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## Traffic stop nets 80 lbs. marijuana

### \$100,000.00 worth of pot found behind dashboard

A routine traffic stop last Saturday on U.S. 277, two miles north of Eldorado, ended with the arrest of two Del Rio residents and the seizure of 80 lbs. of marijuana.

Francisco Gerardo Salinas, 19, and his wife, Maria Elena Esparza, 21, of Del Rio were taken into custody and charged with Delivery of Marijuana (more than 50 lbs. but less than 2,000 lbs.) Bond was set at \$50,000 each and at press time the couple remain in the Schleicher County Jail.

Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham said that he first became suspicious of the couple when a license plate on their 1984 Buick station wagon turned out to belong to a 1993 Ford. The inspection sticker on the car had also expired. Chatham further noted that as he questioned the couple their story didn't make sense.

After receiving permission to search the vehicle, Chatham called in officer Duwayne Castro of the

Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force. Castro's drug dog Badger soon alerted the officers to the presence of a suspicious package behind the car's dashboard.

After impounding the car, a more detailed search revealed seventy-three bundles, alleged to contain marijuana, hidden behind the dashboard. The stash weighed in at 80 pounds. Chatham reports the street value of the marijuana to be in excess of \$100,000.00.

Chatham explained that the bundles of marijuana had been packed into every possible opening in the dashboard. The car's radio had even been cut out. There was a radio face on the dashboard, but inside the radio had been removed, Chatham said.

The seizure represents the second major confiscation of illicit drugs in Schleicher County in the past two weeks. On February 5, Chatham, along with Deputy David Oliván, arrested three San An-

gelo residents and confiscated 18 grams of methamphetamine, along with a methamphetamine lab.

Sheriff David Doran was quick to praise the work of his officers. "This was just a case of really good police work," Doran stated. "Sure, we got a break on this one, but lucky breaks are usually the result of long hours and lots of hard work. My guys have been working very hard and we're starting to see the result of that work."

Doran went on to offer his thanks to the Department of Public Safety and the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force. "We've gotten really good cooperation from DPS Trooper Robert Bybee and Officer Castro of the task force," Doran said. "We all appreciate their willingness to be of assistance."

Delivery of Marijuana is a first degree felony. If convicted, Esparza and Salinas could each face up to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000.00 fine.

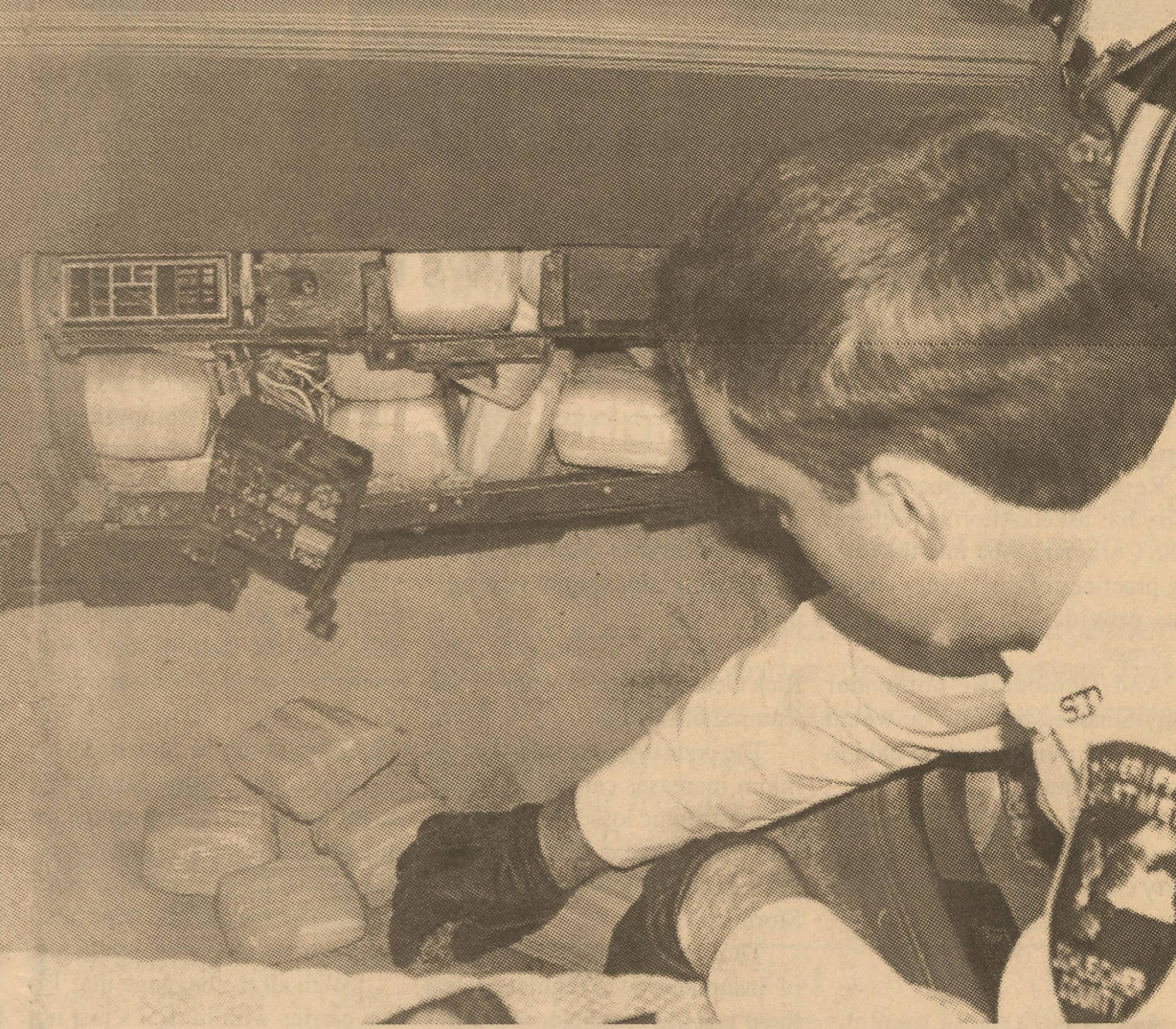


Photo by Kathy Mankin

**Dashboard stash** — Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham removed packages alleged to contain marijuana from behind the dashboard of a 1984 Buick station wagon. Chatham discovered the stash after a routine traffic stop two miles north of Eldorado on U.S. Highway 277.



Photo by Randy Mankin

**Mountain of marijuana** — Deputy Jason Chatham posed Saturday with 73 individually wrapped bundles of marijuana he confiscated earlier in the day from a 1984 Buick station wagon. What initially began as a routine traffic stop resulted in the seizure of 80 pounds of the narcotic.

## It's a clean sweep for EHS at UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest

Each of the seventeen EHS musicians competing at the UIL Region 7 Solo and Ensemble Contest last Saturday earned the coveted "Division 1" rating. The contest was held on the campus of Angelo State University.

Laurie Almazan (flute), Anna Troy (oboe), Jackie Crawford (alto sax), Maria Hernandez (trumpet) and Ashton Murr (trombone) each

received "Division 1" solo ratings. Since Maria Hernandez performed her solo strictly from memory, she will be advancing to the State Solo & Ensemble Contest in San Marcos on May 27, 2002.

Also earning "Division 1" ratings and advancing to the State Contest were the following ensembles: Clarinet Trio - Samantha

Smith, Tabitha Lloyd and Andrea Robles; Clarinet Quartet - Samantha Smith, Jessica Robertson, Emily Newman and Sheryl Alexander; Bass Trio - Maria Hernandez, Hannah Robledo and Ashton Murr; and the Percussion Ensemble - J.L. Mankin, Layna Murr, Kolby Dombroski, Ashley Doran and Selina Rojas.

## Curtain to go up on One-Act Play "Pinocchio Commedia"

Eldorado High School's entry in the UIL One-Act Play contest this year is "Pinocchio Commedia." A public performance is slated for Sunday March 3, 2002 in the EHS auditorium. The curtain will go up at 3:00 p.m. A school performance is set for Tuesday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. A final public performance will be held on Sunday March 24 at 3:00 p.m. The District One Act Play Contest will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at Angelo State University. This year's performance will

feature the EHS acting troupe in a commedia dell' arte adaptation of Carlo Collodi's classic play. The Commedia dell' arte began in Italy during the second half of the 16th century, in a period when theatre plays were classic, stylish and cold. Perhaps as a reaction, traveling troupes came up with the

exact opposite — loud, boisterous, colorful representations. The rules of theatre were changed forever!

The Commedia dell' arte was popular through the 18th century. Since then this form of theater has all but died out and reincarnated itself on numerous occasions, with especially profound effects on the

20th century. Throughout the past 100 years, Commedia spread itself into other art forms and aspects of cultural consciousness. Stavinsky, Diaghilev, Cocteau, Picasso and Busoni, to name a few, all used it as a working base. Many of its techniques reemerged in the silent

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## Sales tax rebates decline county-wide

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today delivered \$338.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,117 Texas cities and 121 counties, a 1 percent increase compared to the \$335.3 million paid in February 2001. So far this year, sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties are up 0.8 percent compared to the first two months of 2001.

February's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in December and reported to the Comptroller in January. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.2 billion, down 1.4 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Rylander sent February sales tax rebates of \$313.3 million to Texas cities, up

0.7 percent compared to February 2001. Texas counties received February sales tax rebates of \$25.5 million, up 4.6 percent compared to one year ago.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$9,221.72, down 12.59 percent from the February payment last year of \$10,551.07. So far this year, the city has received \$15,112.19, a decline of 10.70 percent from 2001 when the city received \$16,923.30 at this point in the year.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$8,468.55, down 5.89 percent from February, 2001's total of \$8,999.39. Year-to-date, the county has received \$14,073.63. That's down 12.47 percent from

\$16,078.76 received during the same period last year.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for February was \$2,991.88, down 67.21 percent from February, 2001's total of \$9,126.11. The year-to-date total for the Health Service tax stands at \$8,600.19. That's a decline of 42.15 percent from the same period last year.

Part of the reason for the steep decline in the Health Service Tax was an overpayment the Comptroller made to the county last year. That money will be withheld from future rebate payments.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2002 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.



Photo by Kathy Mankin

**Bi-District Champions** — The Eldorado Eagles boys basketball team defeated Tornillo 72-50 Monday night to claim the Bi-District Championship. Pictured with the trophy are (Front L-R) Ramon Barajas, Benji Gonzalez, Johnny Herrera, Quisto Gonzalez, Thomas Ballew, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez, Tony Fay (Back L-R) Coach Alan Gillespie, Mike Adame, Phillip Martinez, J.L. Mankin, Ray David Buitron, Wesley Jones and Bobby Phillips. See story on Page 4

# Did ya ever notice how annoying Andy Rooney has become?



Did ya ever notice how CBS commentator Andy Rooney sometimes begins his segment on "60 Minutes" with the phrase, "Did ya ever...?"

Rooney's commentaries have been a staple on the show for more than two decades. Through the years he has become famous for tackling the really tough issues. Issues like, how socks tend to disappear in the dryer, and why some flavors of ice cream melt faster than others.

Last Sunday Rooney decided to take on the Winter Olympics, or at least the way NBC Sports is covering the winter games in Salt Lake City.

Rooney complained that the coverage has been overly pro-

side the media centers of New York, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, never stopped being patriotic? It's too bad that it takes a tragedy like Sept. 11 to get the rest of the folks to jump on board.

Did ya ever notice that the countries whose citizens complain the loudest about us boorish and rude Americans are the first ones to ask for our help when things go wrong?

Did ya ever notice that the French, especially the French intelligencia, who purport to detest everything American, couldn't wait for our troops to wade ashore at Normandy?

Did ya ever notice that TV networks that shift their focus to a more global view don't do very well in the ratings. Did ya notice that CNN, once the powerhouse of cable news, slipped from first to third after its founder Ted Turner chose to "go global?"

Did ya notice that the folks at Al Jazeera TV don't really care what Americans think?

Did ya ever notice that the "Blame America First" crowd is well represented at CBS. Did ya notice when I mentioned earlier that Andy Rooney is a CBS commentator?

Do I think Andy Rooney should be censored? Absolutely not! He has the right to be wrong.

Did ya ever notice that when someone says something really dumb, as Andy Rooney did last Sunday, we have the right to ignore it...or better yet, to point it out? Did ya ever notice that that's another great thing about America?

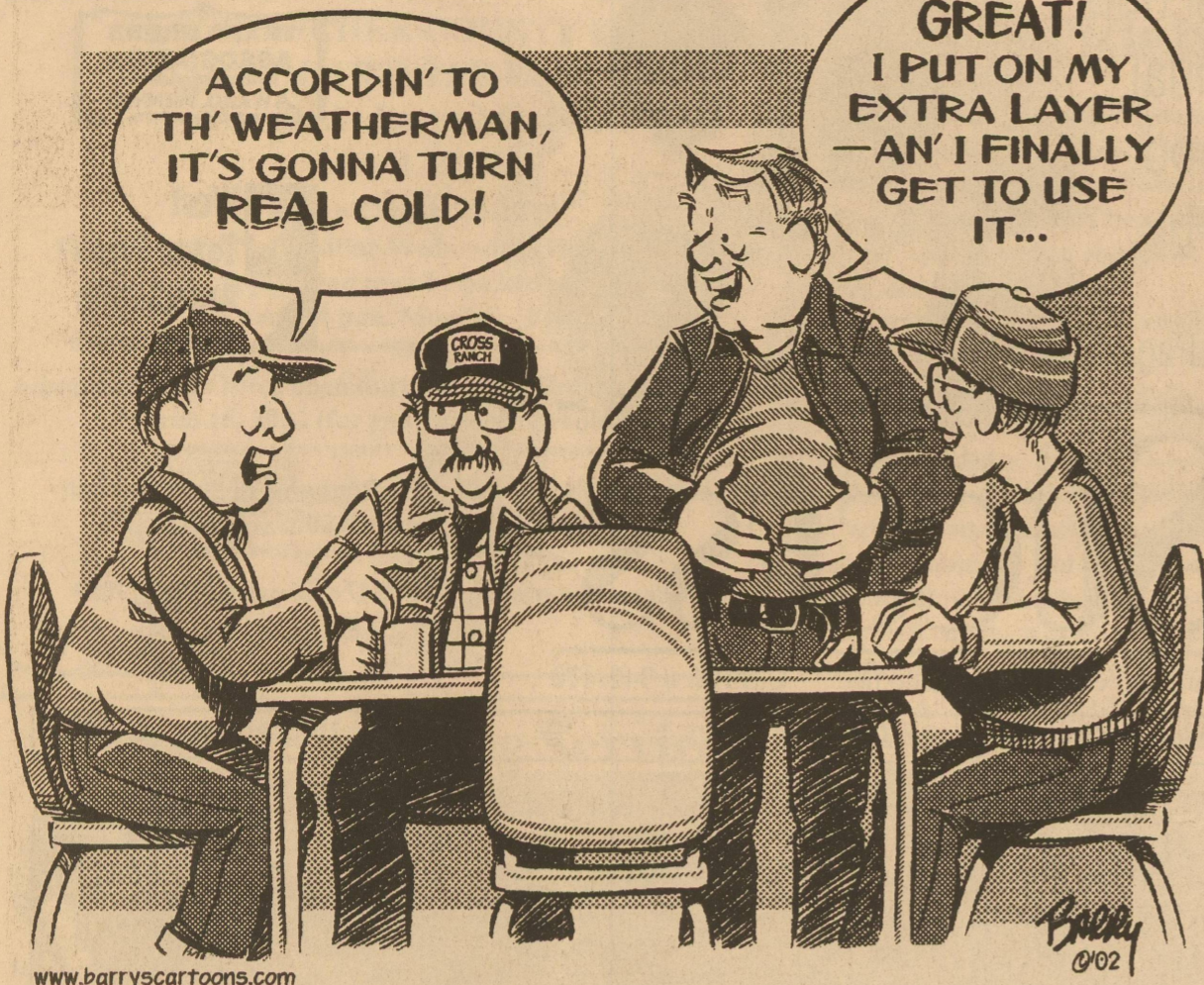
Rooney concluded that such behavior is one of the reasons that people from other nations don't like Americans.

He went on to bemoan the wave of patriotism that has swept our land since Sept. 11.

I enjoy Andy Rooney's offbeat sense of humor and I usually agree with his take on things but this time he missed the mark.

Did ya ever notice that other nations have their own television networks? And, did ya ever notice that those networks tend to report on things that directly affect their audience. For example, the French sportscasters tend to focus on the exploits of the French athletes.

Did ya ever notice that most Americans, especially those out-



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## Homeowners insurance shows up in gubernatorial campaign

AUSTIN - The cost of homeowner's insurance has shown up as a rider on this year's list of gubernatorial campaign issues.

Republican incumbent Rick Perry has asked Attorney General John Cornyn to look into the pricing practices of the larger companies providing home insurance coverage.

And Democratic contender Tony Sanchez has said he would like to see more attention paid to regulating rates.

The real winner in this contest may be the homeowner, since both party candidates seem sympathetic to the problem.

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



The insurance industry says it is just being used for political purposes.

"We're an easy target," said Rick Gentry, head of the Insurance Council of Texas.

The industry has said its premium increases can be attributed to catastrophic losses in Texas last year and the year before, including a sizable blow from Tropical Storm Allison.

Though the Texas Department of Insurance does regulate rates, there is a big loophole. A law de-

signed to enable high-risk and hard-to-insure property coverage allows insurance companies to have unregulated affiliates. That has resulted in about 95 percent of policies sold in Texas being unregulated.

One possibility being kicked around is legislation that would in effect put the state in the homeowner's insurance business.

### TKO for Tyson in Metroplex

The Texas Motor Speedway could have been a contender for the Mike Tyson-Lennox Lewis fight, but TMS General Manager Eddie Gossage has said no to hosting the touted heavyweight bout.

"With all the baggage that Tyson carries with him, it's just not worth it for us to be involved," Gossage told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Gossage's decision still does not mean that a Tyson-Lewis fight is down for the count in the Lone Star State.

Tyson manager Shelly Finkel said Tyson is interested in San Antonio's Alamodome as a possible match venue.

Location aside, whether Tyson and Lewis duke it out in Texas depends on the action of a state agency—the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Agency director Bill Kuntz has made no comment on whether he leans toward approving a license for Tyson, who was convicted of rape in Indiana in 1992.

### From TNRC to TCEQ

For the acronymically challenged, that's Texas Natural Re-

source Conservation Commission to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The last session of the Legislature mandated the agency name change, effective next Sept. 1. That gave time for department personnel to redo the agency's stationery, signage and other materials bearing the old name.

### Don't call us...

Evidently a lot of Texans don't like calls from telephone solicitors.

Under a new law setting up a state don't-call list, the Public Utility Commission began signing up people for the list on Jan. 1.

So far, more than 200,000 folks have said, in effect, "Don't call us, we'll call you."

Though there are some exclusions, companies are barred from calling people who have placed their names on the list.

It costs \$2.25 to get on the list, which is updated quarterly.

The phone bank companies have to pay \$45 for the lists.



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Lincoln in Seminole, Washington in Muleshoe

"I get all the double-takes and smiles. Sometimes I have to show my American Express card to verify my name."

That's what Charles Lincoln, a distant relative of the President, told me a few years ago when I interviewed him in Seminole. Charles took on a new name when he was in the fifth grade. "There were five of us in the class named Charles. The teacher pointed to me and said from now on he would call me Abe. That's been my name since then. Even my parents call me that. I sign papers Abe Lincoln."

He used to read about the famous president and quote him in sermons. Charles was a preacher at the time. "He was a great man of integrity and stature. He's one of my heroes. More material has been written about President Lincoln than any other person except Jesus."

A lot of times when he introduced himself to people, they introduce themselves as George Washington.

Prank calls were numerous. "When my wife answers the phone, the caller warns her not to go to the theater."

He is not the only man I've met with a president's name. George Washington lives in Muleshoe.

"Seems like nearly everywhere I go there'll be some kind of a joke or story. People think I'm pulling their leg when I tell them my name. Sometimes I have to show my driver's license to prove that I'm who I am."

He taught American history and coached. "When I was coaching, I called to confirm a ballgame with John Paul Jones in Morton, Texas. When the operator came on the line, I told her I was George Washington in Muleshoe, Texas and I wanted to talk to John Paul Jones in Morton, Texas."

"There was kind of a pause there and finally she asked me if I knew what the penalty was for tying up long distance lines with such nonsense. I told her I did, but I needed to make this call. I heard her tell her co-workers about some nut on the line claiming to be George Washington wanting to speak to John Paul Jones. She told her buddies she was going to put the call through just to show me up."

"When Morton school answered, the operator said she had a call from George Washington for John Paul Jones. The person answering the phone told the operator to wait just a moment, that he was in the gym and they'd go get him. I talked to John Paul Jones and got the game set up."

When George was in the Navy during World War Two, his ship pulled in beside the battleship Texas at Pearl Harbor. One of the sailors on the Texas said they had Douglas MacArthur aboard. One of the guys from George's ship yelled, "That's nothing. We've got George Washington on this one."

George Washington sleeps in Muleshoe and has for more than 40 years. He has a cherry tree in his back yard. He keeps it healthy.

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| 14 Archaic preposition "to"                | 57 Not safe                                    | 29 Large west African tree                      |
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| 16 Exhibition for short                    | 64 Powdery mineral                             | 31 Insurance group                              |
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# OBITUARIES

## Gertrude Ellen Robinson

**BALLINGER** — Gertrude Ellen Robinson, 80, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in Fort Worth. Graveside service was Monday in Garden of Memories Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

## Leonard Oscar Dahlberg



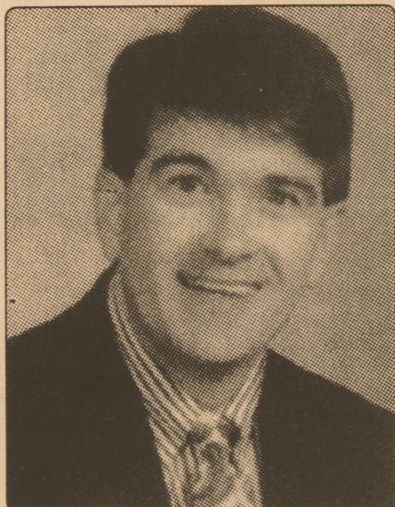
Leonard Oscar Dahlberg, 91, of Eden, Texas, died at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Concho Health and Rehabilitation Center after a long bout with Alzheimer's. He was born July 14, 1910, in Brady, Texas. He married Rhodie Benson Dec. 12, 1933, at the West

Survivors include sons, Donald Robinson of San Angelo and Edward Robinson of Eldorado; and daughters, Wanda Davis of Desoto and Janell Caulder of Watagua.

Sweeden Methodist Church and he was a longtime member of Melvin United Methodist Church. Leonard was involved in farming and ranching in New Mexico and Pecos, Texas, for many years. Leonard attended Business Mens Bible Class for a number of years.

Survivors include one son, Lester Dahlberg and wife, Mary Louise, of Eldorado, Texas; two grandsons, Nicholas Dahlberg of Lake Jackson, Texas, and Matthew Dahlberg and wife, Michele, of San Angelo; three great-grandchildren, Lily Morgan Dahlberg of Austin and Lindsey York and Dalton York, both of San Angelo; and one half-brother, David Dahlberg of Brady.

Graveside funeral service was Friday, Feb. 15, in Resthaven Cemetery in Brady, Texas, with Lloyd Clemens officiating.



*Courtesy Photos*  
**Visiting missionaries** — Hunter and Mary (Byrd) Huff are missionaries to the Bamong people of Southeast Asia. The couple will speak at First Baptist Church of Eldorado on Sunday, February 24. Mary is an Eldorado native and a former member of FBC.

## Foreign missionaries to lead worship service at FBC

This Sunday, February 24, Hunter and Mary (Byrd) Huff, missionaries to the Bamong People Group of Southeast Asia, will speak at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado. Mary grew up in Eldorado and was an active member of FBC. She and her husband, Hunter, will lead the morning worship service at which time a special ceremony will be held allowing First Baptist Church to "adopt" the Bamong People.

Following the morning service, everyone is invited to the Amigo's Dream Restaurant for a Dutch treat

luncheon. This will give everyone more time to visit with Hunter and Mary. Beginning at 5 p.m. that afternoon, the missionaries will present a 2-hour conference on the Islamic religion. Their first-hand knowledge of the subject offers a special insight into this faith which has been at the forefront of national news over the past several months. The conference will be held in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served during a short break at the conference.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

During the past months and weeks I have been able to witness a heroic demonstration of community service by three of our residents. I hope that those of your readers who also appreciate their work will bother to let them know.

In their efforts to secure a gigantic technology grant to improve the communications infrastructure of our county, Debbie Griffin, J.D. Doyle, and Kay Creek have overcome obstacle after obstacle, undaunted by their vision that we need such improvements for our community.

They have spent ENDLESS hours collecting information, calling citizens, arranging meetings, pulling together technological information, and begging for community contributions in order to come up with a useful business

plan for this project. Pressured already by a deadline that seemed impossible to meet, they discovered during the last two weeks before the deadline that the "professional" team committed to write the proposal did not live up to their promise. As a result, Debbie, Kay and J.D. spent 10 incredibly strenuous days writing the entire 120-page proposal and they turned it in on time. I do not know yet if their application will be successful, but I do know that they did everything in their power to ensure success.

This kind of dedication, expertise, and determination goes far beyond anything in their job descriptions! Our town is full of people who come through when it counts, but often we do not hear about it. Thank you, Debbie, Kay and J.D. for hitching us up to a new star! Thank you also to all of the people in the community who actively supported their work.

Sincerely,  
Ilse Williams

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## Tornado warning drill planned

March the 3rd through the 9th has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas. On Wednesday, March 6th, 2002 the National Weather Service in San Angelo will issue a practice TORNADO WATCH/WARNING through NOAA Weather Radio and the Emergency Alert System for all counties located in the NWS San Angelo's County Warning Area, including Schleicher County.

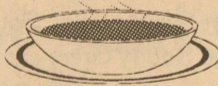
A practice tornado watch will be issued at approximately 9:00 a.m. followed by a warning at 9:30 a.m. A cancellation will be issued AM and a follow up cancellation

statement will be issued approximately 9:45 a.m.

March, April and May are peak tornado months for Texas, although a tornado can pop up any month of the year.

NOAA weather radio is a special device that functions like a smoke detector, warning of severe weather anywhere and anytime, even when you are away from your radio or TV station. The radios can be purchased at most electronic stores.

## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, February 25**  
Beef Tips, Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit Cup w/ Strawberries & Banana, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk

**Tuesday, February 26**  
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**Wednesday, February 27**  
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**Thursday, February 28**  
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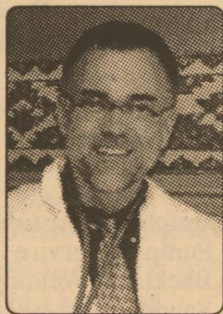
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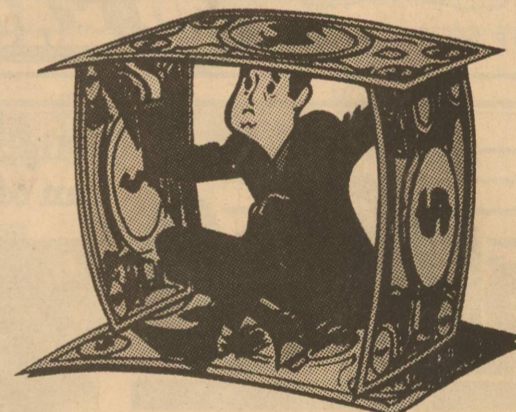
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# Eagles grab Bi-District championship

## Warbirds post 72-50 win over Tornillo Coyotes in Ft. Stockton

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles played to a matinee crowd in Ft. Stockton on Monday and came away with a Bi-District trophy. The Eagles will now take on the Coahoma Bulldogs in the area round.

The Eagles got off to a slow start in the ball game and basically took 2 and a half quarters to get going. Tornillo just did not have the guns to get close in the end. Eldorado probably saw the toughest

half court pressure that they had seen in several weeks. This enabled the Coyotes to stay in the game, however, it was apparent that the Eagles full court pressure the entire game wore Tornillo down in the end.

The first quarter saw both teams struggling offensively and most of the scoring occurred in the final four minutes of the quarter. Eldorado scored with 3 three pointers and got some easy baskets

off the press to come away with a 14 to 10 lead.

The two teams managed to score only 15 points between them in the second quarter. Both teams were sloppy and didn't take care of the ball. Eldorado had several opportunities to pull away after forcing turnovers but could not convert on the offensive end of the court. The Eagles outscored the Coyotes 9 to 6 to take in a 23 to 16 lead at the intermission.

Both teams made adjustments at the half and came out scoring. EHS extended their lead by four outscoring THS by a 22 to 18 margin. Late in the period it was evident that the Eagles press was beginning to wear down Tornillo. Eldorado led 45 to 34 going into the final eight minutes.

Eldorado out paced the Coyotes by 11 in the fourth quarter as

the Eagles got some easy baskets from excellent defensive pressure. EHS put it on cruise in the final two minutes and came away with the 22 point win, 72 to 50.

A total of ten Eagles scored in the contest. Leading all scorers was Tony Fay with 17, Benji Gonzalez had 14, Johnny Herrera 13, Ramon Barajas had 11, Wesley Jones had 4, Thomas Ballew, Phillip Martinez, and Ray David Buitron had 3, Bobby Phillips and Mike Adame had 2. The Eagles went 16 of 21 from the free throw line.

After the game Coach Gillespie said, "Our press finally wore them down in the second half, we just couldn't pull away in the first. They hustled very well and gave us some problems early on. We played well in the third and fourth quarters and I'm proud of the way these guys continued to hustle and play well." Gillespie commented on the EHS faithful who made the trip, "We really had a good crowd considering the start time and distance for the game and we all appreciate the support."

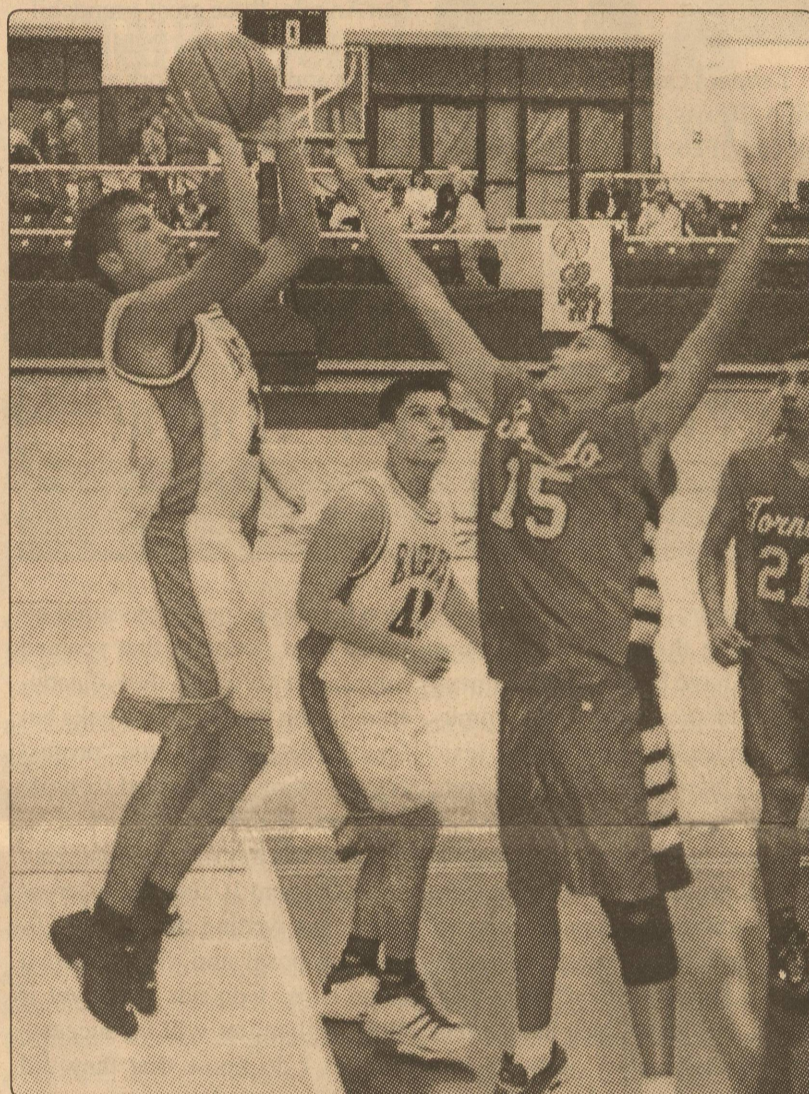
Next up for the Eagles is an Area round playoff game with the Coahoma Bulldogs. Coahoma is the District 3-2A champion and had a bye in the first round. The scouting report on the Bulldogs is that they have good size and quickness. Gillespie said, "They run a good zone and play very aggressive on the boards. They will be one of the toughest opponents we have faced all year."

The game is tentatively scheduled for tomorrow night at 8pm in the Junell Center at Angelo State University. Everyone is encouraged to make the trip, wear your green, and BE LOUD!!!!

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High Flying Eagle — Tony Fay drew a foul Monday night and converted two free throws as the Eagles soared to a 22-point win over Tornillo for the Bi-District Championship.



Delicate Touch — Johnny Herrera sank this jump shot during second half action Monday night as the Eagles pulled away from Tornillo for a 72-50 win in the Bi-District Championship game in Fort Stockton.

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**Wednesday, February 27**  
Steak Fingers w/ gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Dinner Roll, Yellow Cake w/ Icing

**Thursday, February 28**  
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**Monday, February 25**  
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**Tuesday, February 26**  
Dry Cereal, Pkg. Crackers

**Wednesday, February 27**  
Honey Bun, Cheese

**Thursday, February 28**  
Dry Cereal, Cheese Crackers

**Friday, March 1**  
Biscuit, Sliced Cheese, Jelly

**Fast Food Line**

**Monday, February 25**  
Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Sliced Peaches

**Tuesday, February 26**  
Beef Tacos, Shredded Lettuce, Tomato, Crushed Pineapple, Pudding

**Wednesday, February 27**  
Cheese Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Yellow Cake w/ Icing

**Thursday, February 28**  
Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Mixed Fruit

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**Tennis season gets under way in San Angelo**

On February 8 & 9 six members of the Eldorado Tennis Team played in the West Texas Championships in San Angelo. Courtney Brown and Buddy Greer each won the consolation bracket in "A" singles while Courtney Sauer lost in the semifinals to the eventual runner up. In the "B" division Shay Parker, Will Whitten, and Emily Newman participated.

On February 15 eleven members of the Tennis Team traveled to the Lake View Invitational in San Angelo. Logan Neal won the "A" division of boys singles with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Shane Albers of Ozona. The doubles team of Gentry Newman and Christina Redish won the "A" division while the team of Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer won the "B" division.

Buddy Greer and Ryan Cathey won consolation in "A" division while Shay Parker and a randomly drawn partner won fourth in "B" division. Elibeth Montalvo lost in the consolation finals of girls "A" singles 7-6, 7-6. Emily Newman won her third match and Will Whitten also participated.

The Tennis Team travels to Fort Stockton this Friday and Saturday.

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## LV Science/Mathematics practice meet held Saturday

Lakeview High School sponsored its annual science/mathematics practice meet on Saturday, February 16th.

Josh Trejo placed in several events in the 10th Grade Division. He was 3rd in Calculator, tied for 2nd in Mathematics and placed 5th

in Number Sense. Tana Williams placed 2nd in Science while Courtney Sauer, was 3rd and Lori Loomis placed 6th. Overall, the Science team finished in 2nd Place.

Science sponsor Robert Jay attended the Lakeview practice with the students.

## EHS thespians prepare for One-Act Play contest

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films of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton and later in the talkies of Laurel & Hardy and the Marx Brothers.

Improvisation, acrobatics and pantomime are all utilized by members of a Commedia company. The characters are stock, meaning that only their rough characteristics are set up. The actor must move and act the way the character is supposed to behave. Masks are utilized to help actors assume the role of a stock character and to assist the audience in identifying that character.

So, how does a high school group make Commedia dell'arte work in a One-Act Play, contest? While U.L.L. rules prohibit the use of improvisation, Johnny Simons' words allow the actors to use their imaginations as they build their own traveling Commedia company.

This year's EHS One-Act Play troupe has embraced as its philosophy the words of Octavio Paz, "With Commedia, chaos comes back... anything is permitted... respectable people put away the dig-

nified expressions and conservative clothes that isolate them, dress up in gaudy colors, hide behind a mask, and escape from themselves."

Cast members will play members of a 16th century acting troupe, who themselves play characters in the Commedia. Tana Williams will play Arlecchino (who plays a cricket), Mitchell Cole will play Pantalone (who plays Gepetto) and J.L. Mankin plays Pulcinella (who plays a wicked puppet master).

Other cast members include Christie Jo Belman as Columbina (who plays a spirit), Will Whitten as Razullo (who plays a fox), Mayci Schwiening as Beltramo (who plays a cat), Amanda Wanoreck as Pedrolina (who plays a fool and a donkey) and Travis Joiner as Pinnocchio, who plays a wooden head.

Betsy Green is in charge of lighting, Ashton Murr is in charge of music and Anna Troy will handle the sound effects for the play. Kara Sue Garlitz once again directs the One-Act Play production.

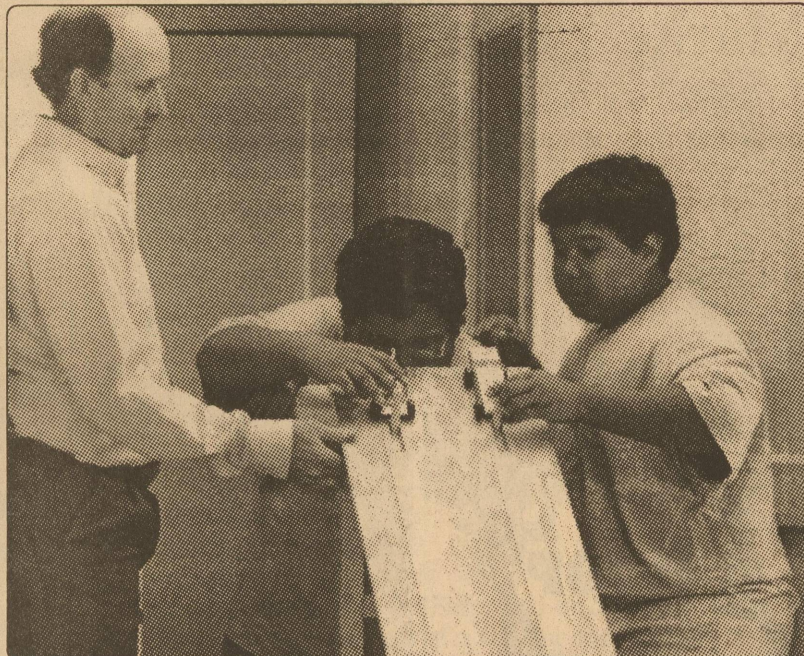


Photo by Kathy Mankin  
**Off to the races** — Wayne Joiner steadied the ramp Sunday as Cub Scouts Jorge & Josue Chavez participated in the annual Pinewood Derby. Winners in the Cub races were: 1st - Wes Brown; 2nd - Bailey Minor; and 3rd - Shane Young. Megan Powell placed 1st in the Open races while Wes Brown took 2nd and 3rd places.

## Income tax tips offered Feb. 28th

Schleicher County residents who have questions about filing their income tax forms will have an opportunity to find answers next Thursday night. Our own community's Roland Vasquez, an IRS customer service officer in San Angelo, will be available for help next Thursday night, February 28th, from 7:00-8:30 PM. The information session will be in the Eldorado High School building in Mrs. Vasquez' room. For more information call 853-2514, ext. 235.

## Let's play youth football!

YMCA Youth Football League will host a planning session for a southern division league consisting of Sonora, Rocksprings, Ozona and Eldorado on Thursday, March 7 at Sonora Elementary at 7:00 p.m.

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- MOTHPAN PROPHECIES (PG-13) 2:00 4:40 7:20 9:55
- I AM SAM (PG-13) 2:05 5:00 8:00 9:35
- A WALK TO REMEMBER (PG) 7:15

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**Eldorado acting troupe** — The cast and crew of "Pinocchio Commedia", this year's One-Act Play entry for Eldorado High School, includes: (Front L-R) J.L. Mankin, Tana Williams, Cristie Jo Belman, Will Whitten (Back L-R) Mitchell Cole, Amanda Wanoreck, Ashton Murr, Anna Troy, Betsy Green, Mayci Schwiening and Travis Joiner.

## Tech unveils scholarships for students interested in rural health care

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center announced a new program recently to assist undergraduate and graduate-level students at Texas Tech pursuing health care education. The new financial support program is part of an overall rural health initiative being launched by TTUHSC.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program is geared to address the shortage of health professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expense of college for rural students, Patti Patterson, M.D., vice president of rural and community health at TTUHSC, says the best way to address the need for health professionals in rural areas is to help rural students pursue an education in health care.

This new program at Texas Tech University is available to entering Texas resident freshmen showing a substantial interest in health careers in rural Texas. Awards are based on demonstrated commitment to a rural health career and academic history.

The stipend amount for undergraduate students at Texas Tech

University is \$2,500 per year for a maximum of four years, and is renewable providing the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average. The student must demonstrate a commitment to rural health practice by participating in rural health focus activities while enrolled at Texas Tech.

The deadline for applying is March 15, 2002.

Besides this new rural stipend program, TTUHSC will begin other programs, which increase awareness of health care careers for youth, and programs which support current health care providers in rural West Texas.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program also is available to students enrolled at TTUHSC. For more information contact Shannon Kirkland at (805) 743-1338, or visit the Web site at <https://www.remedy.ttuhscc.edu/orch/letter.asp>.

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## K of C District Shoot-Out slated for Sunday in Ozona

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the District 2002 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shoot Out on Sunday, February 24, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ozona High School Gym.

Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #11282 will have four boys and four girls representing Eldorado at district level. They are 11 year old, Cassandra Buitron and Rance Cathey; 12 year old J.P. Joiner and

Kassandra Lynn Tyler; 13 year old Russell Cathey and Amber Valdez and 14 year old Selina Rojas and Frank Edmiston.

Regional contest will be held at Wall High School Gym on Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

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## 4-Hers compete in San Antonio Market Show

by Scott Edmonson

County Extension Agent - Ag

Schleicher County 4-H members recently competed in the goat, lamb, steer and barrow divisions on the market show during the San Antonio Livestock Exposition in San Antonio.

In the market goat show, Miles Mikeska took 8th place honors in class number 5 while Jaymie O'Harrow placed 6th in class 6 and

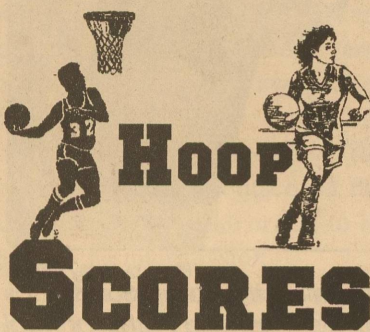
Allison Reynolds took 8th place in class 8. Others competing in the goat show were: Seth Taylor, Ross Hodges, Garrett Lux, Courtney Brown, Frank Edmiston, Wes Brown, Lauren Brown.

In the steer show, Meg Griffin placed 9th with her Red Angus.

Other exhibitors and divisions included: Lambs: Dest Sudduth, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Logan Jones and Neil Higgins. Barrows: Mar-

cus Hinojosa, Will Griffin, Meg Griffin and Gary Hanusch and, Steers: Will Griffin and Gary Hanusch.

Next, 4-Hers will be heading off to Houston and then to San Angelo. We wish them all good luck.



### 8th GRADE BOYS

District Game  
February 4, 2002

Eldorado 14-11-09-17=51  
Sonora 12-10-10-08=40

Scoring for Eagles: Nestor Hernandez 3, Caleb Nixon 7, Michael Ballew 15, Frank Edmiston 12, Andrew Mejia 4, Diego Barrera 2, Kyle Taylor 2, Frank Wipff 6. 3 Point Goals: Ballew (2), Edmiston (1). This was the final game of the season and the Eagles finished 7 and 8 over all.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Photo by Kathy Mankin

**Well built chute** — Members of the Schleicher County FFA chapter displayed a newly built sheep loading chute this week. The students built the chute as a project and entered it into the Ag Mechanic Contest in San Antonio this past weekend. While the project did not place, Ag teacher Cory Steven notes that the group learned a thing or two in the process. Pictured above are (ground level L-R) Travis Lively, Seth Taylor, Scott Homer, Tanner Haynes (standing on chute L-R) Scott Cawley, Ross Hodges, Lacy Ragsdale, Jeffrey Bybee and Neal Brenner. Not pictured Toni Martin and Jason Holley.

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service proposes adding to Federal Endangered Species list

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to give Federal Endangered Species Act protection to the Roswell springsnail, Koster's tryonia, Pecos assimineia, and the Noel's amphipod, four invertebrate species found in the springs, seeps and sinkholes in the Pecos River basin in New Mexico and West Texas.

The Service published a proposed rule today in the Federal Register to designate the four animals as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Also included in the rule is a proposal to designate critical habitat for the species. Public comments on both actions will be accepted until April 15.

Under the Endangered Species Act, an endangered species is one that is likely to become extinct in the foreseeable future, throughout all or a portion of its range. The Act includes prohibitions on "take" of listed species that preclude harming, killing, or harassing the species and require consultation with the Service to ensure that activities do not adversely affect the species. The Service can also begin developing strategies to prevent the species' extinction and promote their eventual recovery.

Roswell springsnail, Koster's tryonia and Pecos assimineia are small aquatic snails, while the Noel's amphipod is a freshwater

shrimp. The species coexist in small, geographically isolated springs on federal land at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Chaves County in southeastern New Mexico. The Pecos assimineia also occurs at Diamond Y Springs in Pecos County and East Sandia Spring in Reeves County, on land managed by the Nature Conservancy of Texas.

"The aquifer is home for these creatures," said Dale Hall, Acting Regional Director of the Service's Southwest Region. "Snails serve as indicators for the health of the aquifer and its ability to continue providing clean, available water for people and wildlife."

The invertebrates are threatened by local and regional groundwater depletion, changes to their aquatic habitat, such as spring channelization, diversion, or capping; and surface or groundwater pollution and contamination resulting from septic tanks, herbicides, pesticides, and certain oil and gas operations.

The Service is proposing this listing now as part of a lawsuit settlement involving actions on 30 species. In August, 2001, the Service and four environmental organizations agreed to consider proposed listings for eight species, including these four.

Critical habitat is also being

proposed for the species on approximately 1,127 acres that encompass spring systems at Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge, and on approximately 397 acres of private land at the East Sandia Spring and Diamond Y spring complexes managed by the Nature Conservancy of Texas.

Under the Endangered Species Act, critical habitat refers to specific geographic areas that are essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and may require special management considerations. A designation does not establish a refuge or preserve, and has no impact on private landowners taking actions on their land that do not require Federal funding or permits.

Comments on the proposal should be mailed to Field Supervisor, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2105 Osuna NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 or sent by facsimile to (505)346-2542. Copies of the proposed rule can be obtained by calling the Service at (505) 346-2525 or writing to the above address.

To access these documents on the internet, go to the Federal Register website at:

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Angelo threatened to damage their vehicle. Officer responded.

**February 17** • 2:20 p.m. Complainant from store requested to speak with an officer about items taken from the outside display. Officer notified and amount taken valued at \$100.00.

• 2:20 p.m. Complainant reported that a plane had landed on FM 1828. Plane at this time is in the bar ditch. Plane belonged to subject from Ozona.

• 2:43 p.m. Subject on E. Hill Street found a baby goat and did not know who it belonged to.

• 4:14 p.m. Complainant on Nance St. reported loud music. Officer responded.

• 6:15 p.m. Complainant on County Road 220 reported that someone had called and talked to her husband about hitting one of their cows. Complainant's husband was upset when he left the house and wife was concerned about him. Requested an officer. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 10:32 p.m. Complainant reported a goat had been hit by a car near the ag barn. Owner was notified.

**February 18** • 7:30 a.m. Complainant stated that their neighbor's livestock was loose on the old San Angelo Hwy. Officer responded.

• 9:19 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about an incident that had happened the night before at their residence. Officer responded.

• 1:20 p.m. Complainant reported a black 1 ton pickup broke down on Hwy. 277 South. Complainant advised that it would be a hazard to other drivers after dark. Officer responded.

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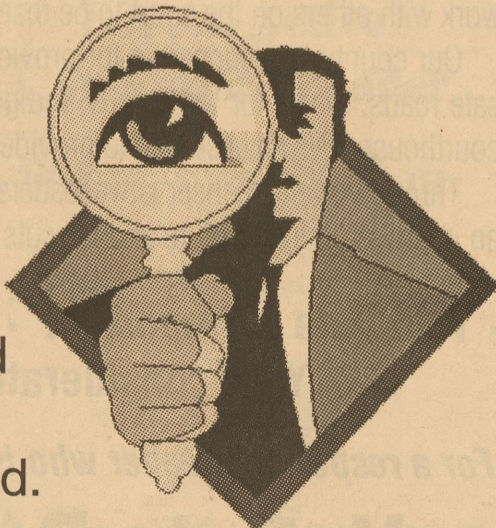
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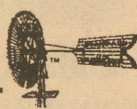
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### ARREST

**February 14** • Martinez, Carlos, male age 41, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

**February 16** • Salinas, Francisco Gerardo, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Delivery Marijuana (more than 50 pounds, less than 2,000 pounds).

Esparza, Martha Elena, female age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Delivery Marijuana (more than 50 pounds, less than 2,000 pounds).

Mata, Daniel, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

**February 18** • Ortiz, Santos Jose, male age 35, arrested by SC Officer, charge Speeding & Failure To Appear. Released on PR Bond and \$226.25

in fines.

Locklear, Linda Massey, female age 32, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on \$1,000-Surety Bond.

Martinez, Leslie Bailey, female age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

**February 19** • Montez, Rudy, male age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Parole Violation.

Moreno, Abel, male age 61, arrested by SC Officer, charge Criminal Trespass.

### REPORTS

**February 14** • 9:13 a.m. Report that there was a window broken at the hospital warehouse and there were several rocks inside the building. There was no entry into the building.

**February 15** • 6:33 p.m. Complainant reported a puppy stolen on S. Cottonwood. Officer responded and at 7:20 p.m. puppy was found and returned to owner.

• 7:44 p.m. Complainant reported that there were two cars, a 1982 grey/blue LTD and a 1992-94 midnight blue Mercury Sable racing from Sonora towards Eldorado driving at speeds close to 100 mph and driving recklessly. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

**February 16** • 12:57 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a 57 year old female who had fallen off a horse. Subject suffered a deep wound to the right shoulder and upper arm. EMS 2 and officer responded.

• 7:25 p.m. Subjects on Hwy. 190 West reported a subject from San

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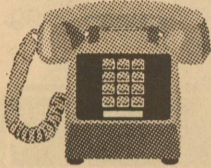
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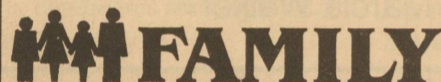


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You might be interested to find out they were measuring skid marks to use in momentum equations that, combined with other physical evidence, calculate a vehicle's speed. This is the science of accident reconstruction, which uses trigonometry and physics in combination with physical evidence left behind to determine the circumstances and causes of a collision. Accident reconstruction can also help determine fault in a fatal

accident. "We've protected people who might have been prosecuted unjustly," says Highway Patrol Sgt. Charles Seale of Kerrville, "and prosecuted many who would have gone free."

The first designated DPS accident reconstruction team was formed in September 1992 when Seale was asked to re-investigate a collision. He took along a couple of experienced officers to assist him and, in doing so, created the DPS state accident reconstruction team. Today, he is in charge of the DPS accident reconstruction school.

There are 14 district teams now, in addition to the original state team. Teams consist of four to seven troopers who all have completed the five levels of accident reconstruction training: introduction to collision investigation; on-scene investigation; technical investigation or analysis; reconstruction; and cause analysis.

All DPS troopers receive accident reconstruction training, and accident reconstruction is not limited to the designated teams. Last August, DPS troopers responded to an after-school collision between an 8-year-old girl and an auto. After she was taken away by ambulance, the troopers interviewed the dazed driver and witnesses, and examined the neighborhood street. Some two hours later, using only spray paint, tape measures and skid marks, the trio of troopers was able to determine that the driver had not been speeding and was not at fault.

The district teams all have a Total Station, a surveyor's device used to map an area by measuring angles and distances using geometric and trigonometric techniques. Many Total Stations include a Theodolite, an optical device that shoots a laser to a prism held by officers at specific points around the scene. In complicated cases, teams may take up to 400 measurements from different spots.

Some procedures are standard for all teams. Before visiting the scene of a traffic collision, the team leader secures any field notes and photographs available and reviews the accident file. Once on scene, the team inspects the area, evaluates the road surface and determines the weather conditions and light levels at the time of the collision. Physical evidence, such as skid marks, grooves in the pavement and tracks on the shoulder are studied and measured. These are used in determining the linear momentum (the principle that if two objects collide, energy changes) of the vehicles involved. Eyewitness accounts and driver's statements are analyzed and compared to what the team finds at the scene. All too often, however, eyewitness accounts conflict with the evidence.

The Austin team recently visited northern Hays County to investigate a two-vehicle, one-fatality collision. A driver had lost control of his car on a curve, careened across the road and struck a hay wagon sitting on the shoulder. When the vehicles collided, the hay wagon went airborne, striking and killing a man on the shoulder.

In addition to taking measurements at more than 300 spots, they measured the skid marks, still visible two weeks later, to use in computing the driver's speed at time of impact. Highway Patrol Sgt. Philip Kemp conducted two test re-creations of the vehicle's skid, and his speed and the length of his skids were added to the program formula. He also interviewed a witness, going over his earlier statement.

All of the team's findings are later compiled and entered into a computer program that produces a forensic map of the accident site. The vehicles involved, bodies and other landmarks are added to the map by hand later, after the team has examined the wrecked vehicles.

The reports generated by DPS accident reconstruction teams are commonly used in court and by law enforcement agencies in establishing cause and responsibility of collisions.

The number of collision victims absolved of blame, or identified as being at fault is unknown. One thing is clear: there is no measure of the peace they offer survivors by helping them to understand the tragedy, even if just a little.

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**State Qualifiers** — Advancing to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest from Eldorado High School are (L-R) Ashton Murr, Anna Troy, Jackie Crawford and Laurie Almazan. Maria Hernandez was not present for the photo. **See related story on Page 1**



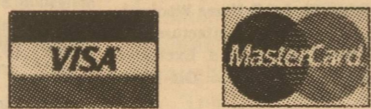
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