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The Colony woman's death ruled a suicide

Lacy Le-Ann Duncan, 28, of The Colony, Texas died Saturday, January 4, 2008, of a single gunshot wound to the head, at a hunting camp on the Mertz 09 Ranch in far western Schleicher County. Officials later ruled the death to be a suicide.

Sheriff David Doran, and three of his deputies, George Arispe, Kevin Herbert and Chris Martinez, responded to a 9-1-1 call and arrived at the hunting camp to find the woman dead in a travel trailer.

Game Warden Marco Alvizo also responded to the call, as did the Schleicher County EMS. Officers from the Irion County Sheriff's Department were also dispatched to the scene.

Witnesses at the hunting camp told the

officers that the woman was distraught and that she went into the travel trailer and locked the door behind her.

Moments later they heard the report of a single gunshot coming from inside the trailer.

Duncan's body was found lying next to a .243 caliber hunting rifle with a spent round in the chamber.

Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle pronounced the woman dead at the scene.

Sheriff Doran reports that the position of the body, along with other physical evidence, matched statements made by several witnesses in the camp, leading to his determination that the gunshot wound was self-inflicted.

Eight locals candidates file for six county posts

The filing deadline for the March 4th primary elections passed Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The following is a list of local candidates.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Charles Bradley - County Judge
Shane West - County Sheriff

Clint Griffin - County Attorney

Jeanne Snelson - Tax Assessor-Collector

Johnny Mayo - Commissioner Pct. #1

Kirk Griffin - Commissioner Pct. #3

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Joe Ed Spencer - County Judge

David Doran - County Sheriff



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Deonn Fuentes took time Tuesday afternoon to groom his hog in advance of this weekend's Jr. Livestock Show. Deonn is a 4th grader at Eldorado Elementary School. He is the son of Donny and Jessica Fuentes of Eldorado.

73rd annual Jr. Livestock Show slated this weekend

by Cory Stevens, Schleicher County Agent

The second Saturday in January is always set aside for the Schleicher County Livestock Show. That weekend is coming up this Saturday. Everyone is invited to come out and support the youth of Eldorado at the show.

We will get started at 8:00 a.m. A complimentary lunch is provided by the First National Bank of Eldorado. Of course we invite you stay after lunch and participate in our premium sale. The contributions made to our sale help provide opportunities for the 4H and FFA kids to show livestock, and also participate in other 4H and FFA events

throughout the year.

Also, we are again having a PeeWee showmanship directly before the sale. Any and all kids under the age of nine are invited to participate. This year the PeeWee showmanship will be sponsored by First Community Federal Credit Union, and each kid will receive a special prize.

The weather looks like it will be good, so come out to the Civic Center and enjoy the day supporting the youth of Schleicher County. For more information contact the extension office at 853-2132, or my cell phone at 277-5225.

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City holds firm on zoning ordinance

"Buyer Beware" was the message the Eldorado City Council conveyed Monday night to several citizens who appeared before the council to complain about the zoning ordinance enacted last summer.

Jesus De Luna addressed the council on behalf of his uncle Juan Terrazas of Del Rio. De Luna explained that Mr. Terrazas purchased a lot in the Christian Addition only to learn that it was not zoned for mobile homes.

De Luna questioned why his uncle cannot move in a mobile home when there are already several mobile homes in the immediate area.

Councilman Richard Mendez explained that existing mobile homes are grandfathered under the zoning ordinance. The owners of those homes may upgrade to newer model homes, Mendez noted, but once a mobile home is moved away, the lots in question may not be used for mobile homes again.

Councilman Stan Meador asked De Luna if his uncle inquired about the zoning of the lot before he bought it.

De Luna replied that his uncle did not think it necessary to ask about zoning since there are other mobile homes in the area. He then asked the council to consider expanding the area zoned for mobile homes to include his uncle's lot. When that did not happen, De Luna then asked for the council to provide him with a letter explaining to his lawyer why his uncle cannot place a mobile home on the lot.

Mayor Nikolauk agreed to provide the letter then went on to warn prospective

buyers to check the zoning of property and the availability of city utilities before finalizing a deal.

The council next heard from John M. Taylor, the developer and a resident of the Sunrise Addition. Taylor asked about utility easement letters sent to property owners in the addition.

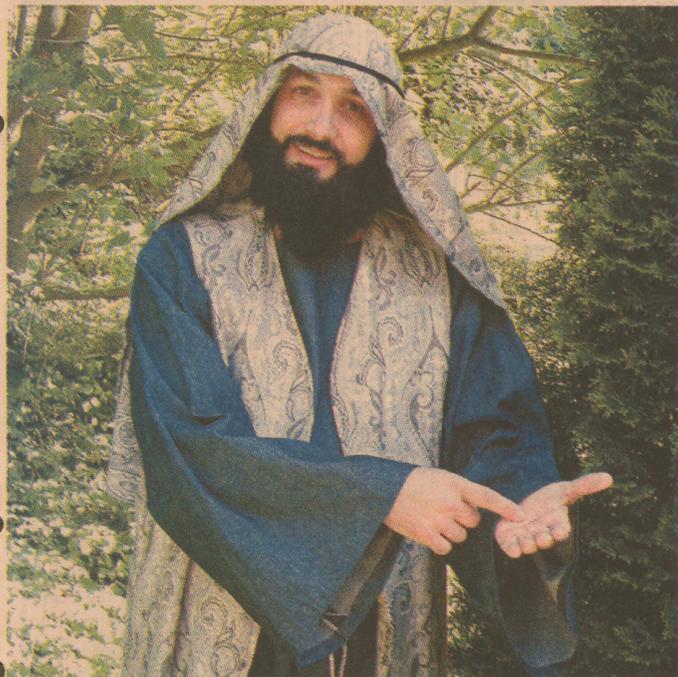
Mayor Nikolauk explained that the city must have easements allowing city

personnel to access city utilities. He said the easements only prevented property owners from erecting buildings or fences over the buried utilities.

Other Sunrise Addition residents on hand for the meeting included Juan M. Sanchez, Alvaro and Maria Moya and Brenda Hernandez.

Mr. Taylor then asked for help with

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COURTESY PHOTO

Rev. Oliver Marson will portray the disciple Thomas during the morning worship service this Sunday at Community Baptist Church of Eldorado. The performance is slated for 11:00 a.m.

'Doubting Thomas' to be featured Sunday at Community Baptist Church

Who better to teach faith lessons than the disciple we call 'Doubting Thomas'? The drama: Faith as a grain of mustard, recounts many of the faith lessons Jesus taught His disciples. It recounts the cursing of the fig tree by Jesus, the healing of the woman with the disease of the blood and the demon possessed man, and concludes with the account of Thomas saying 'unless I can place my finger in the print of the nail.'

Thomas, the disciple of Jesus, will be portrayed by Rev. Oliver Marson at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, January 13, 2008, at Community Baptist Church. There is no admission charge and the

public is invited to attend and experience this unique ministry.

Walk In My Sandals Ministries travels to venues portraying the Bible characters we've all come to know and love. The dramas are carefully researched and presented in historical costumes by Rev. Oliver Marson of Chattanooga, TN.

Rev. Marson has been performing these dramas for more than 20 years. Rev. Marson is a 21 year veteran of the United States Air Force and currently pursuing a Doctor of Educational Ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft Worth.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Flames danced in the foreground as a grass fire briefly closed U.S. 277 Tuesday afternoon at the south edge of Eldorado. High winds helped the fire jump the highway before volunteer firefighters rallied to extinguish the blaze.

Not So Hot

If a scientific paper appeared in a major journal saying that the planet has warmed twice as much as previously thought, that would be front-page news in every major paper around the planet. But what would happen if a paper was published demonstrating that the planet may have warmed up only half as much as previously thought?

Nothing. Earlier this month, Ross McKittrick from Canada's University of Guelph and I published a manuscript in the Journal of Geophysical Research-Atmospheres saying precisely that.

Scientists have known for years that temperature records can be contaminated by so-called "urban warming," which results from the fact that long-term temperature histories tend to have originated at points of commerce. The bricks, buildings, and pavement of cities retain the heat of the day and impede the flow of ventilating winds.



Commentary
by Patrick J. Michaels

For example, downtown Washington is warmer than nearby (and more rural) Dulles Airport. As government and services expand down the Dulles Access road, it, too, is beginning to warm compared to more rural sites to the west.

Adjusting data for this effect, or using only rural stations, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change states with confidence that less than 10% of the observed warming in long-term climate histories is due to urbanization.

That's a wonderful hypothesis, and Ross and I decided to test it.

We noted that other types of bias must still be affecting historical climate records. What about the quality of a national network and the competence of the observers? Other factors include movement or closing of weather stations and modification of local land surfaces, such as replacing a forest with a cornfield.

Many of these are socioeconomic, so we built a computer model that included both regional climatic factors, such as latitude, as well as socioeconomic indicators like GDP and applied it to the IPCC's temperature history.

Weather equipment is very high-maintenance. The standard temperature shelter is painted white. If the paint wears or discolors, the shelter absorbs more of the sun's heat and the thermometer inside will read artificially high. But keeping temperature stations well painted probably isn't the highest priority in a poor country.

IPCC divides the world into latitude-longitude boxes, and for each of these we supplied information on GDP, literacy, amount of missing data (a measure of quality), population change, economic growth and change in coal consumption (the more there is, the cooler the area).

Guess what. Almost all the socioeconomic variables were important. We found the data were of highest quality in North America and that they were very contaminated in Africa and South America. Overall, we found that the socioeconomic biases "likely add up to a net warming bias at the global level that may explain as much as half the observed land-based warming trend."

We then modified IPCC's temperature data for these biases and compared the statistical distribution of the warming to the original IPCC data and to satellite measures of lower atmospheric temperature that have been available since 1979. Since these are from a single source (the U.S. government), and they don't have any urban contamination, they are likely to be affected very little by economic factors.

Indeed. The adjusted IPCC data now looks a lot like the satellite data. The biggest change was that the high (very warm) end of the distribution in the IPCC data was knocked off by the unbiasing process.

Where was the press? A Google search reveals that with the exception of a few blog citations, the only major story ran in Canada's Financial Post.

There are several reasons why the press provides so little coverage to science indicating that global warming isn't the end of the world. One has to do with bias in the scientific literature itself. Theoretically, assuming unbiased climate research, every new finding should have an equal probability of indicating that things are going to be more or less warm, or worse-than-we-thought vs. not-so-bad.

But, when someone finds that there's only half as much warming as we thought, and the story is completely ignored, what does this say about the nature of the coverage itself? Somehow, you'd think that would have been newsworthy.

Patrick J. Michaels is senior fellow in environmental studies at the Cato Institute and a member of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



Resistance Lingerie

Laura on Life



by Laura Snyder

The Law of Gravity ought to be repealed. Yeah, I know it keeps things attached to solid ground so we're not all flailing fruitlessly in space, but other than that, gravity serves no useful purpose at all.

Other than a bag of Oreos, gravity is a woman's worst enemy. Around middle age, everything starts sagging like a slow-moving mudslide. We know that eventually our breasts are going to blend into our stomachs and no one will know whether we are coming or going unless we are wearing a belt buckle. It's like the grill on the front of a Mack truck.

Let's face it, in middle age, the hair on our heads starts to evacuate like there's been a fire drill and relocates itself onto our faces. Never before has an item been so constantly our companion as our tweezers.

Sagging hairy jowls, grandma's mustache, and a jutting unibrow; we have all the markings of a Neanderthal. It's no wonder that the beauty industry is thriving. We are desperate to reclaim the face and body we know we already had somewhere. It's there, we just have to find it.

Where is it? Gravity claimed it. Oh gravity, thou art a heartless witch!

I was shopping for a suit for a special occasion recently. Everything I tried on looked as though it

belonged on someone much taller and 60 pounds lighter. I looked like a Weeble.

I thought, "Where is that fabulous rack I used to have twenty years ago? The suit looked like I had swallowed a throw pillow and it got stuck halfway down.

As I wandered around the store bemoaning my dumpy state and wishing gravity would go find another planet to live on, I came across the lingerie department. The undergarments I was forced to consider bore no resemblance whatsoever to what I had always thought was lingerie.

These were what my mother calls "foundation." Well, I thought, I suppose if you want to build a brick house, you have to start with a good foundation. They were made of whalebone, titanium and, I suspected, a material that might be used in the after-burners of the space shuttle.

These hearty undergarments could squeeze and tuck twenty years off my frame if I could just get into one. Ladders should be installed in the changing rooms so that you can simply leap into

them.

The first one I tried on winded me with the effort and then I couldn't suck in enough air to keep me from falling into a dead faint. Perhaps I was a little too optimistic on the size.

The second one I tried on made me sigh in relief. There's that rack! I knew it was there somewhere! Welcome home old friend! The only problem was that now my breasts looked like they were equipped with nuclear warheads: Like Madonna in her cone costume. Hmm. Nope. I don't think so.

The third one was little more subtle in the warhead area but was completely see-through. It was like it was saying: "I may be something your grandmother would wear, but I've got sex-appeal!" That's what I like: Undergarments with attitude. As if I would ever let anyone see me in that.

Liposuction, Botox, collagen injections, anti-wrinkle lotions, cellulite zappers, and underwear that finds your twenty-year old body. I may not be able to fight gravity alone, but at least the "The Resistance" is on my side.

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Federal court upholds 'moment of silence' law

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — A Dallas federal court on Jan. 2 upheld a 2003 state law that allows Texas schools to set aside time for students to reflect, pray or meditate in the classroom.

Plaintiffs

David Wallace Croft and spouse Shannon Kristine Croft filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.



The Crofts' children are students in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch school district.

In their lawsuit, the Crofts alleged the Texas moment of silence law is unconstitutional under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

At issue were parts of chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code, which say:

(1) A school district may provide for a period of silence at the beginning of the first class of each school day during which a student may reflect or meditate; and

(2) A public school student has an absolute right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt the instructional or other activities of the school. A person may not require, encourage, or coerce a student to engage in or refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity.

The Legislature revised the moment of silence provision in 2003, adding the word "pray" to the list of designated options as well as "any other silent activity that is not likely to interfere with or distract another student."

The federal court held that "...the addition of the word 'pray' directly furthers the purpose of encouraging students to engage in individual contemplative activity."

The court also concluded such "thoughtful contemplation" is a "valid secular purpose" and that "the primary effect of the statute is to institute a moment of silence, not to advance or inhibit religion."

After the court rendered its decision, Attorney General Greg Abbott, a defendant in the lawsuit along with Gov. Rick Perry, said, "The court's ruling ensures that Texas schoolchildren are free to begin each day by voluntarily reflecting, meditating, or praying before school each morning."

"Particularly in an age where children are so frequently confronted with violence and disorder, 60 seconds of quiet contemplation at the beginning of each day is not too much to ask. ..."

Gym operators must be certified

Secretary of State Phil Wilson recommends that Texans first check to ensure a gym or health spa is registered with the Secretary of State before becoming a member.

Under state law, a person must obtain a health spa operator's certificate of registration from the Secretary of State before operating a health spa or selling a membership in a health spa.

An operator's certificate of registration is required for each health spa location. Unless the person qualifies for an exemption, a security deposit for each location must also be posted with the secretary of state to protect members of the club who suffer actual financial loss as a result of a closing.

"As Texans begin to work on their resolutions for 2008, it is important that they do the research to make sure

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Fun with Classical Music

John Giordano conducted the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra 28 years. He taught music at TCU and now has the title of Distinguished Fellow in Music at that University. He lives in Fort Worth but has a beach house in Corpus Christi, where he conducts the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra. He also makes guest appearances to conduct orchestras in other cities.

He gets such joy from his music. I heard him speak one night and in a joking mood he said members of the orchestra seldom pay attention to the conductor. To demonstrate his tongue in cheek remark, he told the story of when he was playing third string viola with an orchestra and something happened to the conductor. John, who had some conducting experience, volunteered to do the conducting. He did so in several major cities across the country. After the tour, he resumed his third chair position in the viola section. The viola player next to him asked, "Where've you been?"



by Tumbleweed Smith

John couldn't help but be in music. Growing up in Pennsylvania, his musical Italian family would sing and play instruments after big dinners. Right out of high school he got a job with the Ted Weems Band. He played with several big bands including Les Brown and Stan Kenton. He played flute on Frank Sinatra's Only The Lonely album. He had a scholarship to study electrical engineering at Penn State, but wound up in music instead.

He studied and performed in Europe and decided to become a professional classical saxophone player. He discovered there was no big demand for such a thing, so he took some jobs conducting youth orchestras. That led to his career as a fulltime professional

conductor.

"Once you get involved with classical music it absolutely draws you in," says John, "because it's the most sophisticated, the most fulfilling kind of music."

He says conductors are re-creators, not creators.

"There's an obligation to follow the text of the composer. You have to honor that. The orchestra actually produces the sound and your job is to make the musicians adhere to what the composer intended and add life to it and make it communicate with the audience."

John says classical music brings something to a community that nothing else can.

"You're bringing some of the greatest contributions of western man. It does a lot of things. It adds to the joy of life, it gives fulfillment and it actually has been proven that it stimulates intellectual development, particularly in children. It takes your mind off your own problems. It's like seeing a great work of art, but even more so because you're just enveloped with it."

OBITUARIES

Billy Gene Maness

SONORA - On Dec. 31, 2007, the Lord called home Billy Gene Maness of Ozona, Texas.

Bill was born in Baird, Texas, April 21, 1935, to Allen Wilfred and Willie Iris Maness. He grew up in Ozona, Texas, and was a member of the Ozona Church of Christ. He was married to his high school sweetheart for 54 years.

He raised his family in Eldorado, Texas, while working for 39 years at the Southwest Texas Coop. He and his wife relocated to Ozona, Texas, in 1991 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. He was an active member of the ranching community in Schleicher, Crockett, Val Verde and Kimble counties.

He was a family man who was a friend to everyone. He is loved and will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his mother; father; sister June Meadows; sister Sue Staley; and son-in-law Tom Williams. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Helen Maness; their two daughters, Rosellen Williams of Little Elm, Texas, and Vonda Flanagan

and husband Stanley Flanagan of Ozona, Texas. He is survived by sisters Lou Dugan of Clyde, Texas, Betty Boatman of Many, La., and Pauline Bentley and husband Jack Bentley of Ozona, Texas; two brothers, James and wife Barbara Maness of Farmington, N.M., and Weldon and wife Barbara Maness of Ozona, Texas. Also, his grandchildren, Jimmy Williams of Little Elm, Texas, Hollie (Williams) Gonzales and husband David Gonzales of Frisco, Texas, Camelia Williams of Little Elm, Texas, Lindsay Bean and husband Wesley Bean of Ozona, Texas, Helena Scherr and husband Brian Scherr of Aubrey, Texas, Chad Flanagan and wife Sherrrie Flanagan of Ozona, Texas, and Amanda Williams of Little Elm, Texas; and his great-grandchildren, Gregory Scherr, Isabella Williams, Nicholas Gonzales, Skylar Lacy, Reagan Gonzales and Kurt Bean.

Pallbearers were his grandsons. Graveside service was Wednesday, Jan. 2, in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora.



COURTESY PHOTO

Marty and Joe Max Edmiston are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Shanna Dell, to Eric Christopher Nail. Shanna is a Registered Nurse in San Angelo and Eric is Vice President of Odyssey Technical Solutions in Round Rock, Texas. A March wedding is planned in Austin and the couple will reside in Round Rock.

Jackson O'Harrow has Reserve Champion meat goat at Odessa

Jackson O'Harrow won the Reserve Champion Meat Goat at the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo this past weekend. Jackson has been showing goats for about the past six years, and has had success in the past, but this is the best to date. Jackson and his brother Jaymie work very hard, and definitely earned this win. Jaymie also showed at the show exhibiting a steer and meat goats. The O'Harrow's placed not only the Reserve Champion, but all four of their goats as well. Good job guys.

Shooting Sports Safety Training

This next Monday, January 14th at 5:30 p.m., we will have a 4H Shooting Sports Safety Training for any and all interested youth. This event will be held at the Civic Center. Shooting sports is open to all youth over the age of 9, but we are going to have a pellet gun session for younger interested youth.



County Agent's Update
by Cory Stevens

It is very important that each and every participant in shooting sport go through the safety training, so if you are interested in shooting, please try to attend. If there is a conflict, let me know and we will work with you so that you may get trained at a different time.

Also, beginning in February, shooting sports practice will be held on Tuesday's beginning at 5:30. More information will come later on exact practice times. Again, if you would like to more information, give us a call at 853-2132.

Capital Highlights...

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they will be protected if their gym shuts down," Wilson said.

"A gym membership can be a significant financial commitment and I would urge all Texans to visit my Web site to check their club's registration status and review the steps to recover membership fees of closed gyms if applicable."

Commission chair passes away
Ric Williamson, 55-year-old chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, suffered a heart attack and died Dec. 29.

A resident of Weatherford, Williamson served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1985 to 1998.

He was appointed to the commission by Gov. Rick Perry in March 2001 and was named the chair in January 2004.

Agency boosts war on smoking

The Texas Department of State Health Services reports it is more than doubling its resources dedicated to free smoking cessation services provided through the American Cancer Society's Quit-line.

This year, the agency plans to provide \$550,000 for the service, up from \$250,000 provided in 2007. The toll-free telephone counseling service at 1-877-YES-QUIT is available to all Texans trying to quit smoking or dipping, the state health agency said.

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- Tuesday, January 15**
Barbecue Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/Pineapples, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk
- Wednesday, January 16**
Fried Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk
- Thursday, January 17**
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk
- Friday, January 18**
Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk

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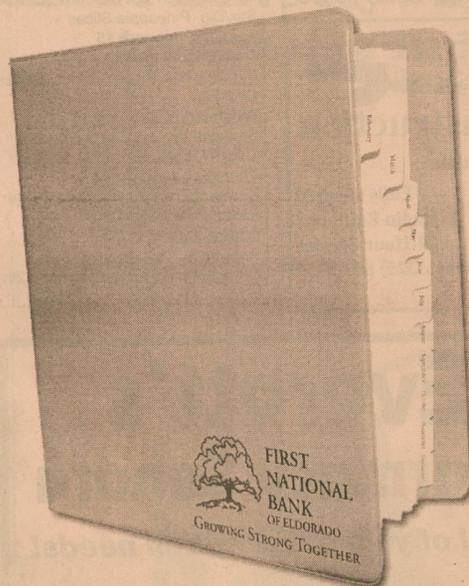
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **
* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!
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Eagles win six straight during Christmas break

The Eldorado Eagles basketball team improved its record to 9-6 by reeling off a six win streak over the Christmas break.

The team kicked things off with a 80-70 victory over Lohn. Rance Cathey drilled two three pointers on his way to a team high 23 points in the contest.

Dustin Ramos matched Cathey with two three pointers and managed 13 total points on the night. Manny Gonzalez managed the same total hitting only one from beyond the arc.

Jorge Mata finished the night with 9 points; Paul Martinez, 6; Lalo Sanchez and Michael Redish, 5; Dustin Gauna, 4; Tyler Dombroski 2.

The Warbirds had a ten day lay-over before heading to the Panther Creek Tournament on December

28, 2007.

Eldorado kicked things off by defeating Christoval 51-45.

Cathey, again, led the team with 15 points. Lalo Sanchez drained one three pointer on his way to 11 points against the Cougars.

Dombroski managed 9, while Mata accounted for 6. Dustin Ramos ended the night with 5, and Redish hit one three pointer for his only points in the contest.

Eldorado faced Baird in the second round of tournament play, and out scored the Bears 59-52.

Sanchez led the Warbird charge with 16 points. Dombroski was close behind with 15.

Ramos rounded out the double digit club with 10 points on the board.

Redish finished with 6 points, three of which came from beyond the three point line.

Cathey closed out the Eagles scoring with 4 points of his own.

Eldorado clenched the tournament title with a convincing 66-25 route of Winters.

Sanchez led the scoring this time with 17 points on the Blizzards. Cathey and Mata rounded out the final double digit scorers with 13 and 11 respectfully.

Redish drilled another three pointer on his way to seven points. Tyler Dombroski accounted for 6 points while Dylan Dombroski found the basket for 4.

Martinez and Ramos managed three points and Gonzalez hit for two.

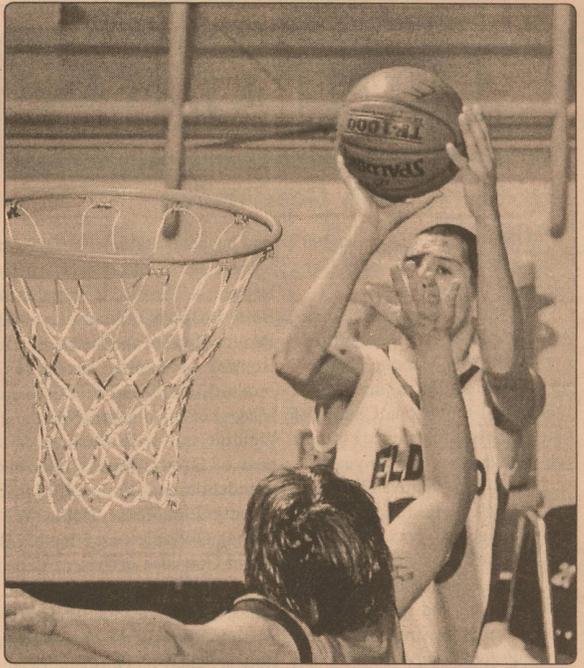


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Jorge Mata keeps his eye on the rim and the ball above a McCamey defender last Thursday night as the Warbirds battled to a 51-48 overtime victory. Mata finished the night with 10 points. Eldorado will open district play Friday night at home against the Miles Bulldogs.

School Lunch Menu



BREAKFAST MENU
Monday, January 14
 Waffle Stix/Syrup, Fresh Banana
 Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday, January 15
 Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, January 16
 Pig-n-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, January 17
 Banana Nut Muffin, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, January 18
 Cereal Bar, Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

CAFETERIA LINE
Monday, January 14
 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Broccoli / Cheese, Green Salad, Sliced Peaches
Tuesday, January 15
 Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies
Wednesday, January 16
 Corn Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pineapple Slices
Thursday, January 17
 Beef Taco's/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad
 Pear Halves
Friday, January 18
 Pep Pizza, Tossed Salad, Orange Halves, Bread Stix 5th -12th

BASKET LINE
Monday, January 14
 Corn Dogs, Pork-n-Beans, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pineapple Slices
Tuesday, January 15
 Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup
 Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies
Wednesday, January 16
 Sausage Wraps, Carrot Stix/ Dip
 Tator Wedges, Pineapple Slices
Thursday, January 17
 Hamburgers, Baked Chips, Burger Salad, Pear Halves
Friday, January 18
 Pep Pizza, Tossed Salad
 Orange Halves, Bread stix 5th -12th

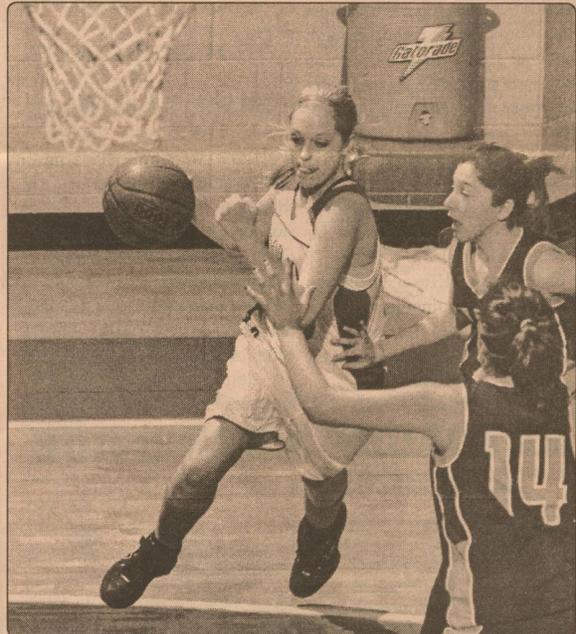


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Corie Williams drove to the basket during non-district play against McCamey last Thursday evening. The Lady Eagles fell behind McCamey early and dropped the game 56-33.

ing for the Eagles with two. Eldorado's final game of the holidays came in a nailbiting victory over McCamey in overtime 51-48.

Cathey led the team with 11 points, while Mata and Ramos were close behind with 10 a peice.

Tyler Dombroski managed 7 points before fouling out in the contest.

Martinez found all of his points from beyond the arc with two three pointers.

Gauna hit for 4 points and Sanchez managed one three pointer before fouling out.

The Eagles will host Miles on Friday in the Warbirds first district matchup of the season.

HOOP SCORES

8th Grade Girls

January 7, 2008
 Eldorado 12-04-08-06=30
 Christoval 01-04-02-05=12
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Allyssa Galindo 2, Clarissa Castro 2, Brianah Creek 12, Abby Fuentes 6, Ashby Ragsdale 2, Polli Guerrero 2, Melissa Gonzales 2, Dacy Whiddon 2.

8th Grade Boys

January 7, 2008
 Eldorado 10-20-15-09=44
 Christoval 00-00-00-00=22
 Scoring for the Eagles: Rober t Chavez 12, Nathan Jimenez 8, Christian Sanchez 2, Tyler Farmer 11, Allen Espinosa 12 and Lalo Sanchez 9. 3 point goals: Farmer 1; Sanchez 1.

7th Grade Girls

January 7, 2008
 Eldorado 06-11-10-10=37
 Christoval 07-08-00-06=21
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 13, Nicki Herrera 6, Nancy Iglesias 2, Avery Nolan 9, Mary Lou Martinez 6, Veronica Fuentes 4.

7th Grade Boys

January 7, 2008
 Eldorado 08-02-08-12=30
 Christoval 02-00-02-02=06
 Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchel 2, Will Barker 2, Rico Martinez 6, Colten Jackson 2, Domingo Torres 2, Diego Sanchez 4, Edward Hernandez 2, John Paul Galan 12.



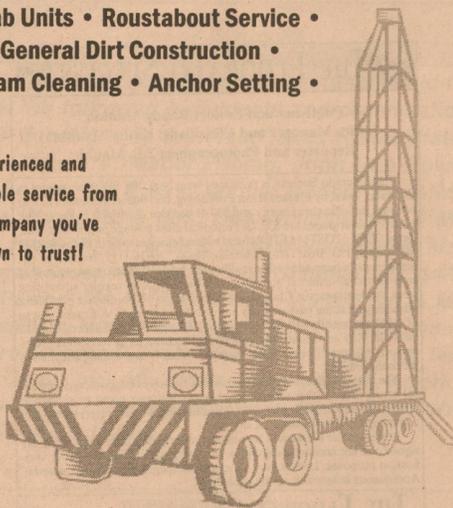
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 Monday, January 14
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Consumer alert: landlords, roommates can fall prey to counterfeit checks

Texans who plan to get a roommate or rent out their house or apartment in the new year should beware of a new version of an old counterfeit check scam.

The U.S. Postal Inspector recently warned that some property owners are being duped by con artists using counterfeit checks. Managers of large apartment complexes and owners of a single rental property are targeted by the scam. A landlord should not trust a prospective tenant who responds from overseas to an online advertisement, pays a deposit with a cashier's check (possibly even offering to

pay several months' rent in advance), and then asks the landlord to wire back part of the money. The checks often turn out to be clever counterfeits.

People who advertise seeking roommates should be careful of this scam as well. Roommates abroad who send large deposit checks and then ask to have some funds returned to them because of a "family emergency" or similar reason are simply trying to profit from the prospective roommate's trust.

To provide further reassurances, the scammer might even telephone the person who

places the advertisement. But the result is invariably the same: They want to separate consumers from their money.

Many consumers mistakenly believe it is possible to get back their money, but the con artists behind these ploys are almost always in other countries. Even with the assistance of international law enforcement authorities, these thieves are nearly impossible to catch because they are constantly on the move.

Landlords and roommate seekers who are contacted with one of these offers should simply say "no."



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Third Water Symposium to be held in Junction

Texas Tech University Center at Junction will host the third event in the Texas Water Symposium Series on Thursday, January 24. This event will focus on the role of water conservation and education about water issues for Texans now and in the future and is titled "Taking Action for your Children's Children." The Texas Water Symposium is a joint project of Texas Tech University at Fredericksburg, Schreiner University and Texas Public Radio.

The public is invited to a dinner at 6 pm and program at 7 in the Dining Hall. There is no charge for either but attendees are asked to make reservations at 325.446.2301 or email lisa.herring@ttu.edu.

The panel represents agencies promoting water-saving techniques ranging from the individual to the state, including:

Ken Kramer, Ph.D., Chapter Director of the Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club, Austin, has 25 years of experience working on water and other environmental issues as an academic, environmental group leader and public policy specialist. Water conservation is the main initiative of the chapter. Kramer will focus on the critical role of conservation and education in helping to meet our mid to long-term water supply needs.

John Sutton, Team Leader, Municipal and Institutional, Commercial, & Industrial (ICI) Water Conservation Programs, Drought Response of the Texas Water Development Board in Austin, coordinates conservation activities and programs of a state agency to educate youth and the general public.

Karen Guz is Director of Conservation at San Antonio Water System is responsible for meeting long-term conservation goals of the SAWS Water Supply Plan and saving money for SAWS ratepayers. As a result of the investment San Antonio has made in conservation, the gallons per capita per

day has reduced by 40% during the last ten years in one of the fastest growing US housing markets. A comprehensive conservation ordinance unanimously passed by the City Council will provide billions of gallons water savings in the future.

Billy Kniffen, County Extension Agent, Agriculture/Natural Resources, Menard County, has been an agent for 25 years and is very knowledgeable about actions which might be taken by home/land owners such as rainwater collection, xeriscaping, and brush clearance. He is active in the organization, training and certification of Texas Master Naturalist and rainwater harvesting and catchment organizations and professionals.

For more information, check www.schreiner.edu/water or contact Bob Hickerson or Dr. Tom Arsuffi at 325.446.2301, bob.hickerson@ttu.edu or tom.arsuffi@ttu.edu, or Dr. Mike Looney at Schreiner University, 830.792.7371 or mlooney@schreiner.edu.

The last symposium in the series will be on March 6 at Schreiner University in Kerrville. All of the forums will be taped and broadcast on Texas Public Radio. The Jan. 24 program will air on Feb. 1 at 7:00 pm on KSTX 89.1 FM and KTXI 90.1 FM Newsmaker Hour.



Brittany Jennings, a 2007 EHS graduate, was chosen to receive a \$500 scholarship for the Sheriffs Association of Texas. On hand to present the award was Tom Green County Sheriff Joe Hunt. Brittany is the daughter of Scooter and Kathy Faull. She is currently enrolled at Angelo State University.

Search underway for Miss Eldorado 2008

If you are single, have never been married or given birth, and between the ages of 19 and 29, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2008 "Miss Eldorado International"! Miss Eldorado will represent her city at the Miss Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas, April 11 - 13, 2008. The young woman selected as "Miss Eldorado International" will become an ambassador from the Schleicher County area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady crowned Miss Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2008 Miss International Pageant in Chicago. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Miss Texas Pageant.

The current reigning "2007" Miss Texas is Monika Stewart of Houston, Texas. As Miss Texas, Monika serves as a spokesperson for the Boys & Girls Club of America. She travels the State attending Boys & Girls Club functions, serves as key-note speaker, and continues to mentor children one-on-one.

Miss Eldorado contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition and no experience necessary!!!)

Young ladies living, working, or attending school in Eldorado

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— SCHEDULE OF EVENTS —

Wednesday, Jan. 9 4:00 PM Food Show Recipe Forms Due
Thursday, Jan. 10 -- Creative Arts Entries Accepted, Photography Entries Accepted, Industrial Arts Entries Accepted
Friday, Jan. 11 1:00 PM -- Barns Open to Animals arriving
Friday, Jan. 11 2:00-5:00 -- Creative Arts Judged, Photography Judged, Industrial Arts Judged
Friday, Jan. 11 5:30PM -- All Animals must be in barns.
Saturday, Jan. 12 8:00 AM -- Show will begin with the following order: (1 Market Lambs (2 Market Goats (3 Market Steers (4 Market Swine (5 Gilts (6 Dorper Sheep (7 Breeding Boer Goats (8 Angora Goats (9 Little Britches Goat Show*)
Saturday, Jan. 12 9:00 AM -- Food Show Entries Must be in place
Saturday, Jan. 12 10:00AM -- Judging of Food Show
Saturday, Jan. 12 12:00 NOON -- BBQ Lunch, Break from show
Saturday, Jan. 12 Immediately Following show -- Presentation of Awards
Saturday, Jan. 12 Approx. 2 PM -- Premium Sale
Saturday, Jan. 12 2:00PM -- Creative arts, Industrial Arts, Photography Projects Released
Saturday, Jan. 12 Following Sale -- Clean Up
Saturday, Jan. 12 Following Clean Up -- Livestock Released
*The Little Britches show will be for any child 8 years and under who would like to show a goat as an exhibition. Goats will be provided for any child who would like to show.

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12th Edward Barajas, Teresa Thomas, Mike Lux, Jerry Jones
13th Gary Hanusch Jr., April Fuentes, David Meador
14th Casey Snelson, Tanner Haynes, Meredith Gruben Bradley, Dylan Dombroski, Brittaney Gauna, Andrea Rodriguez
15th Leroy Reeves, Janet Curtis, Santos Trevino, Michelle Martinez
16th Nancy McAngus, Loretta Edmiston, Carli McCravey, Anthony Mata and Emery Bautista
17th Tiffany Harris, Devan Henry, Armando Guzman

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NOAA: Sunspot is harbinger of new solar cycle, increasing risk for electrical systems

A new 11-year cycle of heightened solar activity, bringing with it increased risks for power grids, critical military, civilian and air-line communications, GPS signals and even cell phones and ATM transactions, showed signs it was on its way late yesterday when the cycle's first sunspot appeared in the sun's Northern Hemisphere, NOAA scientists said.

"This sunspot is like the first robin of spring," said solar physicist Douglas Biesecker of NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center. "In this case, it's an early omen of solar storms that will gradually increase over the next few years."

A sunspot is an area of highly organized magnetic activity on the surface of the sun. The new 11-year cycle, called Solar Cycle 24, is expected to build gradually, with the number of sunspots and solar storms reaching a maximum by 2011 or 2012, though devastating storms can occur at any time.

During a solar storm, highly charged material ejected from the sun may head toward Earth, where it can bring down power grids, disrupt critical communications, and threaten astronauts with harmful radiation. Storms can also knock out commercial communications satellites and swamp Global Positioning System signals. Routine activities such as talking on a cell phone or getting money from an ATM machine could suddenly halt over a large part of the globe.

"Our growing dependence on highly sophisticated, space-based technologies means we are far more vulnerable to space weather today than in the past," said Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "NOAA's space weather monitoring and forecasts are critical for the nation's ability to function smoothly during solar disturbances."

Last April, in coordination with an international panel of solar experts, NOAA issued a forecast that Solar Cycle 24 would start in March 2008, plus or minus six months. The panel was evenly split between those predicting a strong or weak cycle. Both camps agree that the sooner the new cycle takes over the waning previous cycle, the more likely that it will be a strong season with many sunspots and major storms, said Biesecker. Many more sunspots with Solar Cycle 24 traits must emerge before scientists consider the new cycle dominant, with the potential for more frequent storms.

The new sunspot, identified as #10,981, is the latest visible spot to appear since NOAA began numbering them on January 5, 1972. Its high-latitude location at 27 degrees North, and its nega-

tive polarity leading to the right in the Northern Hemisphere are clear-cut signs of a new solar cycle, according to NOAA experts. The first active regions and sunspots of a new solar cycle can emerge at high latitudes while those from the previous cycle continue to form closer to the equator.

SWPC is the nation's first alert for solar activity and its affects on Earth. The center's space weather forecasters issue outlooks for the next 11-year solar "season" and warn of individual storms occurring on the Sun that could impact Earth. SWPC is one of NOAA's nine National Centers for Environmental Prediction and is also the warning agency of the International Space Environment Service (ISES), a consortium of 11

member nations.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 70 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

On the Web:

SWPC: <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov>
Solar Cycle forecast: <http://www.noaa.gov/stories/2007/s2847.htm>



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

ARRESTS

January 4 • Medrano, Isidro, male age 37, offense Theft. Released \$20,000 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS

January 1 • 6:45 p.m. 911 Caller requested ambulance for family member breathing.

• 9:45 p.m. 911 Caller reported a vehicle following too close behind and would not pass. Officer notified.

January 2 • 7:20 a.m. Caller reported a stranded family on side of road, south of Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 1:17 p.m. San Angelo complainant reported a stolen vehicle a 2002 Nissan Frontier. 14 year old son wanted a ride to Eldorado to see a girl and took vehicle.

January 3 • 4:30 p.m. Walk-in complainant advised the dispatcher that the bus the subject had been riding had left without them and they needed help until the next bus showed up the next day. The dispatcher contacted help for the stranded bus rider.

• 4:35 p.m. Caller reported plumes of smoke on McIntosh Road. Officer responded and reported the smoke was coming from a fire in Sutton County.

• 4:51 p.m. Caller reported they would be doing some spotlighting for the conservation department. Dispatcher informed game warden.

• 6:02 p.m. Caller reported a fire coming up from Sutton County

nearing CR 864 at the end of McIntosh Road. Dispatcher notified Fire Department.

• 8:09 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle in business parking lot. Requested an officer who responded.

• 9:38 p.m. Officer reported a gas drive off from convenience store. Attempts to intercept were unsuccessful and Sutton County was notified of theft.

January 4 • 2:12 a.m. Caller reported subject had not arrived home from work in Sonora. Caller was worried the subject was stranded. Officer notified. Caller called back 2 minutes later stating subject had arrived home.

• 8:52 a.m.. Caller stated there was a fire 7 miles south on Hwy. 277. Officer and fire department paged out.

• 11:32 a.m. Female caller requested an officer at residence.

January 5 • 8:56 p.m. 911 caller reported a fatal hunting accident at north camp of ranch. 4 officers, justice of peace and game warden responded.

January 6 • Crockett County Sheriff Office reported a missing hunter from a camp in their area. Man was described as a white male 48 to 50 years of age, gray hair, wearing a cammo shirt and jeans. Subject left the camp in a hunting jeep with no cab or license plate. Subject is believed to be intoxicated and headed back to Fort Worth by way of Hwy. 190.

1:43 p.m. Complainant reported grandson and girl friend had been fighting. Girl friend made threats toward grandson. Subject was concern for grandson's well being.

2:15 p.m. Caller stated several sheep where in their front yard. Officer notified.

• 3:48 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on CR 102.

• 3:50 p.m. Caller reported nearly running over two to three sheep near the hospital. Officer responded.

• 7:36 p.m. 911 Caller. Dispatcher heard voice in back ground saying hello, hello, then hung up. Dispatcher unable to reestablish contact. Two seconds later same 911 caller and faint voice in background. Several minutes later 911 caller said hello, I hate you, then hung up.

7:41 p.m. Caller reported a gas drive off. The vehicle was a PT Cruiser. Officer contacted drive off and they returned to store to pay for gas.

• 11:49 p.m. Caller reported someone may be in their back yard. Officer responded and was unable to locate anyone.

January 7 • 10:55 p.m. Complainant reported theft of money from account which caused account to have insufficient funds. Officer notified.

• 5:36 p.m. Caller reported a possible hit and run on parked vehicle in driveway. Caller not ready to file.

• 11:44 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Brooks Street. Officer responded.

January 8 • 8:34 a.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on FM 915. All units notified.

• 1:15 p.m. Caller reported a strange vehicle in the alley. Officer responded.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Perry's aide
6. Powdery mineral
10. Martial arts actor Jackie
14. Celestial hunter
15. Tater topper
16. Sainly symbol
17. Rest stop part
19. Keen on
20. Getty of "The Golden Girls"
21. Pinch-hit
23. Jane Austen classic
25. Graceful steed
26. Tourist's takealong
30. Poster holder
32. Take steps
35. Out of whack
36. IOU's
37. Moo ___ pork
38. On deck
39. Does a KP chore
40. Related
41. Binary digit
42. "Mrs. ___ Goes to Paris"
43. Canyon of com-ics
44. Byrnes of old TV
45. Old pros
46. In heaven
47. Abrasive stuff
49. VCR supplanter

51. Tried to shoot
54. Snappy come-backs
59. Tennis score after deuce
60. Incriminating records
62. Editor's strikeout
63. Idyllic spot
64. Web mag
65. Circular word

66. Knock senseless
67. Meted out

DOWN
1. Venetian magis-trate
2. Time line divisions
3. Telemarketing aid
4. Slim down
5. Buck features
6. Clan emblem

7. Boxer Laila
8. Some July births
9. Job-seekers' ins
10. Wedgwood of-fering
11. Carrier for a small load
12. Height: Prefix
13. Time for a bite
18. Soprano Gluck
22. Clumsy boats

24. O'Hair, for one
26. Hiawatha's craft
27. Modify, as a law
28. Single-dish meat assortment
29. Guinness suffix
31. Has a bug
33. Sour cream morsel
34. In perfect pitch
36. Gift doc.
39. Recorded ahead of time
40. ___ stroke (sudden-ly)
42. Raring to go
43. Like some kitchen spoons
46. "As ___" (letter closing)
48. Actress Zellwe-ger
50. Goddess of peace
51. They come and go
52. Brain wave
53. Bit of mock vocal fanfare
55. Rice-shaped pasta
56. One way to travel
57. Trident prong
58. Iditarod entry
61. Dispenser candy

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We would also like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and all the food provided for our family. May God grant everyone a wonderful new year.

Dora Bosmans Family
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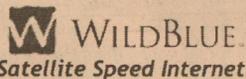
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City Council meeting...

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

trucks tearing up the roads in the addition. The council said the city would install road signs if purchased by the residents of the addition.

The council then discussed the possibility of declaring a moratorium to prohibit changing any newly enacted ordinances for at least a year. It was clear the idea was aimed at ending discussion of changing the zoning ordinance. However, the council took no formal action on the idea.

In other business, Mayor Nikolauk signed a proclamation honoring Macla Edmonson with the Order of the Eastern Star.

Nikolauk then informed the council that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality had assessed a \$4,810.00 fine against the city for violations at the landfill. Mayor Nikolauk explained that the

concerns at the landfill have been addressed and corrected.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then gave reports on work in the street, sewer, gas and water departments. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo briefly went over the December financial report, which included amendments to the 2007-2008 budget. The council voted to amend the 2008 Holiday schedule and approved the current bills.

Before adjourning, the council approved an election service contract with Schleicher County.

Council members present for the January 7, 2007 meeting included Stacy Haynes, Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez and Dorothy Dacy and Mayor John Nikolauk.

The next regular meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008.

Eldorado Woman's Club holds annual Christmas Party

by Nowelta Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for our annual Christmas holiday meeting. The theme for the meeting was "Christmas Party." Sixteen members and one guest were in attendance.

President Jerre Holley welcomed everyone to our special meeting. Cathey Niblett gave a prayer and we next recited pledges to our flags.

Club member Ruth Davis next gave our program. She told us a Christmas Story and she based it from the book of Matthew as told in the Living Bible. The story was about family - husband, wife and sons. The boys were members of the wrestling team at school. One of the teams they compete against wore very ragged suits. The team the sons played on decided to buy new gear for the ragged team and sent it to them. At Christmas time the husband didn't like the idea of gift buying and giving. As it happened the husband got sick and died. The wife had given secret gifts and never revealed who sent the gift. The boys also placed an envelope on their tree to memorialize someone on that day.

We thank Ruth for telling us a story about current events we are involved in that are the same today as they were a long time ago when a bright star shone in the heaven and guided the wise men so they could bring gifts to a special person.

Following Ruth's story President Holley called on Secretary Pat Holt and Treasurer Nelva Martin for their reports. Roll call was answered giving a favorite Christmas dish with dressing being the overall favorite. Other favorites were Cranberry Cake, Cranberry Fluff, Divinity Candy and Strawberry Fane.

President Holley next stated that Fern Dutton would like to take a leave of absence. A motion was made and seconded by unanimous vote and her request was approved.

President Holley also reported that Zoe Hickman had moved to Wimberly to be near her family and she would no longer be a member. We wish Zoe the best and we thank her for her years of being such a wonderful member. President Holley reported that Linda Spence had selected two Angel Tree recipients and had purchased and delivered the gifts of their choice to them. We closed our business meeting by reciting our Club Collect.

We had great fun when we exchanged

Christmas ornaments. Ruth Davis had us sit in a circle, each with her gift. Ruth read a story that included the night and left passing of the ornaments as she read the story. Sometimes the rights and lefts were so closely related that we had to keep sharp attention to the reading - even while laughing like crazy.

Refreshment time was hosted by members of our membership list from 1 to 10 and members of the Hospitality Committee. Delicious snack type refreshments were furnished by the above members. Each table was covered with a green cloth and was complimented with red napkins. The centerpiece on each table was different. One theme had a doll and another featured ducks in the overall arrangement. There was also a Christmas tree that had special ornaments. Some were crocheted style and some were special mice as well as lots of individual pretties and the tree was topped with a special angel ornament.

2007 was a great club year and we are looking forward to the many great programs for our next meeting of this new club year that begins in January, 2008. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Happy New Years to everyone.

Answer to Sudoku on Page 5

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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