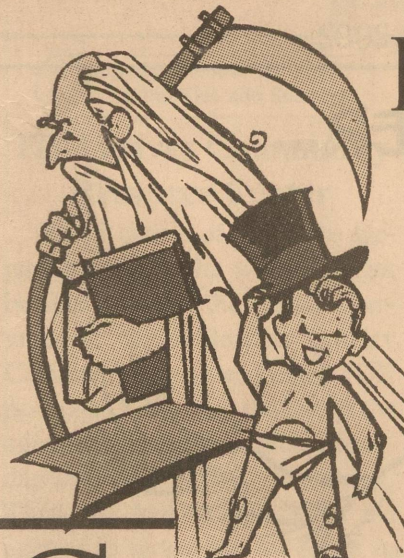




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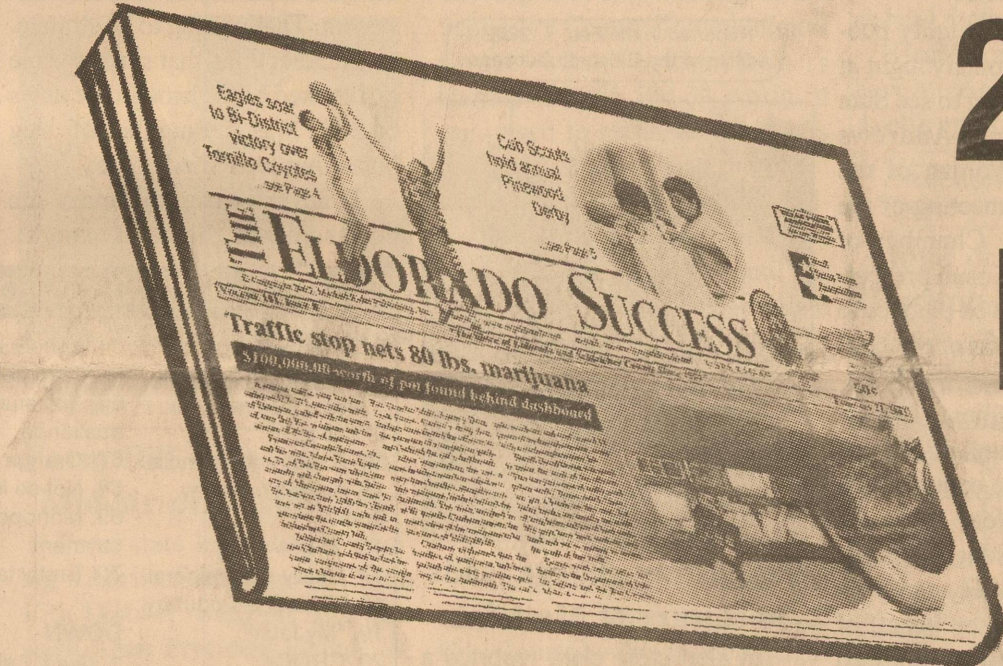
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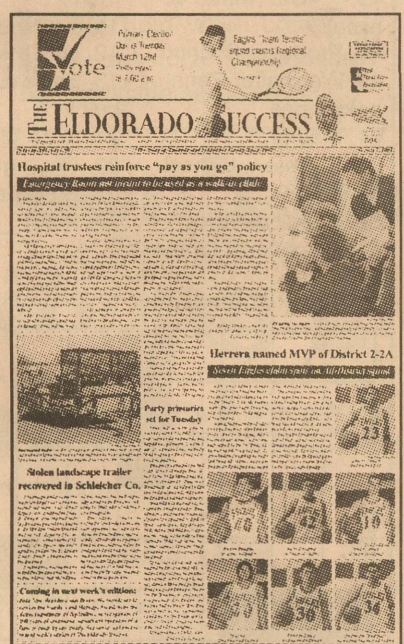
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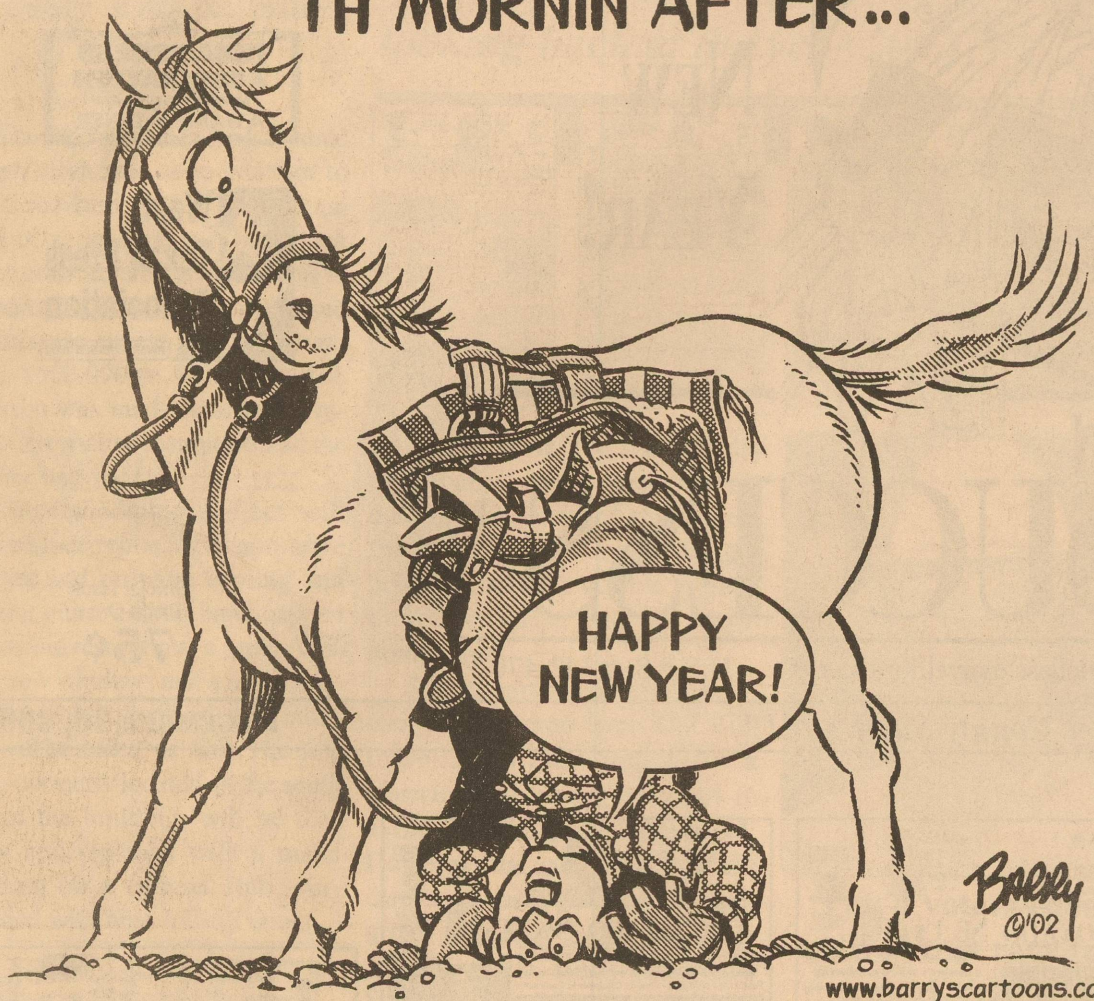


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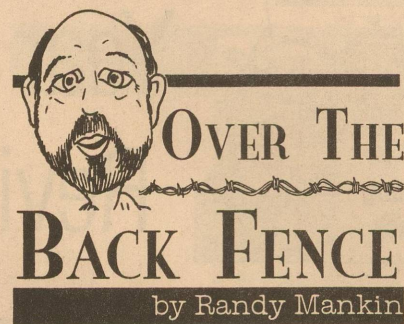
I'm serious, where did the time go?

Where does the time go? It seems like only yesterday that 2001 ended and 2002 began. Yet here it is at year's end with 2003 staring us in the face. Where does the time go?

Well, the national media, television in particular make it their business to show and tell us where the time went. Endless year-in-review news shows highlight the major news events of the year.

It's much the same here at the Success. The last week of the year is usually a slow week for news so we try to close the office. To do this we offer our annual Year in Review edition.

As I began working on this year's installment I was surprised at the number of academic and athletic achievements that Eldorado students notched up during the year. I don't know why I was surprised since I wrote most of the stories.



That's how it is around here, though. Occasionally someone will tell me that they really liked, or really didn't like, a story we had run a week or two before and I have to stop a moment and try to recall the item to which they are referring. That's mainly due to the fact that as soon as one week's edition hits the newsstands, we're already working on the next.

That's how it is now. As the end of the year approaches and most of the town is celebrating the holiday, we're trying to figure out how to tweak our printing schedule in order to accommodate Post Office holidays. Plus, we're chasing down details on the upcoming Jr. Livestock Show and looking for the school's honor rolls.

Pretty soon, basketball season will be over and track season will start. So will tennis and baseball and then...gulp, graduation.

Graduation at EHS is one of those yearly events we cover but this year it will be different for Kathy and I, as our son, J.L. picks up his diploma. Then, for the first time in sixteen years, we won't have a child in the Eldorado school system. That's going to be strange.

Another thing that surprised me as I looked back through the news of 2002 was the number of drug busts that were made here.

It never ceases to amaze me how some of them get caught.

Small things (small by comparison) lead to traffic stops that uncover stashes of dope and cash. Things like speeding, malfunctioning headlights, failure to use turn signals, or expired license plates...all of these and more spell doom to dope smugglers every day.

If I was hauling dope, I'd make sure all of the equipment on the car was working perfectly and I'd drive the speed limit...but then, I'd never haul dope.

One of the sad parts about looking back at the year-gone-by is realizing how many of our friends and family we left behind. Each year, the Success prints a hundred or so obituaries and death notices. Among the ones that stand out in my mind this year are Duge Yates and Elton McGinnes. They will be greatly missed by this community.

Another obituary that appeared in the Success this year was that of Maurine Werst. She wasn't from Eldorado, but she played bridge here a lot. I came to know Maurine through her son, David Werst, the publisher of The Big Lake Wildcat. Maurine and her husband, Mike Werst, ran The Wildcat for many, many years. Prior to that they owned a newspaper in Mertzton called The Star.

Maurine once said that it takes a particular type of person to run a weekly newspaper and run it well. She told me, "If you do it right, this business will give you thick skin and a thin wallet."

That was almost ten years ago and since then I've sadly come to the conclusion that I must be doing something right. Ten years...Wow! Where does the time go?

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Reported in the Jan. 31, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Meador & Andrews named Man and Woman of the Year

A crowd of about eighty people were on hand Monday night at the Memorial Building to see Stan Meador and Connie Andrews named Man and Woman of the Year at the annual meeting of the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce. James Kosub presented beautifully engraved plaques to the pair in recognition of the honor.

Other award recipients included First National Bank of Eldorado, recognized as the community's Business of the Year and J.D. Doyle, honored as Educator of the year. FNB President Hyman Sauer accepted a plaque on behalf of the bank. Doyle, who is employed as Technology Director at Schleicher County I.S.D., was on hand and received a plaque, as well.



Reported in the Feb. 7, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success



Shoplifting charge leads to seizure of Meth lab

An alert store clerk reported a shoplifting incident in Sonora Tuesday, setting into motion a chain of events that culminated with the arrest of three San Angeloans on South Divide Street in Eldorado. Along with the arrest came the discovery of a methamphetamine lab concealed in the suspect's pickup truck.

Christopher B. Glass, 35, Nicole Renee Faultner, 19, and Cort Wynn Harrison, 33, all of San Angelo, were apprehended Tuesday by Deputy Jason Chatham and Deputy David Olivan.



Reported in the Jan. 17, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

67th annual Junior Livestock, Project and Food Show held

The 67th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock & Project Show came off without a hitch last weekend as local youngsters paraded in a large show arena in the newly rebuilt ag barn. The weather was breezy and cool but the audience remained warm with everyone having a good seat. Kyle Eckert, Extension Assistant/Sheep and Goat Specialist who works for the Texas Department of Agriculture was this year's livestock and dog show judge.

The show, held on January 11th & 12th hosted numerous entries in Meat Goat, Steer, Heifer, Swine, Finewool Lamb, Crossbred Lamb and Medium Wool Lamb divisions. Entries in the Food Show and Creative Arts Show were also judged. Mark Bybee won the overall Showmanship Award and received a leather briefcase in recognition of the honor.



Reported in the Jan. 24, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Four Eagles players claim positions on 2-A Academic All-State Football Team

Eagles football coach Karl McCormack announced last week that four members of his 2001 Eagles team were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association 2001-2002 Academic All State Football Team. Andrew Anderson, Tony Fay, Johnny Herrera and Wesley Jones were singled out for the honor and each of the student-athletes received certificates in honor of their accomplishment from McCormack.

McCormack noted that he is pleased with his players efforts, on and off the playing field. In order to be nominated for the honor, a player must have an overall grade-point average of 92 or above for the first three years of high school as well as the first two six weeks of their senior year.

Stan Troy takes over as new pastor at FUMC

Stan Troy takes over as pastor this week at First United Methodist Church of Eldorado. He replaces Janice Petty, who left to take the pastorate at Divine, Texas. Troy comes to Eldorado from Luling where he served as pastor for four and a half years. Before that he served in Sabin and Garfield.

Stan Troy and his wife Vicky have two children, Anna, 15, and Krista, 13. He has a grown daughter, Casey, who lives in Austin.



Reported in the Jan. 10, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Maria Hernandez claims spot on All-State Band

EHS senior Maria Hernandez was selected Saturday to participate in the All-State Band. She won the honor by competing at the Area tryouts at Robinson High School in Waco.

Hernandez, who plays the trumpet, became the 27th Eldorado band student named to the All-State Band in the 11 years since its inception. That's the most from any 2-A band in the state. She is also the first trumpet player from Eldorado to be named to the band.

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- Apple or pear
- Let up
- Exam sans pencils
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- To this point
- Easily split mineral
- Vientiane's country
- "My fault!"
- CROCK
- Lists of candidates
- Kyoto cash
- Beanery patron
- Put in a footlocker
- Ill temper
- Posy holders
- Toddler's glassful
- KROC
- A big fan of
- Baseball's Dizzy and Daffy
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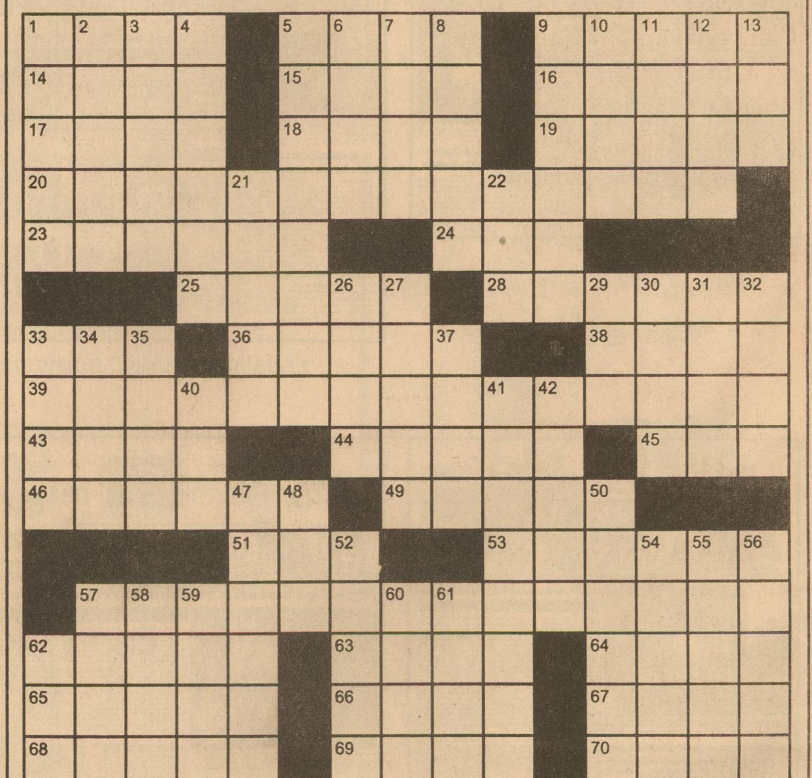
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- Hold the deed on
- Trojan and Korean
- Actor McGregor
- Classic Belafonte refrain
- Sacred bird of Egypt
- Litter castoff, often
- Art Deco icon
- Some vocal improvising
- White House URL suffix
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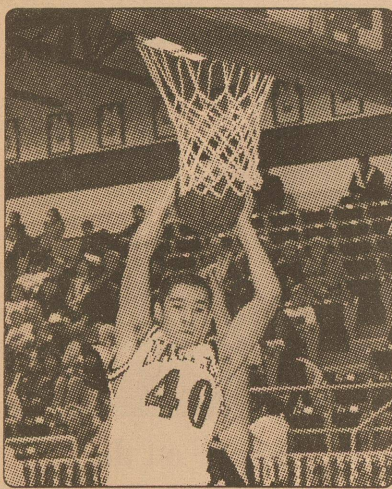
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Eagles make playoffs, win 68-42 over Sonora

The Eldorado Eagles went into Bronco Gym on a mission. Safe to say, mission was accomplished. The Eagles came away with a 26 point win over Sonora and the game really wasn't that close. Eldorado is now tied for second in the district.

Eldorado came out strong early with a swarming full court press and Ramon Barajas hit the boards. The result was a 13 point margin after the first eight minutes with EHS on top, 22 to 9.



Reported in the Feb. 14, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Rice takes up his cross to follow Jesus

by Kathy Mankin

Shawn Rice has decided to take up his cross and follow Jesus, literally. Rice passed through Eldorado last week on his way from El Paso to Brady. Resting on his shoulder was a 10-foot tall cross. A small wheel at the base of the cross was Rice's only concession to modern technology.

Rice, an unemployed boiler-maker from the shipyards along the Oregon coast, makes his home nowadays at the Good Shepherd Campground in Utopia, Texas. At least, that's where Rice calls home when he's not trudging across Texas with his cross. He was happy to pause for a few moments to visit but urged me to write a story that placed more emphasis on Jesus and less on him.

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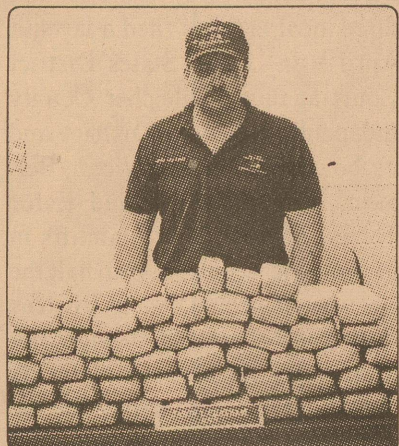
It's a clean sweep for EHS at UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest

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.

Also earning "Division 1" ratings and advancing to the State Contest were the following en-

sembles: 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.



Traffic stop nets 80 lbs. marijuana

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.



Reported in the Feb. 28, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Edmiston's meat goat "Marfa" crowned Grand Champion at Houston Livestock Show

Frank Edmiston's 112 lb. goat "Marfa" claimed the Grand Champion Market Goat banner at the Houston Livestock Show on Sunday, February 24, adding yet another star in the crown of Schleicher County meat goat producers. Edmiston's goat was bred by N&K Ranches, owned by Norman and Kathy Kohls, also of Eldorado.

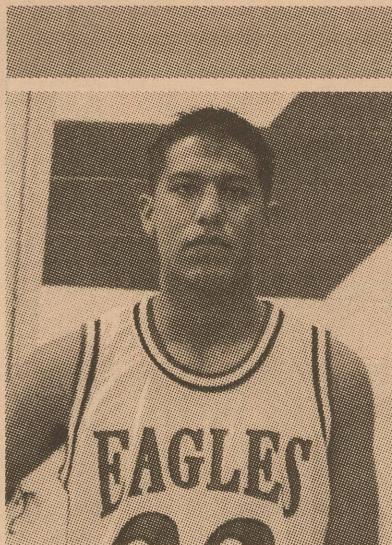
Marfa's win continues the sweep of major livestock show championships claimed by locally bred goats. This year's grand champions at Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston have all been born and bred within 25 miles of Eldorado, adding to the town's growing reputation as Meat Goat Capital of the World. N&K Ranches produced two of the winners while Jay O'Harrow and Mike Harbor each raised another.

Eagles defeat Coahoma for Area Championship

The Eldorado Eagles made history this basketball season. The Eagles went as deep in the playoffs as most folks in Schleicher County can remember. In recent history, EHS has fallen in the area round, but not this year, Eldorado finished the year as Bi-District and Area Champions by defeating Coahoma 60-59. The season ended in the Regional Quarter final round with a loss 50-45 to Reagan County.

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Reported in the Mar. 7, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Herrera named MVP of District 2-2A

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

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



6 Lady Eagles named to 2-2A All-District Team

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

Reported in the Mar. 14, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

STATE CHAMPIONS

The Eldorado Eagles team tennis squad claimed its second consecutive State Championship on Saturday by defeating the Mason Punchers 10-0 in Round Rock. The win came as no surprise to the EHS faithful who only last week watched as the Warbirds netters defeated the same Mason team to capture the Regional Championship.

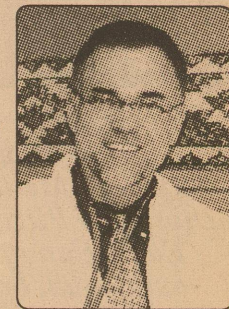
By virtue of their second place finish at Regional, Mason's players advanced to the State Tourney, but weren't expected to make it to the finals. That was reserved for the Eldorado Eagles and the Reagan County Owls.



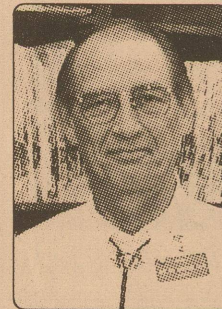
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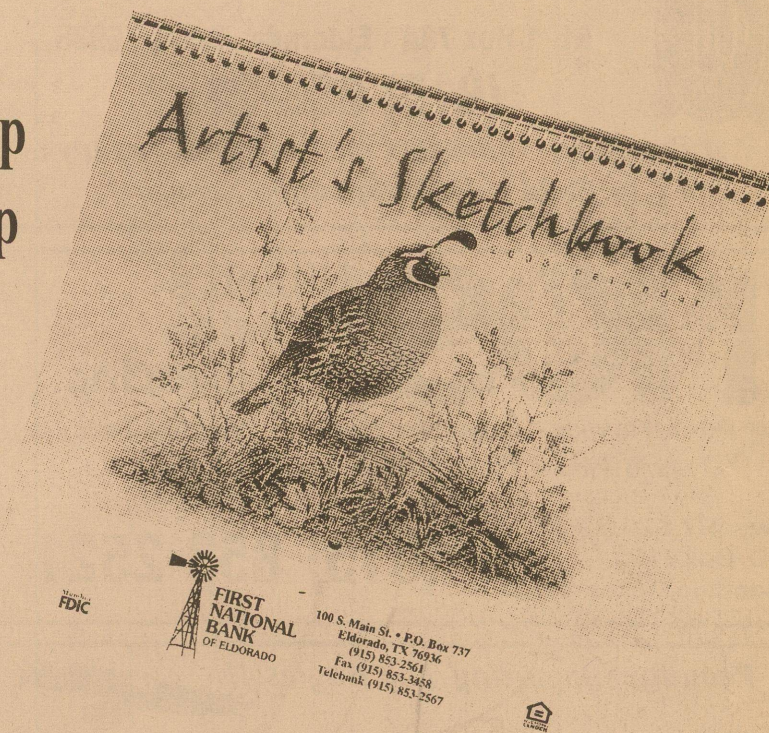
In 2002 we lost many dear friends and loved ones. Obituaries for the following individuals appeared in The Eldorado Success during the year.

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Authorities see death as attempted homicide/suicide

Sheriffs deputies responded Sunday morning to a 9-1-1 call at 701 Concho Avenue and found and Eldorado man dead from an apparent suicide in the back yard of the residence, and his wife unconscious in one of the bedrooms of the home.

Chief Deputy George Arispe was first to arrive at the scene and reported finding the body of Alvaro Rojas, Jr., 43, hanging in a tree. Arispe said that Rojas' body was hanging by the neck from a cable attached to a tree limb. An aluminum ladder was found nearby.

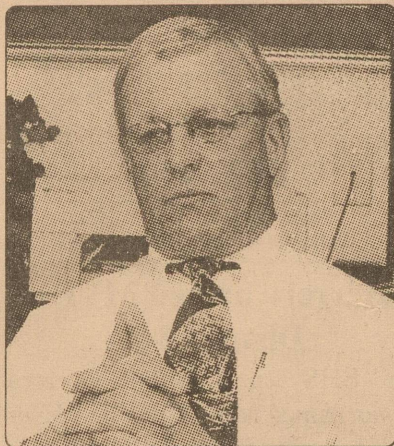
Inside the home, Rojas' estranged wife, Violetta Rojas, was found lying face down and unconscious on the floor in a bedroom on the north side of the residence.

Eldorado wins half million dollar technology grant

A coalition of local governmental entities and technology leaders are celebrating after learning this week that the Schleicher County Network was approved for a \$500,000.00 grant from the state's Technology Infrastructure Board. Locally, just over \$50,000.00 in matching funds was raised from four governmental entities as well as a group of local businesses and individuals.

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Newman resigns as EHS principal

Eldorado High School Principal Ken Newman will be leaving his post at the end of this school year. News of Newman's resignation came Monday evening during the monthly meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees.

Following the board's formal vote to accept the resignation, Board President Phil McCormick told Newman, "We accept your resignation with regret and applaud you for your years of service to Schleicher County ISD and we applaud your accomplishments here."

Reported in the Mar. 28, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success



Ghosts from the past occupy Ft. McKavett for post's 150th Anniversary celebration

FORT MCKAVETT — For a moment all was silent, all but the ever present wind and the sound of a lone trumpeter playing Taps. Then, in an instant Ft. McKavett was transformed back to the active Army post it had been in the mid-19th century. From behind the fort's hospital building came

marching a military band and soldiers representing every era of the fort's colorful past.

One unit, dressed in light blue wool uniforms, portrayed the troops that served in the Mexican-American war and later occupied Ft. McKavett when it was founded in 1852. Another represented the troops that manned the fort during the Indian Wars. Another group, dressed in turn of the century uniform, portrayed a National Guard Unit, that might have been called into active duty, sometime during the campaign against Pancho Villa.

Hospital district trustees give final nod to collection procedures

Change is never easy, but change is exactly what's in store for Schleicher County Medical Center and Schleicher County Family Clinic. Most directly affected by the change will be patients of the clinic and hospital who have previously received medical treatment without paying, or without making arrangements to pay. Beginning this week, that practice ended and patients with insurance are being asked to pay their co-pay and deductible before receiving treatment.

Reported in the Mar. 28, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Central Texas group pushing upgrade of U.S. 190 to 4 lanes

The prospect of an upgrade of U.S. 277 to a four-lane highway is already looming in Eldorado's future. Now, comes word that U.S. 190 is also a candidate for upgrade to four-lane status. A coalition, calling itself the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition, which includes several cities and counties along U.S. 190, and with the apparent support of the U.S. Department of Defense, is working toward that end.

If the group gets its way, U.S. 190, stretching westward from Temple to Killeen, San Saba, Menard and Eldorado, would be included in the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System. The road would then turn south on U.S. Highway 277 and intersect with Interstate Highway 10 at Sonora.

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Reported in the Apr. 18, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Belman, Torres & Torres bring lawsuit against SCISD over 5-2 redistricting plan

Despite the fact that attorneys for both sides are saying that a deal has been reached to settle a redistricting controversy at the school, three local citizens filed a lawsuit April 9 in United States District Court against Schleicher County Independent School District and its board of trustees. Victor Belman, Albert Torres and Ester Torres, are named as plaintiffs in the lawsuit, which seeks to halt the election of school board trustees in two newly created at-large districts. Additionally, the plaintiffs are asking the court to prohibit the school district from conducting elections under the previous "seven at-large district" plan.



"Smoke on the Mountain" thrills San Angelo audiences

The Way Off-Broadway Players' production of "Smoke on the Mountain" played to three straight sellout crowds at the San Angelo Civic Theater last weekend and will appear three more times this weekend. Unfortunately for those wanting tickets, all of the upcoming performances have also sold-out.

This marks the fourth incarnation of the play which began its run in Eldorado on the stage of the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater in 1995. After an extended run in the local theater, the play went to San Angelo Civic Theater where it played to sellout crowds for 10 performances.

Reported in the May 2, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Sheriff's office recovers stolen car

An investigation into the theft of a 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix in San Angelo last week, led to the recovery of the car in Eldorado, the arrest of the suspect in that case and the arrest of his brother on unrelated charges.

Maria Flores, owner of the Las Damas Bar on Martin Luther King Drive in San Angelo, reported the car stolen from in front of her business on Tuesday evening, April 23, 2002. It was found the next day in Eldorado, parked at the Texaco Star-Stop convenience store on North Divide Street. Investigators say that tips from confidential informants indicated that the car had been taken by Jesus Guerra, 23, of San Angelo. It was also believed that Guerra was still in Eldorado, hiding in a local residence.

Guerra was apprehended later in the day at a residence on East Fields Street by Sheriff David Doran and three of his deputies.



Bomb Squad responds to explosives found here

An Air Force bomb disposal team was dispatched to Eldorado from Dyess Air Force Base last Thursday after a box containing numerous explosives was turned into the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office. Among the items in the box was a Russian-made hand grenade and numerous rounds of Russian ammunition.

Disposal team members carefully examined the devices and even set up a portable x-ray in Sheriff David Doran's office where they ultimately determined that the explosives were genuine.

Mighty Eagle band claims 6th consecutive Sweepstakes Award

The Eldorado High School student musicians who comprise the Mighty Eagle Band proved yet again last week that they are more than just a great marching band. On Wednesday, April 10, 2002 the band participated in the U.I.L. Region VII Concert and Sightreading Contest in Llano. The band earned Division "1" ratings in both categories to claim their 6th straight Sweepstakes Award.

To earn a sweepstakes award, a band must receive Overall Division "1" ratings in marching, sight-reading and concert.

Reported in the May 9, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

STATE CHAMPIONS

The road to the 2002 State Tennis Tournament began a year ago for Gentry Neman and Christina Redish, at the 2001 State tourney. That's when Newman, and her partner Kayla McCravey, defeated Redish, and her partner Lindsay Beach, 6-2, 6-4 to claim the State Championship in an all-Eldorado final match.

Since then Newman and Redish have been doubles partners. Early in the season it became clear to everyone who was paying attention that they were determined to return to the final match at the State Tourney, this time as partners. Enroute to realizing their dream Newman and Redish met and promptly dispatched some of the very best doubles teams in the state.

Reported in the Apr. 25, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Seymore to be EHS Principal

Tim Seymore will be coming to Eldorado in the fall to take over as principal at Eldorado High School. Seymore is currently Principal at Santa Anna High School.

Seymore attended a meeting of the SCISD board of trustees on Monday night where he interviewed for the job. The Success learned that he was offered the position at that time but did not formally accept the job until Wednesday morning.

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Reported in the May 9, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Lubbock man killed in motorcycle accident on Toe Nail Trail

Joe Charles Harrington, 54, of Lubbock, was pronounced dead at 1:15 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2002, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, after sustaining head injuries in a motorcycle accident on FM 2084 (Toe Nail Trail). Harrington was riding his 1999 Harley Davidson motorcycle northbound when he struck a deer in the roadway. Harrington's passenger, Delanie Ruth Courtney, 29, also of Lubbock, was taken by EMS ambulance to Shannon Hospital where she reportedly underwent treatment for a several injuries.

Joiner & Kotsch win school board election

John Paul Joiner and Jo Helen Kotsch were selected by local voters Saturday from a field of five candidates to fill two seats of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees.

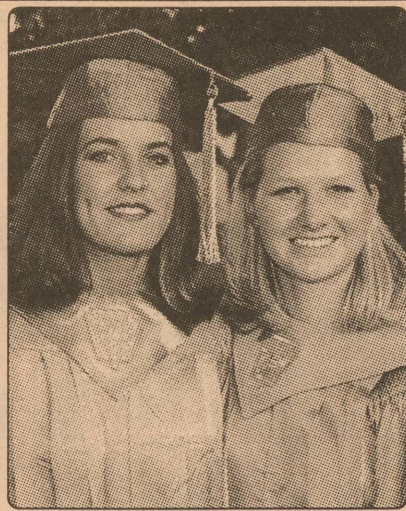
Joiner was the top vote getter, with 230 votes. Kotsch received 166 while Lee Ann Higgins polled 138 votes. Victor Belman received 49 votes and Timothy Vasquez received 25. In the at-large format, the two candidates with the most votes are elected. In all, 319 voters cast ballots in the election with 145 of those coming during the Early Voting period.

Reported in the May 16, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Fagan-Cook stepping down as SCMC Hospital Administrator

Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook will be leaving her post on June 30, 2002, to pursue other career opportunities. Her resignation was made public Monday night at a special meeting of the Schleicher County Hospital District's board of trustees.

Following an executive session for the purpose of discussing the issue, the trustees returned into open session with board president Randy Mankin announcing that Fagan-Cook had submitted her resignation.



Reported in the May 30, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Forty-seven graduates receive EHS diplomas during 2002 Commencement

With strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" drifting through the air forty-seven members of the Eldorado High School class of 2002 filed into Eagle Gym on Friday evening, May 24. It would be their final trip together as EHS students.

Moments later the forty-seven graduates received their diplomas following a salutatory address by Tana Williams and a valedictory address by Tabitha Lloyd.

Commissioners have Swimming Pool blues

No, the Schleicher County Swimming Pool is not closed, but neither is it open. Instead, the pool is "temporarily down for repairs." The facility did not open last Thursday as scheduled due to problems with the sand filter.

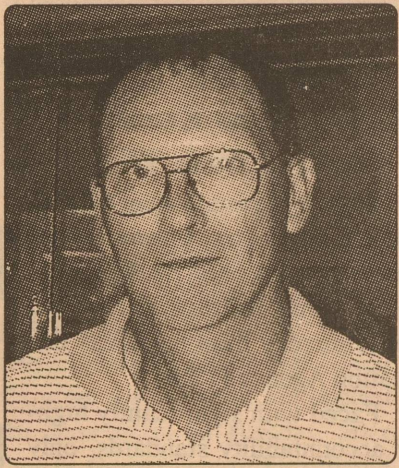
That word came during the Tuesday morning meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court when commissioners learned that \$1,500.00 worth of sand used to recharge the pool's filter had "sucked into the pool" when a pump connected to the filtration system malfunctioned. The pool will remain closed until the sand can be removed and new sand can be placed in the filter beds.

Reported in the June 6, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

City adopts animal control ordinance

After months of hashing and rehashing the issue, the Eldorado City Council voted Monday night to adopt a new animal control ordinance. The measure strikes down the city's old ordinance and replaces it with a set of rules that restrict some animals, like dogs and cats, while completely prohibiting other animals, like livestock and chickens.

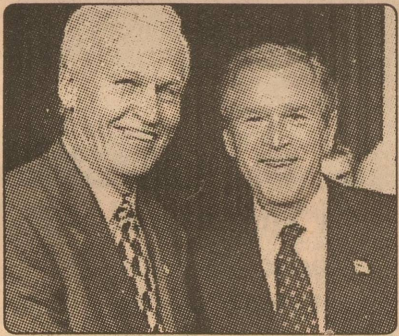
"This is a good beginning," Mayor John Nikolauk said after the vote. "We may have to amend it later but for now it's better than what we have had."



McCormack leaving EHS, takes asst. position in Sonora

EHS athletic director and head football coach Karl McCormack confirmed Tuesday that he will be leaving Eldorado at the end of the school year to take an assistant coaching position at Sonora. McCormack informed his staff, then told his students and players before making his decision public.

McCormack is an Eldorado native, having graduated from EHS in 1973. He will be taking over as defensive coordinator for the Sonora Broncos



Reported in the May 23, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Farm Bill restores Wool, Mohair price supports

Farm state legislators, including Charlie Stenholm of Texas 17th District, were on hand last week when President George W. signed the 2002 Farm Bill into law.

While the growers of staple crops like wheat, corn and rice will benefit the most from the bill, other farmers and ranchers, especially Texas sheep and goat raisers, are pleased with the bill. Specifically, the bill restores price supports for wool and mohair, offering domestic producers a bit more of a level playing field when compared to highly subsidized competitors in New Zealand and Australia.

Reported in the May 30, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

TDH leaves Community Resource Center

Local clients of the Texas Department of Health will no longer be able to access the agency's services at the Schleicher County Community Resource Center. TDH personnel packed up the last of the agency's files and equipment Tuesday and moved them into storage. There are tentative plans for the agency to move into an office in Sonora, however, no date for its opening has been announced.

The move seems to have caught TDH personnel by surprise. Barbara Martinez, who is assigned to the agency's San Angelo office, said she only learned of the move Tuesday morning. She and two other women supervised a moving crew from Midland as they loaded numerous boxes into a truck.



Gary Grubbs takes job as head football coach at EHS

Gary Grubbs was hired by the SCISD board of trustees Tuesday evening as the district's new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at SCISD. Grubbs comes to Eldorado from Pecos where he has served as head football coach since 1999.

Grubbs, and his wife Margaret have three children, Jared, age 14, Austin age 11 and Caitlyn age 6.

Reported in the June 20, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Lloyd & Sudduth claim Houston Livestock Show scholarships

Eight Schleicher County 4-H Club members participated in State 4-H Roundup this past week at Texas A&M University in College Station. The highlight of the Roundup for the local youths was the Scholarship Awards Assembly where Tabitha Lloyd and Dest Sudduth each received \$10,000.00 Houston Livestock Show scholarships.

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Brass trio gets "1" rating at State Contest

Eldorado's Brass Trio received a Division "1" Rating at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos on Monday, May 27, 2001. The Brass Trio consisted of Maria Hernandez, Hannah Robledo and Ashton Murr.

Reported in the June 27, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

San Angelo eyes Edwards-Trinity

Two areas within Schleicher County have caught the attention of San Angelo officials and are currently being studied as potential sources of water for the growing city.

One of the two areas, along the South Concho Draw and near Huldale in northern Schleicher County has been under consideration before. The second area under lies west of Eldorado in and around the communities of Reynolds and Kaffir and south along the Dry Devil's River draw.

Will Wilde, Public Works Director for City of San Angelo, met with the Water District's directors Friday and explained that extreme drought condition, have forced San Angelo to begin looking for an alternate water supply.

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Reported in the June 27, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Ozona man jailed when traffic stop leads to marijuana bust

Ruben Talian Cantu, 19, of Ozona was booked into Schleicher County Jail on Thursday, June 20, and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance after 4.9 ounces of marijuana was discovered in his 2000 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Deputy Kevin Herbert stopped Cantu for on a "routine traffic violation" two miles west of Eldorado on U.S. Highway 190. Herbert placed Cantu under arrest after discovering the marijuana, as well as a "package of drug paraphernalia." Herbert then called in Deputy Jason Chatham to assist him in a thorough search of the vehicle.

Reported in the July 4, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Old school bell rings out for Mias Amigas

The old school bell rang out for the 72nd consecutive year Saturday morning, calling to order the annual meeting of the Mias Amigas Club. The meeting was held on the courthouse square. The members of the 50-year graduating class had the honor of clanging the bell. Members of the EHS class of 1952 included: Charlene Atkinson, Lola Beth Ballew Byrnes, Billy Jo Jef-

frey Collett, Lawrence Dannheim, James E. Hill, Jerry Johnson, Lora Mae Powell Lloyd and Suzy Linticum Rosford.

Reported in the July 11, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success



4-H Award presented to Turner & Whitten at annual banquet

Jack Turner and Ross Whitten, both of Eldorado, were among 35 4-H volunteers honored last week during the 4-H District 7 Silver Clover Banquet. The event was hosted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's District 7.

The banquet was held on Tuesday evening, July 2, 2002, in San Angelo where volunteers from among the 23 counties were individually honored for their many outstanding contributions to 4-H programs in their communities.

7 month old child burned by fireworks

Fourth of July fireworks fun turned into tragedy last Thursday night when an errant spark from a "Roman Candle" landed in the stroll-

er with 7 month-old Phillip Garcia, setting the child's clothing on fire. The child was rushed by private vehicle to Schleicher County Medical Center and then transferred by ambulance to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. He was then taken by Careflight helicopter to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. At press time, the child remained at Parkland Hospital.

Phillip Garcia is the son of Lorena Guzman. A relative of the child told the Success that he suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns on his face and chest.

Reported in the July 18, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Sharon Dietz named administrator at SCMC

Schleicher County Hospital district board of trustees named Sharon Dietz as hospital administrator during a special meeting held on Monday evening, July 15, 2002. The board met behind closed doors with Dietz, hospital consultant Andy Freeman, and interim administrator Larry Baggett. During the executive session the trustees interviewed Dietz for the position.

Sharon Dietz is a graduate of Longview College with a degree in Health Care Administration and she has twenty-two years of experience in the health care field. She comes to Eldorado from Guthrie, Oklahoma where she is currently employed by Alterra Healthcare Group.



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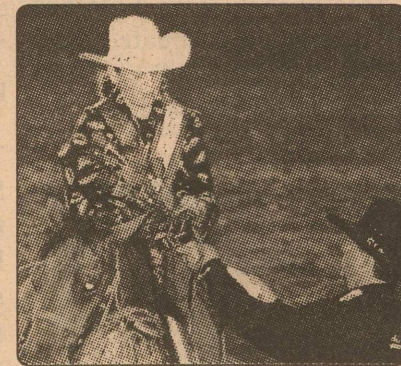
Reported in the Aug. 8, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

SCISD earns Exemplary Rating from TEA

SCISD Superintendent George Blanch said he was pleased, if not somewhat surprised, by the Exemplary rating his district received last Thursday from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Faced with significantly higher accountability standards, only 143 school districts received Exemplary ratings this year. That number compares to the 178 districts that earned the distinction only one year ago.

The Elementary campus rating slipped from a Recognized rating last year to an Acceptable rating this year. The High School campus earned a Recognized rating again this year and, for the third year in a row, Eldorado Middle School received an Exemplary rating.



Holly Ford named 2002 Rodeo Sweetheart

2001 Rodeo Sweetheart Traci Brenner crowned the 2002 Rodeo Sweetheart Holly Ford during the Saturday's night performance of the 33rd Annual Eldorado Open Rodeo. Holly received a silver bracelet provided by Crowder Services and a bundle of red roses and SCRA Sweetheart sash made by Wendi Daniels.

Holly, age 13, is the daughter of Tracy Sauer and Tex Ford of Kerrville. Holly and her horse Ranger also carried the Texas Flag during the Grand Entry at each performance.

Reported in the Aug. 15, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

SCISD trustees okay redistricting plan

Schleicher County ISD trustees voted unanimously Monday night to adopt a new redistricting plan. The plan includes six single-member districts (SMD) and one at-

Reported in the Aug. 1, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Woolen Mill's facelift helps preserve local landmark

No more leaks during rainy weather, no more puddles on the floor and no more sheets of plastic covering the looms inside the 60 year-old Eldorado Woolen Mill. All of this thanks to a \$33,000.00 financial gift from the Annenberg Rural Schools Community Trust. The funds enabled the repair of the sagging roof structure as well as the installation of a new metal roof and the repair of broken skylights. The money also provided the financial means to collect and compile the Mill's history so that it can be shared later.

Hospital trustees move toward upgrade of aging X-ray equipment

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met last Thursday evening and took the first steps toward acquiring a new X-ray machine for the hospital. The trustees, facing July 31, 2002 deadline to submit a grant application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), selected a General Electric "Proteus XR/a" model as the machine they will purchase to replace the hospital's current equipment. The price tag for the machine is \$91,412.00.

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large district. It was explained that the plan would replace a 5 SMD - 2 at-large plan adopted last year. The school decided to abandon the 5-2 plan after a lawsuit was brought against the district by Torres, his wife, and Victor Belman.

In other business the trustees voted to appoint Lupe Sanchez to the board of trustees. She will hold the seat vacated by the resignation of Sam Whitten Jr.

Reported in the Aug. 22, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success



Three generations join the D.A.R.

Belle Mayhew Neff, of Eldorado, her daughter, Rene Calcote, of Crane, and granddaughter Susan Warnock Lively, of Eldorado, each received their official certificate confirming membership to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on July 2, 2002. The ladies' membership honors their forefather, patriot James Mayhew, who served in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Precaution, not panic, best bet against West Nile Virus

Precaution, not panic, is the best advice available from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) for dealing with the West Nile Virus.

"State, regional and local public health officials have been conducting an expanded surveillance program since 2000, searching for the virus in mosquitoes, blue jays, crows, horses and other animals," said Dr. Paul McGaha, director of the TDH office in Tyler.

Infected birds carry the virus but in most cases are not harmed by it. However, crows, blue jays and hawks are an exception, as many of these birds die when infected.

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 28th Dee Jay Garvin, Tracy Sellers, Kate Kuhlmann, Abigail Ussery,
 29th Cynthia Caldwell, Laura Hill, Howard Ledbetter, Allison Reynolds
 30th Chandra Wanoreck, Mary Farmer, Briley Ledbetter, Lori Jones, Elmer Garlitz, Holly Ford, Tip Finley,
 31st Gabriel Avila, Garrett Bownds, Lance Jones, Christy Robinson, Jack Dean, Larry Hamilton
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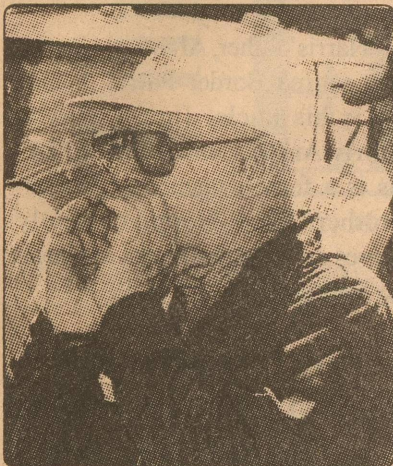
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Reported in the Aug. 29, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

First-ever Tagoo calling honors man who discovered bird in 1959

Some say he dreamed it all up, others claim he never saw one at all, but Claude Spencer has been adamant about the issue since 1959. That's when he says he spotted a Tagoo bird in Eldorado.

What's a Tagoo? Well it's a bird that looks sort of like a woodpecker, but not really. Some claim it more closely resembles a roadrunner, except it's more colorful and slightly faster. Still others suggest that it appears more like a cross between a tufted titmouse and a barn owl.

It's all speculation, however, since Claude Oran Spencer of Eldorado is the only human ever to have seen one of the elusive birds. He was on hand Saturday for the formal dedication of the Tagoo Bird Refuge and Sanctuary, and he shared his observations with the assembled crowd.



Reported in the Sept. 5, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Mower-power carries Harold Hill family to job opportunities on Texas coast

Harold Hill says he is looking for a job, not a handout, and he's taking his family from New Mexico to the Texas coast in pursuit of that job. Hill's mode of transportation is turning a few heads, however. The family is making the trek on a riding lawn mower, a garden utility cart and a child's little red wagon.

Hill, his wife Debra, their two daughters, Patricia, 21 and Jessica, 18, and their two dogs, Monster and Sugar, rolled into western Schleicher County last Friday, at about 3 miles per hour, with their 14 horsepower Murry lawn tractor straining to pull their loaded cart.

Stolen car recovered here

A stolen 1985 Cadillac El Dorado was recovered here Tuesday after employees of Super S Foods noticed the vehicle abandoned in front of the store. Chief Deputy George Arispe ran the license plate and discovered that the car was reported stolen in Slaton on Aug. 12, 2002. On that date, the car's owner, Lupe Andrade Diaz, 53, of Lubbock, appeared at the Slaton Police Dept. to say that he had been assaulted by his girlfriend's ex-husband.



Reported in the Oct. 3, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Fiery crash on U.S. 277 leaves Sonora man in critical condition

Thomas Ray Homra, 18, of Sonora was severely burned Thursday, Sept. 16, 2002, when his 1964 Ford 150 pickup left the roadway and overturned, 14 miles north of Eldorado on U.S. 277.

According to DPS Trooper Robert Bybee, Homra's truck was headed northbound at about 1:40 a.m. when it left the east side of the roadway. Bybee said that the driver over-corrected, causing the truck to veer across both lanes of the highway. There, Bybee said, the truck's wheels dug in, causing the pickup to roll two and a half times.

Bybee believes that Homra remained in the pickup as it rolled and that he was still in the vehicle and unconscious when it burst into flames. At some point, Homra revived sufficiently to escape the burning truck, Bybee said.

Reported in the Oct. 10, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

City Council looking for general contractor for City Hall expansion

The Eldorado City Council met Monday, Oct. 7, 2002, and voted unanimously to approve plans for an expansion to City Hall. Architect Henry Schmidt of San Angelo was on hand to review the plans and answer questions from the council.

After making minor modifications to the plan and gaining the council's approval, Schmidt recommended that the city hire a general contractor to oversee the project. Initially the council had indicated the city would act as its own general contractor, but Schmidt urged them to reconsider. He explained that the construction process would be very tedious and that there would be numerous subcontractors involved.

"You really want to deal with one person on this," Schmidt said. "Let the general contractor deal with all the headaches of coordinating the subs."

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, December 9

Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potato, Italian Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange Half, Milk

Tuesday, December 10

Ground Beef w/ Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortilla, Toss Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, December 11

Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie, Juice, Milk

Thursday, December 12

Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk

Friday, December 13

Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Spinach, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Lemon Pudding, Milk

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Rain...rain... glorious rain!

A slow-moving cold front stalled out over Central and West Texas early Monday morning, dumping significant amounts of rain across the Concho Valley and northern Edwards Plateau.

Here in Schleicher County, rainfall totals varied from 2.5 to 7.5 inches over a two-day period as normally dry draws were up and running, spilling over roadways and washing out water gaps.

Reported in the Oct. 17, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Methodists honor Niblett with Exemplar Award

San Angelo District United Methodists honored three Eldorado residents Oct. 12 for distinguished Christian discipleship.

Cherie Niblett, a member of First United Methodist Church, Eldorado, received the 2002 Bishop's Exemplar Award for the San Angelo District.

Bishop Joel N. Martinez of San Antonio gives the award annually to laypeople selected by the district Board of Laity "for witness, commitment and service after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jerre Holley and Lynn Meador received certificates for outstanding service to the Eldorado congregation and the cause of Christ.

Martinez presented Niblett a special plaque at First United Methodist Church, San Angelo, during the annual San Angelo District Celebration.



Reported in the Oct. 24, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Mighty Eagle Band makes it 19 straight

Tradition has also become part and parcel of an organization that is dear to the hearts of Eldoradoans everywhere, the Mighty Eagle Band. Think about it, for eighteen straight years the band had set the standard for marching bands in the area. For eighteen straight

years it had competed in on wet fields, in wind storms and in blazing heat, and for eighteen straight years it excelled.

This year the thought of that eighteen-year tradition weighed heavily on the minds of the seventy-plus member Mighty Eagle Band. None of them could recall a time when the band had failed to measure up and now they were being called on to duplicate that daunting feat.

Once the band completed its program it marched off the field and lined the fence near the visitors' bleachers where ten other bands were gathered, eagerly awaiting the judges' findings.

Nerves were on edge for the young band and its sponsors. "You just never know," stated EHS Band Director Gina Muela later. "You just never know what the judges are looking for."

Muela, and her assistants, Ernest Bottlinger and Kara Sue Garlitz moved a short distance away from the band to nervously await the judges' decision. When it came the band, as well as its fans, erupted.

"Eldorado...Division One!" Several band members leaped into the air, another raised a clinched fist, and everywhere there were smiles — smiles of joy, smiles of relief.



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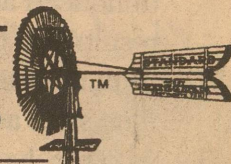
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Reported in the Oct. 31, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

County calls for issue of COs to fund Civic Center

The trip to the building seemed to end all debate as to whether to move forward with a renovation project at the facility. Once back at the courthouse the men voted to increase the amount of a proposed Certificate of Obligation Bond from \$300,000 to \$335,000. The addition was made in order to replace the soaked insulation and the exhibit hall roof.

The remodeling project will also include replacing evaporative coolers and propane cooling and heating units, adding handicapped accessible rest rooms, a septic system, new windows and a new kitchen hall will be added, as well. The pole barn, currently located on the south end of the building, will be torn down and replaced with a metal building on a cement slab, surrounded with nine roll-up doors.

Reported in the Nov. 7, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Saturday wreck sends seven to local hospital

Excessive speed on a rain-slick street contributed to a two-vehicle accident Saturday morning on North Divide in Eldorado, according to DPS Trooper Donald Van Zandt.

Margaret Villarreal, 37, of Ozona was driving south on U.S.

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277 in a white 1993 Chevrolet Suburban when she reportedly lost control on a curve as she entered the north part of town. At that point, Villarreal's vehicle crossed the center stripe into the north-bound lane.

Several cars in a caravan of parents and children from Del Rio, traveling to San Angelo for a cheerleading clinic, swerved to avoid colliding with Villarreal. However, the last vehicle in the caravan, a tan 2002 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Edna Gonzalez, 37, of Del Rio, stuck Villarreal's Suburban broadside. Both vehicles careened into the parking lot of the Pool Well Service building on the East side of the road.

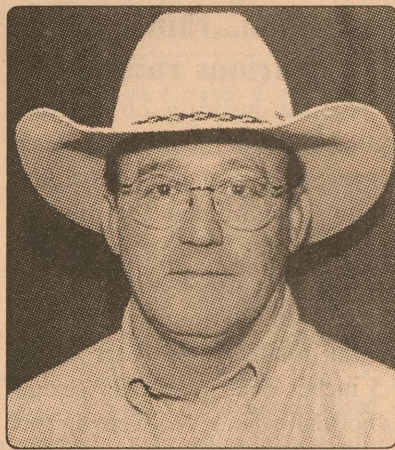


Reported in the Nov. 21, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Blanch resigns as supt., will remain on the job till end of school year

After nearly two hours in a closed door meeting, Schleicher County ISD trustees emerged into open session Monday night and voted to accept the resignations of SCISD Superintendent George Blanch and Finance Director Loretta Edmiston. It was noted that Blanch will be staying on the job until the end of the school year. However, Edmiston will be leaving her job on Nov. 30, 2002. She is leaving to take a similar job at Kermit and is slated to begin work there on Dec. 2.

George Blanch told the Success that he is considering retirement. He said that he might consider another administrator position, noting that he has received offers.



Pct. 4 voters choose Brown in race for commissioner seat

The only voters in Schleicher County to decide a local race on Tuesday were those in Commissioners Precinct 4. They selected Matt Brown (R) over Mike Lux (D) by a 194 to 106 margin to fill the seat being vacated by outgoing Commissioner Ross Whitten.

"I really appreciate the support of the voters," Matt Brown said after the returns came in. "I look forward to representing the people of Precinct 4 and will do my best on their behalf."

Reported in the Nov. 14, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

One hospitalized after 5-vehicle pile up

Miraculously, four of the five people involved in Friday's 5-vehicle accident at the intersection of U.S. 190 and F.M. 2596 (McIntosh Rd.) escaped without serious injury. One person, Juan Enrique Guerrero, 26, of Ft. Hood, was taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where he was treated for injuries to his chest and neck. All told, the chain reaction wreck involved three pickups, one car, a semi truck and four trailers.

DPS Trooper Robert Bybee investigated the accident. He cited Guerrero for Failure to Control Speed.



Bagpipes lend Scottish flavor to Veterans Day program

Bagpipes? Bagpipes in Eldorado? Yes, Bagpipes!

Eldorado Elementary School's annual Veterans Day Program held Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002 was a rousing patriotic tribute to America. And...among the featured entertainment were Joseph and Waylon Sprowl, bagpipe playing twin brothers from Lohn.

The brothers made the trip to Eldorado especially to perform in the Veterans Day Program. Their sudden appearance on stage, dressed in full Scottish attire, complete with kilts, caught the audience by surprise.

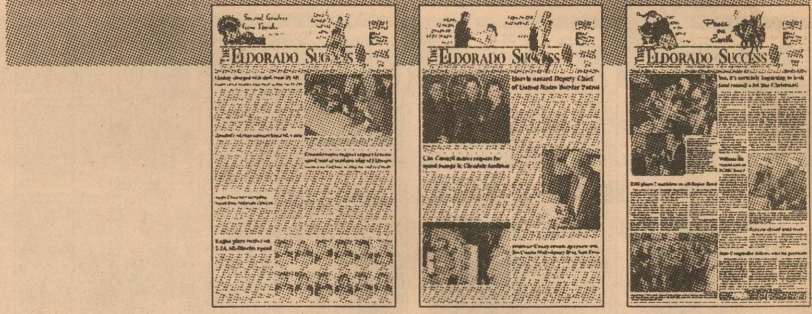
Reported in the Nov. 28, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Lindsey charged with theft from FUMC

A former secretary for First United Methodist Church of Eldorado was arrested this week and charged with felony theft in connection with more than \$23,000.00 in missing funds.

Linda Lindsey, 43, of Eldorado, turned herself in to Sheriff David Doran on Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, and was booked into the Schleicher County Jail. She was released that same day on a \$5,000 surety bond.

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Eagles place twelve on 2-2A All-District squad

With the elimination of all three District 2-2A teams from the State UIL 2A playoffs last week, EHS Coach Gary Grubbs has released the annual list of All-District players. In all, 12 Eagles players were named to the team.

Among those claiming spots on the 2nd Team All-District squad were: Mike Adame, tight end; Ray David Buitron, linebacker; Quisto Gonzalez, running back; Ross Hodges, defensive tackle; Philip Martinez, defensive end; and Landon Nixon, specials teams.

Earning positions on the Honorable Mention All-District team were: Frankie Arispe, punter; Trey Chavez, quarterback; Gus Figueroa, defensive end; J.L. Mankin, offensive tackle; Reese Schwiening, center; and Seth Taylor, linebacker.

Reported in the Dec. 12, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success



Harris named Deputy Chief of United States Border Patrol

Robert L. Harris has been named Deputy Chief of the United States Border Patrol. He is the son of Alva Lee Harris of San Angelo (an Eldorado native) and the grandson of Dorothy Harris and the late Orland Harris of Eldorado. Harris' promotion to the agency's second highest-position was effective on Dec. 1, 2002.

Harris is an 18-year veteran of the Border Patrol, having served much of his career on the Southwest border in Texas, Arizona and California. But, his roots with the Border Patrol go father back and extend much deeper than that. You might say that he grew up in and

around the agency.

Harris' father, Alva Lee Harris, is a retired Border Patrol Agent. So is his uncle, Jimmy Wayne Harris. Another uncle, Jackie Harris is a former agent and Harris' brother, Scott Harris currently serves as a Border Patrol at Carrizo Springs.

City Council denies request for speed bumps in Glendale Addition

Traffic control was a major topic of discussion at Monday night's meeting of the Eldorado City Council which heard three separate requests from citizens on the topic. Those requests ranged from speed bumps and 4-way stop signs to the closing of alleyways.

Raymond Espinosa asked the council to install speed bumps in his Glendale Addition neighborhood. Espinosa explained that motorists drive too fast through the neighborhood and expressed his concern for the safety of children playing in the area.

The council appeared sympathetic to Espinosa's concerns but took no action on the matter after reviewing a letter from the Texas Municipal League's legal department which outlined numerous liability issues surrounding the question of speed bumps. The council did, however, direct City Administrator Randy Mankin to schedule a public hearing in January at which time the council will consider reducing speed limits in the Glendale Addition and other parts of town.

Reported in the Dec. 19, 2002 edition of the Eldorado Success

Williams fills vacant seat on SCMC board

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday in special session and voted unanimously to appoint Frank Williams to fill a vacant seat on the board. Williams will hold the seat until May when much of the board stands for re-election.

After Williams took the oath of office, the board moved on to approve the renewal of an liability insurance policy to cover the district's directors and officers. It was noted the premium had increased primarily due to the ongoing lawsuit brought against the hospital district by former Eldorado physician Randall Sloan.

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Solving problems with kindness

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• Pecan pie muffins
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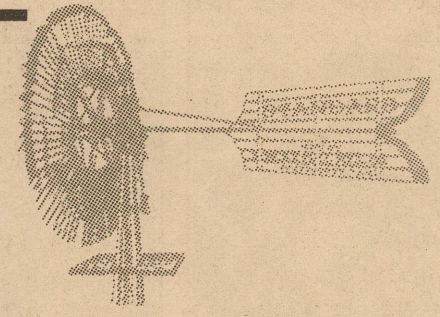
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Important issues addressed by the local governing bodies were reported in detail. Crime reports and arrests were outlined each week in "The Blotter".

Club activities were spotlighted and community gatherings promoted. Church functions were announced as were numerous charitable events.

The Success kept its readers up to date on Eldorado students attending college and regularly printed "Military News" to spotlight the whereabouts and accomplishments of our young men and women serving in the armed forces.

In short, the Eldorado Success covered Eldorado. It has been our pleasure and we look forward to doing it all over again in the year 2003!

Happy New Year!

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Farm Hill restores Wood & Mohr's price supports

1975 acreage delivery is one condition on holiday weekend

EHS communitarian service award for Friday evening

4th Annual Area Golf Classic held

4-H Veterans honored at annual NC 4-H staff banquet

HONOR ROLLS

Eldorado veterans honor fallen comrades on Memorial Day

Veterans graduation receive \$315 diploma during 2002 Commencement

Communitarian Burs Scholarship Pool

HONOR ROLLS

City council adopts animal control ordinance

City council considers enjoining City Hall

2002-2003 EHS year is published in magazine

Hospital trustees fill two board vacancies

Great Javers held again

TDH leaves Community Resource Center

FATHER'S DAY

1st Chair stamp set to increase on 7/1 on June 30

Workforce Development Board plans audit project here

First annual Legends Table Dinner held for June 29-30

Comptroller Rylander delivers tax rebates

Lloyd & Suddarth raises \$10,000 for American Legion

27th Area

San Angelo eyes Edwards-Trinity Aquifer as future water source

Demos near jail when traffic stop leads to one person's death

2nd Miss Angles reunion set for weekend

27th Area

Legislative Session

Rajes appointed to fill vacant seat on City Council

Two jailed after search turns up cocaine in purse

4-H Silver Clover Award presented to Turner & Whitten at annual banquet

10-year-old child injured by fireworks

Happy Birthday, America!

Eldorado's water gets A+ on Consumer Confidence Report

Old school bell rings out for Miss Angles

Youth arrives after rolling car fire

Sheriff urges caution with fireworks

Engines soar to 81-District victory over Torrance Coyotes

Traffic stop nets 80 lbs. marijuana

100,000 lbs worth of pot found behind dashboard

Club Soccer held annual Pinewood Derby

Looking Back at the year 2002

Legislative Session

Legislative Session resumes local government

Two jailed after search turns up cocaine in purse

10-year-old child injured by fireworks

Junior League

Diets named administrator at SCMC

Car loses match with parked tractor

State Comptroller delivers sales tax payments

Four arrested, weapons seized on N. 24th

Coastal recording from Brwarks burns

Back to School

County Commissioners meet, consider Civic Center design

Sales Tax Holiday slated Aug. 2-4

Comptroller candidates report on 2002

City gets good news about power plant

Back to School

Hospital trustees move toward upgrade of aging X-ray equipment

Sales Tax Holiday begins tomorrow

Boots and Spurs Jr's rodeo time, again!

Wardens

SCISD earns Exemplary Rating from Texas Education Agency

Enthusiastic fans witness performance in 2002 annual Eldorado Open Rodeo

School registration schedule set

Williams & McAnney "Trophy Inn Fashions" holding annual "Diner" 4-11 fashion show

Judge Walker awards award money to Sheriff's Department

Wardens

SCISD trustees okay reducing plan

Comptroller's report on 2002

Health insurance donated to City agents

Wardens

TDH outlines state's response to West Nile Virus

Precaution, not panic, fear for against West Nile Virus

Dumbwood Smith plans Eldorado visit to witness Tague calling event

Scraper reworked

Mescalito Control

Wardens

Water Conservation Tips

Comptroller's report on 2002

First-ever Tague calling honors man who discovered the bird in 1959

Comptroller checks FREE for the community

Hospital trustees start to walk for great health, some to register for 5K on U.S. 277

Water Conservation Tips

County council approves \$1.86 million budget

More-power carries Harold Hill family several job opportunities on Texas coast

Memorial services set for Sept. 11

Sen. Cook White in interim position at Community Hospital

Water Conservation Tips

EHS members complete at Texas Creek C-County Meet

Eldorado Hand Start closed for a week after Texas' annual Community Action Council

County adopts \$1.28 million budget for 2003

City council meets, takes animal shelter

Market changed with Kalamazoo in 2002

Wardens

Flour of illicit drugs through county shows no signs of letting up

Wardens don't feel led by Texas phone scam

County commissioners look for ways to save Community Resource Center

Hospital trustees adopt \$4.57 million budget

Wardens

Credit card fraud investigation stems from traffic stop on U.S. 277

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ENS HOMECOMING 2002

Flurry crash on U.S. 277 leaves Sonora man in critical condition

Monday to last day to register to vote in Nov. 5 election

Grand Jurors meet, hand down new felony indictments

Homecoming 2002 weekend opens tonight at 6:30

HONOR ROLLS

City Council looking for general contractor for City Hall expansion

Rain...rain...glorious rain!

EHS voters gather inside fish exhibit

Four people injured after minivan rolls on U.S. 277

HONOR ROLLS

Mighty Eagle Band makes it 19 straight "Pride of the Divide" winner

U.S. Senate okay adding northern route to Port-to-Plains Corridor

"Spooky" Health Fair held Tuesday Oct. 23

HONOR ROLLS

County calls for issue of Certificates of Obligation to fund Civic Center

Drinking tanks blamed for arroyohead sewage system after heavy rains swamp Fabulous

These local youths won 4-8 Gold for awards

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City council okay construction of City Hall addition

Pat. 4 more show items to city for communitarian use

Weather falls to dangerous levels at annual Game Dinner

HONOR ROLLS

One hospitalized after 5-vehicle pile up

Commissioners meet, canvas ballots

Victims survive American Profile explosion

State Comptroller delivers sales tax payments

HONOR ROLLS

Blacks register in SCISD experiment, will remain on the job through end of school year

Reggie's local football team to Veterans Day program

EHS students named to All-District Team

Nation's

Comptroller Delivering Service pleased for Sunday

HONOR ROLLS

Second Graders Give Thanks

Hospital's wireless Internet opens for a night

Commissioners support request to lower speed limit on northern edge of Eldorado

State Class now accepting 2003-2004 applications

Eagles place twelve on 2-2A All-District squad

HONOR ROLLS

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Enhancement of natural resources begins Jan. 1

Christmas Trolley planned here Dec. 14 & 15

State's jail inspector gives county backup high marks

HONOR ROLLS

City Council desires request for speed bumps in Glendale Addition

Harri's named Deputy Chief of United States Border Patrol

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Schleicher County extends agreement with the Canada-Mexico Agency Using Truck Entry

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Success closed next week

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HONOR ROLLS

2002... Looking back at the year that was

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