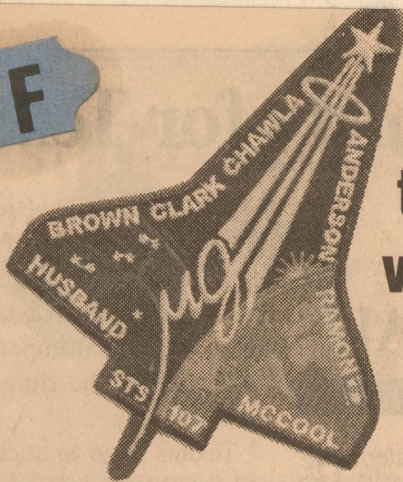
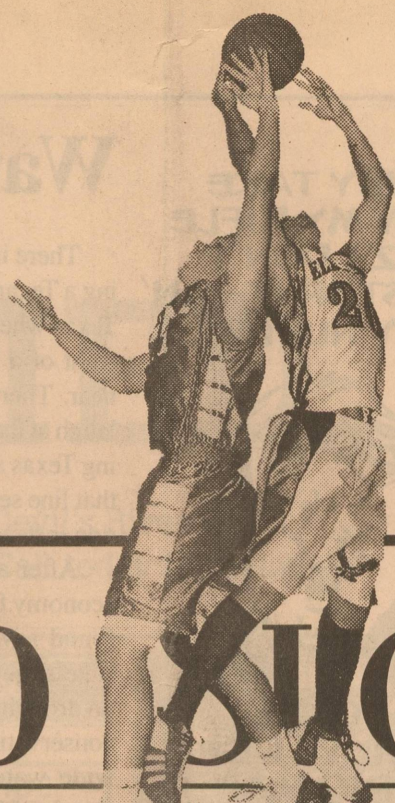


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In Memory of the Columbia's valiant crew



Eagles Basketball Action Continues

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COURTESY PHOTO

(Front L-R) Shuttle Commander (USAF Col.) Rick Husband, Mission Specialist Kalpana Chawla, Ph.D., Shuttle Pilot (USN Commander) William C. McCool (Back L-R), Mission Specialist (Capt. USN) David M. Brown, Mission Specialist (USN Commander) Laurel Clark, M.D., Payload Specialist (Lt. Col. USAF) William P. Anderson, and Payload Specialist (Col. Israel Air Force) Ilan Ramon.

Seven bright and shining stars fall from the Texas sky

NASA's space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry Saturday morning, Feb. 1, 2003, and disintegrated over Central and East Texas and Western Louisiana. The accident claimed the lives of all seven astronauts onboard. They included Shuttle Commander Rick Husband, Pilot William McCool, Mission Specialists Kalpana Chawla, David M. Brown, Laurel Clark and Payload Specialists William P. Anderson and Ilan Ramon.

Debris from the accident rained from the sky for hours. Firefighters in several Texas counties responded to fires attributed to the flaming debris. By Monday, partial remains of some of the astronauts had been identified. Meanwhile, wreckage from the Columbia, gathered by volunteers across East Texas was being taken to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where it is being cataloged and stored for investigators.

The tragedy represents only the third fatality accident in the history of the National Aeronautics and

Space Agency. The first occurred on Jan. 27, 1967, when the Apollo-1 capsule caught fire on the launch pad while its astronauts were practicing for their upcoming mission. That accident claimed the lives of Roger Chaffee, Ed White and Gus Grissom, who was one of America's original seven astronauts and the second American in space.

On January 28, 1986, a day after the 19th anniversary of the Apollo-1 tragedy, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after lift-off. That incident also claimed the lives of seven astronauts, Dick Scobee, Michael J. Smith, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Ellison Sizony, Gregory Jarvis and school teacher Christa McAuliffe.

On Tuesday, January 28, 2003, the crew aboard the ill-fated Columbia paused from their mission duties for a brief memorial service in honor of the Challenger crew. Four days later, their own craft exploded during re-entry. Oddly, despite the fact that the three fatal accidents are separated by more

than 36 years, they each occurred during the same calendar week.

Both Columbia's commander and pilot were Texans. U.S. Air Force Col. Rick Husband, a native of Amarillo and a graduate of Texas Tech University, commanded Columbia's final mission. It was his second space flight. Navy Commander William C. McCool, a native of Lubbock and a graduate of the Naval Academy, was Columbia's pilot. The flight was his first space mission.

Interestingly, there have been numerous connections reported between Eldorado citizens and the Columbia and its crew. Susan Buchholz telephoned the Success office to report having met Columbia crewman David Brown during Star Party events, sponsored by NASA, at Ft. McKavett. See her story, a tribute to Dave Brown and the other Columbia astronauts, in the story below.

Another connection involves Air Force SSgt. Melanie Strickland.

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Thief abandons car, grabs pickup truck

A 1989 Ford Taurus, reported stolen from San Saba, was found abandoned Sunday morning on West Avenue in Eldorado. Just a few feet away, a 2001 Ford pickup truck belonging to John E. Meador Construction, was reported stolen from in front of the home of Ernie Higdon.

Sheriff's deputy Kevin Herbert was joined by Chief Deputy George Arispe in the investigation. The officers were called about 5:00 a.m. when the pickup truck was found missing. Nearby they found the Ford Taurus with a flat tire, abandoned in front of a residence at 108 West Avenue. A key

had been left in the car's ignition switch. The men also noted that the car's engine was cold.

Chief Deputy Arispe said the stolen pickup also contained a .22 rifle and a cellular phone. Keys had been left in that vehicle, as well. At press time, the pickup remained missing. Investigators said, however, that it had not been reported crossing the Mexican border. Neither had any usage been reported on the cellular phone.

The Ford Taurus was reported missing later that morning by Jennifer Lewis in San Saba. She told officers that she had recently purchased the vehicle from Martin Luna of San Saba. However, expired tags on the car, as well as registration documents found inside revealed that she had not registered the vehicle. Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call 915-85-2737.

Rodeo meeting planned

Schleicher County Rodeo Association president Troy Daniels announced this week that an informational meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003 at the Rodeo Arena. At that time, Johnny Hoyle, a rodeo producer and livestock contractor from Madisonville, TX, will be present to meet and exchange ideas with the group. Hoyle is reportedly interested in

producing this year's Eldorado Open Rodeo and is offering to expand and upgrade show over those seen here in recent years.

Daniels notes that the meeting will be open to any and all who might be interested in the local rodeo or the Schleicher County Rodeo Association. Those with questions are encouraged to contact Daniels at 915-853-2202.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Building blocks — Stone masons Aaron Lankford and Bill O'Neal from San Angelo put the finishing touches Tuesday on the stone facade at City Hall. The building's renovation is well underway and should be nearing completion by the end of the month.

Farewell, my dear friend, farewell

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
I wish I may I wish I might
Have this wish I make tonight...

by Susan Buchholz

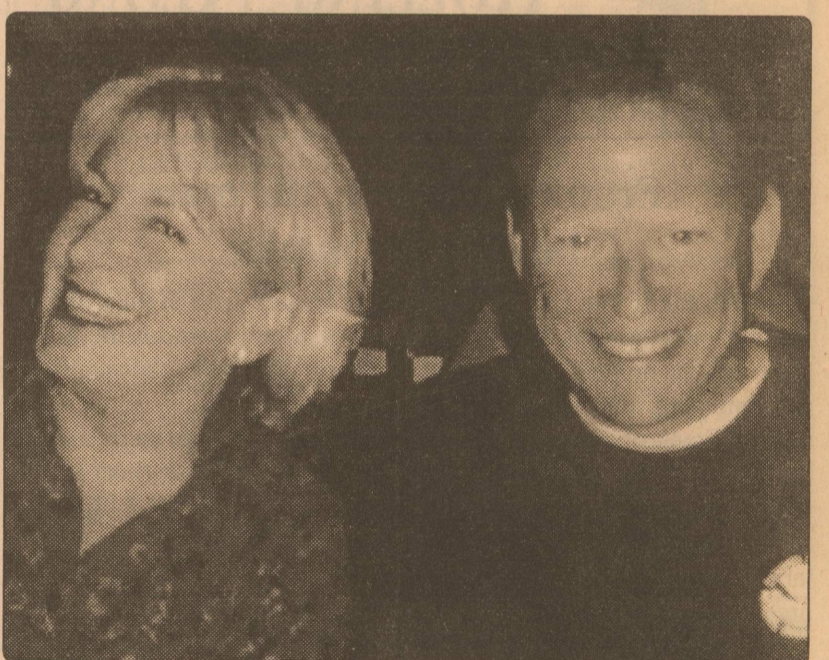
It is said that Eskimo people, when gazing up at the bright night sky, imagine the stars to be the spirits of departed loved ones. Small holes are made in the fabric of the night, allowing the loved ones shine down so that we here on Earth may see that all is well.

David Brown liked to view the Texas night sky from the parade ground at Fort McKavett. During the dark of the moon each March and October the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society, whose logo is the space shuttle, trek out from Houston for a long weekend of fellowship and star viewing.

At the Fort, Buddy Garza, Alfredo Munoz, Gabe Schooley, and Robin Street would work to see that everything was shipshape before the first trailer arrived. Usually, a barbecue was planned and the friends of Fort McKavett made lots of salads and desserts. The park staff has become close friends with the NASA night owls and happily anticipates each reunion.

Sometimes, as many as thirty telescopes would point into the velvet night. And, the telescopes were as unique as their owners. The lens on this one has been hand ground by its owner/designer, the barrel of that one has been constructed of hockey sticks from the pro-teams...and this one cost so much that it has a first name.

Members of the society, including crew chief Bob Taylor, a NASA pilot named "Triple Nickle," and other volunteer arrive ear-



COURTESY PHOTO

Memories of better times — Eldorado's Susan Buchholz is pictured here with Columbia astronaut Dave Brown as they shared a meal at the Ft. McKavett Country Club Cafe. Brown was at Ft. McKavett to assist with a semi-annual Star Party. Tragically, he and his crewmates were lost Saturday when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry.

ly for these semiannual Star Parties. Their mission is to visit West Texas school children, reach out to the young minds, and perhaps expand a few horizons. Their generosity with knowledge, time and talent is modestly shrugged off. "We feel that we are the lucky ones coming out to this beautiful country," they would say. Later, they would make jokes about driving on "Toenail Trail."

To me, these men and women represent America's real heroes in a time when heroes and role models are few and far between.

NASA astronaut Dave Brown was one of these special people. He dearly loved flying his "puddle-jumper" from Houston to Me-nard for the star gazing at Ft. McKavett. Once here, he always wanted to go over to the Ft. McKavett Country Club Cafe for a

huge chicken fried steak. He truly enjoyed being with "down home people."

The last time I saw Dave, I noticed that the West Texas sun had burned his face. As we sat around joking and telling stories, his laughing eyes wore the outline of his aviator sunglasses.

Saturday night, after a long day of trying to absorb the news about the Space Shuttle Columbia, and coming to grips with the fact that its crew, including my friend Dave Brown, was lost, I found it difficult to sleep. About three o'clock I got up to let the dogs out and followed them out into the silence. As I looked to the sky to see if maybe any clouds were coming, I felt a slight tug at my heart. There, near the big dipper, I imagined were seven new stars, looking down on us all — Good bye.

THEY TAKE AWAY MY LICENSE CUZ I WEAR NO SEATBELT—AN' I SAY NUTHIN'...



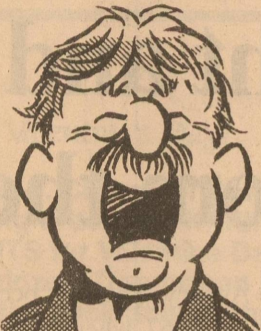
NOW, THEY TRY T' TAKE AWAY MY FAST FOOD—AN' I SAY...



THEY TAKE AWAY MY TABACCO CUZ I SMOKE IN PUBLIC—AN' I SAY NUTHIN'...



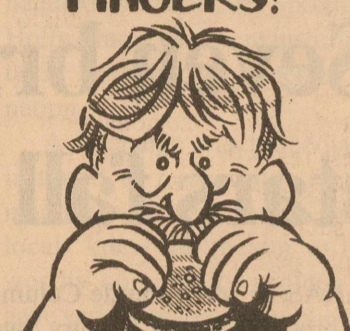
NO WAY, JOSÉ!!



THEY TAKE AWAY MY RIFLE CUZ I DON'T REGISTER IT—AN' I SAY NUTHIN'...



TH' ONLY WAY THEY'LL GET MY BIG MAC IS T' PRY IT FROM MY DYIN' FAT FINGERS!



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Water remains a priority for Texans

GUEST EDITORIAL

by Sen. Robert Duncan

There is an old saying about being a Texan: you know you're from Texas when you stop expecting the sight of a bridge to mean water is near. There was a time we could laugh at that one, but the reality facing Texas and its water needs make that line seem like a solemn prediction instead of a trite expression.

After a dry spell hit the Texas economy for \$4 billion in 1996, we found several deficiencies in our state's water planning. There was no drought plan, we practiced little conservation, and no viable statewide water plan existed. During that fateful year, 80 percent of the recommended water resources had already been developed, and yet our state's population was predicted to double by the year 2030.

Unless changes were made, Texas' major urban areas would be 15 percent short of daily water needs and a loss of \$40 billion could be expected in the state economy. Most new water sources take up to 25 years to develop, and Texas had little time to waste.

In 1997 and 2001, we passed Senate Bills 1 and 2 - the most com-

prehensive reforms to water management and planning in Texas history. The measures shifted water planning from the state level to the local level. This was designed to drive local participation, control, and buy-in to the regional water planning process. The impact has been clear: people now talk about natural resources and communities understand water is a priority.

Securing Texas' water supply, improving its infrastructure, and promoting its conservation are among the issues demanding the most strict attention from lawmakers. A heightened emphasis on water issues - increased public participation, education, and awareness - now flows throughout the state.

Within the next 50 years, almost 900 Texas cities will have to either reduce their demand for water or develop new sources of it. We must balance the water needs of rural and urban areas and follow the planning process we created. Rural and urban Texas have a reciprocal relationship in which the success of one benefits the other.

Rural Texas will be forced to reckon with depleted groundwater resources and an increase of those resources by urban areas. At the current rate of usage, parts of West Texas could fall short of irrigation needs by an estimated 856,000 acre-feet per year. That would reverberate across the state's economy through the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars.

If the water needs of our urban neighbors are met through investment in strategies such as conservation, reuse, desalination, and brush control, the pressure on ground-

water in aquifers could be relieved. It is vital that groundwater conservation districts continue to provide local control of groundwater, and it is of equal importance that these districts be supported and funded locally.

Texans have to stick together and think both progressively and pragmatically about water issues. To provide more public input and attention to water issues, we created the Texas Water Advisory Council, a 13-member group of legislators, elected officials, agency leaders, and public members. This council, which I am honored to chair, guides state water policy initiatives and is developing recommendations for the Legislature.

Water is a multifaceted issue, and several of its levels will arise during this session, including: conservation, desalination, reuse, infrastructure improvement, marketing, environmental and instream flows, condemnation of surface water rights, border water disputes, long-term financing strategies to help communities pay for water projects, and protection of our state's rivers.

Water will be a salient concern for this and every future Legislature. Texas regulations, laws, and institutions must evolve to keep pace with - and at times, even encourage - new developments in technology. Texans must increase their understanding of the complex issues involved in maintaining our natural resources so they may continue to sustain the state and its economies.

Among the most precious of our resources, water is critical to all of Texas. Our state has policies, and responsive institutions. Water is like blood, not oil. This resource sustains more than livelihoods it maintains life.

Sen. Duncan represents the 28th District, including Schleicher County in the Texas State Senate.

Democrats given spots in legislative leadership mix

The new leadership in the Capitol has surprised some by being surprisingly ... Democratic. That's Democratic with an uppercase D, as in Democrats.

In the Senate, Republicans got the chairs of the really heavy hitting committees: Senate Finance (Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo); State Affairs (Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant); Business and Commerce (Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay); and Health and Human Services (Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound). But Democrats were appointed by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to chair Interna-

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



tional Relations (Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Harlingen) and the new Government Organization Committee (Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston).

On the west side of the Capitol, House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, has said he intends to spread responsibilities around, with new faces in key spots. The new Government Organization Committee, charged with hunting down duplicate services in state

agencies, will be headed by Rep. David Swinford, R-Amarillo.

The 7 Percent Solution ...

Gov. Rick Perry has given state agencies until Feb. 6 to come up with ways to cut 7 percent from their current budgets. First line of cuts is trending toward travel and hiring freezes, an action Texas A&M University announced early on.

The next round takes agencies from a 93 percent budget to a 0 percent budget for next fiscal year. In other words, rather than starting out with a recommended budget, legislators will begin at zero with each agency and add from there.

or raise taxes. Neither would the proposed measures solve the state's fiscal woes, but they would designate March as Texas History Month.

"They will assure that the heritage and pride we all share as Texans will be celebrated well into the future by generations to come," said Charlie Yates, director of the Texian Legacy Association and one of the prime Movers behind the proposed bills.

Yates is hoping the bills can get the support of two-thirds of both houses, which would transform them into law immediately.

"There is an outside chance we could have the first Texas History Month this coming March," Yates said.

Yates is on the board of another non-profit organization, Celebrate Texas, which has been working to revitalize Texas' annual celebration of its version of July 4 - March 2.

And don't forget the Capitol ...

What's going on inside the Capitol this legislative session is as contemporary as it gets, but it's all happening in one of the more historical structures in Texas. To learn more about the building that has been the heart of Texas government since 1888, check out the new Capitol Visitors Center web site at: www.texascapitolvisitorscenter.com.

Remembering the Alamo ...

It's no coincidence that the 103-year-old Texas State Historical Association has its annual meeting the first week of March. As someone once said, that period includes the High Holy Days of Texas - the day Texas declared its independence from Mexico (March 2, also Sam Houston's birthday) and the day the Alamo fell (March 6).

A group of history-minded Texans are now pushing another document they went signed, House Bill 294 by Rep. John Davis (R-Houston) and its companion, Senate Bill 250 by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos (D-Austin.) The bills are simple.

The law they would create would not cost the state anything



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Frank Abagnale, the man behind the movie

Catch Me If You Can is one of the big movies right now. It has some of the biggest stars in the entertainment industry and is the story of Frank Abagnale, a legendary con man who wrote millions of dollars' worth of hot checks. He served time in prison and later established a company to help banks prevent check fraud.

In 1978, I took students in my news class to interview Frank Abagnale, who was in the Permian Basin working with banks and stores. He lived in Houston then. A few weeks ago, just when the publicity about the movie was beginning, I ran into one of my former students in the supermarket. She said, "You remember when we interviewed Frank Abagnale?" I told her yeah, that we were way ahead of everybody in recognizing this guy as being worthy of a story.

I saw the movie the other night and was amazed to see how closely it followed the interview I had with him in 1978, when he was 29 years old.

The movie shows him growing up the son of wealthy parents in an upscale New York neighborhood. It also depicts how devastated he was when his parents divorced. He went out his own at the age of sixteen and started using his imagination as a way to survive. His career as a con man was about to begin.

He noticed how airline pilots

were treated with dignity and respect, so he got an airline pilot's uniform and credentials and traveled to 82 countries, riding in the cockpit of airliners. His credentials allowed him to cash (hot) checks freely and get his hotel bills paid by the airline.

He posed as a lawyer on the attorney general's staff in Louisiana. "I passed the bar" he told me. "In Louisiana you can take it three times. I flunked it twice, then because I have a photographic memory and an IQ of 140, I passed it on the third try." He won all 33 cases he prosecuted.

He later posed as a doctor and stockbroker. He is the only man to escape from the Federal Prison in Atlanta. He did it by convincing the guards he was with the Bureau of Prisons and walked out the front door just thirteen days after he arrived there.

"I was clean cut and didn't look like a regular prisoner. One of the guards used to call me inspector all the time because he thought I was a prison inspector. I got my girl friend to get a business card from a person in the justice department. I gave it to a guard and he said 'I knew it' and let me leave for an alleged meeting with someone from the FBI."

Frank said he was ready to get caught and was tired of fooling people and not having any real friends. He said his business gives him a chance to help people.

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| 47. Abu Dhabi is its cap. | 21. Birdbrain | 56. Guitar effect, when doubled |
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OBITUARIES

Victorina L. Chavez



Having completed her life's mission, Victorina Lozano Chavez took her last breath as she left to join her Lord and Savior on February 1, 2003.

Mrs. Chavez was born the youngest of six children to Reyes and Josefa Lozano in Bracketville, Texas, on November 30, 1932. She lived in Bracketville until age 12 when her parents moved the family to Eldorado in 1944. She later married her husband and life long companion, Felix H. Chavez, Sr., in 1966.

Mrs. Chavez was proceeded in death by her parents and son, Emery Robinson. She was also proceeded in death by her brothers Frank Lozano and Luis Lozano formerly of Eldorado. She is survived by her husband Mr. Chavez, Sr. of Eldorado. She also leaves behind seven children and their spouses respectively: son Maurice and Debbie Lozano of San Angelo; daughter Ivy and Juan Garcia of Dallas; son Felix and Idolia Chavez; son Juan and Marleny

Chavez of Eldorado; daughter Juanita and Armando Campos of Garland; daughter Consuelo and David Dockendorf of Las Vegas, Nevada; and son Jose and Maria Chavez of Dallas. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and one great grandson. Mrs. Chavez is also survived by her brother and his wife Reyes and Agnes Lozano of Eldorado; by her sister and her husband Sara and Daniel Moreno of Dallas; and by her sister Josefina Estrada of Bracketville. She also leaves behind her dear friend and sister-in-law Rosetta Lozano. She will be remembered by her many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Mrs. Chavez was a member of our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Alongside her husband she reared her children in the church until her failing health caused her to be homebound. She remained at her home on 8 S. Poplar St. until 1996 when she entered the Eldorado Nursing Home. During her stay there, her favorite activities included attending church services and bingo. It was during this time that Mrs. Chavez accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

In the fall of 2002, Mrs. Chavez was diagnosed with aggressive cancer. After a brief hospital stay in January 2003, she was admitted to Park Plaza Nursing Home in San Angelo.

Mrs. Chavez passed away at 5:50 p.m. in her sleep on Saturday, February 1, in San Angelo.

A rosary and vigil service was held February 3, at Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado. Church services were held February 4, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado. Mrs. Chavez was laid to rest at the Eldorado Cemetery following the service.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

submitted by Dorothy Dacy

Our October Halloween Dance was a big success and a lot of fun. Several parents stayed to watch their little goblins enjoy the festivities. A possible Halloween Carnival was discussed for 2003, if we could get other clubs and organizations to assist us. More on this in the Fall.

In November, we met in the Lion's Club room for our annual couples Thanksgiving supper. A delicious dinner of ham and turkey and all the trimmings was provided by hostesses Barbara Jackson, Kimmet Nelson and the members. We had a round table discussion about the things in our life for which we are most thankful.

In December, we met at Kimmet's to make fruit and candy gifts to take to the nursing home residents. We helped them address their Christmas cards and sang carols with them to music played beautifully on the piano by Vicki Schwiening. Our Christmas party and secret sister gift exchange was held at the Niblett's Bed and Breakfast home. Hostesses Mary Leigh Dunagan and Dorothy Dacy provided punch and festive dishes of finger foods were made by each member. Beautiful Christmas decorations filled the historical home, and each of us shared fond memories of past Christmas observances with family and friends.

In January, we had several meetings. We voted to sponsor the Yum Yum Shop and provide sweets and punch for the Way Off Broadway production of the play "Virgil's Wedding." Theatre patrons are welcome to come next door and enjoy a treat and glass of punch. Donations will be welcome and appreciated.

Our social for the month was dinner and a movie out in San Angelo. We met at Flora Hubble's and drove together to see "Antwone Fisher" directed by Denzel Wash-

ington. A touching, inspirational story about a little boy thrown away by his family and the welfare system and how a caring psycho-therapist in the United States Navy finally reached out to help him. Highly recommended film to see! Afterwards, we enjoyed dinner at Applebees.

We met at Flora's on January 28th. Before the meeting, we took a meal to our former member, Linda Lindsey and her family. As a sorority, we expressed sympathy, love and support to her in the coming months. We discussed the dates in February and March for the Yum Yum shop, February 16th, 22nd, 23rd, and March 1st. Members briefly discussed what delicious goodies we are going to make. Hope to see everyone there! We voted to give a \$20 donation to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Refreshments of homemade potato soup, tuna salad sandwiches, apple-pineapple bread, and ice tea was served by hostess, Flora Hubble. The Sunshine Gifts were won by Mary Leigh Dunagan and Barbara Jackson.

Our next meeting will be held on February 11th at Mary Leigh's home. This is our annual Valentine's Salad Supper and secret sister gift exchange.

Eldorado Forecast

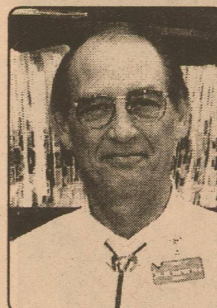
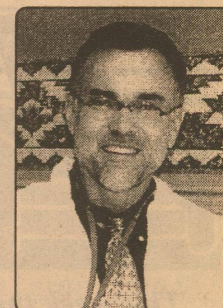
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- Tuesday, February 11**
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- Thursday, February 13**
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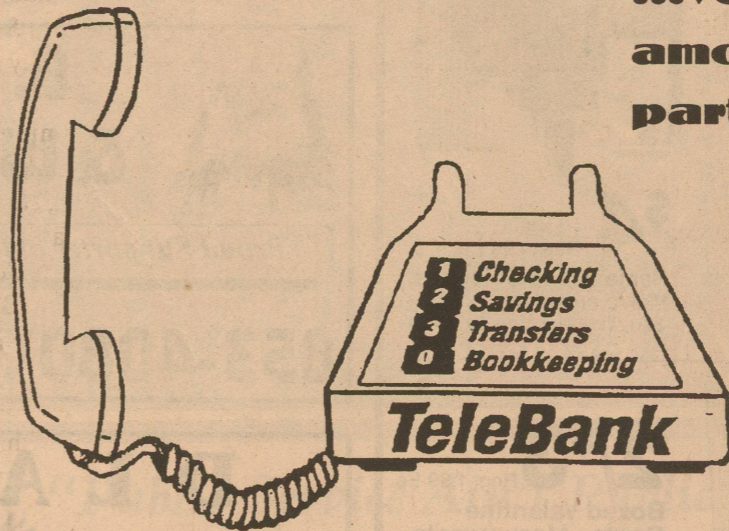
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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN



Eagles boys basketball report

by Coach Alan Gillespie

The Eldorado Boys basketball team continued district play with games against Reagan County and Wall. On Tuesday, January 28 the Eagles fell to Reagan County 58-47. Bobby Phillips led the Eagles in scoring with 20 points on a great night shooting as he went 3 of 6 from three point range and 3 of 4 from the free throw line. Ray David Buitron pulled down 8 rebounds while Quisto Gonzalez and Philip Martinez both had 4 assists. J.L. Mankin had 6 blocked shots.

On Friday, January 31 the Eagles hosted the Wall Hawks and were defeated 57-34. Philip Martinez led the Eagles with 10 points and made 3 of 3 free throws. Four Eagles were tied for the lead in rebounds with 4. They were Mike Adame, Quisto Gonzalez, Bobby Phillips, and Ray David Buitron. Quisto was the leader in assists with 6 while Bobby had 4 steals.

Eldorado is not in a position for any playoffs but would like to end the season well with games remaining against Ozona, Grape Creek, and Sonora.



Varsity Boys

January 28, 2002

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|------------|-----------------------|
| Eldorado | 10 - 9 - 21 - 7 = 47 |
| Reagan Co. | 18 - 17 - 9 - 14 = 58 |

SCORING: Ray David Buitron 4, Bobby Phillips 20, Quisto Gonzalez 8, Philip Martinez 11, Mike Adame 2, J.L. Mankin 2

January 31, 2002

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| Eldorado | 8 - 16 - 5 - 5 = 34 |
| Wall | 13 - 15 - 19 - 10 = 57 |

SCORING: Ray David Buitron 4, Bobby Phillips 7, Quisto Gonzales 3, Philip Martinez 10, Mike Adame 6, Jordan Fay 2, J.L. Mankin 2

Varsity Girls

January 24, 2003

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| Eldorado | 5 - 12 - 7 - 27 = 51 |
| Sonora | 15 - 14 - 21 - 9 = 59 |

SCORING: Kasey Boysaw 6, Christina Redish 20, Clara Herrera 11, Teresa Barajas 11, Martha Lively 3. Coaches Comments: We had hoped to stay in the playoff race with a win against Sonora but unfortunately we came up just a few points short. To our girl's credit a last quarter effort resulted in 27 points cutting Sonora's lead to just 8 points.

January 28, 2003

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| Eldorado | 7 - 5 - 6 - 4 = 22 |
| Reagan Co. | 9 - 14 - 14 - 15 = 52 |

SCORING: Kasey Boysaw 2, Chandra Wanoreck 1, Christina Redish 11, Clara Herrera 4, Teresa Barajas 1, Amanda Wanoreck 1, Martha Lively 2

Eagle Booster Club News

by Bill Hodges,

Booster Club President

The Booster Club will be planning several fund raising activities in the months to come.

First, be sure to remember that the Booster Club is planning a golf tournament to be held at the Eldorado Golf Club. No date has been pinned down but we are looking at late March or April. Also, a roping is planned to be held at the Schleicher County Roping Arena in April so keep these events in mind when planning.

A work day will be held on February 15 at the High School Baseball field. We encourage any and everyone interested in helping

our baseball program to show up. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. Bring anything you think will be needed. Lets make our field the best in the state.

Also the Booster Club is splitting the cost of new pullovers for the track, softball and baseball teams.

A date will be set probably in April to finalize this years efforts and election of Booster Club officers will be held at that time. We encourage everyone to get involved and back our kids.

If you have an interest in the Booster Club call Bill Hodges at 853-2408 or Sandra at 853-2549 ext. 221. GO EAGLES!

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Brown attends seminar for new county commissioners

Schleicher County Commissioner Matt Brown attended a seminar for newly elected county judges and county commissioners last week at the Thompson Conference Center on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. The seminar was sponsored by the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and the University of Texas in cooperation with the Texas Association of Counties.

During the four-day seminar, Brown attended a number of sessions dealing with various aspects of his new job. Among the sessions held on the first day were those dealing with the constitutional basis of county government, the powers, duties, and responsibilities of county judges and commissioners, conducting a public meeting, open records and records management and Texas ethics laws.

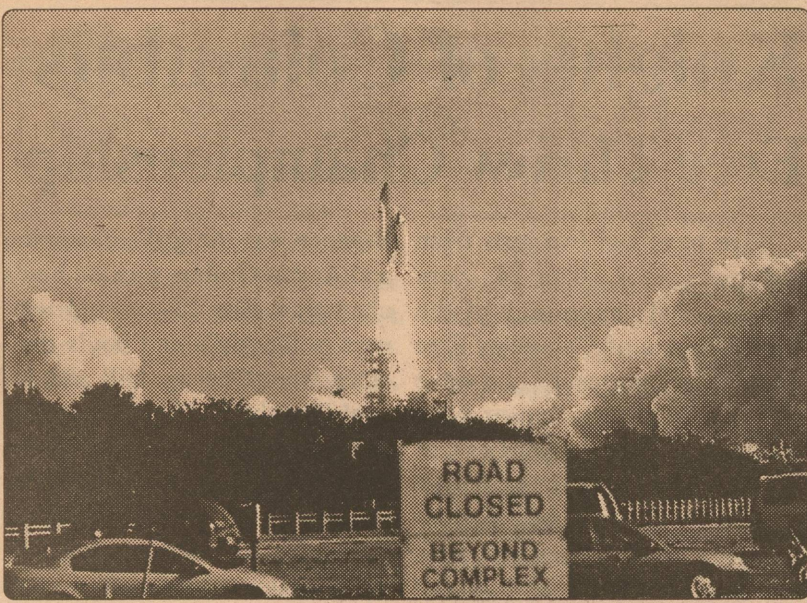
Second day sessions involved: the challenge of leadership in the

county, liability issues, litigation and legal representation, technology, subdivision regulations, county roads, health & environmental issues and law enforcement & jail issues.

Third day sessions focused on budgeting, types of expenditures & services, working with the legislature and state government, functions of other elected & appointed officials and small county issues.

Fourth day sessions involved the national perspective on county government, effective operations of a commissioners' court and ethics & professionalism in government.

In all, Brown received credit for 24 hours of continuing education, which completes the amount required for first-year commissioners. In future years he will be required to complete 16 hours of continuing education per year.



One last launch — Eldorado native SSGT. Melanie Stricklan was on hand at Cape Canaveral on January 16, 2003 to watch as the Space Shuttle Columbia was launched. She watched the event from the VIP area with several families of Columbia's crew.

Eldoradoans bid farewell to the Columbia and her crew

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an Eldorado native, who would like someday to join the astronaut program. She attended Columbia's final launch on Thursday, January 16, 2003. At that time she was seated in the same area as several family members of the Columbia crew.

Numbers of Eldoradoans watched Saturday morning as Columbia streaked through the sky during re-entry. Thus far, no one locally has reported seeing signs that the ship was in trouble. However, several Eldorado residents who traveled to the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex for a wedding, did see the Columbia's contrail and noted fiery debris apparently falling from the spacecraft.

Just east of here, thousands of people have reported seeing the tragic event and hearing numerous sonic booms as pieces of debris slowed below the speed of sound. Among those, Eldorado native Danny Boyer reported to the Success that he and a friend flew from near Dallas last Saturday to San Angelo, then to Eldorado, Menard and back to Dallas. They, too, heard the sonic booms. During the

flight back to Dallas he noted a grassfire near Glen Rose, that he believed to have been started, by falling debris.

Columbia was NASA's oldest shuttle and was the first to go into space. That was on April 12, 1981, when John Young and Robert Crippin took the world's first reusable space vehicle into orbit. Since that day, the Columbia has flown a total of 28 missions.

During a memorial service held Tuesday at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, President George W. Bush declared, "America's space program will go on."

"Each of these astronauts had the daring and the discipline required of their calling. Each of them knew great endeavors are inseparable from great risk, and each of them accepted those risks willingly, even joyfully, in the cause of discovery," Bush told the assembled mourners. "For these seven, it was a dream fulfilled. All mankind is in their debt."



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Filling out the paperwork — Luiz Martinez, 21, of Eldorado escaped serious injury Saturday morning after the 2000 Chevy pickup he was driving rolled on U.S. 277, some 14 miles north of Eldorado. Deputy Kevin Herbert, shown above checking the pickup's vehicle ID number, said that Martinez fell asleep and ran off the road. He overcorrected, causing the pickup to roll one time.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Dear friends,

What can I say for the overwhelming homecoming I received returning from Houston? So typical of Eldorado, in spite of the cold weather I felt the warmth of small town friendships. Driving down Main street with well wishers waving yellow ribbons and a play ground filled with elementary students and teachers flagging me on made me feel extremely blessed! As if that weren't enough, I would like to thank all those involved in the preparation and the placement of the yellow ribbons. Thank you all for your constant prayers, and it feels so good to be home!

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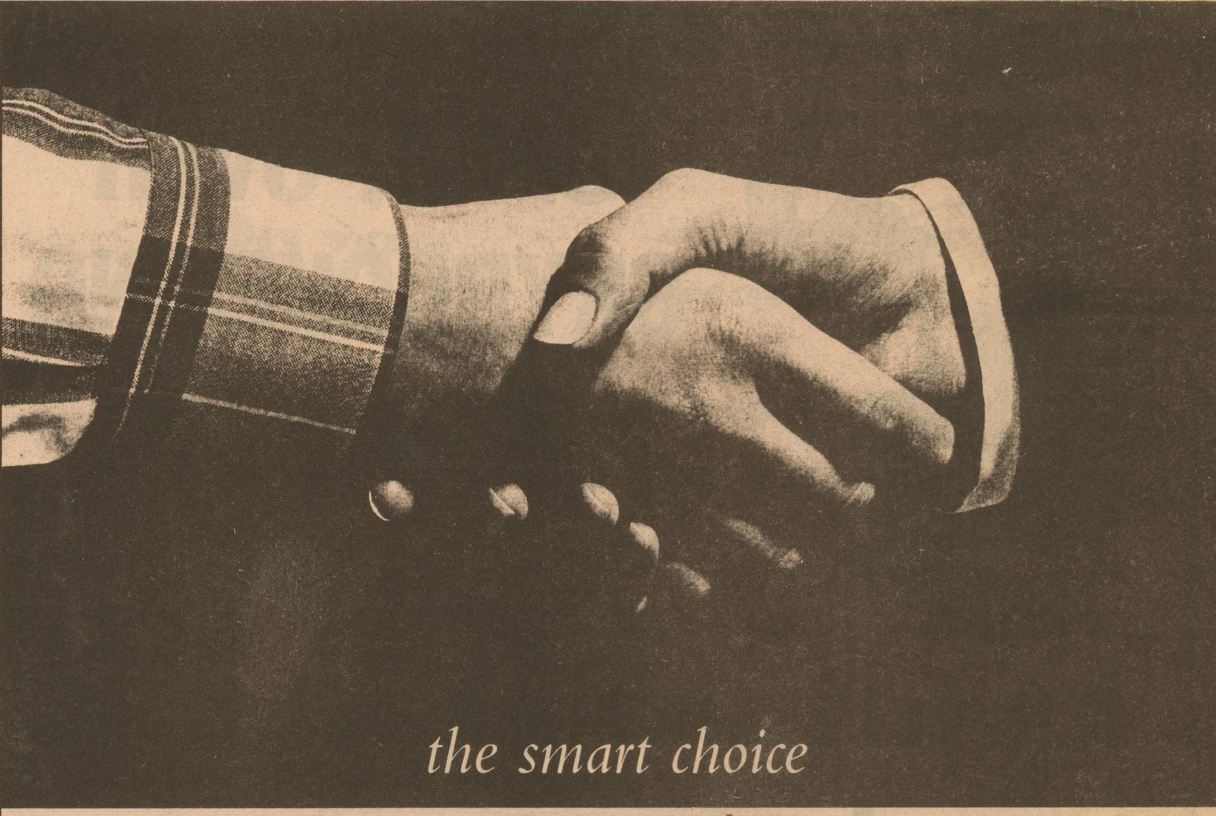
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Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

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Ben Wipff was the winner of the 10-year-old boy's division. In the 11-year-old's bracket, Tracy

Brenner was the girl's champion and Austin Grubbs was the boy's champion. The 12-year-old winners in the girl's and boy's divisions were Chelsey Hill and Joseph Turnbull. The 13-year-old girl's division was won by Amika Gonzales and the boy's by Richmond Adame. Fourteen-year-old champion was Sammy Estrada. Each contestant was allowed 15 free-throw attempts per contestant until a winner emerged.

Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held on Sat. Feb. 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sonora Middle School Gym with an eye toward moving on to the state and international.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

Tech lists honor students

Texas Tech University awarded about 1,500 degrees during Fall 2002 commencement ceremonies, which took place on December 14, 2002.

A student must have completed at least 12 qualifying course hours during a semester with a grade point average of 4.0 to be on the President's List.

To be on the Dean's list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, having taken at least 12 qualifying course hours during the semester.

Locally, Tiffany Leigh Case a Senior majoring in Multidisciplinary Studies and Hillary Lane Hodges a Junior majoring in Landscape Architecture were named to the Dean's List.

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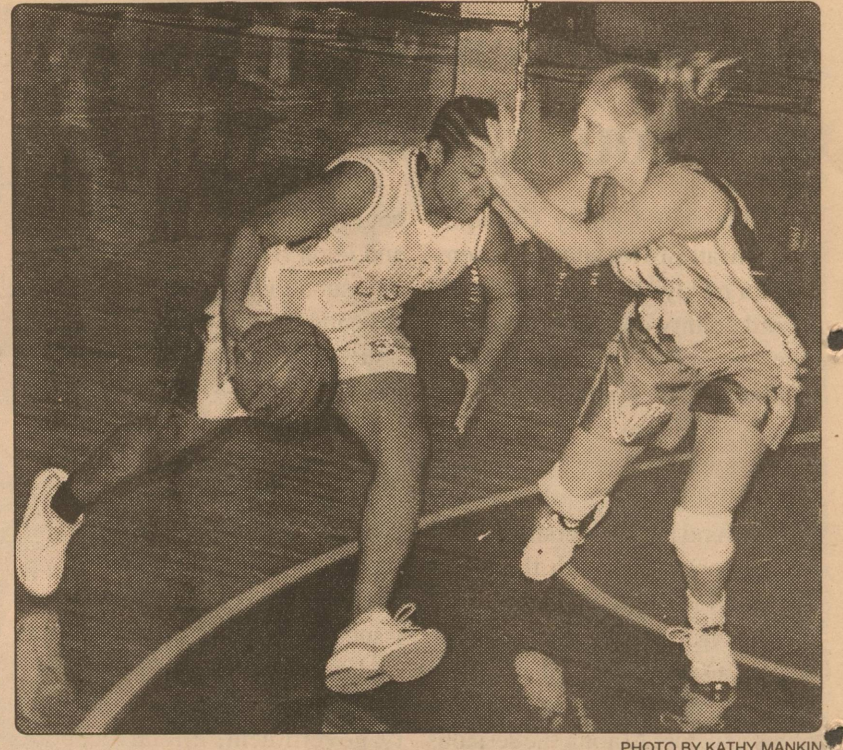
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Not as bad as it looks — Christina Redish moved the ball toward the hoop last week as the Lady Eagles took on the Lady Wall Hawks. The camera angle makes it appear as if Redish took a blow to the head, but the contact wasn't nearly that bad.

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
 January 30 • Belman, Mike Jr., male age 36, arrested by SC Officer, offense Evading Arrest or Detention. Transferred to Tom Green County.

January 31 • Ramos, Fernando Mata, Jr., male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While License Suspended. Released on a \$1,000 Surety Bond.

February 1 Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 38, arrested by SC Officer, offense Criminal Trespass. Released on a \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Arispe, Jamie, male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, offense J.P. Warrant. Released Time Served.

Potter, Christopher Blake, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, offense Minor In Possession/Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ozs.) Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Barnes, Bobby Kirk, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, offense Minor In Possession/Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ozs.) Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Jones, Taylor Coryel, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, offense Minor In

Possession/Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ozs.) Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

February 2 Martinez, Daniel Luis, male age 28, arrested by SC Officer, offense Local Warrants.

February 4 Meason, Jon, male age 41, arrested by SC Officer, offense Out of County Warrant-Colorado/Sexual Offender.

INCIDENT REPORTS
 January 28 • 9:30 p.m. Hospital requested a ACLS transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS responded.

8:20 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked at their gate entrance. Vehicle described as a red pickup. Officer responded.

10:58 p.m. Business owner on East Street reported a burglary at their business. Officer responded.

January 29 • 9:20 a.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on Hwy. 277 South and West Ave. Officer responded.

January 30 • 7:45 a.m. Complainant on County Road 414 reported a possible chimney fire. Fire Department responded.

9:24 p.m. Business reported a male subject that has a Criminal Trespass Notice placed on him. Officer responded. Subject arrested.

10:49 p.m. Complainant reported lights on at a neighbors residence. Subject reported that no one should be using the residence at this time. Officer responded.

January 31 • 6:35 p.m. Complainant on Bluebonnet Drive reported a mini-bike on the surface streets. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

6:59 p.m. Complainant came into the Sheriff Office to report female subject had failed to bring children for visitation.

7:03 p.m. Complainant reported a 18 wheeler driving reckless. Vehicle entered Schleicher County. Officer responded.

7:23 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance to transport 23 year old female to the hospital. EMS responded and transported patient to emergency room.

8:41 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

February 1 • 4:57 a.m. Sonora Sheriff's Officer reported a possible fire. Officer responded. Fire Department dispatched.

5:14 a.m. Complainant reported a one vehicle rollover. No injuries. Officer and Fire Department responded.

8:51 a.m. Complainant called 911 for an ambulance for husband. 8:55 a.m. Complainant called back on 911 and advised she would take her husband by private vehicle to the hospital.

10:37 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

6:22 p.m. Subject requested an officer to report a neighbor using a BB gun. The pellets were hitting the complainants vehicle. Officer responded.

February 2 • 1:39 a.m. Complainant reported a golf cart driving around a business on East Street with it's lights off. Officer arrived and was unable to locate.

4:31 a.m. Complainant called 911 to report a vehicle had been stolen from their residence. Two officers responded and matter still under investigation.

7:00 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a subject calling them and harassing them. Officer responded.

1:20 p.m. Complainant reported a domestic disturbance. Officer responded.

2:30 p.m. Complainant on San Antonio Street reported that someone had keyed their vehicle. Officer responded.

5:47 p.m. Complainant requested ambulance for an elderly female who had fallen. EMS 1 and officer responded.

5:45 p.m. Complainant reported a boys bike, red in color leaning against the Yield sign. Officer responded.

7:47 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

8:06 p.m. Subject reported a person had driven a vehicle in the alley of S. Cottonwood and Hall Street. Alley is blocked off to traffic. Officer responded.

February 3 • 5:23 a.m. Complainant requested an officer and ambulance for a fallen elderly female. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

February 4 • 9:50 a.m. Complainant reported someone had run into their vehicle and left the scene. Officer responded.

7:00 p.m. Complainant reported a electrical fire 1.5 miles on Rudd Road. Officers and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and electric company responded.

7:54 p.m. Complainant requested a welfare concern for a two year old female.



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PUBLIC NOTICE HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT #7 TO TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDINANCE #109-82

The City of Eldorado shall be conducting a hearing on proposed Amendment #7 to Traffic Control Ordinance #109-82.

Said Amendment #7 would set the following speed limits on City owned and maintained streets: 25 mph on North St. and East St., 15 mph on all streets in the Glendale Addition to the City of Eldorado, and 20 mph on all remaining streets of the City (State maintained roadways are not affected by these proposed changes). Both written and verbal comments on the proposed speed limits will be heard at 6:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2003, at the City Hall.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP For Parents and Seniors
February 12, 2003
High School Auditorium
6:00 PM

FREE TAX SERVICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
February 8 10 A.M. -2 P.M.
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Card of Thanks

Rehab Update
This past week have received the following for West Texas Rehab!
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From: Mr. & Mrs. Howard Derrick
Again Thank You for all the donations! Our total to date is \$6,005.00.
Mabel Freitag

Dear Friends and Family of Eldorado, We wanted to thank everyone for your prayers and thoughts during my illness. It is of great comfort knowing that we have so many people thinking of my family and me. It is by God's grace that my health continues to improve, and we pray that God pours out many blessings on each and everyone of you. Again, thank you for everything that you have done.
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Sealed bids should be submitted to Schleicher County Medical Center; Attention: Administrator; P. O. Box V; Eldorado, Tx. 76936. Bids will be publicly open on at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2003 in the hospital board room at Schleicher Medical Center, 400 W. Murchinson, Eldorado, Texas.

Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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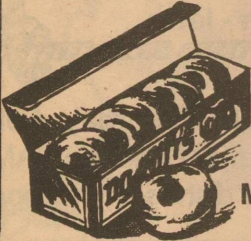
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Way Off-Broadway Players, a history (Part 2)

by Dr. Jim Bob Brame

The upcoming presentation of "Virgil's Wedding," exemplifies the progress made by the Way Off-Broadway Players (WOBP) since the first production at the Memorial Building in 1987. After using that building, the rodeo grounds, and the old drug store building, the WOBP, officially organized in 1989, was honored by receiving the T. K. Jones building and former movie theater as a gift from Winnie Helen Hilliard Ratliff. The conditions were that it be named the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater and be used only for performing arts. A brief ceremony took place on March 16, 1994 as the keys were handed over to Jo Ann Sproul and Holly Brame who were instrumental in obtaining the generous donation.

A campaign was immediately initiated to raise funds for the much needed renovation. Many locals knew the theater to be a worthy community project and gave various material, supplies and their own labor to prepare the stage and make the interior safe, attractive and inviting. A loan was obtained from the First National Bank to cover the interim expenses until monies came in from the fund raising activities, which proved to be a great success. Herman Walker was the chief contrac-

tor.

During 1994 and 1996, donations from individuals, locally and afar, plus several corporate contributions provided the funding to help the restoration project. A fund raising drama in the new building, the very first production, was "Faith County," in October, 1994, and two months later a Christmas variety show was presented. Support came from many sources. Nancy and Jimmie Powell gave a Country Supper to help pay for the interior work and Eldre Designs, Inc., donated a much needed and appreciated theatrical wardrobe. Later, as a very generous move in 1999, the Blaylock family gave the roomy Blaylock Building next door to the WOBP. Renovation work began to integrate it into the Theater and was accomplished in 2001. New lighting and sound systems were installed, the lobby area made attractive as well as other necessary and attractive renovations.

All in all, some 22 dramas, comedies, sketches, and vignettes were presented before the WOBP moved into new location and as of this date, over 20 different shows have been produced in the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater. "Smoke on the Mountain," is counted only once but you know now that it was presented some 45 times up to April of last year. Jo Ann Sproul has remained the artistic director throughout all the production work since her first Eldorado directing in 1989. The Theater has been utilized, through permission of the WOBP, by student presentations and community-wide artistic projects.

"Virgil's Wedding" is also an example of how the WOBP are able to support the Theater. All monies from every performance are used to defray the expenses of maintaining the buildings, supplies, materials, and utility costs, insurance, upgrading sound and lights, and advertisement. Annual memberships are highly encouraged and are available as Supporter at \$10, Patron Member \$20, Sustaining Member \$100, Director \$250, Producer \$500 and An-



Local divas Glenda Nix, Terry Green and Melissa Murr rehearsed for their roles in "Virgil's Wedding," the upcoming play produced by the Way Off-Broadway Players.

get \$1,000. All levels will be recognized in the programming. Any questions pertaining to membership, tickets for "Virgil's Wedding" and/or the dinner theater may be made by calling 853-2962. Tickets go on sale February 3rd from 12:30 to 4:30 weekdays in the Theater lobby.

Obviously, there is more hidden history that what can be written. It is a truism that while you might know someone by name and

appearance around town but you really get to know him or her more deeply as a person when acting together in WOBP presentations. The fresh comradeship and newly formed friendships are only two of the worthy by-products of working one of the productions. Creating a deeper sense of civic pride and developing a keener knowledge of other community projects are also major missions of the Way Off-Broadway Players.

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce will host their first ever Daddy and Daughter Date Night on February 11 at the Sutton County Civic Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Advance tickets are on sale at the

Sonora Chamber of Commerce for \$6.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the door also for \$8.00.

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Eldorado 04-10-08-13=34
Ozona 10-08-12-04=33

Scoring for the Eagles: Russell Cathey 6, Drew Bosman 6, Abel Montalvo 4, Sammy Estrada 11, David Hernandez 6. 3 Point Goals: Russell Cathey (1). Coach Dave Lewis comments about the game. Monday night the 8th Grade Eagles won 34-33 against the Ozona Lions. With 1:34 minutes left in the game the Eagles were down 22 to 30. With a great defense the Eagles tied the game with a lay up by Sammy Estrada. Sammy was fouled on the same play and he made his free throw to put the Eagles up 34-33 with 26 seconds left.

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Golf Play Day
by Mabel Freitag

We had a great turn-out for our regular Play Day on Sunday, February 2nd. The wind was a little brisk, but what's new on "Top of The Divide."

There were 29 adults and three young men: Cash Lane, Landon Nixon and Bryon Guitierrez.

1st Place, Score 58: Melissa O'Harrow, Sam Henderson, Guy Crippin and John Pippin.

2nd Place, Score 59: Chris Phillips, Maria Robles, Gordon Emmons and Jarry Robles.

3rd Place, Score 60: Kirk Griffin, Ken Newman, Albert Torres and Oscar Martinez.

Score care play-off for 3rd place with Steve Snelson, Bill Well, Casey Snelson and Kathy Newman.

Get your team together for the 2 couple Valentine Tournament on Saturday, February 15. For more information call Branda Gray at 853-2484. Our next regular Play Day will be Sunday, March 2nd, weather permitting.

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