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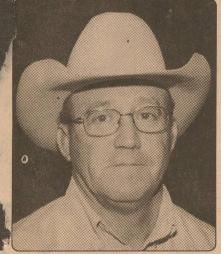


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN Matt Brown

Brown seeks re-election in Precinct 4

I would like to announce my intent to run for a second term as County Commissioner Pct. #4. Over the past three years I have been honored to serve Schleicher County. Over this time we have accomplished a great deal for the county which I would like to continue. We have faced challenges but I am confident the county is in better shape than we were three years ago. I will continue to explore ways to improve the counties operations and facilities. I pledge that if reelected I will continue to work hard to represent the citizens of Precinct #4 on the Commissioners Court. I will look forward to talking with you and listening to your concerns and suggestions as this campaign season begins.

I have lived in Schleicher County for 23 years and have been in the ranching business since 1978 raising Beefmaster Cattle and meat goats. Prior to that I attended Texas Tech University where I received a 3S in Animal Business.

I have served as the Chairman of the Farm Service committee in Schleicher County, the American Boer Goat Association for 5 years, he Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers ssociation meat goat committee nd the Junior Meat Goat Show circuit and I am currently on the oard of the Central Texas Beefnaster Association.

I have coached little league aseball and I am an Elder of the irst Presbyterian Church. I have een married to Christy Brown for 5 years. We have three children Courtney, Lauren, and Wes.

Thank you for giving me the pportunity to serve as County Commissioner Pct. #4. I would ike to continue to serve Schleicher ounty.

Sincerely, Matt Brown

Christmas Eve fire destroys Whitten home on FM 915

Fire claimed the home of Steven Whitten on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005, approximately five miles north of Eldorado on FM 915. There was no one home at the time of the blaze and no injuries were reported as firefighters from Eldorado, Mertzon, Barnhart and Sonora battled the fire. The home was a total loss.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones reports that the home was fully involved in flames when the first firefighters arrived. "It looked like the fire had started in the middle of the house and it had already burned through the roof when we got there," Jones said. "There wasn't much we could do."

A passing motorist reportedly spotted the fire and called it in to the Sheriff's Department's 9-1-1 dispatcher.

Steven Whitten, who works for the Sheriff's Dept. as a jailer dispatcher was out of town at the time of the fire.

High winds experienced throughout the day prompted worries that the fire might spread to nearby ranchland, leading Jones to call for support from the Sonora Fire Department. Meanwhile, firefighters in Mertzon were notified independently responded to the blaze, as did a unit from the Barnhart Fire Department. Niblett's Oilfield Service



Two brick fireplaces and a pile of chard debris were all that remained of the Steven Whitten home on FM 915 following a Christmas Eve fire. The 3,100 sq. ft. - five-bedroom home was fully involved in flames when firefighters arrived late Saturday afternoon. A passing motorist reportedly spotted the fire and called authorities.

also assisted by hauling two transport loads of water to the fire.

Fire Chief Jones says that the cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

Howard Ledbetter and his two sons

reportedly left a few minutes before the fire started. The family also lost all their possessions in the inferno.

were also living in the home and had

A fund to benefit Steven Whitten and

the Howard Ledbetter family has been established at First National Bank of Eldorado. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund may do so by contacting one of the bank tellers.

New Year's Eve brings out extra DPS troopers

During the New Year's weekend, DPS will have all designated driver should not consume any alcohol. Here are some good driving habits to employ: available troopers on Texas roadways. Troopers will be looking for speeders, seat belt violators, reckless drivers and drunk drivers from New Year's Eve through midnight on January 1.

Last New Year's, DPS troopers arrested 423 people for driving while intoxicated; they also arrested 50 minors for driving under the influence.

"DPS troopers will be looking for people who are driving while intoxicated," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS, "so it's a good idea to designate a driver at the beginning of the evening. That

Otherwise, you may find yourself on the side of the road, participating in a field sobriety test."

Last New Year's, troopers also issued 6,244 speeding tickets. In addition, they wrote 797 tickets for seat belt violations and 329 tickets for child safety seat violations.

If you're looking for self-improvement ideas for the new year, look no farther than your own mirror. Driving can be one of the most dangerous activities you engage in during the day, so taking a few moments to think about your driving is a good idea.

- Make sure everyone is buckled up.
- Drive sober.
- Use your turn signals.
- · Do not tailgate.
- •Obey the speed limit.
- · Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on
- Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities at the time the violation occurs.
- Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.

Texas employers add 136,400 jobs over the year, unemployment rate holds steady

AUSTIN — Seasonally Adjusted Nonagricultural Employment in Texas grew by 17,300 jobs from October to November as Texas employers continued adding jobs. In the last 12 months, Texas has added 136,400 jobs, while over-the-year growth held steady at 1.4 percent. November marks 15 consecutive months of job growth, while all nine major industry sectors added jobs over

the year. The unemployment rate held steady at 5.3 percent following a slight upward revision of October's data.

"The addition of jobs over the month and over the year bodes well for the Texas labor market," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "It is encouraging that growth is both steady and broadly based."

Professional & Business Services posted a significant gain of 5,900 jobs in November, following an increase of 5,700 positions in October. Leisure & Hospitality employment improved by 3,900 jobs in November, following a gain of 4,400 positions in October. Employment in the Trade, Transportation & Utilities (TTU) sector expanded by 2,100 positions in November, representing an increase of 19,200 jobs over the year.

"Job growth appears to be gaining momentum in several diverse industries," said TWC

Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "In addition, the growth rate in Construction, often seen as an indicator of future growth, is expanding at an annual rate of 3.0 percent."

Employment in Construction increased by 1,200 jobs in November, continuing a nine-month streak of positive monthly growth for the sector. Annual growth rose to a rate of 3.0 percent, representing an increase of 16,400 jobs since November 2004.

"Sustained job growth speaks well for the Texas labor market and for Texas job seekers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "The number of employed Texans continues to steadily climb and now stands at a record 10,715,100."

Initial claims for unemployment compensation in November 2005 were 66,595 down 19.2 percent from November 2004.

Locals share their New Year's wishes

I resolve to spend more time with my family, be a better person and

"provide

higher quality meat for Eldorado."

Rudy Sanchez

I predict 75% of the men and women will be out of Iraq by the end of the year.

Mike Carter



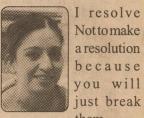
person, be nice. Lesa Martinez

Lose some more weight and walk more.

Jimmy Doyle

My resolution is the same as the past five years....and only I know what that is.

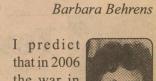
Kim-et Nelson



because you will ust break them. Lilly Vallejo

this year, but I know that I won't get to.

My resolution is to retire



the war in Iraq will stop and we will have

Mary Torres

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NOTICE

The City of Eldorado has an ordinance prohibiting the sale and discharge of fireworks within the city limits. Persons violating the ordinance will be subject to a \$100 fine. In view of the extremely dry conditions, Mayor Nikolauk urges everyone to refrain from discharging fireworks this New Year's. **Thank You**

Everything old isn't always new again

by Rev. James L. Snyder

Every year I go kicking and screaming into the New Year. Not because I'm against change. I simply cannot remember to change the year on my checks until May. I not only have to know how much money in my checking account but also remember what year to put on the check I'm writing today.

By the time I remember the year I have forgotten to make deposits into my checking account. I need a reality check, which hopefully will not bounce as high as my checkbook.

That's not the only reason I hesitate going into a new year. The biggest reason has to do with the mistakes I made during the old year. Looking back over the old year, I worry that my blunders were not as bad as they could have been.

For many people the New Year offers the opportunity to make new mistakes curiously similar to the mistakes made during the old year. If I have any resolution for the New Year it would be to perfect the mistakes I've already made. I don't see any sense in making new mistakes when I can easily requisition the old ones for duty during the New Year.

And what's wrong with my old mistakes? The only thing I can think of is that I did not work hard enough to make the most of them. It's one thing to make a mistake, but it's quite another thing to perfect the art of making a mistake so that you don't have to repeat it ever again. Too many amateurs have given mistake-making a bad name.

Most of my mistakes have been so poorly done that in the New Year I have to re-do those mistakes. And, quite frankly, I'm tired of it all. I'm anxious to move on to new areas of mistake making. I'm convinced there are mistakes to make I have not even dreamed of at this point in my life.

My resolution for the New Year is to make sure any and all mistakes I make will be as thorough as possible. I refuse to leave any mistake before its time. But when its time comes, I want to make sure it is accomplished as perfectly as possible.

If I'm any judge of character, the majority of people this coming New Year will not make any new mistakes, they will dust off old ones and redate them for the current year. What a waste of time, in my opinion.

Allow me to offer some help that will guide this pursuit the coming New Year.

1. Look back over the old year and make a list of all of the mistakes you have made. If you are a husband, solicit help from your wife who will be able to remember all of those mistakes you have forgotten. (Not to mention one or two you didn't do.)

2. Go over each mistake on your list and determine if it needs repeated for the New Year. As I say, there is no sense in making new mistakes if you're not finished with the old ones.

3. For every mistake from the previous year that does not need to be repeated, place a nice red star in front of it. That mistake can now go into your Hall of Blame, which will never have to repeat again. Of course, you will have some mistakes that even though they have been well executed are well worth repeating. And you know which ones they are. Don't you?

4. Now look at all of those mistakes needing repeating during the New Year. Prioritized them so you can begin the New Year with a good plan. As you prioritize this list think of ways in which you can improve on your mistakes over the past year. No satisfaction compares with doing something as good as you can.

Everyone generates mistakes, which is healthy. What is unhealthy is thinking you have not made any mistakes, which is a mistake.

A mistake well executed is a mistake never needing repeated. During the New Year, execute as many mistakes as your conscience will allow.

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The Christmas spirit is alive and well at the Cowboy Steakhouse in Kerrville

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas as much as I enjoyed mine.

Our daughter Sarah was home from California where she has been attending medical school. It is nice to have the whole family back under one roof and Sarah says it is good to be back in Texas, if only for a few days.

After we got last week's edition on the street, the entire Mankin clan slipped out of town for a few days. We went to Port Aransas to visit my parents.

The weather was beautiful and the beach was terrific. Leaving out on Sunday we drove down the beach one more time. There wasn't a breath of wind and the water was like a mirror. Not a single ripple to be seen. I've never seen the Gulf of Mexico so tranquil. I found it fitting for Christmas day, especially in light of the terrible hurricane season that just ended.

Coming home, we pulled off the Interstate at Kerrville in hopes of finding a place to eat. Almost all of the restaurants were closed, but we did notice one, a place called Cowboy Steakhouse that appeared to be open. We walked in on what at first appeared to be a private



party. Before we could turn and leave, however, we were greeted and invited to stay.

What we learned is that every Christmas for the past 28 years, Richard and Lorrie Ferris have opened their restaurant free of charge to friends and family, as well as any travelers who walk through the door.

When I protested and offered to pay, Lorrie Ferris patted me on the arm and told me to sit down. She then explained that she and her husband had been richly blessed and this was their way of giving something back.

She then looked me in the eye and said, "Please, we would be honored if you would stay and have Christmas dinner with us."

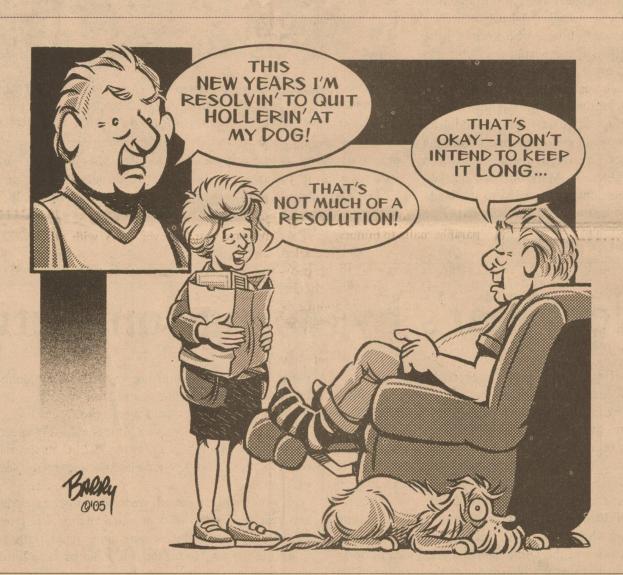
Well, needless to say, we stayed and we were the ones who received the blessing.

The food was better than good, it was outstanding. Turkey, ham and venison with just about every side dish you can imagine. Then there was the desert table. Suffice it to say that the meal was fit for a king.

Following a prayer where everyone, friends, family and travelers stood and joined hands to offer thanks, we proceeded in a long line through the kitchen where we served ourself cafeteria-style.

I made sure to stop by our hosts' table on our way out to express our gratitude. Once outside we bumped into a family from Nebraska, travelers like ourselves who were speechless about the experience.

Kerrville is a great town, filled with great restaurants suited to any taste imaginable. But the very next time I pass through I'm stopping at Cowboy Steakhouse and I encourage you to do the same. It's located at 416 Main Street near downtown Kerrville. Tell them the bald-headed newspaper man who ate way too much turkey & dressing told you to stop by. You won't be disappointed.



Riding in the Cherokee Hills

The images of red, orange and gold flashed by as I drove between Rusk and Palestine. It was late afternoon and I was headed into the sun. The trees were backlit and provided dramatic autumn visions. The reds of the sumac and sweet gum stood out as sunbeams focused on their flaming crimson leaves. It's like some unseen force turned spotlights on main characters in a drama. The reds certainly took center stage on this trip.

The black highway, with its yellow stripes and white lines, created a formal pattern as it curved between the borders of the dense, wild forest. The strobe-like effect of sunlight streaming in and out of the trees as I sped by almost made me dizzy.

I saw fall colors I don't think I've ever seen before. One fascinating tree had leaves the color of apricot. The Chinese Tallows were both red and gold. Cypress was orange. Sassafras was red. Hickory was gold. All the bright colors paraded before walls of deep dark green longleaf pine.

The timing of my trip to East Texas was perfect. It was before the first freeze. It was warm and light



winds hadn't bothered the leaves, so they stayed on the trees longer than usual and gave us something to look at and appreciate.

The richness of the East Texas fall was even more in evidence the next morning when I drove from Rusk to Alto. Although I was traveling in the opposite direction from the day before, I was again driving into the sun. I passed dead man's curve and saw more colors, this time on white and red oaks, sugar maple and a few chinaberry trees. In the early morning light, another compelling element was added: the misty, light fog. The wispy clouds of moisture moved slowly through the trees and across cleared land, then evaporated as the sun climbed higher in the sky.

There was little traffic on the small highways I took. I felt lucky to be there at the time, and

a little selfish, because really the highways should have been full of people who appreciate fall scenery. It was spectacular this year. From late October until after Thanksgiving, the east Texas woods are bursting with autumn delights, reaching peak usually in early November. The bright sun brings out the colors, especially when you drive toward the sun while it is making its slow descent to the distant horizon. Fall is invigorating anyway. The cool weather makes you realize summer is gone and football season is here. This year, Texans didn't have to travel north or east to see fall color.

Fall in East Texas also means festival time. At the Pecan Fest in Alto, the streets were lined with vendors selling everything from Elvis t-shirts to homemade root beer. Competition for pecan pies, cakes and candy was fierce. The pecan is an important part of life in Cherokee county, so the city of Alto decided to honor it with a festival. This was the second year for it and it was more than twice as big as last year.

We live in a beautiful, fun state.

Open gov't, Internet posting laws go into effect Jan. 1

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Most of the new laws passed by the Texas Legislature last session went into effect Sept. 1, but a dozen or so will take effect Jan. 1.

Two of those new laws stand out because of their

educational and civic nature.

The first

The first
— written and
carried through
the legislative
process as S.B.
286 by Sen. Jeff
Wentworth, RSan Antonio



— requires local, regional and statewide elected and appointed office holders, and certain others who handle citizen requests for public information, to take at least two hours of open government training.

Officials in office before Jan. 1 will have one year to complete the required training. Officials who are elected or appointed after Jan. 1 will have only 90 days to complete the required training, according to Attorney General Greg Abbott.

The training consists of a one-hour course on the Texas Open Meeting! Act and a one-hour course on the Texas Public Information Act.

Public access to the training videos is available online at www.oag.state. tx.us.

Internet posting requirement

Also effective Jan. 1, a new lawill heighten public awareness of an access to the political process via the Internet.

S.B. 1133 by Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, requires governmental bodies to post notice of open meetings on their official Web sites (if they have one).

The law also requires the posting of a complete meeting agenda, along with the meeting notice.

Governmental bodies that must comply include:

- Economic development corporations:
 - Municipalities;
 - Counties;
 - School districts; and
- Junior colleges or junior college districts.

 In 2005 and pravious years, gave

In 2005 and previous years, governmental bodies were required to post notices of their open meetings in a place convenient to the public, which was interpreted as attaching a sheet of paper to a bulletin board, an office window or a courthouse door. Now the Internet must be considered "a plac convenient to the public."

High-speed Internet to spread

Many more Texans will become much more aware of the Legislature successful effort to deregulate the communications industry in 2005 with the advent of broadband over power lines, or simply, "BPL" in 2006.

Energy company TXU and CUR

RENT Communications announce plans to make "broadband" available to some 2 million residents and bus nesses in or near the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

For voice, video and high-speed Internet access via existing powerlines subscribers will use a special adapte that plugs into a standard electrical outlet. Transmission speeds are said to be much faster than through fiber optics cable.

BPL is expected to compete with other industries offering a conduit for communications, news and entertainment.

TXU Electric Delivery and CUR-RENT expect to begin deploying the BPL network in the coming year.

Tobacco pact aimed at kids

Filling station/convenience store operating in Texas under the Conocc

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OBITUARIES

James T. Kerr

James T. Kerr, formerly of Eldorado passed away Dec, 26, Mary, daughter Sheila, son-in -law 2005 in Coto de Caza, Calif.

by parents Bud & Pearl Kerr of and brother Louis of Abilene. Eldorado and brother Granville Kerr of San Antonio.

He is survived by loving wife Claude Ames, son, Randy Kerr of He was preceded in death Calif., granddaughter Lauren Ames

> Memorials may be sent to the Altzhimers foundation.

Woman's Club News

Noweita Briggs

lead us in pledges to our flags.

with "What is Your Santa Wish?" jims, thankfulness for our many time was had by everyone. Freedoms, wishes for personal and happy holidays season.

President Roden next called on so given. Linda Spence told us she had contacted our Angel Tree afts. We closed the business part New Year! of our meeting by reciting our Club Collect. Mary Roden then said we would open the party time for our special December meeting by en-



joying the delicious refreshments The Eldorado Woman's Club that were prepared by our Hospimet Tuesday, December 13, 2005 tality Committee and several other at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. members. The refreshment table Club room. Theme for our meeting was decorated with wonderful was "Party Time." President Mary holiday appointments. Afterwards Roden opened our meeting with a our program was exchanging warm welcome to members and Christmas Ornaments. Everyone guests. Myrt Williams next gave had a great time. Some of the ora prayer and Lauren McCutcheon naments some members thought extra special were hard to pass on President Roden reminded us to the next number holder, who of our upcoming Bake Sale which had the choice of either choosing would begin at 8:00 a.m. at the a new package or taking the orna-Museum Bldg. on Friday, Decem- ment from someone who had made ber 16, 2005. She then welcomed their choice previously. The F.B.I. Jean Ann Karn as a new member would have been proud of how a of our club. Roll call was answered room full of "sweet ladies" could be so crafty when trying to hold Some wishes were for Peace on on to the ornaments they chose Earth, prayers for hurricane vic- and didn't want to give up. A great

We were glad that Mary Roden health and happiness, prayers for is making excellent progress after our troops in harms way, and a safe her stroke and pray she will continue improving.

Our next meeting will be Tues-Secretary Dorothy Harris for her day, January 10, 2006 at 2:30 ort and a treasures report was p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club

We hope everyone had a Merry hildren and they had received our Christmas and wish all a Happy

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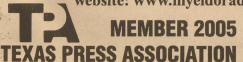
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Airman Hannah A. Robledo

Robledo has graduated from basic training in human relations. military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Force mission, organization, and Air Force. military customs and courtesies; marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field Eldorado, Texas.

Air Force Airman Hannah A. training exercises, and special

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits to-During the six weeks of train- ward an associate degree through ing, the airman studied the Air the Community College of the

She is the daughter of David performed drill and ceremony Robledo of Park Lane, and Sandra Robledo of Del Rio St., both of

Angelo State University lists fall graduates

2005 in San Angelo, Texas.

Three Eldorado women earned laude.

Angelo State University con- Bachelor of Science Nursing ferred degrees upon 308 students degrees. Included among those during 2005 Fall commencement were Beverlee Ann Williams, exercises Saturday, December 17, Lindsay Nicole Beach cum laude, and Tabitha N. Lloyd summa cum

Capital Highlights...

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Phillips 66 and "76" trademarks Texans who try to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products.

ConocoPhillips reached a court agreement with Texas and 39 other states to stop marketing nia and Bechtel National Inc. The and selling tobacco products and contract was worth an estimated \$2 paraphernalia to minors.

in the agreement are employee training, compliance checks, warning signs and the adoption of methods to prevent the use of fake identification cards.

Attorney General Abbott has worked Texas into similar agreements with 7-Eleven, Wal-Mart, BP Amoco, Walgreens and Exxon

BIRTHDAY LIST

December

30th Chandra Wanoreck, Mary Farmer, Briley Ledbetter, Lori Jones, Elmer Garlitz, Holly Ford,

31st Gabriel Avila, Garrett Bownds, Lance Jones, Christy Robinson, Jack Dean, Larry Hamilton

1st John Mack Redish, Rosalio Rocha, Donnie Overstreet, Dexter Jay, Emily Newman, Tico Robles, M.H. Woodward

2nd Nadia L. Santellano, Savannah Reynolds, Samantha Vick 3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth

Phillips, John-Michael Parker, Jody Martinez, Maribel Villavicencio, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Dianna Goodrum, Joel Martinez 4th Amber Hamilton, Dena

5th Zack Koenig, M'Kenna Gillespie, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar, Trey

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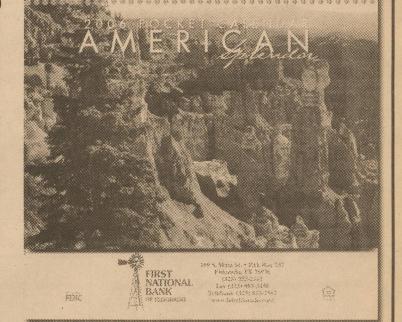
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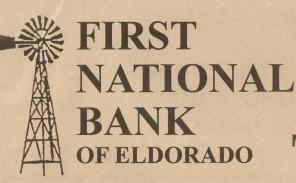
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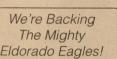


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Wall

Lady Eagles fall to 0-3 in District 2-2A play

come out on top against the Hawks cember 19th. in the second district game of the

However the Eldorado girls, Cowgirls losing 70-25. who had lost their district opener to Sonora 49-47, found it tough going again for the Eagles with 7 points. against the Hawks losing 74-20.

match the Lady Hawks 22 point Wanoreck had 4. fourth quarter the Lady Eagles went to 0-2 in district play.

effort for the Eagles with 7 points, six of which came in the third scoring for the Lady Eagles with

Cassandra Buitron was next 5, and Maxie Holley with 2.

Mason in what was scheduled Tuesday at 6:30.

The Lady Eagles headed into to be a Tuesday night game. The Wall on December 16th looking to game was moved to Monday, De-

The Lady Eagles' record fell to 0-3 in district play against the

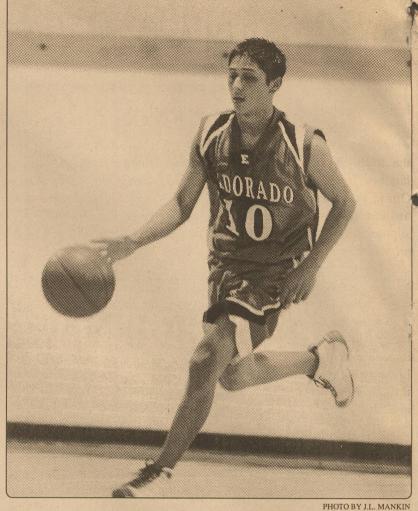
Taylor Baker led the scoring once

Karina Sanchez managed Failing to find any points to 6 on the night, while Chandra

Chelsey Hill scored on a three pointer, and both Cassandra Buit-Taylor Baker led the scoring ron and Haley Higgins scored 2.

> Maxie Holley rounded out the a free throw.

The Lady Eagles will see their in line with 6 points on the night. next action this week in the Big Chandra Wanoreck finished with Lake tournament. They will then travel to Big Lake to take on the The Lady Eagles then faced Lady Owls in district play next



Junior Varsity Eagle Manny Gonzalez scored 13 points against Eden during Eldorado's JV Tournament on December 1, 2005 The Eagles fell to the Bulldogs 26-36.

Warbirds move into their district schedule

Rio 65-52 in their last game before off of three pointers. their district opener on Friday, December 16.

high of 16 points in the contest. Ballew with 2 points. Nine of his 16 came off of three pointers.

Jeremy Ussery followed behind Bosmans with 8, Russell Cathey and Sammy Estrada and Michael against the Owls. Ballew all had 3.

The Warbirds then opened their district campaign against the Mason Punchers, losing 62-49.

Drew Bosmans led the team

The Eldorado boys fell to Del with 22 points, 12 of them came

Mata and Frank Wipff both scored 6. Sanchez had 5, Cathey Drew Bosmans scored a team had 4, and Redish, Estrada, and

The boys will head to Reagan County this weekend for the Reagan County Tournament.

The Warbirds will then head managed 7, Jorge Bustos, Lalo back to Big Lake the following Sanchez and Jorge Mata all had 5, Tuesday to continue district play



School Lunch Menu

Milk & Bread Offered

Menus Subject To Change

1/2 pt.Milk & 4 oz.

Juice offered w/each

BREAKFAST MENU

Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal,

Biscuit/Sausage, Peaches, Choice |

French Toast Stix, Syrup, Pears, I

Donuts, Cheese Stix's, Pears,

BASKET LINE

Pizza, Tossed Salad, Veggie Stix's,

Taco Rolls, Fries, Fresh Broccoli

Chicken Strips, Half Baked Potato, Pear Halves, Tossed Salad, Rice

Hamburgers, Chips, Burger Salad,

CAFETERIA LINE

Hamburger Steak, Gravy, Green I Beans, Creamed Potatos, Hot Rolls,

Corn Dogs, Fritos, Sliced Peaches,

Crispy Tacos, Cheese Cups,

Mexican Corn, Lettuce & Tomato

Hamburgers, Chips, Burger Salad,

w/Ranch Dip, Cowboy Cookies

Monday, January 2

Tuesday, January 3

Choice of Juice, Milk

of Juice, Jelly, Milk

Thursday, January 5

Choice of Juice, Milk Friday, January 6

Choice of Juice, Milk

Monday, January 2 Schoool's Out

Tuesday, January 3

Dip, Pineapple Tidbits

Thursday, January 5

Krispie Treats Friday, January 6

Pickles, Apples

Schoool's Out Tuesday, January 3

Pineapple Tidbits

Cowboy Cookies

Friday, January 6

Pickles, Apples

Wednesday, January 4

Thursday, January 5

Salad, Rice Krispie Treats

Monday, January 2

Wednesday, January 4

Wednesday, January 4

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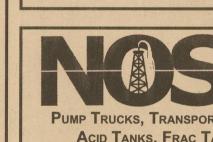
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With Congress finishing its legislative business for the year, it is a good time to look back at what has been accomplished since the 109th Congress convened in January. It was a challenging year. Our troops in Iraq and elsewhere around the globe needed our support as they fought the war on terror. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita brought devastation to our Gulf Coast. Our country's economy and finances needed attention. And it was important to look to long-term improvements in our nation's energy policy and highway system, as well as making some overdue reforms to our

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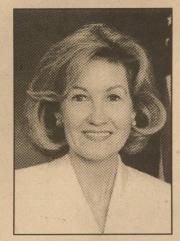
USDA-NRCS accepting

tion Service office in Eldorado brush management goal.

EQIP applications for 2006

Natural Resources Conserva- be cost-shared to obtain your

Incentives Program (EQIP) ap- additional funding through EQIP



Commentary by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

gress approved funding that will be available to reimburse Texas the energy bill will help keep the possible. We appropriated funds for its hurricane-related expendi- price of fuel down by promoting to provide our troops with the tures. Spending was reduced in domestic development of oil and other federal programs in order to gas reserves. It also encourages responsible manner.

defeating the terrorists' assault on high priorities, we worked to put natural resources. the federal budget in order. As We also worked to take care of a result of the economic growth dramatic legal reform. We passed our veterans at home, providing generated by previous tax cuts, we class action reform to help end an additional \$1.5 billion to the were fortunate to have brought in the culture of frivolous lawsuits Department of Veterans Affairs. record levels of revenue. We used which has cost American workers, This extra money was necessary that money to pay for much of the businesses and families millions of to provide for the health care nation's emergency spending and dollars each year. The legal strucneeds of veterans of past wars then turned our attention to elimiture for class action previously and those returning from Iraq and nating wasteful spending and re- encouraged lawyers to sue even in Then we turned to recovering expenditures. At year's end, the merit and would bring almost no from the damage done by Hurri- House of Representatives and the benefit to their clients. Some lawcanes Katrina and Rita. I was so Senate had passed legislation that yers were taking advantage of the proud of my fellow Texans who would reduce projected spending system and consumers ultimately

ernments will be reimbursed for businesses band together when trepreneurship and innovation, the expenses they incurred while purchasing health insurance for providing for evacuees' shelter, their employees, giving them the change to the nation's legal system health care, and education, and to same purchasing power advantage was placing a great leader at its assure that communities affected as larger businesses. This will help helm. By confirming Chief Justice by Hurricane Rita receive the them provide health care to more John Roberts we have found a brilfederal assistance so desperately employees at an affordable cost. liant and wise judge who will keep This bill is pending for next year. our highest court firmly grounded

Preparing for the future also means developing our transportation system, and Congress passed a landmark transportation bill. This bill will fund construction designed to ease congestion on the roads, create a substantial number of jobs and increase safety on our highways. The bill provides more than \$14 billion dollars for Texas over the next five years.

Last July, we passed the first national energy plan in a generation. As our Texas farmers know, when you plan for the future, you can't just plant one type of crop. The new energy law focuses on applying new technologies to wind energy, solar power, ethanol and hydrogen fuel cells to reduce As the session concluded, Con- oil consumption and protect the environment. At the same time, provide this assistance in a fiscally the design and deployment of clean coal technologies, taking advan-While taking care of these tage of one of our most abundant

Congress moved forward with ducing the rate of growth in federal cases where the lawsuit had little paid the price because businesses We looked to the future in were forced to include the potential passion, taking in people in need health care. The biggest im- cost of such legal judgments in the and giving substantial sums of provement in health care will be price of their goods and services. their hard earned money to help increasing the number of people With class action reform, Congress others get back on their feet. In covered by health insurance. I has restored a measure of sanity to Congress, I took the initiative to support association health care the legal system and helped fosterensure that our state and local gov- legislation that will help small a climate that will encourage en-

Perhaps our most important in the Constitution for decades to come. The new chief justice impressed numerous Senators on both sides of the political aisle, and our nation is fortunate to have him upholding the rule of law for the foreseeable future.

Though much was accomplished in the first half of the 109th Congress, much remains to be done in the session that lies ahead. Immigration reform, tax relief and, of course, continued efforts to strengthen our national security will be top priorities in the New Year.

plications through February 17. to provide technical and cost-share The EQIP program is a cost-share assistance for Special Resource incentive program available to Concern Areas. Over \$800,000 is landowners and operators for the available to carry out conservapurpose of carrying out conserva- tion practices within the South tion practices on their land.

Schleicher County also receives

Concho and Spring and Dove Each county within the state Creek Watersheds. Brush control, receives a base allocation of fed-fencing, livestock pipelines, water eral dollars starting at \$134,000. storages and wells are just some of This money will be used as cost- the conservation practices that can share incentives to implement cost-shared within these special

Cost-share rates are set at 50% cost-shared 71 contracts for over of an average cost. The local NRCS employees will review the This year's priority concern, as application and ranking procedure identified by the Program Develop- with you and explain the program ment Group, is brush management. in more detail.

Cedar, mesquite and pricklypear For more information, you can are the identified high priority come by the office at 510 S. Divide target species. Chemical and/or in Eldorado or call 325-853-3535 mechanical control methods can Ext. 3.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, January 2 Beef Tips, Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit cup w/ Strawberries & Banana, Lemon

Meringue Pie, Milk Tuesday, January 3

Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, January 4

Ground Beef Steak, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn w/ Peppers, Hot Dinner Rolls, Carrot Salad, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, January 5

Veg. Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/ Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Friday, January 6 Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/ Fruit, Milk

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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16. "Uh-uh" 17. Relevant example 62. One in a book

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57. Attendance figs. often 58. Actor _ Julia 60. Iowa State city

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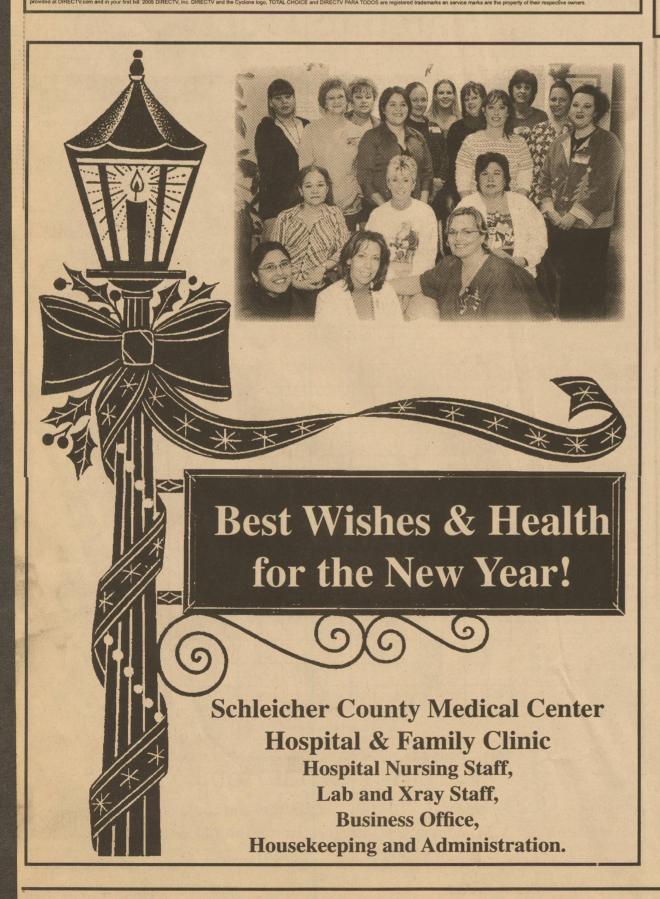
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51st District Court action reported

On Tuesday, December 27, 2005, District Judge Barbara Walter held District Court.

In a speedy trail, Sheryl Mae Denton, female age 42, of Belton, Texas, agreed to enter into an intervention program and was given 1 year probation. Denton was indicted by a Schleicher County Grand Jury on March 30, 2005 for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine.)

Grand Jury Indictments

On December 5, 2005, the Schleicher County Grand Jury met and handed down 6 indictments. A number of indictments were not made public by authorities and will be withheld until the subjects involved are arrested or are served with papers.

Among the indictments released to the public were:

Eldorado, male age 52. Injury To bodily injury, family violence.

A Child With Intent Bodily Injury, Third Degree Felony.

· Paulino Ireta Alfaro of Loraine. Texas, male age 53. Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More. Third Degree. Alfaro has two prior convictions involving operating a mote vehicle while intoxicated.

· Ramiro Buitron Jr. of Eldorad male age 18. Assault on Fam Member/Enhanced. Third Deg Felony. Buitron, Jr. has one price • William Scott Morehouse of conviction involving assault cause



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

ARRESTS

December 21 • Tarbet, Scott Edward, male age 46, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant. Released on \$1,000.00

· Colling, Evan Douglas, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

December 22 • Martinez, Jose Alfredo, male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI.

· Babb, Otis Layne, male age 22, arresting officer SC deputy, of-

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fense Felony Possession of Firearm,

December 23 • Abrego, Jesus Padron, male age 27, arresting officer SC deputy, offense. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond, Concho

age 36, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI. Released on erty. \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

Arturo, male age 17, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication and Minor in Consumption of Alcohol. Released on Time Served.

· Cooke, Michael Bruce, male age 53, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense DWI 1st. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

· Diaz, Naomi Ann, female age 27, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

December 26 • Robles, Ismael Perez, male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DW no DL.

INCIDENTS

December 19 • 4:06 p.m. Caller called and advised of a black Toyota pickup. Southbound on Hwy 277 5 miles north of Eldorado. Caller unable to give additional information. Office

to an unconscious, unresponsive responded. female subject possibly due to diabetic episode. Officer responded and dispatched EMS.

• 8:27 p.m. Caller advised of panic alarm was alarming Duckwall's. Officer notified was in route contacted management. Officer was advised that the alarm was activated by her

child. This is one of many incidents that have occurred by same subject. filed a complaint.

10:46 p.m. Complainant called

occurred at a relatives residence. Suspect vehicle is a white Ford pickup, complainant drove back to residence and is awaiting for the deputy to arrive. Office responded

December 21 • 8:32 p.m. Deputy made a security check at Pave Paws · Martinez, Jose Cervatez, male and advised of additional damages made to the northwest side of prop

• 10:59 p.m. Complainant reported December 25 • Nava, Jesus a male subject broke into her home on Dixie Drive. Officers responded.

December 22 · 8:07 a.m. Complainant reported a possible vehicle accident. Officer responded. Contacted owner and she advised she had hit a deer.

· 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a lost cellphone. Estimated value \$200.00.

· 6:37 p.m. Complainant reported a large dog at front porch. Officer responded and animal control re-

• 11:14 p.m. Complainant reported prowlers. Officer responded.

• 11:29 p.m. Complainant reported having domestic problems with sorn at the Eldorado Place Apt. Officer responded.

December 23 · 9:39 a.m. Complainant requested her house be put on house watch.

 2:08 a.m. Complainant reported • 7:03 p.m. Caller requested an a suspicious person at her neighambulance to E Street in response bors house on Cottonwood. Officer

 4:02 p.m. Sutton County advised a white pickup headed to San Angelo, to the ER. All units clear on traffic.

December 24 · 3:00 a.m. Complainant reported a robbery in prodress. When asked to give additional information, caller hung up. Repeatedly tried to call back there was not an answer. Called residence • 8:39 p.m. Complainant advised of where the possible robbery was that her child was injured by an older occurring and reported everything

• 5:21 a.m. Complainant reported Complainant spoke with officer and a couple arguing and fighting in the middle of the street on Main Street. Officer responded.

 5:56 a.m. Complainant reported 2-3 male subjects holding a girl against her will and taking photographs of her. Office responded.

• 8:06 a.m. Complainant re quested his house be put on house

• 1:54 p.m. Complainant requested some assistance from an officer with her lifeline. Officer responded.

 4:03 p.m. Complainant advised that traffic light was malfunctioning. Contacted TxDOT and also notified office to responded post traffic stop assist. TxDOT advised that traffic light was operating.

 4:29 p.m. Caller advised alor with numerous other callers that a structure fire had been located. Officers were primarily notified along with EVFD and counties of Sutton and Irion to assist with structure an grass fire. Fire whistle was activated to notify additional firemen

December 25 · 2:15 a.m. Com plainant reported her aunt was having an attack of some kind and requested an ambulance.

· 2:16 a.m. Complainants reported that her aunt and uncle were having problems with her cousin and would like to speak to an officer. Officer

· 3:33 p.m. Caller advised that traffic light was malfunctioning and not changing normally. TxDOT notified an employee looked at box to try an d discover malfunction.

December 26 • 10:05 a.m. Reported a possible theft of a horse trailer. Office responded

· 2:56 p.m. Complainant reported that he was to have custody of his son for one week prior to the New Year, Mother of his son stated that the child was out of the state in Oklahoma with a friend. Complainant was unable to have visitation with son.

· 3:13 p.m. Complainant requested

to speak to an officer because one of her employees was being harasse Officer responded.

December 27 • 9:23 a.m. Re ported a possible break-in. Officer r sponded to burglary of building iten taken TV/VCR combo and cash.



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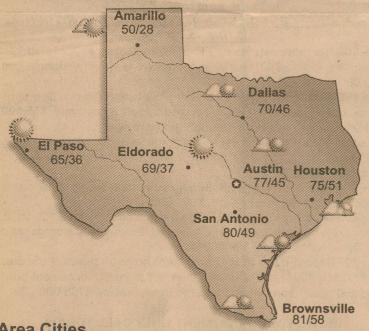
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Amarillo	50	28	mst sunny
Austin	77	45	pt sunny
Beaumont	72	52	cloudy
Brownsville	81	58	pt sunny
Brownwood	73	40	sunny
Corpus Christi	77	55	pt sunny
Corsicana	73	46	pt sunny
Dallas	70	46	pt sunny
Del Rio	75	44	pt sunny
El Paso	65	36	sunny
Fort Stockton	69	44	sunny
Gainesville	67	40	pt sunny
Greenville	68	42	pt sunny
Houston	75	51	cloudy

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City			Cond.					
Atlanta	57	39	pt sunny					
Boston	45	30	rain					
Chicago			rain					
Dallas	70	46	pt sunny					
Denver	44	28	pt sunny					
Houston	75	51	cloudy					
Los Angeles	64	54	pt sunny					
Miami			sunny					

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New York	50	34	pt sunny
Phoenix	70	46	pt sunny
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Locals share their New Year's wishes

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I predict prices of fruit will go up due to weather. We will have a late freeze. Juan Chavez



I resolve to buy myself a truck. Loida Almazan



resolve to spend more time reading the Bible. Dorothy Dacy

I resolve to quit smoking. Luticia Nixon

I resolve to get rid of Angie Bownds



I predict the economy will get

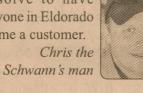
Sylvia Belman



My New Year's wish is for better health, peace on earth and lots of and the nurses at the nursing home.

George Arispe

I resolve to have everyone in Eldorado become a customer. Chris the



Solution to puzzle on Page 5

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County Commissioner meeting held

Commissioners court met briefly Wednesday December 21, 2005. All commissioners were present.

tenance man Mark Franke investigated the air conditioning situation at the Schleicher County Jail. After looking at the units and discussing different options with a air con-

recommended to the court the (2) 10 tons units be refurbished at a substantial savings. The jail air conditioning units are Schleicher County's main- over 20 years old. New units were going to cost the county over \$30,000.00.

The court moved on to discussing placing new guard rails around the Civic Center buildings. The court instructed

The Schleicher County ditioning repairman, Franke Franke to proceed with instal ing the guard rails.

Judge Johnny Griffin the brought up the use of tin. clocks by county employees The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of use the time clocks and decided to continue the county's policy of using the clocks.

The court adjourned for a talk Christmas lunch.



love for our dispatchers Eldorado volunteer firefighters Wade Shirley, Michael Jenkins and Jerry Felver (driving) quickly doused the flames of a grass fire Tuesday afternoon on the Mabel Freitag ranch southeast o Eldorado. Dry conditions have kept firefighters on their toes here and Schleicher County as wei as across the state.

Wildfires erupt statewide

Firefighters run ragged — winds continue to fan flames

Firefighters battled blazes departments battled many other burn readily, with fast-moving across the state over the Christmas blazes without state assistance grass fires likely during wind holiday. These weekend wildfires during the period, but accurate conditions. claimed homes and other struc- numbers and damage estimates for tures, forced an evacuation of part these fires aren't readily available. low humidity and extremely dr of the city of Hamilton, resulted in Regional fire coordinators with the fuels combined to set the stage fo

mary culprit in the fire outbreak. ers warn that dangerous weather risk assessment coordinator with During the period from Decem- conditions are likely to continue the Texas Forest Service. Fuels reber 23-26, Texas Forest Service for some time. A Red Flag Warn- main critically dry across much of crews responded to 136 wildfires ing, the highest fire danger alert the state and conditions don't look that burned an estimated 11,669 issued by the National Weather likely to improve for some time. acres, with some fires still not Service, was in effect for most of fully contained Tuesday morning. north Texas Tuesday. Even with- from a fire-wise standpoint than it The largest of the weekend blazes out the windy weather, though, was back in February 1996 when was the 3,000-acre XO Ranch Fire officials warn that extremely dry a major wildfire siege erupted in in Palo Pinto County. Local fire vegetation will ignite easily and Texas," declared Spencer. Fuels

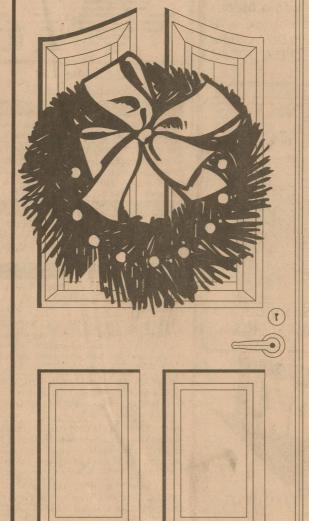
The combination of high win a serious injury to a firefighter re- Texas Forest Service reported that dangerous wildfires, and careless sponding to a wildfire, and charred many departments made multiple ness with outdoor fire use provided thousands of acres. Carelessness runs each day over the weekend. the sparks that ignited many of the with outdoor burning was the pri- State fire risk assessment lead- blazes, said Tom Spencer, state fire

"Texas is in worse shape now are drier and drought indices are much higher across most of the state than in 1996, when the fir large-scale mobilization of our of-state firefighting resources in relatively recent history occurred. An indication of current severity, particularly in north Texas, is Dallas County, which is experiencing the fifth driest year in recorded history. By contrast, in 1996, Dallas County had only its 56th driest year." The fire risk coordinator noted

that out-of-state resources are once again being mobilized to the state to bolster the state's firefighting arsenal. Personnel and equipment from Wisconsin and Tennessee are on their way to Texas, and ad ditional firefighting help is being requested.

"Public cooperation is despi ately needed to prevent addition wildfires and associated destri tion from occurring," stated Spe cer. "Already, firefighters hav been injured or killed while sponding to wildfires, and home vehicles and natural resources have also been lost to the flame. of wildfires."

Most wildfires during the recent spurt were caused by car less debris burning, but unsa fireworks use, equipment spark and improper disposal of smoking materials contributed to the total according to Spencer.



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