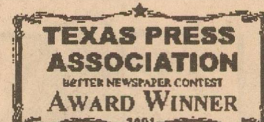




Primary Election
Day is Tuesday
March 12th!
Polls open
at 7:00 a.m.

Eagles "Team Tennis"
squad claims Regional
Championship

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Hospital trustees reinforce "pay as you go" policy

Emergency Room not meant to be used as a walk-in clinic

by Kathy Mankin

Much like the little Dutch boy with his finger in a leaking dike the Schleicher County Hospital District's board of trustees took a series of steps Monday night in an attempt to stem a recent flow of red ink in the clinic, hospital and emergency room.

After facing a \$181,000.00 loss on a single hospice patient and writing off more than \$200,000 in bad debts (dating back to 1998) at last month's meeting, the board was faced with another \$18,500.00 in bad debt this month. Accounts receivable manager Phillip Sharp explained that a surge in uninsured patients in the clinic and emergency room have made efforts to collect from patients more and more difficult.

After reviewing financial records with assistant administrator Beverly Minor and the hospi-

tal's management consultant Andy Freeman, the board moved quickly to plug the leak. They voted to require payment in advance from uninsured patients and to require patients with insurance to pay their deductible or co-pay prior to receiving treatment.

Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained that the new rules apply to all "non-emergent" patients. She emphasized that true emergencies will still be treated regardless of ability to pay, but that steps would be taken to see that the Emergency Room is not treated as a walk-in clinic. "The emergency room is for emergencies, not colds or routine care that can and should be handled in the clinic," Fagan-Cook stated.

The tendency of patients to wait until after hours and seek routine care in the emergency room was of great concern to the trust-

ees. "Word has gotten out that you can wait a little while and come back to the E.R. and be treated for free," trustee Delia Pina stated.

Board President Randy Mankin noted that an after-hours emergency room visit is an expensive proposition for the hospital. "We have the E.R. for emergencies and everyone here wants to make sure that we continue to have it," Mankin said. "But when someone comes to the E.R. at night for routine care, it often involves calling back lab and x-ray personnel and that means paying overtime, not to mention the added work load it places on our doctor."

The board also okayed a plan recommended by management consultant Andy Freeman to impose strict budget guidelines. Freeman explained that after analyzing the district's operations since the arrival of Dr. Patrick Taylor last fall, he believes the income being generated by the facility now, along with the district's tax subsidy, will be more than enough to cover expenses. "We've got to watch it close," Freeman said, "but I believe we're going to be okay."

Freeman pointed to a sizeable expenditure the district made last year for temporary emergency room physicians (locum tenens) prior to Dr. Taylor opening his practice in Eldorado. "We spent a

lot of money on locums last year, but that's behind us now," Freeman said.

At the end of January the hospital district had \$698,000.00 in cash on hand and accounts receivable balance totaling just over \$732,000.00. Freeman explained that he was comfortable with the amount reported in accounts receivable. "By writing off bad debt that we'll probably never collect, what we have left is a pretty good picture of what you can expect to collect in the future," Freeman said.

Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook emphasized, however, that her staff will continue trying to collect debts that have been written off. "Any thing that we collect like that will be booked in as recovered bad debt," Fagan-Cook said.

Randy Mankin called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

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Photo by Kathy Mankin

It's going up again — Paul Adam, representing Trimble-Batjer Insurance Associates, explained property and liability insurance rate increases Monday night to members of the Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees.

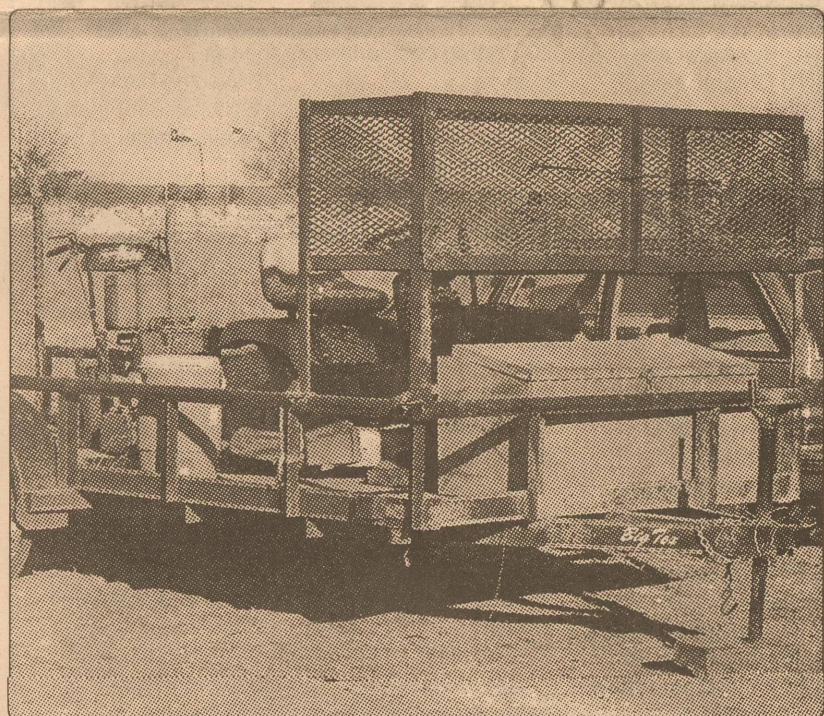


Photo by Kathy Mankin

Recovered trailer — This landscape service trailer was found abandoned behind oil tanks at the Huldale Switch Disposal Well last week. The trailer was reportedly stolen from San Angelo.

Stolen landscape trailer recovered in Schleicher Co.

A landscape service trailer stolen in San Angelo last month was located last week at an oilfield disposal well in Schleicher County. Dwayne Sauer reported finding the trailer parked behind tanks at the Huldale Switch Disposal Well on U.S. Highway 277, approximately 14 miles north of Eldorado. C.R. Sproul, the well's operator, notified the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department of the discovery.

A subsequent investigation revealed that the trailer had been reported stolen by Bart McWilliams

of San Angelo. The theft reportedly occurred on Thursday, February 21, 2002, after a lock as cut on a storage unit.

The trailer, valued at \$1,300.00, was loaded with some lawn equipment and hand tools. However, there had been approximately \$20,000.00 in equipment listed as stolen with the trailer. Investigators doubt that the equipment found with the trailer would be valued that high and speculated that some of it had been removed before the trailer was abandoned at the disposal well.

Coming in next week's edition:

Autie Mae Bradshaw and Bessie Westbrook are to receive the Family Land Heritage Award from the Texas Department of Agriculture in recognition of 100 years of continuous agricultural operation of a farm or ranch by one family. See stories and photos in next week's edition of The Eldorado Success.

Party primaries set for Tuesday

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, to decide races in the Democratic and Republican primaries. Locally, a pair of contested races are likely to drive up two of the county's four election precincts.

Incumbent commissioner Bill Clark faces a challenge from Albert Torres in the Democratic Primary in Precinct #2. There is no Republican on the ballot in that race so the winner will effectively be decided in Tuesday's primary.

Meanwhile in Precinct #4, incumbent commissioner Ross Whitten's decision not to seek reelection has attracted a field of three candidates. Republicans Matt Brown and William Edmiston are vying for the right to face Democrat Mike Lux in the November General Election. There are no other contested races on the local level.

In the race for the seat being vacated by the retirement of U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn is facing Douglas Deffenbaugh, Bruce Rusty Lang and Dudley F. Moore for the Republican nomination. Congressman Ken Bentsen and Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk lead a field of five Democratic candidates for the Senate seat including Victor Morales, Gene Kelly and Ed Cunningham.

Congressman Charlie Sten-

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Herrera named MVP of District 2-2A

Seven Eagles claim spots on All-District squad

EHS senior Johnny Herrera was named Most Valuable Player and six other Eagles claimed spots on the District 2-2A All-District Team. The news came following Wall's loss to Olney in the Regional Tournament.

Joining Herrera on the All-District squad were six other EHS seniors. Ramon Barajas, Benji Gonzalez and Wesley Jones were each named to the 1st Team All-District squad. Tony Fay and Thomas Ballew claimed spots on the 2nd Team All-District squad and Jimmy Joe Rodriguez was named

to the Honorable Mention team.

The seven seniors anchored the EHS team that claimed an Area Championship before falling last week to Reagan County in the Regional Quarterfinal game. That was the farthest any Eagles boys team has advanced in the state playoffs in recent memory.

The Eagles finished the second half of their district schedule undefeated after dropping two games in the first half. They then defeated Tornillo in the Bi-District game and upset the Coahoma Bulldogs for the Area Championship.

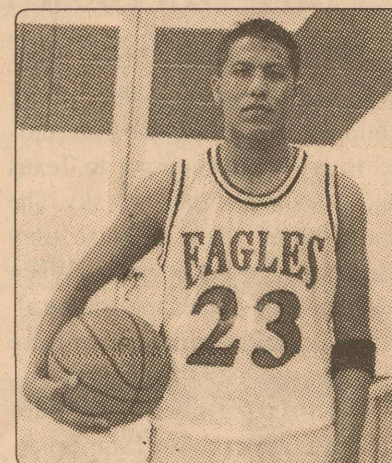
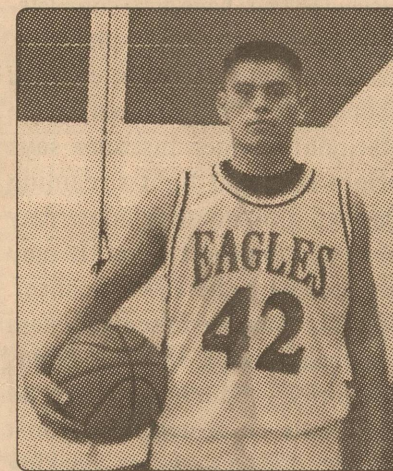


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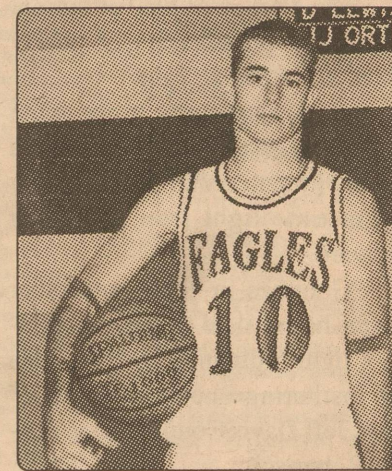
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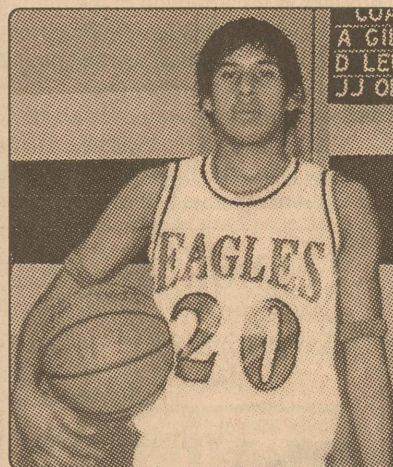
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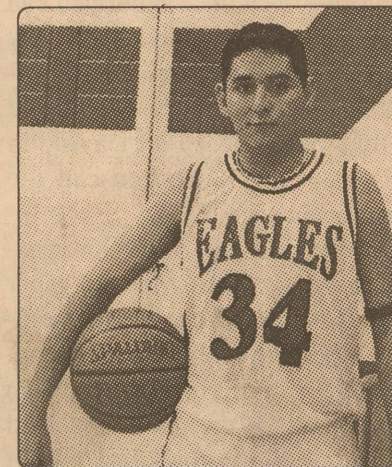
Wesley Jones
1st Team All-District



Tony Fay
2nd Team All-District



Thomas Ballew
2nd Team All-District



Jimmy Joe Rodriguez
Honorable Mention All-District



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Political silly season is upon us in Texas politics

AUSTIN — With the party primaries less than a week away, no one could reasonably expect the campaigning to be totally issue focused.

But the intramural fight between first-announced Democratic contender Tony Sanchez and late-comer Dan Morales has moments that are downright silly, except to the candidates and their staff.

Case in point: Is Democrat Sanchez a true Democrat? Or, put another way, has he voted in past Democratic primaries?

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



That was a mini-point of discussion last week, with Morales and his folks charging that Sanchez had not ever actually voted in a Democratic primary.

Sanchez' campaign quickly came up with a document that purports to show he did.

The one-day story broke after Morales left the Travis County courthouse after voting early.

Talking with reporters after voting, Morales made the claim that Sanchez had never voted in a Democratic primary.

Morales' side said Sanchez' evidence could have been tricked up, and there it will likely die, just another day's set of sound bytes.

After the March 12 elections the governor's race will settle down to Democratic versus Republican.

Incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, who has no opposition, so far has been able to sit back and enjoy the show as Morales and Sanchez vie for their party's nomination.

Taxing numbers

Not traveling as much as you had been? Trying to cut back on the cigarettes and the booze?

Lifestyle choices, good or bad, have consequences that go way beyond what most Texans probably realize.

The latest issue of "Fiscal Notes," the Comptroller's award-winning quarterly newsletter offers some interesting numbers.

Of 13 major tax types in the state, 7—slightly more than half—show significantly lower revenues compared with the year before.

Income from cigarette and tobacco taxes is down 18.6 percent. Alcoholic beverage tax receipts dropped 1.5 percent, indicating a lot more people still prefer the occasional drink to the not-so-occasional demands of most smokers.

Hotel and motel tax receipts are down, indicating that no mat-

America's judicial system...ain't it grand?

Having spent a good part of the morning Monday cooling my heels in a courtroom, I was already beginning to sour on the workings of the American judicial system. So, when I reviewed my e-mail later that day and saw an article about a series of goofy jury awards my disgust bubbled to the top.

Please understand that when I said I was cooling my heels, I meant that literally. I had to be in court for a hearing in my capacity as a hospital board member. I arrived there only to discover that the antique boiler that heats the Schleicher County Courthouse had gone out over the weekend. When the court convened at 9:00 a.m. the courtroom was downright icy.

Anyway, back to the e-mailed article, it purported to be from a group that wants to present a new award to individuals who win frivolous lawsuits. They are calling the award the Stella, in honor of Stella Liebeck, the 81 year-old



woman who won \$2.9 million for spilling a cup of McDonald's coffee on herself.

The group offers the following nominees for its first ever Stella Award.

1. January 2000: Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$780,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle, tripping over a toddler who was running amuck inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering that the misbehaving little fellow was Ms. Robertson's son.

2. June 1998: 19 year-old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to take his neighbor's hubcaps.

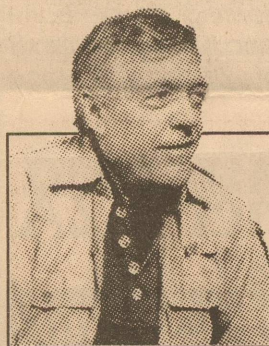
3. October, 1998: Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pa., was leaving a house he had just finished robbing, by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up, because the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he

pulled it shut. Since the homeowners were on vacation, Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found in the garage and a large bag of dry dog food. Mr. Dickson sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed to the tune of a half million dollars.

4. October 1999: Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor's beagle. The dog was on a chain in its owner's fenced-in yard at the time. Mr. Williams was also in the fenced-in yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog may have been provoked by Mr. Williams who, at the time, was repeatedly shooting it with a pellet gun.

5. December 1997: A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pa., \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx. The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson threw it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

6. December 1997: Kara Walton of Clamont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a night club when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.



ROLLING ALONG

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Turn Off Those Blasted Big Lights

When our friends from Chicago came to see us with their young children, they told us the kids started to cry when they got to Texas and looked up at the night sky. The stars scared them because they didn't know what they were. When our grandson comes to visit, he always comments on how many more stars he sees here than in Dallas.

Civilized parts of the globe are lighted as never before. Some prisons, parking lots, stadiums and car dealerships can be seen at night from outer space. The world is becoming aware of light pollution, a term for unnecessary or poorly directed artificial light.

Jeff Davis County, home to the state's largest observatory, has a light ordinance that prevents any night time light from traveling upward.

"Counties in Texas and other states have asked to see our county's light ordinance with the idea of instituting one in their area," says Jeff Davis County Judge Peggy Robertson.

Jeff Davis county is the darkest spot in the USA with an observatory. "On a clear night you can see 2500-3000 stars in the sky here," says Bill Wren, public affairs specialist at the McDonald Observatory near Fort Davis. "In Chicago or Dallas you can see maybe a dozen."

Jeff Davis county uses low pressure sodium bulbs. Mercury vapor lights are outlawed. Nearby communities also control outdoor lighting. There is a growing campaign to encourage the use of shielded outdoor lights that direct light downward instead of up toward the night sky where it strikes microscopic bits of matter and is reflect-

ed back to earth as "wasted light." One federal study found that about a third of outdoor lighting is pointed skyward. \$4.5 billion a year is spent on wasted light, the equivalent of 30 million barrels of oil. A refinery on the Texas coast has 20,000 light bulbs. "With better equipment and lower wattage bulbs, it could save a quarter of a million dollars a year," says Bill.

Security-wise, there is some question as to who those lights are for: the victim or the perpetrator. Some school districts in San Antonio and El Paso have gone completely dark. The result is less vandalism.

Then there's the big concern about health. The Journal of the National Cancer Institute says bright artificial light streaming through a bedroom window may not only interrupt sleep. It may also increase the risk of cancer. Night is when the immune system replenishes itself. Sleepers' brains generally produce the chemical melatonin (a protection against cancer) during darkness, peaking at 1 or 2 a.m. People who sleep during the day produce less melatonin, even if they sleep in very dark rooms. Nurses who worked the midnight shift for 30 years were 36 percent more likely to develop breast cancer than their day shift counterparts.

Light pollution has its effect on plants and animals, too. Baby sea turtles become disoriented by lights shining on beaches and are picked off by predators or run over by cars. Millions of migrating birds become distracted by lights and fly into tall buildings. Some lakes fail to produce surface algae because of bright lights, leading to poor quality water.

ter whether you smoke or drink, you're traveling less than you were last year.

Revenue from inheritance tax also is down. This reflects changes in the tax law, not that fewer people are dying.

Finally, because of lower demand, oil and natural gas production tax revenue is down 27.8 and 59.7 percent, respectively.

Other taxes, a category, which includes levies on cement, sulphur and other things you probably didn't even know were taxed, are down 7 percent.

Interestingly enough, sales tax revenue was up slightly, to the tune of 1.5 percent.

Another piece of good news is that total state income, which ranges from lottery proceeds to federal monies received, is up. (Some categories are down, however, including lottery revenue.)

Even with tax receipts down by a total of 2.3 percent, revenue is actually up by 6 percent.

But state expenditures are up nearly 4 percent, and indications from Washington are that the flow from the federal money pipeline is going to be decreasing.

Next January, state lawmakers will be looking for ways to reduce spending and find politically acceptable ways to increase revenue.



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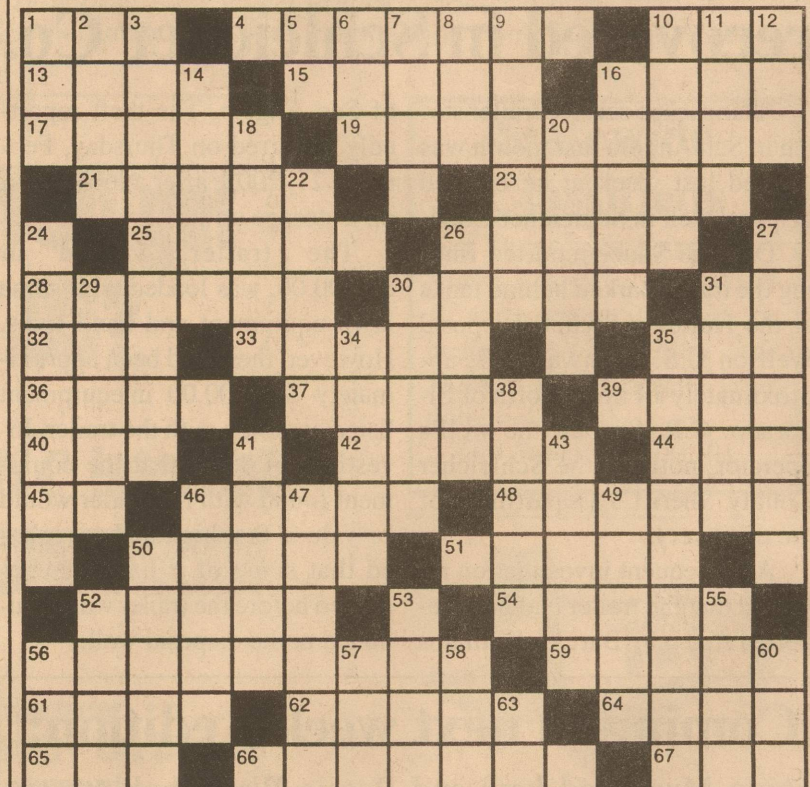
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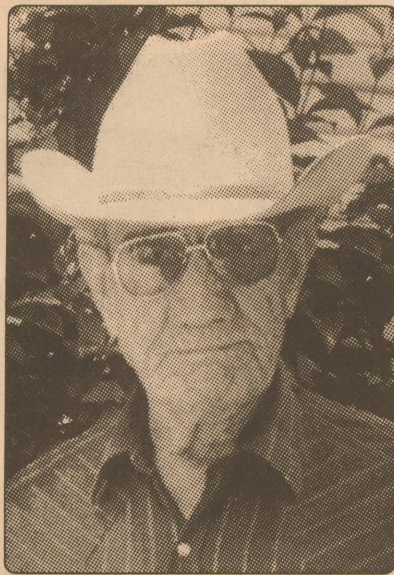
OBITUARIES

Doris Ray McIntosh

JUNCTION — Doris Ray McIntosh of San Angelo passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2002. A graveside service was held Tuesday, March 5 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by

Aubrey Fife Funerals. Survivors include a son, Robert McIntosh of San Angelo; and sisters, Bernice Williamson and Delores Adams of Roosevelt and Frances Edmiston of Eldorado.

Johno Felton Mayo



his retirement. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado.

Johno made it his practice to do countless acts of kindness for everyone in his life; he was patience and compassion personified. He had a wonderful sense of humor, a very generous nature and a great joy of life. In his opinion, the two of the most serious character flaws someone could possess were grouchiness and stinginess. There was laughter and fun wherever he was. His family was the greatest benefactors of his unqualified love. Johno loved fishing and undoubtedly barbecued the best chicken in the world. He touched many lives and each was better for knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Myrl Schooley, Maime Ruth Roberts and Lois Herrington.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 60 years, Thelia; daughter, Sammie Ruppeck, her daughter, Jessica; son, Johnny Mayo Jr. and wife, Carolyn, their son, Michael; sister, Olive Hays; special friends, Dean, Vickie and Corie Williams; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ross Whitten, Steve Williams, Ernie Higdon, Tommy Hunley, Walter Powell, Kirk Jones, David Lloyd and Mike Quimby. The family would like to express its appreciation to Llolanda Franseca and the wonderful staff of Schleicher County Medical Center for the care given Johno.

The family requests that memorials be made to Concho Valley Home for Girls/Children's Emergency Shelter, P.O. Box 3772, San Angelo, TX 76902.

Thresa Lanell Newsome Gary

SAN ANGELO — Thresa Lanell (Newsom) Gary, 61, of San Angelo died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at her residence.

Service was Friday, March 1, at Second Baptist Church with burial in Fairmount Cemetery.

Thresa was born Nov. 15, 1940, in Owens, Texas, to Robert and Ruth Newsom.

Thresa was married to Wayne E. Gary on Aug. 15, 1957, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 1993. Her father also preceded her in death.

Thresa had been a resident of San Angelo for 20 years and was an interior artist. She was active in the Lone Star Canary Club as treasurer and Second Baptist Church as chair of flowers and benevolence committee and as a member of the hospitality and

grounds and maintenance committee. Her hobbies were gardening, raising orchids and she loved her pets.

Thresa was an encouragement to her grandchildren and young people in her neighborhood. Her family and friends often sought her advice and opinions on a myriad of subjects. She was very patriotic and a strong supporter of the U.S. Armed Forces and the USA.

Survivors include her four children, Pamela J. Lasater of Mesquite, William W. Gary of El Paso, Denise L. Mills of San Angelo and Jan M. Bailey of Eldorado; six grandchildren, Jason Lasater, Danelle and Erin Mills, Angela and Justin Gary and Chase Bailey; her mother, Ruth Daughtery of San Angelo; two sisters, Kay Wade of San Angelo and Karen Porter of Houston; one brother, Richard Newsome; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Henry Vela, Nell Aylor, Chip Hill, Roger Boudreau, Kirk Peterson and Doug Morris. Honorary pallbearers will be Kathryn and Pat Baker.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church or Hospice of San Angelo.

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You can learn a lot from a dummy — Six EHS seniors from Susie Richters' Health Occupations class passed the State Skills and Written Exams to become Certified Nurse Aides. The students posed for the camera in the Health Occupations classroom along with a geriatric dummy they used in class. They are (Standing L-R) Chris Martinez, Kristina Prater, Ellbeth Montalvo, Cristie Jo Belman, Ramon Ray Barajas, (on bed) Josh Taylor with dummy Jerrie Attrick.

Square & Round Dance Conclave coming to San Angelo in 2004

Doyle & Frances Shaw of Barnhart, co-presidents of the Westerners Square and Round Dance Association, attended Conclave 2002 of the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers in Beaumont, Texas, on March 2nd. They led a delegation which was successful in a bid to host Conclave 2004 in West Texas. The event will attract three hundred dancers to the San Angelo Convention Center on March 5th

& 6th of 2004. The Westerners Square and Round Dance Association is one of sixteen Districts in Texas, and it includes the cities of Brownwood, Ozona and Abilene. San Angelo is the approximate geographical center of the area. The association membership includes square dance, round dance and clogging clubs and other related associations.

Information on the activity can be obtained by calling 1-877-893-2623 or locally at 653-1439.

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Dear Editor:

Bridge players and prospective bridge players who aren't going to the Thursday night sessions at the Memorial Building are missing out! I happened in last Thursday, not knowing a thing about bridge, and left having been helped participate through the night. Don't stay away because you think you don't know enough about it, because they will help you learn.

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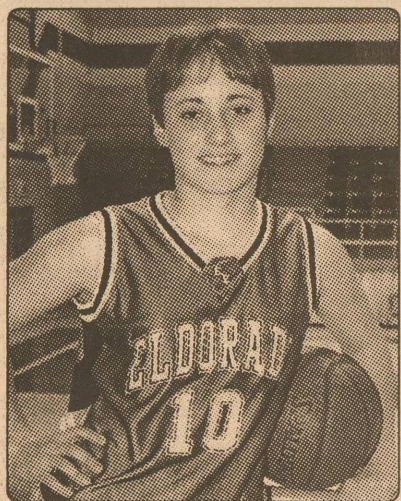
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Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk

Tuesday, March 12
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Wednesday, March 13
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Thursday, March 14
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk

Friday, March 15
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Leigh Ann Neal
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Christina Redish
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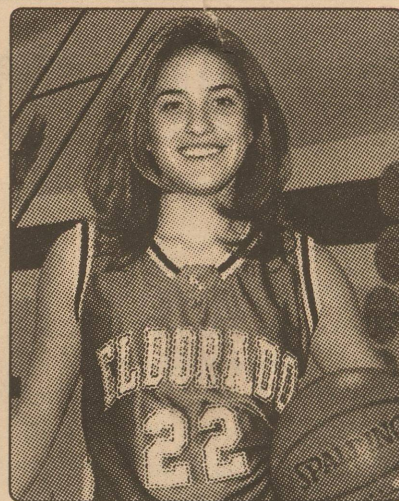
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6 Lady Eagles named to 2-2A All-District Team

EHS senior Leigh Ann Neal and junior Christina Redish were each named to the District 2-2A 1st Team All-District squad, Coach Leslie Gooch announced this week. Earning spots on the 2nd Team squad were senior Gentry Newman and sophomore Clara Herrera. Martha Lively and Hannah Robledo, both juniors, were named to the Honorable Mention

Team. Abby Smith, a junior at Wall was named the Most Valuable Player in District 2-2A. Her teammates, senior Shyanne Halfmann and freshman Lauren Weishuhn were named Defensive Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year, respectively. Wall's coach, Jerry Chitsey, was named Coach of the Year.



Photo by Kathy Mankin

Varsity Girls 2002 Basketball Team — (Front L-R) Leigh Ann Neal, Stephanie Luna, (Second L-R) Hannah Robledo, Amanda Wanoreck, Clara Herrera (Third L-R) Christina Redish, Teresa Barajas, Mitiz Sessom (Back L-R) Martha Lively, Gentry Newman and Coach Leslie Gooch.

Joiner wins High Jump at Junction Track Meet

by Coach Karl McCormack
Junction Middle School Track Meet was held on March 1. The Eldorado Middle School girls participated in their first track meet of the year last Friday. There were 12 teams entered including San Angelo, Edison, Glenn, Lee and Lincoln in the strong field.

8th Grade results: High Jump:

1st, Rachel Joiner 4'8"; Triple Jump: 6th, Allison Reynolds 27'4"; Discuss: 6th, Taylor Baker, 64'4".

Other 8th grade participants were Hope Fuentes, Melinda Hernandez, Heather Powell, and Samantha Rodriguez.

7th grade girls who completed in the meet were Erica Buitron, Amy Doran, Alicia Corrales, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, BoAmber Gentry, Tiffany Hernandez, Brittany Jennings, Liz Lacy, Kimberly Samaniego, Krista Troy and McKenzie Watkins.

These girls will continue to improve each week. They will participate in the Eldorado Middle School meet on Friday beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Middle School Boy's Results:
7th grade: Shot Put: Marcos Hernandez, 6th and Marcus Hinojosa, 4th. 8th grade: Sprint Relay: 5th; High Jump: Michael Ballew, 6th; Shot Put: Kyle Taylor, 2nd.

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EHS Team Tennis squad wins Regional Meet in S.A.



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Regional Champs — The EHS Team Tennis squad posed Saturday with their Regional Championship Trophy. The team will travel this week to the State Tournament in Round Rock. The Eagles team, coached by Matt Rutherford, is the defending State Champion.

The Eldorado High School Tennis Team won the Regional Team Tennis Championship last Saturday in San Angelo. The Eagles defeated Mason 16-3 to claim their fourth championship in the last five years.

On Friday afternoon in the quarterfinal round Eldorado defeated Winters 14-1. Later that evening the Eagles defeated Ozona 14-2 to move in to the finals on Saturday. The Eagles Tennis Team are the defending State Champions and will travel to Round Rock this week to defend their title.

A team tennis match consists of six girls singles matches, six boys singles matches, three girls doubles matches, three boys doubles matches, and a mixed doubles match. An individual player may only participate in one singles and one doubles match per contest. The first team to win ten individual matches wins the contest. This year's Eagle line up consists of:

Boys — Logan Neal, Wesley Jones, Thomas Ballew, Buddy Greer, Quisto Gonzalez, Bobby Phillips, Dillon Greer, Robbie Young, Shay Parker, Ryan Cathey and Will Whitten;

Girls — Christina Redish, Gentry Newman, Courtney Sauer, Courtney Brown, Elibeth Montalvo, Amanda Wanoreck, Blake Snelson, Lacy Ragsdale, Emily Newman, Heather Homer and Betsy Green.

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Hospital district trustees meet

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Trustees John Callison, Jim Martin, Delia Pina, Shirley Joiner and Ricky Fuessel were in attendance. Following an invocation led by Jim Martin the board immediately went behind closed doors for a 2-hour long executive session. The stated reason for the executive session was to meet with attorney James Kosub regarding litigation, to discuss Dr. Taylor's physician contract and to discuss personnel issues. Joining the group behind closed doors was Dr. Patrick Taylor as well as Andy Freeman. The board returned to open meeting without taking action on any of the items.

Before taking up the discussion of the hospital district's financial position, the board met with Paul Adam, representing Trimble-Batjer Insurance. He apologized for the a last-minute increase in premiums upon the renewal of the district's property and liability insurance coverage and explained that he had located another company to write some of the coverage, at a somewhat lower price. The board voted to bind the policy until their next meeting at which time they will review the coverage.

One area of concern regarding the property coverage is the \$2 million limit in the existing policy. Trustee Ricky Fuessel estimated that \$5-10 million would be required to replace the existing facility. Adam explained that if the facility is under-insured many insurance carriers will view that as "partial self-insurance" and reduce the amount they would pay on any claim proportionally. Adam added that he would prepare a second bid at a higher property value and include a higher deductible and present it at a future meeting. Currently the hospital's deductible is \$5,000.00.

In other business the board reviewed and approved the minutes of their previous meeting and they received Quality Assurance Reports for the Hospital and Nursing Home from Marion Porter and Annie Arispe, respectively.

Ann Fagan-Cook's then offered her Administrator's Report, telling the board that the Nursing Home had again received a Safe Facility Award for the 3rd straight year from the Senior Crimestoppers Program. She noted that the local nursing home had only 10 reportable incidents in 2001 as opposed to an average of 93 incidents in other facilities. She further explained that a theft from the Nursing Home gift shop had been solved thanks to a tip through the Senior Crimestoppers Program. Two arrests were made and a cash reward was paid by the program to the confidential informant.

Fagan-Cook then advised the board of a settlement in a lawsuit between Duke Energy and the Schleicher County Tax Appraisal District. She noted that an estimated \$53,000.00 that had been reserved to pay the hospital district's portion of the lawsuit was reduced to \$6,275 in the settlement.

Beverly King, employed by Preferred Management, the district's management consultant, then presented the board with updated policies and procedures for the district's clinic. It was noted that the update was required in order for the clinic to qualify as a Rural Health Clinic. The move should result in an extra \$60,000.00 in clinic revenue annually.

An agenda item concerning a possible change in payroll periods was rejected by the board. The trustees reviewed the possibility of paying employees on the 1st and 15th of each month instead of every two weeks as now occurs. It was thought that the move might even out the payroll calculations but the trustees ultimately chose not to pursue the change.

The board ended the meeting by naming calling for an election on May 4. Seats to be decided in that election are currently held by Delia Pina, Jim Martin, John Callison and Shirley Joiner. The Early Voting Clerk will be Beverly Minor and Bessie Jones will serve as Election Judge.

Voters to cast ballots in party primaries next Tuesday

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holm of Abilene faces no Democratic opponent for the District 17 seat. However, Rob Beckham, an Abilene investment broker is running unchallenged for the Republican nomination and will face Stenholm in the general election.

In statewide races, Governor Rick Perry has no challenger in the Republican Primary. He will face the winner from a field of four in the Democratic Primary. Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez and former Attorney General Dan Morales are the best known Democrats in the race that includes Bill Lyon and a candidate named John Worldpeace.

Former State Comptroller John Sharp is running unopposed for Lieutenant Governor in the Democratic Primary. He will face the winner from the Republican Primary where Land Commissioner David Dewhurst is facing Tom Kelly.

In the race for Texas Attorney General Republican Greg Abbott and Democrat Kirk Watson are running unopposed in their respective primaries. They will face one another in November to see who will replace current Attorney General John Cornyn.

Incumbent Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is seeking reelection. She is unopposed in the Republican Primary and will face

former University of Texas football star Marty Akins in November. He is running unopposed in the Democratic Primary.

Republicans Kenn George and Jerry Patterson are vying for their party's nomination for Commissioner of the General Land Office. The winner will face either David Bernsen or David Madrigal, who are running in the Democratic Primary, in November to see who fills the seat currently held by Republican David Dewhurst.

Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs is running for reelection and is unopposed in the Re-

publican Primary. Ernesto De Leon faces Tom Ramsay in the Democratic Primary with the winner getting the right to face Combs in November.

Polls will open on Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open

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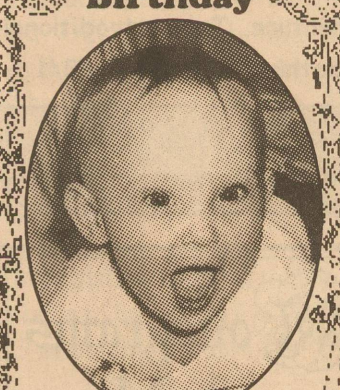
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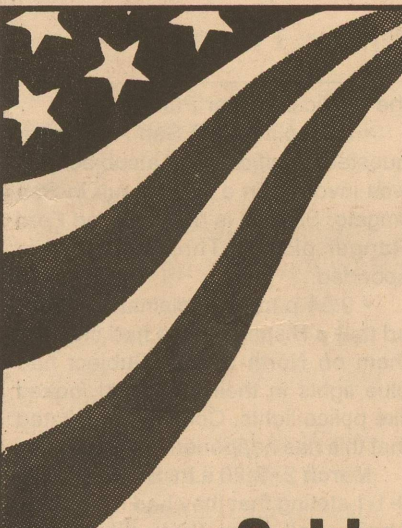
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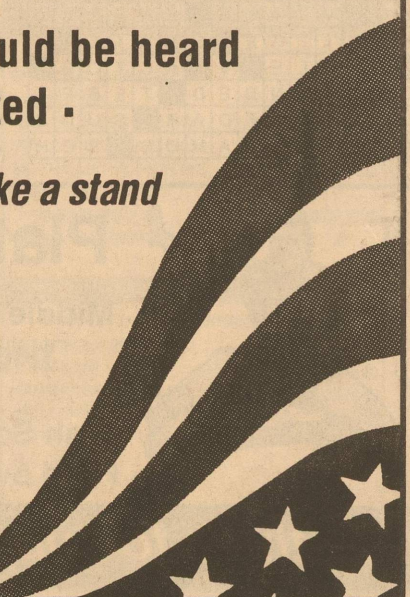
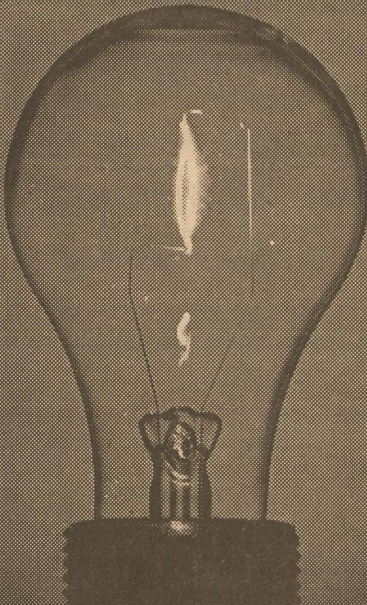
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TPW offers deer and bass conservation license plates

AUSTIN — Texas big game hunters and freshwater anglers can now directly support their outdoor pastimes through two new conservation license plates from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Production will begin soon on two new specialty plates in Huntsville, Texas. One features the image of a white-tailed deer, sales of which will support big game management and hunting programs in Texas. The other features a large-mouth bass, which will benefit Texas bass management and production.

TPW officials say more than 500,000 Texans hunt white-tailed

deer, and more than a million fish for bass, so they believe the new conservation plates will be popular.

"For decades, hunters and anglers have funded the lion's share of environmental conservation around the world, including here in Texas," said Robert L. Cook, TPW executive director. "These groups aren't afraid to ante up for what they believe in, and we are proud to offer them a new way to directly support hunting and fishing."

TPW Inland Fisheries Director Phil Durocher says replacing the aging state fish hatchery in Jasper, Texas is one example of how bass

plate funds would be used. The Sabine River Authority has offered TPW access to a hatchery site on Toledo Bend reservoir, where bass production for stocking in public water would be greatly enhanced. But the new facility could cost up to \$14 million, and TPW, like all state agencies, is facing tight budget times.

On the big game side, Wildlife Director Gary Graham, Ph.D., says money from the new deer plate will create more public hunting opportunities. He cites as examples programs similar to leased land for dove hunting near urban areas and drawings for native and exotic big game hunts on high quality private ranches.

TPW launched the state's first wildlife conservation license plate in 1999, featuring the Texas horned lizard, better known as the "horny toad." To date, it has raised more than \$440,000 through the more than 22,000 plates that have been sold or renewed. Revenue from that plate is being used to

promote wildlife diversity across Texas.

Texas' second conservation license plate, featuring a bluebonnet image, was introduced last July and revenue from it going to provide additional funding for Texas State Parks. So far, the bluebonnet has raised more than \$32,000 from the more than 1,600 plates sold.

Each of the four TPW plates costs \$25 in addition to regular vehicle registration fees. Of that, \$5 from the deer, bass, bluebonnet and horned lizard plates goes to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to cover administrative and printing costs.

TPW also offers another conservation plate as a co-sponsor with Ducks Unlimited. That plate is \$50 and \$5 of that goes directly to TxDOT for production costs. The rest helps efforts between Ducks Unlimited and TPW to preserve wetland habitat in Texas.

All conservation license plates can be ordered at any county tax office in Texas.



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7th Grade 2002 Girls Basketball Team — (Front L-R) J.C. Rodriguez, Tiffany Hernandez, Alicia Corrales, McKenzie Watkins, Jessica Hibbs, (Middle L-R) Veronica Villa, Erica Buitron, Sandra Garza, Anna Fuentes, Bo'Amber Gentry, Kristin Mittel, Marina Guzman, Sylvia Garza, (Back L-R) Amy Doran, Krista Troy, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Liz Lacy, Holly Ford, Brittany Jennings, Kimberly Samaniego.



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7th Grade 2002 Boys Basketball Team — (L-R) Drew Bosmans, Sammy Estrada, Logan Neal, Cash Lane, Richmond Adame, Abel Montalvo, Russell Cathey, David Hernandez, Briley Leggett, Bryan Hibbs.



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8th Grade 2002 Girls Basketball Team—(Front L-R) Chelci Rodriguez, Melinda Hernandez, Josie Diaz, Charlotte Adame, Amber Valdez, Chandra Wanoreck; (Middle L-R)—Alison Sproul, Mary Ann Moreno, Sandra Guzman, Karina Sanchez, Maxie Holley, Lauren Brown, Taylor Niblett; (Back L-R)—Hope Fuentes, Tiffany Dyer, Myra Robles, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Micaela Gonzalez, Taylor Baker

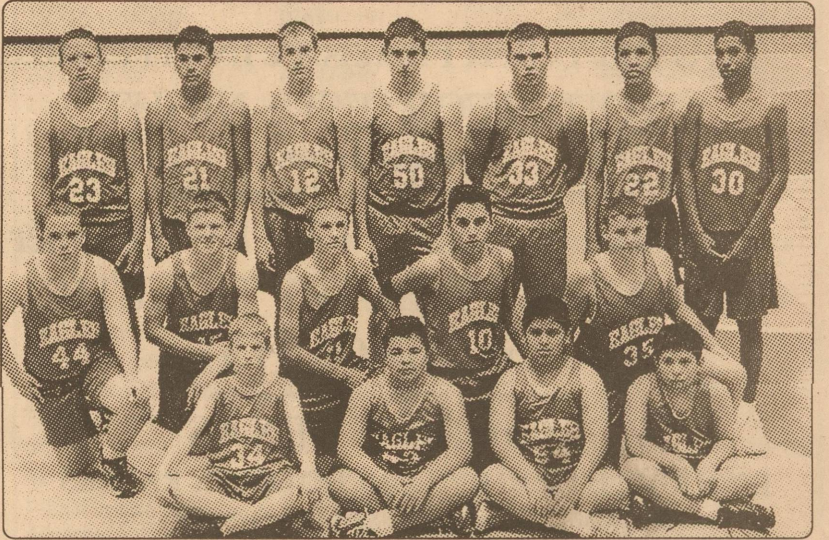


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Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 4, Betsy Green 8, Heather Homer 2, Courtney Whitten 6, Lindsey Schwiening 1, Lacy Ragsdale 6.

January 25, 2002
Eldorado 05-08-04-10=27
Mason 02-09-07-06=24
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 14, Betsy Green 2, Heather Homer 4, Jessica Robertson 2, Lacy Ragsdale 4, Sheryl Alexander 1.

January 29, 2002
Eldorado 06-01-08-11=26
Wall 17-13-14-02=46
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw, Betsy Green 9, Heather Homer 5, Courtney Whitten 6, Jessica Robertson 2, Sheryl Alexander 2.

February 1, 2002
Eldorado 13-09-09-11=42
Junction 00-06-06-04=16
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey

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J.V. GIRLS

Boysaw 16, Betsy Green 4, Heather Homer 2, Courtney Whitten 3, Lindsey Schwiening, Jessica Robertson 6, Lacy Ragsdale 5, Sheryl Alexander.

February 5, 2002
Eldorado 06-06-03-04=19
Sonora 08-06-12-09=35
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green, Heather Homer, Courtney Whitten 2, Jessica Robertson, Lacy Ragsdale 2, Sheryl Alexander 2.

JV BOYS

February 1, 2002
Eldorado 14-13-22-14=65
Junction 02-19-05-15=46
Scoring for the Eagles: Mike Adame 10, John Fay 4, Ray David Buitron 10, Trey Chavez 9, Timmy Martinez 2, Cole Wilkerson 3, Eric Garcia 6, Danny Sanchez 6, Landon Neal 15.

February 5, 2002
Eldorado 15-16-08-10=50
Sonora 04-11-10-08=33
Scoring for the Eagles: Mike Adame 9, John Fay 6, Ryan Cathey 2, Ray David Buitron 4, Trey Chavez 5, Eric Garcia 2, Jordan Fay 9, Danny Sanchez 3, Kolby Dombroski 2, Logan Neal 7. 3 Point Goals: John Fay (2) and Danny Sanchez (1).

February 8, 2002
Eldorado 13-12-16-14=55
Grape Creek 15-06-13-13=47
Scoring for the Eagles: Mike Adame 16, John Fay 2, Ray David Buitron 4, Cole Wilkerson 2, Jordan Fay 14, JL Mankin 1, Logan Neal 6.

February 12, 2002
Eldorado 08-02-15-09=34
Mason 12-09-06-08=35
Scoring for the Eagles: Mike Adame 4, John Fay 8, Ray David Buitron 5, Jordan Fay 2, Danny Sanchez 5, JL Mankin 4, Logan Neal 6. 3 Point Goals: John Fay (2) and Danny Sanchez (1).

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