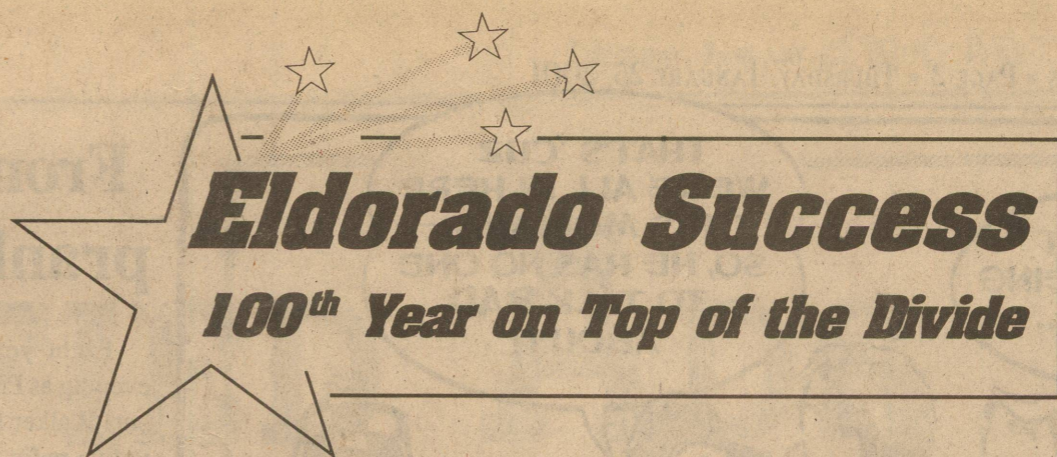
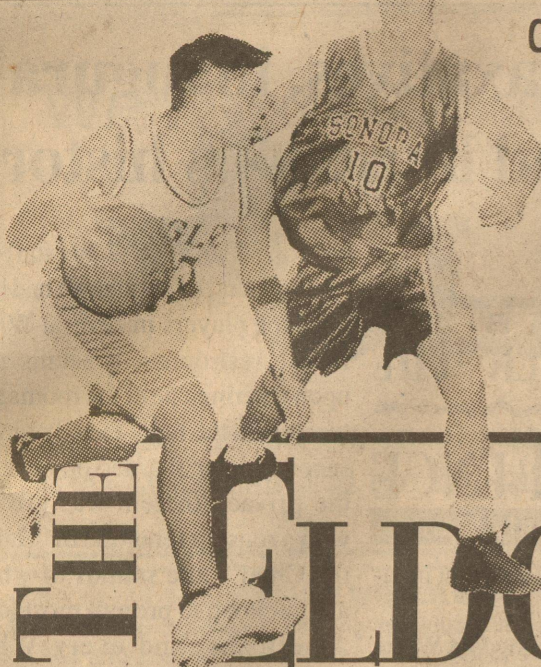


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Commissioners eye options for constructing Civic Center

Advisor says 14¢ tax hike could pay for construction bonds

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday and, among other business, discussed the possibility of constructing a Civic Center. All members of the court were present for the discussion. Brian Edmiston, representing the Schleicher County Game Association, and Stan Meador, representing the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, met with the commissioners to report on research they had done. It was explained that a 100 ft. by 150 ft. metal building could be constructed for approximately \$116,000.00. That figure, however, does not include the cost of flooring, interior partitions, plumbing, kitchen equipment, or heating and air conditioning.

A similar structure, was com-

pleted recently in Sonora with the final cost reported to be near \$625,000.00. It was explained that the price of the Sonora building was inflated by about \$50,000.00 due to the fact that rock veneer was installed as was a covered driveway. Edmiston and Meador noted that they had measured the northeast corner of the Schleicher County courthouse square and determined that a building of the size in question could be constructed there, provided that some of the existing parking area be used for the building site.

Discussion also centered on the need for a courthouse annex. It was noted that the current courthouse is not in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and that eventually an annex will have to be constructed to house the courtroom,

County Clerk and Justice of Peace offices. The possibility of combining a courthouse annex and a civic center into one building was also discussed as was the future role of the existing Memorial Building.

Financial advisor Larry Skiles was also on hand to brief the commissioners on the county's ability to issue bonds to fund construction should the county elect to proceed with any of the projects mentioned in the meeting. Skiles advised that the county tax rate of 80.42¢ per \$100.00 evaluation includes 14¢ that is allocated to the farm to market road account. This amount does not count against the 80¢ tax cap as proscribed by law. Therefore, Skiles concluded, the county could legally raise taxes by about 14¢ and use the extra money to pay off construction bonds. It was also noted that some funds may be available to the county through grants and through contributions from citizens and corporations.

After much discussion Edmiston and Meador agreed to contact an architect who would agree to visit with the county commissioners for the purpose of exploring options concerning a civic center and/or courthouse annex.

In other business, the commissioners voted to change over the county's local and long distance phone service to Ionex Telecommunications, Inc., a re-seller of telephone services. Amby Richards, representing Ionex, was on hand to meet with the commissioners. She offered the county a flat 9.9¢ rate on in state long distance calls and a 6.9¢ rate on out-of-state calls. Richards further promised the county they would see a 20 percent reduction in their local phone service bill. It was estimated that the change would save the county about \$2,000.00 per year. Ross Whitten offered the motion to make the switch and it was seconded by Johnny Mayo. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Next, the court approved the payment of \$2,500.00 to the Tom Green County Juvenile Center. The annual charge is ordered by the district court. The facility in Tom Green County is designed especially to detain juvenile offenders. Schleicher County also pays a fee of \$109.00 per day for care of each local juvenile detained in the facility.

The commissioners then took up the topic of cemetery plots. It was explained that in the past, alternating plots were left open in order to allow easy access to grave sites. However, an examination of the county cemetery's master plan reveals that the if the alternating plots were allowed to be used for burial, access to grave sites would not be significantly hampered. Also, watering and mowing of plots could be done more efficiently. After discussing the matter, the commissioners agreed with the proposal to sell

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It's all about money — The Schleicher County Commissioners Court discussed the possibility of building a Civic Center on Monday and weighed the options for paying for the construction. Pictured above are (clockwise from left) Commissioner Ross Whitten, Commissioner Kirk Griffin, Paramedic Tim Vasquez, Brian Edmiston representing the Schleicher County Game Dinner Association, Secretary Lydia Vallejo, Stan Meador, president of the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, Commissioner Johnny Mayo, Commissioner Bill Clark and County Judge Johnny Griffin.

School will heat and air condition Ag barn with proceeds from insurance settlement

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County I.S.D. board of trustees met Monday night and heard from Superintendent George Blanch that an insurance settlement of \$57,648.51 had been collected by the district for damage the school's agriculture barn had sustained in a wind storm last year. Of that amount, \$34,852.40 has been spent to construct a new, larger building. That leaves \$22,796.00 in the account. After discussing the matter, the board voted unanimously to install central air conditioning and heating in the newly constructed building as well as in the existing exhibition hall. Also, restroom improvements and the installation of a lighting upgrade were approved. It was noted that this renovation will considerably increase the air-conditioned space for both school and community activities. It was further explained

that the two halls can be used together or separately as needed.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by board president Phil McCormick board members Jo Helen Kotsch, Berta Nicholson, Eddie Albin, Sam Whitten, Jr., Kurtis Homer and Steve Sessom in attendance. The meeting was the board's regular monthly session and was held in the Elementary School kitchen.

There were no visitors present to meet with the board so the group moved immediately into the agenda, approving financial reports as presented by Loretta Edmiston. Ms. Edmiston drew the board's attention to escalating costs of electricity and gas for heating. She reported that she had checked with the weather bureau and had learned that December 2000 temperatures were ten degrees colder, on the average, than those recorded during the same period in 1999. The

increase in utility costs reflects an increase for these services of \$8,000.00 greater than last year.

Mr. Blanch reported that he was attempting to conserve energy by ensuring that thermostats in classrooms were set at seventy degrees. He reported that maintenance personnel were charged with assuring that maximum efficiency was being achieved.

Bill Dykstra led a group of citizens who proposed upgrading the school's baseball field and one of the county's little league fields by applying a clay lava-rock composite to the infield of each. It was reported that a donation of \$1,500.00 from the booster club and \$1,000.00 from the Eldorado Youth Baseball Association was being supplemented by in-kind trucking and heavy equipment work by the county. The group asked that the

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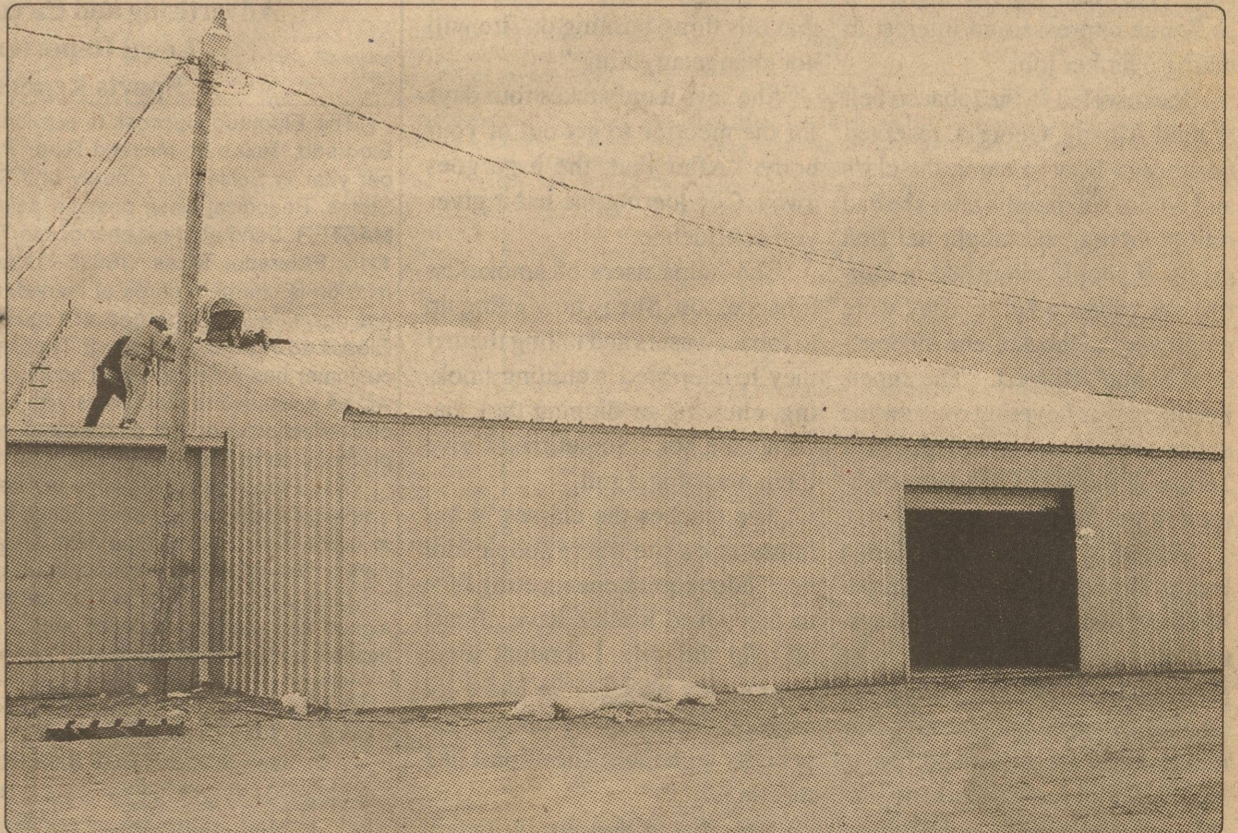


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New Ag Building — Workmen put the finishing touches on the exterior of Schleicher County I.S.D.'s new Ag Barn last week. The building replaces on that was destroyed by high winds on Sept. 14, 2000. The new building is larger and roomier than the one it replaces. School trustees learned Monday night that enough money remains from the insurance settlement to pay for air conditioning and heating the structure as well as the adjacent exhibit hall.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Held over by popular demand — The Way Off-Broadway Players production of the "Star Spangled Girl" is currently playing at the Tom Raliff Civic Theater. Featured in the play are (Front L-R) Bryan Sproul, Amy Green, Ben Edmiston, (Back L-R) Mitzi Sessom and Matt Curtis. The play has been extended for an additional performance. The play is set for this Saturday at 8:00 p.m. An additional performance on Saturday Feb. 24th has been slated.

Chamber to name Man & Woman of the Year at meeting

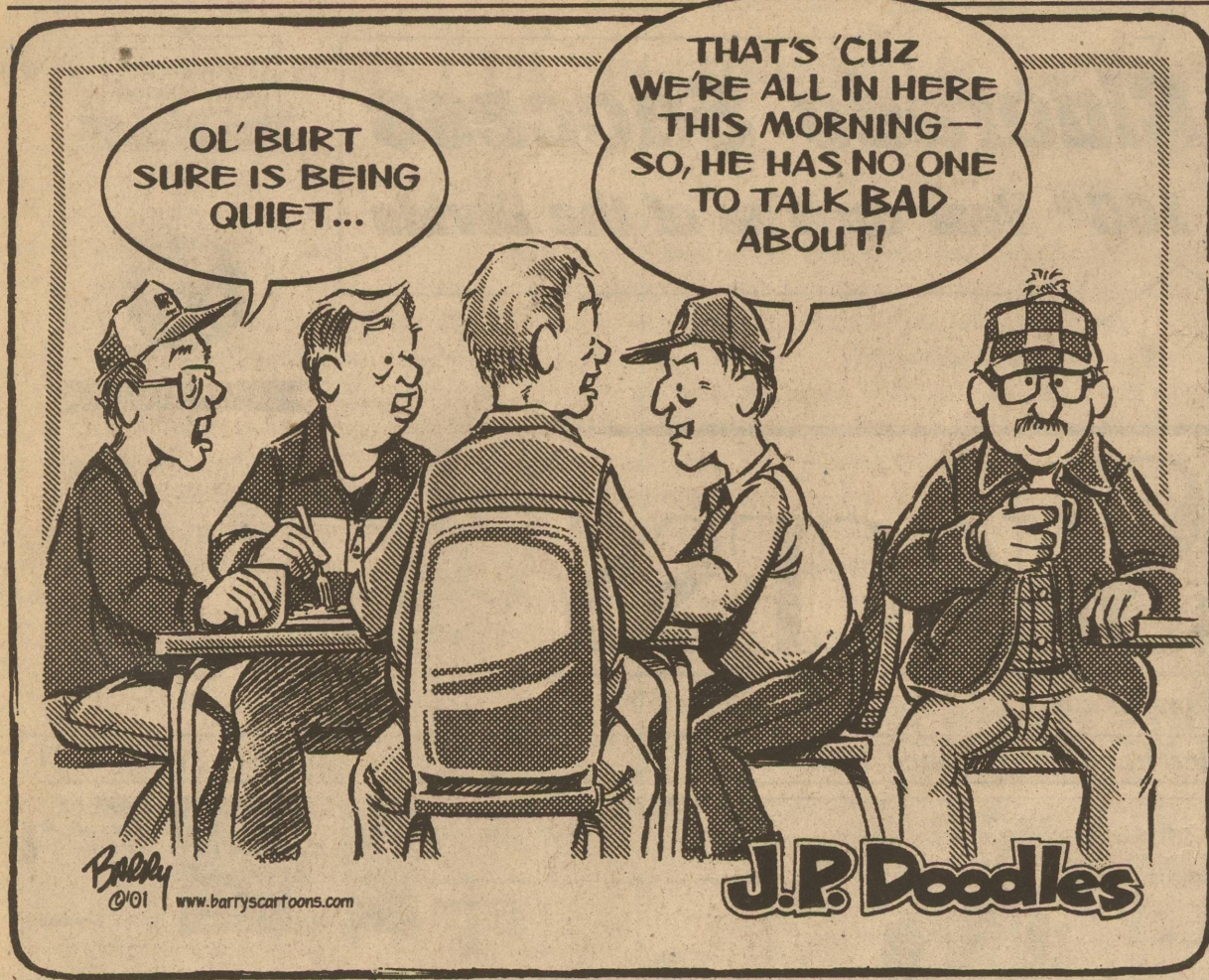
The Annual Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building. This year the meeting will start with a mixer with finger foods rather than a dinner. Tickets for the mixer are \$5.00 each. The business meeting then will start at 7:30 p.m. and is slated to last about an hour.

At the business meeting, the Man and Woman of the Year will be announced and other community volunteers will be recognized. Nominees for Woman of the Year are: Stacy Jones, Ann Fagan-Cook, Judy Christian, Linda Gonzalez, Dorothy Dacy, Maria Torres, Sue Jones, Princess Gruben and Jo Ann Sproul. Nominees for Man of the Year are: Gene Jones, Juan Chavez, Ronnie Sauer, John Nikolauk, Ike Whitten and Albert Torres.

Nominees for Business of the year include: First National Bank of Eldorado, the Eagle Dairy Mart, Symbol, Inc., BJ Oil Field Services, The Eldorado Success, the Law Offices of James A. Kosub and Niblett's Oilfield Services.

Nominees for Educator of the Year include: Julie Griffin, Martha Spinks, Bob Wanoreck, Ken Newman, J.D. Doyle and George Spinks.

Three directors will be elected to serve a three-year term on the board and one director will be elected to fill an unexpired two-year term. Candidates for the three-year terms are: Rachael Nixon, Stan Meador and James Kosub. Cherie McCollugh is the candidate for the two-year unexpired term. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor, but only if they have agreed in advance to serve.



From light bulbs to laxatives, inaugural pranks have a long and illustrious history



Eight years ago, on his last evening as President, George Herbert Walker Bush invited conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh to spend the night in the Lincoln bedroom. Knowing that the following evening TV producers Harry and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason would be President Clinton's first guests in that same room, Limbaugh penned a note to the couple and asked one of the permanent White House staffers to leave it on the pillow for the Thomasons to find. In the note Limbaugh told the couple, "You may be sleeping here tonight, but I'll be back."

Through the years there have all manner of stunts, pranks and political high-jinks associated with the transfer of power carried out

he took office in 1977, his staff belatedly found that someone had hidden tape players in several White House restrooms. It seems that upon entering one of the rooms and turning on the light, exactly ninety seconds later the person seeking the privacy therein was greeted with a rousing rendition of "Hail to the Chief"...the sounds of which are intended to prompt most loyal Americans, and every White House staffer, to stand at attention.

Ronald Reagan's love for jelly beans was turned against him by Carter staffers who reportedly left several jars of the little candies in the Oval Office. Oh, there was nothing wrong with the candy, except for the laxative some of them contained.

So it was that when Bill Clinton's staffers prepared to vacate their offices last week and make room for the incoming administration of George W. Bush, or "Dubya" as he is affectionately known by his followers, pranks against the incoming staff were expected. And, the Clintonistas did not disappoint. They systematically removed the "W" key from every computer keyboard in the building.

A Bush administration spokesperson declined to say whether other pranks had been uncovered. It's a safe bet, though, that any jars of jelly beans found lying around the place have been thoroughly tested.

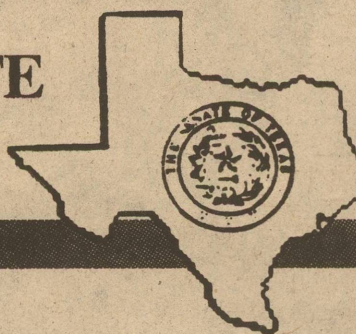
Criminal Justice Committee Studies Connally Unit Escape

AUSTIN - The Senate Committee on Criminal Justice opened hearings Tuesday, January 16, into the December escape of seven inmates from the John B. Connally Jr. Unit in Karnes County.

"As policy makers we do have the authority and the obligation to ensure that policies that we envision through statute give TDCJ the tools that they need," said Victoria Sen. Ken Armbrister, the chair of the committee. "So we'll be looking at it from that standpoint—have we supplied them with the tools?"

Armbrister called Tuesday's committee action a preliminary review of the report on the escape issued January 11, 2001 by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), but stressed that the Senate's study of the Texas penal system is part of an ongoing effort that

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began well before the escape. "You've got 160,000 people (in Texas prisons) spending every waking minute calculating how to get out," Sen. Armbrister said. "What we have to ensure to the citizenry of the state is that -every waking minute -- we're responsible, that we're trying to spend that time making sure they stay in."

Hearings Continue on Appropriations Bill

The Senate Finance Committee continued hearings Tuesday on the General Appropriations Bill, which will set budgets for state

agencies and outline Texas' spending priorities for the 2002-2003 biennium. The committee also questioned TDCJ representatives in light of the recent situation surrounding the seven escapees from the Connally Unit. Houston Senator John Whitmire, who also serves as vice chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, questioned TDCJ's priorities in the budget process and why there is such a large shortage of prison guards. TDCJ has reported a shortage of 2,500 prison guards. Budget hearings continued Wednesday and will resume Monday, January 22.

Senate Honors Science Hall of Famers

The Texas Senate unanimously adopted Senate Resolution 7 on Tuesday, January 16, offered by Sen. David Cain of Dallas, to honor the 16 charter members of the Texas Science Hall of Fame, who were inducted last year at the Texas Science Summit 2000. The Texas Science Hall of fame acknowledges Texans who have made significant scientific accomplishments of national and world recognition. This first class of inductees included astronauts, Nobel Prize winners, educators and physicians.

Lt. Governor, Secretary of State Join Senators Urging 'Border Czar'

Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff and Secretary of State Henry Cuellar on Wednesday, January 17, joined more than a dozen senators in urging President-elect George W. Bush to appoint a federal "border czar."

"This is a concept that has great potential," Ratliff said, "not only for Texas but for other states that share the Mexican border."

Led by Senators David Sibley of Waco, Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso and Brownsville's Eddie Lucio, Jr., the senators said increased trade and associated traffic between the U.S. and Mexico since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994 make it necessary to look at border issues in a new way.

"The North American Free Trade Agreement has been a boon to both the Mexican and U.S. economies in the past seven years," said Sibley, the chair of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee. "But as trade between our two countries has blossomed, so have traffic congestion, border crossing delays, air and noise pollution and stress on infrastructure. These problems have become impediments to free trade."

The proposed "border czar" would be under the U.S. Department of Commerce and serve as the U.S.'s point person on Mexican border affairs.

"The border is a complex place," said Shapleigh, a member

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Stop Smoking by Phone

"Buffalo Gap is where a lot of characters can live and not stick out." Those are the words of Tenna Yoes, who lives in Buffalo Gap and helps people stop smoking. She calls her business WELLPOWER. In 1990, Tenna was working at a hospital in Abilene as an accountant. The hospital was putting a no-smoking policy into effect, so Tenna decided she would either have to quit smoking or quit her job. She did both. She took a course from Smoke Stoppers to learn how to stop smoking. The person who taught the class was leaving town, so Tenna expressed an interest in taking over her job.

She traveled to the tobacco belt around Albany, Georgia, received training in how to teach the class and within six months after she had quit smoking, she taught her first group of people interested in quitting the tobacco habit. They were employees of the Abilene Independent School District. "The superintendent was hovering over me the entire time I was teaching," says Tenna. "I thought I needed a cigarette to get me through this."

That was ten years ago. Tenna has modified the program somewhat and inaugurated her own system of teaching people how to be tobacco-free. People taking the course have to be ready to quit. She makes her classes fun and has an amazing ninety-five percent success rate. "Not only do the people I teach quit smoking, but they also learn how to be comfortable as a non-smoker."

When she quit, she thought she would never have fun again, that

only smokers have fun. She learned that is not true. Her program is in three phases. First is a free introductory session. Then you get ready to quit. The third phase is quitting. She spends a lot of time teaching people how to stay quit. "I go into stress, problem solving and how not to gain weight. I give them cards that read ONE WILL HURT and THE URGE TO SMOKE A CIGARETTE WILL GO AWAY WHETHER OR NOT YOU SMOKE A CIGARETTE. These have been real helpful. I tell them that this thing burning on fire will not change anything."

She says it only takes four days for the nicotine to get out of your body. "After that, the urge goes away. Conquering the habit gives you confidence."

She helps users of smokeless tobacco, too. She is now going up to tobacco users and telling them if they're interested in quitting smoking, chewing or dipping they can come see her. "Sometimes I give them a card and run."

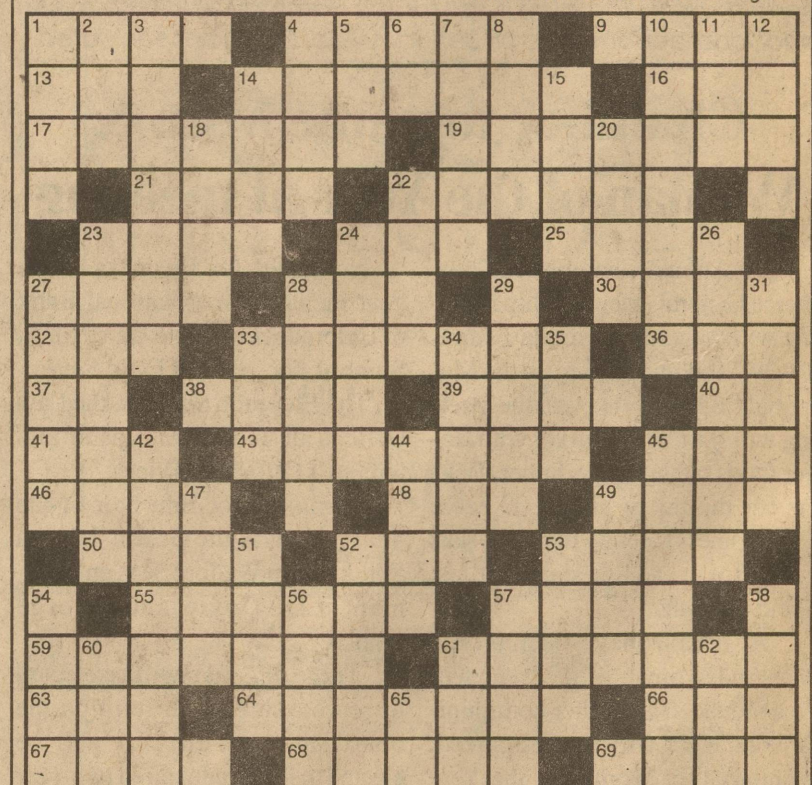
She teaches the classes in her home, or on site where people hire her. "I do require one meeting face to face. And since I have clients all over the state, I conduct some sessions by phone. I've had a lot of good successes by phone. Especially with men. They don't like meeting."

She does follow up by email. Tenna Yoes has helped thousands to quit smoking. The course is one hundred dollars and includes six sessions. Her phone number is 915 572-3076.

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Frances Schneider Mertz

SAN ANGELO — Frances Schneider Mertz, 44, of San Angelo died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Her beloved husband, Len, and their children, James, Phillip, Louis and Madolyn survive her.

Frances was born Dec. 14, 1956, in Galveston, Texas, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Schneider. Her roots and deep sense of family began in Austin, Texas, where she grew up the eldest of six children. Frances attended Austin schools and upon graduation enrolled in Vanderbilt University. She transferred to the University of Texas at Austin, where she was Mortar Board president, a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Kappa Alpha Theta. While attending the University of Texas, Frances was selected Cactus Outstanding Student and Queen of the Austin Aqua Festival. She earned her bachelor's degree from UT and a master's degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Frances also is survived by her parents, Dr. John and Ellie Schneider of Austin; brothers, John and wife, Mary Pat, James and wife, Mary Frances; her sisters, Phyllis and husband, John Russell, Mary and husband, Will Pitts, and Catherine. Frances also is survived by her father- and mother-in-law, Mort and Madolyn Mertz; brothers-in-law, Mort Mertz and wife, Susan, Michael Mertz and wife, Trina; and sister-in-law, Susan and husband, Dub Slaughter.

Also surviving are nieces, Alice, Evie and Elizabeth Schneider, Jenny and Molly Pitts, Ellie, Catherine and Claire Russell, Arden and Chase Mertz; nephews, John William, Charles and John Gary Schneider, Bill and Mason Pitts, Jack and Michael Russell, Lawson Mertz and Wyatt Mertz, Will and Len Slaughter; aunts and uncles, Louise Baker, Frances and Bob Bauman, Marilyn and Joe Mertz, Marilyn and Joe Bean, Nancy and James Powell; and many cousins whom she loved. A leading citizen, Frances found-

ed and contributed her time and talent to numerous projects, which improved this community she and Len called home. Frances taught science at Angelo Catholic Schools and later served as president of Angelo Catholic School board. She was a tireless fund-raiser and supporter of Angelo Catholic Schools, which all her children attended. Fort Concho benefited from Frances' energy and creativity when she served as director of education and public relations. Frances' love of education led to the founding of the San Angelo Nature Center where today area schoolchildren can learn firsthand the wonder of the natural world. Frances was a board member of the Junior League of San Angelo, the Symphony Guild, Girl Scouts of America, Central High School PTA and the Colorado Water Authority, among others. The Wool Capital Landmark, which welcomes travelers to San Angelo, was the brainchild of Frances who made it a personal quest to beautify our city.

Frances was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church and was knighted by her church as a Lady Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher.

A Scripture service and Holy Rosary was held Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Johnson's Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be presided by Bishop Michael Pfeifer and co-celebrated by Father William George, Father Charles Greenwell and Father Maurice Voity at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25. The burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery. A reception will follow in Holy Angels parish hall.

Pallbearers were Randy Stout, Dr. Joe Mims, Taylor Mayne, Max Parker, Gary Johnson, Bob Baumann, Dr. Stephen Walther, Dr. Joe Artnak, Wes Bonner and Joe Andrews.

The family requests that any memorials be made to Our Lady of Grace Carmelite Monastery, 6200 CR 3391 Via Maria, Christoval, TX 76935.

Mildred Bunton

ELDORADO — Mildred Walker Bunton, 91, of Eldorado died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, in a San Angelo nursing home.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2001 in Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral

Home. She was born Feb. 17, 1909, in Del Rio. She was a homemaker and a member of the Episcopal Church.

Survivors include a son, Wiley Bunton of Eldorado; a daughter, Roslyn Watson of Panhandle; and three grandchildren.

Roxie Ann Curtis

Roxie Anne Curtis, 76, of Big Lake passed away Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, in a San Angelo hospital. Roxie was born May 26, 1924, in Red Oak, Okla., to Hardy and Mary Elizabeth Easley. Roxie married Leon Curtis on Nov. 26, 1947. He preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1982.

Service was Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the First United Methodist Church in Big Lake. Graveside service was held Thursday, Jan. 18, in Fairlawn Cemetery in Elk City, Okla. Pallbearers were her grandsons. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Roxie and Leon moved to Midkiff in 1954 where they raised their family. They were members and founders of the First Methodist Church at Midkiff. After the death of her husband, Roxie moved to Big Lake and became a member of the First United Methodist Church there. Roxie touched many lives during her time on this earth. She was lovingly known to her grandchildren as "Nanny." She opened her arms and her heart to everyone she met. She gave freely of her love and loved taking care of others.

Roxie was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two

brothers, Eugene Easley and Floyd Easley; and a sister, Agness Easley.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Janet Curtis of Eldorado; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patti and Randy Mobley of Big Lake and Beverlee and Billy Williams of Eldorado; grandchildren, Mike Kessler and wife, Trish, of Midland, Chris Kessler and wife, Tracy, of Eldorado, Shane Mobley and wife, Tecka, of Sonora, Mandi Mobley of Big Lake, Kirk Curtis of San Angelo and Matt Curtis of Eldorado; great-grandchildren Koty and Kaytlin Robbins of Midland, Autumn Meyers and Garret Kessler of Eldorado, Hunter and Hannah Mobley of Sonora; and special great-grandson, Justin Legget of San Angelo. Roxie also had many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Granaghan for the care provided to Nanny over the years and to all the doctors and nurses at San Angelo Community Medical Center who were so kind and loving over the past days. The family requests that memorials be made to a charity of choice.

Nanny, we love you. Now soar with the angels.



Guy and Beth Whitaker

Whitakers to mark 50th anniversary

Guy and Beth Whitaker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 27, 2001. The Whitakers moved to Eldorado to join the public school system. Mr. Whitaker started as a coach and then served as principal and superintendent for many years. Mrs. Whitaker was also a member of the Eldorado faculty, teaching 5th

and 3rd grades during her career. They plan to spend their anniversary with friends and in the summer they will take a cruise to Alaska to complete the celebration. They now reside in Henderson, Texas.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday January 29**
Beef Tips, Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit Cup w/ Strawberries and Bananas, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk
- Tuesday January 30**
Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Wednesday January 31**
Crab Cakes w/Tartar Sauce, Sweet Peas, Okra Gumbo Hot Rolls, Apple sauce, Milk
- Thursday February 1**
Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/ Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Friday February 2**
Baked ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/ Fruit, Milk

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- 28th Cory Reeves
- 29th Floyd Butler, Blake Snelson, Ryan Mathis
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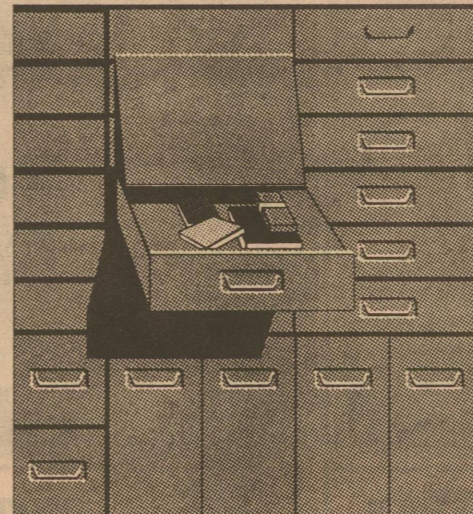
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The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through Local, district, and the state level competition. International champions are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions (Determine age as of January 1, 2001). Last year

more than 218,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,453 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participation will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: (Rojelio Adame at 853-3629 or Jimmy Aguilar at 853-3098).

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Lady Eagles blast G.C. 76-40

by David E. Hill

Coach Leslie Gooch's Lady Eagles traveled to Grape Creek last week to take on the other green and white Eagles of the District. Eldorado came away with a 36-point victory winning 76 to 40. The win runs their record to 2 and 2 in District 2-2A.

EHS started out by out scoring GCHS 18 to 8 in the first quarter. The Lady Eagles extended their lead by 19 points taking a 42 to 13 lead into intermission. The first half

saw Eldorado playing some of the best basketball of the season. Eldorado had their lead cut by one in the third and then poured in another 19 points in the final stanza to finish off Grape Creek by the 76 to 40 margin.

Christina Redish led all scorers with 23, followed by Mitzi Sessom with 12, Leigh Ann Neal with 11. A total of nine Lady Eagles scored during the contest. Neal also had 12 assists in the game, while Redish and Sessom each had 9 rebounds.

"This was the best team play we have had all year," Coach Gooch said following the game. "Things got going very well in the first half. All of our wins are very important right now."

Redish, Sessom, and Neal all had exceptional games on both ends of the court. Gooch praised their play saying, "Offensively these ladies stepped up and really took control of the ball game."

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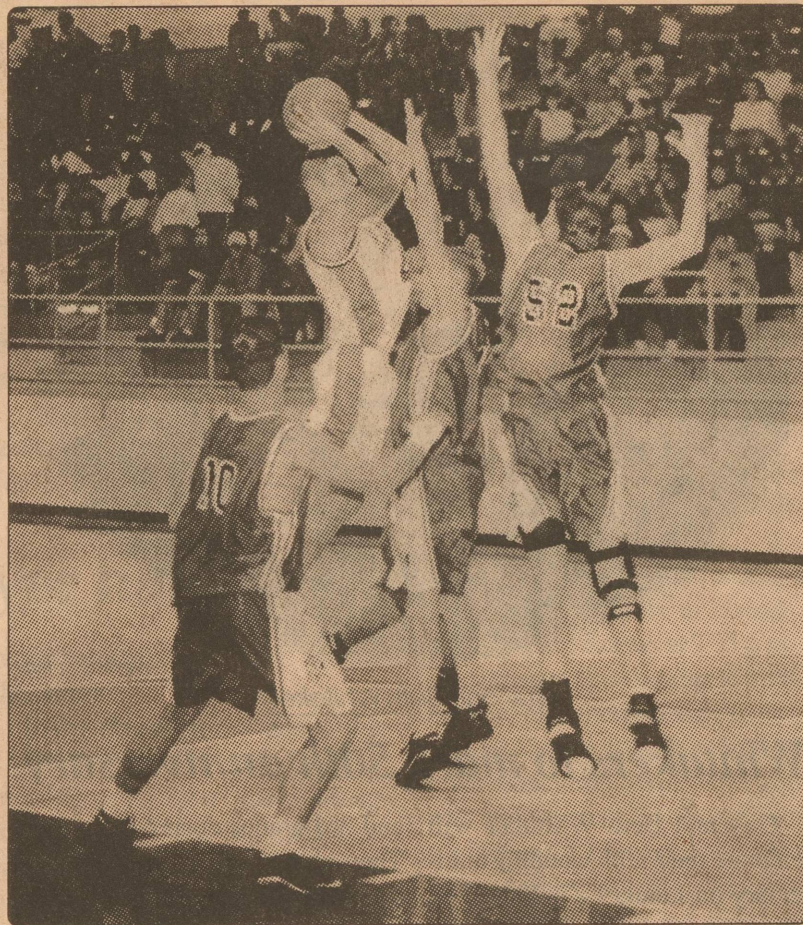


photo by Kathy Mankin

In heavy traffic — Ramon Ray Barajas pulled up to fire this jump shot last Friday over three Sonora players as the Eagles nailed down a 65-62 win over the Broncos in District 2-2A action. The win gives the Eagles a 2-1 district record.

Eagles defeat Grape Creek & Sonora, to go 2-1 in loop play

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles came away with two victories last week as they downed the Grape Creek Eagles on the 16th by a score of 78 to 64. The Eagles then came home and defeated Sonora in a close game by a score of 65 to 62. The two wins puts EHS in a tie for the lead in District 2-2A with two games left in the first round of play.

Eldorado traveled to Grape Creek to take on the other green and white Eagles of the district. The Eagles came out in the first quarter and had a 14-12 advantage. EHS then extended its lead by 4 at the half. The difference in the ball game was the third quarter when the Eagles came out and out-scored GCHS 29-16. Eldorado then cruised through the fourth to come out with the 78 to 64 win.

Joey Bullard led all scorers with 23, followed by Benji Gonzales with 12 and Johnny Herrera with 11. Eldorado went 17 of 26 from the free throw line and came away with 15

from the three point line.

"We pressed Grape Creek for a solid 32 minutes," Coach Alan Gillespie said after the game. "This was a good game on both ends, however, we need to hit the boards a little harder."

Eldorado then hosted the Sonora Broncos last Friday night. This was important battle as Sonora had knocked off Wall on Tuesday and was in the drivers seat early in loop play. The Eagles came away with a 65 to 62 win.

EHS came out in the first quarter and had a 2 point lead at 12 to 10. Sonora then fought back in the second and the first half ended in a 24-24 tie. The third wound up being the difference in the ball game as the Eagles outscored Sonora 22-14. The Eagles could not put SHS away in the fourth and Sonora closed with in 3 points as time ran out. Eldorado came away with the win.

William Robledo and Johnny Herrera each had 14 points with Bullard and Benji Gonzales scoring 12. The Eagles were only 12 of 29 from the charity stripe, however, Eldorado had 27 points from three point land which wound up being the difference in the game.

"This was a big win for us and highly emotional," Coach Gillespie stated. "Our free throws almost cost us this one but our 9 three pointers had a huge impact."

Eldorado will take on Mason and Junction this week to close out the first round of district play.

Lady Eagles defeat Sonora, in 3-Way tie for second place

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Lady Eagles were in a very important ball game last Friday night against district foe Sonora. EHS needed a win to force a 3-way tie in the district race for second place. A loss would have made the run for the playoffs very difficult.

Eldorado came out on top of a great ball game before a huge hometown crowd by the score of 49 to 47. The Lady Eagles fought back in the fourth quarter for the win. The win runs their record to 3 wins and 2 losses as they have completed the first round of district play.

EHS came out strong in the first quarter with an excellent effort on both ends of the court. Eldorado outscored Sonora 15 to 7 in the first. Then came the second quarter. The Lady Eagles saw their 8 point lead disappear to a four point deficit at the half as Sonora led 26 to 22.

The third quarter didn't get better for the home team as Sonora extended the lead to 9 at the end of the third stanza.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Eagles fought on both ends of the

court scoring 21 points to Sonora's 10. Thus the final score of 49 to 47. EHS won the game with a barrage of 3 pointers and free throws coupled with great pressure on the defensive end of the court.

Leigh Ann Neal led all scorers with 13, followed by Mitzi Sessom with 11, and Vanessa Gonzalez had 9. Stacy Nicholson and Christina Redish each had 7. Neal had 3 three pointers while Gonzalez had 2. Redish had 10 rebounds while Sessom had 8. Gonzalez had 5 steals.

Eldorado's victory came with some huge three-point buckets by Gonzalez (2) and Neal (1) down the stretch.

"We really played well in the first and fourth quarters," an elated Coach Leslie Gooch said after the win. "The struggles we had in the second and third can be attributed to great play by Sonora. This was a big come from behind win for us."

The Lady Eagles travel to Mason this Tuesday to take on one of the teams that beat them in the first round and then host Junction tomorrow night.

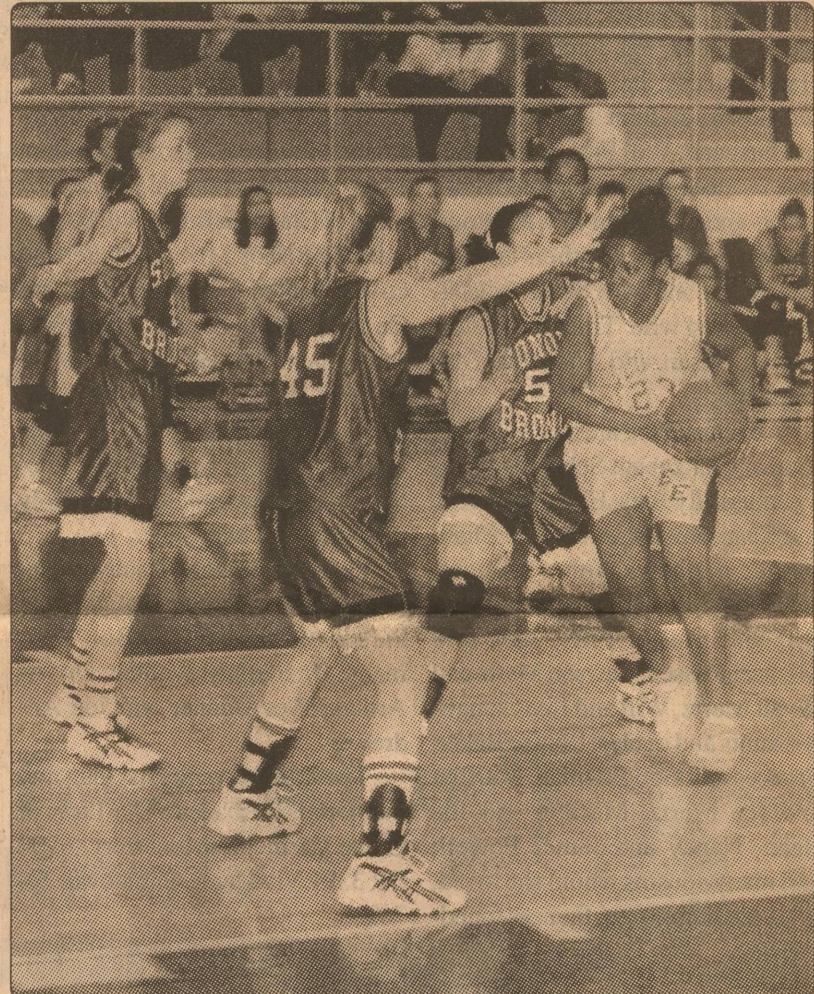


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Going to the hole — Christina Redish worked the ball inside against the Sonora Lady Broncos last Friday as the Lady Eagles defeated Sonora 49-47 in Eagle Gym. Redish scored 7 points and hauled in 10 rebounds in the game.

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Who cares about Eldorado? Not the San Angelo Standard-Times. Not the Dallas Morning News. Not the New York Times nor USA Today. When it comes to news - big or small - there's only one paper that cares about your town. It's the Eldorado Success.

I read the Success every week. It arrives in the mail. Sometimes on Fridays. Sometimes on Saturday. I always enjoy it.

For the record, I've visited Eldorado maybe a half dozen times. So why do I read the Success? Because it symbolizes a tradition in our great nation - the weekly newspaper. Each edition is a testimony to one of our country's most important freedoms - the freedom of expression.

In fact, all you need to know about Eldorado you can find in the Success. As a reader, I've learned some important things about the town and county. For example, I know that Joella Parker and Charlie Bradley were named woman and man of the year for Schleicher County last year. I know that Tim Vasquez received a well-deserved certificate of appreciation for his

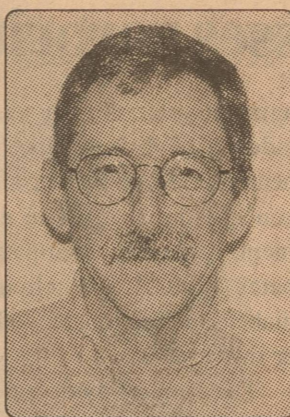
work as a volunteer paramedic. I know that the best carrot cake in Schleicher County is made by Kayla McCravey. She earned that honor in the recent 66th annual junior livestock and project show.

It was with a touch of sadness that I noted the death of Coy L. Bishop. He was a fellow Marine and had lived in Eldorado since 1961. As a parent of two daughters, I noted with joy the birth of Esperanza Noelia Barajas on Christmas Eve to Ernestina Bustos and Edward Barajas of Eldorado.

I know that on my next visit to Eldorado I can have physical therapy, if I need it, from Christy Brown at the Schleicher County Medical Center. I can also wish a belated happy birthday to Nancy McAngus and a belated happy anniversary to Howard and Ruth Mittel.

I discovered that eighth grader Daniella Guadarrama made the A Honor Roll at Eldorado Middle School and that Logan Neal scored nine points for the Eldorado eighth-grade boys in a 38-17 basketball victory over Junction on Jan. 8. I also know what's going to be on the school lunches each day and that there's a bargain under real estate in the classified section of the Success. It's also news that a large number of Schleicher County folks made a donation to the

by Skip Nichols,
Editor of the
Wise County Messenger



West Texas Rehabilitation Center last month.

Thanks to the Kerbow Funeral Home ad in the Success, I am able to enjoy a crossword puzzle, which gave me fits as I tried to figure out a four-letter word for achromatic (without consulting a dictionary). I could have bid on a 1997 Ford F-250 crew cab pickup, which was recently sold at a sheriff's sale. That bit of information came from a legal notice in the Success.

Finally, I know that the next time I'm in Eldorado I will stop by The Healthy Way to pick up some preserves. Where do you find out all those things? Only in the Success, thanks to the efforts of Randy and Kathy Mankin, who have owned the newspaper since 1994.

As the former owner of a weekly publication in West Texas, I know the long hours that are re-

quired to produce a paper. (Randy and I recently joked about our 40-hour jobs - and that's the first two days of the week, we both noted.)

Yet, despite low pay, the all-too-frequent criticisms and rare praise, it is a privilege to be the owner of a weekly newspaper. That's especially true of the Success, which has been honored as one of the best in our great state by the Texas Press Association.

So, here's wishing the Eldorado Success another 100 years of greatness. You have a fine town and a fine newspaper. Congratulations.

Skip Nichols was raised on a farm near Burkett, in Coleman County. He formerly owned the Crane News and is now editor of the Wise County Messenger in Decatur. He serves on the board of directors of the Texas Press Association.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Mary Jenkins was hostess for the January 22, 2001 meeting of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority with five members repeating the opening ritual, led by president, Linda Lindsey. Other members present were Kim'et Nelson, Dorothy Dacy, and Barbara Jackson,

Plans were completed for a Valentine Dance to be held at the Memorial Building on February 10th. All 4th, 5th and 6th grade students will be invited. Refreshments will be served and D.J. music provided.

Following the closing ritual the hostess served delicious cucumber finger sandwiches, chips, dips, spiced tea and soft drinks.

Dorothy Clark will be hostess for the January 26th meeting.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Unauthorized tractor driving — The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department is seeking information concerning the person or persons who started this County Road Department tractor and drove it over a road sign. The incident happened sometime Monday night or early Tuesday morning on County Road # 316 in the northern part of the county.

4-H Art Show results listed

Students from Eldorado High School Art Class participated in the 66th annual Jr. Livestock and Project Show held January 5 and 6, 2001. Kenny Covarrubiaz's pen and ink drawing "Boxers" was named the overall Grand Champion. The same drawing placed 1st in the Pen and Ink Division. Tony Fay won Reserve Champion with his graphite/pencil drawing and J.B. Garcia won a Reserve Champion ribbon for his watercolor entry.

Other Results were as follows:
Pen and Ink Division: 1st Place Kenny Covarrubiaz and Minnie Vasquez; 2nd Place Jimmy Joe Rodriguez and Lance Belman; 3rd Place Ramon Barajas and Jason Holley; Honorable Mention Javier Iglesias. Also participating were J.B. Garcia and Jason Brock.

Distortion Grid Drawing Division: 1st Place Kayla Case, Javier Iglesias and Daniel Mata; 2nd Place Minnie Vasquez, Jason Brock, and Jason Holley; 3rd Place Alfredo Esparza and Kenny Covarrubiaz; Honorable Mention Alfredo Esparza and Jorge Gomez. Also participating were Kristy Adame, Juan Munoz, Jason Brock, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez.

Graphite/Pencil Drawing Division: 1st Place Tony Fay (Reserve Champion), Joe Arispe, Bobby Phillips and Joey Bullard; 2nd Place Joe Arispe and John Ray Espinosa; 3rd Place Bobby Phillips and Juan Munoz; Honorable Mention Joe Arispe. Also participating were Joey Bullard,

Marina Lozano, Mitchel Cole, Jason Holley, John Ray Espinosa, Lana Murr, Jennifer Rodriguez and Rikki Bosmans.

Continuous Line Drawing Division: 1st Place Mitchel Cole; 2nd Place Lana Murr; 3rd Place Robbie Young. Honorable Mention Jennifer Rodriguez.

Bionics Drawing Division: 1st Place Javier Iglesias; 2nd Place Kayla Case; 3rd Place Alfredo Esparza.

Oil Pastels Division: 1st Place Mandi Daniels and Kenny Covarrubiaz; 2nd Place Jason Holley; 3rd Place Jimmy Joe Rodriguez and Ramon Barajas; Honorable Mention Minnie Vasquez.

Metamorphosis Drawing Division: 1st Place Kenny Covarrubiaz; 2nd Place Daniel Mata; 3rd Place Tony Fay and Joey Bullard; Honorable Mention Kimberly Hight, Jason Holley, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez, Luiz Munoz.

Watercolors Division: 1st Place J.B. Garcia (Reserve Champion); 2nd Place Jimmy Joe Rodriguez; 3rd Place Alfredo Esparza; Honorable Mention Jason Holley, Jason Brock, Mandi Daniels.
Color Pencil Drawing: 1st Place Juan Munoz; 2nd Place J.B. Garcia, Juan Munoz, and Javier Iglesias; 3rd Place Matt Curtis and Jason Brock; Honorable Mention: Matt Curtis, Jason Brock, and Kimberly Hight. Participant Ribbons: Bobby Phillips, Kayla Case and Alfredo Esparza.

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Monday, January 29
Meat and Macaroni Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Diced Pears, Cornbread, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, January 30
Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, January 31
Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Dill pickle Spears, Crushed Pineapple, Cornbread, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, February 1
Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Rosy Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing

Friday, February 2
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Tuesday, January 30
Crushed Pineapple, Cream of Wheat, Toast/Jelly

Wednesday, January 31
Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, February 1
Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Friday, February 2
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice, Toast/Jelly

Fast Food Line
Monday, January 29
Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Diced Pears, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, January 30
Chilli Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, January 31
Corn Chip Pie, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Crushed Pineapple, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, February 1
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Dr. Albert J. Forlano addresses sorority

Albert J. Forlano, Ph.D., presented a lecture to a meeting of the Preceptor Iota Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in San Angelo on January 16.

The lecture dealt with the ever increasing importance of disease prevention. Much is discussed in the press and television about preventive alternatives. It is somewhat interesting that words like

prevention, antioxidants, and B-carotene have only recently become household words. However Dr. Forlano presented slide data showing that medical scientists had already completed lung cancer prevention studies back in 1970 which is 31 years ago. Most medical experts will agree that the use of antioxidant-containing foods is not a choice but a necessity for our

aging population to lessen the incidence of diseases like cancer, heart disease, alzheimer's, parkinson's, asthma, prostate enlargement, cataracts, retinopathy, diabetes (type II), and help in type I diabetes protection, as well as other major diseases.

The chapter made a donation in Dr. Forlano's name to the meals for the Elderly.

Commissioners amend employee handbook

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the open plots.

Next the court reviewed the Schleicher County Employee handbook and determined to make three changes including: limiting sick leave to six days per year; allowing 29¢ per mile reimbursement for employees using their own vehicles

in service of the county; calling for mandatory drug testing of road department employees and employees of the Sheriff's department as allowed by state and federal regulations.

Commissioners Ross Whitten, Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo voted in favor of the changes. Commissioner Bill Clark voted against the motion

After recessing for lunch, the commissioners returned to the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and took up the matter of four indigent care requests. Three of the requests were approved with the fourth being denied by the commissioners.

School board renews Superintendent's contract

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board approve the expenditure of approximately \$600.00 from the athletic fund and \$600.00 from the maintenance fund to allow the project to be completed. After discussion the trustees unanimously approved the measure. It was noted by board president Phil McCormick that additional funds would be made available at a later date for the planting of grass in the outfields of the two ball fields.

The board entered executive session for the purpose of considering personnel matters at 7:35 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:50 p.m. and voted unanimously to extend Supt. George Blanch's contract for two more years. Also, the board voted unanimously to accept the resignations of two teachers, Mr. George Spinks and Mrs. Martha Spinks. It was noted the Spinks' resignations will be effective at the end of the school year at which time the couple have elected to retire.

Next, the trustees approved an out of district field trip on February

2,3 & 4 for students in the Middle School's "Gifted and Talented" Program. It was explained that \$1,251.60 in an unused fund described only as the "Cow Fund" will be used to pay for the trip.

Next, the board declined on a 3-2 vote to renew a lease on a lot used by the Middle School as a playground area. The 80 ft. by 140 ft. lot, has been rented from the Liveley-Bradley estate at \$800.00 per year. The motion to renew the lease failed with trustees Steve Sessom, Berta Nicholson and Eddie Albin voting against it. Voting in favor were trustees Kurtis Homer and Sam Whitten, Jr. Trustees Jo Helen Kotsch and Phil McCormick abstained. The board then voted to attempt to purchase the lot at "fair market value." In the meantime, students will be escorted to other play areas adjacent to the school.

In other business Supt. Blanch announced that the summer meals program will continue with those involved meeting at the school. He noted that in 1999 an average of

54 participants took advantage of the program when it was located at the courthouse square. The following year, when the program was moved to the school, participation declined to 51. He said that efforts to increase participation in the program were underway.

Supt. Blanch also reported that each school owned vehicle is being charted to determine maintenance and repair costs so that vehicles with unusually high costs may be identified for replacement. Blanch said that the school's total enrollment stands at 645 which represents a net loss of 20 students from a year ago.

It was announced that the Texas Association of School Boards policy review of the district will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 2001. Supt. Blanch reported that a meeting to address redistricting would be held at 5:00 p.m. on February 12, prior to the board's regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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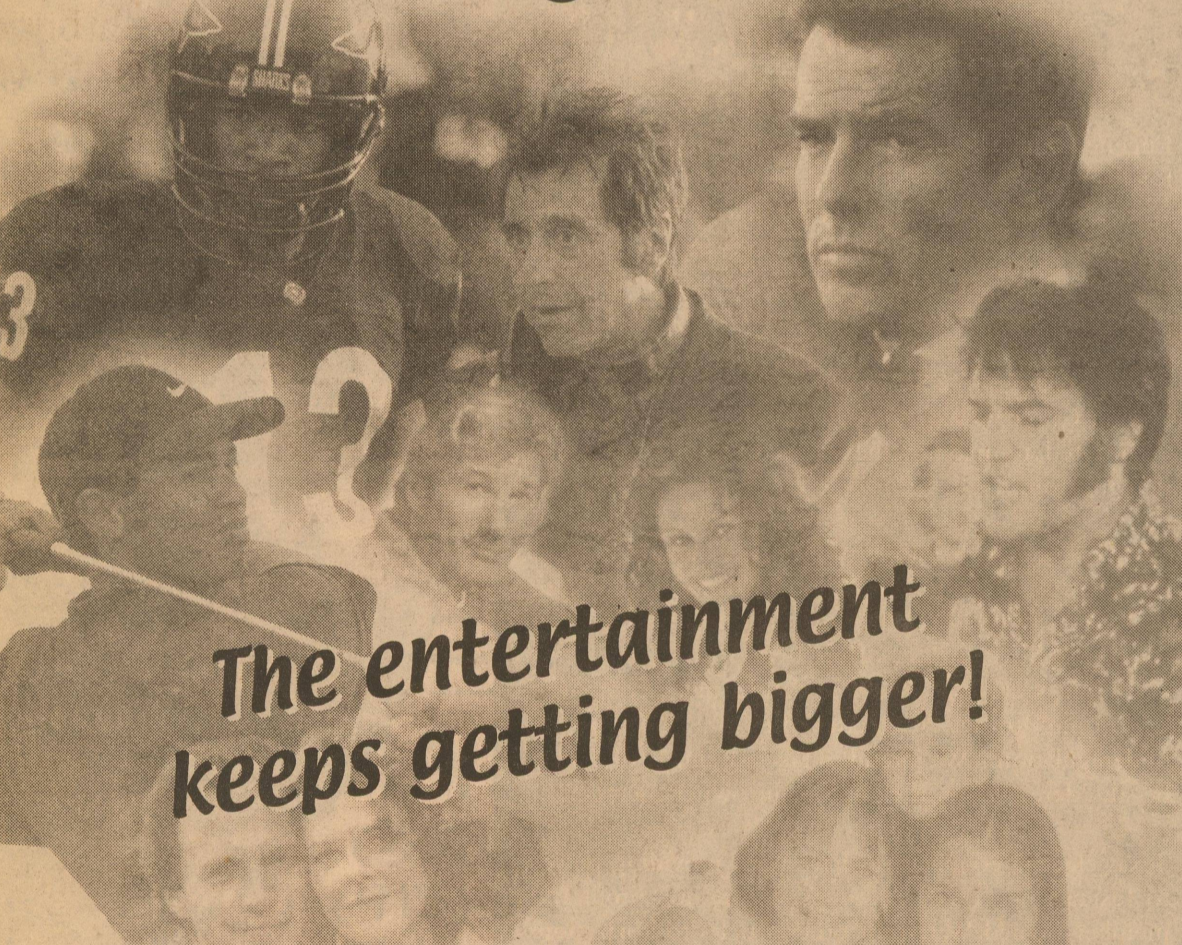
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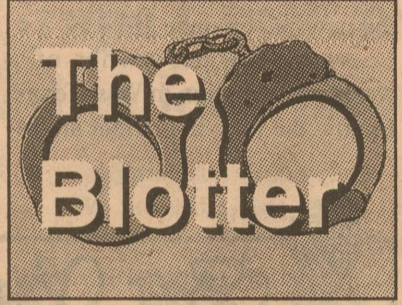
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ARRESTS

January 18 • Rhames, De Ava, male age 47, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released \$1,000 Surety Bond.

January 19 • Olivan, Josue, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

January 20 • Hernandez, Alejandro, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge No Drivers License. Timed Served.

January 22 • Garcia, Danny L. male age 19, hold for Irion County, charge Possession of Marijuana (Less than 2 ounces). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Escobedo, Steve Saldivar, male age 20, hold for Irion County, charge Possession of Marijuana (More than 4 ounces, less than 5 pounds). Released on \$7,500.00 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

January 17 • 4:35 p.m. Complainant called the Sheriff Office and

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of the Senate Border Affairs Subcommittee. "At border ports, dozens of federal and state agencies enforce hundreds of laws. In a new era, we need a new way to do business."

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"Our border region is vital to the economies of Texas and the United States," said Lucio, chair of the Senate Border Affairs Subcommittee. "This would be a timely deci-

sion by the leadership in Washington to officially recognize our neighbor to the south as a key trading partner of this nation."

Senators Announce DNA Testing Bill

Senators Robert Duncan of Lubbock, Rodney Ellis of Houston and J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson announced Wednesday the filing of Senate Bill (SB) 3, that would make post-conviction DNA testing available to Texas prisoners in specific instances.

SB 3 would make testing available to persons convicted in cases in which:

- Typing DNA would make a difference;
- Biological evidence exists and is in a condition that can be tested; and
- The identity of the perpetrator was an issue at trial.

To qualify for testing, a court must find a "reasonable probability" that the defendant would not have been tried or convicted if testing had been done at the time of the trial.

"In the name of fairness and justice, this is an effort to ensure that innocent people do not pay the price for crimes they did not commit," Duncan said.

Among the senators joining in the announcement, Victoria Sen. Ken Armbrister, the chair of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, said the committee would hear SB 3 as soon as possible.

The Texas Senate stands adjourned until 1 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2001.

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WTU requests PUC permission to increase fuel charge

Natural gas prices, which have continued to skyrocket over the last several months, have forced American Electric Power's (AEP) West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) subsidiary to file a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) on January 19, 2001 for permission to increase fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills. This request is necessary in order to reflect the current expected costs of fuel.

If approved as requested, the new fuel factor would increase the typical WTU residential customer bills by \$10.65 per month beginning in March. The requested fuel factors will recover over the period March through December 2001 an

additional \$43 million in expected fuel costs.

"Natural gas prices in December 2000 were three-to-four times higher than prices during December 1999," said David Carpenter, AEP director of Texas Regulatory Services. "Despite the fact that 43.4 percent of WTU's generation is fueled by low-cost coal, the sheer magnitude of the continued increases in the price of natural gas since last summer forces WTU to request a fuel factor increase."

Fuel costs are an expense of generating electricity, which WTU must pay to fuel suppliers. WTU does not make any profit on fuel costs as the PUC requires that these costs be passed through to customers at the price paid by WTU.

Investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, like WTU, are required by the PUC to use fuel factors based on cost estimates to collect the projected cost of fuel used to generate electricity at their power plants.

Without the increase in fuel factors, WTU projects that it will under-recover fuel and purchased power costs by approximately \$43 million for the period from March through December 2001. Consequently,

If approved as requested, the new fuel factors would go into ef-

fect in March. The new fuel factor would increase bills for typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month by \$10.65 a month for the period from March through December 2001.

However, the typical WTU residential customer does not use 1,000 kWh per month. Based on the most recent twelve months of data available, a typical WTU residential customer uses, on average, 904 kWh per month, which means that the new fuel factors would result in a monthly increase of \$9.19.



courtesy photo
Grand Champion — Jaymie O'Harrow (R) of Eldorado had the Grand Champion Goat at the Hill Country District Jr. Livestock Show in Kerrville last weekend. O'Harrow also had a 1st Place goat and was among several Schleicher County youths competing in the show.

Rehab 2001 Update

by Mabel Freitag

Another year has passed, "Thank You" for the 11th year we have had the Rehab Telethon in Schleicher County, all I can think to say is "Schleicher County we love you"; "You are the greatest" and we were at the "Top of the list" again this year.

Our deep appreciation to Southwest Texas Electric Coop, who furnish the facilities for our Telethon and to Buff Whitten who opened the door at 6 p.m. and closed us down when we finished.

It takes donations, folks working together and a caring community to reach goals we have reached. Since we started the Tele-

thon in 1991, Schleicher County Citizens have donated a total of \$71,167.00, an average of \$6,469.73 per year.

The book work was taken care of by Geneva McWhorter, Wendi Lovette, Stacy Haynes and Mabel Freitag. As in years past the pick-up crew was kept busy: Orval Edmiston, Mike Haynes, Bill Freitag and Domingo Pina. Charlene Edmiston kept us all in line and Delia Pina did the telephone work! It takes each and every job to get things done! Elton and Mary McGinnes were unable to join us as Elton is not up to par and Nikolauks were out of town.

A big "Thank You" to Randy and Kathy Mankin for getting our news in the Success, they are "Tops"

This past week we have received donations from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pharris, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sproul and Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Ussery, to bring our total to \$6,132.00.

Local 4-Hers compete at Hill Country Livestock Show

On January 18-19, nineteen Schleicher County 4-Hers exhibited their livestock projects at the annual Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville.

In the goat show, Jaymie O'Harrow exhibited the Grand Champion Goat and he also had a 1st place goat. Miles Mikeska had a 2nd place and a 4th place, while Ben Edmiston had a 3rd place. Marty Powell placed 6th and Courtney Brown had two 6th places and Neal Brenner had a 10th place. Other exhibitors in the goat show were: Allan Dykstra, Seth

Taylor, Lauren Brown, Tracy Brenner, Frank Edmiston, Wes Brown, Garrett Lux, and Allison Reynolds.

In the lamb show, Whitney Edmiston had a 10th place and an 11th place. Other exhibiting in the lamb show were: Lindsay Beach, Neal Higgins, Haley Higgins and Cameron Edmiston.

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Recognized for our commitment to long term care, Schleicher County Nursing Home attracts residents from throughout the area. Our staff of trained and dedicated professionals understand that each resident is an individual with unique needs. Unlike larger facilities, Schleicher County Nursing Home doesn't take a "cookie cutter" approach to delivery of care.

Many factors contribute to the choice of a long term care facility. Proximity to loved ones, planned activities and a homelike atmosphere are but three of the reasons many have chosen Schleicher County Nursing Home as their home away from home. We appreciate the trust that so many of our neighbors have placed in us. We work hard every day to make certain that trust is deserved.

Please feel free to call or come by. We'll be happy to visit with you about the long term care options at Schleicher County Nursing Home. We'll take as much time as necessary to answer all your questions. After all, we're more than a nursing home...we're your neighbor and we want you to feel comfortable and understand all your alternatives.



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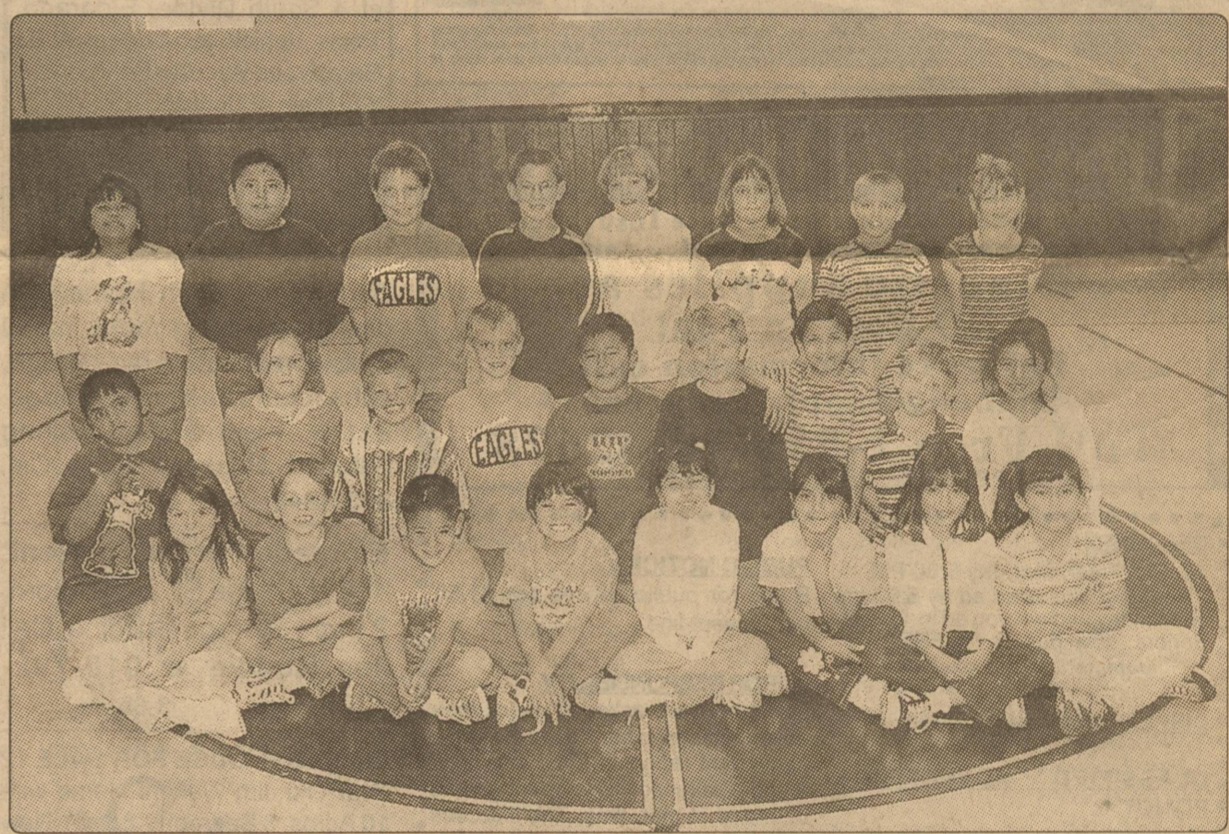


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Second Grade Jumpers — These Second Grade students collected \$718.87 for the American Heart Association recently in the annual Jump Rope For Heart. They are: (Front L-R): Kaitlyn Bluford, Tyler Farmer, Domingo Torres, Robert Chavez, Rosy Hernandez, Laura Garcia, Marci Minor, Ashley Rojas; (Middle L-R) Frank Gandar, Torey Griggs, Colten Daniels, Aaron Parsley, J.R. Martinez, Jaymie O'Harrow, Rudy Sanchez, Robert Buchholz, Cruzita Trujillo; (Back L-R): Holly Romero, Johnathan Espinosa, Ben Wipff, Miles Mikeska, Ashley Paulson, Samantha Brown, Zach Taylor, Amy Alvizo.

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