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## Hospital board meets, authorizes software upgrade

Schleicher County Medical Center will be getting new computer software and an upgrade of computer equipment, following Monday night's vote of the hospital district's board of trustees. Hospital officials say that the purchase became necessary when governmental regulations, especially those concerned with patient confidentiality, changed, rendering the hospital's existing software obsolete. The total purchase price will be \$150,740.00.

The new software will replace an old computer program that has been in use at the hospital for nearly twenty years. During the discussion it was noted that the old program does not comply with new "HIP-PA" regulations concerning patient confidentiality, and the company that produced the old software has indicated that it will not be upgrading the product.

The new software, produced by APS, a Waco based company, will give the hospital its first-ever integrated computer system. With the new package, the hospital's laboratory, x-ray and pharmacy will be linked directly to the business office. So will the nursing station and the emergency room.

The decision to buy the software was made during the board's regular monthly meeting. Trustees on hand for the meeting included Randy Mankin, Shirley Joiner, Delia Pina, Ricky Fuessel, Frank Williams and Jim Martin. Also present were Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz, assistant Administrator Beverly Minor, attorney James Kosub and hospital consultant Andy Freeman.

The meeting was convened at 6:05 p.m. and the minutes of the Jan. 27, 2003 meeting were approved. The board then went behind closed doors to consult with attorney James Kosub in executive session. At one point, Andy Freeman was called into the executive session. When the group returned to open session, they voted unanimously to extend the contract for Freeman's consulting firm, Preferred Management, by five years. It was noted that the contract is reviewable annually and may be cancelled by either party with six month's notice. Preferred Management is completing its third year as the hospital's management consultant.

In other business, the board heard Sharon Dietz's administrator's report. She updated the board on her efforts to negotiate better reimbursement rates from several insurance carriers. She also explained that the hospital's indigent policy is being reviewed. Dietz went on to tell the board that resis on collecting payments from in the clinic, and the emergency room, as well as increased efforts to collect past due accounts, brought in \$10,917.31 during the month of January.

Next, the board reviewed the district's financial reports. They learned that the hospital district's financial condition improved by \$28,413.00, meaning that the district covered its expenses in January without using all of its tax subsidy. The board also authorized the staff to write-off \$23,481.52 in

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## ELGOATAROD '03

Eldorado's answer to Alaska's Iditirod



High Flyin' Fun



Seribus Goat Racing



Antique Tractor Power



Stick Goat Racing



Airborne Fun



Goat Kissin' Champion



Counterfeit Goat



Cabrito Burger, Anyone?

## County considers credit card fuel system at airport

Schleicher County Commissioners discussed Monday the possibility of installing an aviation fuel system at the county airport. One system, proposed by local pilot Joe Christian, would allow pilots to use credit cards to purchase fuel for their planes. Christian went on to say that general aviation has become a big business with 30.8 million hours of flight time logged and 13 million gallons of fuel sold each year. Most airports, Christians said, offer a card lock fuel system, a pilots lounge and a courtesy vehicle.

Christian pointed out to the commissioners that most private pilots have access to the Internet and will use it to check fuel availability and prices before flying. He noted that many will fly 100 miles out of their way in search of cheaper fuel. That fact could be used to attract pilots to Eldorado, helping to offset the price of a card lock fuel system.

Information about the local airport also needs to be updated on the Internet, Christian said, before someone gets hurt. He pointed out that power lines at the north end of the runway are not mentioned in the airport's information. Christian then provided County Judge Johnny Griffin with a form to use in submitting updates on the airport.

At one point, Commissioner Bill Clark asked Christian what he thought was most needed, airport lighting or a fuel system. Christian responded that very few pilots fly at night, but that all of them need aviation fuel.

Griffin then told commissioners that a fuel system will cost the county about \$30,000.00. Of that amount, \$9,800.00 is for a credit card reader. The card reader would also need a dedicated telephone line, Griffin said.

Before moving on to other items on the agenda, it was explained that the commissioners will attend an air conference in Austin on March 19-21. At that time they will inquire more about the cost of a fuel system from various vendors.

The meeting was the commissioners final meeting of February. Present for the meeting were County Judge Johnny Griffin, and Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown. Also on hand for the meeting were County Clerk Peggy Williams, Treasurer Karen Henderson and Sheriff David Doran. The meeting, set to begin at 9:00 a.m. didn't convene until 9:30 as the men waited for Commissioner Bill Clark to arrive.

In other business, the men approved the minutes of the Feb. 10, 2003 meeting and hard that a dedication ceremony is planned for March 6, 2003, at 12:30 p.m. for the Stephen F. Austin Oak Tree on the courthouse square. Many community members, including the commissioners court, will attend in costumes appropriate to the period of the Texas Revolution. Eldorado 7th grade students will also participate, as will members of the Daughters

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## First-ever Elgoatarod festival serves up fun for everyone involved

Despite two days of cold and rainy weather that threatened to doom Eldorado's first-ever Elgoatarod festival, Saturday morning dawned clear and warm. "I couldn't have asked for a better day," commented Jim Runge, the man who dreamed up and organized the event. He noted that a few vendors had cancelled in the two days leading up to the festival, mainly because they thought the weather wouldn't improve in time. "But look at this," Runge said motioning to the clear blue sky, "it's a beautiful day."

What exactly is an Elgoatarod? Well, those who attended the two-day festival learned that the Elgoatarod Festival is El-

dorado's answer to the Alaskan Iditirod Dog Sled Race, packed with goat racing, goat kissing, and goat stick racing.

The tongue-in-cheek festival, organized under the auspices of the EOBBC, or the "Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee," another of Runge's creations, gave Eldoradoans, along with numerous visitors from out-of-town, an excuse to relax, have fun and enjoy the beautiful weather. Adding to the carnival-like atmosphere were about a dozen arts & crafts booths, a vendor selling hot dogs, hamburgers and barbecue sandwiches, and a couple of large inflatable structures that attracted a lot of attention

from the children in attendance. One was a huge slide that invited youths to test their acrobatic, and aerobic, skills. The other housed a "laser-maze" that emitted vanilla scented fog, inviting children to venture inside for an exciting game of laser tag.

But, as one might expect, the highlight of the festival involved goat racing. Goats pulling wagons, buggies, chariots and all manner of wheeled vehicles were put through their paces by their jockeys. (Actually, the trainers who pulled the beasts around the course deserve most of the credit.)

One two-wheeled buggy, made from

a 55 gallon oil drum, and resembling a Roman chariot, appeared to be the crowd favorite. However, a rig made from a riding lawn mower seemed to be the most stable. And, as in all competitive racing sports, someone tried to slip in a ringer. Bubbles the Clown entered a goat named Jar Jar. But, the Jar Jar proved to be a dog in goat's clothing and was disqualified. However, in the spirit of the event the dog was allowed to compete and won the Best Costume Award.

Proving that politicians are willing to kiss more than just babies, Sheriff David Doran won the Goat Kissing Contest on Saturday. The next day the honor went

to Cecil Robertson.

As with most of Jim Runge's ideas, the Elgoatarod festival was designed to encourage Eldorado residents to have fun at home, while attracting visitors to town from across the area and state. A couple flew in from Ft. Worth for the event on Saturday. They said they had learned of the festival in the Ft. Worth newspaper. And, other media outlets help to publicize the Elgotarod.

"We had reports in newspapers and on radio and TV in Dallas/Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Houston," Runge said. "Tumbleweed Smith and several others helped us get the word out across the state."





ACROSS THE U.S., RESERVISTS ARE MOBILIZING ...

## Do you know significance of March 2?

AUSTIN — Texas may not be perfect, but at least it's ours.

Five years ago, the late Jay Johnson, an Austin businessman and former city council member, decided Texans were not paying enough attention to one date on their calendars — March 2.

Confederating with folks such as Austin advertising executive Roger T. Moore, who publishes an annual Texas history calendar on which March 2 is listed as New Year's Day, Johnson began trying to revive the state's interest in celebrating Texas' Fourth of July — the day Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

This year's celebration is set for March 1, beginning with a 5K run in downtown Austin. At 10 a.m., a parade will make its way up Congress Avenue, followed at 11 a.m.

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



by a Capitol celebration led by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin.

On Sunday, March 2, a memorial ceremony in the State Cemetery will honor all veterans of the Texas Revolution.

"When I was growing up in Merkel," Moore said, "Texas Independence Day was even a big deal there. In many other places across the state, they closed school and had big celebrations. We're trying to bring that spirit of celebration back. In fact, given the state's financial crisis, maybe it would save the state a little tax money if school districts started observing the holiday again."

Still pending in the Legislature are bills that would make March

Texas History Month. March 2 is a holiday for state workers, but it's known as a "skeleton" staffing day because government offices still have to be open. Of course this year, since March 2 is a Sunday, it's a moot point.

### Unpacking the court...

President Franklin Roosevelt set off a huge controversy in 1937 when he proposed that the size of the U.S. Supreme Court be increased. Since Roosevelt would have been the person picking those new court members, with the advise and consent of the Senate, he could have influenced the ideological direction of the court for years to come. In case you missed this part of your history class, the high court stayed the same size.

Here in Texas 66 years later, the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court and his associates have another idea: reduce the size of the court. But their motive is to save money, not ideology (well, cutting the costs of government without raising taxes is ideology to some extent.)

This is Chief Justice Tom Phillips' math: reducing the size of the court from nine to seven members would save the state in excess of \$300,000 annually in salaries and other expenses ranging from desks to travel.

The other benefit, Phillips said, would be in making the court more efficient in that seven judges might agree on an issue easier than nine judges.

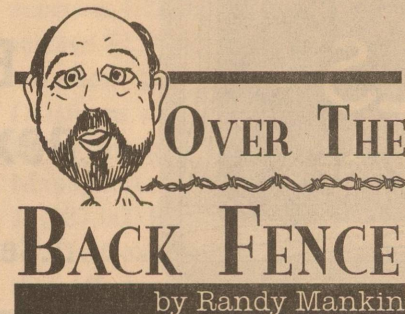
Texas' high court has the final say on matters of civil litigation in Texas, but not the makeup of its membership. For the reduction

## I had hoped for a better movie

Several Civil War enthusiasts came dressed in authentic period costume to last weekend's premiere of the epic movie "Gods and Generals." There were Confederate officers, Union cavalrymen and several ladies dressed in hoop skirts.

The movie is the much anticipated pre-quel (meaning that it was set at an earlier time) to the 1993 classic "Gettysburg." And, many of the cast from the earlier movies reprised their roles.

To say that I am a fan of the movie "Gettysburg" would be an understatement. I own it both on tape and on DVD and have seen it so often that I have much of it memorized. In my opinion, it is the most historically accurate movie



ever made about the Civil War.

Watching "Gods and Generals" I found it odd to see Jeff Daniels, whose superb portrayal of Col. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, was a highlight of "Gettysburg," now 10 years older and slightly heavier, appearing in the same role, but set seven months before the first movie.

I suppose that is to be expected, but the same held true with many of the other actors, and it was a bit disconcerting.

Also, Stephen Lang, who brilliantly played General George Pickett in "Gettysburg" plays General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson in "Gods and Generals." At one point, Lang appeared in a scene with the new actor who plays Pickett. It was all very odd.

While "Gettysburg" tried, and I feel succeeded, in showing the war from the perspective of both the North and the South, "Gods and Generals" makes no such effort. Perhaps it would better be named "The Prayer Life of Stonewall Jackson" since the general is the focal point of the movie and he is shown praying at every turn.

I know that Jackson was a deeply religious man, but so were many of the other men involved in the war. "Gettysburg" managed to convey General Robert E. Lee's conviction to his faith without devoting nearly an hour of screen

time to his many prayers. But, hey, this thing is 3 hours and 39 minutes long, so there was plenty of time left for other details.

Except for the problems I've listed here, and they are admittedly minor, "Gods and Generals" is a historically accurate movie. Maybe even as accurate as "Gettysburg." One sequence shows the brutal assault on Marye's Heights during the Battle of Fredericksburg when Union General Ambrose Burnside allowed the slaughter of more than 8,000 of his Union troops.

True to the historical accounts, wave after wave of federal troops were shown marching directly into the heavily fortified Confederate position atop Marye's Hill. Despite the appalling carnage that lay before them the men continued to advance directly into the guns and to their collective deaths.

One of the highlights of the movie "Gods and Generals" was the appearance of Robert Duval as Confederate General Robert E. Lee. Duval is an outstanding actor with credits ranging from "M.A.S.H.," to "The Godfather," to "Lonesome Dove." He was much more believable as Lee than was Martin Sheen, who played him in "Gettysburg."

All in all, I'd say I was disappointed in "Gods and Generals." It pales in comparison to "Gettysburg" and doesn't do justice to its subject matter. I would, and do, recommend it to anyone who is interested in the Civil War. Unfortunately, most people couldn't care less about history. Since there are far more of the latter than there are of the former, this movie probably won't be in theaters for very long.



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Hardly Anybody Notices March Second

There is a campaign in Texas to make a bigger deal out of March second, Texas Independence Day. I am in full agreement. Not enough Texans know much about the day. There is some justifiable confusion on the date, particularly since the Alamo battle was going on at the time (in 1836) and Sam Houston's Army didn't defeat Santa Anna until April 21.

A group of delegates met at Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 1 for the Convention of 1836. They assembled in near freezing weather in an unfurnished house. Of the fifty-nine delegates, twelve were natives of Virginia, ten from North Carolina, nine from Tennessee, six from Kentucky, four from Georgia, three from South Carolina, three from Pennsylvania, three from Mexico, two from New York and one each from Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, England, Ireland, Scotland and Canada. Only ten of the delegates were in Texas as early as 1830. All had political experience in state or national government.

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on March 2 and members began signing it on March 3. The convention then wrote the constitution and elected government officials. With the report of the approach of the Mexican Army, the convention adjourned in haste on March 17.

The declaration was written by George C. Childress, chairman of the convention. In fact, there is some evidence he brought to the

convention a proposed declaration which was adopted with little change. The declaration charged that the government of Mexico had ceased to protect the lives, liberty and property of the people and that it had been changed from a federal republic to a military dictatorship.

The people of Texas had demonstrated against the misdeeds of the government only to have them thrown into dungeons and forced to battle outrageous odds. The welfare of Texans had been sacrificed and the Mexican government had failed to provide a system of public education, trial by jury, freedom of religion and other essentials of good government. And, the declaration states, Indians had been forced to massacre settlers.

According to the declaration, the Mexican government had invaded Texas with a large army to carry on a war of extermination. The final grievance listed in justification of revolution charged that the Mexican government "had been the contemptible sport and victim of successive military revolutions and had continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt and tyrannical government."

After the signing of the original declaration, five copies were dispatched to designated Texas towns. The original was deposited with the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., and was not returned to Texas until 1896. It is displayed in the Capitol building in Austin.

to happen, legislators, by a two-thirds vote, would have to approve a measure placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot for voters' consideration.

### Another Texas brag...

Texas has more than 30,000 billboards along its roads and highways, the third highest number in the 50 states.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville and Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, have filed bills (Senate Bill 512, House Bill 994) that would ban new billboards and prevent existing billboards from being replaced along roads or highways.

Billboards have been regulated along Texas' highways since 1965 with passage of the Federal Highway Beautification Act during the Johnson administration. Texas followed with the Texas Highway Beautification Act in 1972.

But the proposed new legislation goes beyond regulating location, size and spacing — under the measure billboards in Texas would become fading cultural artifacts. In time, once all the grandfathered billboards had succumbed to old age, the only signs on roadways would be those placed by governmental entities.

Five states have legislation on the books similar to the Texas proposal.

Additionally, 200 Texas cities prohibit new billboards.

Best quote of the week was from Carroll Shaddock, chair of Scenic Texas, the nonprofit organization advocating for the billboard proposals: "A journey through Texas is a lot like a drive through the yellow pages. They're [billboards] litter on a stick."

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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**Juan Espinosa, Jr.**

ELDORADO—Juan Espinosa, Jr., 62, passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at a San Angelo hospital. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, February 28 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial to follow in Eldorado Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife Emma Ernestina Espinosa of Eldorado; five sons, Ramon Espinosa, Ernest Espinosa, Juan Espinosa III and Oscar Martinez, all of Eldorado, and Martin Espinosa of San Angelo; a daughter, Mary Anita Gandar of Eldorado; two brothers, Jose Guadalupe Espinosa of San Angelo and Arthur Espinosa of Seminole; and two sisters, Felicitas Barajas of Eldorado and Mary Anita Gurule of Phoenix, AZ.

**Howard Mittel**

DRIPPINGSPRINGS—Howard Mittel was born on October 18, 1929 in Schleicher County, Texas to Mamie Belle Smith Mittel and Henry Mittel. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Stephen Mittel and John D. Mittel.

After graduating from Texas A & M University in 1952, he served in the Korean War and upon his return home, he began working for the Texas Department of Transportation, where he worked for 35 years.

Howard is survived by his beloved wife, Ruth A. Mittel, of Dripping Springs; three sons, Frank Mittel, of Arizona, Paul Mittel, of Austin and Ross Mittel, of Dallas; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two stepchildren, Carolyn Garner and husband Lester, of Leander and Joey Matesic and wife Sharon, of Buda; seven step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and brothers, Raymond Mittel and wife Carolyn, of Eldorado, Henry Mittel and wife Dot, of Arlington, and Dan Mittel and wife Donna, of Fredericksburg.

As a Mason, he was a dual member of the Onion Creek and Dripping Springs Lodge, and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite and a Lizzyteer with the Ben Hur Shrine Temple. He was also a member of the Dripping Springs Lion Club.

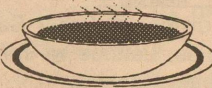
Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2003, at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, with Reverend Don Long officiating. Interment will follow under the auspices of Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220 AF & AM, at Live Oak Cemetery, Manchaca, Texas.

Pallbearers will include Ben Mittel, Chris Mittel, Steve Mittel, Johnny O'Dell Simmank, James Simmank and Larry Wagner. Honorary pallbearers will be Keith Mittel and Ricky Nevel.

For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Houston.

Arrangements are by Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home.

**Meals for Friends Menu**



- Monday, March 3**  
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk
- Tuesday, March 4**  
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, March 5**  
Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Thursday, March 6**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, March 7**  
Chicken Supreme, Herbed new Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

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**OBITUARIES**



**Gladys Perry Mittel**

ELDORADO—Gladys Perry Mittel, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, in Eldorado. She would have celebrated her 94th birthday on March 8. Her husband, Archie Mittel, precedes her in death as well as her parents, W.A. and Mary Catherine Perry, two brothers and a sister.

She is survived by her children, Ronnie and Sharon Mittel and Margo and Bill Harrison; her grandchildren, Mitzi and Chuck Mayfield of San Antonio, Ron and Melanie Mittel of Frisco, Billy Harrison of Los Angeles, Calif., and Leslie and Jim Phillips of Tucson, Ariz.; and her great-grandchildren, Andy and Abby Mayfield, Madeline and Caroline Mittel and Josh and Katherine Phillips. She also leaves to mourn her loss her loving brother and wife, Bill and Jerry Perry of San Angelo; special friend, Agnes Stevens Wade of Leander; numerous nieces and nephews; and precious friends. She loved her family dearly and came to be known affectionately as Granzly—a grandmother who loved nothing more than having those grandchildren around.

Gladys graduated from San Angelo High School and Business College, then worked as a secretary 12 years for Martin Glover before she and Archie moved to what became their lifelong home,

the ranch southwest of Eldorado. It was the beginning of a life of Christian compassion for Gladys and she became known for her love and care for others. Her casseroles, cookies and cakes, and smiling face made their way into many homes of the sick, bereaved and homebound.

She was a charter member of Las Hermanas Study Club while living in San Angelo and a member of Eldorado Woman's Club since 1948. She chaired the Woman's Club Homes Tour for twenty-plus years, making it the success that it was. She was a charter member and faithful volunteer of the Schleicher County Hospital Auxiliary, and she and Archie were charter members of the Eldorado Golf Club, serving as president of both organizations several times. She was an avid golfer. She had the privilege of being the first woman jury foreman in the county, and served on numerous committees that benefited the town of Eldorado. Other civic organizations helped by her endless efforts were the PTA, Red Cross, Blood Bank and the American Cancer Association.

Gladys was a dedicated Christian who loved serving her Lord through her church, First Baptist Church. She was a teacher of young people for three decades, was a Girl's Auxiliary leader not only at her church but also at the local St. Luke's Baptist Church and was active in the Women's Missionary Union. She also served as secretary for the Concho Valley Baptist Association.

We were all blessed to have her for many years and she will be deeply missed. The strong values, and morals that she lived before her children and grandchildren have had an immeasurable influence on their lives. The family gives special thanks to her loving caregivers at the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Funeral service, conducted by her grandchildren, were held

Wednesday, Feb. 26, at First Baptist Church in Eldorado. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehab or First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

**Ricky Griffin**

ELDORADO—Ricky Griffin, 49, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, in a local hospital. Graveside service were held Saturday in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include brothers, Ronnie Griffin of Fort Stockton and Charles Griffin of Indonesia.

**Ann Tippitt Mann**

SAN ANTONIO—Ann Tippitt Mann entered into rest February 19, 2003 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born September 22, 1911 to parents Homer J. and Laura Tippitt. She was a member of a longtime ranching family of Sutton, Schleicher and Edwards County. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jack Mann and two sisters Velma Amacker and Homer J. Cowden.

She is survived by two daughters Lois Mann Jordan of Yoncal, Oregon, Judy Mann McDonald of Sonora, Texas; two grandchildren Jack Jordan of Minnesota, Melinda Powers and husband Rick of South Carolina; three great grandchildren; and also one sister June Lynch and husband William of Dallas, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews and special friends, Elizabeth and Jesse Chavez of Sonora.

A memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2003 at Sunset Funeral Home, 1701 Austin Highway, San Antonio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Animal Defense League.

**Eldorado Forecast**

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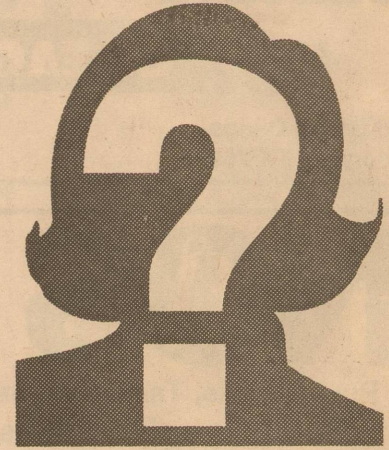
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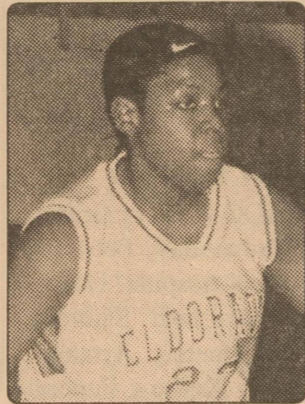
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## Lady Eagles All-District Selections

# Eagles win doubleheader in Menard

by Coach Gary Grubbs

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team opened its season on Saturday, February 22nd in Menard. The doubleheader was previously canceled due to all the rain on Thursday and Friday, but a last second decision by Coach Alls from Menard had the games on again.

The Eagles won the first game 6-2 led by a strong pitching performance by Homer Hernandez. Hernandez pitched all seven innings striking out seven while only walking two batters. The Eagles scored three in the top of the first inning as Trey Chavez, Joe Arispe, and Philip Martinez, all walked and Michael Adame drove in one of the runs with a sacrifice fly to the left. The Eagles didn't strike again until the six inning when Homer Hernandez led off with a walk and pinch runner Luis Her-

nandez scored on a Frankie Arispe double down the left field line. Pinch runner Kolby Dombroski then scored on a Trey Chavez single to left. The Eagles scored their other run in the top of the seventh to make the final score 6-2.

The second game was won by the Eagles 9-7. The Eagles struck early again in the top of the 1st as Trey Chavez led the game off with a walk and stole second. Frankie Arispe then doubled him home. Arispe later scored on a single to left by Michael Adame. The Eagles built an 8-2 lead before th Yellow Jackets made a game out of it in the 4th inning scoring five runs to

pull within 8-7. The Eagles added an insurance run in the top of the 5th when Joe Arispe walked and stole 2nd and 3rd, and then scored on a passed ball. Philip Martinez picked up the win on the mound with 3 strong innings pitched, he had 5 strikeouts. At the plate Frankie Arispe went 3 for 4 with 3 runs batted in. Michael Adame was also 2 for 2 with 2 RBI's.

### JV BOYS

**January 21, 2003**  
 Eldorado 13-07-08-19=47  
 Grape Creek 13-05-18-12=48  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Frank Edmiston 5, Michael Ballew 4, John Fay 2, Terrell Boysaw 22, Kolby Dombroski 6, Frank Wipff 8. 3 Point Goals: Terrell Boysaw (1).  
**January 24, 2003**  
 Eldorado 10-09-11-10=40  
 Sonora 12-08-22-23=65  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Frank Edmiston 8, John Fay 7, Ryan Cathey 3, Jared Grubbs, Kolby Dombroski 2, and Frank Wipff. 3 point goals: Jared Grubbs (2), John Fay (1) and Frank Edmiston (1).  
**January 28, 2003**  
 Eldorado 06-12-13-11=42  
 Reagan County 13-05-18-12=48  
 Scoring for the Eagles: Michael Ballew 9, John Fay 14, Ryan Cathey 6, Jared Grubbs 11 and Kolby Dombroski 2. 3 point goals: John Fay (4), Ryan Cathey (1) and Jared Grubbs (3).



## HOOP SCORES

**J.V. GIRLS**  
**February 4, 2003**  
 Eldorado 02-14-08-06=30  
 Ozona 08-17-05-06=36  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Betsy Green 9, Britney Sellers 5, Maxie Holley 10, Lindsey Schwiening 2, Taylor Baker and Rachel Joiner 2. 3 Point Goals: Betsy Green (2).

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## Lady Eagles golf team wins at Reagan Co.

The EHS Lady Eagles Golf Team took home the gold for their first golf tournament of the season. Team members Hannah Robledo, Blake Snelson, Maxie Holley, Mayci Schwiening and Emily Newman scored a team total of 367 at the Ken Stout Reagan County High School Golf Tournament in Big Lake on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

Hannah Robledo, a first place medalist scored a 75 (38-37), 2nd placed medalist went to Blake Snelson with a score of 88 (44-44) and Maxie Holley placed 3rd with a score of 102 (47-55). Mayci Schwiening scored 102 placing 5th and Emily Newman scored 122 placing 5th.

Rankin High School team placed 2nd with a score of 424 and Wink High School team placed 3rd with a combined score of 433.

Coaching the 2003 Lady Eagles golf team is Don Richters.

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## EHS Booster Club News

by Bill Hodges  
 Booster Club workday at the baseball field was a success. Eight people showed up to lend a hand to wall up the dugouts. We really got a lot done.

The Booster Club wants to remind everyone that Project Graduation is getting near. Lots of help will be needed for this very worth while endeavor. Last year the Booster Club donated \$500.00. This year we are pleased to announce the club will be giving a \$1,000 to Project Graduation. Keep Em Rolling! Go Eagles!



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MARCH 22	SAT.	MCCAMEY RELAYS-MCCAMEY BOYS	
MARCH 28	FRI.	COTTON PATCH RELAYS-WALL	B & G

### 2003 ELDORADO HIGH SCHOOL GOLF SCHEDULE

FEB. 24	OZONA	BOYS
MAR. 03	OZONA	GIRLS
MAR. 18	IRAAN	GIRLS
MAR. 19	IRAAN	BOYS
MAR. 26	SAN ANGELO*	BOYS-GIRLS
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- Tuesday, March 4**  
 Fish Sandwich w/ Tartar Sauce, French Fries, Lettuce w/ Tomato, Peanut Butter Cookies
- Wednesday, March 5**  
 Chicken Spaghetti, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Dinner Roll, Pudding w/ Topping
- Thursday, March 6**  
 Super Nachos, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Jello w/ Topping
- Friday, March 7**  
 Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Pineapple Chunks
- Breakfast**  
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz.  
 Juice offered w/each breakfast
- Monday, March 3**  
 Blueberry Muffin, Assorted Crackers, Apple Juice
- Tuesday, March 4**  
 Sausage Roll, Orange Juice
- Wednesday, March 5**  
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice
- Thursday, March 6**  
 Coffee Cake, Peach Cups
- Friday, March 7**  
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

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## County to join DRT in dedication of Austin Oak

Schleicher County and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will team up next Thursday to dedicate the Stephen F. Austin tree on the courthouse square. Also, a brief living history lesson entitled, "How We Got Where We Are," will be presented. Festivities will get under way at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2003.

The Stephen F. Austin oak tree was grown from an acorn that was harvested from the liveoak tree that stands to this day on the site where Stephen F. Austin, known as the Father of Texas, died near present day West Columbia Texas. That property has been transformed into a beautiful memorial area, dedicated to Austin's memory.

Stephen Fuller Austin was born in Virginia on Nov. 3, 1793. He was raised in southeastern Missouri. His father, Moses Austin, received a grant of land from Spain in present day Texas for the purpose of colonizing the area. As he was returning to his family following a visit to Texas, Moses Austin died, leaving his son to reluctantly carry on his father's work.

Stephen F. Austin arrived in Texas in August of 1821, only to learn that Mexico's recently won independence from Spain meant that he would have to pursue another grant of land from the Mexican government.

In time, Austin received his land grant and eventually attracted over 1,200 American families to Texas. He was named colonial governor of the area. An unassuming man with a kindly presence, he was deeply respected by all, and achieved unparalleled influence over the often unruly settlers.

Austin is remembered in Texas history for his many efforts on behalf of Texas before, during, and immediately after Texas' War for Independence. He even served the fledgling nation as its first Secretary of State.

Having labored long in the cause of Texas and its independence, Austin was overcome by disease and died on December 27, 1836. His untimely death at the age of 43 shocked the young nation he helped to form. Upon learning of Austin's death, Texas President Sam Houston notified his grief stricken nation with the simple words, "The Father of Texas is no more."

Austin is remembered today for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Republic of Texas, the land that eventually became the State of Texas. With its annexation into the Union, Texas increased the territorial size of the U.S. by one-

fourth. A Stephen F. Austin oak tree has been, or will be, planted in every county seat in the state. The purpose of the project is to increase the awareness of Texans as to their history and heritage.

The dedication ceremony planned for Thursday in Eldorado will include representatives of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as well as Sons of the Republic of Texas. A replica of one of the the Twin Sisters, cannon whose history became intertwined with that of Texas, will be on hand and will be fired during the ceremony. Also, numbers of local citizens, as well as many from across the area and state will be dressed in Republic of Texas era costumes in honor of the occasion. They will be portraying prominent figures from throughout Texas glorious past.

Texas notables that are expected to appear include: Sam Houston, William Barret Travis, Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, R.R. Royal, David G. Burnet, Lorenzo de Zavala, James B. Bonham, James W. Fannin, Juan Seguin, Deaf Smith, Judge Roy Bean, John "Rip" Ford and Father Miguel Muldoon.

Schleicher County and area notables attending include: Gustave Schleicher, Col. William L. Black, Alice Grierson, wife of Ft. Concho's Gen. Grierson, and Tom Green, namesake of Tom Green County.

Among the distinguished visitors will be the Black Powder Brigade, consisting of Col. Henry & Marie Beaumont Millard, M/M George Childress, Andrew Miller, Ahira Butler, Live Fine and Asa Langford.

Carol Steakley, Dist. 1 Representative of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will dedicate the Stephen F. Austin Oak. Following that, Sam Smith, architect of the rebuilt canons will present a brief history on the Twin Sisters canon. A brief history quiz will then be conducted by the 7th grade class at Eldorado Middle School. Following the ceremony, the can-

on will be fired. Among the historical re-enactors and impersonators will be: Charlie Bradley, Commissioner Matt Brown, Commissioner Bill Clark, Don Clark-direct descendant of Andrew Miller, Antonio Contreras, Sheriff David Doran, Judge Jimmy Doyle, Chad Elkins, Jerry Felter, Joe Ginn-direct descendant of Col. Henry Millard, Jane Ginn, Bob Goldsborough-direct descendant of George Childress, Midge Goldsborough, Tom Green-direct descendant of Tom Green, Judge

Johnny Griffin, Commissioner Kirk Griffin, Jesse Guadarrama, Hank Harrison-direct descendant of Col. W. L. Black, City Administrator Randy Mankin, Commissioner Johnny Mayo, Jay Robertson-direct descendant of Live Fine, Les Royal-direct descendant of R. R. Royal, Caroline Runge-descendant of Elizabeth Scott Ogden, Carl Russell-direct descendant of Ahira Butler, Jim Runge-direct descendant of Col. W. L. Black, Sam Smith-direct descendant of Asa Langford and Father George Varakukala.

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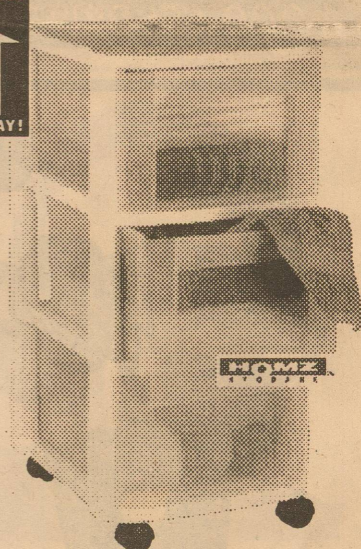
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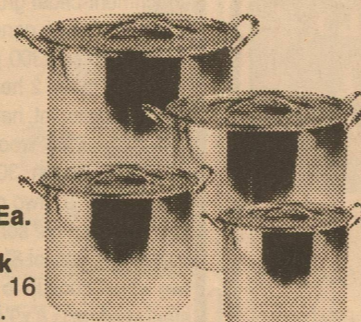
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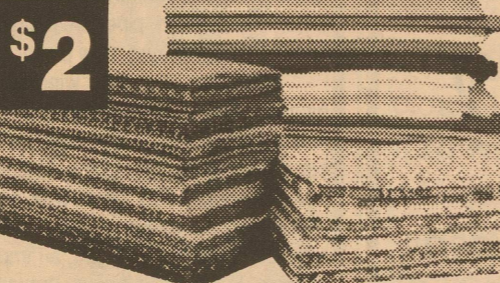
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Sealed bids, addressed to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be received by the County Clerk, until 10:00 a.m. March 10, 2003 in regular session when such bids will be opened in the Commissioners Courtroom for:

**One Transport Load of Diesel Fuel Prices shall include all taxes applicable**

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Peggy William  
County & District Clerk  
P.O. Drawer 580  
Eldorado, Texas 76936  
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### BID NOTICE ON ELECTRICAL WORK

Schleicher County ISD of Eldorado Texas is accepting bids for raising the HVAC and all electrical work pertaining to raising the HVAC and also raising gas lines on the District's High School building and auditorium roofs. Estimate budget is \$50,000. The District will hold a mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 4th 2003 at 2:00 P.M. Bid will be open on March 17th at 3:00 P.M. SCISD reserves the right to waive any formalities in bids and bidding any and/or all bids may be rejected.

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### NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

The City of Eldorado is accepting applications for a full-time position in the Public Works Department. Applicants must be High School graduates and hold a valid Commercial Driver's License. Salary shall be commensurate with experience and ability. The Benefits Package includes group health insurance and retirement benefits. Application forms may be obtained and returned to the City Hall during regular office hours.

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### GARAGE SALES, YARD SALES & ESTATE SALES

SEE ENOCH'S ESTATE AUCTION SALE ON PAGE 6.

Estate Sale: New Whirlpool Refrigerator w/icemaker, Kenmore stack washer & dryer, Sealy Posturepedic Double mattress with brass headboard, taupe/blue couch, white/oak drop leaf table with 4 chairs, beautiful 8 x 10 rug, end and coffee tables, walnut bedside tables and chest of drawers, pale green occasional chair, walnut glider/rocker, desk, kitchen cabinets, much more. Pentium III 550, loaded with software \$425, Second Hand Rose, 853-3736.

### Card of Thanks

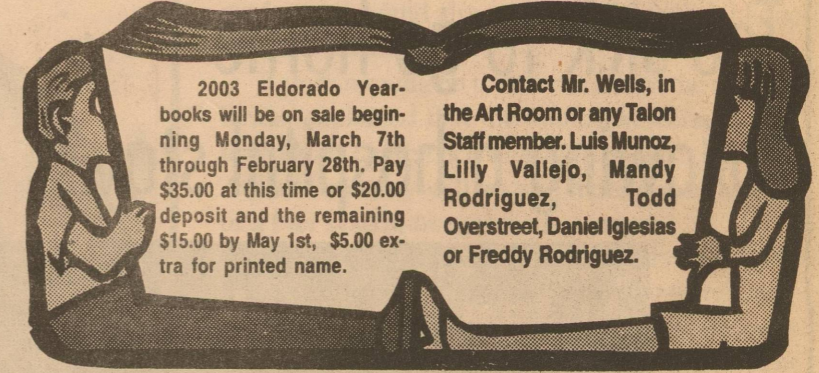
Dear Friends,  
The family of Clifford Schooley Sr. would like to express their grateful appreciation for all the visits, food, flowers, cards, prayers and support during our time of great sorrow. May God Bless each and everyone of you.  
Ann Schooley, Cindy Stuckey and Kasey Griffin, Lee and Lorretta Ray, Cynthia Powell, Lee Ray Jr., Lauren Wilson, Gabe & Ericka Schooley

Eldorado Pride Committee wants to thank everyone who helped make the Dinner Theater Event a huge success. Special thanks goes to these individuals and businesses who donated time, food and financial support: First National Bank, Niblett's Oilfield Service, Eldorado Animal Clinic, Eldorado Pharmacy, First Community Credit, Forlano Chiropractic, Germania Insurance, Griffin Construction, Griffin Fuels, H-G Automotive, Shaws Motel, Kent's Automotive, Walker Construction, Shot's, Ronnie Mittel, Sherry Johnson, Danelle McCormack, and Nancy Powell.

The EOBEC would like to thank the following for their contributions to the recently completed First Annual Eldorado Elgoatrod: Tom & Kathy Bragg, Susan Buchholz, Matt Brown, Christoval Community Chamber, Circus 101 Class, City of Eldorado, Cravin'Haven, Morris & Ann Custer, Punkin & LiAna Danford, Herb & Iris Dankworth, Devils River News, Sheriff David Doran, The Eldorado Success, Tommy & Jean Everett, Roger & Shirley Gavit, Dan Griffin, Judge Johnny Griffin, Kirk & Holly Griffin, Lynn & Sylvia Griffin, Ed Hamilton, HRD Originals, May Kissko, Lori Stricklan (Bubbles) and Jar Jar (Goat Imposter).

KGKL Radio, KHOS Radio, KNEL Radio, Laser Maze, Little Blessings Ranch, Menard News & Messenger, James Moore, New Braunfels 4-H Clubs, The Ranch Magazine, Randy & Kathy Mankin, Jan Davis Miller, Rick's Place, Rosa's Casita Restaurant, Runge Goat Racing Vehicle Fabrication Shop, San Angelo Standard Times, San Antonio Express News, Schleicher County, Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, Shaws Motel, South Texas Car Club, Southwest Texas Electric Co-op, STCC, Claude Oran Spencer, The Jimmy Taylor Family, Texas Co-op Power Magazine, Texas Promos, Etc., Tumbleweed Smith, Teresa Sullivan, Vasquez Racing Goats, WHH Ranch, Whitten Racing Goat Team, Billy Williams and Frank & Claryce Williams.

Thanks again,  
Jim Runge



2003 Eldorado Yearbooks will be on sale beginning Monday, March 7th through February 28th. Pay \$35.00 at this time or \$20.00 deposit and the remaining \$15.00 by May 1st, \$5.00 extra for printed name.

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## Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Rosetta Lozano (R). When the Spotlight camera caught up with Rosetta recently, she was accepting the "Blood, Sweat and Tears Award" during the San Angelo Area Agency on Aging's annual award banquet. Lozano was recognized for her work as a senior companion.

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**Port-to-Plains Coalition announces funding for corridor**

The Ports-to-Plains Coalition received another round of good news when it learned the Omnibus appropriations bill passed by Congress included some funding for the Corridor.

Ports-to-Plains Chairman Randy Neugebauer cited the efforts of Senators Hutchison and Cornyn of Texas, Allard and Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, Inhofe of Oklahoma, Dominici and Bingaman of New Mexico as well as Chairman (Representative) Combest, and Thornberry, Stenholm, Smith, and Bonilla of Texas, Udall of New Mexico, Lucas of Oklahoma as well as Musgrave and Schaf-

fer of Colorado.

Mr. Neugebauer also stated that the Ports-to-Plains Task Force members, local elected officials and interested businesses from Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio to Limon Colorado all played a role in this success.

\$11,623,950.00 in project funds were awarded for the 2003 year.

Sterling County, TX, Imp. to SH 158, 4 lane, will be funded in the amount of \$844,475; Lamesa Reliever Route, received \$844,475.00 for engineering; West Laredo Multimodal Corridor will receive \$3,477,259.00; Wiley

Junction, CO Imp. to US 287 will receive \$2,980,500.00 for reconstruction; U.S. 287 Corridor to Oklahoma will receive \$1,490,250 for engineering and the Corridor Management Plan will receive \$1,987,000.00 for planning.

The Coalition will be focusing their efforts on the reauthorization

of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Current Transportation Law for America) in hopes of including major policy changes that will benefit the Corridor. Also, during the reauthorization the Coalition will attempt to garner additional funding for other parts of the corridor.

**Sheep & Goat Predator Board elects 2003 slate of officers**

The Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board (S&GPMB) held its initial meeting of 2003 in late February. Formed in 1992 by a referendum vote of sheep and goat producers, the Board meets every-other-month and oversees collection and use of a 20-cent per head assessment that funds predator management programs. The nine member Board is elected by producers to represent its three districts encompassing 111 counties. Each board member serves a six-year term.

Board members are: Dan Crenwelge of Fredericksburg (District 3); Dwight Nanny of Gouldbusk (District 3); Gordon Hays of Ballinger (District 3); W.B. Patterson III of Hunt (District 2); William Edmiston of Eldorado (District 2); Jim Davis of Menard (District 2);

Eugene Vinson of Big Lake (District 1); Bill Tullos of San Angelo (District 1); John Wade of Sonora (District 1).

Officers elected for fiscal year 2003 were: President - Dan Crenwelge, Vice President - Jim Davis, and Secretary-Treasurer - Bill Tullos. W. Roy Jacoby continues to serve the Board as their Audit/Education Liaison Representative.



**Rollover** — Two passengers were ejected from this pickup early Wednesday morning after the driver lost control on an icy bridge ten miles north of Eldorado on US 277. They were taken by EMS ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment. Here, Deputy David Olivan is pictured inspecting the wreckage. DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz was called in to investigate and details were sketchy at press time. However, the Success has learned that the driver of the pickup is from Winters.

**County commissioners meet**

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of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

The commissioners then discussed paving 5 streets at the cemetery and instructed Road Superintendent Clay Burleson explore the cost of the project. They also discussed placing electrical outlets along the U.S. 277 and Hwy. 190 landscape islands along the courthouse square. They took no action on the matter, however.

The court then authorized Judge Griffin to contract with a company to steam clean carpet on the second and third floor of the courthouse. Also, a bill from Schleicher County Medical Cen-

ter in the amount of \$2,715.00 for treatment of county prisoners during 2002 was ordered to be paid.

Sheriff David Doran then updated the commissioners on his department's policy regarding medical treatment of inmates.

Before adjourning, the commissioners heard Judge Griffin's concern about the cost of an upcoming murder trial in the Schooley shooting case. Griffin asked the men if they wanted to dedicate \$50,000.00 from the county's reserves in order to cover the costs of a trial. The men decide, however, to pay for expenses as they arise from the reserve fund.

**Second Hand Rose Consignment**

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CHICAGO (PG-13)	1:50 4:20	7:10 9:40
ADAPTATION (R)	1:30 4:30	7:05 9:50
JUNGLE BOOK (G)	1:20 3:20/5:20	7:25 9:15
FINAL DESTINATION 2		
ds (R)	1:45 4:15	7:15 9:45
BIKER BOYZ (PG-13)	2:00 4:40	7:20 9:55
KANGAROO JACK (PG)	1:40 4:10	7:00 9:20
JUST MARRIED (PG-13)	2:10 4:45	7:40/10:00

Times good for the week of 2/28 thru 3/06

Monday-Thursday		
CHICAGO (PG-13)	4:20	7:10
ADAPTATION (R)	4:30	7:05
JUNGLE BOOK (G)	5:20	7:25
ds (R)	4:15	7:15
BIKER BOYZ (PG-13)	4:40	7:20
KANGAROO JACK (PG)	4:10	7:00
JUST MARRIED (PG-13)	4:45	7:40

\*No Passes or Discounts

**BIRTHDAY LIST**

**FEBRUARY**  
27th Lacy Ragsdale, Mary Adame, Rosemary Adame, Claude Jenkins  
28th Catrina Lloyd, Dee Ann White, Gerald Lange, Doug Ward, Andre Fay, Brianah Creek, Rudy Spigarelli, Luis Santellano  
29th Juan Montalvo Sr.

**MARCH**  
1st James Mack Holley, Michael Martinez  
2nd Billy Frank Blaylock  
3rd Andy Baker, Annette Jackson, Justin Harlin, Lois Dean, Raymond Spears Jr., Mitch Wilkerson, Levi Jones  
5th Robbie Len Saldivar, Steve Minor, Kimberly Hight, Ruby Damron

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**FEBRUARY**  
27th Jimmy & Nancy Powell  
28th George & Mary Hoffman, Raul & Christina Gonzalez  
29th Martin & Cathy Torres

**MARCH**  
4th Bob & Ima Jean Bruce

**The Blotter**

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

**ARRESTS**  
February 21 • Cazares, Eliu, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.  
February 23 • Adame, Roberto R. male age 46, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

**INCIDENT REPORTS**  
February 18 • 11:15 p.m. Complainant reported loud music. Officer responded.  
February 20 • 8:55 a.m. Complainant reported a male subject was threatening to break a apartment window. Officer responded.  
\*6:02 p.m. Sheriff Office received a 911 hang-up call from a resident. Sheriff Office called back the residence back to see if everything was OK. Dispatcher noticed the female subject was out of breath when she stated everything was OK. Dispatch-

er notified officer. Officer responded and found subject had gotten into a verbal argument but was OK.

February 21 • 4:06 p.m. High School reported a theft. Officer responded.

February 22 • 9:00 a.m. Subject of Hwy. 190 East requested an officer assist in getting a dog out of their fence. Officer responded.

• 11:50 a.m. Complainant reported that one of their delivery trucks had run through a fence on FM 2129. Complainant reported that this had happen on February 21. Officer took report.

• 12:50 a.m. Ranch on County Road 119 reported an controlled burn to the Sheriff's Office.

• 2:27 p.m. Complainant requested an officer assist a motorist on Hwy. 277 in changing a flat tire. Officer responded.

• 4:41 p.m. Complainant reported a theft of a stereo taken out a vehicle parked on SW Main. Officer responded.

• 10:41 p.m. Complainant reported two suspicious males running from mechanic shop on Carson Street. Complainant reported one subject wearing a T-Shirt and black pants and 1 subject wearing dark jeans and blue shirt. Officers responded.

February 23 • 4:18 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for their father who was possibly having a stroke. Subject was not responsive. Officer and EMS responded.

• 6:00 a.m. EMS 2 call Sheriff Office to report the ambulance had a blown out tire north of the county line on Hwy. 277 while transferring a patient. Ambulance needed deputies at location to assist with Air Med to set up a landing zone. Officers arrived and assisted helicopter.

• 4:00 p.m. Hospital reported to the Sheriff's Office a lifeline was activated on Cottonwood Street. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 7:30 p.m. Complainant reported a cow in the middle of the road on the Menard Hwy. Officer responded.

February 24 • Subject reported a break in at their apartment on Eastfield Dr. and found a stereo had been taken. Officer responded.

• 9:13 a.m. Complainant reported a one vehicle accident on Hwy. 277 South. Company vehicle lost control, tipped over and slid off roadway due to ice. No injuries. Officers responded.

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