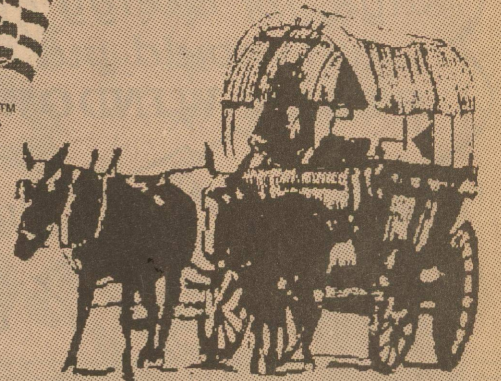


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Headlines From
Around the World

Engine failure cited in crash

Engine failure caused Saturday's deadly crash of a military cargo jet in Siberia, Russian investigators announced yesterday. Three of the plane's four engines reportedly shut down seconds after takeoff causing the plane to crash into an apartment building. Officials are still trying to determine the reason for the crash. Sixty-seven people were confirmed killed, while 17 people are currently unaccounted for.

Singer gives \$32M to Di fund

Pop singer Elton John gave a check for \$32 million to Princess Diana's memorial fund yesterday. It was the first installment from the sale of "Candle in the Wind," the hit song he rewrote in her honor. The check doubled the amount currently in the fund. John sang his revised version of "Candle in the Wind" at Diana's funeral in Westminster Abbey on Sept. 6, but says he will never perform the song live again, unless Diana's teen-aged sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, request it.

Yeltsin is hospitalized

Russian President Boris Yeltsin has been hospitalized with a virus, a government spokesman said yesterday. Presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky claimed Yeltsin's condition is not serious, but that doctors advised him to stay indoors and rest. Yeltsin, who will be hospitalized for about 10 days, will retain full presidential authority and keep in touch with other top officials, Yastrzhembsky stated. The 66-year-old president has a long history of heart disease and other illnesses.

Trade deficit increases 11.4%

Foreign investors cut their purchases of U.S. Treasury securities significantly, and the deficit in the broadest measure of U.S. foreign trade shot up 11.4 percent over the summer and early fall. The current deficit, reported Wednesday by the Commerce Department, rose from a seasonally adjusted \$37.9 billion in the second quarter to \$42.2 billion in the third. It was the highest level in a year.

School trustees receive audit report

A few months ago, the Schleicher County school board feared the district could be facing a deficit totalling as much as \$300,000 in its 1996-97 budget. With that in mind, the trustees directed superintendent Hal Porter to move money from the school's reserves (fund balance) into the general fund to cover any shortfall. Monday night, the school's auditor, Jerry

Tinkler representing the accounting firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant & Featherston met with the board to explain that the district's financial picture wasn't nearly as bleak as it had appeared.

After auditing SCISD's books, Tinkler reported the budget to have been exceeded by "roughly \$22,000."

Tinkler noted that "internal con-

trols" on the district's bookkeeping had failed. "Bank statements were not reconciled in a timely manner and inter-fund transactions did not balance," Tinkler said.

"Nobody was looking at that and saying these balances don't agree and looking to see why," Tinkler continued. "That's a breakdown in internal controls when that happens."

The printed audit report which Tinkler presented to the board, included a 'management letter' which will be forwarded to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The letter outlines several 'reportable conditions' which Tinkler said he believes to be material weaknesses in the district's financial management. Tinkler recommended SCISD implement a series of corrective procedures to remedy the conditions.

Board president Ilse Williams pointed out that the board had been aware of problems for quite some time. "Since January '96 the board has been working to remedy the situation," Williams said. "The board finally took the step of employing a new finance director and superintendent."

Williams also noted that the SCISD board had even gone so far as to hire consultants from the Region XV Education Service Center.

"This is not something Region XV normally does," Tinkler replied. "They just did this to help y'all out."

"The books for the first four months were in a lot worse shape than any of us thought," Tinkler continued. "If y'all hadn't hired them (Region XV consultants) I don't think I could give an unqualified opinion about your financial statement."

Tinkler also pointed out that the district had violated competitive bidding laws when it spent \$61,470 for air conditioning equipment without going through a formal bid procedure. It was noted that the air conditioning work was done as the school conducting major storm repairs and the bidding was



photo by Randy Mankin

Good news, bad news — Auditor Jerry Tinkler updates SCISD trustees on the school district's financial position at Monday night's board meeting.

simply overlooked. Tinkler said, however, that a copy of the audit report will be forwarded to District Attorney by the TEA.

Superintendent Hal Porter re-

sponded to the audit saying that he and his staff have already implemented the recommendations made by Tinkler.

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photo by Kathy Mankin

A job well done — Nancy Doyle was presented with a plaque marking her 29½ years as an educator at Monday night's school board meeting. Doyle will be retiring from SCISD on Dec. 31st.

Yearly Christmas concert will be held this Sunday afternoon

by Tiffany Case

This Sunday at three, the middle school and high school bands will give a Christmas concert at the High School Auditorium. The concert is free of charge, and is open to the public. The following bands are scheduled to perform: the sixth grade band, the seventh and eighth grade band, and the high school band.

The sixth grade band members have prepared two songs for this concert. They are "Up on the House Top," and Holiday Sampler." This concert is the sixth graders first public performance, and is expected to be a great one.

The seventh and eighth grade band will also perform on Sunday. They will play "Twas the Concert Before Christmas," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." The eighth graders have just rounded up another marching season, and have worked quickly to prepare these songs.

Finally, the Eldorado High School band will perform. Ever since marching season ended, they have been working on Christmas music for this concert. They plan to perform "Carolers," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "Christmas Cradle Song," and "Christmas Recollections."



photo by Kathy Mankin

Emergency care — Barry Bivins of Eldorado is placed in an ambulance for transport to SCMC Monday after receiving an accidental gunshot wound to the thigh.

Accidental gunshot wound sends local man to hospital

Barry Bivins, 49, of Eldorado was transported by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center Monday afternoon after receiving an accidental gunshot wound to his thigh. He was later taken to Columbia Medical Center for surgery and is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

A .243 rifle in Bivins' pickup reportedly fell from its rack behind the seat and discharged against

Bivins' leg. According to investigators at the scene, the man had been on a ranch several miles west of Eldorado at the time of the accident. After calling for help, Bivins reportedly drove his pickup toward Eldorado, after stopping to open several gates. EMS and Sheriff's department personnel intercepted Bivins about 22 miles west of town where he was transferred to the ambulance.

Peggy Williams seeks reelection



photo by Kathy Mankin

Schleicher County Clerk
Peggy Williams

At this time I am announcing my candidacy for re-election as County & District Clerk of Schleicher County. I feel that the office of County & District Clerk has made great strides during the past years and I feel there is so much more to be done.

I look forward to visiting with each of you during my campaign and I ask for your help and support in my re-election efforts.

Doyle runs for second term

To the Citizens
of Schleicher County:

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Justice of the Peace. I took office in November, 1994 and have enacted many changes for the benefit of Schleicher County. Our county has a sheriff and three deputies, two state troopers, one state trooper, one state game warden and the drug task force so it is evident that a lot of violations have been file. From Jan. 1, 1997 to Dec. 8, 1997 there were 1,798 criminal violations filed in Justice Court.

This office requires a person to go out day or night, to issue warrants and rule on unattended deaths or even hold court if the need should arise. I feel I have met this challenge and will continue to do so. This office sets all bonds for county court cases and district court cases. I feel that I have been fair in

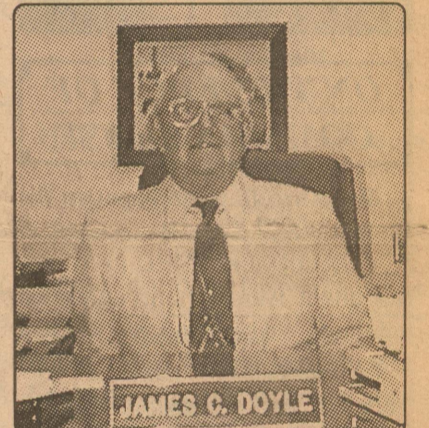


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Justice of the Peace
James C. Doyle

handling each individual case.

Should the citizens of Schleicher County choose to re-elect me for a second term, I will do my very best to operate the office in a honest and professional manner.

Sincerely
James C. Doyle

Bill Clark files for Co. Commissioner, Pct. #2

I am announcing that I am a candidate for county commissioner in Pct. 2. I am 32 years old, having lived in Eldorado all of those years. My wife's name is Louanne and we have two daughters, Brittany and Danielle. Louanne is employed at Schleicher County I.S.D.

I believe strongly that we in Schleicher County and Eldorado have our brightest days as a community ahead of us. Our people have a strong will to keep our community vibrant and solvent. I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones throughout this campaign. If elected I will do my best and dedicate however much time is required to meet the challenges of our community head-on.

Louanne and I are active in Scouts and Little League baseball. We both believe that youth involvement is a key to the future or



photo by Randy Mankin

Bill Clark

our community. We believe strongly in planning at a county level in such a way that enables graduates or our schools to return to Eldorado to make a living for their families.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Bill Clark

NOTICE

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Success will not publish an issue on Thursday, Dec. 25th. Next week's edition will be our Christmas issue. Businesses or individuals wishing to include a holiday greeting are encouraged to call 853-3125. Thank you!

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BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Cat Laws

BAXTER BLACK

just keep all the criminals indoors for life?"

"Good question, but they say cats are domesticated animals and coyotes are wild animals and they don't want to appear anti-wildlife."

"Mice are wildlife, so are birds, it's all part of the food chain."

"They apparently want to remove cats from the food chain. For your own protection, of course."

"I thought it was to protect the birds," said Miss Kitty, ever vigilant to flaws in my logic, "And besides, do they really enjoy that odiferous cat box in the laundry room. It's bad enough to walk around in a Tupperware Toilet if you're a cat. I've always envied camels. Sand as far as you can see. Go anytime you please."

"They suggested humans who want their cats to spend time outdoors need to invest in an outdoor enclosure or walk their cats on a harness."

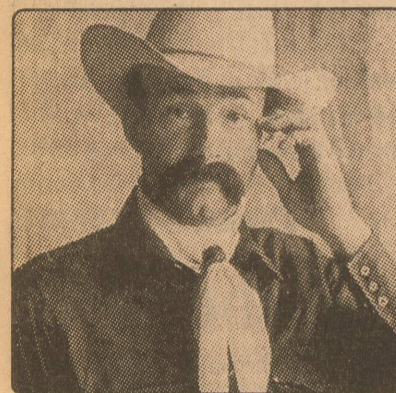
Miss Kitty got indignant, "You ever tried to walk a cat in a harness! We're not dogs you know! I've spent a lifetime keepin' your place free of rodents and vermin and this is the thanks I get. So I eat a bird now and then. And another thing, I've lost more friends to car tires than coyotes. Why don't they have speed limits slow enough to let cats get out of the way."

"Wait a minute," I protested, "It isn't me, it's just a story in the paper."

"Sure," she huffed, "But some self-appointed cat lover will weasel or badger you into makin' me a house cat. You'll fall for it and take me prisoner. Next thing I know you'll be takin' me for walks in a cat harness. Not for me, buckaroo, I'm leavin'."

"Wait," I pleaded, "Where will you go?"

"Well," she said, "I've always wanted to see Wisconsin."



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

I was reading the paper to the cat last week. She tries to keep up on current events, particularly stories about Ivana Trump and alien landings. We got to a story where a few obscure animal rights groups have called for the nation's 66 million pet cats to be kept indoors for life.

"Why?" asked Miss Kitty.

"Well," I answered, "This says that free roaming cats kill from 8 million to 217 million birds a year in Wisconsin alone."

"My, I had no idea there were that many birds in Wisconsin."

"Yes, and one person was quoted as saying 'We don't want our house companions going out and killing other animals.'"

"What about mice?" asked Miss Kitty scratching behind her ear.

"They don't say, but they are also worried about you being eaten by coyotes."

"Then why don't they keep all the coyotes indoors for life. It's like making people bolt and bar their homes and stay inside during prime shopping hours. Why don't they

Over the Back Fence

by Randy Mankin

Here it is, the second installment from the Church Bulletin Bloopers file:

- 1) Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- 2) The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- 3) The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- 4) Evening message - 6 p.m.
- 5) The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- 6) The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- 7) Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.
- 8) Ushers will eat latecomers.
- 9) The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- 10) The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audi-

- ence.
- 12) The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- 13) During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
- 14) Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- 15) Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- 16) Stewardship Offertory: "Jesus Paid It All"
- 17) The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
- 18) The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- 20) The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks

- are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
- 21) 22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.
- 22) A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.
- 23) Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.
- 24) Hymn 43: "Great God, what do I see here?" Preacher: The Rev. Horace Blodgett Hymn 47: "Hark! an awful voice is sounding"
- 25) Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
- 27) Pastor is on vacation. Messages can be given to church secretary.
- 30) 8 new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- 31) Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Gov. Bush announces candidacy for reelection

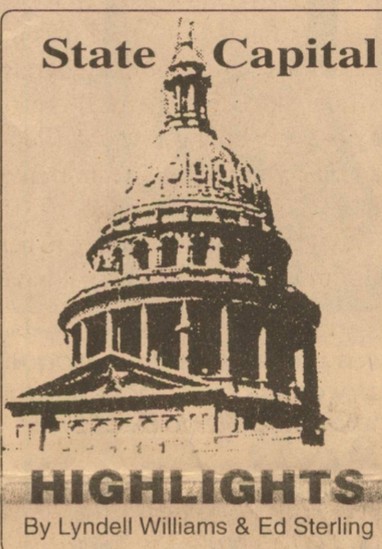
AUSTIN — From an elementary school podium in Midland, Gov. George W. Bush last week announced his reelection bid for a second term. The 51-year-old Republican, who has reported a campaign war chest of \$13 million, is expected to face Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro in the November 1998 election.

"I propose that we begin the new century by putting an end to social promotion in Texas schools," Bush said. "We must recognize that self-esteem is not taught but earned by teaching our children to read and write and add and subtract."

Bush outlined his campaign platform as follows:

- Require public school students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam in third, fifth and eighth grades before advancing to the next grade.
- Offer more advanced training for teachers.
- Exempt businesses with sales of \$100,000 or less from paying the state franchise tax.
- Enact tax credits for companies doing research and development.
- Put more state money into child care.
- Establish live-in facilities for pregnant, unwed teenagers.
- Allocate more state money to encourage prosecutors to litigate statutory rape cases.

35 candidates have filed
Dec. 3 marked the first day for



study the issue. At a public hearing last week, a homeowner who said his house has a durable concrete tile roof, complained that he would not qualify for the proposed discounts because his roof is not new. Under the proposal, discounts could be as much as 35 percent, depending on the area of the state and the type of roof purchased. Discounts would apply to asphalt composition shingles and concrete tile roofs that have been certified as impact resistant by Underwriters Laboratories, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Use of force rules opposed

Following Texas sheriffs' opposition, proposed state guidelines on use of force against jail inmates are doomed, according to *The Brazosport Facts*, a daily newspaper in Brazoria County.

Texas Commission on Jail Standards executive director Jack Crump, who proposed the new regulations after viewing a Brazoria County videotape allegedly depicting abuse, told the newspaper he has changed his mind.

The proposal—which would require operators of county jails and for-profit prisons to submit for commission review policies on use of force against inmates—was expected to die at the panel's meeting last week.

Crump and the nine governor-appointed members of the jail commission say they have been overwhelmed with negative feedback

from Texas sheriffs in the months after publishing the proposal in the state register.

A videotape of a September 1996 jail shakedown showed Capital Correctional Resources Inc. guards and Brazoria County deputies using what some state officials contend was excessive force against Missouri inmates.

Other Capital Highlights

• Gov. Bush appointed his lawyer, Alberto R. Gonzales, to replace Tony Garza as secretary of state. Garza resigned last month to seek the GOP nomination for land commissioner. Gonzales' appointment requires state Senate approval.

• Three nationally established lottery contractors submitted cost proposals and letters of intent to run Texas Lottery instant-ticket games and on-line games. GTECH, the current operator, did not submit a proposal. It has filed a lawsuit challenging the rebidding of its multi-million dollar contract to operate the Texas Lottery.

• State Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, a Republican, are candidates for lieutenant governor. Both are Texas A&M graduates and friends of agriculture. And both have good pitches for the endorsement of the influential Texas Farm Bureau. Vernie Glasson, executive director of the Bureau — whose son works for the comptroller's office — said he "told John and Rick this is the race from hell."

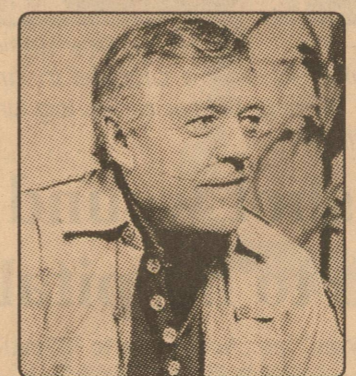
The Texas Flag

Six different flags have flown over Texas during its eight stages of evolution:

- Spanish - 1519 to 1685
- French - 1685 to 1690
- Spanish - 1690 to 1821
- Mexican - 1821 to 1836
- Republic of Texas - 1836 to 1845
- United States - 1845 to 1861
- Confederate - 1861 to 1865
- United States 1865 to now.

Texas is known as the Lone Star State because of its state flag with a single star. The first Republic of Texas flag also had a single star, but it was gold in the center of a blue background. It was known as David G. Burnet's flag and was voted into use on December 10, 1836. It didn't last very long. The current Texas flag was worked out and approved by President Mirabeau B. Lamar and

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

was adopted by the Third Congress of the Republic on January 25, 1839.

The flag consisted of "a blue perpendicular stripe of the width of one-third of the whole length of the

flag with a white star of five points in the center thereof, and two horizontal stripes of equal breadth, the upper stripe white, the lower red, of the length of two-thirds of the whole flag."

The Lone Star Flag of the Republic of Texas later became the state flag. It is generally accepted that the Texas flag's colors represent the same virtues as they do in the United States flag: red means courage, blue means loyalty and white means purity and liberty.

Some uses of the flag were adopted by the state legislature in 1933. The Texas flag should not be displayed earlier than sunrise or later than sunset unless properly illuminated. It should not be left out in inclement weather unless it is a weatherproof flag. It should be flown with the white stripe upper-

most except in case of distress. The blue field should be to the observer's left.

The Texas flag should be underneath the national flag when the two are flown from the same pole. When flown from separate, adjacent flagpoles, the United States flag and the Texas flag should be of the same size and on flagpoles of equal length. The United States flag should be to the observer's left.

On April 3, 1965, Governor John Connally signed an act of the 59th legislature officially designating the pledge to the Texas flag as follows:

"Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible." The pledge to the Texas flag can be recited at all public events after the pledge to the US flag is recited.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Jonathan Swift, English classic writer, in his work "A Modest Proposal" offered an absurd solution to the problem of over population. His proposal was that the "poor", of London, off their new born to the rich as table fare. This absurdity, in many ways, is reminiscent of our current dilemma regarding four letter words being featured in books for middle school youth

If, according to the school librarian, library book selection committee, administration official and the school board president, these profane and vulgar offerings are appropriate reading children of this age, may I offer further proposal in the same vein.

1. If the purpose of public schools is to educate, and thus to improve vocabulary, then these words should be added to the schools curriculum as essential for communication in the English language. Any new vocabulary word should be on a spelling test to ensure proper spelling. It should be taught as to just what part or parts of speech of which it may become shining example. The student then should be able to use it correctly in a sentence.

2. The student should be rewarded for new and unique ways in which the word can be employed in everyday language, and should be encouraged to use them in homework, essays, editorials for school papers. I mean, after all, if they are appropriate for library book why not for general use? They might be used in birthday cards and

as expressive language for all manner of emotional outlets. I'm sure my grandmother would have loved to receive a card with this creative art form used in proper context.

3. These words could be printed on Tee shirts, worn to school events, so neighboring communities will be able to see how liberated and innovative our school system has become.

4. Should one of these colorful utterances offend someone, the offended party could be politely brushed off as being "old fashioned" or just not "with it"!

5. The surprising thing to me is that I have never seen these words used in the works of Shakespeare, Milton, Defoe, Thackeray, George, Dickens, Browning, Longfellow, Twain or Alcott. Each of these writers were able to express themselves. I guess their vocabulary was sufficient for them to say what they wanted to without resorting to current vulgar trends. Maybe the modern writers who wallow in this stuff don't have that ability. Hmmm....

Pat Ragsdale

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to drop you a line saying how sorry I was to have to postpone my December 5 visit to Eldorado.

Please let the people in your community know that my visit has been delayed -- not canceled -- and that I look forward to meeting you all at the first opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kay Bailey Hutchison



photo by Randy Mankin

Remembering Daniel — The Eldorado Middle School student council planted a tree recently in memory of Daniel Mitchell. In a moving ceremony witnessed by the entire EMS student body, several students were joined by teachers and principal Julie Griffin in honoring their schoolmate who died tragically on July 17th. Also pictured is Daniel's mother, Karen Mitchell, who attended the ceremony along with Daniel's grandmother, Vonnie Dannheim.

Nancy Doyle says farewell to the teaching profession

After nearly 30 years in the classroom, Nancy Doyle is retiring from teaching. Doyle was honored by the SCISD board of trustees Monday night in recognition of her outstanding career as an educator. Her last day on the job will Dec. 31.

Doyle graduated from Odessa High School before attending Sul Ross University where she graduated with a bachelor of science degree. She taught 3rd grade for one year in McCamey before coming to Eldorado. For the past 28½ years she has taught 2nd grade at Eldorado Elementary. She married Jimmy Doyle 22 years ago.

Doyle said she is looking to her retirement. She said she will have



more time for her three favorite activities...reading, listening to George Strait and traveling.

Annual 'Live Nativity' scene slated

Community Baptist Church will present their annual Live Nativity Scene on Friday and Saturday, December 12 & 13. Each night there will be two performances, one at 7:00 p.m. and one at 8:00 p.m.

The church is located across from the Schleicher County Court House at 12 East Warner.

The annual program is directed and produced by the Youth Ministries of Community Baptist Church. The show is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend.



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A Christmas tradition — Community Baptist Church will stage a Live Nativity Scene on the church grounds beginning at 7 pm Fri. and Sat. nights. A second performance is set for 8 pm each night.

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Lady Eagles sweep the field & win Ballinger tournament



photo by Kathy Mankin

The Ladys are champs — The Lady Eagles & their coach pose with the 1st Place trophy they won at the Ballinger basketball tournament last weekend. Team members include (Front L-R) Luticia Nixon, Angela Ballew, Makenzie McCravey, Kayla McCravey, Kim Jones (Middle L-R) Stormi Sessom, Kaci Hunter, Renea Edmiston, Candice Rivers (Back L-R) Kayla Kohls, Victoria Mitchel, Ashley Finley and Coach Kane Harris. The girls defeated Bronte, Winters, Miles and Ballinger in the Round Robin tournament.

"The girls had an excellent tournament. Going 4 & 0 and beating Ballinger in the Championship was sweet. It was a total team effort and they had to earn every victory. With a lot of hard work and a great attitude, they can continue to win all games and have fun." said Lady Eagle's Coach Harris.

The Lady Eagles traveled to Ballinger Thursday, December 4, 1997 to play the first in a series of Round Robin games in the Ballinger Tournament. The Lady Eagles won their first game against Bronte with score of 52-44. On Friday the Lady Eagles won against Winters with a score of 39-36. The last two games on Saturday were won soundly by Eldorado with a score of 64 to Miles 41 and Eldorado cinched the Championship with a score of 47 with Ballinger trailing by 6 points.

Victoria Mitchel was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player while Angela Ballew and Makenzie McCravey earned spots on the All-Tournament Team.

Dec. 4 - Ballinger Tournament

Eagles Varsity Girls 52
Bronte Varsity Girls 44

Dec 5 - Ballinger Tournament

Eagles Varsity Girls 39
Winters Varsity Girls 36

Dec. 6 - Ballinger Tournament

Eagles Varsity Girls 64

Eagles Girls Varsity: 48

Sonora Girls Varsity: 31

Lady Eagles won 48-31 over the Broncos December 2, 1997 in Sonora. Coach Harris was delighted with the 79.2% from the Free Throw line. Coach Harris said "The girls played excellent. They played together and it was their best effort of the year so far."

Stats

Field Goal	13
3 Point	3
3 Point Attempt	16
Free Throw	19
Rebound	45

Top Five Individual Stats: Angela Ballew, 14 pts, 8 rebounds, 1 steal; Stormi Sessom 11pts and 12 rebounds, 1 steal; Victoria Mitchel, 10 pts, 1-3 pts.; and 9 rebounds; Makenzie McCravey 9 pts, 2- 3pt; 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Ashley Finley 4 pts, 2 rebounds, 1 steal.

JV Eagle Boys Dec. 8, 1997

Mason Tournament

Eldorado 28 - Mason 39

Scoring for the Eagles were: Joey Bullard - 14 points (Top Scorer), (1) 3-pointer, 5 field goals; Johnny Arispe - 1 point; William Robledo - 6 points, 3 field goals; Ben Edmiston - 2 points, 1 field goal; Kenny Covarrubiaz - 2 points, 1 field goal; Asa Nixon - 2 points, 1 field goal; Jeff Stafford - 2 points. 10-8-5-5 Total Points Scored in each Quarter.

Miles Varsity Girls 41

Championship Game - Dec. 6

Eagles Varsity Girls 47

Ballinger Varsity Girls 41

1st Game - Victoria Mitchel - 13 pts, 5 field goals Makenzie McCravey - 12 pts; (2) 3 pointers; 1 field goal; Angela Ballew - 12 points, 6 field goals; Stormi Sessom - 6 points, 2 field goals; Kayla McCravey - 4 points.

2nd Game - Victoria Mitchel - 17 points, 7 field goals, (1) 3-pointer, Stormi Sessom - 8 points, 4 field goals; Angela Ballew - 6 points, 3 field goals; Makenzie McCravey - 4 points, 1 field goal; Ashley Finley - 4 points, 2 field goals.

3rd Game - Victoria Mitchel - 30 points, 10 field goals, (3) 3-pointer's; Ashley Finley - 6 points, 2 field goals; Kayla McCravey - 6 points, 3 field goals; Kim Jones - 6 points, 3 field goals; Stormi Sessom - 6 points, 2 field goals.

4th Game - Championship - Angela Ballew - 15 points, 5 field goals, Makenzie McCravey - 10 points, 1 field goal, (2) 3-pointers; Victoria Mitchel - 9 points, 1 field goal, and (2) 3-pointers; Kayla McCravey - 5 points, 2 field goals; Ashley Finley - 4 points, (1) 3 pointer; Stormi Sessom - 4 points, 2 field goals.



photo by Randy Mankin

Outstanding Eagles — Nine members of the Eldorado Eagles football team were recognized at the Fall Sports award program held last Sunday. They are (Front Row L-R) Most Dedicated Eagles Beau Sallee, Jason Richters and Casey Snelson, (Back Row L-R) Defensive Back of the Year Mark Fryar, Defensive Lineman of the Year Randy Spears, Offensive Back of the Year Garrett Bownds, Offensive Lineman of the Year Dusty Nolen, Head Hunter Award Cory Lloyd and Armando Villavicencio (not pictured).

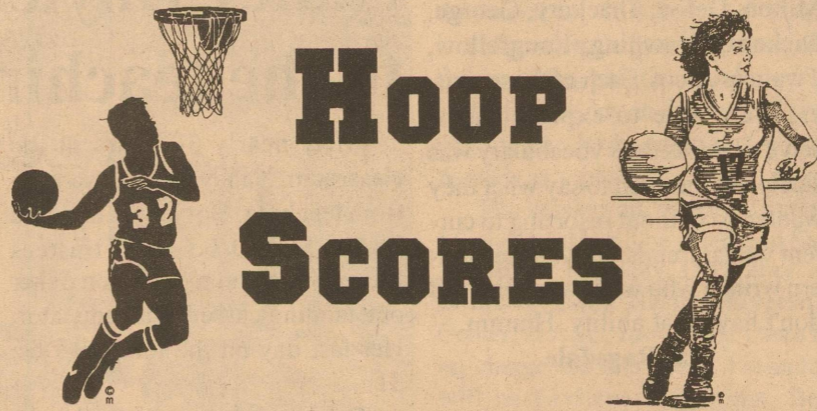
Eagle Varsity Boys

November 21, 1997

Eldorado 58- Nueces Canyon

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Top Five Individual Stats: Zack Steele - 20 points, 8 field goals; (3) 3-pointers, 6 rebounds, 3 steals; Michael Mayo - 12 points, 6 field goals, 6 rebounds, 3 steals; Kyle Hunter 9 points, 4 field goals, 1 rebound, 3 steals; Jason Richters - 8 points, 4 field goals, 14 rebounds, 2 steals; Mark Fryar - 4 points, 2 field goals, 9 rebounds, 2 steals.



7th Grade Boys

December 8, 1997

Eldorado 33 - Miles 4

Scoring for the Eagles were: Bobby Phillips - 8 points (Top Scorer); Landon Nixon - 1; Ryan Adame- 2; Buddy Greer - 2; Quisto Gonzales - 6; Nathanael Wolfe - 6; Heath Andrew - 4; David Cantu - 4. Also playing were: Ray Buitron, Matt Greenwood and J.L. Mankin.

Eagle Varsity Boys

December 2, 1997

Eldorado 61 - Sonora 81

Top Four Individual Stats: Anthony Pina - 16 points, 6 field goals, 7 rebounds, 2 steals; Jason Richters - 18 points, 7 field goals, 8 rebounds, 1 steal; Mark Fryar - 9 points, 4 field goals, 1 rebound, 3 steals. Casey Poyner - 13 points, 5 field goals, 4 rebounds, 2 steals.

JV Eagle Boys

December 8, 1997

Mason Tournament

Eldorado 45 - San Saba 40

Scoring for the Eagles were: Joey Bullard - 15 points (Top Scorer), 5 field goals; William Robledo - 8 points, 3 field goals; Ben Edmiston - 2 points, 1 field goal; Kenny Covarrubiaz - 11 points, 5 field goals; Asa Nixon - 2 points, 1 field goal; Jeff Stafford - 3 points; Rocky Robles - 3 points; and Matt Curtis - 2 points, 1 field goal. 9 - 17 - 4-16 Total Points Scored in each Quarter.

School Lunch

Menu

Cafeteria Line

- Monday, Dec. 15th**
Sausage Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing
- Tuesday, Dec. 16th**
Turkey & Dressing, Giblett Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping
- Wednesday, Dec. 17th**
Meat & Macaroni, Glazed Carrots, Sliced Pears, Cornbread, Lemon Bars
- Thursday, Dec. 18th**
Chalupas/Bean & Cheese, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, White Cake/Icing
- Friday, Dec. 19th**
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Tots, Dill Pickle Slices, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Apple Crisp
- Breakfast**
- Monday, Dec. 15th**
Peaches, Waffle Stix/Syrup
- Tuesday, Dec. 16th**
Mixed Fruit, Hot Oatmeal/Toast
- Wednesday, Dec. 17th**
Sliced Peaches, Cheese Toast
- Thursday, Dec. 18th**
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly
- Friday, Dec. 19th**
Apple Slices, Bran Muffins, Choice of Cereal
- Fast Food Line**
- Monday, Dec. 15th**
Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Tartar Sauce, Lettuce, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing
- Tuesday, Dec. 16th**
Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping
- Wednesday, Dec. 17th**
Sausage Pizza, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Lemon Bars
- Thursday, Dec. 18th**
Chick Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, White Cake/Icing
- Friday, Dec. 19th**
Same as Cafeteria Line



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Most Dedicated Runners — Juan Sanchez and Anna Loomis were honored at the Fall Sports Award program Sunday as the EHS Cross-Country team's Most Dedicated Runners.

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Reminder: Sr. Citizen lunch set

by Vicky Esparza

A reminder to the public who would like to attend the Senior citizen lunch which is slated on December 16 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in cafeteria. This luncheon will be provided by the Schleicher County In-

dependent School District for the citizens of Eldorado free of charge. Entertainment will be provided by Madolyn Joy, her choir, Miss Muela and the flutes. Ken Newman invites anyone who would like to attend please RSVP at 853-2549 ext.321.



photo by Kathy Mankin

A group of talented students — Mr. Spinks 7th grade Industrial Technology class fabricated these geogeous gift items. They have been on display in the lobby of First National Bank. Class members include: Jennifer Martinez, Buddy Greer, Todd Overstreet, Joe Arispe, Jessi Guadarrama, Liza Sanchez, Matt Greenwood, Loida Almazan, Courtney Sauer, Martha Lively, Layna Murr, Daniel Iglesias and Lilly Vallejo

PSAT results are announced

by Alana Oliver and Jackie Barrera

The results from the PSAT test taken by sophomores in September, came in earlier this week. All in all, the sophomores feel they did a fair job. Evelyn Quintana said "It wasn't as easy as I thought, but hopefully the information the test

gave me will help me when I take the ACT and SAT."

Mrs. Hodges also said that she thought "the scores could have been improved, but that's what the test is for, to help you prepare for the real one." High School students have the opportunity to take the SAT and ACT during the spring.

NOTICE

Because of upcoming final exams and Christmas break, the Wingspread will not resume publishing until the spring semester. The Wingspread staff would like to sincerely thank this exceptional community, school system, and The Eldorado Success for supporting our work this past semester.

Chinese Opera

Straining through the tiny looking glass,
she will wait and listen.

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Enveloped by a sea of colorful heads, bobbing
under the expanse of lights that glisten.

Roaming eyes gather in huddles as dainty men
tip their hats in adoration.
Far away, they huddle all around, so far away.
Adjusting, twisting, turning a vivid image is formed;
a revelation.

And all at once, the vast night sky illuminates,
so far away.

Drums beat through the air like thunder;
heavenly trumpets sound from down below.
And what once seemed a distant dream rolls into
her head from far away.
Angels strum harps and bells jingle a
syncopated rhythm so clear.

Out shimmer men and women, dressed in song
and glory, so far away.

Crowds of faced in nervous excitement murmur
in waves that proceed out the rear.
It seems hard to imagine them, bunched up
outside, the rival night air whipping around
them, standing so far away.

Awed with child wonder, the little girl clutches
her view, the looking glass, her eyes to see.
Music wafts up and caresses the crowds, so far away.
Dancers spring and leap through the air with
such grace, velvet and gold, ivory and echoing.
Far away, they are so far away.

--Hannah Wolfe,
Sophomore, E.H.S.

FFA District Leadership Contest

by Tabitha Garcia

On December 1, 1997 13 FFA students from High School sponsored by Bill Sudduth and advisors Scott Grube, and Gary Gibson traveled to Wall to compete in the Leadership Contest. The leadership contestd consists of three team, the senior chapter conductee team, creed speaking, and the farm radio script in which it was their duty to come up with ways to solve agricultural problems.

In the competition the senior chapter conductee team placed 4th overall which consisted of Kary Gibson, John Calcote, Levona Lloyd, Jess Martin, Micah McKinney and TJ Rodriguez.

The farm radio script team consisting of Mark Fryar, Leland Lacy and Stormi Sessom placed 3rd overall.

Creed speaker, Cayla Jeffrey placed second which will advance her to area on Saturday.

Schools receive grant

by Mary Adame

Recently, the Eldorado school system received a grant for \$143,000. \$90,000 was used to purchase 45 new computers, and the rest of the money was used for networking the elementary and networking equipment. The computers purchased are Gateway 2000 Pentium Pros which were distributed around the campus.

The high school received 18 computers, middle school received 17, and the elementary received 5 because it has not been 'networked'. The computers will all be all hooked up to the internet. J.D. Doyle said, "Though not all computers are hooked up to the internet, we will soon have 208 computers on the network at the same time."

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Finals 'finally' here

by Kirk Curtis

Although the Christmas holidays are quickly approaching, Eldorado High School students must keep their brains working to prepare for final exams. Final exams are an extremely important aspect

of a student's high school career, making up one eighth of a student's final grade.

Eldorado High School would like to urge its students to perform their best on these examinations.

3rd 6 Weeks Test Schedule

December 9
First Period
Third Period
Seventh Period

December 10
Fifth Period
Eighth Period

December 11
Second Period
Fourth Period
Sixth Period

1st Semester Exam Schedule

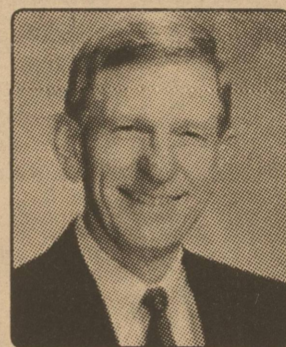
December 17
Second Period
Fourth Period
Sixth Period

December 18
First Period
Third Period
Seventh Period

December 19
Fifth Period
Eighth Period

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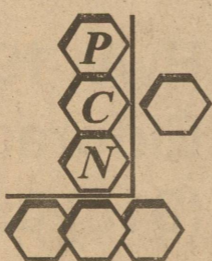
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School board meets, reviews auditor's report

Continued from Page 1

At that point, trustee Phil McCormick spoke up saying, "This board ought to take some steps to see that what happened two years in a row doesn't happen three years in a row." He asked if a mid-year audit could be done to make sure the district's books were in good shape and was assured by supt. Porter that such an audit could and would be carried out.

Porter assured the board that steps were being tighten the district's financial controls. "I can say this unequivocally. In next year's audit there will not be reportable conditions," Porter stated.

In other business, at the begin-

ning of the meeting, the board walked across the street to inspect trenches dug by Harold Steele's history class. The students have been studying World War I and, as a class project, they constructed replicas of German and French trenches from that period. Several students explained the project and answered questions from board members.

Upon returning to the meeting, the trustees took a moment to recognize retiring teacher Nancy Doyle. Supt. Porter presented her with a plaque in honor of her 29+ years as a professional educator. The board offered their thanks to Doyle who has taught 2nd grade in

Eldorado for the past 28 years.

Board members present for the meeting included Ilse Williams, Tip Finley, Phil McCormick, Steve Sessom, Berta Nicholson and Eddie Albin. Trustee Ruby Minor was absent.

Among other business, trustees acted upon supt. Porter's recommendation and approved contracts for teachers Thomas Hollingsworth, Benny Lockhart and Lisa O'Harrow. They also accepted the resignation of Maggie Middleton.

The board then adopted Local Policy updates and heard the first reading of policy updates on recruitment of personnel and academic grouping.

Next, the trustees received a report from a Study Committee concerning the district's EFA

policy covering procurement, placement and challenging of resource materials. The committee was formed after a citizen, Lee R. "Smokey" Taylor, challenged a book in the Middle School Library. The committee consisting of Hal Porter, Berta Nicholson, Ken Newman, Julie Griffin, Brian Brownlow, Debbie Griffin, Lynn Williams and Hawley Wolfe, reviewed the EFA policy and submitted a report which the trustees received but did not act upon. It was noted that the board will consider the committee report at its regular meeting in January.

The board then okayed the minutes from previous meetings held on Nov. 10th and Dec. 4th. And, they authorized supt. Porter to award bids for general liability insurance coverage after consulting with board member Phil McCormick.

The trustees then authorized the transfer of a student from San Angelo ISD to SCISD. They also heard from supt. Porter that there has been a "slight increase" in enrollment since the last board meeting.

Before adjourning, the board heard reports from campus administrators and program directors. They also took up the subject of trustee self-evaluations.



photo by Kathy Mankin

A few angels left — Anyone wishing to select an angel from the angel trees at First National Bank and 1st Community Federal Credit Union may still do so. Each year the Schleicher County Child Welfare board places the trees to aid needy children in the county

County Commissioners meet discuss creating new position

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday morning, December 8th will all members of the commissioners court present.

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the court took up discussion of creating a new position for county grounds and equipment maintenance. Commissioner Johnny Mayo requested the item be placed on the agenda and offered his opinion that the need existed for a person to maintain the county's various buildings and equipment.

Commissioner Ross Whitten argued that there wouldn't be enough work to justify creating a permanent position. After discussing the topic at length, the men agreed to work up a job description for the position and discuss it a future meeting.

In other business, the court authorized the expenditure of \$50 to

pay annual dues to the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

They then adopted county resolution 12897 prohibiting the use of county credit for personal gain.

Next, the court opened bids for transport loads of diesel and unleaded fuel. Griffin Fuels was the low bidder on both and was awarded the bid by commissioners. The diesel was bid at 81.5¢ per gallon while the unleaded fuel was 88.7¢ per gallon.

The commissioners then discussed leasing a new copier for County Clerk Peggy Williams' office. After much discussion, the men decided to lease a new Xerox copier for the office and place the old copier in the County law library. The copier from that office will be transferred to the County Annex building.

The men then approved an indigent care request, agreeing to pay water and gas bills totalling \$59.59.

Before adjourning, the court learned that County Extension Agent Nancy Lester had been selected to receive a State Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. The award will be presented at College Station on January 16, 1998.

Methodists plan Christmas Cantata

First United Methodist Church of Eldorado has scheduled a Christmas Cantata titled "Rejoice in His Coming" for Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the musical celebration. There is no admission charge.

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Election filing continues

Candidates have begun to file for county office. At press time, the following candidates have filed for places on the ballot in the March political primaries in the races noted after their name: Peggy Williams, County Clerk; Johnny F. Griffin, County Judge; James C. Doyle, Justice of the Peace; Bill Clark, County Commissioner Pct. 2.

All of the above have filed to run in the Democratic primary. At press time, there have been no Republicans file.

In last week's Success, we neglected to mention that the office of County Treasurer will also be

decided in 1998. County Treasurer Karen Henderson has indicated she will run for reelection but has yet to file.

Filing deadline for County Judge, Justice of the Peace, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Commissioner Pcts. 2 & 4 will continue through January 2. Applications for a place on the primary ballots must be filed with either Sherry Lux, Democratic County Chairperson, or Bessie Jones, Republican County Chairperson. Filing may be done by paying the filing fee or submitting an appropriate petition for a place on the ballot.

Covarrubiaz completes Marine basic training

Marine Pvt. Alfonso Covarrubiaz, son of Joaquin and Enedina Covarrubiaz of Eldorado, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Covarrubiaz successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Covarrubiaz and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Covarrubiaz spent numerous hours in the classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Covarrubiaz and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Covarrubiaz and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort,

problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

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State Rep. Bob Turner seeks reelection to office

AUSTIN—"You have to get up pretty early to get ahead of Bob Turner," said a disappointed candidate who had intended to be the first to file for reelection on December 3. Instead, State Rep. Turner was the first state official to signal his intent to run again as the state representative of House District 73. The filing deadline for all candidates is January 3.

"I am more concerned than ever about rural Texans," said Turner. "Our problems are unique and I feel a great responsibility to help the urban members of the Legislature understand that all public policy decisions are not created equal. What may be a great solution for a Houston or Dallas problem may be terrible for Coleman or Bandera or Crane," he continued. "There are only a handful of us in the legislature who are rural landowners and agricultural producer and seasoned public servants. That combination of background and experience is vital to the well being of rural Texas and I plan to be back for the 76th Legislature doing what I do best for the people I care about most," Turner said.

Turner, a resident of Voss in Coleman County, entered the Texas Legislature in March 1991 and represented what was then House District 65. This district was changed to House District 73 during legislative redistricting and now includes the following counties: Bandera, Brown, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton, Ward and a portion of southeast Fector County. District 73 is larger in square miles than Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island combined.

Rep. Turner currently serves on

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30 years on the job — Gail Mittel of Eldorado displays the certificate she received from the National Weather Service upon the completion of 30 years of service as a volunteer weather observer.

Mittel recognized for 30 yrs. service

The National Weather Service maintains a nationwide network of volunteer weather observers.

In West Central Texas, there are sixty sites with volunteer observers, one of which is 12 miles north of Eldorado. Each year, a few of these observers reach pinnacles that deserve recognition. This year, Mr. Gail Mittel of Eldorado 12 North received the award for 30 years of volunteer service to the community and to the National Weather Service.

Mr. Mittel is a valuable part of the Cooperative Weather Program which numbers nearly eleven thousand nationwide. The data collected by these dedicated volunteers is compiled and pro-

cessed by the National Climatic Data Center where it is archived and published. The information is used to develop computer models based on climatology, and it is used by scientists who study the world's climate. Many local, State and Federal agencies as well as the private sector use the information collected by these observers in a variety of ways, helping to solve some of the many everyday problems of industry, commerce, and agriculture.

The National Weather Service, is very proud of the Cooperative Weather Program and grateful to Mr. Mittel and all of the dedicated volunteers who give some of their time everyday to make the program work.

Tour slated for summer for '98

Donna Bode, librarian at Lake View High School in San Angelo, will be taking a group of students and adults on a tour of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein for fifteen days during the summer of 1998. The tour is being booked through EF Educational Tours and the tentative departure date is July 6th, leaving from Dallas Ft. Worth Airport. EF is a company that books tours especially for students and local guides are provided in each country. Some of the sites on the tour include the castle of King Ludwig in Innsbruck, the BMW headquar-

ters and the Deutsches Museum in Vienna, and Checkpoint Charlie Museum in Berlin. Included in the cost of the trip is round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, a continental breakfast and dinner daily, and the full time services of a bilingual EF Tour Director. There are optional trips that may be taken at an additional cost. Please contact Donna in San Angelo at 915-942-8814, 915-659-3528, or Fax 915-653-8661 if you would like more information about the trip. Any high school student, college student of adult will be welcome to go on the trip.

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THE BLOTTER

Entries in the Blotter are taken from official reports filed by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. Subjects arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Arrests

12-3-97 Ramos, Eugenio R., Jr., male age 21, picked up by Irion County Officer for Out of County Warrants. Released to Crockett County Officer.

Nance, Keith A, male age 38, arrested by SC Sheriff Officer, Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), 2nd Offense. Released on \$200 Cash Bond.

Factor, James L, male age 44, arrested by SC Sheriff Officer, Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

12-5-97 Stacy, Joseph D., male age 18, arrested by SC Sheriff Officer for Justice of the Peace Warrant Fines \$439.

12-9-97 Torres, Yolanda F., female age 32, arrested by SC Sheriff Officer for Failure To Appear (FTA) Driving While License Suspended (DWLS) Enhanced. Released on \$500 Cash Bond.

Reports

12-3-97 Caller phoned in and reported that two subjects were at a local convenience store and were very intoxicated. They were driving west on Fields St. toward the school. Caller described the vehicle as a black Ford pickup. Two officers responded and two male subjects were arrested for driving while intoxicated and public intoxication.

12-4-97 Missing Livestock - Caller went to Sheriff's Officer to report missing livestock. Complainant reported that 15 Spanish Goats were missing. Est. value is \$750.

Caller reported a tractor trailer that had a tire on the right rear side that was flat and throwing debris and rubber from the back. Officer responded and pulled the truck over and told the driver of the problem.

12-5-97 Caller advised that there would be a control burn on their property. Caller wished to report vehicles traveling to the dump with unsecured loads. Trash was along the roadside.

Assist Motorist - Caller reported a baby locked in vehicle. Officer responded and unlock vehicle.

Complainant reported kids fighting on football field. Officer responded to call.

12-6-97 Assist Motorist - Unlock vehicle.

Caller advised Sheriff's Office of a control burn.

Welfare Concern - Hospital requested an officer to check on Life Line of patient. Officer responded to call and found subject ok. Life Line reset. Hospital notified.

Report of grass fire started possibly by a vehicle. Fire Dept. notified and fire was out upon arrival.

Wreckless Driver - Sonora Sheriff Office contacted Schleicher County SO with a cellular complaint from one of their residence stating there was a green mini van/luggage rack vehicle occupied by 2 driving wreckless.

12-7-97 Hospital requested an ambulance to transport a male subject with a high fever. Wife was unable to get him there on her own. Officer and EMS2 responded to call.

12-8-97 Hospital requested an ambulance to hospital for a transfer to a San Angelo hospital.

12-8-97 Ozona Sheriff's Office contacted Schleicher County's Sheriff's Office stating that a man with a gun shot wound was enroute to Eldorado. Two officers and EMS 1 intercepted this vehicle. Subject was taken to medical center. Assist Motorist - Unlock vehicle.

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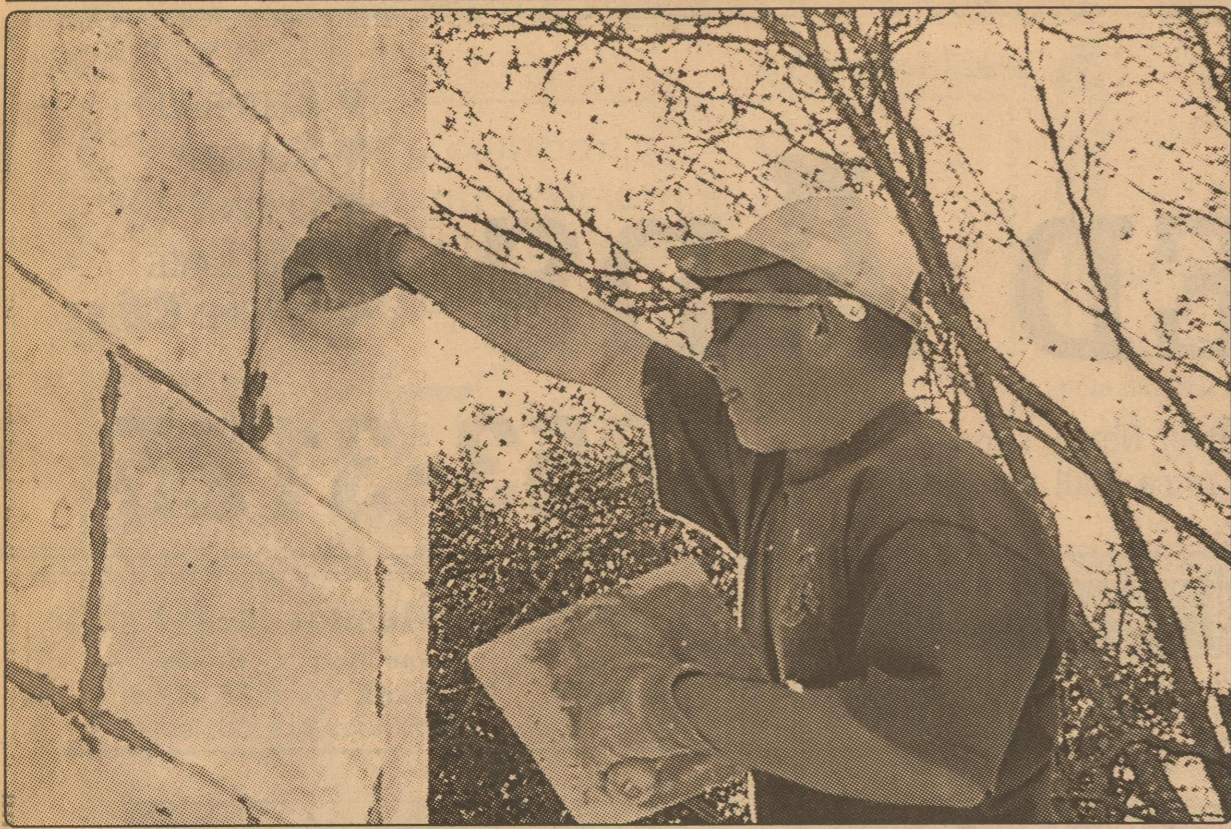


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Ya' gotta hold your mouth right — Randy Bos from Vinton, Iowa applies mortar between loose stones on the Schleicher County Courthouse this week. Bos' employer, Karr Tuckpointing has been hired to repair the historic building. Work will stop this week, however, as the crew breaks for Christmas. They are due to resume the job in January.

Regional boll weevil vote slated Feb. 2nd Director nominations are due by Jan 2nd

Austin - Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production will decide in a Feb. 2, 1998 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication program should continue in the 9-county Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Changes in the law made by the 75th Legislature require a retention referendum be held allowing eligible voters to confirm they want to continue a boll weevil program in the zone. In addition, voters will elect a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the Feb. 2 ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form and have it postmarked by Jan. 2 to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or fax the form to (512) 463-1104.

Nomination forms are available at local county extension service offices; the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at (800) 835-5832 or (512) 463-7593; and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation office in Abilene at (800) 687-1212 or (915) 672-2800.

Growers in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in 1994 and a maximum assessment to fund it. If producers vote to continue the program in the zone, the current assessment rate will not be affected.

Unlike establishment referenda where two-thirds of all voters must approve a proposition, a majority of those returning ballots will determine whether an eradication program will continue. The Texas Department of Agriculture will mail ballots to all eligible voters in the zone in mid-January.

The Feb. 2 election for the zone was established by new legislation

that corrects a constitutional problem found by the Texas Supreme Court with the statewide boll weevil eradication program. Under the new statute, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation continues to carry out the program. However, TDA takes on additional responsibilities that include setting new elections on assessments and eradication programs in regional zones and appointing advisory committees for each zone.

Counties in the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone are Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green and the southern part of Taylor.

Note - The Texas Department of Agriculture will hold a series of educational meetings to answer questions regarding the Feb. 2 referendum. Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production are urged to attend. Ample time for questions will be allotted. Educational meetings for the Feb. 2 referendum will be held in Eldorado, Tuesday, December 16 at 5:15 p.m. at the Extension Annex, 203 SW Main.

Holiday program held at Extension office

by Ola Ruth Barbee

A Thanksgiving and Christmas program was given by Nancy Lester and Sherry Johnson at the Extension Office. A Christmas theme was carried out very beautifully. Nancy showed and talked about many ways to decorate with tree skirts, bird cages and door decorations. Recipes were shared by Nancy with the 25 or 30 women in attendance.

Refreshments were served and where enjoyed by all present.

Birthdays

- December
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 13th Karen Holley, Michael A. Turbeville, Christina Venegas, Elizabeth Niblett Lloyd, Maggie Middleton
 14th Eric McGinnes, Bobby Newton, Matt Lloyd, Becky Lux
 16th Stephen Grelle, Kevin Freeman, Virgilio Escobar Jr., Stephen Whitten, Jason Clark
 17th Dylan Ramos, Micaela Gonzalez, Anita Robles
 18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer
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 20th Lanese Stewart, Stormi Sessom, David Overstreet, Meredith Peaslee, Domingo Pina

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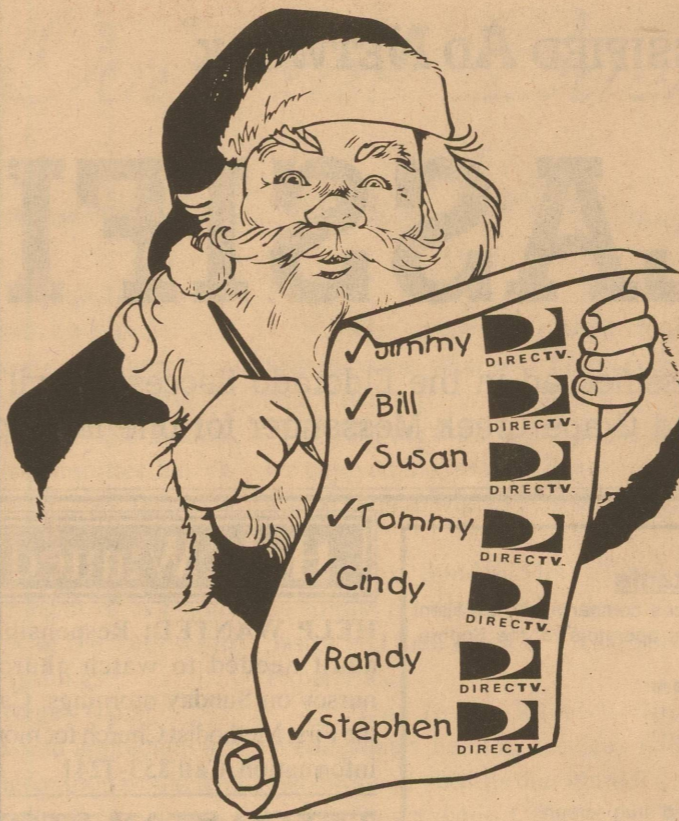
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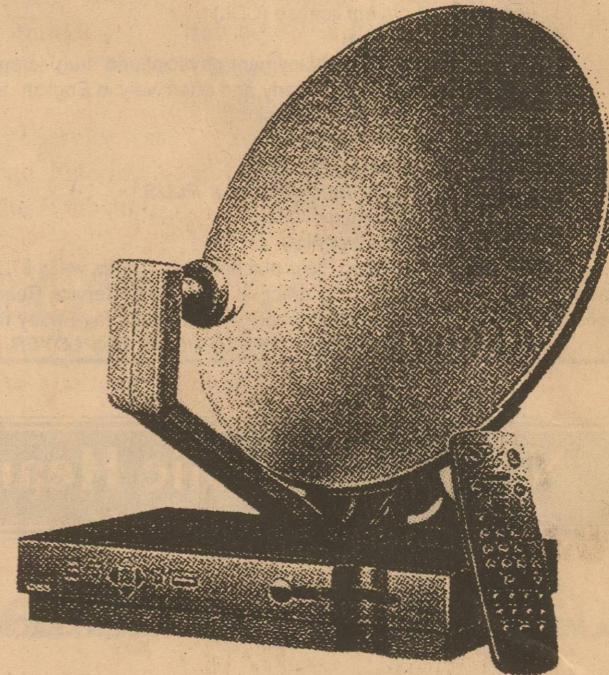
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