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TCEQ not ready to act on violations at YFZ Ranch

Wastewater plant permit clears first hurdle

Officials with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality say that the investigation into environmental violations at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado is still moving forward, but the state agency is not yet prepared levy a fine or other penalties against the ranch's owner, YFZ Land L.L.C.

In October of 2003, a Utah man named David Allred formed YFZ Land, L.L.C. and began using the company to acquire property in Schleicher County. Eventually 1,691 acres were bought some four miles north-northeast of Eldorado and construction soon began on a series of three-story log cabins. Allred's claim that the land was intended as a hunting retreat where he could entertain his business clients didn't hold up under scrutiny and by mid-March of this year it was discovered that the man had fronted the purchase of the land for a reclusive sect of fundamentalist Mormons and that the group's prophet, Warren Jeffs was intent on building a new community on the property.

By early summer, a number of environmental concerns came to light and TCEQ inspectors began visiting the property. Shortly thereafter the ranch was cited for 29 environmental violations ranging from the operation of an unlicensed bulk cement plant and the dumping of sewer water on ranch roads for dust control to the improper storage and disposal of used motor oil and filters. The ranch was also ticketed for operating an unlicensed public water supply system.

Since that time, the violations have been reviewed by the TCEQ Enforcement Division, which is reportedly ready to send its recommendations to the agency's lawyers.

TCEQ attorney Wendy Cooper told The Success on Tuesday that she is still awaiting documentation from the Enforcement Division to reach her

Ft. Worth office. She said that once all the paperwork is complete a decision will be made on how to proceed. She noted that a negotiated settlement is a possibility, but wouldn't rule out that if YFZ officials don't agree to the agency's terms that a court order might be sought. Cooper said that the final determination will eventually be made public, but said it could still be weeks, even months down the road.

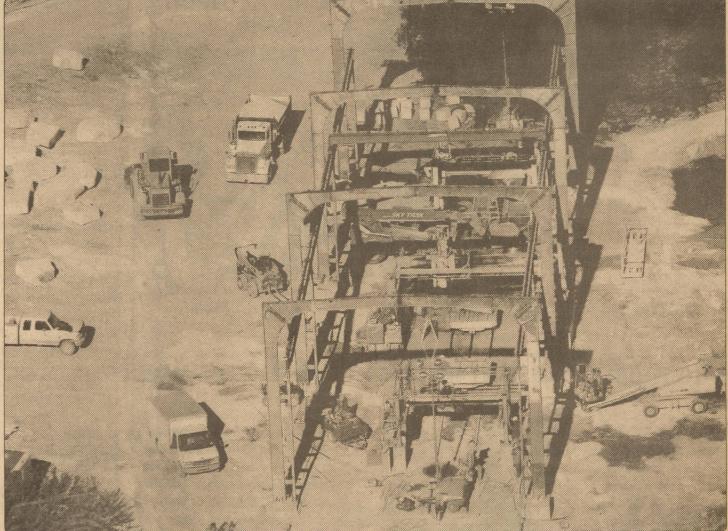
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A river runs through it

An application for a permit to build a sewage treatment plant on the YFZ Ranch cleared its first major hurdle earlier this month when TCEQ officials in Austin said the application was "administratively complete." An agency spokesman defined the term to mean that "all the holes have been filled in on the application, things like taxpayer I.D. number and things like that." He said that missing documentation has been provided and that the application will now move on to the technical review process where agency engineers will check to see if the wastewater plant is designed to handle and effectively treat the amount of wastewater that YFZ officials say the ranch will produce.

The Success has learned that YFZ intends to build the sewage treatment plant on the north side of its property near where a rock crusher currently stands. While the permit application originally called for treated water discharged from the plant to be used for irrigation, plans have changed and the application now calls for treated effluent to be pumped uphill to the south end of the ranch where it will be discharged near the entry gate into Milligan Draw. From there, the water will flow down the draw, effectively creating a creek that will run to the northwest through the property.

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This large gantry crane supports a series of rock saws that are converting native limestone into stone blocks at the YFZ Ranch. The crane and rock saw assembly stands just south and east of a large foundation where FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs is rumored to be building the group's first-ever temple. For a sense of just how large the machinery is, note the workers standing beneath the apparatus in the lower part of the photograph near a huge saw blade.

County wins grant to extend sewer lines

Some residents of the Orient Heights neighborhood will be connected to the City of Eldorado's sewer system soon thanks in part to a \$267,225.00 Colonia Grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), the state agency that oversees the distribution of community development grants to cities, counties and other non-profit entities.

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin received word last week that the county's application had been approved. Judge Griffin announced the news to Schleicher County Commissioners Monday during a routine meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Grant Administrator Kay Howard,

who assists both Schleicher County and the City of Eldorado with their grant applications, told The Success on Tuesday that she was pleased that Schelicher County had received the Colonia Grant, especially in light of the fact that the county had been turned down on several previous applications for the same grant. Ms. Howard went on to say that the grant award notification was preliminary and that the ORCA board will finalize the process at a future meeting in Austin.

Colonia Fund infrastructure grants are awarded to counties below 100,000 population to fund community development projects such as sewer, water, and housing rehabilitation projects in unin-

corporated "colonia" areas. Qualifying areas must lie within 150 miles of the U.S./Mexico border.

Schleicher County will contribute \$24,497.50 in matching funds while the City of Eldorado will kick in another \$10,000.00 in cash toward the project. Together the county and city will provide another \$23,094.50 in inkind services toward the project. The county has agreed to remove and fill-in old septic tanks and cesspools while the city will waive all inspection and sewer tap fees as part of its in-kind services, Ms. Howard said.

Work should begin sometime in 2005 CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

2.5 pounds of pot lands Del Rio men in jail

him transport the prisoners to jail. They

were both charged with Possession of

Marijuana (more than 4 oz. but less than

5 lbs.), a State Jail Felony. At press time

Guadalupe Pena, 33, and Baltazar Pena, 24, both of Del Rio, were arrested by DPS Trooper Danny Nunez on Monday, December 13, 2004, and charged with possession of marijuana after he discovered a 2.5 pound brick of the illicit weed hidden in the third row seat of the men's 2001 Chevy Tahoe.

Nunez said he pulled the men over for speeding, some 8 miles east of Eldorado on U.S. 190, and could tell right away that all wasn't as it seemed. First, the men's stories didn't match, Nunez said. One told him they were heading to Ft. Worth while the other said it was Dallas. Neither of the men could give the trooper a name of the person they were going to visit.

Secondly, the men told Nunez they were planning to be gone for two or three days, but neither of them had a change of clothes in the car. Finally, one of the men told Nunez he had gotten a call that his mother was ill and was in a hurry to get to Dallas to see her. About that time the man's cellular phone rang and Nunez answered it, only to find himself speaking with the suspect's wife, who, according to the trooper, said she knew nothing about her husband's trip and who said that his mother lived in Mexico.

Nunez reports that he asked for and received permission to search the vehicle, leading him to find the marijuana. Nunez estimates the street value of pot

Schleicher County deputies George

they remained in the local lockup await-Arispe and Kevin Herbert responded to the scene to back up Nunez and helped ing arraignment.

The driver, Baltazar Pena, got off light on the traffic ticket, however. Trooper Nunez issued him a warning for the speeding violation.



Schleicher County Deputy George Arispe patted down a prisoner Monda before placing him in his pickup for transport to the Schleicher County Jail. Th man, Guadalupe Pena, 33, of Del Rio is charged with Possession of Marijuan after DPS Trooper Danny Nunez discovered a 2.5 lb. brick of pot hidden in the Chevy Tahoe in which he was riding. The car's driver, Baltazar Pena, 24, als of Del Rio, was also arrested and charged with the same crime.



Two of the three original dormitory-style buildings can be seen in the upper part of the photo above, just east of where an addition is being built on a recently completed building at the YFZ Ranch. The building is believed to be used as a storehouse or commissary.

FNB saying farewell to Snelson

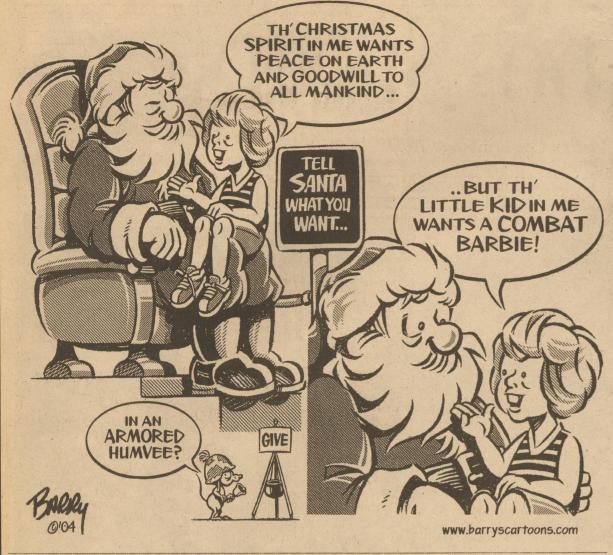
Customers of First National Bank of Eldorado have the opportunity today to stop by the bank and offer their best wishes to Jeanne Snelson who is leaving the bank to become the Schleicher County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Snelson has been employed at the bank for 27 years. She was elected to the Tax Assessor/Collector position in the Nov. 2 General Election. She will assume her new duties on Jan. 3, 2005.

Her friends and co-workers hope everyone will stop by to wish Jeanne well in her new job.

The bank will be holding its Customer Appreciation Day at the same time and encourages everyone to come by for a visit.

at \$2,500.00.



The most beautiful burro in the mountains

I have judged some unusual events over the years: beauty pageants, duck races, all kinds of cookoffs, even a llama kissing contest. Last weekend I had the privilege of being a judge at the Most Beautiful Burro and Mule Contest in Fort Davis. The animals They wore everything from dollar love showing their animals." Jesse James.

and the colorful desert plants in judges. the palisades looked spectacular. more than usual.

But this weekend was about mule contests in Victoria. mules and burros. They came

Smith

had names like Doc, Tinkerbell, bills to Mardi Gras beads. The Maggie Mae, Sammy, Chula Mula, owners paraded their livestock in tains west of Fort Davis. They Blue, Dinamito, Billy the Kid and front of the judges and put money are descendants of burros used in the bribe jars, which were by miners and soldiers years I was thrilled to be there in the lined up at the judges' feet. Hey, ago. The burros used to run fall. I've never seen more color it worked. That's the way they wild in downtown Fort Davis. in the mountains. It was rainy raised money, which went to the The courthouse lawn was one of

The Fort Davis Merchants As-The trees had leaves of red, gold sociation sponsored the event. The were the longest ears, the loudand orange. Fort Davis has had 30 idea for it came from Donna Tram- est bray, the hardest working, inches of rain this year, quite a bit mel, who owns a rock shop in Fort the most obstinate, the most

from as far away as Colorado City. some way to raise money for our distance.

letters

70. In itself

DOWN

1. Lily variety

3. Toga sporter

4. See 21-Down

2. Not of this earth

71. Help oneself to

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4-H kids," says Donna, "and what is more native to West Texas than burros and mules. We started talking to some of the local mule and burro owners and they seemed to be all for it. They are a different breed of people who

Wild burros roam the mounburros out.

The categories for judging most congenial and the mule or "We were trying to figure out burro that traveled the farthest

"The event started as just a burro contest, but some of the local mule owners thought we were slighting them so we opened the competition to mules as well."

The event raised nearly

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Ziegfeld

Aleph

India

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blow

hockey

22. "Go team!"

26: Showman

27. Letter after

30. Abounding

28. "Sir," in colonial

31. Proton's place

32. Urban renewal

33. Blood fluids

34. Black belt's

35. Subtle glow

36. Mikita of

37. Cigar end?

42. "Great job!"

48. Coral or Aral

52. In progress

55. Scissors

sounds

doubt!"

54. Spanish cash.

56. Lawn care tool

57. Bygone rulers

58. "Without a

50. 'Hood

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39. On the house

43. Language suffix

6. Blame-taker

8. Type in again

9. Contractor's

10. Layered do

11. Dash dial

12. Send forth

13. Superlative

21. With 4-Down,

calculation

7. Design with acid



Tumblweed

and foggy, too, which added an 4-H kids. Some of the little girls their favorite hangouts. A fence element of interest. The clouds parading their mules or burros was built around the courthouse nestled on top of the mountains threw kisses and winked at the with turnstiles in it to keep the

Davis. She had attended similar beautiful, the best dressed, the

And you thought headline writing was easy

If you've ever considered going into the newspaper business, there seems to be plenty of openings for headline writers. Consider these headlines:

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Study Reveals Those Without by Alumni Insurance Die More Often

Woman Improving After Fatal ing Crash

Properly Drafted Will Reduces Time Anxiety After Death

Man Jumps off 2nd Street sachusetts Fire Bridge; Neither Jumper Nor Body Found

Lawyer Says Client Not That Guilty.

Legislator Wants Tougher Death Penalty

Gas Cloud Clears Out Taco

Alzheimer's Center Prepares For An Affair To Remember

Typhoon Rips through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead



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Arson Suspect is Held in Mas-

Local High School Dropouts Notre Dame Cut in Half

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German shepherd. 85 lbs. neu-

Bill's septic cleaning "we han-

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> Nice parachute, never opened, used once, slightly stained

Pot Tarts only \$1.99 box

Water issues to heat up in 79th Legislature

AUSTIN — Except when dry spells force homeowners to cut back on their yard watering, most Texas urban dwellers tend to see their glass as half-full. But not a farmer depending on water for his livelihood.

Though more than 80 percent of Texans live in the big cities, agricultural interests still consume most of the state's water, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs told a Lubbock conference on water issues last week. That sets up a rural versus urban battle for water rights that will get legsession, she said.

"A lot of interesting things are governor vetoed 48 bills. happening," Combs said at the meeting. "It's going to be a sig- Farmers Insurance settles... nificant water session."

Bills filed...

have surfaced yet.



islative attention during the next lawmakers filed 5,592 bills of reduce the cost of homeowners which only 1,383 passed. The insurance for the working families

Ordered by the state to reduce As of last Friday, 226 bills have — with about 10 percent of the

Under the agreement, which lature. No water rights measures Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said would prevent

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new and existing customers will receive a 5 percent rate cut. Existing customers will receive a 15 percent one-time discount when they renew

Meanwhile, State Farm Insurance, which has about 30 percent of the Texas market, is continuing to contest a state-ordered 12 percent rate rollback.

As the appeal process plays out for-State Farm, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has asked Senate Business and Commerce Committee chairman Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Marble Falls) to look for ways to "further of Texas."

Audit assesses state workforce...

A report just released by the its homeowner policy rates by State Auditor's Office shows the 17.5 percent, Farmers Insurance average state worker earns \$32,681 a year. The report says state pay lags significantly behind the private sector and even other state governments.

> Turnover rate is 15 percent. with workers younger than 30 leaving at a 30 percent rate. Older employees tend to stay on because they are nearer retirement. In fact, the report said, employees approaching retirement age are the majority at most state agencies.

> The good news for the 142,394 state workers across the state is that Sen. Todd Staples (R-Palestine) has filed a bill for an acrossthe-board pay raise.

> Finance Committee chairman Sen. Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) also has said he supports more money for state employees, who have not had a pay hike since 2001.

"Don't know nothing 'bout history..."

At the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, museum staffers ask visiting school students a few questions about Texas history to assess their level of understand-

From the museum's latest newsletter, here are a few examples:

Q: "Who was Sam Houston?" A: "The guy they named San

Antonio after." Q: "Who were the first Texans?"

A: "Adam and Eve!"

Q: "What did the Indians eat? A: "Indian food."

been prefiled in the House and state's homeowners market — has another 104 bills prefiled in the reached a settlement with the State Senate in preparation for the Jan. Department of Insurance. 11, 2005 start of the 79th Legis-

During the 78th Legislature, expensive litigation, Farmers' THE ELDORADO SUCCESS 1

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59. "Aquarius" show 60. Slaughter in baseball 61. Essayist's alias 62. Bubbly bandleader 63. Sit for a snap 64. W.'s org.

worm? Because he reads about it in ELDORADO SUCCESS **CLASSIFIED ADS Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

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51. Place to graze

58. Slim down a bit

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64. Rich fertilizer

66. Latvia's capital

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Why does the early bird always get the 49. English channel.

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69. Phone button "Jurassic Park III" 5. Woody's son Simple Structures

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brief illness.

Jimmy was born Aug. 3, 1937, Church. in Dryden, Texas. He was the son in El Paso.

oil and gas business during high school working on a pulling unit Michaela of San Angelo. for Yale E. Key. After his service duty, he worked for Kennedy Dec. 12, at the First United Meth-Trucking, Dowell, Texas Eastern odist Church in Sonora. Burial Transmission, Mobil Oil and BTA followed in the Sonora Cemetery Oil Company.

Jimmy moved to Sonora in 1996, they fulfilled their dream by and Jim Stimmel. moving to their ranch in the eastern

part of Sutton County. County and served his community Sonora, TX 76950, or your favorite in many capacities, including the charity.

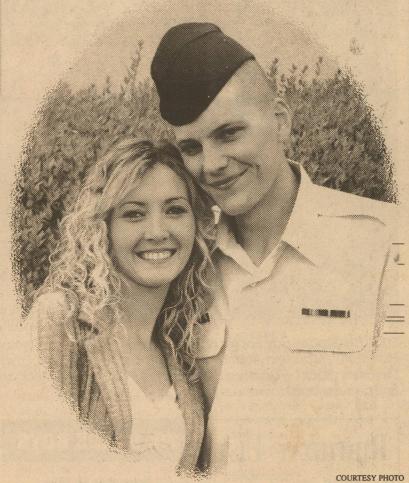
SONORA — James Milton Sonora ISD, Sutton County Air-Condra Jr., 67, died Friday, Dec. port and 4-H Club. He was a very 10, 2004, in San Angelo after a dedicated and active member of the First United Methodist

Jimmy is survived by his wife, of James Milton Condra Sr. He Diana Cahill Condra of Sonora; attended elementary school in daughter, Jamie Sue Haga of San Dryden and high school in Mc- Antonio; son, Justin Condra and Camey, Texas. He served in the wife Donette of Austin; daughter, 3rd Infantry of the U.S. Army and, Whitney Condra Keller and husafter being honorably discharged, band Shane Keller of Galveston; he attended Texas Western College granddaughter, Erica Maingot; sister, Dottie Routh and husband Jimmy began his career in the Steve of Ballinger; and niece, Julie Guzman and children Matt and

> Funeral service was Sunday, in Sonora, Texas.

1974 while working for Lively head, Espy Whitehead, Ben Pool, Exploration. On June 3, 1978, Cleve T. Jones, Billy Burnham, Jimmy married Diana Cahill in Mario Duran Jr., Glen Richardson Austin Hanusch, Jr. were married San Angelo, Texas. He started a and Bobby Doran. Honorary pall- October 6th in San Angelo. contract pumping and roustabout bearers were Arnold Gilcrease, Jim service, which evolved into JIM- Mathews, Al Lynch, Jackie How- Driggs and Danny Clark both of University. CO and DICON Enterprises. In ard, Aaron Cranford, Bob Cramer San Angelo.

als be made to the Sutton Coun-Jimmy loved Sonora and Sutton ty Health Foundation, Box 18,



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hanusch, Jr.

Pallbearers were Bud White- Clark/Hanusch exchange vows

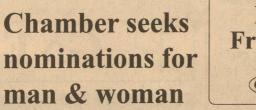
Kimberly Kay Clark and Gary Water Valley High School.

The groom is a 2002 graduate of San Angelo Central High The bride's parents are Teresa School and attended Angelo State

Gary is currently serving active The groom's parents are Gary duty with the United States Air The family requests memori- and Donna Hanusch of Eldorado. Force and is stationed at Lackland The bride is a 2001 graduate of AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

Meals for Friends Menu Monday, December 20

The Eldorado Chamber of tions for man and woman of the year 2004 for the annual Community Awards Banquet held January 18. Nomination forms chamber by phone (853-3109) or by email (Eldorado@sccn2. net). On the nomination form there is a space to explain why the nominee deserves the award for the year 2004. Perhaps you know someone who has been an example to the community, or been especially generous this year. Submit your nominations by December 31. Finalists will be published prior to the awards



of the year Chicken Strips w/ Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk Commerce is taking nomina- Tuesday, December 21 Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potato, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Slices, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk Wednesday, December 22 may be requested from the Meat Loaf w/ Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk

Thursday, December 23 Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk Friday, December 24

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Banquet tickets are available in advance for \$9 (\$10 at the door). For more information contact the Eldorado Chamber of Commerce at 853-3109 or Eldorado@sccn2.net.

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



Rosanna Sudduth Sauer, Jim Runge and Barbara Fry Byrant are

members of Eldorado High School Class of 1962. Their class plans

to donate up to 28 trees to the community in coming years. Two

live oak trees were planted at the Middle School playground

area (shown here), one was planted near the Stephen F. Austin

Oak Tree at the courthouse and another at the Cemetery Chapel

at the Eldorado Cemetery. The first four trees are planted in

memory of Jim Cheek, Mikel Jurecek, Jerry Thomerson and Frank

Williams, classmates who have passed away since graduation n 1962. Future trees will be donated by the class with the passing

of each remaining classmate. A memory plaque will be placed

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2004 7th Grade Lady Eagles Basketball Team: (Front L-R) Crystal

7th GRADE BOYS

November 29, 2004

Eldorado 05-02-00-00=07 07-06-05-00=19 Ozona Playing for the Eagles: David Tirado (4), Ram Perez (2), Ivany Sanchez (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord, Ryan Castillo, Hugo Rios. Wes Brown, Dustin Ramos and Mason Baker.

December 6, 2004

Eldorado 00-14-02-06=22 27-03-16-02=48 Playing for the Eagles: David Tirado (3), Wes Brown (1), Ivany Sanchez (10), Mason Baker (5), Juan Medrano (3). Also playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord, Ryan Castillo, Ram Perez, Hugo Rios, Dustin Ramos, J. Trujillo and Shane Young.

Water Valley Tournament December 10, 2004

Water Valley Tournament

December 9, 2004

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey

HIII (8), Maxie Holley (6), Katey Blair

(10), Chandra Wanoreck (14), Josie

Diaz (6), Jessica Robertson (2), Taylor

Baker (4); Shooting 3 points: Katey

Blair (1) and Chandra Wanoreck (2).

Also playing for the Lady Eagles:

Eldorado

Karina Sanchez.

08-09-19-14=50

06-13-18-20=57

11-14-15-23=63 Eldorado 08-12-04-08=32 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey HIII (1), Maxie Holley (7), Katey Blair (21), Chandra Wanoreck (9), Josie Diaz (1), Jessica Robertson (12), Taylor Baker (12). Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez.

Water Valley Tournament December 11, 2004

09-10-13-12=44 04-19-16-12=51 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey HIII (2), Katey Blair (11), Chandra Wanoreck (24), Josie Diaz (6), Taylor Baker (11); Shooting 3 points: Katey Blair (1) and Chandra Wanoreck (6).

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Water Valley Tournament December 9, 2004

23-20-12-17=74 WaterValley 11-07-12-08=40 Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (17), Drew Bosmans (10), Jorge Bustos (6), Michael Ballew (6), Ryan Cathey (5), Samuel Estrada (4), Jared Grubbs (7), Kolby Dombroski (6), Jeremy Ussery (7), Frank Wipff (6). Shooting for 3 point: Terrell Boysaw (1), Jorge Bustos (1), Ryan Cathey (1),

> **Water Valley Tournament December 10, 2004**

Jared Grubbs (1), Jeremy Ussery (1).

15-16-08-13=52 13-09-10-19=51 Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (23), Jorge Bustos (5), Ryan Cathey (5), Jared Grubbs (5), Kolby Dombroski (5), Jeremy Ussery (3), Frank Wipff (6). Shooting for 3 point: Terrell Boysaw (3), Jorge Bustos (1), Rayn Cathey (1), Jared Grubbs (1), Kolby Dombroski (1), and Jeremy Ussry (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Drew Bosmans, Michael Ballew and Samuel Estrada.

> **Water Valley Tournament** December 11, 2004

14-14-12-17=57 08-07-12-04=31 Water Valley Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (24), Drew Bosman (2), Jorge Bustos (6), Jared Grubbs (3), Kolby Dombroski (4), Jeremy Ussery (10), Frank Wipff (6). Shooting for 3 point: Terrell Boysaw (3), Jorge Bustos (1) and Jeremy Ussery (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Michael Ballew and Ryan Cathey.

- Go Eagles!



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SCISD trustees review annual audit report

with the board of trustees.

Mr. McKee guided the board employee salaries and benefits. through the financial highlights eral by raising the local property from one year ago. tax rate to the bench mark of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation. McKee noted district on their record keeping the sale of miscellaneous items the received the resignation of bus there was a net decrease in fund but recommended better docu- school no longer needs. balance of \$128,491.00 primarily mentation of some transportadue to the capital expenditures tion records. Overall, however, trustees. for new air conditioning units McKee said it was a "really clean and other items. Also noted was audit" and that the district should fee for an EHS senior student who the designation of \$507,900 for be proud of their bookkeeping has attended school here since kinseveral new air conditioning units personnel. over the next few years leaving a unreserved fund balance of meeting included Jo Helen Kotsch, an out-of-district school trip for 16 \$764,599 for the start of the new Jan Wanoreck, Kurtis Homer, students with adult supervision to school year.

ees to watch the Average Daily Nicolson were absent.

Don McKee a representative Attendance and PIEMS reports tified Public Accountants went ing student attendance. He noted 2004 board minutes. through the Schleicher County that area school districts as a whole

which noted the district had gible" students enrolled, meaning to arrive. \$318,882 decrease in revenues due students for which the school is to the a decrease of state funding compensated by the state. Superining for bids to sell the district's old that there is an effort under way in because of fewer students. The tendent George Blanch noted that, band trailer, a 2110 Ford tractor Austin to move the delay the start school district planned for the 5 as of December 1st, student enroll- and 1984 white Chevorlet Subur- of school until after Labor Day, percent shortfall in state and fed-ment has declined by 26 students ban, to be advertised at a later date.

Eddie Albin and Lupe Sanchez. the state convention of the Texas McKee also warned the trust- Trustee John Paul Joiner and Berta Association for Future Teachers

Other financial reports were with Reed, McKee and Co., Cer- and to be conservative in predict- approved along with November 8, donation of four trees from the

In other business, the board

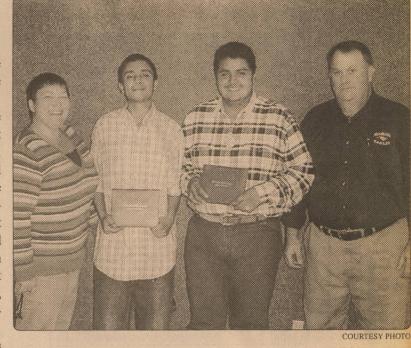
The also approved a silent auction ing into June. Mr. McKee congratulated the which will be held in January for

Next, the board waived tuition the county. dergarten and has recently moved School trustees on hand for the to Christoval. They also authorized

The board then accepted the Class of 1962.

Supt. Blanch reported that the ISD annual Financial Report for have dropped their student count. called for bids for a 71-passenger search for a new superintendent the year ending August 31, 2004 He said that 82 percent of the air conditioned activity bus. Supt. has so far yielded eight applicants. SCISD budget is now going toward Blanch recommended the purchase He noted that the first day of school price be paid out of fund balance for 2005-2006 school year will be SCISD currently has 575 "eli-since the bus will take eight to nine August 22nd but said that the district may apply for waiver to start The trustees then okayed call- earlier. Blanch advised the board possibly extending the year push-

> Before adjourning, the trustees driver Robert Bybee and custodian Other items approved by the Yolanda Adame who recently ac-



Marcelo Romo and Martin Vasquez received their high school diplomas from SCISD on Friday, December 14, 2004, afte completing their high school requirements through the Schleiche County I.S.D. Alternative Education Program. Here AEP teache cepted the custodian position with Anne Reeb and EHS Principal Bob Wanoreck are shown with Rome and Vasquez as they received their diplomas.

Santa has set up shop at MyEldorado.net





Conaway opening district offices Jan. 3

away announced the locations these district offices is a good offices to conduct official business this of his first two congressional first step." district offices. Conaway signed leases in the Claydesta Center hiring of his San Angelo Regional will be available full-time to help Federal Building in San Angelo. has more than 18 years of Congres- might have pertaining to the fed-Each office will serve as a base sional District Office experience eral government. for Congressman Conaway and his for Congressmen Tom Loefler and staff to serve each community and Lamar Smith and will be responsi- contact Jeff Burton at (432) 352constituents in the 11th District.

of District 11 is to make sure that Mitchell, and Nolan. every constituent has access to

in Midland and the O.C. Fisher Director, Joanne Powell. Powell constituents with any issues they ble for the San Angelo region. The 3923. "Setting up district offices has San Angelo Region generally inbeen a priority since my election cludes the counties of Tom Green, November 2nd," said Conaway. Coke, Sterling, Irion, Schleicher, "The best way to serve the people Sutton, Menard, Concho, Runnels,

The offices will open on Januthe services we can provide. I will ary 3rd, one day prior to Conaway's work closely with each community swearing-in in Washington. Con-

Congressman-elect Mike Con- in all 36 counties and setting up gressman Conaway will use the when he is working in the district Conaway also announced the and the congressional office staff

For more information, please

County wins ORCA sewer project grant

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

with a formal announcement and a ceremonial check presentation to be scheduled by ORCA.

Ms. Howard is also working on two additional grant applications through ORCA's Community Development Block Grant program, one each for the county and city. If the two grant applications are successful, the county should be able to complete the water system extension begun last year by the city in the Orient Heights neighborhood. The city's grant application seeks to replace aging water mains in the downtown part of Eldorado.



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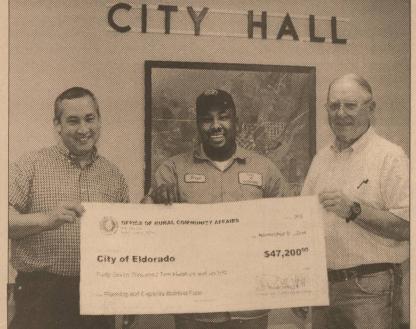
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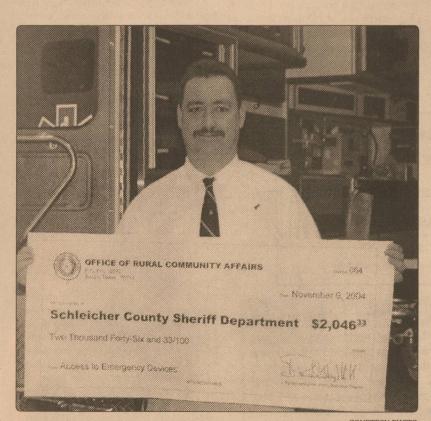
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From left, Eldorado City Councilman Tommy Minor, City Superintendent Floyd Fay and Mayor John Nikolauk display a check for \$47,200.00 the city received recently from the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs. The money will be used to fund an infrastructure planning study the city council approved some time ago.



Sheriff David Doran displays a check for \$2,046.33 his department received recently for the purchase of automated emergency defibrillators for use by he and those of his officers who are trained as emergency medical first responders.

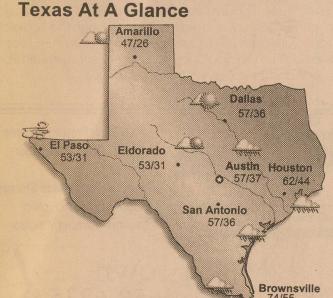
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47	26	pt sunny	Livingston	59	37	rain
57	37	rain	Longview	58	36	pt sunny
60	43	rain	Lubbock	54	27	pt sunny
74	55	rain	Lufkin	60	38	rain
57	34	pt sunny	Midland	52	31	pt sunny
67	48	rain	Raymondville			
58	36	mst sunny	Rosenberg	61	43	rain
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Atlanta	52	32	sunny	Minneapolis	33	16	flurries
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Chicago	40	21	mixed	Phoenix			windy
Dallas	57	36	mst sunny	San Francisco			pt sunny
Denver	44	25	pt sunny	Seattle			pt sunny
Houston	62	44	rain	St. Louis			cloudy
os Angeles	76	54	pt sunny	Washington, DC			
Miami	71	62	rain				

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Dear Santa.

Bring me a baby doll and some toys. I have been a good girl. Your Friend, Jazmine Trevino

Dear Santa,

Please bring a Hot Wheels game, Red Power Ranger, Spiderman Web Maker, my daddy loves basketball games, my mommy loves card games, and Edgar, my baby brother, likes Buzz Lightyear. I have been a very good boy. Love, Mark Muniz

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie house, a baby puppy, some plants and flowers for my mom, I wish we had a Dora house and a mommy puppy for the baby puppy. I want some balloons, some cereal, two leashes and two gates for my puppies. I am a good

I love you, Erica Santellano

I want a Barbie house, a baby crib, a Dora house and some clothes for me. I am a good girl. Thank You, Santa.

> I can't wait for Christmas. Love, Faith Kotsch

Dear Santa.

I want a baby doll, some new doll clothes, dress-up clothes for me to put on, a scarf for winter time, some soft blankets for the baby doll and nothing else. What will you be riding to my house on Christmas Eve?

I love you, Emily Bedea

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll house, a new 'you. dress, the Barbie and the Pauper movie, angel wings, and a new back pack. I will leave some cookies and milk for you Dear Santa, Santa. I have been a good girl.

Your Friend, Morgan Alcorn

I want a Strawberry Shortcake computer, some play dough and some babies. Yes, I have been a good girl. I would also like a Strawberry Shortcake doll, play alphabets, play arrows to point at things and directions and that is all.

Love, Madison Arispe

I would like a doll house and I want a Barbie telephone. And some Barbie clothes and some popular stuff. And I would like a Care Bear that talks and a cart with a Care Bear baby. Oh yeah, I want a Barbie with a big doll house. Please bring my sisters the same things I get, if you don't have it then you can bring them something else.

Love, Emelda Arispe

Dear Santa,

I want a toy hunting blind and toy guns. I have been very good this year. Love, Wiley Ray Martin

Please bring me a 4-wheeler, a B.B. gun, a welding helmet so I can help my dad and my sister wants a motor scooter, her name is Madison. I would like a bell from Santa's sleigh. I am always a good boy and a good helper.

Love, Austin Albin

	Solution to puzzle on Page 2 Simple Structures													
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Next Week: 1st and 2nd Grade Letters

Dear Santa,

blanket that is soft. Please bring my baby maintenance guys, they need something both been good girls.

Love, Carol-Ann Green

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a puppy and it does not matter what kind or what color because any king of puppy you bring will be fine. I am a very good girl and I love

I love you Santa, Fatima Contreras

Please bring me a toy. I would like a gerbil like Mrs. Droll has in our classroom and a gerbil house just like Mrs. Droll's. I have been good

Your Friend, Andrew Jacobsen

Please bring me some toys. Thank

Love, Jordon Estrada

I like candy cane, some Dino-Thunder toys, and bring my brother a New Storm toy. My sister wants a Barbie doll, my dad needs a new hammer and my mom needs a new knife set. My baby brother needs something to chew. I have been a very good boy.

Love, Anthony Olivares

Dear Santa, I need a new unicorn horse to play with and nothing else. I will be a good

Love, Sierra Forlano

Dear Santa. I would like a reindeer, Hot Wheel cars, a Santa Claus toy and a Teddy bear. I have been a very good boy.

Love, Antonio Contreras

Please bring me a dart board, some new crayons, reindeer stuffed animal named Prancer. Bring my sister a birthday card - her birthday is March 30th. My dad needs a new wallet and my mom needs new baskets. I have been a good

Love, Luke Wideman

I want a Spiderman Web Maker and a Spiderman water thing. I want a Hot Wheel game and a dog and a cat. Please bring me toys. I have been a good boy

Love, Shawn Solis

Barbie bed and that is all. I have been a good girl.

Love, Emelie Estrada

Dear Santa,

My Pre-K class has worked hard this year so I hope you can grant their Christmas wishes. I also ask that you bring extra special gifts for our wonderful teacher aide, Mrs. Rojas. She is the best! Also keep a watchful eye on her family, especially Selina. She will be having surgery so she deserves a wonderful treat. I hope your elves will also create some neat gifts for our great principal, Mrs. Edmonson, our secretary Mrs. McGinnes, Miss Garlitz and our lunch buddies and Mrs. Jessica, our student aides, Selina, Britney, hospital. I will be waiting for you. Blanca and Juanita. They are all so special to us. And please grant all my teacher friends, Tina and Beverly, Mrs. Bruce and

the cafeteria ladies a wonderful Christmas I want a soft, white toy kitty and a because they deserve it. Oh yes, and our Dear Santa, and girls will have some delicious cookies radio. I want a football. and milk waiting for you.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year! Mrs. Droll

HEADSTART MRS. RAMIREZ'S CLASS

Dear Santa.

I want a yellow chair. I want my room like my sissy's room. Sissy wants a chair like me. Staci and daddy want a white chair to go with the bed. Mommy and Joshua live in Dallas so you have to see them over there and it is way far away. Sam wants a robot. I'm gonna get my jacket on and be waiting for you on my trampoline.

Jade Cortez

I want a real web blaster with real webs. David wants a stereo. I don't know what Sydney wants. Maybe something with Bratz. I think Jackie wants a Dora doll. Somebody lost my dads basketball and he needs another one. I don't have a clock in my room That it!

Caitlin Covarrubiaz

Dear Santa

Hi Santa how are you. Santa make the snow come down when it is Christmas. I want rainbow colored fake hair. I want a notebook. I want a vacuum that talks. I learn my letters. Mom wants new shoes, Dad wants new deer stuff. John and Bailey want spiderman web blasters. My sister wants new pajamas, and new walking shoes because she can walk now. Caitlin wants a little car and sandals. See you later, I will leave you cookies and milk because I know you love milk. The End! Courtney Espinosa

Is it gonna maybe snow on Christmas? I have been real good. We have been so good at Headstart. We have been good now he is good. I want a new barbie and I want her name to be Cinderella. Colton wants a boy barbie guitar. My mom and dad love me. Bye

Abigail Arevalo

How is Rudolph? Is he big or is he little? How is The Polar Express. My I want a Barbie, a shopping cart, a dad wants a basketball player. My mom wants flowers. My dad wants boots for work. He wants a toy from The Polar Express. Abigal wants Bratz dolls, she wants Ethan. My baby Yahtzari wants a toy. I want a Spiderman toy that climbs in the air. I want a big Spiderman house. My tia wants flowers from George. I love you and my sister.

Julio Narvaez

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Santa I want you to bring me a barbie scooter. I want you to bring me lip gloss. I want a purse to have lip gloss. My brother wants a big motorcycle bike and Kayden wants a little motorcycle bike. My Dear Santa, mommy wants a new car. My dad wants Charboneau's and her Language Arts a big motorcycle. My grandpa is sick can My little brother Mason probably wants students. Don't forget about our PAL, you make him feel better? He is in the a ball; it's all he plays with.

Eddykah Rodriguez

get anything I will be waiting for you at my school. Albert Arispe Dear Santa. I want snow for a snowman. I don't have a ball so I want a ball for Christmas. Santa get somebody to fix my mama's car

Is it going to snow in Eldorado? I want

snow for my head. I want a paintball gun.

I want a soccer popper. I want a soccer

ball. Angel wants a toy house, she can only have one present. Mom and dad don't

them. That's it! Markus Martinez

so she can come home from work. Me

and Jucel want a bunch of trampolines.

My dad wants magazines with cars on

I Love You! I love my mommy my sister a Tweety Bird blanket. We have special too. We are making some reindeer baby and my daddy. I love my sister Matreats for Rudolph and I am sure the boys ria. My mom wants a basketball. I want a

Myra Sierra

Dear Santa I want a lot of toys. I want a ball.

Lorena Huerta

Dear Santa.

I want a Spiderman Watch. I want the Spiderman Web Blaster, a Spiderman truck, a Spiderman bike like C.J.'s Miriam wants a barbie. Mommy and Daddy don't want anything.

Edmundo Garcia

I want a computer. My mommy doesn't want anything. All I want is a computer. That's It!

Efrain Manriquez

Dear Santa, I want Pizza Hut. I want cheese from pizza hut. I like hot cakes. I want cars like I have at school. I want bananas and

Jose Maria Moya

Dear Santa.

I want a new bed, new house, a gun for Caden, a gun for my brother. I want a puppy Jayda Reed

I want a Dora guitar. I want a barbie and a basketball. I want a baby doll, playwant some books to read. I want letters to ground, barbie house and a balloon My sister likes Bratz dolls and that is all she likes. My brother likes spiderman and the green goblin. My brother likes girl stuff but my mom won't buy it for him. My dad wants cigarettes for Christmas. I'm done! Kandace Aguilar

I want a trampoline for Christmas. I want a barbie, barbie jeep and a barbie computer. I want a snowman on Christmas. I want black go go boots. My brother want a computer and Sammy wants a barbie toy. My dad wants a computer and my mom wants a barbie toy. That it. Oh! Yeah I want barbie socks.

Jacquelynn Lozano

I want a real cell phone, a barbie, a baby doll-like we have in the home center. I want a kitchen with plates to play with my barbies. I want lipstick. Vevo wants a playstation. Christopher wants little toys. I want a ball but it has to be very soft. I want a Christmas tree, I want a purse, a flashlight, more barbies and go go boots - black ones. I want a barbie computer.

Marisol DeLuna

Dear Santa,

I want a Dora doll house. Bring me some teeth a barbie car Frankie wants a lot of games and Ricky wants games too. That it. Oh! I want band-aids too.

> **KINDERGARTEN** MRS. HARRIS' CLASS

Destiny Rodriguez

I want a chargeable remote airplane.

Merry Christmas! Davis Hutto

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I want a baby doll. My mom probably wants a camera to take pictures of my sister playing softball and me being the mascot.

Thank You, Whitney Sullivan

I would like to have a Barbie computer for Christmas. I would like a baby stroller with a water baby in it. I want a big ole fat Pink Barbie car. Thank you for all of my toys.

Hugs and Kisses, Marisa Arispe

I want a new game for my Nintendo and a new computer because the other is old and takes forever. I want a good Christmas tree with lights and Santa things. And some soap that you don't have to have water for like at school. I also want some coloring pencils for home. I want a new CD player that is little and we need big chairs. I also want a dry erase board and dry erase markers. I also want a new blue purse for my mom. I also want a new X box game.

Be safe and have a great holiday!

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I want a computer because I like to play on them. And a baseball bat, baseball, and a glove. Please bring my mom a ring. My brother loves Spiderman. I want a Dixie Chicks CD and a Jessica Simpson CD.

Merry Christmas, Emily Nixon

I love you a lot. I think you are handsome, sweet, and kind. I want a Strawberry Shortcake toy and her sister Apple Pie. Do you have a reindeer named Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer? I hope you make my baby brother Jalyn come soon.

Love, Katya Gonzalez

I want a Bratz doll for Christmas this year. My baby sister needs a Care Bear and Blue from Blue's Clues. I want my mommy to a diamond necklace.

Thank You, Reagan DeHanis

I want an X box with wrestling games. I want a computer like we use in computer class so I can type and draw and everything else. I will share with my brother and sister because I love them.

Merry Christmas, Bernardo Cruz

Thank you for our new house. Thank you for my family. Thank you for all the stuff at Christmas. For Christmas I want some doctor stuff. I want teacher stuff too, because I want to be a teacher. I also want a cooking book with cooking stuff like spoons.

Merry Christmas, Audry Nolen

I want a computer to draw pictures on. I will draw you on it.

Thank You for everything. Miriam Garcia

Dear Santa,

I want some Barbies and Barbie clothes. I want a new purple jacket. Merry Christmas, Zelenia Vasquez

I want a radio controlled Batman toy and two more Egyptian god cards. And I want a blue eyed shinning dragon and a two more blue eyes white dragon and one polymerization card. I also want a blue eyes ultimate dragon and I want the rock climbing wall. Thank you Santa. card sorcerer of black magic.

Happy Christmas Santa Clause! Dolton Morris

learning system for my little brother. Have a Happy Merry Christmas!

I want a red power ranger. I want the Sponge Bob movie. I also want M&M's and a dinosaur. I want you to bring my mom hair clips and markers.

Happy Holidays! Love, Roman Gonzalez

Dear Santa

want a Blue toy and a T-Rex. Please bring a Spiderman hat. a blue basketball. I want a little TV. with a remote, a phone to call somebody like a friend, and a Christmas tree.

Merry Holiday, William Parks

Dear Santa

I want a Strawberry Shortcake doll and a pink play bear. I want a green Care Bear and a Cabbage Patch doll with brown

> Have a good holiday! Michelle Martinez

Dear Santa.

I want a camera for Christmas so I can take pictures. I want a ring with two purple diamonds for my mom. I want a lot of cars to give to my brother. I want 2 necklaces for me and a good eraser.

I love you, Monica Sanchez

Dear Santa,

computer. And I want a DVD player and a Play Station 2. I want my own games you! and movies, like Harry Potter and he Prisoner of Azkaban; I want the book, too. My grandmother wants and needs bills so she doesn't have to go to the post office and Elizabeth wants Bratz. I want two little Bratz with clothes that go with them. I want a sunshine Care Bear and a Clover Care Bear; two Care Bears that are different. I want my own Yugio cards. And then I want my own computer that has Kid Pixs.

Have a Great Day! Star Foley



Next Week: 1st and 2nd Grade Letters

boat. Thank you.

Be safe, Eric Luna

Merry Christmas,

Jennifer Miller

Hello, I would like a doll, also a purse

Thank you for the presents you gave

me last year. This year I would like a

Hugs and kisses, Maiah Jurado

Hugs and kisses, Jucel Martinez

MRS. HOMER CLASS

What do your reindeer eat? My

brother wants a skateboard. I want a

baby doll. How do your reindeer fly?

Love, Branda Minor

house, a collar and a leash. Please bring

some dog treats and a dog bone. Please

Love, Kaylee Swindall

Please bring me some Brat toys and

I want you to bring me makeup and

I want a Barbie and a play stove. My

Please bring me a bike. My brother

said he wanted a hunting rug with a deer

on it to match his walls because he has

deer wall paper up on his walls. My

sister needs another Christmas tree that

spins around like Mrs. Parker's but littler

Thank you. Hudson Martin

I want a Spiderman suit and a real tank. I want a CC motorbike. I want a

Texas Tech sign for my sister and a rattle

for my Dad. I want a rubber chicken for

my brother. I don't know what my Mom

wants. I wish you a Merry Christmas,

Love, Kade Creek

Please bring me a lot of presents

because I am going to give you a present.

Can you bring me an electric scooter?

Bring my little brother a lots of presents.

Have a good Christmas!

Montana Terry

Love, Chase Mertz

cousin wants a Barbie toy. I love you! Love, Bobbi Makayla Trevino

Love, Sydney Covarrubiaz

bring me some paint. Thank you!

some Barbies. Thank you!

your reindeer fly? Thank you!

Dear Santa,

because hers broke.

Please bring me a dog with a dog

Stink Blaster and a bike.

track and a Web Blaster.

Thank you!

Thank you, Mercadez Ochoa

I want some army men with a little tank. I want an orange yo-yo that lights me for Christmas last year. I would like up. I would like a couple of cd's like Clint a motorcycle and a video game and a fire Black. I want another watch because I lost my other one. I want a shovel so I can dig in dirt to make tunnels and stuff. I might want a kite. Maybe I would like Dear Santa, a little Texas flag with a stick handle and a pointy top on it. I want some regular yellow pencils and erasers.

Merry Christmas, Franklin Buchholz

MRS. MEADOR'S CLASS

Thank you for the Barbie car you gave me last year. This year I would like make-up and a Barbie motorcycle.

Thank you for all my presents, Elizabeth Griffin

Dear Santa.

Thank you for my gifts last year. This year I want a pink purse with a "J" on it. I also want make-up and a scarf.

I love you, Jordan Stanford

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. This year I would like a pony toy and a Barbie doll. Could I also have a pretty necklace and ring to match.

Thank you Santa for being good to all of us, BrandaGail Arispie

Hi, how are you? I want soldiers and a race car. I also want a playhouse and a See you soon, Ryan Farmer

Dear Santa.

Thank you for the presents you gave P.S. I also want a little toy Yugio me last year. I would like a bicycle and

Have a nice day, Kiki Guerra

1 Dear Santa.

Thank you for being so nice last year. Dear Santa, I would like some C.D's for Christmas. I would also like a C.D. player and a phone. a baby doll. I want a play kitty. How do Thank you.

I love you, Riley Umphress

Thank you for what you gave me last I want a chocolate cake from you. I year. Please bring me a stink blaster and

> Merry Christmas, Preston Andrews

I hope you have had a good year. Please bring me a bear and make-up. Hugs and kisses, Valerie Geuea

I love you! Please bring me a Spiderman Web blaster and Fire Truck and

that's all. Thank you, Blaine Aker

Dear Santa,

I love you! Please bring me a Power Ranger toy and a Team Titan battle station. Thank you.

Merry Christmas, Jay Ruiz

Merry Christmas! Please bring me I want a Brat computer and a Barbie a Barbie computer and a pony. I would also like a fairy and a frog book. Thank

> Hugs and kisses, Priscilla Gander

Dear Santa, Thanks for the presents you brought me last year, I hope you have a good Christmas. Please bring me a computer, and Spiderman arm bands and leg bands. Also a stink blaster.

> Merry Christmas, Mathias Buitron

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How do the reindeer fly? Please bring me a dirt bike. My brother wants a dirt bike too. Thank you for bringing

> See You Later! Marcos Ramon

Dear Santa, Please, can I have a computer and a bicycle? Thank you! Love, Josselin Luna

Please bring me a Spiderman toy with a line and a circle on the back of it. I want a soldier like the one I had yesterday.

> Merry Christmas Santa Claus! Amalio Villanueva

Thank you for the presents you gave

I want a soldier with a sword and armor. How does Rudolph's nose glow? Thank you.

Love, Luis Miguel Martinez

How are you? Please bring me a I want a Barbie, Santa, please. I Barbie and a Barbie House and also a want my brother to have a little car and my sister to have a little rattle thing. Thank you Merry Christmas! Alex Alvarez

I want a CD player that is pink and a Hello Kitty with hearts, stars, and flowers, and with gold on it. I want some roses for my door and some baby clothes for my babies. I love you!

> Merry Christmas! Paige Corrales

Dear Santa, I want a little dog called a shoo shoo. They are so cute. I want a ring that shines in the How are you? I would like a race center for my Mom. I love you!

Love, Gisselle Hernandez

I want you to bring me a drum and toys. I want you to bring me a bike with no training wheels and a Barbie computer. Your reindeers are pretty and shiny. I want you to bring me a Hello Kitty blanket and a Hello Kitty jeep. Thank you Santa Claus, and I love you! Love, Alyssa Reza

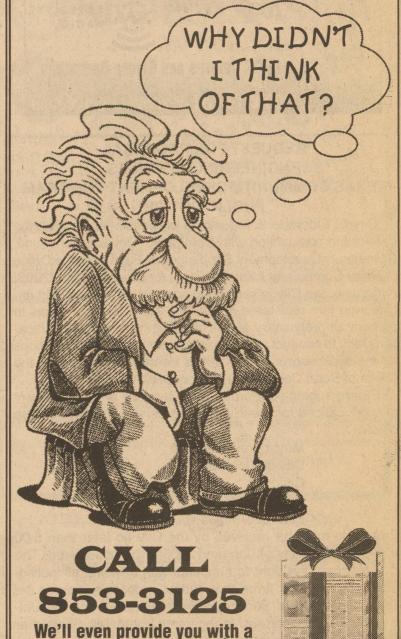
Dear Santa.

I love you. Thank you for the stuff that we like. I want a nutcracker and a little play car. Thank you again. Merry Christmas! Sarah Jackson

I want you to bring me a bike and a toy. I want a Dora. Thank you! Love, Melanie Valtierra

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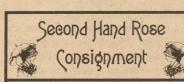
Toya Daniels (R) was named Employee of the Year by Schleicher County Medical Center during the facility's annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4, 2004. Ms. Daniels was selected by her fellow employees for the honor. Here she is shown with Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz.

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Weekly Scripture

Therefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, and there is no God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

2 Samuel 7:22



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ARRESSTS

dor P., male age 29, arresting of- of Marijuana (>4oz <5 lbs.) ficer SC deputy, offense disorderly conduct.

December 10 · Perez, David, SC deputy, offense Disorderly Hwy 190. Officer notified. Conduct.

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resting officer SC deputy, offense Evading Arrest, Detention Public Intoxication, Minor in Possession son choking on food. Officers and of Alcohol.

December 10 · Lambert, Motion to Revoke, DWI.

December 13 • Covert, Tori Leigh, female age 23, arresting ported his ex-wife throwing away

upe, male age 33, arresting officer responded. DPS trooper, offens ? Possession of Marijuana (>4oz <5 lbs.)

M., male age 24, arresting officer

INCIDENTS

December 6 • 8:56 a.m. Com- boy. Officer responded male age 34, arresting officer plainant reported cattle on East

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December 10 • Moya, Nor- quested officer response, man berto, Huete, male age 18, ar- causing trouble on Main Street. Officer responded.

• 4:46 p.m. Caller reported her EMS 2 responded.

December 7 • 10:02 a.m. Com-Thomas Luther, male age 28, ar- plainant requested an ambulance resting officer SC deputy, offense for an elderly female who had fallen. EMS 2 responded.

· 8:13 p.m. Complainant re-

• 9:19 p.m. Caller requested December 13 • Pena, Guadal- to meet with an officer. Officer

December 8 • 2:04 a.m. Medical Center requested EMS for a December 13 • Pena, Baltazar basic transfer. EMS responded.

· 8:18 a.m. Bank alarm sound-December 10 · Gallegos, Sala- DPS trooper, offense Possession ed. Officer responded and reported everything was O.K.

· 10:36 a.m. Requested an officer to responded to a lost little

December 9 • 12:33 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with · 3:41 p.m. Complainant re- an officer. Subject requested officer assist girlfriend to leave residence. Female stated that subject pushed her. Female was advised to leave subject's property.

*• 10:06 a.m. Complainant reported goats missing. Officer notified. At 11:15 a.m. complainant advised located goats.

· 9:53 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

• 10:55 p.m. Complainant stated that her boyfriend had kicked her out. Officer responded

December 10 • 1:30 a.m. Complainant requested an officer at his residence saying there was a fight.

Officers responded. · 9:28 p.m. Complainant reported kids being too loud at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officers

responded. · 10:05 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles fighting at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officers

responded. December 11 • 4:20 a.m. Caller requested an ambulance for her husband. Officers and EMS

responded. • 5:37 a.m. Caller requested an ambulance for a transfer to Shan-

non. EMS responded. · 11:27 a.m. Complainant reported electrical power on phone line. Southwest Texas Co-op was

• 2:59 p.m. Complainant wanted a skunk killed. Officer responded.

· 8:22 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver in a red 2-door passenger car. Officer responded.

· 11:12 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary in progress. Officers responded, unknown male entered business from back and fled on foot prior to officer's arrival.

December 12 • 11:13 a.m. Complainant stated that some one had been bitten by a dog. Officer and animal control responded.

· 11:55 a.m. Caller reported niece missing. Officer was noti-• 12:15 a.m. Caller reported

juveniles throwing rocks at her residence. Complainant reported no damages to residence. Officer responded.

• 7:33 p.m. Caller reported stolen bike with several items on it.

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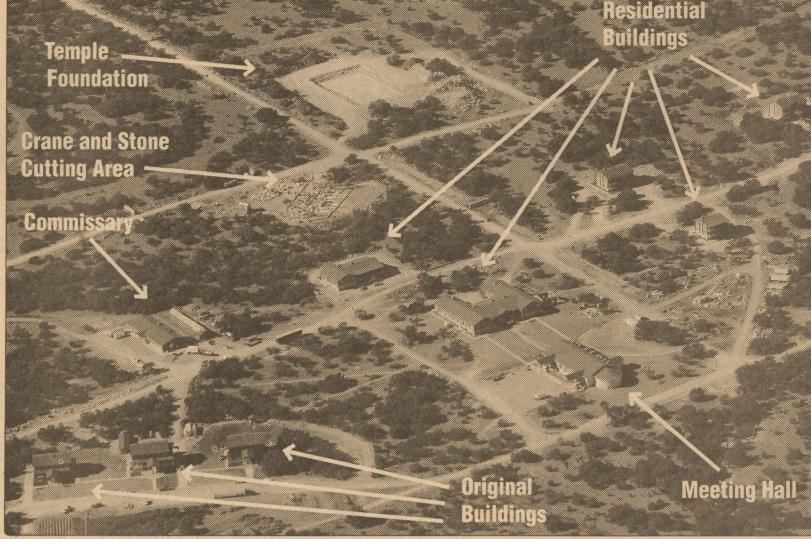
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This aerial overview of a portion of the YFZ Ranch shows the position of several new buildings in relation to the three original dormitorystyle buildings. Also visible is a large gantry crane and stone cutting area and the foundation where many believe FLDS-wathchers believe that Prophet Warren Jeffs intends to build the group's first-ever temple. By no means does the photo show all the buildings on the ranch. Nor does it show the rock quarry, concrete batch plant, rock crushing plant or barns and shed that have been built in less than a year.

Large crane being built over YFZ stone cutting area

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Chiseled in stone

struction of a large gantry crane over a stone cutting area at the YFZ Ranch. The crane stands just south and east of a large foundation member of the FLDS church told where church observers believe the prophet Warren Jeffs intends to build the first-ever FLDS temple. Located beneath the massive crane assembly are a series of rock saws into blocks.

west side of the ranch.

One recently excommunicated with him to Eldorado." the Success that if the stone blocks number of Jeffs' followers do coning built on to a newly completed are indeed used to build a temple, verge on the YFZ Ranch, they will storehouse or commissary, more it will signal a major shift in find a number of newly completed that doubling the size of that strucchurch teaching.

Meanwhile, a combination of on Short Creek (Colorado City, cubbyhole-like structures near the explosives and huge tractor driven AZ/Hildale, UT). And if Warren meeting hall's doors appear to hold Work continues on the con-rock saws are prying loose tons of is turned his back on Short Creek a number of shoes, leading some limestone from the quarry on the then he's probably planning to observers to speculate that the

If Brower is correct and a large buildings awaiting them, includ- ture. A freshly poured concrete slab where native limestone is being cut means," private investigator Sam . and a large meeting hall. Recent and another foundation, resembling Brower told The Success. "But if aerial photos of the meeting hall those on the nine already completed Warren is building a temple then reveal the installation of new residential buildings, stands ready

bring his most faithful followers building is already serving as a school for a number of children.

: Nearby, a new addition is be "I'm not exactly sure what it ing several residential buildings stands near several mobile homes he's probably turned his back awnings over its entryways. Also, to support yet another building.

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County Commissioners meeting held

lines into the Orient Heights neigh- 12 county holidays for 2005. borhood which lies just outside the Eldorado city limits.

system upgrade in Orient Heights. County Appraisal District.-However, it was learned later that on Page 1)

sioners discussed their intention the matter. to close the southern-most portion Monday after it was learned that five years or a maximum of \$500. the city had worked out a trade James Kosub for the wording to a first come, first served basis. put on signs that must be posted hearing may be held.

Initially Judge Johnny Grif- Historical Commission but took no and the subject was dropped. fin advised the commissioners formal action on the subject. They that the county had received a also noted that they will soon need er or not to pave a half-mile stretch Community Development Block to cast the county's votes for the of County Road 243, the ownership Grant for the completion of a water board of directors of the Schleicher of which until recently was in dis-

Next, the commissioners ap- sions regarding the road. of Colpitts Street. A request from proved year-end salary adjust-Rennond and Cathy Kuykendall ments for the county's non-elected derson then sought and received to close the street was supported employees. Since it is unlawful approval to move \$6,839.65 from by the commissioners at an earlier for governmental entities to award the General Fund checking account meeting, but that was put on hold Christmas bonuses, each year the to the Farm to Market checking acwhen the City of Eldorado ex- county makes one-time salary count to reimburse for fuel used by pressed concerns about accessing adjustments and this year was no the Sheriff's Department, Road property it owned in that area. The different. County employees will Department and Golf Course. The item came back up for discussion receive \$50 per year of service, up to commissioners also authorized

with the city whereby the two need for rules at the cemetery ing account to the General Fund parties would exchange property chapel and determined that at this checking account to reimburse the so that the city would have access time there would be no fees for Sheriff's Department for groceries if and when the street was closed. use of the building and that a list The commissioners agreed to of rules wouldn't be drawn up until Meals Program. move forward with the street clo- such time as the building became sure and authorized Commissioner a problem. It was stated, however, surer Henderson explained that Bill Clark to check with attorney that use of the chapel would be on money was being spent out of the

on the street. Legal notices will need to build an awning over the electricity and fuel expenses, as also be published so that a public doorway to the chapel and the well as unforeseen costs at the need for a steeple on the build- civic center, cemetery chapel and The meeting was called to or- ing. The men all agreed that an county airport.

Schleicher County Commis- der at 9:14 a.m. by Judge Griffin awning was needed and that a sioners met Monday, Dec. 13, with commissioners Bill Clark, steeple would look good on the 2004 and, among other items of Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and building. Judge Griffin said he business, learned that the county Matt Brown in attendance. After favored placing a cross on top had received a \$267,225.00 grant the approval of the minutes of the of the steeple but Commissioner through the Office of Rural Com- meetings held on Monday, Novem- Clark cautioned that while he was munity Affairs (ORCA) Colonia ber 22, and Monday, November 29, certain most people in the county Infrastructure fund with which 2004, the men briefly discussed the wouldn't mind placing a cross on the county intends to extend sewer ORCA grant and approved a list of the building, the county could not endorse a particular religion. It The men then discussed need was agreed that prices for an awto appoint members of the county ning and a steeple would be sought

Next, the men discussed whethpute. Ultimately it was decided that The subject of purchasing the county owned the roadway and it was the Colonia Grant that had a "man-lift" or "scissor-lift" for Commissioner Clark argued Monbeen approved, the same grant use at the Civic Center was again day that the county should improve for which the county has applied discussed, as was the need to buy the road and bring it into the same numerous times. (See related story a small font end loader. The men condition as other similar county reviewed a couple of equipment roads. The men finally decided that In other business the commis- brochures but took no action on since it was in Clark's precinct, he should be the one to make any deci-

> County Treasurer Karen Hen-Henderson to transfer \$11,561.41 The men then addressed the from the Meals Program checkpurchased for the Senior Center

> As the meeting ended, Treacounty's contingency or reserve Discussion then turned to the fund due to higher than expected