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SCISD maintenance director John Kotsch was busy calling for help with repairs Saturday as school personnel came to grips with damage that burglars/vandals wreaked on three school campuses.

## Burglars hit school

### All 3 campuses vandalized, Kent's Automotive robbed, too

An Eldorado man was in custody Tuesday and warrants had been issued for several others as local authorities worked to solve a string of burglaries and vandalism at the school, an attempted break-in of Dr. Sessom's dentist office, and a burglary and theft at Kent's Automotive.

Armando Moreno, 18, was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charged with three counts of burglary of a building and one count of burglary of a habitation.

Chief Deputy George Arispe told the Success that he expects to make more arrests in the next few days. He said that information developed during the investigation implicates some of the subjects with other previously unsolved burglaries, including one at the school's Ag building and another at the home of Delmer Jackson.

The break-in at the school was discovered early Saturday morning by teacher Angela Case as she arrived for "Saturday School."

The investigation of the high school burglary quickly grew to include the elementary, middle school and cafeteria Deputy Jason Chatham and school officials went from building to building documenting the damage.

In the high school building, the culprits kicked in the door to Principal Bob Wanoreck's private office and attempted to break the glass on the door leading from the hallway into the high school office. Glass was broken on the door to Mrs. McCravy's Food Science & Nutrition classroom and soft drink vending machines were damaged.

In the elementary school, a pencil vending machine was used to break the glass on the door leading into the campus office. Glass was shattered in the window between the campus office and the private office of Principal Maela Edmonson. A large safe was pulled over into the floor in a storage room but remained locked despite much dam-

age that was inflicted to the vault with a hammer found nearby.

A window was broken in a doorway leading to the cafeteria allowing the thieves to reach through and remove a device that prevented the door handle from being depressed. Once inside the cafeteria, the suspects forced open the cash drawer at the serving line.

The Middle School campus was hit, too. A pencil vending machine was used to batter in the window to the campus office. The window leading into Principal Kara Sue Garlitz's office was also shattered.

Authorities aren't saying exactly how much money or property was taken from the school, possibly because school officials are still checking to see what is missing.

A separate burglary at Kent's Automotive on North Divide Street is believed to have been carried out near the same time as the school break-in. However it was not discovered until the following day. Authorities report that as much as \$600 was taken in that incident.

Sheriff David Doran told the Success Tuesday that information uncovered by his deputies at the school and at Kent's Automotive pointed them toward a couple of suspects. "It's just good police work," Doran said. "You just keep digging and asking questions. Sometimes it takes a while, like in the case of the Jackson burglary or the one at the school's Ag Building, but sooner or later hard work pays off."

Doran explained that a firearm taken by burglars from the Delmer Jackson residence during an earlier break-in has been recovered, linking one or more of the school burglary suspects to that crime.

The Sheriff was quick to point out, however, that the investigation continues and urged anyone with information about any of the cases to contact his office at 325-853-2737. "We can always use more information," Doran said. "Information is a good thing."

## Mexican drug enforcement agent caught here with 6 lbs "crystal" methamphetamine

Lilia Manuela Castaneda Villarreal, 23, a drug enforcement agent with the Mexican federal government, was arrested here Saturday, January 28, 2006, after she was found to be in possession of six pounds of "crystal methamphetamine," valued in excess of \$600,000.00.

Ms. Castaneda Villarreal, and a traveling companion, Jezabel Ramirez, 29, were stopped by DPS Trooper Danny Nunez near the stoplight at the intersection on U.S. 277 and F.M. 915 in downtown Eldorado. There were reportedly two children in the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop.

The women were headed northbound in a late model white Ford Expedition before being pulled over by Nunez. The trooper called for backup from Schleicher County officers who were literally able to walk out the front door of the Sheriff's office to assist with the arrest after he discovered the drugs.

Castaneda Villarreal and Ramirez were booked into the Schleicher County

Jail and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver. The women were later taken into custody by U.S. Customs Agent Ray Gutierrez and were subsequently transferred to the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service in Lubbock.

The Zocalo newspaper in Ciudad Acuna reported Tuesday that Ms. Castaneda Villarreal was one of the first female drug enforcement officers to work with the Mexican federal police. The report noted that an investigation has commenced within her division to determine if any other federal officers were involved. It was explained that Ms. Castaneda Villarreal was on her day off when she was apprehended in Eldorado.

The Zocalo went on to report that Mexican police in Ciudad Acuna have found themselves in "the eye of the hurricane" in recent days after three of its members failed drug tests and a division undersecretary wrecked his pickup truck

into two state police cars after running two red lights.

Castaneda Villarreal's arrest also comes at a time when border tensions between the United States and Mexico are on the rise following a series of incursions onto U.S. soil by heavily armed men believed to be from rogue units of the Mexican military, or perhaps drug runners posing as military personnel.

Both Ms. Castaneda Villarreal and Ms. Ramirez remain in custody in Lubbock where they face criminal prosecution. Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Pierce is in charge of the case.

## Feds want FLDS members to testify

The Success reported on January 19th that FBI agents served grand jury subpoenas in and around Colorado City, Arizona, the stronghold of the FLDS church, shortly before raising the reward for the church's fugitive prophet from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

Thanks in part to a report by Phoenix New Times reporter John Dougherty, and in part to sources inside Colorado City, the Success has learned that six FBI agents appeared at the Leroy S. Johnson Meeting Hall on Saturday, January 14, hoping to find a number of Jeffs' followers gathered for a regular Saturday work meeting. What they found, however, was a meeting hall packed with FLDS faithful who had gathered there for a church-related service.

When the federal agents announced

that they had subpoenas to serve the crowd reportedly got up and left through several doors, leaving the lawmen holding most of the 66 subpoenas they had hoped to serve.

It is believed that information developed by federal and state authorities following a traffic stop of Warren Jeffs' brother Seth Jeffs, prompted the issuance of the grand jury probe and the issuance of subpoenas. It is also believed that some of the persons the FBI still wants to serve with subpoenas are now at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

Local, state and federal authorities met last week in Utah to compare notes and coordinate their efforts to apprehend Warren Jeffs. Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe travelled to Utah for that meeting.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Edward R. Griswold, 43, of San Angelo was taken to Schleicher County Medical Center Friday, January 27, 2006, following this truck rollover on County Road 427. The truck, owned by Tom Thorp Transports of Mertzon was heavily damaged. Deputy Kevin Herbert, who investigated the accident, reports that Griswold fell asleep, causing the truck to leave the roadway and rollover once.

## The Tribal Casino Scandal

Political contributions from Indian tribes soaked in gambling revenues have increased exponentially in recent years, from a mere \$2,000 in 1999 to more than \$7 million in 2004. But the trend has suddenly reversed. Now it's the politicians giving money to tribes, as dozens of pols who happily took dollars from Jack Abramoff-associated tribes hurriedly return the cash or hand it over to charity.

Giving back money is nice. But one wonders: What did these members of Congress think these contributions were for, if not advancing the cause of an Indian gambling industry that has always had a strong whiff of the scam about it? Congress is going to rush to nominally clean itself up in exercises of symbolic self-flagellation, like reducing the lobbyist gift ban from \$50 to \$20, but it won't address the root of the scandal unless it reforms the absurd, inherently corruptible law and practices surrounding the creation of new money-minting Indian casinos.

Congress passed the Indian Gambling Regulatory Act in 1988 basically with the intention of letting tribes run bingo games. Armed with the opening presented by the act and with the fiction of tribal sovereignty, tribes opened casinos that allowed them to undertake the old-fashioned business of buying politicians. The growth of tribal casinos exploded. There are now 400 of them in more than half the states in the country.

"What state governments and Congress don't think about is that if you open the door a crack, because of the tremendous amount of money that legal gambling brings in, there will be entrepreneurs who will push it wide open," I. Nelson Rose of Whittier Law School in Southern California told Congressional Quarterly Weekly. The word "entrepreneurs" is overly generous, since gambling doesn't always attract the most high-minded businessmen.

The Indian casino business is flagrantly detached from its original justification of letting supposedly sovereign nations govern themselves on their own land. Since reservations tend to be in low population areas, there has been a push, called "reservation shopping," to open casinos closer to urban areas. In an extreme example, Wisconsin-based tribes want to build casinos in the Catskills in New York. There are at least 30 proposals for off-reservation casinos around the country, and roughly 200 petitions for new "tribes" to be recognized by the federal government so they can go into the casino business too.

With every new tribe and casino, there is more loot to be poured into politics, if not through Jack Abramoff, through more discreet lobbyists. Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., sent a letter last month to President Bush urging him to order a moratorium on the opening of more tribal casinos. In the meantime, Congress can take up legislation reforming the much-abused 1988 Indian gambling law. This effort, obviously called for on public-policy grounds, has the disadvantage of not having any obscenely moneyed interests behind it.

Members of Congress will probably cluck over the Abramoff scandal, wait for things to cool off and enjoy it when the contribution stream keeps running the way it usually does: from Indian casinos to them.

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## Superbowl give us a look at our sports heroes in action

by Thomas A. Bowden

As half the nation eagerly awaits the kickoff of the Super Bowl, the other half looks on in wonderment at what could be so enthralling about grown men running up and down a field carrying an oblong ball.

Football fans who cannot articulate why they feel such passion for the game may retreat to their television sets feeling a vague sense of guilt that, perhaps, they are wasting their time.

However, no guilt is called for, because watching sports satisfies a vital human need.

The essential value of spectator sports lies in their capacity to illustrate, in a dramatic way, the process of human goal-achievement. They do this by making the process shorter, simpler, and more visually exciting than it is in daily life--and by giving us heroes to admire.

A process of goal-achievement underlies everything that makes our lives richer, from discovering new medicines to learning about computers, from pursuing a career to enjoying friends and family. But success is not automatic--each such endeavor must be started and maintained, often in the face of great obstacles, by an individual's choices. To gather the moral courage to make their own difficult choices each day, people need

inspiration--the spiritual fuel that flows from the sight of another's achievement.

Unfortunately, our culture's traditional sources of inspiration have dried up. Today's movies give us serial killers or self-mocking secret agents, novels feature the pedestrian and the neurotic, and television news programs expose public figures cravenly compromising their ideals. In this value-challenged milieu, sporting events offer us a rare glimpse of heroes at work.

But how can heroic stature arise from a perfectly useless act like carrying a football across a goal line? The answer is that the non-utilitarian nature of sporting goals provides a limited, safe context in which everyone's focus can be on the process of goal-achievement as such, not on the particular nature or value of the goal. Just imagine how the care-free joy of watching a Super Bowl would be crushed if, for example, one learned that a friend's life depended on the outcome.

Spectator sports invite us to take pleasure in our capacity for admiration. Different athletes display different virtues--one performs well under pressure, another shows consistent excellence despite advancing age, a third publicly takes pride in his accomplishments--but each con-

tributes to the vast storehouse of sporting memories that fans draw upon every day, as reminders that difficult goals can be achieved by focused, dedicated effort.

Because physical action is stressed in all spectator sports, some potential fans may be bored by the prospect of watching bodies run around on a playing surface. But in truth, sports--like all human endeavors--have both a mental and physical component, and spectators who learn and follow the intricate strategy behind each play obtain maximum satisfaction from the game.

Sports offer as close to a universal value language as we have left. The sense of brotherhood that sports fans feel makes it possible for complete strangers to find themselves happily discussing the latest exploits (or ruefully noting the recent failures) of their favorite team.

Ultimately, sporting events like football's Super Bowl offer a microcosmic vision of what "real life" could, and should, be like.

In a society that increasingly rewards weakness and failure, sports fans appreciate that each athlete has to earn his way onto the field by proving his superior ability, and that physical and mental handicaps will be recognized for what they are--obstacles to be overcome on

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## Federal hurricane aid falls short

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Despite requests by the governor and other ranking officials, Texas has not received the level of federal financial aid expected in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

And whether the Lone Star State ever will receive adequate help seems to be in question.

In late January, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson said Texas would receive only \$74.5 million.



The statement prompted an outcry from Texas' four top elected officials: "We sought close to \$1 billion. The HUD verbally committed to hundreds of millions of dollars, and instead they gave us little more than the change from their couch cushions," Gov. Perry said, adding that \$74.5 million is less than 10 percent of the hurricane-related costs incurred by Texans.

"Critical repairs to schools, hospitals, universities, electric grids, ports, and water and sewer lines will go unfunded unless HUD revisits this," Perry added.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Texas Senate, and U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Dallas, and John Cornyn, R-San Antonio, joined Perry in expressing disappointment in the federal government's hurricane relief response.

Mississippi and Louisiana bore the brunt of Hurricane Katrina Aug. 29. Rita's eye struck Sabine Pass on the Texas-Louisiana coast and moved to inland counties and parishes on Sept. 24.

### AG chases phone record resellers

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Jan. 26 launched an investigation into allegations that certain Internet sites are selling Texans' personal cell phone records.

"This is a serious breach of personal privacy," Abbott said. "The business of using trickery to obtain consumers' cell phone records amounts to nothing more than the illegal trafficking of private information."

Abbott said online data marketers are charging \$50 to \$200 for obtaining records of specific cell phone calls, usually those made over the previous 30 days, and some companies falsely tell their customers that these records are public information.

### State will cover drug benefit

More than 320,000 Texans qualify for help in paying for prescription drugs under federal Medicare entitlement or through Medicaid, the state health coverage program reimbursed by the federal government.

On Jan. 1 entitled individuals were automatically enrolled in a new federal drug program that in many cases stopped paying for life-sustaining medications.

Medicare officials said the agency expects to fix drug benefit errors, eventually. Gov. Perry on Jan. 25 directed the state Health and Human Services Commission to cover the cost of those medications as a stop-gap measure.

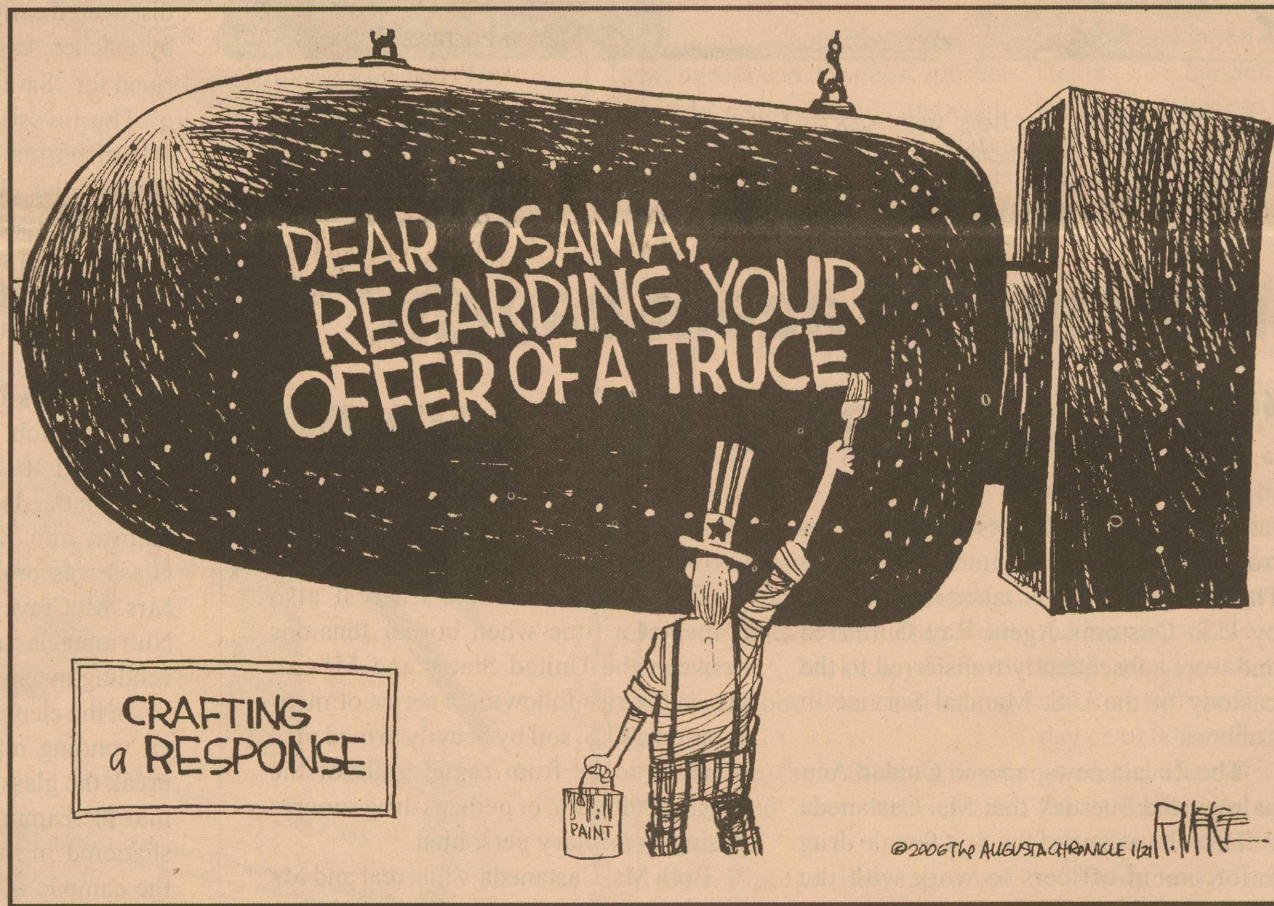
### Agency awards hog study grants

Settlers introduced domestic pigs to Texas more than 200 years ago. Escapes were not uncommon.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said Texas has the dubious distinction of being the feral hog capital of the United States, with up to 2 million wild porkers running loose.

They run in packs, root and wallow. They can be aggressive toward

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## A night at the Hangar Hotel

Some pilot friends told me about the Hangar Hotel at the airport in Fredericksburg. They raved about it, said it was one of the nicest surprises they had ever seen. So on a recent trip to South Texas I made sure I spent a night at the Hangar Hotel.

It looks like a World War Two hangar, but it was built from the ground up just two years ago. It still looks brand new. When you walk into the lobby area, you have the feeling you've stepped into a 1940's officer's barracks. Old radios and telephones are displayed on tables.

The telephones look like they are dial, but they are actually push-button, modern phones.

All rooms have mahogany sleigh beds with high quality king size mattresses. The sheets are made of Egyptian cotton and are ironed daily. The chairs are covered in bomber jacket leather.

The hotel is owned by Richard Estenson, a former NASA engineer who was tired of going to airports that had few if any accommodations for pilots. He has been a developer



by Tumbleweed Smith

since leaving NASA and moved to Fredericksburg to raise his two daughters. He and his family live on a ranch just outside of town. He has enjoyed living in the hill country. He bought an old building in downtown Fredericksburg and turned it into a brewery and restaurant.

About the hotel, Richard says, "I like to do things a little different, things that haven't been done by anyone else. To my knowledge there's nothing that's been done like this."

The 50 room two-story hotel is just a part of Estenson's holdings at the airport. He has also built a diner and conference center. A nightclub with a pacific theme is due to open in the spring.

"Pilots can taxi as close as a

foot away from the diner, hotel or conference center," says Richard. "I've gone to a lot of places to research the shape of the old hangars, and see how they are built. The diner adjacent to us was also researched, primarily in the northeast where diners are quite common. "You don't have to be a pilot to stay there. "Only about 35 percent of the guests fly in. The rest are people who like aviation or enjoy something different or appreciate the quality and luxury that we offer."

From the exterior, it doesn't appear to have the luxury it has."

An officers club off the lobby has a full service bar, fireplace, grand piano, wireless internet, huge TV, pool table and comfortable chairs.

An observation deck allows guests to see planes landing and departing.

The price of a room is about a third of what you would expect to pay.

I'll go back to the Hangar Hotel.

# OBITUARIES

## Audrea Lea Colls



Audrea Lea (Turner) Colls was born June 1, 1919, in Rising Star, Texas to James Arthur and Cordelia Turner. She was one of six siblings. Audrea graduated from high school and attended nursing school in Lubbock, Texas. In 1939, she met and married Herbert Victor Colls. Eventually, Audrea, Herbert and their son, Curtis, moved to Imperial, Texas, where they built a home and farmed there for many years. In the early 1950's, she and her family moved to Coynosa, Texas, where they farmed and raised cattle until their retirement in 1979. During this time, Audrea and Herbert lost their son, but began a new chapter in their lives when five small children, all brothers and sisters, were placed in their foster care. Vickie and Don were blessed to remain with Audrea and Herbert and were adopted by them in 1959. The other children were also placed in permanent homes. Following their retirement, Audrea and Herbert moved to Fort Stockton, lived in New Braunfels and Ingram briefly, then moved

back to Fort Stockton until Herbert's death in 1982. In 1996, Audrea moved with her daughter's family to Eldorado, Texas where she lived until her death. She was a resident of Schleicher County Nursing Home from April 2002 until her death on January 30, 2006.

Audrea Colls was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Coynosa, Texas.

Audrea's many interests included sewing, gardening, canning, cooking and caring for those she loved. In her young adult years, she enjoyed raising horses and barrel racing. Loving her five grandchildren was the highlight of her life. Audrea was "Mamaw" to all of her grandchildren and just about everyone else who knew her.

Audrea was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five siblings, Julius Turner, Jim Turner, Eldon Turner, Opal Myrl Scoville, a baby sister, and her son, Joe Curtis Colls.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Rick Schwiening of Eldorado, Texas, her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Cathy Colls of Dumas, Texas, five grandchildren and grandson-in-laws Darren Morrison and Jess Martin of San Angelo.

Graveside services were held at East Hill Cemetery in Fort Stockton, Texas on Wednesday, February 1st. Memorials may be made to the Schleicher County Nursing Home (Whirlpool Tub Project); 400 W. Murchison; Eldorado, Texas 76936.

Special appreciation is extended to the Schleicher County Nursing Home for their wonderful care and attention for our sweet Mamaw.

## Jesus Garcia, Sr.

ELDORADO - Jesus Garcia Sr., 85, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006. Service was Monday in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Eldorado Cemetery.

Survivors include his sons, Victor Garcia, Jesus Garcia Jr. and Juan Garcia; and daughters Tina Wilson, Romey Pfannenstiel and Tabitha Garcia.

## Mary Mathis Davis

BALLINGER — Mary Mathis Davis of Ballinger passed away Friday morning, Jan. 27, 2006, in San Angelo Community Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.

Family visitation was Saturday, Jan. 28, at Lange Funeral Home. Service was Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger with the Rev. David Williams officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mary was born on July 27, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas, to Tom and Opal Mathis. She married Gene Davis on Jan. 8, 1966. She was a homemaker and a member of the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; a sister, Theresa Ketchum; and brother, Dale Mathis. She is survived by husband, Gene Davis of Ballinger; a daughter, Gena Carter and husband Jeff of Elgin, Texas; and son Terry and wife Deborah, also of Elgin, Texas; a brother Harold Mathis and wife Jimmie Ann of San Angelo; a sister Glenda Bell and husband George of Bryan; grandchildren Kayla Carter, Krista Carter, Kody Carter, Aubrie Davis, Madison Davis, Katelyn Davis; brothers-in-law, Wilburn Davis and wife Myrtis of San Angelo, and Jerry Davis and wife Carolyn of Abilene; sister-in-law Bernadine Mathis of Austin; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

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other animals and humans, spread disease, ruin a picnic, foul a water supply and destroy pasture, fence and crop. Hunters have said feral hogs have humanlike intelligence.

Combs' agency has awarded half a million dollars in grants to Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University to research the problem and suggest solutions.

Perry visits troops in war zone Gov. Perry was one of four gov-

ernors to take a U.S. Department of Defense junket to visit troops stationed in the Middle East in late January.

Perry first met with active and reserve soldiers and sailors in Kuwait, next visited Texas troops in Tikrit, Iraq, and later met with military officials in Baghdad.

Accompanying Perry were governors Mike Huckabee, R-Arkansas; Dave Freudenthal, D-Wyoming; and Jim Doyle, D-Wisconsin.



April Porras

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## Porras marks 15th birthday with traditional Quinceanera

April Marie Porras celebrated her fifteenth birthday with a Quinceanera held in her honor on Saturday, January 28, 2006.

April's day begun with a special thanksgiving and dedication mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Joseph Vatholloor and Deacon Victor Belman officiating. She was presented with special gifts during the service that have a special symbolic meaning.

Special music was provided by Mr. Frank Diaz and his son Josh. The evening ended with a barbecue meal and dance at the Schleicher County Civic Center.

April is the daughter of Mr. Rene Porras and Leticia Porras. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Juan Fuentes, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Porras. Godparents are Ms. Anne Nugent, Mr. Specer Cowan and Mrs. Mary Ann Gonzalez.

April escort of honor was Chris Minor and her court of honor was

Lindsay Pridemore and Tyler Dombroski, Victoria Garza and David Tirado, Cassandra Buitron and Jesus Vasquez, Anna Fuentes and Dustin Ramirez, Darci Graves and Michael Redish, Meagan Self and Rolly Gonzalez, Brittany Olivarez and Alex Adame, Jasmine Romero and Josh Taylor, Cassandra Tyler and Drew Bosmans, Veronica Belman and Cody Kiser, Marcela Huerta and Timothy Maskill and Megan Porras and Hagen Porras.

Rose Princesses were: Cierra Braly, Alex Fuentes, Abby Fuentes, Miranda Arispe, Branda Gail Arispe, Emelda Arispe, Micaela Cerda, Alia Cerda, Eliza Cerda, Victoria Pina, Nautika Pina, Mimi Castro, and Alyza Fernandez.

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### February

- 3rd Brenda Moore, Caleb J. Estrada, Lupe Guerrero, RosaLinda Rios, Suzanne Johnson, Katie Hardy, Pearl Enochs, J.R. Edmiston
- 4th Kirk Griffin, Michael Kent, Andy Anderson, Yvonne Terry, Homer Minor, Joe Montalvo, Walt Griggs, Rachael Fuentes, Aiden A. Vallejo, Josue Chavez
- 5th Richard Kent, Veronica K. Shockley, Jose Rocha, Myra Robles, Kate Rankin, Kenny Bautista
- 6th Gene Rojas, Kiarra Trevino, Branda Gray, Gina Sauer, Jessica Valero, Damian Ray Romo
- 7th Lindsey Griffin Parker, Lola Squyres, Kayla McCravey, Gloria Safont Meador, Jayci Richters
- 8th Candi Homer, Enrique Rocha, Haley Higgins, Ana Iglesias, BreeAnne Davis, Judy Ford
- 9th Cy Griffin, Felix Ramos, Reyes Sanchez, Les Bassinger, Cody Wheeler, Katya Gonzalez, Chelsey Pridemore, Christy Leggett, Wes Sutton, Sandra Pina

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## Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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	9	7	2	6	
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8			4	2	7
	2		6	7	9
9	3		5	6	
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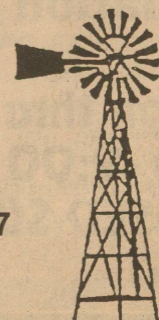
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# Eagles sweep Lions

The Eagles made a clean sweep of the Ozona Lions Tuesday night in both of the varsity squads last home game of the season.

The varsity boys were outscored in the first half of their contest 18-24, but came out at the half on fire and outscored the Lions 30-22 in the last two periods to help catapult them to a 48-46 thrilling victory.

Frank Wipff ended the night with 14 points to lead the Eagles in scoring.

Drew Bosmans finished with 9, Lalo Sanchez had 8, Jeremy Ussery had 6, Michael Ballew had 4, Sammy Estrada, Russell Cathey and Michael Redish all had 2, and Jorge Bustos had one.

The Eagles were coming off of a close loss to the Punchers in Mason last Friday night 53-55.

Bosmans ended that contest with 16 points to lead the Warbird scoring in the close loss.

Ballew and Cathey were the only other two Warbirds to break into double digits with 11 points.

Bustos and Wipff both ended the night with 6 points, while Sanchez finished with 2 and Ussery with one.

Cathey and Ballew each padded their stats with a couple of

three pointers each.

The Lady Eagles left the court Tuesday night with a 54-40 victory over the Lady Lions.

Chandra Wanoreck led the scoring for the Lady Eagles with a 16 point performance. Kirsten Stubbs was the other Eagle scoring in the double digits with 13 points.

Karina Sanchez finished the night with 7 points, while Maxie Holley, Chelsey Hill and Taylor Baker each had 5. Haley Higgins scored 3 points.

The Lady Eagles were also coming off of a loss in Mason.

The Lady Punchers outscored the Eagles in three of the four quarters in their 39-64 rout of the Eagles.

Wanoreck led the scoring for the Eagles with 10 points. Cassandra Buitron, Stubbs, Holley, Sanchez, Hill and Baker all scored 4 points in the contest, while Jose Diaz had 3 and Higgins scored 2.

The Lady Eagles will close out the rest of their season on the road with games in Junction and Grape Creek.

The Boys will finish their season with games on the road in Junction, Grape Creek, Wall and Sonora.



Kirsten Stubbs positioned herself for a rebound Tuesday night as the Lady Eagles took on the Ozona Lady Lions. Eldorado won the contest by a lopsided score of 54-40.

## 8th GRADE BOYS

Reagan County Tournament  
 January 7, 2006  
 Eldorado 06-06-06-07-06=31  
 Reagan Co. 06-07-08-04-06=31  
 Playing for the 8th Grade Eagles: Tony McCord 2, Dustin Ramos 5, Mason Baker 4, Wes Brown 4, Ivany Sanchez 6, Ryan Castillo 2, David Tirado 4, and Juan Medrano 4. 3 point goal: Ramos (1).

Reagan County Tournament  
 January 7, 2006  
 Eldorado 04-04-06-10=24  
 Ozona 02-07-03-10=22  
 Playing for the 8th Grade Eagles: Dustin Ramos 3, Mason Baker 7, Wes Brown 3, Ivany Sanchez 2, Ryan Castillo 4, David Tirado 1, Juan Medrano 4.

January 9, 2006  
 Eldorado 06-08-06-11=31  
 Junction 10-00-00-14=14  
 Playing for the 8th Grade Eagles: Dustin Ramos 4, Mason Baker 8, Wes Brown 6, Ivany Sanchez 2, Ryan Castillo 4, David Tirado 2, Juan Medrano 3, JR Trujillo 2.

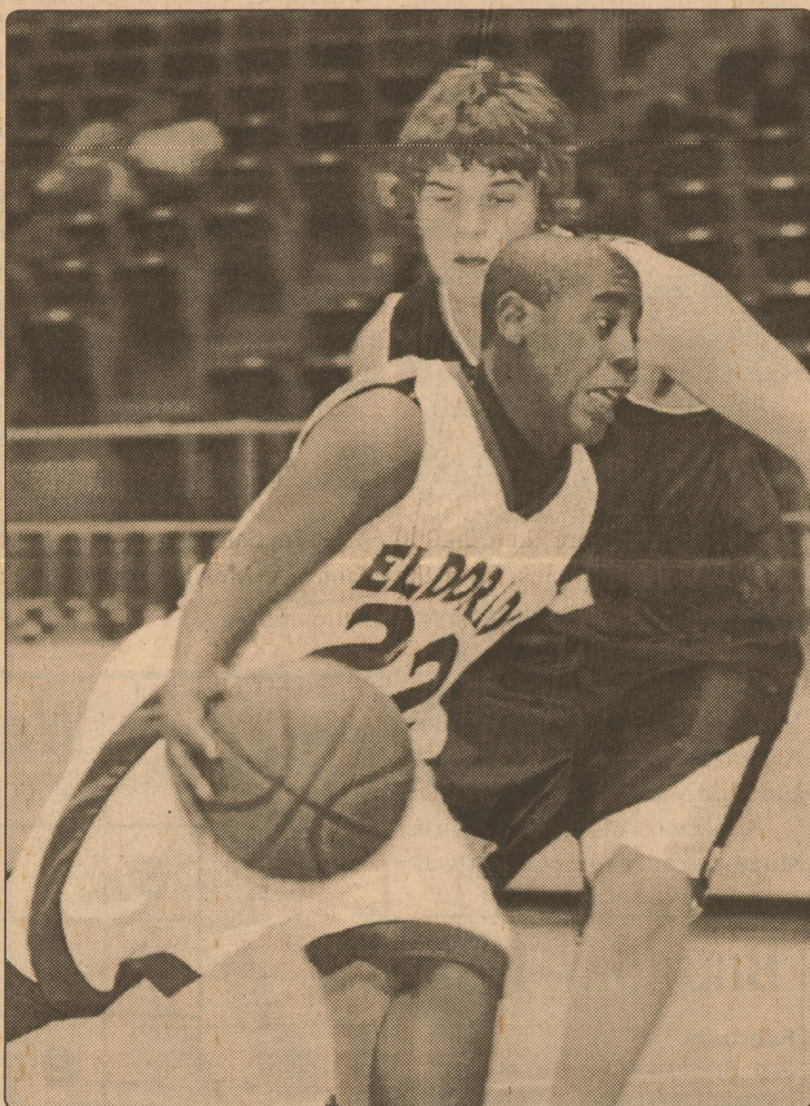
January 16, 2006  
 Eldorado 02-06-14-11=33  
 Mason 06-09-11-08=34  
 Playing for the 8th Grade Eagles: Tony McCord 2, Dustin Ramos 6, Mason Baker 2, Ivany Sanchez 5, David Tirado, Juan Medrano 6. Also playing: Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Marty Powell, JR Trujillo and Javier Hernandez.

## JV BOYS

January 20, 2006  
 Eldorado 13-07-13-17=50  
 Wall 21-13-09-24=67  
 Playing for the Eagles: Jaaron Crawford 6, Rance Cathey 16, Louie Buitron 6, Dustin Gauna 13, David Ramirez 2, Clayton Sauer 8. 3 Point Goal Buitron (2), Cathey (1), Gauna (3).

January 24, 2006  
 Eldorado 07-10-09-06=32  
 Reagan Co. 08-15-23-15=61  
 Playing for the Eagles: Manny Gonzalez 3, Jaaron Crawford 5, Rance Cathey 8, Louis Buitron 2, Abel Montalvo 2, Dustin Gauna 8, David Ramirez 4. 3 Point Goal: Gonzalez (1), Crawford (1).

January 20, 2006  
 Eldorado 27  
 Mason 21  
 Playing for the Eagles: Manny Gonzalez 6, Rance Cathey 13, Abel Montalvo 4, Dustin Gauna 2, Clayton Sauer 2.



Michael Redish drove to the basket Tuesday night as the Eldorado Eagles defeated the Ozona Lions 48-46.

## JV GIRLS

January 24, 2006  
 Eldorado 04-03-00-06=13  
 Reagan Co. 09-11-04-07=31  
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Alicia Corrales 3, Kassy Tyler 2, Katherine Johnson 2, Dee Cruz 2, Corie Williams 2, Meg Griffin 2.

January 27, 2006  
 Eldorado 03-01-06-00=10  
 Mason 02-12-04-03=21  
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Bridgett Mitchel 4, Alicia Corrales 1, Katherine Johnson 1, Meg Griffin 4.

January 24, 2006  
 Eldorado 06-05-06-05=22  
 Ozona 08-09-11-08=36  
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Bridgett Mitchel, Ashley Lozano 4, Kristin Mittel 4, Katherine Johnson, 4, Tiffany Hernandez 3, Marianna 3.

## School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered  
 Menus Subject To Change  
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4 oz.  
 Juice offered w/each

### BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, February 6**  
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, February 7**  
 Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, February 8**  
 Waffle Sticks's, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday, February 9**  
 Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday, February 10**  
 Breakfast Roll, Choice of Juice, Peach Halves, Milk

### BASKET LINE

- Monday, February 6**  
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Sliced Peaches
- Tuesday, February 7**  
 Corn Chip Pie, Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Halves
- Wednesday, February 8**  
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Sandwich Salad, Chips, Pineapple Slices
- Thursday, February 9**  
 Pep. Hot Pockets, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Pear Halves
- Friday, February 10**  
 Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream

### CAFETERIA LINE

- Monday, February 6**  
 Chicken Fried Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Peas/Carrots, Sliced Peaches
- Tuesday, February 7**  
 Chalupas, Cheese Cups, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Halves
- Wednesday, February 8**  
 Beef Stew, Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cornbread, Carrot Sticks's, Dip, Pineapple Slices
- Thursday, February 9**  
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- Friday, February 10**  
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fine of up to \$500 per sign. It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission. Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election. TxDOT officials say the laws

are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public. TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will

be removed as soon as possible. Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other funded highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds. For questions related to these regulations, please contact Val Thompson at 325-941-9242.

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erosity of Heritage Auction Galleries, a link to the auction catalog will be available for browsing and bidding in early February. "Our on-line auction will allow us to reach Texas history enthusiasts anywhere in the world, and they can bid on-line in the convenience of their homes or offices," said Robert Wooster, president of the Texas State Historical Association. This year's auction is inspired by the success of the Texana Auction of the Decade held in 1981. Some of the highlights of the 2006 auction include:

- Gold ring with topaz stone given by Sam Houston to his wife. The inside of the band is inscribed "Sam Houston to Margaret Lea."
- Wally Boone Spur Collection, 1920s. This is the most extensive, highest quality and best-conditioned assemblage of work from early West Texas master spur maker Wally Boone. He is widely recognized as one of the pioneers who shaped and defined the Texas spur.
- Constitution of the State of West Texas. This dates from when

dividing the state was discussed at the Reconstruction Convention of 1868-69.

- Thomas W. House Cotton Archive, 1865-1870. Cotton was king and Thomas House was its leading merchant. Archives provide insight into the cotton industry in Texas.
- A Mexican broadside concerning the condemnation of Emperor Maximilian and his date of execution, 1867.

Bidding closes March 4 during the 2006 Gala & Texana Auction of the Century. The Gala will honor five distinguished Texans for their contributions to the state. These "Texas History Makers of the Decade" are Mrs. Laura Bush, Mr. Roger Clemens, Mr. Horton Foote, The Honorable William P. Hobby, and Mr. Clayton Williams.

The Gala & Auction will benefit the Association's innovative Digital Gateway to Texas History project. Currently the TSHA web site supports more than 24,000 encyclopedia articles from the Handbook of Texas Online, host-

ing more than four million page views per month from 150 countries worldwide. In this new initiative, the online database managed and maintained by the Association will expand to comprise the entire published catalogue of TSHA resources, including more than 130 books, 108 volumes of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, and various updates to the Handbook of Texas Online. The Texas State Historical Association's goal is to engage the support necessary to make it easier for students, teachers, and scholars around the world to access all of our treasures in Texas history.

The 2006 Gala & Texana Auction of the Century is being chaired by J.P. Bryan of Houston, and the Honorary Co-Chairs are Charline & Red McCombs and Isabel & Wallace Wilson. The Steering Committee for the event includes Mary Margaret McAllen Amberson, Jane Barnhill, Charles Butt, Shirley Caldwell, Thomas C. Frost Jr., Sarita Armstrong Hixon, James A. McAllen, Jane Monday, John Schoellkopf, Ellen Temple, Fran Vick and Bill Wright.

Tickets to the 2006 Gala & Texana Auction of the Century are \$500 each and may be purchased by calling the TSHA office at 512-471-1525. For more information on this event, please visit the web site at [www.tsha.utexas.edu](http://www.tsha.utexas.edu).

## Sports Heroes

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the road to achievement, not values in their own right.

In a nation whose laws are increasingly arbitrary, sports fans look forward to spending time in a world where the rules are explicit, known in advance by all participants, and fair to everyone.

In a culture that preaches the deadening duty of self-sacrifice and service to others, sports fans love to turn on the TV and immerse themselves in an exciting, suspenseful contest for no purpose other than their own personal enjoyment.

In a world of life-and-death conflicts, spectator sports give us a "time-out"--an opportunity to relax and celebrate human skill, dedication, and success in a spirit of simple joy.

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First Place winners in the Art Show held during the Jr. Livestock Show on Jan. 13 were: (L-R) Heather Powell, Water Color; Joel Esparza, Pencil; Richmond Adame, Scratchboard; and Rachel Joiner, Mixed Media.

## ASU releases Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2005 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 2.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The honorees, along with their

majors are: Lindsay Nicole Beach-nursing; Juan Angel Herrera-kinesiology/teacher certification; Tabitha N. Lloyd-animal science; Lori Nicole Loomis-biochemistry; Belinda G. Martinez-kinesiology, athletic training; and Mary A. Redwine, interdisciplinary child development and learning.

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## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

- 1. Time or Newsweek, briefly
- 4. Topmost berth
- 9. Roger Bannister, the first fourminute
- 14. Sharer's word
- 15. Like an old bagel
- 16. Greet the day
- 17. Windy City train initials
- 18. Kitchen clove crusher
- 20. Sub detector
- 22. "Ignorance \_\_\_ excuse"
- 23. "\_\_\_ real!"
- 24. Not won by either chess player
- 26. 2004 Olympics city
- 29. Woodstock eyewear
- 33. Channel surfer's controller
- 34. Fur tycoon John Jacob
- 35. Coin-\_\_\_ (candy machines, e.g.)
- 36. Psychic's letters
- 37. Dunderhead
- 40. Becomes tiresome
- 43. Full-price payers at movies
- 46. British royal residence

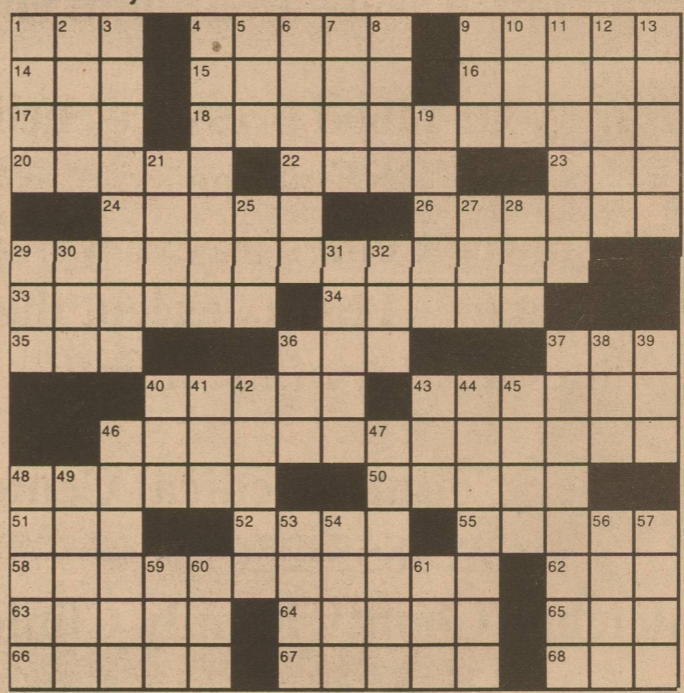
- 48. Makeshift shelter
- 50. Out-and-out
- 51. Airport monitor abbr.
- 52. Parti-colored
- 55. Curacao neighbor
- 58. New Jersey coastal region
- 62. Apr. addressee
- 63. Part of a 43-Down
- 64. Bench-clearer
- 65. Wimbledon segment

- 66. Dog-\_\_\_ (shabby)
  - 67. Thus far
  - 68. Snake eyes
- ### DOWN
- 1. Comfy shoes
  - 2. La Salle or DeSoto
  - 3. Sporty Pontiacs
  - 4. Opponent of R.E. Lee
  - 5. "Harper Valley \_\_\_"
  - 6. \_\_\_ knife (peeler)
  - 7. Right-angle

- bends
- 8. Jockey's strap
- 9. Hotel desk freebie
- 10. Discount rack abbr.
- 11. Feudal lords
- 12. Krupp Works city
- 13. Takes five
- 19. Stop pedaling
- 21. Ponte Vecchio's river
- 25. Zee preceder
- 27. General \_\_\_'s chicken

- 28. "And I Love \_\_\_" (Beatles tune)
- 29. Miracle-\_\_\_ (garden products brand)
- 30. Workout unit
- 31. Calf catcher
- 32. Cleopatra's killer
- 36. Ernie of the links
- 37. Selfless sort
- 38. Insignia on Pujols' cap
- 39. U-turn from NNW
- 40. Mat outcome
- 41. Farm insect
- 42. Parkinson's treatment
- 43. Play part
- 44. Computerized records
- 45. Exploitative type
- 46. Taylor ex John
- 47. In an uncouth way
- 48. Expire, as a membership
- 49. Author Jong
- 53. "\_\_\_ La Douce"
- 54. "\_\_\_ Tu" (1974 hit)
- 56. Beer, informally
- 57. Regarding, in memos
- 59. Suffix with ethyl
- 60. Four-poster, e.g.
- 61. Maiden name preceder

### "Knot Funny!"



See solution on Page 8

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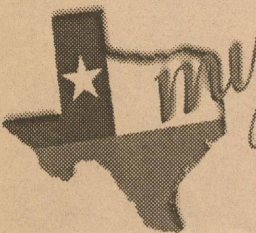
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## EHS scholars take part in Heart of Texas Literary Meet

Eldorado High School students participated in the Heart of Texas Literary Tournament held in Brownwood on Saturday, January 28, 2006.

Janelle Pechacek advanced to the semifinal round in Informative Speaking. Her coach was Mrs. Debbie Griffin.

Taylor Jenkins participated in three rounds of Lincoln Douglas Debate, winning one round and losing the last two. His sponsor Debbie Griffin noted he improved

with each round.

Jaaron Crawford and Chelsey Stone competed in the Social Studies division. Social Studies coach was Mrs. Teresa Baker-Shirley.

Blake Chatham, Jaaron Crawford and Abel Montalvo competed in Current Issues and Events. Blake Chatham also competed in Persuasive Speaking. Mrs. Teresa Baker-Shirley coached Current Issues and Events and Persuasive Speaking.

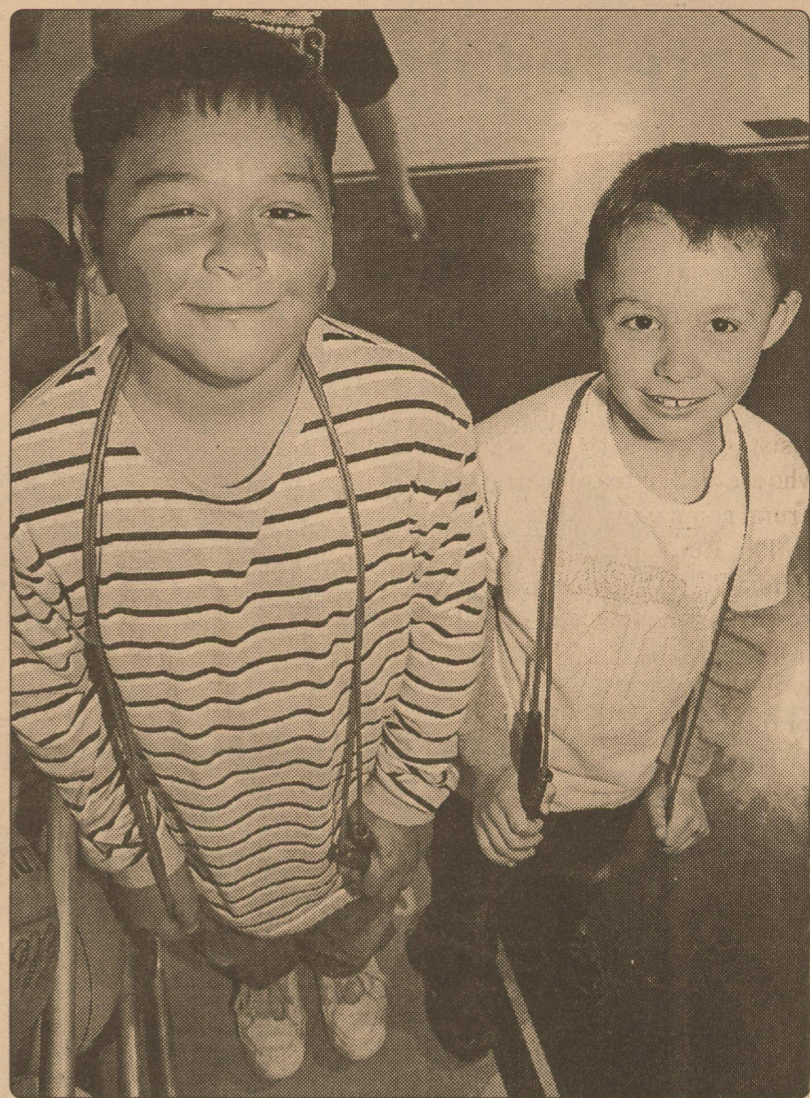


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Junior Gonzalez and Cade Ledbetter two Elementary students pose with their jump ropes ready to participate in the "Jump Rope For Heart" program this week at the Eldorado Elementary Gym. The Elementary students are in the process of collecting donations as they jump for exercise and raise awareness to help fight heart disease.

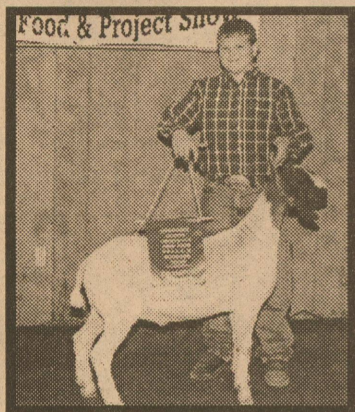
## Wear "Red" this Friday in support of Heart Association

SCISD employees will be wearing "RED" this Friday in support of the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness of heart disease--the leading cause of death for women. Employees have been contributing donations that will help with research, educational materials/community programs,

as well as raising awareness about women and heart disease.

Eldorado Elementary is also conducting "Jump Rope for Heart" during this week. Anyone wishing to make a donation to either of these events can contact Susie Richters or Randy Mitchel. Everyone is encouraged to WEAR RED on Friday, Feb. 3

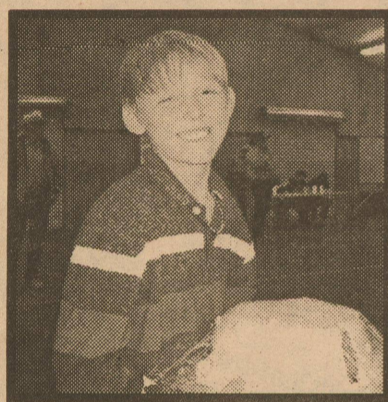
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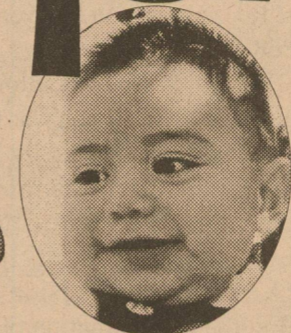
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## Rural health education scholarship application available

The Texas Tech University Health Science Center Office of Rural and Community Health has opened the 2006-2007 Rural Health Education Scholarship application. The Rural Health Scholarship Program provides approximately \$150,000 in financial assistance annually to students who are committed to returning to a rural community to practice.

The Rural Health Education Scholarship Program is geared to address the shortage of health professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expense of college for rural students.

This pipeline begins with the work of the West Texas Area Health Education Center Program and its regional centers to promote health careers to young people across West Texas. The Permian Basin AHEC offers classroom presentations, health careers summer camps, and other activities to area schools in an effort to foster students' interest in health careers and the opportunities that exist in rural communities.

Entering freshmen, junior college transfers, and current students at Texas Tech University as well as incoming and current students at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, who are eligible for in-state tuition, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship recipients must show a substantial interest in health careers in rural

Texas. Priority is given to students from rural Texas.

The scholarship amount for undergraduate students is generally \$2,500 per year for a maximum of four years and is renewable providing the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average and participates in rural health-focus activities. The number and amount

of awards offered are based on funding availability.

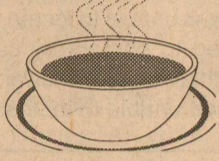
For more information on the scholarship and to submit applications online, visit <http://www.truhsc.edu/ruralhealth/scholarships.aspx> or contact Liz Inskip-Paulk in the Office of Rural and Community Health at (806) 743-1338.



COURTESY PHOTO

First place winner of the Eldorado Game Association Big Buck Contest went to George Marcinkevich of Scranton, PA. He shot this buck on November 18, 2005 and the overall points came to 171 6/8. He received \$400 in prize money. Second place went to James Richard with the buck that scored a total of 56 2/8 points. Third place went to Isarell Serna with overall points totaling 147 5/8.

### Meals for Friends Menu



#### Monday, February 6

Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk

#### Tuesday, February 7

Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Pears, Milk

#### Wednesday, February 8

Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk

#### Thursday, February 9

Meatloaf w/ tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

#### Friday, February 10

Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk



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**Baseball and Softball Registration**  
Friday, Feb. 17 at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Memorial Building**  
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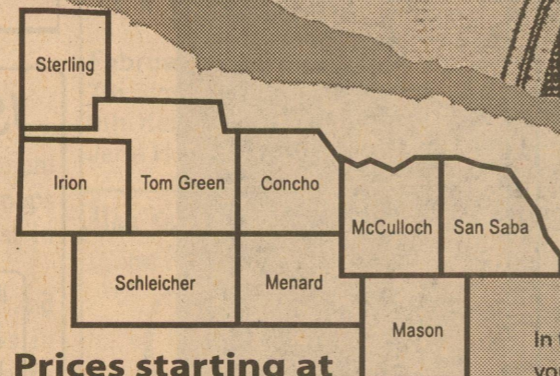
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### 2006 ELDORADO LADY EAGLES VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
February 6	Central JV	San Angelo	4:00
February 10	Miles	Eldorado	4:00
February 13	Ballinger	Ballinger	4:00
February 17	Meanard	Eldorado	4:00
February 24	Central JV	Eldorado	
February 27	TBA	TBA	TBA
March 2-4	San Angelo Tourn.	San Angelo	4:00
March 7	Sonora**	Eldorado	4:00
March 10	Junction**	Junction	4:00
March 17	Reagan Co **	Eldorado	4:00
March 21	Ozona **	Ozona	4:00
March 24	Grape Creek**	Eldorado	4:00
March 28	Wall**	Wall	4:00
March 31	Sonora**	Sonora	4:00
April 4	Junction **	Eldorado	4:00
April 11	Reagan Co**	Reagan Co	4:00
April 14	Ozona**	Eldorado	4:00
April 18	Grape Creek**	Grape Creek	4:00
April 21	Wall**	Eldorado	

\*\*Denotes district games



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

#### ARRESTS

**January 27** • Estrada, Pedro Jr., male age 17, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Serving 3 days.  
**January 29** • Villarreal, Lilia Manuela Castandeda, female age 23, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver.  
 • Ramirez, Jezabel, female age 29, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of Controlled

Substance with Intent to Deliver.

**January 30** • Orosco, Jose Luis, male age 37, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant.

• Martinez, Jesus J., male age 38, arresting officer SC deputy, offense #41B.

**January 31** • Moreno, Armando, male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Three counts Burglary of Building and One count Burglary of Habitaion.

#### INCIDENTS

**January 24** • 3:00 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

**January 25** • 11:50 a.m. Reported a vehicle accident six miles north. Vehicle was hit by a white older model pick up pulling a utility trailer. Officer responded.

• 5:07 p.m. Animal control requested officer. Officer responded.  
 • 5:14 p.m. Complainant reported a cow East on 190. Owner was notified.

**January 26** • 1:07 p.m. Reported a black and grey two tone Dodge pick up suspiciously traveling at a high rate of speed on Main Street. Officer responded.

• 4:21 p.m. Complainant reported checks were stolen and forged. Officer responded.

• 5:45 p.m. Ambulance requested for a basic transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 6:34 p.m. Complainant reported vehicle was hit. Officer responded.

• 7:40 p.m. Complainant reported someone following them. Officer responded.

• 8:17 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk at residence. Officer responded and animal control was notified.

• 9:21 p.m. Complainant re-

quested a welfare concern check. Officer responded.

**January 27** • 8:03 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious white truck. Officer responded.

• 10:52 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. EMS 2 responded.

• 12:47 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident at Shot's Convenience Store. Officer responded.

• 2:59 p.m. Complainant reported an unattended death. Officers and JP responded.

• 3:06 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Officers, EMS, and EVFD responded.

• 5:41 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire behind East Street. Officers and EVFD responded.

• 11:40 p.m. Complainant reported an unresponsive diabetic. Officer and EMS responded.

**January 28** • 8:07 a.m. Caller reported a break-in at the high school. Officer responded.

• 8:23 a.m. Complainant reported missing a wagon from his back yard. Officer responded.

**January 29** • 9:30 a.m. Complainant reported a male subject stole \$200.00 out of her purse.

• 1:11 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 2:38 p.m. Complainant reported loosing her car, post office keys at Duckwall's. Officer responded.

• 4:11 p.m. Caller advised that he needs assistance with a flat tire 3.5 miles East of Eldorado on highway 190. Service in Sonora was notified and en route to location.

• 4:36 p.m. Caller advised that he had cashed in many small bills for larger currency. Caller advised male subject had notified that store that the school had been burglarized and

to be aware of anyone exchanging smaller bills for larger bills. Officer notified and responded.

• 6:23 p.m. Complainant stopped in office to request office to shoot a skunk. Office responded.

• 6:40 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary at their place of business. Complainant advised that nothing has been touched since discovering the break in. Officer was notified and responded.

• 7:43 p.m. Complainant advised of a suspicious individual near parked vehicles in back of hospital. Officer and Game Warden responded.

**January 30** • 5:45 p.m. Caller notified this office of a wreckless driver on highway 277 5-8 miles north of Christoval. No available Tom Green County Deputy on Patrol in that area at the time. TGSO disconnected with complainant, actual complainant resided in Christoval. Officer notified, received second call in reference to the same vehicle.

• 7:59 p.m. Complainant notified this office of a disturbance at a residence two houses down from her residence on East Street. Officer responded.

• 8:45 p.m. Caller advised a stranded motorist city limits out on highway 190 West near soft ball fields. Officer responded.

• 9:20 p.m. Caller requested ambulance to residence to assist with her husband. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 11:52 p.m. Caller requested a tire service to respond to assist with a flat tire at location. After several attempts to locate tire service in Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora deputy was unable to locate vehicle. Attempted to contact by call back number there was no answer. Officer responded unable to locate.

### 2006 Eldorado Eagles Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
February 11 (Scrimmage)	Llano	Eldorado	2:00 PM
February 17 (Scrimmage)	Winters	Winters	4:00 PM
February 20	Greenwood	Eldorado	2:00 PM
February 23-25	Devils River Tourn	Sonora	TBA
February 28	Llano	Llano	7:30 PM
March 2-4	Eldorado Tourney	Eldorado	TBA
March 9-11	Greenwood Tourney	Greenwood	TBA
March 14	Reagan Co.*	Reagan Co	5:00 PM
March 17	Junction*	Eldorado	4:00 PM
March 21	Ozona*	Ozona	6:30 PM
March 24	Grape Creek*	Eldorado	4:00 PM
March 28	Sonora*	Eldorado	4:00 PM
March 31	Wall*	Eldorado	4:00 PM
April 4	Reagan Co*	Eldorado	5:00 PM
April 7	Mason*	Mason	7:00 PM
April 11	Ozona*	Eldorado	5:00 PM
April 14	Junction*	Junction	7:00 PM
April 18	Grape Creek*	Grape Creek	5:00 PM
April 21	Wall*	Wall	5:00 PM
April 22	Sonora*	Sonora	7:00 PM
April 25	Mason*	Eldorado	5:00 PM

\*Denotes District Game

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

3	5	2	4	6	9	7	1	8
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Solution to puzzle on Page 5

"Knot Funny!"

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### 2006 Eldorado Eagles JV Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb 11 (Scrim)	Llano (DH)	Eldorado	12:00 PM
Feb 20	Winters	Eldorado	4:00 PM
Feb 24	McCamey	Eldorado	4:00 PM
Feb 28	Llano (DH)	Llano	5:00 PM
March 2-4	Eldorado Tourn	Eldorado	TBA
March 6	Sonora	Eldorado	4:00 PM
March 13	Reagan Co*	Eldorado	4:00 PM
March 21	Ozona*	Ozona	4:00 PM
March 23 & 25	Ozona Tourn	Ozona	TBA
March 27	Sonora*	Sonora	5:00 PM
April 3	Reagan Co*	Reagan Co	5:00 PM
April 10	Ozona*	Eldorado	5:00 PM
April 14	Junction*	Junction	5:30 PM
April 18	Grape Creek*	Eldorado	5:00 PM
April 22	Sonora*	Sonora	4:00 PM

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#### ELDORADO WEATHER

Fri 2/3	Sat 2/4	Sun 2/5	Mon 2/6	Tue 2/7
69/34	69/40	77/44	68/37	64/37
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CONTRACT NUMBER 724064  
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Eldorado, Texas, will conduct a Public Hearing to allow public comment on a Texas Community Development Program project (TCDP Contract No. 724064). The project involved the preparation of a comprehensive planning study. The intent of the public hearing is to review program performance and receive public comments.

The public hearing shall be as follows:

DATE: February 6, 2006  
TIME: 6:00 P.M.  
PLACE: City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood Street

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and comments to Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary, City of Eldorado, P.O. Box 713, Eldorado, Texas 76936. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact the City Hall office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. All written comments will be addressed in writing within fifteen days after public hearing.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
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Schleicher County is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services in conjunction with the Colonia Planning Grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for program year of 2005. Accordingly, the County is seeking to contract with a qualified management firm to administer the contract. Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

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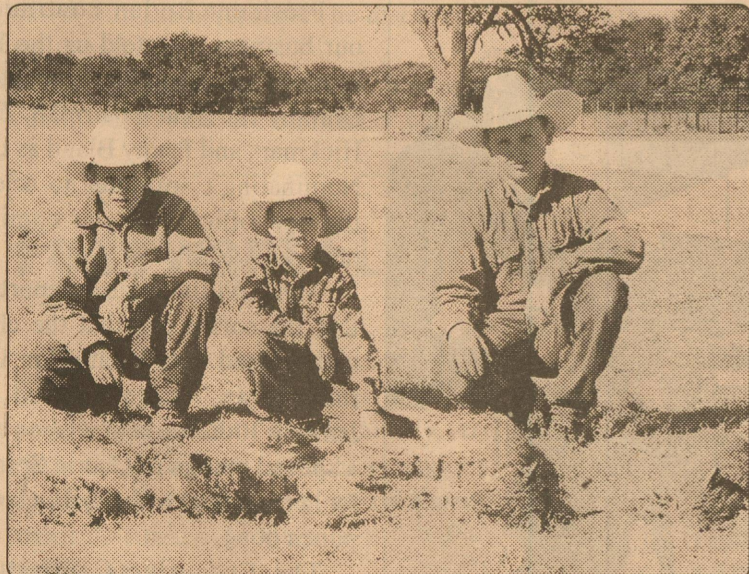
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## Womans Club learns ways to save water

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room. Fourteen members and two guests were present. The theme for the meeting was "Happy New Year." President Mary Roden called the meeting to order.

Cathy Niblett offered a prayer and Olean Stricklan led us in the pledges to our flags. Secretary Dorothy Harris gave her report and roll call was next answered with giving water saving tips such as paying close attention to watering the lawn, setting the washing machine water amount to match the load size, and fixing leaking faucets.

Program Leader Myrt Williams next introduced our guest speaker Cindy Cawley, former manager of Plateau Underground Water District of Schleicher County.

Cindy introduced Jon Cartwright, the new manager. Cindy talked to us about how very important water is to each of us. Locally the first organized interest in getting an Underground Water District Office here led to a petition being signed by many local landowners.

This petition was taken to the Legislature in Austin to get approved. Members of that first elected Board of Directors were Mort Mertz, Earl Lloyd, Ford Oglesby, Bobby Sykes, and Jimmy Powell.

Through their effort a local Underground Water District was approved.

Our Plateau Underground Water District is a part of Edwards Trinity Aquifer. Our honey-combed rock formation often results in surprises for the drilled well owner like bats and other things to interfere with the water being pumped.

The objective of a water district is to preserve, protect and assist in helping to help solve problems that may happen. Schleicher County is very fortunate as we have very good tasting water and everyone needs to do everything they can to take care of this good water source.

Years ago water was taken for granted, but as population growth and different activities such as drilling for oil, the use of fertilization and other modern methods occur we need to have ways to protect our water source.

Cindy gave us facts of just how much water can be wasted when watering lawns, washing vehicles, bathing, livestock watering troughs, and tanks with improper floats. She handed out several leaflets pertaining to water use and sale. Anyone can go by the local office to get one of these excellent leaflets.

Other water saving tips could be changing the type of plants and grasses grown in the yard. Today xerophyte type plants are included in xeroscaping landscaping.

Just changing the type of plants and grasses grown could be excellent water saving practice. Also, be mindful of the time of day that's best for outside watering. One example of water waste is the amount of water a dripping faucet could waste in a year. The sad truth is from 25 to 30 gallons a day or 10,000 gallons a year could go wasted when all it takes is a new faucet washer and a little installation time to stop the waste.

Cindy said "The Rule of Capture" law protects the landowner regarding their water rights. As soon as anyone gets the water to the surface and a water rights buyer tries to buy the landowners water rights the buyer would have to talk to the local water rights

board before any action could be taken. If there was no "Rule of Capture" a landowner could have the water drained from under their property if his neighbor tried to sell water rights.

There are Water Marketers who try to buy water for all kinds of energy reasons. Our county is divided into five areas with an elected representative from each one. Our current Directors are Sam Henderson in area 1, Lynn Griffin in area 2, Ronnie Sauer in area 3, Dee Lux in area 4 and Pat Jackson as the at large director.

They serve a six year term which is renewed by ballot voting.

During our refreshment time Cindy gave us a special surprise by showing, on her computer, an abandoned well in Sutton County that was photographed with a newly invented camera that took pictures all the way down the uncased well. It was so interesting to see the many cave like openings all the way down to the water level.

She even pointed out a frog and some crickets in the water. Until recently what was down the well hole walls and the water were mostly guess work.

We thank Cindy very much for bringing a very informative talk that concerns a subject very important to each of us and that is taking care of our underground water supply.

Our county has been fortunate to have a manager of the Plateau Underground Water District who deeply cares about our underground water.

Our refreshment time hostesses were Zee Hickman, Myrt Williams and Jerre Holly. The table appointments were beautiful and the food was delicious. A lovely punch bowl donated by Cherie Sproul and a brand new coffee urn purchased by the club made the table extra special.

President Roden continued our business. She told us the Executive Committee had appointed Dorothy Harris as Chairman, Zee Hickman, and Penny Bland as the Nominating Committee to select the new officers for our coming new club year.

Myrt Williams next reported that the coffee urn that the club had wanted was located on the internet and was delivered on January 10th. We also wish to say a special thanks to Cherie Sproul for her donation to the club, a large punch bowl.

The Executive Committee presented Jean Ann Karm for club membership. A secret basket by members was taken and the vote of acceptance was unanimous.

We welcome Jean Ann and look forward to her interest in our club and her participation. We closed our meeting by reciting our Club Collect.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room.

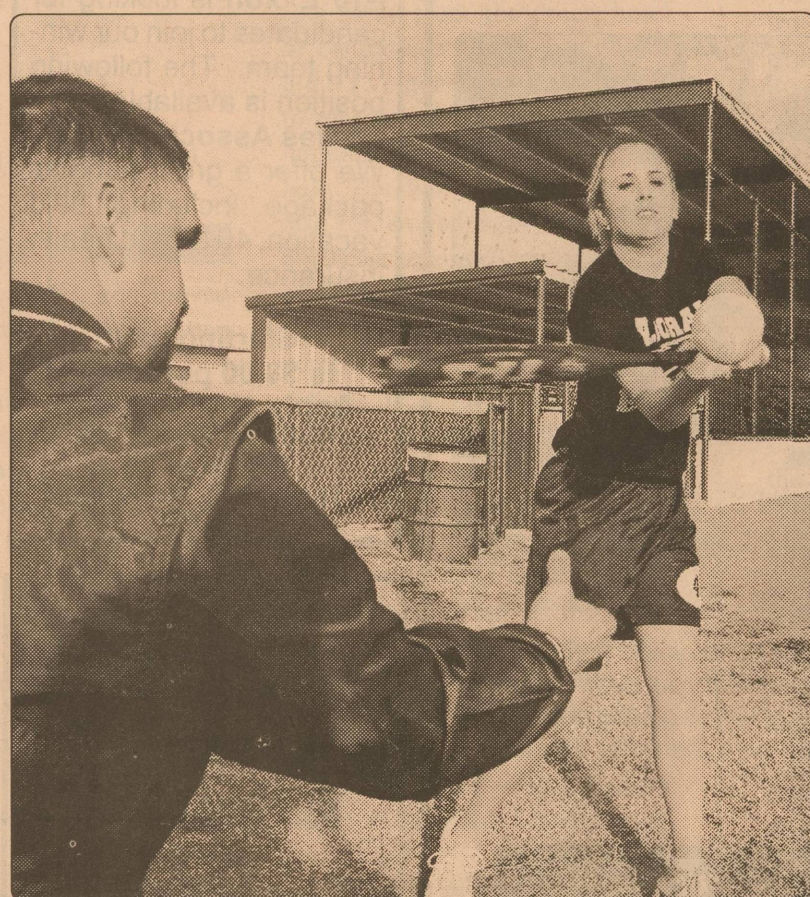


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EHS senior Brittany Jennings took batting practice Tuesday as the Lady Eagles opened practice in their new softball stadium. Here Coach Keith Fulgham is shown lofting a ball for Jennings to drive to the outfield.