 67-year-old man were dropped recently when the State Crime Lab finally got around to discovering the suspected blood was really only paint, just like the suspect told them the night he was arrested.

You owe me because you owe me!

How about the mother of a Kansas City man who killed three of his co-workers at their workplace before killing himself. She is suing her late son's employer, Modine Manufacturing, because it refused to pay worker's compensation benefits to her. After all, he was killed on the job....

So, is everyone strange in Kansas City?

A Kansas City, Kan., judge granted Wesley Fitzpatrick a temporary restraining order against a woman who he said was stalking him (making him "scared, de-



by Randy Mankin

pressed, and in fear for my freedom"). The order was rescinded when the judge found out that the "stalker" was actually Fitzpatrick's parole officer.

Could you repeat that?

According to a story in the Chicago Sun-Times, Wilfredo T. Laboy, superintendent of schools in Lawrence, Mass., flunked a basic English proficiency test, required for all school employees, three times. When asked to comment, Supt. Laboy told the newspaper, "The fruits of my labor speak greater than not passing a test."

It just keeps getting weirder and weirder around here!

Then there was the woman in Edmonton, Alberta who called police and fire fighters to report strange goings on at her home. Emergency personnel arrived in

full bio-hazard gear only to find the hysterical woman in her kitchen, screaming and pointing at an envelope on her table. She later explained that a white envelope she had received in the mail turned yellow and then brown after she placed it on the table. Authorities quickly discovered she had placed the envelope in a puddle of coffee.

His plan sorta' fell through

In New Orleans, while police were at the St. Mary Bar investigating a string of burglaries, the burglar, who had returned to rob the place again, fell through the ceiling and landed at the feet of detectives. The quick-thinking officers that he was Santa Claus and had dropped in to deliver a few gifts.

Let me take this call, Sarge!

Police in Dublin, Georgia couldn't wait to respond to a call from a local man who telephoned 9-1-1 to report that someone had broken into his home and made off with his stash of marijuana. He filed a complaint against the officers the next day saying, "They laughed at me!"

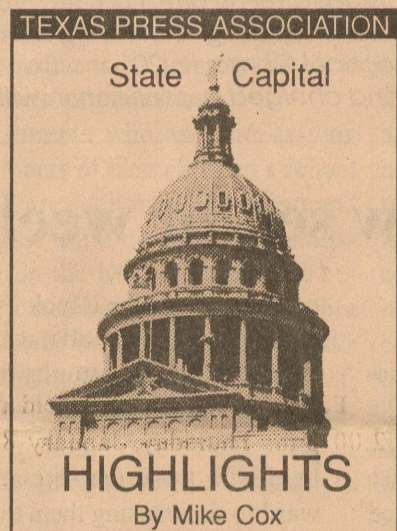
Insurance bills could help small businesses

AUSTIN — Whether you keep your appointments on an old-fashioned paper calendar, a leather-bound organizer or a state-of-the-art Personal Digital Assistant, here's a date to remember if you're a small business owner worried about the cost of health insurance: Feb. 6.

On that day, the Texas Department of Insurance will hold public hearings on proposed rules that could make health insurance coverage less expensive for both businesses and individuals. The rules, which will be acted on by the insurance commissioner after public input, will implement Senate Bills 10 and 541, passed during the last regular legislative session.

SB 10 allows small businesses to create what the legislation calls "Health Group Cooperatives" to improve buying power in shopping for group insurance benefits. These co-ops must have at least 10 different employers, a term which includes small businesses, associations, chambers of commerce or other organizations.

SB 541 authorizes Health Maintenance Organizations and insurance companies to offer an assortment of health plans at reasonable prices. Known as "Consumer Choice Plans," they provide



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consumers more choices on extent of coverage rather than traditional "one size fits all" policies.

The bills are law, but the hearings on the proposed set-up rules will be at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 6 for SB 541 and at 1:30 p.m. that day for SB 10. Written comments on either measure can be received through 5 p.m. on Feb. 9.

For more details on the proposed rules, check TDI's Web site at www.tdi.state.tx.us.

About bad bugs...

A lot of state employees have been taking vacation time to enhance their holidays, but enough folks were on the job at the Texas Department of Health last week to

report that flu is still widespread in Texas.

TDH reached its conclusion on the prevalence of influenza based on the fact that the virus was reported in six of 11 of the state's public health regions. Types A/Panama and A/Fujian (and various varieties described as "Panama-like" and "Fujian-like") are making the rounds. A form of Type B flu also has been confirmed, though the strain has not yet been identified.

Knowledge being power, it's interesting to note in TDH news releases on flu in Texas that doctors and hospitals in Texas are not mandated by law to report flu cases to the health department. The agency is forced to get its information from a network of voluntary surveillance sites instead.

"Therefore," as the department said last week, "TDH does not have statewide flu case or flu death numbers." That last part was printed in bold.

The department apparently is not encumbered in regard to the reporting of West Nile virus cases, which accounted for 35 deaths in 2003 in Angelina, Burnet, Cameron, Castro, Cherokee, Crosby, Dallas (3), Denton, Ellis, El Paso (3), Hale, Harris (3), Hidalgo (2), Floyd, Lubbock (2), Montgomery, Parmer, Potter, Randall (2), San Patricio, Smith, Taylor, Travis, Wharton and Wichita (2) counties. In all, 408 human cases have been reported in 82 Texas counties.

Bottom line: Cover your mouth when you cough, wash your hands even when you don't think you need to and watch out for mosquitoes.

2004 travel packet available...

On a more pleasant note, if you're planning on enjoying some of the diversity of the Texas landscape and culture this year, the Texas Department of Transportation has its 2004 Travel Guide, Accommodations Guide and Official Travel Map available.

The new map, incidentally, has been digitized for the first time in the state's history. That, says TxDOT's Travel Division, makes it easier to read and more accurate than ever before.

A free travel packet containing all three publications can be ordered by calling 800-888-8TEX, Extension 2068, or bulk copies can be obtained by contacting Alice Sedberry at 512-486-5927.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1. Hotelier
- 6. Monks' titles
- 10. Said "no contest," perhaps
- 14. Young eel
- 15. IRA
- 16. Bushy do
- 17. Defender of Sam Sheppard
- 19. Highchair feature
- 20. Really, really bad
- 21. Give an address
- 22. Aviv
- 23. Audited, as a college course
- 25. Action figure for boys
- 29. Former Israeli prime minister Shamir
- 31. In flames
- 33. Give a grade to
- 34. Consumer protection org.
- 37. Badminton projectile
- 38. Whacked, bible-style
- 40. Get-out-of-jail money
- 41. Sault Marie
- 42. Baseball's Musial
- 43. Debussy or Rains
- 45. Right, on a map
- 48. Packing a piece

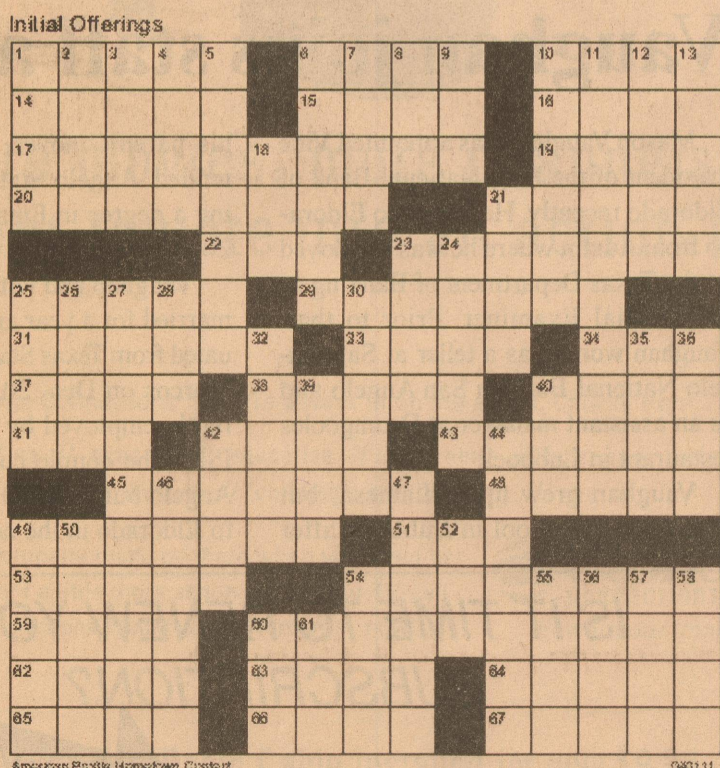
- 49. Laundry collectors
- 51. Cowboy Rogers
- 53. Driver's oneeighty
- 54. Wide view
- 59. Yule trio
- 60. Two-time Reform Party standardbearer
- 62. Assns.
- 63. "That hurt!"
- 64. Disney's Center
- 65. Heed the alarm

DOWN

- 1. Southpaw's pitching arm
- 2. Vogue rival
- 3. In excess of
- 4. do-well
- 5. Dispute settler
- 6. Like lace
- 7. Part to play

- 8. Munched on
- 9. Like a wallflower
- 10. Pro (for one's country)
- 11. "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" author
- 12. Muse of poetry
- 13. Respected elder
- 18. Grandpa Simpson
- 21. "Top mornin'!"
- 23. RBI or ERA

- 24. Montezuma, for one
- 25. Sailors, slangily
- 26. Handkerchief ltr.
- 27. Early "The Today Show" chimp
- 28. Suffix with fact or planet
- 30. Prisoner's legwear
- 32. Fragrant compound
- 35. one's time (wait)
- 36. Ran, as a color
- 39. "Serpico" author Peter
- 40. Stand in the way of
- 42. Caught in the act
- 44. Expose
- 46. Ascend
- 47. Like an inferior novel
- 49. Blockbuster aisle
- 50. Video game pioneer
- 52. Add (extras)
- 54. Small pit
- 55. Taken-back car
- 56. With the bow, in music
- 57. Apollo 11's landing spot
- 58. Bar assn. members
- 60. polloi
- 61. Vie for office



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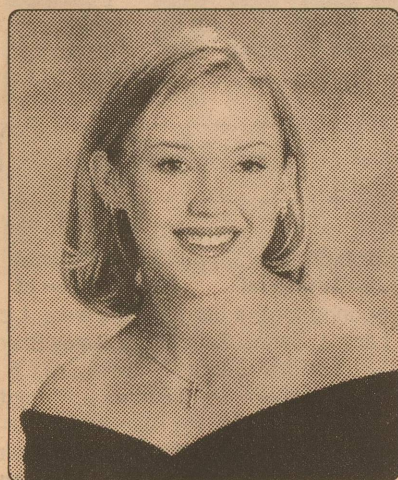
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Mitzi JoNell Milby Sessom



On January 5, 2004, Mitzi JoNell Milby Sessom of Eldorado, Texas went to be with God and Grandad.

Mitzi was born on September 20, 1983, in Midland, Texas and was a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School. She was student at Texas Tech University and an active member of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.

Mitzi knew how to live life well. She packed the very most "living" into her twenty years as was humanly possible.

Mitzi loved her God in a powerful, serving way. She worshipped her Lord wherever she was. She praised her Lord through song at every opportunity and was at her happiest in the midst of the song!

She loved her family - her "fam" as she called them. Her times of greatest joy and exuberance were with her family - sharing grand times at South Padre, Laity Lodge Youth Camp, Paisano Baptist Encampment - hearing Grandad's stories on the porch, Lake Buchanan, Texas Tech, and at home.

Mitzi was a good and true friend to so many. She loved spending time with them and sharing anything that was happening wherever it was happening.

Mitzi was a wonderful, serving,

giving person. She gave of herself to all who met her and continues to give. Mitzi believed in organ donation, and she lives on in those who received her gift of life.

We all share the heartbreak of Mitzi's leaving us so suddenly, but we know we will see her beautiful face and hear her sweet song again very soon.

Mitzi's gone to be with God, and God is with us - so we are very close.

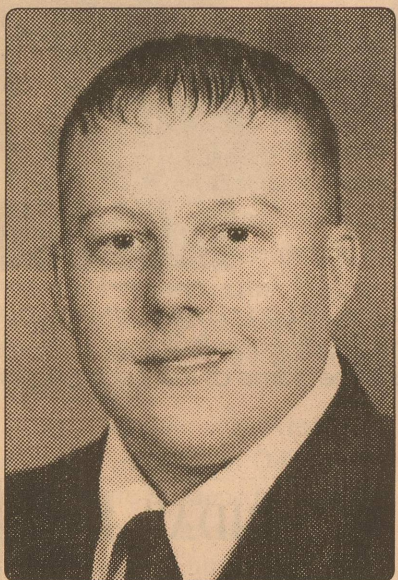
Mitzi leaves behind her Eldorado family - Eva Jo, Steve, Stormi Sessom, Staci, Benny and Payton Lockhart. Grandparents are Mabel Blaylock, Ewell and Cecelia Sessom. Aunts, uncles and cousins are Frankie, Lindy, Jamie Hardy, Katie and Don Buford, Steve and Mary Ann, Jay, Jeff and Betsy Blaylock, Billie Gayl and Cliff Boren, Micah McKinney, M'Lissa, Jeremy, and Logan Schoening.

Mitzi's Kentucky family - Rocky Milby and grandparents, Nolan and Betty Disney and Evelyn Milby of Midland. Great-grandparents are Melvin and Thresa Waters. Aunts, uncles and cousins are Gary and Anita Milby, Anna Milby and Elizabeth Pulliam, Stuart and Lori Ann Kollenberg, Justin Kollenberg and Lee-Ann Sztanya, Pamela Milby of Midland, Randy and Tessa Milby of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Pallbearers are Andrew Anderson, Thomas Ballew, Ramon Barajas, Matt Curtis, Tanner Haynes, Johnny Herrera, Ross Hodges, Scott Homer, Wesley Jones, and Will Whitten.

The family requests that memorials be sent in memory of Mitzi to the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

Brandon Koby Holmes



Texas on June 25, 1982 to Billy Ray Holmes and Lisa (Brandon) Dollar. He graduated from Breckenridge High School in 2000 and was employed as a telemarketer in Lubbock.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Lisa and Foy Dollar of Graham; his father, Billy Ray Holmes of Lubbock. He is also survived by three brothers, Corbett Dollar of Graham, and Gage and Chase Holmes both of Lubbock; two sisters, Lindsay Holmes of Stephenville and Shalisa Holmes of Dallas. Grandparents are Clay and Lois Burleson of Eldorado; Horton Brandon and Joan Dollar both of Graham. He is also survived by a special aunt and uncle, Greg and Kara Hornback of Arlington and their children, Paige, Logan and Courtney and numerous other uncles, aunts and cousins.

Brandon Koby Holmes was preceded in death by his grandfather, Don Dollar and by a brother, Taylor Dollar.

Lionisio R. Perez



abel Perez and Josefa Rodriguez. Lionisio made his home in Eldorado, however, he lived in San Angelo for part of his life. He also served in the Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents and nephew Isidoro Rangel (Lalo) Martinez.

He is survived by two sons, Amando Perez, and Alfredo Perez, both of San Antonio; a sister, Sara Rangel of Eldorado; many nieces and nephews, including two close nieces, Manuela Espinosa and Mary Adame of Eldorado; and close nephews, Tony Martinez and family of Eldorado and Isabel Rangel & family of Rocksprings.

Lionisio will be missed by everyone of us. He is with his master now.

ELDORADO — Lionisio R. Perez, 92, of Eldorado passed away December 17, 2003 in a local nursing home.

He was born May 8, 1911 to Is-



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Multer

Samuels-Multer wedding

Sabrina LeaAnn Samuels of Eldorado and Richard Adam Multer were married Nov. 15, 2003, at Holy Angels Catholic Church, with Monsignor Benedict Zientek officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ms. Marrion Samuels of Petal, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blair of Allen. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Multer of San Angelo.

Maid of honor was Tiffany Case of Eldorado. Bridesmaids were Molly Bertrand of Panhandle, Kayla Case of Eldorado, Crystal Akins of Allen, Kathrine

Rankin of Flower Mound and Lindsey Multer. Flower girls were Charlie Cockrell of Oakwood and Adonicia Baca of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Best man was Ryan McGuire. Groomsmen were Brandon Leggett of Eldorado, Billy Samuels of Odessa, Casey Akins of Allen, C.J. Hassell of Petal and Robert Multer. Ring bearer was Adam Multer of Rowena.

Ushers were Craig Williams and Nathan Jones, both of Lubbock.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Eldorado High School. She attended Angelo State University and is a candidate for December 2004 graduation from Texas Tech University. She is employed by Animal Hospital of Lubbock.

The bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of San Angelo Central High School. He attended Angelo State University and is a candidate for December 2004 graduation from Texas Tech University. He is employed by Chick-fil-A in Lubbock.

The couple will live in Morgan City, La.

Fall graduates announced for Angelo State University

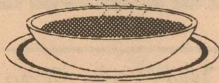
Angelo State University conferred 324 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 322 graduates during 2003 Fall commencement exercises December 20 in San Angelo, Texas.

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

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The 2003 Fall graduates include the following from the Eldorado area: Ray Don McIntosh, B.S.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, January 12**
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk
- Tuesday, January 13**
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapples, Choc. Chip Cookies, Milk
- Wednesday, January 14**
Fried Fish w/ Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk
- Thursday, January 15**
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk
- Friday, January 16**
Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw w/ Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

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50/38	67/37	66/34	66/37	65/38
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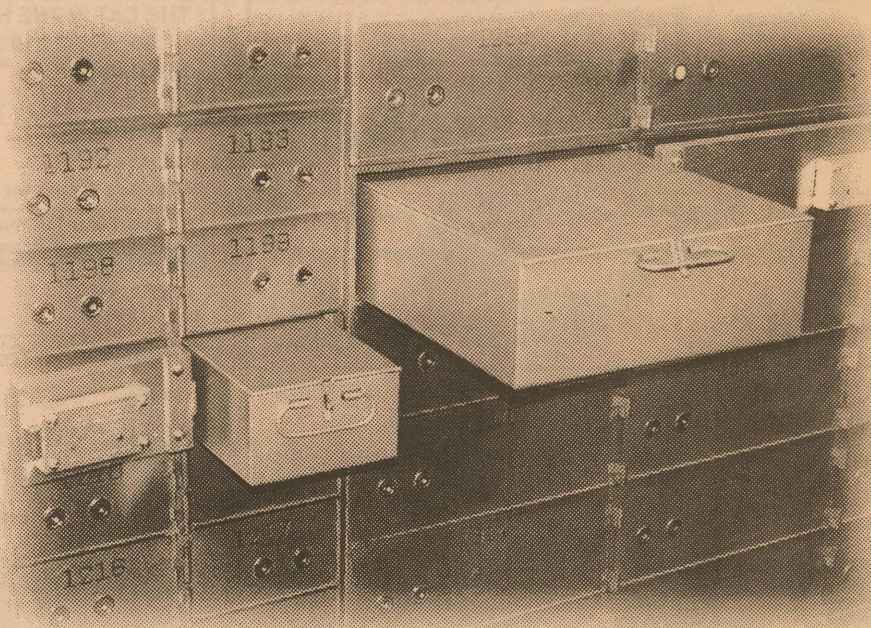


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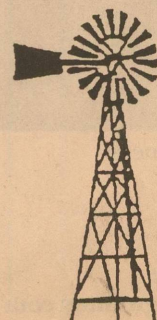
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 Menus Subject To Change
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Monday, January 12
 Pig-N-Blanket, Apple Sauce, Pine-apple Juice, Milk
Tuesday, January 13
 Cinnamon Toast, Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk
Wednesday, January 14
 Cream-of-Wheat / Toast, Grape Juice, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Thursday, January 15
 Banana Nut Muffins, Cereal, Pears, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, January 16
 Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk
Cafeteria Line
Monday, January 12
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Pork-N-Beans, Pineapple Chunks
Tuesday, January 13
 Chicken Spaghetti, Greens Beans, Tossed Salad, Oranges
Wednesday, January 14
 Beef Tacos / Cheese cups, Mexican Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peanut Butter Cookies
Thursday, January 15
 Chicken Nuggets / Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Strawberry Jello / Topping
Friday, January 16
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Sandwich Salad, Apple Halves
Fast Food Line
Monday, January 12
 Chicken Strips / Gravy, French Fries, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Chunks
Tuesday, January 13
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Oranges
Wednesday, January 14
 Pepperoni Pizza / Bread Stix, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Peanut Butter Cookies
Thursday, January 15
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Friday, January 16
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VARSITY GIRLS
 Colorado City
 January 2, 2004
 Eldorado 06-22-10-13 = 51
 Colorado City 07-08-17-10 = 42
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 12, Courtney Whitten 3, Chandra Wanoreck 1, Clara Herrera 17, Jessica Robertson 11, Taylor Baker 8. Also playing: Brittany Sellers, Maxie Holley, Betsy Green. 3 Point Goal: Whitten (1), Herrera (3).

VARSITY BOYS
 Christoval
 December 15, 2003
 Eldorado 21-13-20-20 = 74
 Christoval 13-12-14-16 = 55
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 22, Michael Ballew 6, John Fay 22, Ryan Cathey 4, Trey Chavez 12, Frank Wipff 4, Josh Trejo 4. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (2), Fay (6) Chavez (2).

Junction
 December 19, 2003
 Eldorado 10-13-16-18 = 57
 Junction 12-16-13-22 = 63
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 28, Michael Ballew 6, John Fay 7, Ryan Cathey 4, Trey Chavez 4, Frank Wipff 8. Also playing: Kolby Dombroski, Josh Trejo. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (3), Fay (1) Wipff (1).

Iraan Tournament
 December 29, 2003
 Eldorado 20-15-21-23 = 79
 Alpine 14-18-18-09 = 59
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 17, John Fay 29, Ryan Cathey 5, Trey Chavez 18 Kolby Dombroski 4, Frank Wipff 4. Also playing: Michael Ballew, Josh Trejo. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (1), Fay (7) Chavez (2).

Iraan Tournament
 December 31, 2003
 Eldorado 14-12-19-20 = 65
 Ft. Hancock 13-22-20-27 = 82
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 20, Michael Ballew 11, John Fay 6, Ryan Cathey 9, Trey Chavez 8 Kolby Dombroski 3, Frank Wipff 6, Josh Trejo 2. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (2), Ballew (3), Cathey (1), Dombroski (1).

Colorado City
 January 2, 2004
 Eldorado 12-18-19-06 = 55
 Ft. Hancock 17-14-06-16 = 53
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 18, Michael Ballew 2, John Fay 11, Ryan Cathey 2, Trey Chavez 10 Kolby Dombroski 7, Frank Wipff 7, Josh Trejo 5. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (2), Fay (3), Chavez (2), Dombroski (1).

7TH GRADE "B" BOYS
 Ozona
 January 5, 2004
 Eldorado 06-08-08
 Ozona 04-00-04
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Paul Martinez 2, Josh Taylor 2, Rolando Gonzalez 2, Taylor Jenkins 2. Also playing for the Eagles: Mark Garcia, Jonathan Belman, Chris Minor.

HOOP SCORES

J.V. GIRLS
 JV Iraan Tournament
 December 11-13, 2003
 JV Eldorado 09-06-03-05=23
 JV Alpine 10-07-12-03=32
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Karina Sanchez 3, Katey Blair 9, Josie Diaz 2, Marianna Guzman 3, Kimberly Samaniego 2, Myra Robles 4. 3 Point Goal: Katey Blair (1). Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Anna Fuentes, Chelsea Sellers, Tiffany Hernandez, Marianna Guzman, Kimberly Samaniego, and Anna Troy.

J.V. GIRLS
 December 15, 2003
 JV Eldorado 13-06-13-06=38
 JV Christoval 02-06-06-08=23
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Liz Lacy 2, Karina Sanchez 2, Katey Blair 18, Sandra Garza 4, Josie Diaz 6, Kristen Mittel 4, Myra Robles 2. 3 Point Goals: Katey Blair (5). Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Anna Fuentes, Chelsea Sellers, Tiffany Hernandez, Marianna Guzman, Kimberly Samaniego, and Anna Troy.

JV Iraan Tournament
 December 11-13, 2003
 JV Eldorado 10-11-14-12=47
 JV Monhanans 07-12-07-11=37
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Anna Fuentes 1, Karina Sanchez 4, Katey Blair 20, Josie Diaz 11, Marianna Guzman 1, Kristin Mittel 4, Myra Robles 6. 3 Point Goals: Katey Blair (1). Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Chelsea Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Kimberly Samaniego, Krista Troy.

December 19, 2003
 JV Eldorado 08-08-09-08=33
 JV Junction 04-03-08-07=21
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Liz Lacy 2, Karina Sanchez 2, Katey Blair 17, Sandra Garza, Josie Diaz 2, Marianna Guzman. 3 Point Goals: (3). Also playing: Corrales, Fuentes, Sellers, Hernandez, Samaniego, Mittel, Robles, Troy.

JV Iraan Tournament
 December 11-13, 2003
 JV Eldorado 10-02-09-07=28
 JV Rankin 07-07-04-13=31
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Karina Sanchez 5, Katey Blair 10, Marianna Guzman 2, Kristen Mittel 2, Myra Robles 9. Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Anna Fuentes, Chelsea Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Josie Diaz, Kimberly Samaniego, Krista Troy. 3 Point Goals: Katey Blair (2).

January 2, 2004
 JV Eldorado 13-11-06-07=37
 JV Colorado City 04-12-04-13=33
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Karina Sanchez 7, Katey Blair 19, Josie Diaz 5, Marianna Guzman 1, Myra Robles 5. 3 Point Goals: Katey Blair (3). Also playing: Corrales, Fuentes, Sellers, Lacy, Garza, Hernandez, Samaniego, Mittel, and Troy.



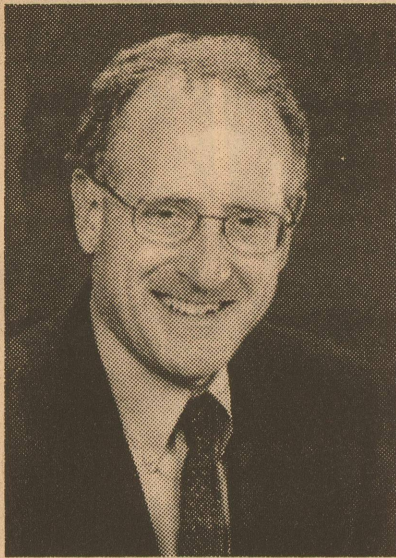
Karina Sanchez caught a pass as the JV Lady Eagles attempted to work the ball inside against the Brady Lady Bulldogs JV here Tuesday night. She scored 5 points in the game as the Lady Eagles JV defeated Brady 26-25.

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Mike Conaway, Republican candidate for U.S. Representative in the newly created 11th Congressional District.

Mike Conaway announces for 11th Dist. seat

Midland C.P.A. Mike Conaway officially announced his candidacy Tuesday for the newly approved 11th Congressional District following the announcement that a panel of Federal Judges has upheld the new Congressional District lines drawn by the Texas State Legislature late last year. Mr. Conaway intends to be on the Republican ballot for the March 9th primary election.

"I'm very pleased with the panel's decision and have been campaigning since October to earn the support of the people in the new district 11," said Conaway, a Texas native and C.P.A. for more than 30 years. "This new district is an area rich in tradition and I am looking forward to representing its diverse and hard working people in Washington."

With his eyes trained on the District 11 race for many months, Conaway already has a strong grassroots team in place throughout the district, a proven fund-raising base and widespread name identification from his previous effort in which he narrowly lost a special election to fill the seat of retired Congressman Larry Combest.

"This is an important and challenging time in our Country and we need experienced leaders in Congress to ensure that our values and way of life are secure," said Conaway. "I have the experience and desire to serve the people of district 11 in Washington. No other candidate will work as hard to earn the respect of all the voters in the district."

Mr. Conaway is an Army veteran who grew up in Odessa. He and his wife Suzanne have raised their family as members of their local Baptist Church and have been active volunteers in their community for many years. In 1997, then-Governor Bush appointed Conaway to Chair the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, where he served with distinction.

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Eldorado Womans Club Report

by Nowetta Briggs

The Eldorado Womans Club met Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Roden for our Christmas Party meeting. President Myrt Williams welcomed everyone to our special meeting and thanked Mary for having the meeting at her home.

Fourteen members and two guests Esther Bunton and Sharon Mittel were present. Jerre Halley gave a prayer. We then enjoyed a wonderful refreshment time which was prepared by Mary and six other hostesses. Mary had the table appointed with festive Christmas decorations.

After refreshments we continued our business meeting. Charlene Edmiston reported she had placed posters around town that announced our Bake Sale of Dec. 12th and Myrt Williams posted the event on the Courthouse square bulletin board. Linda Spence reported the Angel Tree gifts had been purchased and would soon be distributed.

Secretary Dorothy Harris next gave her report followed by a report by Treasurer Nelva Martin. Roll call was next answered by telling of a Special Christmas. Some were: the children of this family would wait until about 2 a.m. after the parents were asleep

and then the children would slip outside and go skiing by using old barrel staves; a grandchild was a Christmas baby; a special trip to Washington, D.C. to be with a grandson and his family; a special box of pictures was wrapped and placed under the tree even though the pictures were not flattering; a son coming home from Vietnam; a surprise visit from a brother who was supposed to be in Korea; a family meeting in Mexico where everything happened that shouldn't; a memorable trip to visit Grandfather Finley at Fife as it was the only time the Eldorado family ever went to see the grandfather; a wartime train trip when the train was crowded with soldiers going home for Christmas; the only present under the tree was a long cherished Tonka truck a brother wanted very much; and a daughter who was born Dec. 13th and as the parents couldn't afford insurance on a teachers salary there were no presents under the tree that year as the precious baby had to remain in the hospital for awhile.

Guest speaker Esther Bunton brought us a very special reading of Abbie Zababar poem "A Perfectly Irregular Christmas Tree". The poem is a tree story about the time in 1931 at an excavated site

in Rockerfeller Center during the Christmas holidays. Times before a big, grand balsam fir was the show piece but this year no grand tree could be found. Someone remembered there was a straggly little Blue Spruce that no one had ever wanted but this year it was brought to the excavation site and by arranging the sparse branches to hide the scaffolding among its branches the little Blue Spruce came to the rescue perfectly.

The next special time for us was exchanging Christmas ornaments. Each ornament was so lovely and will be a cherished addition to our tree every year. Esther also gifted each of us with an angel Chrisman that Father Max of St. Johns Episcopal Church of Sonora, Texas makes. Our meeting closed by reciting the club collect.

Our December meeting was a perfect way to end our final meeting of 2003. We are looking forward to our first meeting of 2004 which will be Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room.

We wish to give a very special thanks to Mary Roden. Everything was so festive and what a great time we had at her home. Mary's Christmas tree was a focal point in her decorations. A extra special addition were ornaments Mary has been purchasing for several years that have a Texas theme. The sale of these unique ornaments was the idea of Barbara Bush when her husband was Governor of Texas. The proceeds from their sale will be used in the upkeep of the Governor's Manse. What a great idea. Mary said all the previous issues can be purchased. She receives a letter each year that tells about the newest issue and Mary can give the address to anyone who would also like to have these lovely ornaments.



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The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department received a Christmas present from Germania Farm Insurance Association in Brenham when the Sauer Insurance Agency presented Jerry Jones with a check for \$150. The donation was given in appreciation for extinguishing a fire on insured property at the Myrtle Wade Estate on September 9, 2003.

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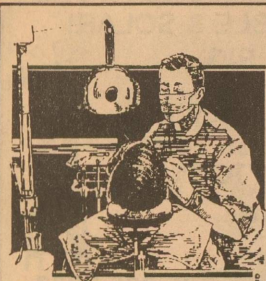
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Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago I told you about the Alamo Dome and what a good time I had there. This adventure takes me to Houston and the Reliant Stadium to watch Texas Tech and Navy. The pregame featured the Navy Midshipman who marched in formation on to the field to participate in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. What a sight to see, from end zone to end zone and sideline to sideline. These young men and women really made you feel proud. What a great looking group of military personnel. The Navy fans were the same high quality individuals. Tech also a very good showing lots of red filled the stands. The attendance was over 52,000. The game was really something to see, both teams fought valiantly with Tech coming

out on top. By a score of 38 to 14.

Again we found a very well organized comfortable stadium. The roof is built to be open in good weather and can be closed in foul weather. At the start of the game the roof was open due to the bright sun shiny day and was closed at half time due to the cooler temperature as the day grew longer.

Concessions are very convenient but quite expensive. The rest rooms are numerous and large enough to accommodate the crowd. Traffic in and out of Houston on the other hand was horrible. I will almost guarantee you if you come in on I 10 you will be at a complete stand still by the time you get to Memorial City. I never have understood how a four lane (in each direction) interstate can come to a complete stop everyday at the some place all day long. If you do not like driving in the big city with a lot of congestion then get a driver or take a cab. Parking is better than the Alamodome but getting there is much worse. Still I could encourage you to see this spectacular sight, it is worth it.

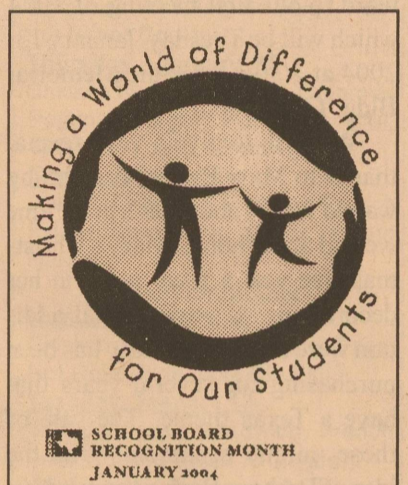
Remember when flying or gaining entry to these facilities things have changed as far as security goes. You will have to open your jacket to go through a metal detector in some cases and have what ever you are carrying inspected. In which does take time, but it is definitely worth the time and trouble to make sure we are secure.

Enjoy Your Travels
Niki Cuna

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Manuel Samaniego (R) of Eldorado and his brother, Lewis Samaniego (L) of Robert Lee display a Bobcat they killed on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, after it tried to raid chickens near their home. The men reportedly killed the cat by hitting it with rocks.

The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

January 1, 2004 • Sierra, Gregorio Rodriguez, male age 48, offense Assault Family Violence.
January 1 • Lowe, James Michael, male age 19, offense Burglary of Habitat 3rd Degree Felony.
January 1 • Juan Andres, male age 41, offense Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.
January 2 • Dominguez, Andres III, serving weekend for Irion County.

INCIDENTS

December 29 • Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served on a subject.
December 30 • 11:38 a.m. Complainant on Paseo De Vaca reported their cell phone had been stolen from their vehicle parked at residence.
• 6:32 p.m. Complainant requested a page out for the fire department to a grass fire on FM 2129 approximately 10 miles. Officer and fire department responded.
• 6:35 p.m. Complainant request-

ed assistance from the fire department because his sister had informed him of a fire on his parents place on FM 2129 approximately 6-7 miles.

• 7:45 p.m. Truck driver requested an officer be on the look out for a late model white Dodge pickup. White Dodge almost caused an accident at intersection of US 277 and Hwy. 190 the truck ran the stop sign. Officer responded.

December 31 • 7:30 a.m. Complainant stated there was a electric line on fire 7 miles south on US 277. Fire Department and electric utility company responded.

• 9:08 a.m. Complainant reported a border collie dog missing south on US 277. Dog was located.

• 2:00 p.m. Hospital reported a owner was bitten by their dog.

January 1 • Female complainant requested to speak with an officer. Two officers responded.

• 8:00 p.m. Complainant stated CD's, caps and a jacket had been taken from his vehicle between October and December. Two officers responded.

January 2 • 8:00 a.m. Complainant called to report a missing dog, solid black male dog.

• 8:28 p.m. San Angelo Police Department stated that they had received a call from a residence on E. Warner Street in Eldorado requesting an ambulance. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 10:00 p.m. Sixteen year old female was driving a red Kia traveling south on West Avenue when the vehicle hit a trash dumpster. According to accident report the female subject bent over to pick up dropped glasses causing her vehicle to leave the roadway and collided with metal trash dumpster on west side of road. Subject was taken by ambulance to hospital and then released.

• 10:53 p.m. San Angelo Police Department received a 911 call from a resident on Cotton Road in Eldorado and advised subject had broken a window and had cut their dads neck. Two officers and EMS 2 responded. Subject refused to be transported to emergency room.

January 3 • 12:34 a.m. Female complainant requested help because they had rolled their vehicle on Hwy 190 east and could not get out. Three officers responded and EMS 2.

• 4:58 a.m. Complainant reported that a water main at school by the elementary school was busted. Contacted City Hall.

• 10:37 a.m. Complainant reported a control burn on County Road 203.

• 4:49 p.m. Complainant reported two suspicious persons. Officers responded and was unable to locate.

• 4:56 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver passing vehicles on the right shoulder in a black pickup. Officer responded.

• 5:17 p.m. Complainant on Old Sonora Road stated someone was fighting with their husband. Officers responded.

• 10:57 p.m. Subject reported a fight at the fuel lock on south US 277. Two officers responded.

January 4 • 12:07 a.m. Complainant on Dorris Street requested an officer to check on juveniles taunting pit bull dogs at neighbors home and they were keeping them awake. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 2:02 a.m. Complainant called 911 and requested to speak with an officer because his wife was drunk and driving. Officer responded.

• 3:14 a.m. Complainant requested an officer come to their home immediately. Two officers responded.

• 1:42 p.m. Complainant called 911 and requested to speak with an officer about his friends father was drunk and getting out of hand. Two officers responded.

January 5 • 6:03 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on the welfare of sister. Officer responded.
January 6 • 3:24 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident on US 277 north of Dry Draw. Three officers and EMS2 responded along with Air Med.

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Cable provider announces rate increase for Eldorado

Cebridge Connections, formerly known as Classic Cable, announced a 3.137 percent rate increase for its Eldorado customers who subscribe to Expanded Basic cable service. The new rate will be \$24 per month, as compared to the old rate of \$23.27.

Cebridge formally notified the

City of Eldorado of its intent to raise rates by letter in late December. The city, which grants franchise rights to cable, electric and telephone companies, has seen much of its authority to regulate rates eroded in recent years by deregulation. City Administrator Randy Mankin noted that the city

no longer has the authority to approve or deny rate increases by cable TV providers.

Cebridge Connections is the new name chosen by the former Classic Cable company after it emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2003.

A press release from the company explained, "We remain conscious of the tough economic times many of our customers face and have thus done everything possible to minimize these adjustments. Effective with the customer invoices for the February billing cycle, monthly rates will be adjusted as follows: Expanded Basic, from \$23.27 to \$24.00"

The company notes that it has embarked on a company-wide capital improvement program saying that it looks to build on the momentum it created in 2003 by taking steps to improve the service it provides to its customers.

The company explains that the price adjustment applies to residential service and that taxes and

fees will also be adjusted to reflect current taxing and fee assessment rates. It said it would be giving its customers a 30-day notice of the rate increase on their monthly invoice in January, 2004.

Cebridge notes that it is working hard to hold the line on future rate adjustments but explains that one of its major expenses is the rate it pays to cable television networks it carries on its system.

"Those rates have been increasing steadily, and in some cases dramatically, especially for sports programming. We also know that small-system operators like Cebridge are typically charged a higher price than large-system operators for the same programming. That's unfair and unjustified, and it directly penalizes the citizens of smaller cities and towns," Cebridge states.

The company says it is considering taking its case to Washington, D.C. and asking federal authorities to level the playing field so that the cable customers in smaller cities and towns are treated fairly.

Four criminal cases disposed

Judge Barbara Walther's court disposed of four criminal cases Tuesday December 23, 2003.

Among those cases were:
 • Ruben Arispe Gonzales, 60, pled guilty to Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. He was sentenced to 20 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

• Crystal Belia Reza Borrego, 23, pled guilty to Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. Charge was reduced to Class A Misdemeanor and received 2 years probation and pay restitution in the amount of \$3,630.00.

• Marcelo Iglesias Romo, 17, pled guilty to Organized Crime. Received two years probation and pay \$633.45 in restitution and a \$500 fine.

• Walter Odell Wagner, 25, pled guilty to 3rd Degree Felony - Organized Crime. Received 180 days in the Texas Department Criminal Justice

Four myths of parent involvement in schools

Not all parent involvement activities are created equal. The National Center for Family and Community Connections with Schools at the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL) has combed through research to learn how parents can help improve their children's achievement. Based on this research, SEDL responds to four misconceptions of parent involvement in schools. "The Center focuses on finding and sharing research-based information people need to design initiatives and take action to make connections among schools, families, and communities," says Catherine Jordan, director of the Center.

Myth #1: As a parent, the best way to get involved in my child's education is by joining the local parents' organization.

Parents who are dues-paying members of their children's school PTA are supporting the oldest and largest child advocacy organization in the United States. But being a member alone doesn't ensure effective involvement in a child's learning. To support achievement, research suggests the most effective parental involvement focuses on learning activities—reading to

children, letting them figure prices at the grocery store or setting aside time and space to do homework and projects. There are benefits in joining an organization like the PTA or PTO, such as the opportunity to share experiences and information with other parents and access to PTA resources. Just the same, parents can provide the support needed at home for their children to be successful in school without joining a local parent organization.

Myth #2: The teacher is the sole expert in educating a child, so a parent should never question a teacher or staff on school-related issues.

Teachers and parents or family caregivers play different roles in a child's education. And a good relationship between a teacher and a parent, based on mutual respect and trust, benefits students. At times, parents may need to ask a teacher or school staff member for clarification about a specific issue or information. Parents should contact their children's teachers or other school staff when they have questions about their children's education. Most school staff members begin to see parents as partners when they know they will ask questions when information is unclear.

Myth #3: The influence of parent involvement on school achievement depends on the parents' income, level of education, and employment status.

A large body of research confirms that family involvement in children's school experiences has a positive effect on children's attitudes toward achievement in school, regardless of how much money parents have or how many years of school they completed. More important is the parents' attitude toward learning. Working parents may not have much time to be involved at their children's schools, but they can show how much they value education and take an active interest in what their children are learning.

Myth #4: The key actors in parent involvement are the teacher, parents or family, and the student.

Meaningful and successful parent involvement is not limited to partnerships between parents and teachers. Parents and family caregivers should think of the following educators and decision makers as participants in their children's education—teachers, the principal, the school board, the superintendent, and public officials. Parents can influence school board members and public officials by participating in meetings, voting, and engaging in discussions of education matters and child advocacy issues.

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My Best Friend Is Gone

My best friend is gone, but only from sight. He is still in my heart. I see him in places we've been and things that we've done. I feel his hand in mine when things are tough or I am just too sad to believe it all. He was my pillar of strength. Perfect? Never. But good and kind and loving, always. I miss you, my friend. I miss you til it hurts but I know you would want me to be strong. I will be, again, someday, but first I must let the wound heal. It is deep and it is painful but it will not cause me death nor scarring.

The laughter will return after the tears. The memories we made together will play forever in my mind's eye.
That will keep me strong and give me smiles.
My friend, you were the best part of me; a part that will be hard to replace. I may never be able to fully accomplish such a task but I know that the hollowness inside will soon give way to brighter moments.
I will hold our grandchildren and laugh and think of you.
I will talk with our children and cry and think of you.
I am the luckiest person in the world to have found such a friend and to have had a honor of being your wife for so long.
I was blessed by God the day we met and he was a big part of our togetherness. He made a good man and me a lucky woman.
I will always miss your smile, your touch, your smell, your wonder. Yes, I will love you for the rest of my life and soon that candle of warmth will find the right place in my heart to settle, and there it will stay; Never to be extinguished.
Be happy, my friend, you are in paradise. You will never hurt or cry or suffer again, not ever. Do not look down on me and be sad for I have to adjust. I will cry, I will laugh, I will just sit quietly thinking but do not worry, I am strong.
Reach down every now and then, my friend, just for a pat on the back. Make a leaf wave when there is no breeze. Play our song on the radio just at the right time. Kiss my cheek when I go to bed at night and stand in the rays of the sun every morning while I sit outside.
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