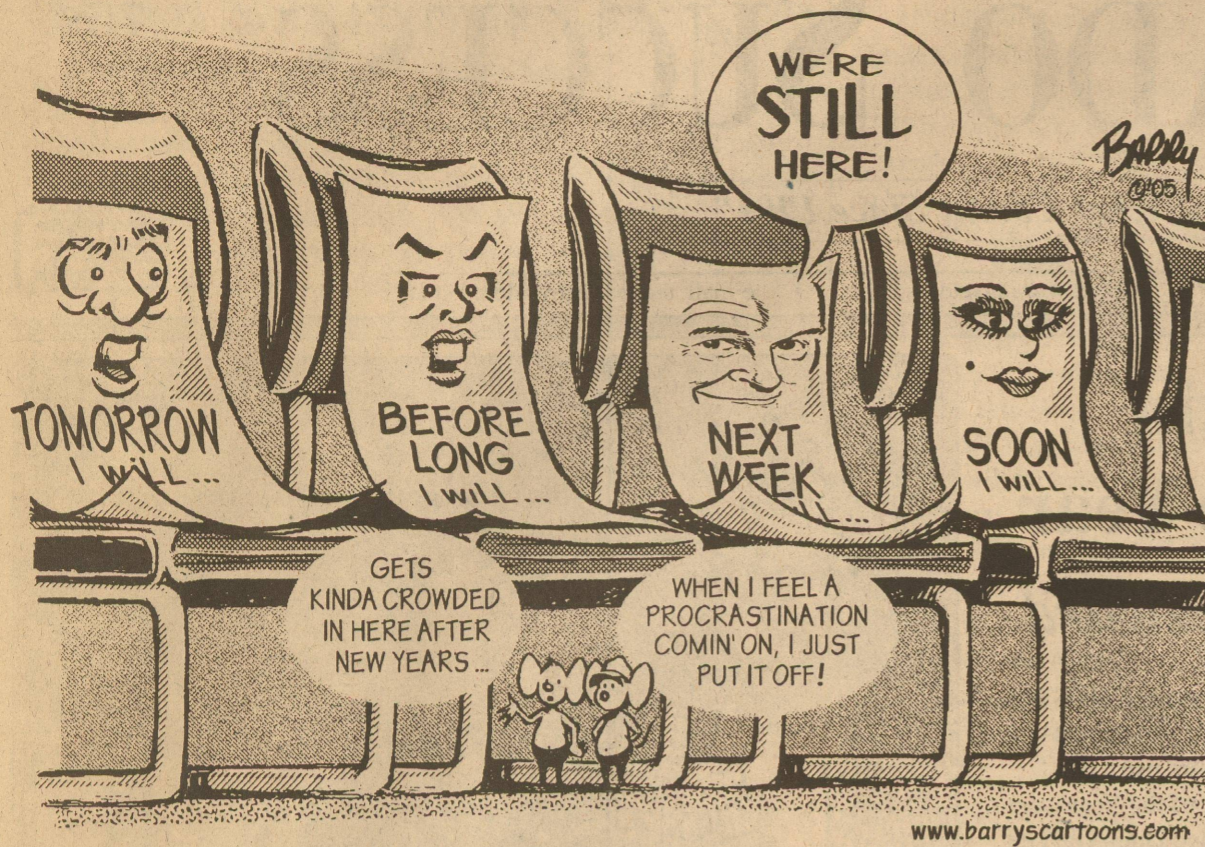


WAITING ROOM FOR PROCRASTINATIONS...



Schools for Prisoners

Kerry Birdwell didn't know that prisons had schools until he was asked to teach in one. "Now probably 90 or 95 prisons in the state have schools in them," says Kerry, who is now assistant principal of the middle school in Sweetwater. He spent ten years teaching inmates at several prisons in the state.



by Tumbleweed Smith

"The prison system was pretty interesting, I'll say that," says Kerry.

"The majority of what they do is GED prep. They also have a lot of vocational programs and life skills classes."

Twice a year the prison system has graduation ceremonies.

"Different speakers come in and they do the prison school graduation just like a high school graduation ceremony."

I asked Kerry if the inmates seemed to be proud of their accomplishments.

"Very much so. That was one



thing that was very fulfilling working in the prison system. A lot of them would come right out and tell you.

They'd be 35 years old and they'd get their GED and they would tell me it was the first thing they had really stuck with and accomplished in their entire life. It meant a lot to them. Their families would come to the graduation. It was a neat experience."

Education is considered part of rehabilitation.

"The school has very strict guidelines to get in. They have to do with the time you're going to be released and how you've acted since you've been in prison. If you've had lots of problems, you're not going to be allowed in school. And once you get in, the school is very strict on what it will tolerate and what it won't. The schools I

was involved with tolerated very little because we had a waiting list of people who wanted to get in. If you didn't want to be there they would simply remove you from the class and put someone else in who wanted to be there."

Kerry says the school's classrooms are air-conditioned. The prisoners' living conditions are not. "That makes school a big incentive."

Some of the prisoners have no education at all.

"There was a lot of them who came in there and did not know the alphabet, didn't know how to read, didn't recognize many of the numbers. And believe it or not, I saw people who came into prison like that and go ahead and get their GED. That's what it's all about."

The student prisoners have no homework. "For security purposes, the prison administration did not want them transporting anything from school back to their cells. That would be an excellent chance for them to move things they're not supposed to have. The school had everything right there for them."

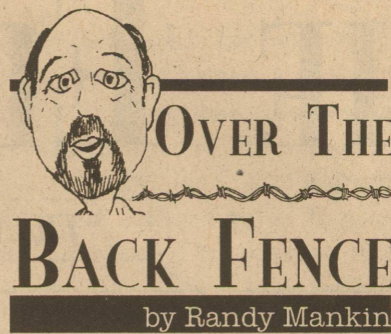
Approaching award show meltdown

Do you think there will ever be an award given for the best award show? What am I doing!? I should know better than to ask that kind of question in a public forum. Someone might repeat it and a wannabe Hollywood producer somewhere might decide to try and sell the idea one of the networks. Heaven forbid, a two-hour special featuring award show producers, directors, emcees and presenters giving awards to one another.

We've recently endured the People's Choice Awards and Golden Globe Awards and now the talking heads are hyping the Oscars. Isn't it about time we think rethink some of this foolishness? It's pretty clear that the Hollywood glitterati doesn't think so.

Actually, the Directors Guild of America awards are next, being scheduled for Jan. 29. But the directors aren't the only folks in Tinseltown who gather to pat one another on the back. There's the Writers Guild and the Screen Actors Guild, not to mention the Cinema Audio Society, the American Society of Cinematographers, the Costume Directors Guild and the Producers Guild of America.

I'm not kidding, these Hollywood types go all out when it comes to awards. It's as if their giant egos get lonely rattling around all day in their ivory towers. What they need, and what they must have is recognition. They must be interviewed by Joan Rivers out on the red carpet as they make their way inside an over-sized



auditorium to pick up their latest gold plated trinket. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all live our lives that way?

"The award for best Halloween costume design for a kindergarten by a mother of four on a tight budget goes to...Sally Jones!"

"Bill Smith is all smiles as he makes his way toward the stage to accept his second straight Do-It-Yourself Plumbing Award! Who would have thought it. He completely dominated the category last year with his double pea trap sink drain, but here he's gone and done it again!"

Perhaps the awards I least understand are the Golden Globes, which are presented by the foreign press. You know...the folks who already detest this country and everything it represents. So, we give them a few hours on television and invite them to tell us which of our movies and television shows offend them the least.

Isn't that sort of like asking French President Jacques Chirac to critique the Pentagon's war plans?

Think about it, do the Europeans ever ask Americans for cultural guidance? I don't think so.

Most professions have come up with a way of awarding those inside their industry who go above and beyond the call of duty. Architects do it, cooks do it, even the press does it. There's nothing wrong with it and more than a few things right. But no one outside of the entertainment industry expects their awards to be televised. And they certainly don't ask half the country to waste two or three hours while they thank everyone they ever met.

It might be fun for a change, however, we got to watch some of the more obscure awards. Some of our locals might even make it. For example, we could watch as Kimet Nelson collects the Icie Award presented by the Cake Decorators Guild of America.

Or, how about Stan Meador making his way down the aisle to pickup his Tourista Award for innovative tourism promotion.

Of course, Jim Runge wouldn't be overlooked. Naturally, he would both produce and direct the award show at which he won the Carrie Award for best adaptation of multiple personalities while advancing the principles of fun and fair play in a remote and rural setting.

Then there would be the Hammer and Saw Award that would go to the workers at the YFZ Ranch who have proven it possible to build a town in less than a year. I'm sure that Bob Villa would be willing to provide expert commentary for this one, but we had better leave Joan Rivers at home.

State takes in extra \$6.4 billion in revenue

AUSTIN — Most of the state's political movers and shakers will be in Washington this week for President Bush's second inauguration, but before they started packing the governor exhorted the Legislature to "go get the job done," the lieutenant governor laid out a school finance plan and the comptroller announced how much revenue the state is likely to have.

When the 79th Legislature convened last Tuesday, Gov. Rick Perry told the Senate he has "great optimism" for the session. He followed that with a speech to the House in which he recalled the beginning of his political career 20 years ago as a representative. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst outlined Senate Bill 2, a 23-point school finance plan he said each member of the upper chamber supported. The plan calls for a local school property tax cut of up to 33 percent and higher teacher salaries. The bulk of the new money would come from revamping the state's franchise tax. Comptroller Carole Keeton



has been appointed to the Texas Railroad Commission. She will replace Charles Matthews, the new chancellor of the Texas State University System. The Senate still has to approve both appointments (and Jones will have to run for a full six-year term in 2006).

Petroleum engineer Ernest Angelo of Midland has been named to the three-member Public Safety Commission, the Department of Public Safety's policy-making body. He replaces Bobby Holt of Midland.

Going: Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor, appointed in 1999 by then-Gov. George W. Bush, has announced he won't ask to be reappointed when his six-year term ends Feb. 1. No word yet on who the governor will name as his replacement.

Eric Opiela of Karnes City, defeated by Democrat Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles last November, dropped his House challenge.

With former Rep. Jack Stick of Austin having earlier withdrawn his legislative challenge, that leaves only former Rep. Talmadge Heflin, who has stuck with his challenge of Houston Democrat Hubert Vo's apparent election.

Shapiro elected president pro tempore...

In the Senate, members elected Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) as president pro tempore. That means she presides over the body in the absence of the lieutenant governor, and is next in line as governor after Dewhurst.

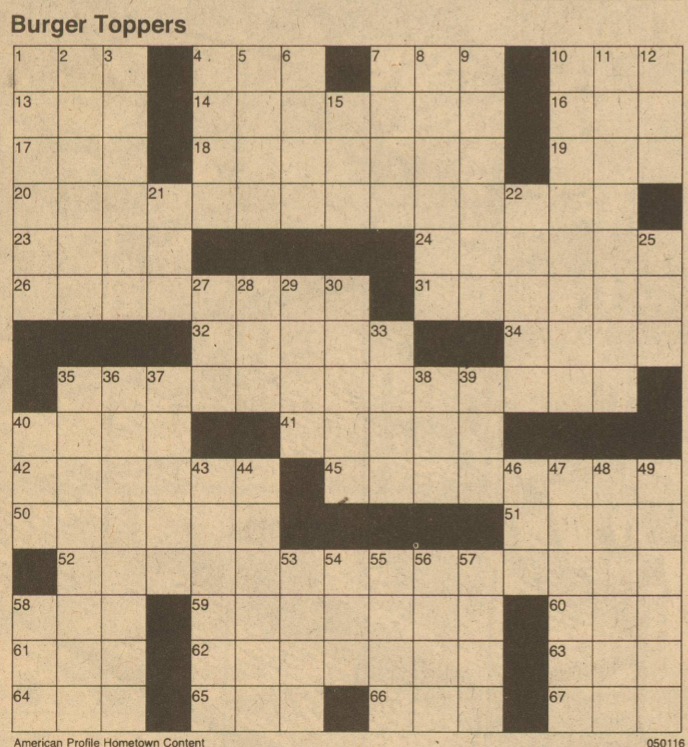
Four bravest Texans?

Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, William B. Travis and Sam Houston come to mind.

But a case could be made that the four bravest living Texans are Reps. Joe Moreno (D-Houston), Paul Moreno (D-El Paso), Lon Burnam (D-Fort Worth), and Jessica Farrar (D-Houston) — the only members of the 150-member House of Representatives who didn't vote "yes" when the House picked Tom Craddick (R-Midland) for another term as speaker last week. Three other Democrats abstained.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	41. Harder to find	64. ___ kwon do	8. Handsome
1. Ltr. addenda	42. Holds tight	65. Easter egg	30. Violinist
4. One on the beat	45. Margin jotting	colorer	Mischa
7. Rug cleaner, for short	50. TV's Geraldo	66. Before, to bards	33. Lira's replacement
10. Unfilled, on a TV sched.	51. "Picnic" playwright	67. Wee bit	35. Roman emperor, 37-41
13. Well put	52. Find oneself in big trouble	DOWN	36. It's all there is
14. City near Oakland	58. Mangy mutt	1. Green Bay	37. Basic principle
16. Bard's nightfall	59. Showy perennials	griddler	38. Get firm
17. Dove's sound	60. Hippie's home	2. Spill picker-upper	39. La-la lead-in
18. Raw material for steel mills	61. "Treasure Island" monogram	3. Moe, for one	40. Tape player
19. Former Leno announcer Hall	62. Shade provider	4. Mafia kingpin	43. Bellyached
20. Be an expert	63. Bullfight bravo	5. Lena of "Chocolat"	44. With a level head
23. Frozen waffle brand		6. D.C. gofer	46. Muscle spasm
24. One behind bars		7. ___ Beach, Fla.	47. Letter-writer's container of old
26. Involve again			48. Crazy Horse, for one
31. Folk's Pete			49. Had to have
32. "___ Mio"			53. "Sock it ___!"
34. Duffel bag filler			54. Toronto's prov.
35. Perform up to snuff			55. Suffix with concession
40. Barn topper			56. Use a spyglass
			57. "Understood!"
			58. PC monitor



See solution on Page 6

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OBITUARIES

Melinda Caroline Parker

GOLDTHWAITE - Melinda Caroline Parker, 92, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, in a local hospital. Visitation was held at at Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home. Service was Monday, Dec. 27, 2004, at Zion Lutheran Church with burial in St. John's Cemetery in Priddy, Texas.

Survivors include sons, Herman Eilers of Burleson, Charles Eilers of Whitney, Raymond Eilers of Goldthwaite and Larry Eilers of Gustine; daughters, Shirley Overstreet of Eldorado, Nelda Davis of Porrsboro and Betty Rhodes of Norcross, Ga.; and sister, Wilma Sparkman of Little Rock.



Silver Anniversary — Roy Gene and Melissa Lloyd, shown here on their wedding day, marked their 25th Anniversary on Saturday, January 15, 2005, with a dinner at Zentner's Steakhouse in San Angelo. The meal was hosted by the couple's daughters, Catherine and Tabitha Lloyd of San Angelo.



Rachel Joiner won the Grand Champion ribbon while Armando Guzman claimed Reserve Champion honors in the Art Show at the 70th annual Jr. Livestock, Project and Food Show held last weekend at the Schleicher County Civic Center.

County Art Show spotlights numerous local artisans

A major component each year of the annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock, Project and Food Show is the Art Show. This year was no different with entries from a number of young artists catching the eye of judge Mary Buchholz. EHS junior Rachel Joiner received the Grand Champion ribbon for her color painting of a tropical landscape while EHS senior Armando Guzman claimed the Reserve Champion honors for his pen and ink drawing of a beautiful stone manor house.

Individual placings were as follows:

PENCIL DRAWINGS: *Perspective:* 1st Place - Blanca Huichapa, 2nd Place - Diego Barrera, 3rd Place - Luis Hernandez; *Portraits:* 1st Place - Diego Barrera, 2nd Place - Kristen Mittel, 3rd Place - Pedro Garcia; *Honorable Mention:* -Luis Hernandez, Blanca Huichapa, Joel Esparza and Jileesa Hibbs; *Still - Life:* 1st Place - Charlotte Adame, 2nd Place - Maricela Ortiz, 3rd Place - Nestor Hernandez; *Honorable Mention* - Sammy Estrada. *Animated:* 1st Place - Armando Guzman, 2nd Place - Luis Hernandez, 3rd Place - Rhapsody Swyter. *Abstract:* 1st Place - Jorge Bustos and 2nd Place - Leanna Morales; *Hands and Feet:* 1st Place - Luis Hernandez; 2nd Place - Armando Guzman; 3rd Place - Selina Rojas. *Miscellaneous:* 1st Place - Diego Barrera and 2nd Place - Kristen Mittel.

PEN AND INK: 1st Place and

Reserve Champion - Armando Guzman; 2nd Place - Nestor Hernandez; 3rd Place - Juan Garcia. **SCRATCH BOARD:** *Gold:* 1st Place - Luis Hernandez; 2nd Place - Jaaron Crawford; 3rd Place - Armando Guzman; *Honorable Mention* - Desiree Valeriano. *Color:* 1st Place - Brandie Cross; 2nd Place - Candace Engdahl; 3rd Place - Manuel Arispe. **Black and White:** 1st Place - Kyle Taylor; 2nd Place - Juan Garcia; 3rd Place - Luis Hernandez; *Honorable Mention* - Jared Grubbs.

COLOR MEDIA: *Portraits:* 1st Place - Joel Esparza, 2nd Place - Jileesa Hibbs, 3rd Place - Pedro Garcia, *Honorable Mention* - Jileesa Hibbs; *Experimental:* 1st Place - Nestor Hernandez; 2nd Place - Jaaron Crawford; 3rd Place - Jaaron Crawford, *Honorable Mention* - Jorge Bustos; *Landscape:* 1st Place and Grand Champion - Rachel Joiner, 2nd Place - Nestor Hernandez; 3rd Place - Rachel Joiner, *Honorable Mention* - Candace Engdahl and Manuel Arispe; *Wild-life:* 1st Place - Brandie Cross; *Animation:* 1st Place - BJ Dacy, 2nd Place - Juan Garcia, 3rd Place - Ricki Blye; *Still Life:* 1st Place - Jileesa Hibbs, 2nd Place - Alicia Corrales.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRIES: *Woodcutting:* 1st Place - Tracy Brenner; *Drawing:* 1st Place - Tracy Brenner, *Honorable Mention* Display-Tory Griggs.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENTRY: *Drawing:* 1st Place - John Cody Brenner.



San Angelo police officer Anthony Lopez presented medals last Friday to Eldorado 5th graders Canu Acosta, Melissa Gonzales and Charli Swinford for drug awareness essays they wrote for the D.A.R.E. Program. Officer Lopez is not only the Drug Awareness, Resistance and Education officer for the area, but he is also an Eldorado native and EHS graduate.

ASU releases Dean's List for 2004 Fall semester

Students achieving the Dean's List, for the 2004 Fall semester Dean's List have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Jessi Leigh Calcote, accounting; Robert J. Jacobsen, history; Tabitha N. Lloyd, animal science;

Whitney Dyan Lloyd, English/secondary certification; Lori Nicole Loomis, biochemistry; Georgina Marie Maritz, pre-nursing; Mary McIntosh, music; Robert S. Parker, business; Sulas T. Politte, communication/secondary certification; Mary A. Redwine, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Shelly Dawn Self, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Seth Martin Taylor, finance; and Ika Vlok, animal science.

Project Graduation seeks donors

It is that time of year again, when we ask for the community's support of our annual Eldorado Project Graduation.

Eldorado Project Graduation is a drug-free and alcohol-free event, where Eldorado High School students are treated to a night of games, food, and prizes from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., in celebration of our EHS Graduation and the end of the school year. The purpose is to provide a safe, fun place for the kids to celebrate, on a night which too often ends in tragedy. We are proud that so many of our high school students chose to attend Eldorado Project Graduation last year. With our and your help, we are hoping to increase that number this year.

Without the support of local and area businesses and individuals, we would be unable to meet the financial burden that comes with such a large undertaking. We think it is worth it, and we hope you do also. If you would like to have more information or make a donation, you may contact Karen Robertson at 853-2462, Pam Bryan

at 450-2381 or Shirley Joiner at 853-2561. Just leave a message if no one is available and your call will be returned. Donations of cash or checks may also be made at First National Bank in Eldorado, attention Shirley Joiner. Please help us keep our kids safe by making a donation to Eldorado Project Graduation. We appreciate your support. Eldorado Project Graduation Committee.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, January 24
Beef Tips, Rice, Cookies Carrots, Combread, Fruit Cup w/ Strawberries & Banana, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk

Tuesday, January 25
Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, January 26
Ground Beef Steak, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn w/Peppers, Hot Dinner Rolls, Carrot Salad, Applesauce, Milk

Thursday, January 27
Veg. Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear half w/ Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Friday, January 28
Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/ Fruit, Milk

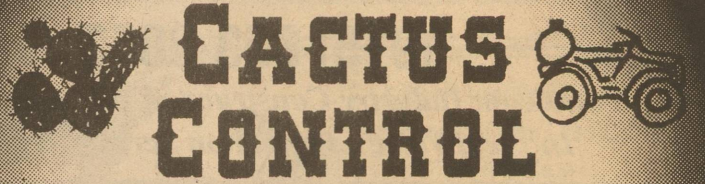
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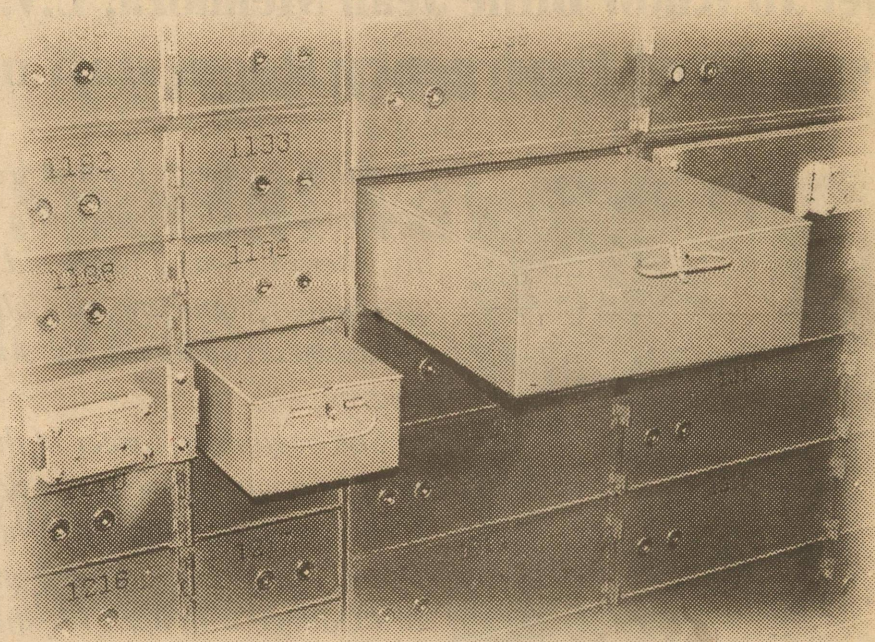
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Get To Know Billie Jean Mendoza, L.V.N.
Hospital and Emergency Room staff nurse

Billie Jean was born in Iraan, Texas and moved to Eldorado with her family when she was 2 years old. She graduated from Howard College with a Licensed Vocational Nurse's (LVN) degree.

She began her career in the medical field as a nurse aide in the Schleicher County Medical Center - Nursing Home. After graduating from Howard College with her LVN she moved to Greeley, Colorado and worked as a nursing home staff nurse. Then she moved to back San Angelo working as a Med Surg nurse.

In 1991, she returned to Eldorado with her own family working at SMC as a staff nurse in the hospital and Emergency Room. She currently holds continuing education certifications in: Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS); Pediatric Life Support (PALS); Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP).

"Billie is one of the few nurses that can be described as a team player. With 14 years experience, she knows exactly what it takes to make this facility function" said Vicki Farmer, BS, RN, DON

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School Lunch Menu

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BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, January 24
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Peaches, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, January 25
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk

Wednesday, January 26
 French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Pears, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, January 27
 Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, January 28
 Muffin Tops, Choice of Juice, Peach Halves, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, January 24
 Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday, January 25
 Cheese Burgers, French Fries, Burger Salad, Pickles, Apple Halves

Wednesday, January 26
 Chef Salad, Crackers, Chopped Ham & Cheese Cups, Pineapple Slices, Jello w/ Topping

Thursday, January 27
 Taco Roll, Tator Tots, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Apple Halves

Friday, January 28
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, January 24
 Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday, January 25
 Hot Pockets, Whole Kernel Corn, Carrots Sticks, Dip, Apple Halves

Wednesday, January 26
 Beef Stew, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Peach Halves, Trail Mix, Jello w/ Topping

Thursday, January 27
 Super Nachos, Cheese Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix's, Dip, Apple Halves

Friday, January 28
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

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VARSITY BOYS

January 4, 2005
 Eldorado 10-06-13-09=38
 Big Lake 15-12-14-11=52
 Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (17), Michael Ballew (6), Jorge Bustos (2), Kolby Dombroski (6), Jeremy Ussery (2), Frank Wipff (5). Also playing for the Eagles: Drew Bosmans, Samuel Estrada, Jared Grubbs and Eric Garcia.

January 7, 2005
 Eldorado 13-07-12-15=47
 Junction 16-10-09-23=58
 Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (12), Drew Bosmans (5), Jorge Bustos (9), Jared Grubbs (5), Kolby Dombroski (4), Jeremy Ussery (5), Eric Garcia (2), Frank Wipff (5). Also playing for the Eagles: Samuel Estrada.

January 11, 2005
 Eldorado 14-04-18-13=49
 Ozona 10-18-10-09=47
 Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (24), Michael Ballew (6), Drew Bosmans (2), Jared Grubbs (3), Kolby Dombroski (10), Jeremy Ussery (5), Frank Wipff (4). Shooting for 3 point: Terrell Boysaw (2) and Kolby Dombroski (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Jorge Bustos, Ryan Cathey, Samuel Estrada, Jeremy Ussery and Eric Garcia.

January 14, 2005
 Eldorado 06-12-09-12=39
 Grape Creek 07-23-12-09=51
 Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (15), Michael Ballew (3), Jorge Bustos (2), Jared Grubbs (2), Kolby Dombroski (11), Frank Wipff (6). Shooting for 3 point: Terrell Boysaw (2) and Kolby Dombroski (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Drew Bosmans, Ryan Cathey, Samuel Estrada, Jeremy Ussery, and Eric Garcia.

7th GRADE GIRLS

Wall Tournament
January 6, 2005
 Eldorado 00-00-02-00=02
 Wall 24-12-18-16=70
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Maureen Martinez (2); Also playing: Victoria Garza, Emily Espinosa, Crystal Hamilton, Clarissa Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Megan Self, Adrianna Hernandez.

Wall Tournament
January 7, 2005
 Eldorado 04-02-06-02=14
 Grape Creek 02-03-00-02=07
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Victoria Garza (6), Maureen Martinez (8); Also playing: Crystal Hamilton, Clarissa Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Megan Self, Meagan Self and Adrianna Hernandez.

Wall Tournament
January 8, 2005
 Eldorado 04-00-04-04=12
 Lincoln 04-09-06-08=27
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Victoria Garza (2), Maureen Martinez (8), Adriana Hernandez (2); Also playing: Crystal Hamilton, Clarissa Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, and Megan Self.

January 10, 2005
 Eldorado 02-00-02-07=11
 Junction 02-03-07-02=14
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Maureen Martinez (3), Adriana Hernandez (6), Patricia Hernandez (2); Also playing: Victoria Garza, Crystal Hamilton, Clarissa Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, and Megan Self.

January 15, 2005
 Eldorado 01-02-03-10=16
 Sterling City 10-11-13-08=43
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Alicia Corrales (3), Chelci Sellers (4), Kirsten Mittel (8), Tiffany Hernandez (1); Also playing: Kassi Tyler, Ashley Lozano, Desiree Valeriano, and Joy Martinez.

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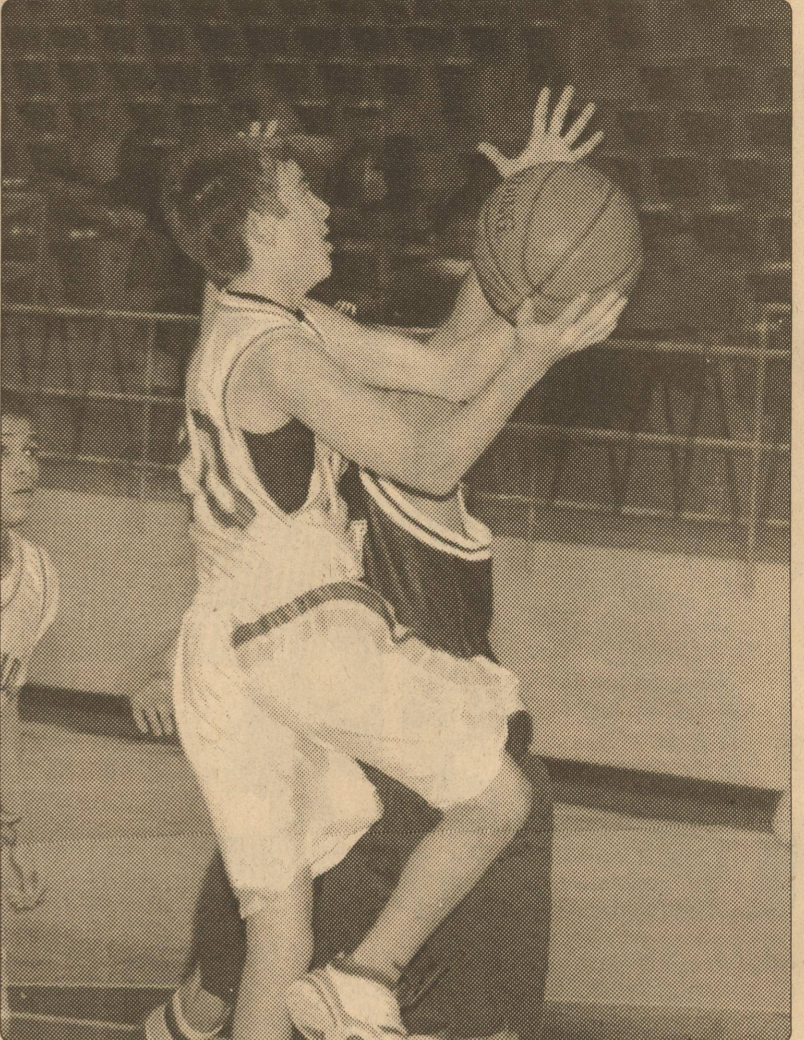


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 Rance Cathey went to the bucket against the Mason Punchers during 8th grade boys action here Monday night.

JV GIRLS

January 7, 2005
 Eldorado 08-02-04-05=19
 Junction 08-16-07-05=30
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Tiffany Hernandez (10), Ashley Lozano (1), Kassi Tyler (4), Alicia Corrales (4). Also playing: Chelci Sellers, Kristen Mittel, Desiree Valeriano, and Joy Martinez.

January 11, 2005
 Eldorado 02-03-02-02=09
 Ozona 03-11-04-08=26
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Ashley Lozano (6), Alicia Corrales (2), Kristen Mittel (1). Deysi Rios (2), Kassi Tyler (1), Chelci Sellers (1). Also playing: Desiree Valeriano, Joy Martinez, Tiffany Hernandez and Kassi Tyler.

January 14, 2005
 Eldorado 04-00-02-02=08
 Grape Creek 19-05-10-13=47
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Ashley Lozano (6), Tiffany Hernandez (2); Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Chelci Seller, Kassi Tyler, Kirsten Mittel, Desiree Valeriano, and Joy Martinez.

January 15, 2005
 Eldorado 01-02-03-10=16
 Sterling City 10-11-13-08=43
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Alicia Corrales (3), Chelci Sellers (4), Kirsten Mittel (8), Tiffany Hernandez (1); Also playing: Kassi Tyler, Ashley Lozano, Desiree Valeriano, and Joy Martinez.

JV BOYS

January 07, 2005
 Eldorado 09-12-02-14=37
 Ozona 10-08-06-10=34
 Playing for the Eagles: J.P. Joiner (13), Russell Cathey (10), Lalo Sanchez (4), Manny Gonzalez (2), Abel Montalvo (2), Jorge Mata (4) and Tyler Dombroski (2). Also playing for the Eagles: Michael Adame, Michael Redish, Clark Meyer, Cash Lane, Armando Morano, Clayton Sauer, Adam Dominguez.

8th GRADE GIRLS

December 13, 2004
 Eldorado 08-10-01-10=29
 Grape Creek 06-04-08-07=25
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Cassandra Buitron (2), Haley Higgins (8), Kirsten Stubbs (12), Bridgett Mitchell (3), Megan Griffin (2), Deyanira Cruz (2); Also playing for the Eagles: Tracy Brenner, Jessica Valero, and Corie Williams.

Wall Tournament
January 06, 2005
 Eldorado 08-10-02-06=26
 Grape Creek 06-04-08-06=24
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Cassandra Buitron (11), Haley Higgins (2), Kirsten Stubbs (6), Bridgett Mitchell (2), Deyanira Cruz (2), Megan Griffin (2), Jessica Valero (1); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Megan Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Janell Pechacek and Corie Williams.

Wall Tournament
January 07, 2005
 Eldorado 19-00-01-02=22
 Wall 25-07-02-01=35
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Haley Higgins (7), Cassandra Buitron (3), Kirsten Stubbs (5), Bridgett Mitchell (3), Deyanira Cruz (4). Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Megan Griffin, Jessica Valero, Darci Graves, and Corie Williams.

Wall Tournament
January 07, 2005
 Eldorado 04-08-06-11=29
 Brady 15-01-05-07=28
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Haley Higgins (2), Cassandra Buitron (9), Kirsten Stubbs (12), Bridgett Mitchell (4), Deyanira Cruz (2). Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Megan Griffin, Jessica Valero, and Corie Williams.

January 10, 2005
 Eldorado "B" 00-04-00-00=04
 Junction "B" 02-00-00-00=02
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Victoria Fuentes (4); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Darci Graves, Marcela Huerta, Corie Williams, Tracy Brenner and Janell Pechacek.

January 10, 2005
 Eldorado 10-07-06-07=30
 Junction 00-02-03-03=08
 Playing for the Lady Eagles: Haley Higgins (8), Cassandra Buitron (7), Kirsten Stubbs (9), Meagan Griffin (4), Jessica Valero (2); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Tracey Brenner, Bridgett Mitchell, Deyanira Cruz and Corie Williams.

Schleicher Co. Junior Livestock held here last week

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Best Dressed dog and the Best Groomed went to Jaime Chancellor and his Yorkie Stetson. The dog show was judged this year by Mrs. Laurie Gibbens of Sonora. All left winners at the dog show.

Top winners of the Food Show went to: Sub Junior Best of Show: Claire Wideman (Chocolate Mint Melt Away); Junior Best of Show: Austin Stapp (Special K Squares) and Senior Best of Show: Emily Newman (Jerry Swifts Famous Oatmeal Cookies).

Art Show Grand Champion Ribbon went to Rachel Joiner, Landscape and Reserve Champion Honors went to Armando Guzman in the Pen and Ink Division.

First National Bank provided the noon barbecue meal on Saturday.

Individual placings in the Livestock Show, Food Show and Project Show were as follows:

BREEDING SHEEP
Grand Champion Breeding Sheep: Jaymie O'Harrow
Reserve Champion Breeding Sheep: Jackson O'Harrow;
Class 1: Jamie O'Harrow (1), Jackson O'Harrow (2), Ridge Ann Sudduth (3, 4).

LAMBS
Champion (Breeding): Jamie O'Harrow
Reserve (Breeding): Jackson O'Harrow
Champion (Market): Ridge Ann Sudduth

Reserve (Market): Neal Higgins
Showmanship: Ridge Ann Sudduth
Fine Wools- Class 2: (122-130 lbs.): Neal Higgins (1), Haley Higgins (2), Ridge Ann Sudduth (3).

Fine Wool Crosses- Class 3: (121-147 lbs): Ridge Ann Sudduth (1), Haley Higgins (2), and Neal Higgins (3).
Medium Wool-Class 4: (147-157 lbs.) Neal Higgins (1) (Reserve Champion 157 lbs), Jackson O'Harrow 2, Ridge Ann Sudduth (3); Class 5: (155-173 lbs.) Ridge Ann Sudduth (1) Grand Champion 173 pounds; Ridge Ann Sudduth (2).

Breeding: Jaymie O'Harrow (1), Jackson O'Harrow (2).
SWINE
Champion (Breeding): Marcus Hinojosa
Champion (Market): Mark Bybee

Reserve (Market): Mark Bybee
Showmanship: Marcus Hinojosa
Breeding Swine - Class 6: (188 lbs.) Marcus Hinojosa (1) Champion
Market Swine - Class 7: (155-170 lbs.) Mark Bybee (1 and Reserve Champion), Robert Chavez (2 & 3), Marcus Hinojosa (4), Marcus Hinojosa (5); Class 8: (175-187 lbs.) Mark Bybee (1 & 4), Marcus Hinojosa (2 & 5), Josue Chavez (3); Class 9: (193-200 lbs.) Mark Bybee (1 and Champion 200 lbs.), Jorge Chavez (2 & 3), Marcus Hinojosa (4); Class 10: (205-216 lbs.) Marcus Hinojosa (1), Robert Chavez (2), Brian Parsley (3), Jorge Chavez (4); Class 11: (225-245 lbs.) Josue Chavez (1), Marcus Hinojosa (2&3), Mark Bybee (4).

CATTLE
Grand Champion (Heifer): Meg Griffin
Reserve Champion (Heifer): Mark Bybee
Grand Champion (Steer): Will Griffin
Reserve Champion (Steer): Meg Griffin
Showmanship: Will Griffin

HEIFERS
Class 12: Mark Bybee (1), Holly Ford (2), and Jackson O'Harrow (3). (NOTE) Mark Bybee brought this heifer with winnings from two calf scrambles last year. He won the San Antonio and San Angelo Calf Scramble. He will show this heifer at both shows this year. The heifer received Reserve Champion at the 2005 Schleicher County Stock Show; Class 13: Meg Griffin (1).

STEERS
Class 14: (800-1000 lbs.) Jaymie O'Harrow (1) and Will Griffin (2); Class 15: (1100-1250) Will Griffin (1) and Meg Griffin (2).

ANGORAS
Grand Champion: Justin Whitten
Reserve Champion: Robert Buchholz
Angora Commercial Kid-Class 16: Justin Whitten (1, 5 & 8), Robert Buchholz (2,3&4), Dalton Buchholz (6, 7, & 9).

Angora Yearlings- Class 17: Justin Whitten (1), Robert Buchholz (2 & 5), Dalton Buchholz (3&4).
Aged Commercial Angora-Class 18: Robert Buchholz (1) and Justin Whitten (2).

BREEDING GOATS
Grand Champion: Haley Higgins
Reserve Champion: Neal Higgins
Full Blood Breeding Goats- Class 19: Haley Higgins (1), Neal Higgins (2 & 3), Marty Powell (4), Rylea Self (5)
Percentage Breeding Goats- Class 20: Miles Mikeska (1), Neal Higgins (2), Jackson O'Harrow (3), Macy Mikeska (6&7), Haley Higgins (4 & 5).



Jaymie O'Harrow won his third consecutive Showmanship Award at the Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show held at the Civic Center last weekend. Here, Jaymie shows poses with Michael Thornton, representing Alderman-Cave Feeds, to show off a leather briefcase he won along with a belt buckle donated by the feed company.

MEAT GOATS
Grand Champion: Wes Brown
Reserve Champion: Jackson O'Harrow

Class 21: (64-76 lbs) Tres Whitten (1 & 11), Cade Ledbetter (2), Lauren Brown (3), Wes Brown (4), Sunni Cate McCormick (5), Chris Whiddon (6), John Cody Brenner (7&12), Jonah Griggs (8), Tracy Brenner (9), Kevin Dykstra (10), Michael Redish (13), Jr. Gonzalez (14).

Class 22: (77-82 lbs) Jaymie O'Harrow (1), Lauren Brown (2), Briley Ledbetter (3), Kenzie McAngus (4), Jackson O'Harrow (5), Kevin Dykstra (6 & 9), Wes Brown (7), Tracy Brenner (8), John Cody Brenner (10), Jonah Griggs (11) and Manny Gonzalez (12).

Class 23: (95-92 lbs.) Briley Ledbetter (1), Jaymie O'Harrow (2), Carli McAngus (3), Briley Ledbetter (4), Wes Brown (5), Lauren Brown (6, 7 & 8), Allison Reynolds (9), McCall Miller (10), Kevin Dykstra (11), Sunni Cate McCormick (12) and Chris Whiddon (13).

Class 24: (93-102 lbs.) Briley Ledbetter (1 & 2), Kenzie McAngus (3), Lauren Brown (4), Wes Brown (5), Garrett Lux (6), Tracy Brenner (7), Allison Reynolds (8), Carli McAngus (9), Macy Mikeska (10), Allison Reynolds (11), Manny Gonzalez (12), Torey Griggs (13), Jess Gonzales (14).

Class 25: (104-122 lbs) Wes Brown (1 & 5), Jackson O'Harrow (2), Jaymie O'Harrow (3), Garrett Lux (4 & 6), McCall Miller (7 & 12), Morgan Miller (11), Jess Gonzales (13).

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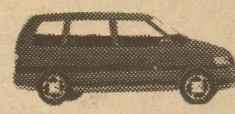
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Trooper Nunez tracks alleged credit card thief to Mertzon

Something told DPS Trooper Danny Nunez that things didn't add up after he spotted a woman in a rented Chevy Tahoe driving slowly through an Eldorado neighborhood. He said that as soon as he met the Tahoe and made eye contact with the female driver she quickly turned and drove away from the area.

"I could tell by the look she gave me that something was up," Nunez said. That's when he decided to follow the woman. But the suspicious driver was determined to lose the trooper, and she nearly did, but Nunez found the Tahoe parked at the Shell Star Stop.

Moments later, while Nunez was involved with a traffic stop nearby, he saw the lady leave the convenience store and drive south on Divide. When he couldn't catch up with the Tahoe, Nunez said he concluded the woman had turned on F.M. 915, and was heading toward Mertzon.

A call to the Irion County Sheriff's Department soon had officers in that county on the look out for the vehicle. About that time word reached Nunez that things were being reported missing in Eldorado. Among those things was a briefcase, check book and credit cards belonging to Schleicher County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson.

When the woman was approached by officers in Mertzon she told them that she had locked her keys in her car, but didn't want their help in opening it. When Trooper Nunez arrived a few minutes later, he found the lady sitting on a curb near her vehicle and noticed that she was trying to hide something behind her between the edge of the cement and the grass.

That something turned out to be Edmonson's missing credit cards.

Marie Delaurier, 31, of San Angelo, was taken into custody and transported back to Eldorado where she was booked into the Schleicher County Jail.

Also found in Delaurier's possession was one of Edmonson's personal checks, made out to a fictitious name, in the amount of \$400. A subsequent search of the woman's Tahoe uncovered several other items that had been reported missing in Eldorado and Sonora. There were also two pistols and a rifle.

Ms. Delaurier reportedly faces ten felony counts for theft and forgery, and could be facing federal charges on the firearms possession since she was out of jail on probation at the time of her arrest.

Nunez credits the assistance of Schleicher and Irion County Sheriff's Departments with their help in this case.



Meg Griffin got some help from McKenzie McAngus at the Livestock Show last weekend as they displayed Meg's Champion Breeding Heifer and calf.

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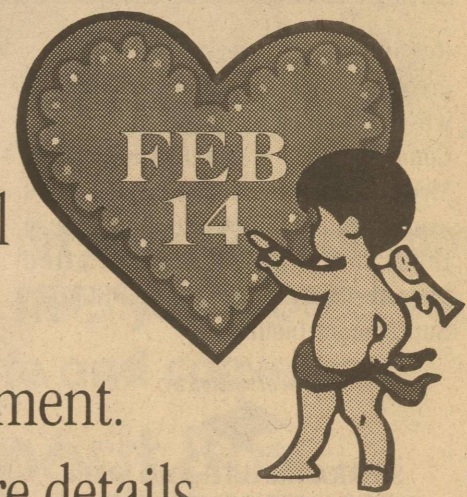
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The Blotter

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ARRESTS

January 12 • Rabon, Angellia Henry, female age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Fail to maintain Financial Responsibility, DPS Failure to Appear.

INCIDENTS

January 10 • 1:00 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS responded.

• 8:05 p.m. Complainant stated that a male subject had called his cell phone and threatened him. Complainant spoke to officer and wanted officers to be aware.

• 10:46 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle parked with no lights on north of city limits. Officer notified.

January 11 • 9:13 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 2:15 p.m. Complainant reported someone trespassing on property on 190 West. Officers responded.

• 4:56 p.m. Complainant has not seen person in question for sometime. Complainant is concerned about his welfare. Officers responded.

• 6:02 p.m. Complainant reported

tire blew out on 18 wheeler. There was rubber everywhere. Subject having trouble changing tire. Asked to notify TXDOT for cleanup. Officer responded.

• 8:13 p.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist. Officer responded.

• 8:51 p.m. Complainant reported loose livestock. Officer and Game Warden responded.

• 9:15 p.m. Complainant requested a welfare check on local subject. Officer responded.

January 12 • 4:42 p.m. Medical Center requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

• 5:35 p.m. Caller reported loose black cow. Officer responded. S.O. tried to contact owner. Officer put up the cow.

• 10:34 p.m. Caller reported reckless driver in Maroon Ford pickup with loud mufflers. Officer responded.

• 11:39 p.m. Eldorado Medical Center requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

January 13 • 4:08 a.m. Subject requested an ambulance. EMS responded.

• 10:11 a.m. Clinic requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 4:33 p.m. Caller reported loose black cow. Officer responded. Owner was contacted.

January 14 • 5:40 p.m. Complainant asked to speak to an officer about a child custody matter. Officer responded. Stated officer would check welfare of child.

• 6:17 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a tenant failing to pay overdue rent. Officer notified.

• 6:24 p.m. Subject wanted to file a complaint on a child custody matter. Complainant was to meet ex-girlfriend at courthouse square to take custody of his two children for the weekend. Ex-girlfriend failed to show up. Complainant stated this is not the first time that this has occurred. Officer notified.

• 8:44 p.m. Complainant stated he had hit a cow. Officer responded.

January 15 • Eldorado Medical Center requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

January 16 • 10:35 a.m. Complainant reported a black cow out on highway 190 East. Officer responded.

• 2:15 p.m. Complainant stated that someone had burned some of his belongings which were stored in a trailer at a ranch. Complainant also advised that he was missing a propane tank and lantern, total value of destroyed and missing property \$200.00. Officer responded.

• 5:49 p.m. Eldorado Medical center requested a basic transfer to Community Hospital in San Angelo. EMS 2 responded.

• 5:59 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Nance Street. Officer responded.

• 9:54 p.m. Caller reported a loose horse on Ave B. Officer responded.

• 11:37 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Nance Street. Officer responded.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Austin Stapp claimed the Best of Show award in the Junior Division of the County Food Show last weekend with his Special K Squares. The food show was one part of the larger 70th annual Jr. Livestock, Project and Food Show held at the Schleicher County Civic Center.

County Food Show Results

Sub - Junior Division

Cakes: 1st Place-Blain Aker, Coconut Pound Cake; Branda Gail Arispe, Coca Cola Cake; Macy Mikeska, German Chocolate Cake; Canyon Faul, 7 - Up Cake.

Pies: 1st Place-McKenzie McAngus, Pecan Pie.

Candy: 1st Place and Best of Show- Claire Wideman, Chocolate Mint Melt-Away Candy; Canyon Faul, Toffee.

Cookies: 1st Place- Jonah Griggs, Rich Chocolate Chip Toffee Bars; Rylea Self, Peanut Butter Surprises; Cade Ledbetter, Chocolate Chip Blondies; Tres Whitten, Deluxe Sugar Cookies; Elizabeth Griffin, Clipper Chocolate Chip Cookies; Jess Gonzales, Magic Cookie Bars; Davis Hutto, Ranger Cookies; Sunni Cate McCormick, Uncle Malt's Brownies.

Yeast Bread: 1st Place-Justin Whitten, Toffee Butterfly Rolls; Elizabeth Griffin, Cinnamon Rolls.

Junior Division

Cakes: 1st Place: Carli McAngus, Pineapple-Coconut Cake; Miranda Arispe, Chocolate Layer Cake; Ashley Paulson, Apple Streusel Cake; Miles Mikeska, Cream Cheese Pecan Pound Cake; Briley Ledbetter, Hershey's "Perfectly Chocolate" Chocolate Cake; Garrett Lux, Coconut Pound Cake; Tracy Brenner, Angel Food Cake; Lane Griffin, Old Fashioned Bread Pudding with Bourbon Custard Sauce; Dacy Whiddon, Checkerboard Cake; and Allyson Jarrett, Wesley's Chocolate Cake.

Pies: 1st Place: Meg Griffin, Classic Pecan Pie; Robert Chavez, Empanadas de Pina (Pineapple Turnovers).

Candy: 1st Place: Corie Williams, Poor Boy Millionaires; Wes Brown, Martha Washington Chocolates; Lane Griffin, Cracker Crisp; Mason Baker, Peanut Butter Fudge; Ashley Paulson, Triple-Layered Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownies.

Cookies: 1st & Best of Show-Aus-

tin Stapp, Special K Squares; Torey Griggs, Baby Ruth Bars; Brian Parsley, George W. Bush's Cowboy Cookies; Allyson Jarrett, Stainglass Valentine Heart Cookies.

Yeast Bread- 1st Place: Haley Higgins, Cinnamon Rolls; Zachary Brame, Finger Rolls.

Senior Division

Cakes: 1st Place-Lauren Brown, White Chocolate Coconut Cake; Chandra Wanoreck, Peanut Butter Cup Cake; Taylor Baker, Snowy Coconut Cake with Pineapple Lime Cream Cheese Filling; Marcus Hinojosa, Hummingbird Cake; Will Griffin, Better Than Fruitcake; Josue Chavez, Three Leches Cake; Jorge Chavez, Upside Down Pineapple Cake; Allison Reynolds, White Chocolate Almond Cake; Frank Edmiston, Brown Caramel Cake.

Ridge Ann Sudduth, Raspberry Glazed Chocolate Pecan Cake.

Pies: 1st Place-Mark Bybee, Apple Pie.

Candy: 1st Place-Neal Higgins, Feel Better Fudge.

Cookies: 1st and Best of Show-Emily Newman, Jerry Swift's Famous Oatmeal Cookies; Frank Edmiston, Butter Finger Dessert Bars.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Burger Toppers

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Lawmen wait for bus, arrest Del Rio man on drug charge

Information developed by Sheriff's deputies and DPS troopers from Schleicher and Sutton counties led to the arrest last Saturday of a suspected drug trafficker in San Angelo.

According to investigators, the information was turned over to the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force which enlisted the help of the San Angelo Police Department. The two agencies then awaited the arrival of a bus from Del Rio.

When it arrived, police apprehended Mario L. Padilla, 23, of Del Rio, as he got off the bus at the Union Bus Center on W. Concho Street in San Angelo. The officers reportedly found two pounds of crystal methamphetamine hidden in the man's pants.

Padilla was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, a first degree felony in Texas. If convicted, Padilla could face a 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Street value of the seized narcotic is reported in excess of \$90,000.

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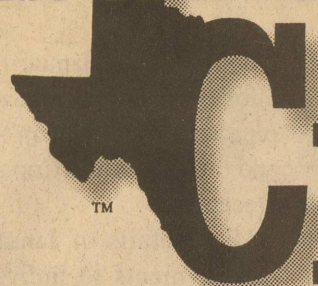
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Eldorado Spotlight



The Eldorado Spotlight shines this week on Christy Meador (R). When the Spotlight camera caught up with Christy she was receiving the Educator of the Year Award from EMS Principal Kara Sue Garlitz during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, held Tuesday evening in the Memorial Bldg.

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The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district, and the state level competition. International champions are announced by the K of C International Headquarters based on scores from the state level

competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions (Determine age as of January 1, 2004). Last year more than 247,000 sharpshooters participated in 4,017 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Rogelio Adame at 853-3629 or Jimmy Aguilar at 853-3098.

State records sixteen months of sales tax growth

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced last week that the state collected \$1.35 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 8.3 percent compared to December 2003.

"Our state's great economic engine is improving. We have experienced 16 months of positive sales tax growth," Strayhorn said. "In my biennial revenue estimate, delivered this week to the 79th Legislature, I predict sales tax revenues will increase 4.1 percent in fiscal year 2005, 3.6 percent in 2006 and 4.8 percent in 2007."

Strayhorn sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their first

sales tax allocations of 2005. January payments to local governments total \$329.1 million, up 8.6 percent compared to January 2004.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent January sales tax allocations of \$223.1 million to Texas cities, up 9.4 percent compared to January 2004. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$19.5 million, up 11.6 percent compared to last January.

Another \$9.3 million went to 89 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 17.3 percent compared to last January. Nine local transit systems received \$77 million in sales tax allocations, up 4.6 percent compared to a year ago.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

Locally, the City of Eldorado's rebate declined by 16.51 percent as compared to the same month last year. County-wide, however, the numbers were up dramatically. Schleicher County's sales tax rebate was up 49.62 percent while the Health Services Tax rebate was up 50.3 percent. (See chart below) The Health Services tax is the fund used by the county to provide revenue for the local ambulance service and other related expenses.

State sales tax revenue for

December, and January sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales made in November and reported to the Comptroller in December.

For details of January sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 11 and will be reported the following week in The Success.

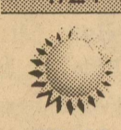
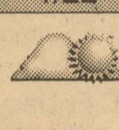
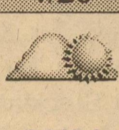


Local Jurisdiction	Jan. '05	Jan. '04	% Change	2005 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$5,646.00	\$6,763.15	-16.51%	\$5,646.00	\$6,763.15	-16.51%
Schleicher County	\$7,959.82	\$5,319.74	49.62%	\$7,959.82	\$5,319.74	49.62%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$7,997.06	\$5,320.49	50.30%	\$7,997.06	\$5,320.49	50.30%



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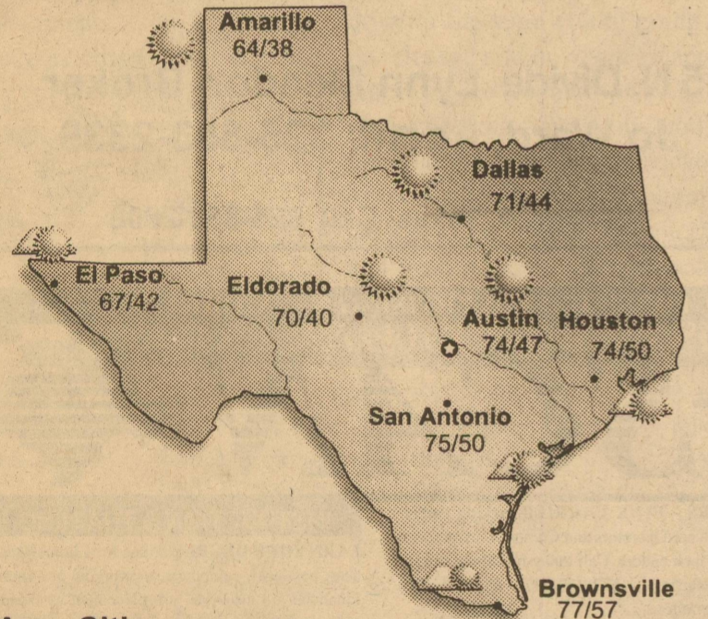
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 1/21	Sat 1/22	Sun 1/23	Mon 1/24	Tue 1/25
				
70/40	68/45	66/34	66/42	69/44
Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
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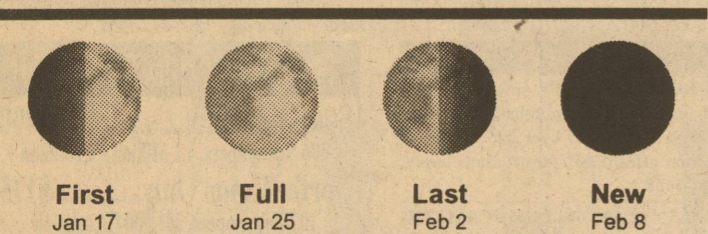
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	71	42	sunny	Kingsville	78	53	pt sunny
Amarillo	64	38	sunny	Livingston	72	46	sunny
Austin	74	47	sunny	Longview	69	44	sunny
Beaumont	73	49	mst sunny	Lubbock	70	37	sunny
Brownsville	77	57	pt sunny	Lufkin	72	48	sunny
Brownwood	74	44	sunny	Midland	72	40	sunny
Corpus Christi	74	54	pt sunny	Raymondville	77	53	pt sunny
Corsicana	72	47	sunny	Rosenberg	74	50	mst sunny
Dallas	71	44	sunny	San Antonio	75	50	mst sunny
Del Rio	73	48	pt sunny	San Marcos	76	49	sunny
El Paso	67	42	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	66	42	sunny
Fort Stockton	74	48	sunny	Sweetwater	71	42	sunny
Gainesville	67	39	sunny	Tyler	68	43	sunny
Greenville	69	42	sunny	Weatherford	68	40	sunny
Houston	74	50	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	68	39	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	55	36	pt sunny	Minneapolis	22	8	sn shower
Boston	31	6	pt sunny	New York	35	12	cloudy
Chicago	29	15	sn shower	Phoenix	78	51	mst sunny
Dallas	71	44	sunny	San Francisco	60	48	pt sunny
Denver	65	39	mst sunny	Seattle	54	44	rain
Houston	74	50	mst sunny	St. Louis	46	28	cloudy
Los Angeles	79	54	sunny	Washington, DC	37	20	sn shower
Miami	67	57	sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 1/21	Sat 1/22	Sun 1/23	Mon 1/24	Tue 1/25
4	4	4	4	5
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

Woman's Club learns about healthy diets

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room.

The theme for the meeting was "Learning to Cook Healthy." President Mary Roden opened the meeting with a warm welcome to ten members and two guests. President Roden called on Linda Spence for the prayer and Myrt Williams to lead in pledges to our

flags.

Penny Bland, Program Chairman, introduced guest speaker Nancy Lester. Nancy's talk was about a healthy lifestyle for people who are diabetic and non-diabetic. Before beginning her program Nancy introduced her special guest Roxanne Fentress. Roxanne has recently accepted the position of County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences for Schleicher and Irion counties.

Her home base will be Mertzon. Mertzson is currently without a county Extension Agent and she is needed there as a member of the Extension service. Her scheduled days in Eldorado will be Tuesday and Thursday and she welcomes calls and visits. She told everyone she was delighted to be here.

Nancy told everyone she has attended two training schools and has also held a training session in Amarillo. She said the Extension Service has been interested in diabetes for a long time but they have advanced their awareness alerts for a more healthy lifestyle as there's such a great need to do so these days.

These days lots of people are living at such a fast pace they no longer have time to eat healthy and fall into greater risk of being a diabetic whether they are adults or children. People need to be alert to their consumption of sodium, carbohydrates, and fats in our eating habits. Nancy said we should try very hard to eat meals that are low in sodium, carbohydrates, and fats. To emphasize these facts she had some canned goods and dry products with her and she explained why some were healthier than others. She urged us to be label readers and to look for healthier choices. She also said grocery stores have more healthy type foods these days and also that restaurants and convenience fast food drive-in types eating places are now offering some healthier choices.

She also said the new type dinner plates are getting larger. The ideal plate is to be no more than nine inches wide, the size of a regular paper plate, and the portion sizes should be one half of the plate should be for green leafy salads, and the rest divided into fourths. She said holidays meals are especially loaded with

non-healthy foods. Also there are many recipe books that have recipes only for healthier eating Nancy said she would be glad to share the knowledge she received at the trainings so call her. She passed out information material and these can be had through the Extension office. Nancy would also be happy to speak before a group.

We are always enlightened when Nancy is the guest speaker and we thank her so much for sharing her extension knowledge. Nancy has always brought sunshine to our community as she went about being one of our Extension agents over the years and she continues to offer her services even though she has retired. What a privilege it has been to have her in our community.

Following our program the Hospitality Committee of Chairman Linda Spence, Zee Hickman, and Lynn Lusk gave everyone a delicious refreshment time. They also had a special decorated table with a beautiful vase yellow roses as the centerpiece. They were so cheerful on a winter afternoon. Following our refreshment time President Roden called on Dorothy Harris for her Secretary's report. During the business time a request was brought to the club regarding making a contribution to the earthquake and tsunami victims. After a discussion a motion was made, voted on and approved that the club made a contribution to a charitable organization. Roll call was answered with a favorite food. Some choices were red beans, sugar free and fat free cheese cake, fried chicken, fruit salad, chocolate cake, and steamed broccoli.

We closed the meeting by reciting the Club Collect.

The Woman's Club next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg.

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Ozona U.I.L. Practice Meet

Mrs. Teresa Baker-Shirley, History teacher, Mrs. Amy Rutherford, Science teacher and Mr. Tom Gray, Mathematics teacher, chaperoned Eldorado high school students to a U.I.L. Practice Meet in Ozona on Saturday, January 8th. Students participated in six areas- Calculator Applications, Mathematics, Spelling, Number Sense, and Science. Eldorado brought home 1 gold medal in one event.

The Mathematics team placed third. Members are: Lauren Brown, Jorge Chavez, Will Griffin (tied for first place medalist), Rachel Joiner, Logan Jones and Kristin Mittel.

Number Sense team members Jorge Chavez, Kolby Dombroski, Will Griffin (4th Place Individual), Logan Jones, Kristin Mittel and Chandra Wanoreck also earned a

third place team medal. Individually Both the Mathematics and Number Sense teams are sponsored by Mr. Tom Gray.

The Science team placed 3rd. Team members are Will Griffin (3rd Place Individual Medalist), Jorge Chavez, Josue Chavez, Jaaron Crawford, Kolby Dombroski, Chelsey Stone and Kyle Taylor. The Science team is sponsored by Mrs. Amy Rutherford.

The Calculator Applications team placed 2nd. Team members are Jorge Chavez, Kristin Mittel, Chelsey Stone and Kyle Taylor. Their sponsor is Mrs. Amy Rutherford.

Jaaron Crawford and Raul Rios participated in Current Issues and Events. Their sponsor is Teresa Baker-Shirley.

Jilessa Hibbs participated in Spelling Division. Her sponsor was Mr. Angela Case.