



Salvation Army begins local fundraising effort

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Basketball action continues on EHS & EMS courts

...see details on Pages 4 & 6



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## Schleicher County gears up for 2000 census

As set out in the U.S. Constitution, every ten years the Census Bureau conducts a complete accounting of every resident of the United States. When the year 2000 arrives it will be time to count. In order to make everyone aware of the importance of this count a volunteer committee has been set up for Schleicher County.

The committee held its first meeting at the Eagle Dairy Mart Monday evening. Members present were: Debbie Griffin, Lydia Vallejo, Dora Bosmans, Jo Callison, Lori Stricklan and John Callison, who is serving as Chairman of "The Complete Court Committee". Delia Herrera will also be serving as a member of this committee. Eloy Felan, a partner-

ship specialist with the Census Bureau, was present to help the committee get underway with plans for promoting the importance of the census.

The Census Bureau goes all out to protect your privacy. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with the IRS, FBI, Welfare, Immigration - or any other government agency. No court of law not even the President of the United States, can find out your answers. Census workers are sworn to secrecy. They know that if they give out any information they see on the form, they can face a \$5,000 fine and a five-year prison term.

Watch your mail during February for a card from the Census

Bureau asking you what language you want your census form written in? Be sure to mail it in. Then sometime in March you will receive your form. 83% will receive a short form and 17% will receive a long form. The Committee will set up question and answer centers if you need help.

The federal government uses population data to allocate funds in a number of areas such as: Title I grants to schools, head start programs, food grants, public transportation, road construction, programs for the elderly, school lunch programs, hospitals, etc.. Help your community thrive by being counted.



Getting the numbers right — The volunteer census committee for Schleicher County met at the Eagle Dairy Mart on Monday to prepare for the 2000 Census. (Front L-R) Lydia Vallejo, Jo Callison, Dora Bosmans (Back L-R) Eloy Phelan, Debbie Griffin and John Callison.

## F.Y.I.

For Your Information

**Christmas Tree T.L.C.**

To keep your tree fresh and green through the holiday season it will need a little "Tender Loving Care." It's a good idea to prepare your tree stand before you bring the ideal tree home. This can be done by rinsing the stand with a mixture of one capful of bleach and one cup of water. This process helps reduce the growth of micro-organisms that can block the tree's ability to absorb water.

Tree's get thirsty too! Immediately put the tree in water. Check your tree stand daily and replenish the water supply because this fresh cut tree may drink as much as a gallon or two overnight.

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**On This Date**

On this date in 1805 Napoleon Bonaparte of France defeated a combined Russian/Austrian army in what later became known as the "Battle of Three Emperors" near Austerlitz in the present day Czech Republic. In 1823 U.S. President James Monroe proclaimed a new foreign policy regarding U.S. neutrality in European conflicts that became known as the "Monroe Doctrine." In 1859 abolitionist John Brown was hanged in Charles Town, Virginia after being convicted on charges of treason, murder and insurrection following his raid on the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry. In 1954 the U.S. Senate voted 65-22 to censure Senator Joseph McCarthy for misconduct in his investigation of thousands of suspected Communists in the U.S. government, military and society.

Birthdays of note include: 1859 painter Georges Seurat; 1904 journalist Hy Gardner; 1924 former U.S. General and Secretary of State Alexander Haig; 1925 actress Julie Harris; 1940 football player Willie Brown; 1949 actress Cathy Lee Crosby; 1960 rock musician Rick Savage; 1962 tennis player Tracy Austin.

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**Odds and Ends**

It even happens to rocket scientists - the famous WWII German rocket scientist Wernher Von Braun flunked high school math and physics.

A normal walrus has 18 teeth. The normal scorpion has eight legs and eight eyes.

While pepperoni ranks as America's favorite pizza topping that honor belongs to squid on Japanese pizzas.



The candle of knowledge — Kate Kosub lit a "candle of learning" during the National Honor Society's induction ceremony Monday night in the EHS auditorium.

## National Honor Society inducts 14 new members

The National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony on Monday, November 29, 1999 in the Eldorado High School Auditorium. Haley Edmiston opened the ceremony with an invocation. SCISD Superintendent Hal Porter then introduced the Senior NHS members. They are: Haley Edmiston, Patrick Fuentes, Hillary Hodges, Kimberly Jones, Kayla Kohls, Sarah Mankin, Jess Martin, Lance Mitchel, Larry Nicholson, Alana Oliver, Anthony Pina, Evelyn Quintana and Jennah Richters.

NHS sponsor Amy McCown then explained the symbolism involved in the candlelighting ceremony which was performed by se-

nior member Jennah Richters. The gold candle represents Scholarship, the red candle represents Service, the purple candle represented Leadership and the green candle represents Character.

The new members then proceeded to light an individual candle. They included: senior Kate Kosub; juniors Lindsay Beach, Joey Bullard, Breeanne Davis, Ben Edmiston, Alfredo Esparza, Cayla Jeffrey, Daniel Mata, Kayla McCravey, Stacy Nicholson, Sandra Rodriguez, Suzanne Rojas, Jeff Stafford and Clay Whitten.

The ceremony was concluded with the National Honor Society Pledge and presentation of certificates by Supt. Hal Porter.

## Voter registration certificates to be mailed this week

New voter Registration certificates are scheduled to be mailed out by December 5, 1999, with the valid dates of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001.

Lou Ann Turner, Voter Registrar, would like to remind everyone to check the new certificate as it is received. If there are any changes that need to be made, she asks that corrections be made in the space provided on the back of the certificate and then sign at the designated place.

## Annual Christmas Festival scheduled Sunday, Dec. 12th

Christmas time is coming and all over Eldorado volunteers are preparing for several annual Christmas events, all of them set for Sunday, Dec. 12th.

Among the many goings on that day will be the Eldorado Womans Club Tour of Homes. Included on this years tour will be the homes of Ray & Jerri Willoughby, Scooter & Cathy Faull and Gary & Princess Gruben. The tour will begin at 2:00 p.m. with tickets costing \$5.00. For more information contact Charlene Edmiston.

The annual EHS Christmas Band Concert is slated for that day, as well. It begins at 3:00 p.m. in the EHS auditorium. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

Next, the annual Christmas Festival is scheduled from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on North West Street, between the High School and the new EHS gymnasium. Several activities are planned for the festival including: arts & crafts booths as well as food booths. Christmas carols are set to begin at 4:30 p.m. with the 3rd & 4th grade choir entertaining the festival-goers. At 5:00 p.m. Santa Claus is slated to arrive and visit with all the girls and boys in attendance. Then, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the EHS Varsity Choir will perform. Other groups wishing to perform will be announced after 6:30 p.m. Also, group caroling is planned with songs to be led by Charlie Bradley.

For more information contact: Stan Meador at 853-3273 or 853-2688 office, or Janna Pridemore at 853-2689.

## TP&W seeking for "Texas Big Game Award" entrants

AUSTIN — The rewards of hunting may be self-apparent, but the recognition of the role it plays in Texas often goes unnoticed.

To preserve Texas' hunting heritage and recognize the importance of proper habitat management by landowners, the Texas Wildlife Association joined with the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) to develop the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA), the official state program to promote hunting in Texas. The Lee and Ramona Bass Foundation, Hixon Land and Cattle Company and Carter's Country Outdoor Stores sponsor the TBGA.

The program was created to generate awareness among landowners, land managers, hunters and the public about the role hunting plays in habitat conservation, land management and the state economy.

The TBGA is designed to promote big game hunting and encourage sound habitat management in Texas. The program recognizes the quality of big game animals in Texas, the hunters who harvest these animals, the land managers who produce these animals, the importance of our hunting heritage and the achievements of young and new hunters.

Scored entries are recognized in eight regions of Texas. Scored categories include typical and non-typical white-tailed deer, typical and non-typical mule deer, and pronghorn antelope. All scoring is based on the Boone & Crockett

Club scoring system. Entries must be scored by an official TBGA Scorer and are subject to re-scoring. Rankings are based on net green Boone & Crockett scores.

Any hunter, regardless of age, who harvests his or her first big game animal in Texas, is eligible for recognition in the First Big Game Harvest category. This is a non-scored category and any big game animal is eligible regardless of score or whether it is a buck or doe.

Any hunter under 17 years of age who harvests a white-tailed deer, mule deer, or pronghorn antelope is eligible in the Youth Division. Any big game animal is eligible regardless of score or whether it is a buck or doe.

Deadline to enter is Feb. 15, 2000. Entry forms for Scored Entries are available only from TBGA Certified Scorers. Entry forms for the First Big Game Harvest and Youth Division are available from certified scorers, TPW and TWA.

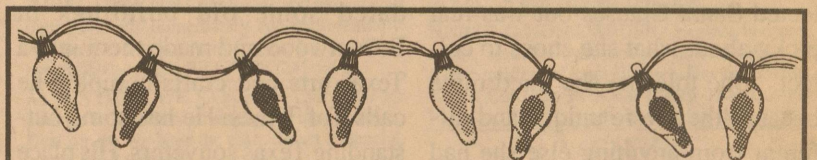
Annual recognition ceremonies will be held in each region from May through September. State-wide recognition will be at a special ceremony during the Texas Wildlife Association's Annual Convention. Certificates will be awarded to all program participants.

For more information on TBGA, call David Brimager with the Texas Wildlife Association at (800) 839-9453 or TPW at (800) 792-1112 or (512) 389-4505.

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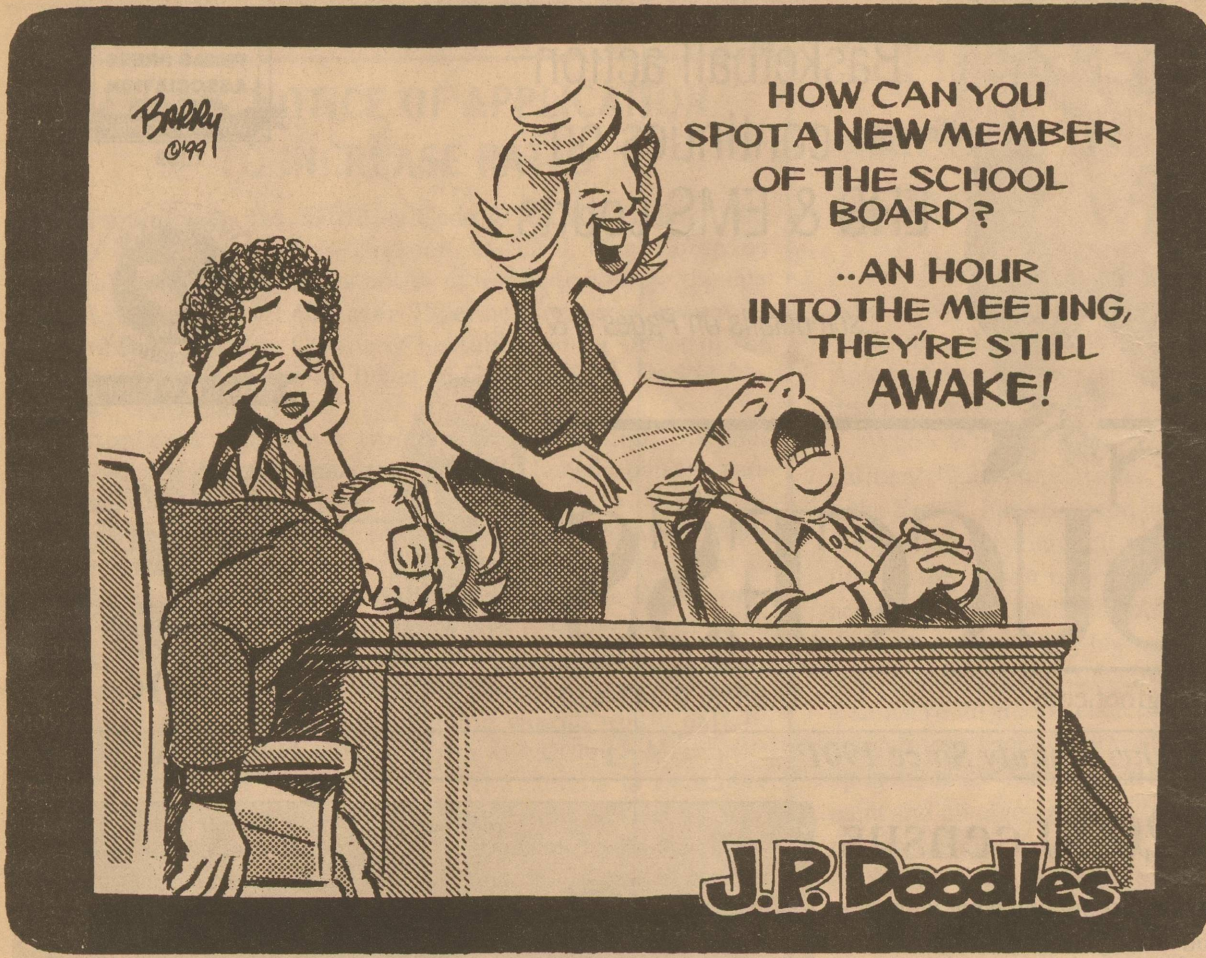
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## Light up Eldorado for Christmas!

The Eldorado Success will be showing the way to Eldorado's decorated homes this Christmas season. To have your home included, or to nominate a friend's home, just call or come by the Success office and give us the address and the name of the homeowner. The list will be published in the next three editions of the Success.

Merry Christmas!



## Where did all the really great looking cars go?

There was a time when the make and model of a car could be recognized by just about everyone...and at a distance, too. Nowadays, there's just no way you can rely on the way a car looks to tell you who made it. They all look alike, and that's a pity.

There are a few notable exceptions, of course. But for the most part, a Chevy looks like a Ford which resembles a Dodge trying to look like Honda's imitation of a Mercedes.

Nissan, Toyota, Subaru and Hyundai. Who can tell them apart? I sure can't.

Pickups are even starting to look like one another. After decades of battling for sales dom-



inance in the small truck market, Chevy and Ford found themselves playing catch up six years ago when Dodge unveiled its new pickup.

Most of you know that I drive a Dodge pickup, so my prejudice in this matter is obvious. In fact, when the new Dodge trucks came out in '94 I bought one of the first that were available. I still love those Studebaker looking front fenders.

Anyway, Chevy and Ford have updated their body styles in order to stay competitive. The result has been that pickups are starting to look alike, too. Toyota joined the battle recently and their a rumors that Subaru is thinking about entering the full size pickup market. What do you want to bet if they do, theirs won't look any different than any of the others?

The past two weekends found the Mankin clan on the road. Two weeks ago, we took Sarah to Houston for a college interview. Then, last weekend,

we drove to Ruidoso, NM where we met Kathy's brother and his family for Thanksgiving. On both trips we saw lots and lots of sports utility vehicles. Chevy Suburbans and Blazers, Ford Expeditions and Explorers. Honda, Toyota and Nissan all have SUVs and, guess what, they all look alike.

Maybe I'm being too critical of the car makers. After all, it was government mandated safety features and fuel economy standards that dictated most of the changes the auto industry went through in the 70's and 80's. So, maybe it was inevitable that car designers in Detroit, Tokyo and Heidelberg would find similar solutions to address the bureaucratically imposed problems.

Still, there was a time in this country when individualism alone required that cars be distinctive. There were niches then for different car models that don't exist now. That's how the Chevy Belaire and the Nash Rambler (*two more dissimilar cars never existed*) both post record sales in 1957.

There is hope, however. On the road between Ruidoso and Roswell, NM, we met a Plymouth Prowler, a truly distinctive car. And, then of course, the Volkswagen Beetle is back.

## Attorneys withdraw fee claim in tobacco case

AUSTIN — Private attorneys who fought for and won a \$17.3 billion settlement against tobacco companies have withdrawn their claim for about \$2.3 billion in legal fees from the state.

The lawyers still will collect about \$3.3 billion over the next 25 years from a national fund paid into by the cigarette industry.

Michael Tigar, a former University of Texas law professor representing the private attorneys, told the *Austin American-Statesman* his clients chose between accepting the 25-year payout or collecting \$2.3 billion in legal fees from the state.

### State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



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Point 1: Interest must be paid. Effective Jan. 1, a new law will require the state to pay interest (1 percent over the prime rate) to Texans who overpay their taxes.

Point 2: Settlement authority. A new law gives the comptroller authority to close tax cases more quickly and avoid litigation, sav-

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### Top Teachers Singled Out

Forty outstanding teachers from across Texas were honored by the Texas Education Agency at the annual Teacher of the Year awards luncheon in Austin.

Garnering the highest honors were Mary Beth Castillo Tierce, a teacher at Kostoryz Elementary School in Corpus Christi, and Jack Cody, an English teacher from Graham High School.

Tierce was named Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year and Cody was named Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Cody will be Texas' representative in the National Teacher of the Year Program in which one U.S. teacher will be named National Teacher of the Year next spring.

### TNRCC Cites Chevron

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has announced it will take action against the Chevron Chemical facility in Baytown.

Enforcement action relates to unreported emissions on Oct. 7 that may have contributed to the highest ozone reading in the Houston area in the last 10 years, the agency reported.

According to the TNRCC, the facility violated Texas law by releasing and failing to report excessive emissions of ethylene and propylene, two types of volatile organic compounds.

The violations could be resolved through a fine and/or corrective action.

### Other Highlights

• An estimated 10,000 people from UT and Texas A&M gathered on the University of Texas campus Nov. 22 to set aside the schools' 106-year old football rivalry and honor the 12 students killed when the Aggies' four-story bonfire collapsed. Twenty bus loads of A&M students and faculty traveled from College Station for the gathering, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

• Most Texans support student-led prayers at athletic events, according to the latest Texas Poll, taken earlier this month, after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to decide whether such prayers violate the Constitution.

• The Texas Department of Public Safety challenged drivers to avoid aggressive driving and road rage over the long Thanksgiving weekend.

• Department of Public Safety and Laredo police officers seized approximately \$3.6 million in cash and 2,795 pounds of cocaine with a street value believed to be \$78 million. Three suspects, all from Nuevo Laredo, were arrested.



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### The Santa Claus Alphabet

J. B. Taylor of Brownwood carves a line of Santa Clauses. He does different styles, from caricature to traditional.

"I'm doing a set of 26 Santa Clauses," he says. "The name of each one begins with a letter of the alphabet. I've got Amos, Benjamin, Caleb, Dominique, Emil, Festus, Gideon, Hiram and Ishmael."

He has come up with two new ones this year, one beginning with J, the other with K. He's been carving the wooden Santa Clauses ten years.

"People who buy Santa Clauses are not buying a Santa Claus. They are buying an addition to their collection."

J. B. had a woman in the store the other day who looked at his work and told him she would be back to start a collection of his Santa Claus carvings. She said she collected Santa Clauses but was real picky about what she chose to collect. "She told me she liked mine because they were unique and different from anything else she had found in the Santa Claus line."

He says people who have Santa Clauses never put them up. "They're on display somewhere in their home all year round because it's a collection they love to enjoy."

Each Santa Claus is different. "Different colors, different designs, different sizes, different shapes, different facial expressions, different purposes. Emil is a big, heavy-set, pot bellied traditional Santa Claus with a glass of milk in one hand and a chocolate chip cookie in the other one."

"Hiram is another Santa Claus who has a pair of overalls on, got his foot on a stack of lumber, got a red paint brush in his hand, and he's called the Toy Maker."

"The real unique one I've got is Festus. He's my cowboy Santa Claus. He's wearing long handle underwear and boots, got a pillow stuffed up under his long handles to pad his mid-section, got his cowboy hat on, has a Santa Claus hat on top of his cowboy hat and he's got a tow sack full of toys over his shoulder."

All the Santa Clauses are available. "By having my own reproduction company right here where I reproduce them myself, if I run short, all I have to do is make some more."

J. B. is a former Baptist minister who has worked for many years as a church camp director. He updated some old buildings in Brownwood and made them into a Texas arts and crafts complex he calls Tuf Times. He has some outstanding Texas souvenirs. His place is worth visiting just to see the frontier architecture he designed.

J. B. sort of looks like a walking caricature himself. He wears a beard and a hat that appears to have lived several lives. Small reading glasses are perched on his nose. His boots and apron are well used. He moves and talks quickly, like one of Santa's elves. He is short in stature but tall in talent. He is excited about everything and laughs easily. His eyes sparkle. Come to think of it, he could be the real thing.

## HOMETOWN CROSSWORD

ACROSS	39 With 30A & 38A	13 Seafarer
1 With 47A this week's local celebrity	name of local celebrity's business	14 Primrose
5 Cod-like fish	40 Fizz	16 Tie sneakers
8 Iranian monarch	41 Invalid	18 Associate of Arts degree (abbr.)
12 Poisonous tropical fruit	42 Stammer	21 A large body of matter
13 Bye bye	44 Feed holder	23 Genus of thorny tropical trees and shrubs
14 Local celebrity's wife	47 With 1A this week's local celebrity	26 Fish eggs
15 Undergarment	51 Blood type	27 Conspicuous
16 Resinlike insect secretion	52 Single-channel sound	29 Surrender
17 Young salmon	53 Free	30 Fasten with a nail
19 Before noon	54 English investigator	32 Average
20 Assign money to	55 Feathery	34 Luggage carrier
22 Sharp curve	57 Toward the mouth	37 Quandary
24 DC's opposite	59 Science fiction award	38 Column moldings
25 Street where local celebrity's business is located	60 Stiff hair or bristle	40 Take care of, especially oneself
26 Blush wine	61 Turn at an odd angle	41 Titled peer of the realm
28 Times in Greenwich	62 Lift	43 Cravat
30 With 38A & 39A name of local celebrity's business	DOWN	44 Catches forty winks
31 100 cents in Sierra Leone	1 Confusion of voices	45 Indefinite article used before a vowel sound
33 Increase the rpm of a motor	2 Gumbo	46 Sludge
35 Indicate assent	3 Abide	47 Gully more shallow than a ravine
36 Digression	4 Exist	48 Assistance
38 With 30A & 39A name of local celebrity's business	5 Taxi cab	49 Ornamental handbag
	6 Preposition expressing position	50 Animal limbs
	7 11th Hebrew letter	56 Where Medicine Hat is located (abbr.)
	8 Saw-toothed	58 Second note of any major scale
	9 Mercury	59 Wagons
	10 Once more	
	11 Anthem	

## LOCAL CELEBRITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This week's solution on Page 6



This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

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# OBITUARIES

## J.L. COOK

**BALLINGER** — J.L. "Bill" Cook, 70, died Monday, Nov. 29, 1999, at 10:15 a.m. at his residence.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Dec. 1, in Old Runnels Cemetery with the Rev. Tommy King officiating. Arrangements were by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Cook was born Feb. 14, 1929, in Bronte to Elmos Edward Cook and Mary Elizabeth Marler. He married Arlette Whitworth June 12, 1946, in Ballinger. He was a driller in the oilfield for 29 years and a mechanic for the City of Ballinger for seven years and was a member of the Seventh Street Baptist Church.

Bill was loved and will be missed by his family.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy.

Survivors include his wife, Arlette Cook of Ballinger; two sons, Steve Cook of San Angelo and Alvin Cook of Lubbock; a brother, Elvis "Cotton" Cook of Ballinger; four sisters, Mildred Harris

of Ralls, Rose Enoch of Eldorado, Pearl Thomason of Portales, N.M., and Fay Farmer of Wylie; four granddaughters; one grandson; one great-granddaughter; and five great-grandsons.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity.



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Monday - Friday 9-5  
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## Eldorado Woolen Mill Tours & Gift Shop

New Products: Soap by the Slice; Gift Baskets; Mohair Coats; Table Runners; Wall Crosses; Pewter Ornaments; Organic Soap & Lotions; Hand Painted Pillows; Teacher Gifts; Christmas Stockings.



Mrs. Timothy Don White

courtesy photo

## Lloyd-White exchange vows

Dee Ann Lloyd and Timothy Don White were married November 27, 1999 during a backyard ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Meador with Judge David B. Read of San Angelo, officiating.

Dee Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Meador and Mr. and Mrs. David Lloyd, all of Eldorado. Tim is the son of Ms. Nancy McCutcheon of Lubbock, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Don White of Edgecliff, Texas.

Maid of honor was Miss Lee Ann Lloyd of Lubbock, Texas. Bridesmaid was Miss Caitlin White of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Best man was Mr. Jason White of Austin, Texas. Groomsman was

Mr. Zacary White of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Usher was Mr. Matt Lloyd of San Angelo.

Members of the house party were Mrs. Matt Lloyd of San Angelo, Texas, Ms. Tina Smalling of Mansfield, Texas, Mrs. Russell Dacy of San Angelo, Texas and Ms. Dena Lloyd of Dallas.

Dee Ann is a graduate of Eldorado High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences from Texas

Tech University. Tim is a graduate of Lubbock Coronado High School and employed by the Lubbock Police Department. The couple will reside at 5710 4th St. #1102, Lubbock, Texas 79407.

## Perez-Sanchez engagement



Heliodoro Torres Sanchez, Jr. and Mary Ann Perez

courtesy photo

Mary Ann Perez and Heliodoro Torres Sanchez Jr. will be married Jan. 29, 2000, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in San Angelo.

Parents of the engaged couple are Mr. and Mrs. Rodolfo Perez of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Heliodoro Torres Sanchez of Eldorado.

Miss. Perez is a 1993 graduate of Abilene High School and received a bachelor's degree in Police Science and Administration from Hardin Simmons University. Her fiance is a 1993 graduate of Eldorado High School and received a bachelor's degree in English from Angelo State University.

## Meals for Friends Menu



### Monday, December 6th

Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Broccoli & Cheese, Hot Rolls, Fruit Gelatin, Milk

### Tuesday, December 7th

Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Zucchini Squash, Sliced Tomatoes, Potato Wedges, Peach Crisp, Milk

### Wednesday, December 8th

Fish Sticks, Herbed Potatoes, Peaches, Hot Rolls, Three Bean Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

### Thursday, December 9th

Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Mustard Greens, Buttermilk Biscuit, Apple Cobbler, Milk

### Friday, December 10th

Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Carrots, Wheat Rolls, Applesauce, Milk

## Y2K "Fixes"...and Frauds

The Year 2000 computer problem isn't a problem for criminals—it's an opportunity to cash in on people's fears about the unknown. While chances are you'll never encounter a Y2K con, we want you to know how to spot the warning signs so you won't end up a victim.

The FDIC and other government agencies believe that scams such as these could become more prominent in the coming months:

- A con artist posing as a bank employee calls to say that, as part of a Year 2000 fix of the bank's computers, you must confirm (actually reveal) your credit card or bank account number. The crook then uses this information to order new credit cards or checks in your name, and goes on a shopping spree.

- You receive an unsolicited offer to "hold" your money until after January 1, 2000, in a place that's supposedly safer than a federally insured deposit account. The money would only go into the crook's pocket.

- A sales person from a company you never heard of calls to suggest that you buy into an investment that's free of Year 2000 problems (or will "solve" Y2K problems) and is guaranteed to net a big profit. It's likely the only one profiting will be the seller, while you get little or nothing in return.

Although the FDIC hasn't received many reports of Y2K related crimes yet, Gene Seitz, a fraud specialist with the agency, says activity could pick up later in 1999. "It may be a bit early for Y2K frauds to be fully surfacing," he says "because to be effective con artists will

likely capitalize on any apprehension during the last few months of the year."

### Best Defenses

The FDIC wants you to be Y2K-careful. Here are four things you can do to protect yourself from a potential Y2K swindle.

#### 1. Remember the classic "red flags" of a financial swindle.

We suggest you hang up the phone or walk away from any unsolicited offer if:

- The deal seems too good to be true or doesn't seem to make sense.
- The offer is from an unfamiliar company, often without a street address or direct telephone number.
- The person or company won't give you written details of the offer.
- You've asked to give cash, a check, or your credit card or bank account number before you receive goods or services.
- The sales person uses high-pressure tactics or is intimidating.

#### 2. Protect your personal financial information.

Never give out your Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers to an unknown person or company unless you initiated the contact, and never give anyone the Personal Identification Number you use to access an ATM. A con artist can use this information to withdraw money from your bank account or order new credit cards in your name.

#### 3. Check out any offer to buy or invest in a product or service before you commit to anything.

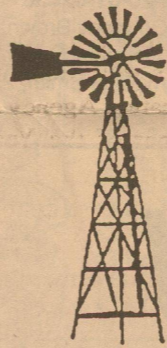
If you're seriously considering an offer, get as much information as you can before you agree to pay money. Always confirm with an reliable source whether you do, indeed,

have a problem or that there isn't a better solution. For example, if you're approached about a supposed Y2K problem with your bank account, independently check with your financial institution. To find out more about a particular company, the Better Business Bureau in the area where the firm is located is an excellent source of information (including complaints against companies). Or, contact the state Attorney General's office or the state or local consumer protection agency in the area where the company is located and ask about its complaint history.

4. Take the time to spot, and report, a possible fraud.

Always review your account statements and credit card bills to make sure a swindler hasn't withdrawn money or made purchases in your name. Also, if one of these regular mailing doesn't arrive, that could be a sign someone has changed your billing address for fraudulent purposes. If you think you've been the victim of a scam or just suspect something fishy, call the police immediately. Then call your financial institution. It's also worth calling the National Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060 (www.fraud.org on the Internet) so it can forward your concerns to the appropriate federal and state authorities.

If you just remember these four simple steps, it's a good bet that you won't have to worry about being the victim of a Y2K scam and other Y2K issues, call the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion toll-free at (888) USA-4-Y2K or (888) 872-4925, or consult the Council's www.y2k.gov Internet site.



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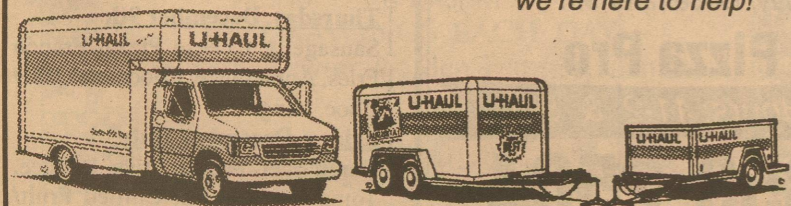
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Up and in — Samantha Smith drove to the basket for an easy layup against Ballinger in JV girls action here last week.

**HOOP SCORES**

**JV Girls**

November 16, 1999  
 Eldorado 08-04-03-04=21  
 Blackwell 08-10-12-11=41  
 Samantha Smith, 2; Mitzi Sessom, 2; Gentry Newman, 7; Amanda Wanoreck, 4; Marina Lozano, 4; Mayci Schweining, 2.

November 19, 1999  
 Eldorado 04-02-06-06=18  
 Lakeview 08-20-01-07=36  
 Gentry Newman, 7; Courtney Brown, 1; Hannah Robledo, 4; Courtney Sauer, 2; Mitzi Sessom, 2; Samantha Smith, 2.

**JV Girls**

November 22, 1999  
 Eldorado 16-07-16-09=48  
 Ballinger 12-11-08-08=39  
 Amanda Wanoreck, 8; Hannah Robledo, 6; Courtney Sauer, 2; Mitzi Sessom, 8; Martha Lively, 5; Blake Snelson, 6; Samantha Smith, 13.

**Varsity squads 1-1 last week**

by David E. Hill  
 Success Sports Writer

Both the boys and girls teams split games last week before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Eagles fans had the opportunity to see both squads play in Eagle Gym both Monday and Tuesday of last week.

The Lady Eagles played Ballinger last Monday night and came out victorious 35 to 31. EHS was down by 3 in the first quarter and then only 1 at the half. At the close of the third, they were down by 2. The fourth quarter proved to be the difference as the Lady Eagles outscored Ballinger 11 to 5 and closed the game out with the 4 point victory. Kayla Kohls led all scorers with 11 points and also had 5 rebounds. Nicholson added 6, Redish and Jones had 5 each. The win ran the girls record to 2 wins and 1 loss.

On Tuesday, the Lady Eagles took on the Menard Yellowjackets and came out on the short end with

**JV Girls**

November 23, 1999  
 Eldorado 06-08-10-16=40  
 Menard 09-04-06-11=30  
 Courtney Brown 2, Hannah Robledo 2, Courtney Sauer 2, Mitzi Sessom 6, Tony Martin 2, Samantha Smith 12, Martha Lively 3, Blake Snelson 8, Amanda Wanoreck 3.

**8th Grade Boys**

November 29, 1999  
 Eldorado 45  
 Ozona 33  
 Trey Chavez 5, Virgilio Escobar 4, Homer Hernandez 3, Danny Sanchez 7, Chris Sanchez 10, Joshua Trejo 4.

**8th Grade "B" Boys**  
 November 29, 1999  
 Eldorado 16  
 Ballinger 15  
 Tony Chavez 4, Cole Wilkerson 3, Travis Lively 8, Arispe 1.

a score of 57 to 30. EHS was down by 4 at the end of the first quarter and got back to just 1 down at the half. Menard outscored Eldorado 33 to 8 in the second half to come out with the win. The loss drops the Lady Eagles to 2 wins and 2 losses. Kohls and Redish led all scorers with 7 and Stacy Nicholson had 9 rebounds. It was a tough night for the Lady Eagles.

The Eagle roundballers had their rough night on the hardwood against Ballinger last Monday night. Eldorado stayed close through the first half but was outscored 36 to 14 in the final two quarters. Ballinger finished on top 59 to 28. Pina lead all scorers with 9, followed by Mayo with 7 and Covarubiaz with 5. Mayo had 11 rebounds and Johnny Herrera had 5 assists. Coach Gillespie's comment on the game, "we did not shoot, pass, run, or rebound very well and the score reflected it." The loss dropped the Eagles to 1 win and 2 losses.

On Tuesday, Eldorado played Water Valley as Menard had not had any practice time yet. Eldorado came out victorious in a see saw battle 49 to 47. EHS jumped out to a 4 point lead after the first stanza, then saw the Wildcats go up by 1 at the half. EHS outscored WV 15 to 13 in the third and hung on to the win in the fourth. Kenny Covarubiaz led all scorers with 14, followed by Pina and Mayo with 10. Covarubiaz was 4 of 8 from 3 point land and Bullard and Pina each had 6 assists. Gillespie commented, "we still have a lot of things to work on this week. We will really emphasize hustle and moving to the ball."

The Eagles and Lady Eagles traveled to Rocksprings on Tuesday and will play in the Ballinger Tournament this weekend. Support both squads as they go on the road.

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**Tuesday, December 7th**  
 Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

**Wednesday, December 8th**  
 Turkey & Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping

**Thursday, December 9th**  
 Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Blacy-eyed Peas, Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Icing

**Friday, December 10th**  
 Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit Topping

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**Wednesday, December 8th**  
 Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

**Thursday, December 9th**  
 Apple Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Cheese Stick

**Friday, December 10th**  
 Pineapple Slices, Toast/Cream of Wheat

**Fast Food Line**

**Monday, December 6th**  
 McRib Sandwiches, French Fries, Pineapple Tidbits, Harvest Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, December 7th**  
 Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoese, Pickles, Cowboy Cookies

**Wednesday, December 8th**  
 Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Pear Halves, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping

**Thursday, December 9th**  
 Sausage & Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing

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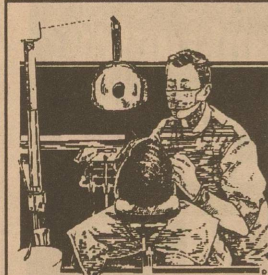
**A little college money** — Makenzie and Cody McCravey (center) brother and sister of Eldorado received Sheriff's Association of Texas scholarships recently from Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran (L) and Retired Sheriff Orval Edmiston (R), who just happens to be their grandfather.

## 15 Templo Getsemani youth participate in Austin convention

Fifteen youth from Templo Getsemani of Eldorado traveled to Austin over the Thanksgiving weekend for a three day youth convention. More than 8,000 youth from many churches gathered in worship at the event. On Friday morning, November 26th more than 4,000 youths marched to the State Capital carrying banners and shouting praises to their Lord. The Eldorado youths were very excited to take part in the event which attracted much media attention.

After the event the young people offered their thanks to Pastor and Mrs. Gallegos and to their parents for making the trip possible.

Among those participating from Templo Getsemani were: Maria Villia, Nancy Villia, Anna Rios, David Elias, Patrick Fuentes, Kathy Gonzales, Dee Martinez, Sonny Costilla, Mario Sanchez, Daniel Sanchez, Sammy Cabrera, Louis Santellano, Pedro Hernandez, Ryan Adame, and Chris Sanchez. Youth leaders were: Raul and Mary Rios.



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Dear Editor,

As the newly appointed Chairman of our local Salvation Army I am pleased to announce the kick-off of our annual Christmas fundraising drive. All proceeds collected from the drive will benefit the local Salvation Army post as well as the headquarters, which is located in Dallas.

The Christmas fundraising effort is what keeps our local post in operation throughout the year. I hope that each of your readers will take time to find the postage paid, pre-addressed envelope which is inserted in this week's edition of the Eldorado Success, enclose a donation and drop it in

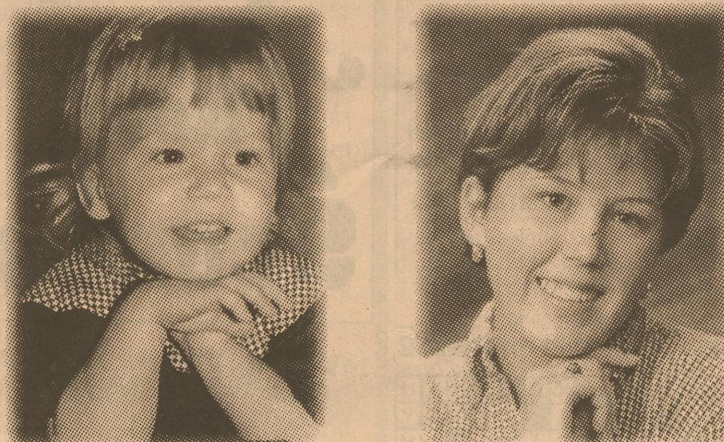
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Grandparents are Joe Max and Marty Edmiston, Jerry Bass and Cynthia Bass.

Great grandparents include Marge Mathis of Snyder, Al and Nadine Price of Artesia New Mexico, Mack and Youtha Gregg of Kermit, Inez Barnett of Canyon, and Orval and Charlene Edmiston of Eldorado.

Trace is also welcomed by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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New this year, too, is the American Magic Lantern Theater, an authentic nineteenth century magic lantern show. This truly unique program lets participants step back in time and experience entertainment as our great-great grandparents did.

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Merchants and Artisans buildings will open at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, with the buildings and grounds remaining open until 9:00 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 4, the festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m. The final day, Sunday, Dec. 5, begins with a Cowboy Campfire Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., with the merchants and artisans buildings opening at 10:00 a.m. and closing at 5:00 p.m.

General gate admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children ages six to 12, and children under six are admitted free. Senior citizen admission is \$2.00, and a weekend pass is available for \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 6 to 12.

Parking during the event is conveniently located near Fort Concho at El Paseo de Santa Angela (between Oakes Street and the Santa Fe Depot) and at the corner of Burgess and Avenue B. Handicapped parking is available at the corner of Washington and Oakes Streets.

**Hoop Scores**

**7th Grade Girls**

November 29, 1999  
 Eldorado 00-06-02-05=12  
 Ozona 08-11-13-17=49

Betsy Green 1, Amanda Figueroa 2, Lindsey Schwieng 2, Katey Blair 8. 7th Grade "B" Girls Rachael Fuentes scored 4 points against Ozona's "B" Team girls no score.

**8th Grade Girls**

November 29, 1999  
 Eldorado 12-10-04-07=33  
 Ozona 10-13-11-10=44

Courtney Whitten 4, Mikinzie Holley 9, Clara Herrera 8, Heather Homer 4, Monica Moreno 2, Teresa Barajas 2, Lacy Ragsdale 4. 8th Grade "B" Team girls scoring were Anna Pios 2, Jennifer Bybee 6, and Sonia Mills 2 against Ozona "B" Team no score.

**Golf Play Day**  
 by Mabel Freitag

It was a beautiful day for our once a month Play Day on Sunday, November 28th. We had a great total of 44 adults and one youth, Jennah Richters.

1st Place, Score 55 - Chris Phillips, Howard Ledbetter, Joe Garza, Bill Wells and Zack Monroe.

2nd Place, Score 56 - Tom Gray, Chris McCravey, Charlie Pharris, Chris Hegefeld, and Branda Gray.

3rd Place, Score 56 - Melissa O'Harrow, Guy Crippin, Charlie Bradley, Gordon Emmons and Curt Overby.

We had a putt-off for 2nd and 3rd place with 3 teams participating. The other team which came in with a score of 56 was Moses Hill, Tip Van Court, Gordon Jones, C.R. Sproul and Cindy McGinnes. This team "set the course on fire" the 2nd nine. The first nine they had 3 birdies and 1 bogie with a score of 31. On the 2nd nine they had 8 birdies and 1 par for a score of 25.

There will be a 2-person, select-shot tournament on Saturday, December 4th. Tee time 1 p.m.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, January 2nd, 2000 weather permitting.

My wishes are for everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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  - 3rd Gus Ward, Barry Wheeler
  - 4th Ken Newman, Helen Page, Norris Sauer, Brittni Meyer, Ashley Hartgrove, Marcus Scott
  - 5th Tyler David Martinez, Tina Rocha, Denisa Estep, Allene Halbert, Chuck Fitts, Teresa Gamez
  - 6th Debra Swinson, Mike Moore, Charlotte Mobley, Wesley Don Robinson, Carter Edmiston, Sarah Mankin
  - 7th Mike Manning, Jana Sterling, Lycynda Halbert, Ruby Morrison
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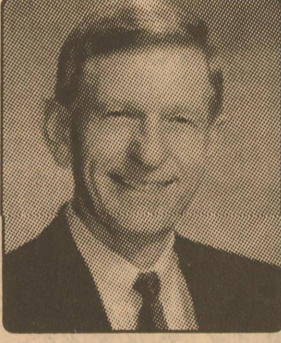
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We would like to give a very special thanks to Community Baptist Church and Pastor Byron Orand for all of their help and prayers with the loss of Jean Kuykendall, wife, mother, teacher, and friend.

We would also like to thank all of our angels-James, Cindy, Linda, and Peggy from Hospice of San Angelo, also Lori, Lola, Dora, Louise and Nancy, we are eternally grateful for everything you have done.

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We would like to thank everyone who has called, sent cards, brought food and most of all for your prayers for Pete during his recent surgery.

A special thanks to Janis Petty and our Christian brothers for all their help and visits.

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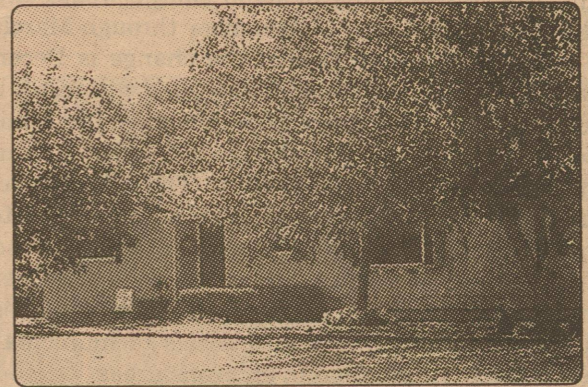


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### Mittel Insurance Agency Eldorado's Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on (L-R) Adrian Ortega, Dylan Dombroski, Christopher Harrington and Tyler Dombroski of Cub Scout Pack 18. The scouts collected 554 food items and \$11 in cash which they turned in at the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 21st in the Memorial Building.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES

Pursuant to Tex. Utilities Code § 104.103 (1999), TXU Lone Star Pipeline, a Division of TXU Gas Company ("Applicant") hereby gives notice of intent to change the city gate rate of TXU Lone Star Pipeline (formerly known as "Lone Star Pipeline Company") established by Order of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664 ("GUD 8664").

Applicant proposes a two-part transportation rate that consists of a demand charge per MMBtu based upon the contractual demand for city gate service and a volumetric charge per MMBtu based on actual delivered volumes. This transportation rate would result in a revenue increase to Applicant. Applicant also proposes to increase the storage rate applicable to city gate deliveries established in GUD 8664. The storage rate would consist of a monthly demand charge for capacity and a monthly demand charge for deliverability. The deliverability demand charge would only be charged during the months of November through March.

The proposed effective date of the change is December 20, 1999. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$20.3 million or sixteen percent (16%). The change will affect 1.3 million residential and commercial customers. The rate change will affect transportation and storage rates at the city gate for TXU Lone Star Gas-Transmission, who in turn sells the gas to TXU Lone Star Gas which serves 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in municipalities and the Railroad Commission in environs areas.

A Statement of Intent to make such a change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8976 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress in Austin, Texas, and at the offices of Applicant at 301 South Harwood in Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Lone Star Gas. Any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999. Any person or agency who has a justifiable or administratively cognizable interest who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999.

## Five EHS students listed in Who's Who

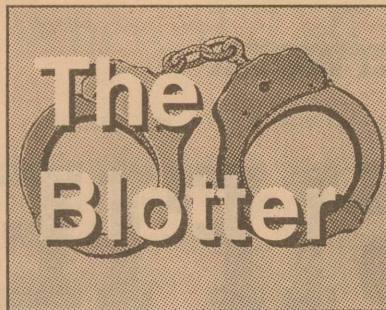
Five Eldorado High School students were recently included in the 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students are Kasey A. Griffin, Shannon L. Mitchel, Jenah L. Richters, Catherine R. Lloyd, Alana J. Oliver.

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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.

### ARREST

• Nov. 23 Fuentes, Lee Ray, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• Nov. 26 Pina-Ortez, Jose Reyes, male age 34, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released, paid fines of \$149.50.

• Nov. 26 Avila, Marcelino, Moreno, male age 32, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released, paid fines of \$149.50.

• Nov. 26 Avila, Ausencio, Moreno, male age 25, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• Nov. 27 Pettiet, Rudy Merlin, male age 57, arrested by DPS Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (3 or more). Released on \$10,000 Surety Bond.

• Nov. 28 Montes, Cesar Alejandro, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant from Tom Green County. Released to Tom Green Co. Sheriff's Dept.

• Nov. 29 Santiago, Roger, male age 29, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Appear, Motion To Revoke. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

### REPORTS

• Nov. 24 10:38 a.m. Complainant reported to dispatch that was a large piece of rubber in the road 2 miles on North Hwy 277.

• 11:37 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for their father whom as having a seizure. Officer and EMS 1 responded.

• 12:35 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a female subject at their residence that they ask to leave on several different occasions and subject refused. Complainant requested an officer to come by residence and ask subject to leave. Officer responded.

• Nov. 25 8:46 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• Nov. 26 1:25 a.m. Complainant reported that they hit a deer on North Street in front of apts.

• 2:19 a.m. Complainant on East Street reported that neighbors were being very loud and also had music turned up to loud. Officer responded.

• 9:50 a.m. Hospital was contacted and stated that alarm was set off by accident. All OK.

• 1:16 p.m. Report of a grass fire on South Popular and possible structure involved. Fire units responded to call along with an officer.

• Nov. 27 1:42 p.m. Report of fire 10 miles North on Hwy. 277. Fire Units responded and one officer.

• Nov. 28 10:08 a.m. Report of road hunters on McIntosh Road. Vehicle was a dark colored Jeep Grand Cherokee occupied by 2 males. Passenger is a young male with blond hair and driver is

an older male. Complainant did see guns.

• 11:10 a.m. Officer requested to speak to an officer about their 17 year old daughter.

• 12:00 p.m. Complainant came to Sheriff's Officer to report damage done to their telephone connection at their residence. Subject stated that there were tire marks on the ground. Officer notified.

• 2:06 p.m. DPS Officer requested assistance for subject that had fled on foot 11 miles North on Hwy 277. SC Officers, Border Patrol and Fire Department responded. 2 subjects captured by DPS Officer. One male and one female.

• 5:35 p.m. Complainant reported that there was a brown truck driving very fast and reckless on Del Rio and Concho Street. There were children chasing after the vehicle. Officer responded and subject located.

• 6:36 p.m. Complainant reported there were juveniles in the road near the Post Office throwing things at vehicles and one of the children almost got hit. Officer responded and was unable to locate children.

• 6:30 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to go to their house on E. Fields so they could report some things stolen. Officer responded.

• 6:54 p.m. Complainant called to report that their cousin called them from their cell phone. Subject asked complainant to call the Sheriff's Officer and requested an officer to come help them 8 miles on Hwy. 190 West. Subjects had hit a deer. Officer responded.

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• 6:07 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to go to the hospital so they could report an incident. Officer responded.

## Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson



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## Learning How To Write Is Critical Part of Education

**QUESTION:** I've always had an interest in creative writing, primarily because I had a teacher who encouraged me to express myself and gave me the skills to do it. My kids, however, have not had that exposure. The school system just doesn't teach writing skills anymore. How did you come to be a writer, and how might I give my children a nudge in that direction?

**DR. DOBSON:** It is true that writing skills are seldom taught today. That was evident a while back when I was considering hiring a Ph.D. candidate from a large university. I called her major professor for a recommendation. He spoke highly of this woman and said he was sure she would do a good job for me. I then asked if she was an adequate writer. He said, "Are you kidding? None of my students have strong writing skills. Young people don't learn to put their thoughts on paper these days." He was right!

It hasn't always been that way. I remember diagramming sentences and learning parts of speech when I was in elementary school. It was a major part of the curriculum. Also, my parents encouraged and helped me grow in this area. I wrote a letter to a friend when I was 9 years old. My mother then suggested that we read it together. I had written, "Dear Tom, how are you? I am just fine." My mom asked me if I thought that sounded a little boring. She said, "You haven't said anything. You used a few words, but they have no meaning." I never wrote those phrases again, although that is the typical way a child begins a letter.

Looking back, I can see how,

even at an early age, my mother was teaching me to write. In addition, I was also fortunate to have a few English teachers who were determined to teach me the fundamentals of composition. I had one in high school and another in college who insisted that I learn grammar and composition. They nearly beat me to death, but I'm glad they did. I earn a living today, at least in part, with the skills they gave to me. I would especially like to say "thanks" to Dr. Ed Harwood. His classes were like Marine boot camp, but what I learned there was priceless.

It's not terribly difficult or time-consuming to encourage and teach kids some of the basics of grammar and composition. One approach is to ask a family member to correspond with your child and encourage him or her to write back. Then when the reply is written, sprinkle a few corrections, such as the one my mother offered, with a generous portion of praise. Finally, entice that youngster to engage in a little creative expression. As for what you can do to compensate for the de-emphasis on writing in school, I really don't know — except to seek instruction outside the classroom.

The teaching of writing has gone out of style — much like the old "homemaking" classes for girls. But it is an incredibly valuable craft that your child can use in a wide variety of settings. Don't let him or her grow up without developing it.

**QUESTION:** If punishment is never indicated for an infant, what form of discipline is appropriate at that age?

**DR. DOBSON:** The answer is loving leadership. Parents should have the courage to do what is right for their babies, even if they protest vigorously.

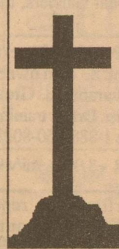
Dr. Bill Slonecker, a Nashville pediatrician and a good friend, has stressed the importance of parents taking charge right from the day of birth. Too often he has seen mothers in his private practice who were afraid of their infants. They would call his office and frantically huff, "My 6-month-old baby is crying and seems very hot." The doctor would ask if the child had a fever, to which Mom would reply, "I don't know. He won't let me take his temperature." These mothers had already yielded their authority to their infants. Some would never regain it.

Good parenting and loving leadership go hand in hand. And it should begin on Day One.

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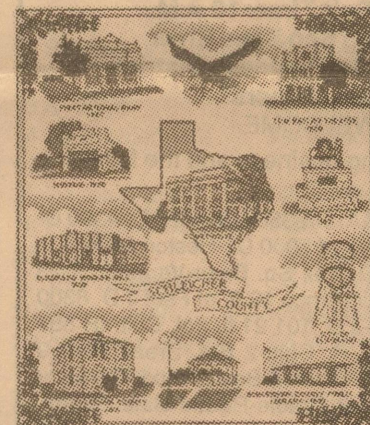
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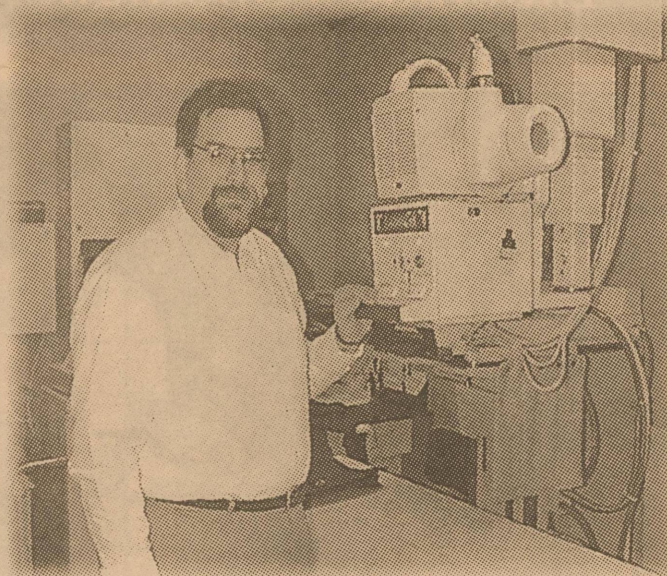
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