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• Dominion listed as county's top taxpayer

YFZ Land, LLC ranks 4th overall

Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P tops the list of Schleicher County taxpayers this year with an overall levy of \$446,916.02. Pogo Producing Company was second highest at \$446,370.08 including a small levy on the City of Eldorado's tax roll. Approach Operating, LLC placed third at \$439,174.26 while one of the county's newest taxpayers, YFZ Land, LLC came in fourth overall with a total levy of \$414,391.70. Discovery Operating rounded out the top five list at \$244,760.77.

The tax totals come from taxes levied by Schleicher County, Schleicher County ISD, Schleicher County Hospital District, Plateau Underground Water Conservation District and, in the case of Pogo Producing Company, the City of Eldorado.

The school district gets the lion's share of the tax levy. In the case of Dominion, the top taxpayer, SCISD receives \$257,886.81 or just over 57.7 percent of the total levy. The county gets the next largest slice, some \$127,588.06 or 28.5 percent of the company's total tax bill. Schleicher County Hospital District will receive \$55,793.89, representing 12.5 percent. The remaining \$5,647.26 goes to the water district which receives just over 1.2 percent of the total levy.

Five other oil and gas related companies placed 6 through 10 on the top taxpayer list. Davis Gas Processing was 6th at \$222,665.76; Diamond S Energy came in 7th at \$221,023.33; BJ Services was 8th at \$201,460.38; Unit Petroleum Company captured the 9th spot with a tax levy of \$199,303.50; and Southtex-66 Pipeline Company was 10th at \$120,121.13.

The City of Eldorado, which may only collect taxes within the city limits had a much smaller tax roll. AEP Texas North Company topped the list of city taxpayers with a levy of \$7,969.01. The

remainder of the city's top ten taxpayers were: 2) First National Bank of Eldorado; 3) Verizon Southwest; 4) Eldorado Place Apartments; 5) National Oilwell LP; 6) Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative; 7) Enterprise Rent-A-Car; 8) H.G. White; 9) Isabella I. McCutcheon estate; and 10) Pogo Producing Company.

Schleicher County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Scott Sutton explained that the individual tax bills outlined above don't reflect discounts available for early payment.

He also explained that more than 80 percent of the tax money due to local entities has been received with the exception of city taxes. In that case, only 65 percent of the city's annual tax levy had been received on Tuesday.

Sutton went on to explain that officials of YFZ Land, LLC paid the company's annual tax bill in October and received a 3 percent discount for early payment.

Taxing Questions

Sutton said he is often asked by local citizens if the tax bill in the YFZ Ranch has been paid.

Much of the local concern probably stems from the fact that the people who live and work at the YFZ are members of a polygamous sect from the Utah/Arizona borderland where officials in both states continue having problems collecting property taxes.

Recently, a number of large homes, including one with 19 rooms and 23 bathrooms, have been abandoned in the twin towns of Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona, leaving authorities wondering who is going to pay the bill for back taxes.

Sources indicate that many of the newly vacated homes had been occupied by close family and/or loyal followers

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YFZ Land, LLC, the corporation that owns the YFZ Ranch, placed 4th on Schleicher County's list of top taxpayers for 2006. Company officials paid \$401,961.28 in October and received a discount for early payment.

Texas off highway vehicle decals now being enforced

AUSTIN, Texas — On Jan. 1, 2007, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens and other authorities will begin enforcing the requirement for all qualifying trail vehicles to have a current Texas Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) decal properly mounted on their trail vehicles when used at OHV venues on public land in Texas.

A Texas OHV decal costs \$8 and is good through August 31 of the year it is purchased. Many other states require similar decals. A decal bought in Texas is also valid in other states and other states' decals are valid in Texas.

Revenue from decal sales will be used to provide grants to help municipalities, counties, state or federal agencies and non-profit corporations create or improve OHV recreation areas in Texas.

Non-street legal motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV) and non-street legal four-wheel drive vehicles are required to display the OHV decal when trail riding on public lands

in Texas. The law applies to all public lands in Texas including municipal, county, state or federal lands where OHV recreation is approved and legal. Street legal OHV's do not require the Texas OHV decal no matter where they are used in Texas. Decals are not required for vehicles used on private land.

Failure to comply with this law is a Class C misdemeanor and could result in the OHV operator being issued a citation, with possible fines ranging from \$25-to-\$500.

It's been almost one year since the Texas OHV program was created Jan. 1, 2006 to provide family-oriented OHV trail riding opportunities which are safer and will serve as a positive force for conservation of the natural and cultural resources of Texas.

During 2006, the Texas program began the process of creating new OHV parks near Ozona in Crockett County, near

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Schleicher County officials take oath of office

Schleicher County's newly elected and reelected officials gathered Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007 to take their official oath of office.

Lynn Meador is the only one taking the oath for the first time. He was sworn

in as Commissioner for Precinct #2. Matt Brown took the oath of office for his second term as Commissioner for Precinct #4.

Johnny Griffin, the county's longest serving official was sworn in as

Schleicher County Judge for the 8th time.

Also taking the oath of office were Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle, County Clerk Peggy Williams and County Treasurer Karen Henderson.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

(L-R) County Treasurer Karen Henderson, Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle, County Commissioner for Pct. 2 Lynn Meador, County Commissioner for Pct. 4 Matt Brown, County Judge Johnny Griffin and County Clerk Peggy Williams posed for the camera Tuesday morning after taking the oath of office for their new 4-year terms.

• Hound Dog Hustle to coincide with All the King's Clones event

The 1st annual Hound Dog Hustle will be held January 27, 2007. The 1 mile and 5k walk/run event, timed to coincide with "All the King's Clones" will benefit the American Diabetes Association this year.

Elvis music will be played along the course and participants are encouraged to dress in Elvis attire. Leashed pets are welcomed!

Participants receive a t-shirt and information on diabetes.

Registration is taking place currently online at www.active.com. Click on individual sports, type in the zip code for Eldorado in the search here feature. On line registration ends January 20th.

Any questions? Please contact Evelyn Gordon at 853-4010 or email ggordon06@verizon.net.

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What to do about Darfur?

Sudan is Africa's largest country. The Nile River starts its northern flow to the Mediterranean at the confluence of the White Nile and Blue Nile rivers, near the Sudanese capital of Khartoum.

But the life-giving majesty of the world's longest river contrasts with the horror and tragedy that have plagued Sudan since it gained independence from Egypt and Great Britain in 1956.

Conflict based on ethnic, racial and religious differences has wracked the country from its inception. War, famine and disease have led to an estimated two million deaths, and created some four million homeless refugees over two decades.

Commentary

by U.S. Senator John Cornyn

Today, the deadly civil war in Darfur, a western region in Sudan roughly the size of Texas, has become the world's most dire human rights and humanitarian crisis.

Since 2003, at least 300,000 men, women and children have been killed, and some 2.2 million people—approximately one-third of Darfur's population—have been terrorized and driven from their homes.

Villages are burned routinely, and survivors are usually forced into refugee camps where they depend on international assistance to survive. But relief operations delivering food and water to the region are often turned back by violence. This summer alone, 21 supply vehicles were hijacked and 12 humanitarian workers were killed.

We are all too aware of casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan, but many Americans are largely oblivious to this genocide in an African region less than 1,500 miles from Baghdad.

Even while we have attempted to coax African countries and the United Nations into more effective intervention, President George W. Bush has led an aggressive U.S. response to the Darfur atrocities.

In the past three years, the United States has provided more than \$1.4 billion in humanitarian assistance to Darfur victims. We have provided more than 85 percent of the food distributed this year, and contributed \$300 million to support 34 base camps for peacekeeping forces, along with maintenance, communications, training and airlift support.

Diplomatically, we are pushing the UN, Europe, African Union and others to devise an effective solution for peace. In December, after meeting with the President's newly appointed Special Envoy to Sudan, Andrew Natsios, I co-sponsored a Senate Resolution demanding that the Sudanese government either comply with mandates from the international community, to include allowing a fortified UN peacekeeping force in the region, or face serious consequences.

In the meantime, to supplement governments' work, private efforts, including several based in Texas, have emerged. One group in Midland has received national and international acclaim for its efforts to raise public awareness about suffering in Darfur.

The New Yorker, National Review, Christian Science Monitor and American Spectator publications all have spotlighted the work of a Christian human-rights activist organization known as the Midland Ministerial Alliance.

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Remembering two men, one good, one not

My ol' Granddad raised grandkids, hogs and peanuts, pretty much in that order. He told me once that the peanuts were easy. It was the hogs and grandkids that took the most work.

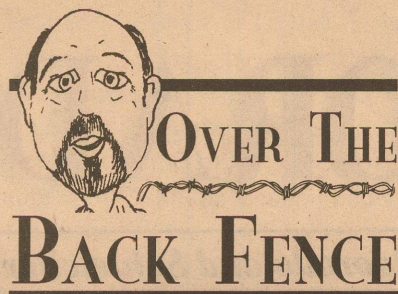
I went with him one time to look at a boar he was thinking about buying. When I asked him how to tell the difference between a good hog and a bad hog he replied that once you've seen enough bad ones the good ones sort of stand out. It was the same, he said, with grandkids. Although I was curious, I hesitated to ask where I stood in that equation.

Over the ensuing years, I've found my Granddad's advice to be sound. It translates well to almost every facet of life, but never more so than when it comes to dealing with people. See enough bad ones, it seems, and the good ones are easy to spot.

I don't know why this tidbit from the past popped into my mind this week, but it did. It came as I struggled to reconcile how two men who were once very powerful, and who died only four days apart, could have lived such different lives.

I'm referring, of course, to President Gerald Ford and Saddam Hussein. Both men lived most of their lives in the spotlight. And, there are some interesting coincidences in how the men rose to power. For example, after serving in lower government positions for years, both men rose to the top without being elected.

Saddam Hussein seized power in a coup d'etat. Gerald Ford was



appointed to replace Vice President Spiro Agnew when he pled no contest to tax evasion and money laundering charges. Ford then became President when Richard Nixon resigned at the height of the Watergate scandal.

But that's where the similarities end.

Gerald Ford was a star athlete at the University of Michigan. In fact, he was such a good football player that his number was retired. It remains as the only number ever to be retired at the storied institution.

Ford spent a quarter century serving the 5th District of Michigan in the U.S. House of Representatives before joining the scandal plagued Nixon administration. Once Nixon was gone, he spent the next 18 months trying to bring the country back together, then graciously stepped aside when we chose another to take the helm.

For his part Saddam was a tyrant who tortured and murdered all who challenged him. He even used poison gas on his own people in order to maintain control. So absolute was Saddam's power that he fully expected the world to stand aside

and watch as he invaded Kuwait in 1990. Fortunately for the world, and the Kuwaitis, that didn't happen.

Saddam Hussein died on December 30, 2006. The erstwhile dictator's countrymen having decided that he wasn't fit to live, chose a more humane end for him than he had ever provided his adversaries. A trap door opened beneath his feet and Saddam dropped through as a hangman's noose pulled tight, snapping his neck and killing him instantly.

Four days earlier, Gerald R. Ford, the 38th President of the United States, died in his sleep at the age of 93. He was honored with a state funeral as his political allies' and former foes gathered to remember and pay homage.

The first election in which I was old enough to vote came in 1976 when Gerald Ford was challenged by Jimmy Carter. I was so angry that Ford had pardoned Nixon that I voted for Carter in protest. That proved to be the only vote I've ever regretted.

Years older, and hopefully wiser, I understand now as Gerald Ford did then that the nation would never have healed as long as Nixon and his scandal remained the focal point. Revenge, he correctly reasoned, wasn't worth wrecking the country.

As I said before, when you've seen enough bad ones, the good ones are easy to spot...and I've seen more bad ones than I care to think about.

Gerald Ford, I'm convinced now, was a very good one. I only wish I had realized that back in '76.

North Texas lawmaker campaigns to unseat Craddick

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — When the Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 9, the 150 members of the Texas House of Representatives must choose who among them will preside as speaker.

Incumbent Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, will need 76 votes — 50 percent of 150, plus one — to retain his office.

But Craddick will have competition this time from fellow Republican state Rep. Brian McCall of Plano.

McCall says he and other state representatives are ready for a change in leadership and he believes he has the votes to unseat Craddick.

The House's composition is 81 Republicans and 69 Democrats. Without a large-scale switch of allegiance among Republicans to his camp, McCall will have to convince many Democrats to back him.

Craddick, 63, was elected speaker in January 2003 after serving 34 years as a House member. He was re-elected speaker in 2005. McCall, 48, has served in the House since 1991.



Cross Plains a Year Later

Last year on my way back from spending the holidays with my son and his family I stopped in Cross Plains. The city was heavily damaged by a fire that started apparently from a cigarette that some careless driver tossed out. The blaze was fanned by strong winds and destroyed about 25 percent of the homes in the city (population 1,068). Two people died. Others suffered respiratory problems.

I developed a strong feeling toward Cross Plains when I spoke at the chamber banquet there a few months prior to the fire. I was concerned about some friends there. When I spoke to them, their spirits were high. They personally had no damage and were busy helping others. As we drove around the town, the images of burned out houses and scorched vacant lots looked like a war scene. The smell of smoke was still in the air a week after the fire, which occurred two days after Christmas, 2005.

I interviewed half a dozen victims of the fire that day, both children and adults. Instead of the expected tears and sadness, they were full of adrenalin, thinking



by Tumbleweed Smith

about rebuilding and getting on with their lives. I wondered if they were still in shock. I had a profound experience that day and left with a sincere sense of admiration for the people of Cross Plains.

In January of 2006 my documentary class at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa was just beginning. I gave the students a list of possible topics. One was the Cross Plains fire. They started asking questions about it and chose that as their semester project. In February we boarded a university van and went to Cross Plains to do some interviews. The students set up recorders in Sunday School classrooms at the First Baptist Church, which was headquarters for dealing with the fire's aftermath. The interviews revealed some dramatic stories: "Evil-looking clouds of black

smoke approached the city from the west just after noon. Funnels of fire danced around town. It was an ocean of flames. The sky was brown, green, the sun was blood red. It was very eerie. You could hear explosions every few seconds from gas tanks, paint cans and houses. The fire was coming faster than a horse could run. I saw about 30 deer running, 5 or 10 of them on fire. A squirrel was on fire and it ran along setting other fires. Our appliances melted. Things were just powder and ash."

116 homes were destroyed. 36 more were damaged. The cost to rebuild is estimated to be 10 million dollars. In the midst of the devastation, there was an outpouring of love. People from out of town donated \$640,000 to a disaster fund and brought in truckloads of food and clothing. Many of the lots were cleared within days. New homes are being built. My students learned a lot more than just how to produce a documentary. They learned a lot about the human spirit. Exactly one year after the fire, the citizens of Cross Plains got together for a barbecue. Mostly it was a counting of blessings.

President Ford honored in death

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 27 ordered all flags to be flown at half-staff in memory and in honor of the life and public service of former President Gerald R. Ford.

Ford, 93, died Dec. 26. "President Ford was a calming, dignified voice of leadership during a turbulent time in the history of our country," Perry said. "His tenure as president was extraordinary and his lifetime of public service to our country in the United States Navy and in Congress was admirable and worthy of the respect of all Americans."

The governor's directive applies to all U.S. and state flags under the control of the state. Flags will be at half-staff on the state Capitol Building and on flag displays in the Capitol Complex, and upon all public buildings, grounds, and facilities throughout the state for 30 days.

Perry encouraged all Texans to fly flags at half-staff for the same length of time as a sign of respect.

Perry also ordered Texas flags to half-staff on Dec. 29 in honor of Scottie Stevenson, daughter-in-law of Gov. Coke Stevenson. She served as Texas' first lady after Gov. Stevenson's wife died and when her husband, Gov. Stevenson's son, was deployed to the Pacific during World War II.

TEA clears schools after audit

The Texas Education Agency closed investigations into possible TAKS testing irregularities at 592 Texas schools when no evidence of wrongdoing was found.

The agency said an analysis by Caveon Test Security earlier this year flagged 700 schools as having "data anomalies" during the 2005 testing period.

A school was flagged by Caveon if the firm's review found an aberrant or unusual response pattern, a large score gain, a statistically unusual number of erasures or very similar test responses, such as correctly answering hard questions while missing easy questions.

The Commissioner's Task Force on Test Integrity concluded that security audits and on-site investigations found no evidence of action that violated the state's extensive test security system at 592 schools.

Three of the 700 schools flagged for their 2005 test results have since

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OBITUARIES

John C. Bownds

John C. Bownds, 82, beloved husband, father, and grandfather and a former resident of Odem, Texas, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2007 in a Corpus Christi hospital. He was born June 17, 1924 in Port Arthur, Texas. Mr. Bownds was a Staff Sergeant and Gunnery Instructor in the U.S. Army Air Forces during WWII, and flew 50 missions over Europe including Normandy and the Balkans in a B24 Liberator. He was a homebuilder for 50 years and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Odem.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorena J. Bownds; his parents, Jesse L. and Pearl (Bohls) Bownds; and a sister, Evelyn Bownds.

He is survived by a daughter, Joye L. Bownds; two sons, Jesse

and Johnny Bownds; 6 grandchildren, Reagan, Amber and Garrett Bownds, Rick and T.J. Dyer and Travis Bownds.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 P.M. Thursday, January 4, 2007 in First United Methodist Church in Odem with Rev. Carol Pifer officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Odem, Texas.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons and Charlie Fred Spiekerman.

Honorary pallbearers will be Henry Hartman, J. L. Petrus, Jr., Pierce Holt, Doug Ward, Clay Whitten, David Neal, Sammy Quinn, Marshall Quinn, Chad Fox, Terry McMillen, Bob Johnson and Bentley Baylor.

Those who wish may make contributions to First United Methodist Church in Odem, Texas.

William David "Dub" Slaughter

SAN ANGELO — It was with heavy heart that we bid farewell to William David Slaughter Jr., who went to be with the Lord on Dec. 28, 2006. Dub, as all of his family, many friends and acquaintances knew him, was a man who loved to be in the presence of any conversation. He was at ease surrounded by all walks of life; he spent countless hours trying to improve upon the many endeavors that he was involved in. He became a very well respected man by holding true to his convictions, and by his influence on the many boards and associations that he was affiliated with, not limited to but including the Iraan-Sheffield ISD School Board for 15 years, the Pecos County Livestock Association, the Ozona Wool and Mohair Association, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Pecos County Appraisal District and the newly created Pecos County Water District.

Dub graduated from Iraan High School in 1976 and graduated from Texas Christian University with a degree in finance and a degree in ranch management in 1981. After graduation, he left Fort Worth and

moved back to Sheffield to begin his career in ranching.

Dub was born on June 12, 1958, in Las Cruces, N.M., to David and Barbara Slaughter. Dub is survived by his wife and best friend, Susan Mertz Slaughter, whom he married on July 23, 1982; their two sons, Will M. and Len M. of Sheffield; parents David and Barbara Slaughter of Sheffield; and brother Mark of La Porte, Texas. Dub is also survived by three of Susan's brothers, Len Mertz and Mort Mertz of San Angelo, and Michael Mertz of Eldorado; his sisters-in-law, Susan and Trina; and numerous nieces and nephews, and way too many friends to count.

Pallbearers will be Dub's five nephews, Phillip, Lawson, James, and Louis Mertz, and Hollen Slaughter.

Dub was a devoted husband, son, father and friend who will be greatly missed. Graveside service was Saturday, Dec. 30, in Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the Slaughter family has requested that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice.

William "Bill" Earl VanDusen

ODESSA William "Bill" Earl VanDusen, 65, of Odessa passed away Sunday, December 24, 2006 at his residence. He was born December 9, 1941 in Combes, Texas.

He moved to Odessa in the 1970s from Eldorado, TX. He retired in 2005 from Bulldog Specialties after 10 years of service.

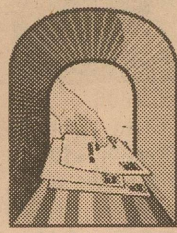
He is preceded in death by his father, William Alfred VanDusen, stepmother, Mattie Jewel VanDusen, brother, Walter Everett VanDusen, and stepbrothers, David &

Jonathan Lawrence.

He is survived by his companion, Bea Barber of Odessa, son, William Mark VanDusen of Odessa, daughter, Shelley Rae VanDusen of Odessa, granddaughter, Mari Elizabeth VanDusen of Odessa, brothers, Jerry Don VanDusen of Houston, Kenneth Paul VanDusen of Grand Prairie, stepbrother, Owen Lawrence, Jr. of Quitman and stepsister, Martha Jo Morris of Brady.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 28, 2006 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Braswell officiating.

Interment followed at the Kermit Cemetery in Kermit.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reflecting on husband's suicide

Dear Editor,

January 8th marks four years since I lost my dear husband, and my daughters lost their beloved Daddy, to suicide. On the occasion of this anniversary, I wanted to share my thoughts about suicide.

There is absolutely nothing in this world that can happen to you that is worth your taking your life. Period. There are no do-overs or take-backs with suicide. It is a permanent solution to what is often a temporary problem, even if the "temporary" is longer than you'd wish. Suicide will not give your loved ones peace, or make their lives better without you in it. Quite the opposite--it can make their lives a living nightmare--losing a family member to suicide is something I would not wish on my absolute worst enemy. You cannot begin to imagine the type of pain this death causes until you live it. Instead of receiving support, the family is often blamed. Why didn't they see signs or do something? Or what did they do that caused their loved one to kill themselves? Society thinks it could never, ever happen in "their" family. Well, it can and it does. All too often. Want to stop a conversation in a split second? -- Answer "suicide" when someone asks you how your loved one died. It is a sad postscript that my late husband will probably be remembered by others more because of how he died, instead of than for how he lived his life for the 53 years preceding his death.

Depression is a life threatening illness, and needs to be treated as such. Until depression is taken seriously, and treatment for mental illness is no longer considered shameful, people will continue to suffer, and some will, sadly, die from it. Depression can be just as life threatening as cancer, heart attacks, or strokes, yet it is seldom treated with the seriousness it deserves.

Everyone has probably had those moments in passing where they think "I wish I were dead." But if you or a friend ever pass just thinking about it, and start to formulate a "plan" on how that

goal could be accomplished, please realize that is a serious danger sign. Don't delay--call a suicide hotline, your doctor, your counselor, or your pastor. There is help out there--just don't wait until it is too late.

This time of year can be especially hard. Although to many it can signal a fresh start, to others it is a sign of everything they failed to accomplish in the last year. Please take any potential suicide threats, no matter how seemingly trivial, seriously. It could make the difference in you or a friend still being here at this time next year.

If there is one thing I have learned from this, I no longer take life for granted. We live in a beautiful world, even with the bad. Have you ever just watched a sunrise, a sunset, a bird flying? Studied the stars at night? Have you watched a flower bloom? How about children playing? Every moment we have on this earth is a gift from above. Please don't let the gift of your life end way too soon, by your own hand.

I have done a lot of thinking these past weeks about what we could do to remember Hugh on this fourth anniversary of his death. I decided that if, by telling a bit of our story, it makes just one person stop and realize that suicide is NEVER an answer, no matter the circumstances, that is the best tribute we could ever give him.

Sincerely,
Linda, Kaitlyn
and Christine Lindsey
in loving memory of
Hugh R. Lindsey, Jr., 1949-2003

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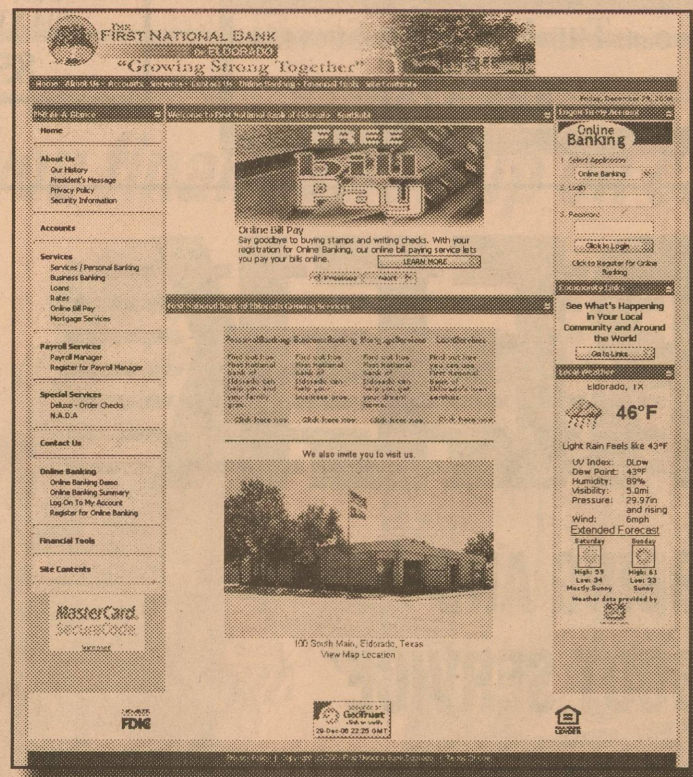
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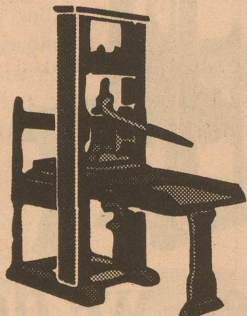
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by Linda Thistle

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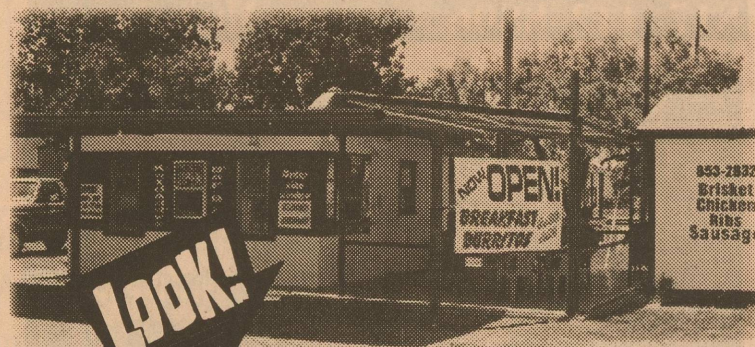
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Monday, January 8, 2007
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Waffle Stix/ Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, January 10, 2007
Pig-n-Blanket, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, January 11, 2007
Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, January 12, 2007
Cereal Bar, Applesauce Cups, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, January 8, 2007
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Broccoli Tops/Dip, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies

Wednesday, January 10, 2007
Sausage Wraps, Carrot Stix's/ Dip, Baked Chips, Pineapple Slices

SACK LUNCH TO-GO

Thursday, January 11, 2007
Hamburgers, Baked Fries, Burger Salad, Pear Halves

Friday, January 12, 2007
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, January 8, 2007
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes/Hot Rolls, Steamed Broccoli, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
Corn Chip Pie/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies

Wednesday, January 10, 2007
Lasagna/Salad, Peas/Carrots, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Slices

Thursday, January 10, 2007
Beef Taco's/Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad/Pear Halves

Friday, January 11, 2007
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

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VARSITY BOYS

December 15, 2006
Eldorado 13-14-11-06=44
Mason 06-16-12-13=47
Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 2, Lalo Sanchez 13, Bosmans 9, Michael Redish 3, Zach Hash 9, Rance Cathey 8. 3 point goals: Bosmans 3, Redish 1.
Mary Tatum
Invitational Tournament
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December 28-29, 2006
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December 28, 2006
Eldorado 14-16-19-17=66
Kermit 01-17-08-26=52
Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 7, Russell Cathey 7, Lalo Sanchez 6, Manny Gonzalez 3, Drew Bosmans 16, Zach Hash 13, Jorge Mata 6 and Tyler Dombroski 8. 3 point goals: Estrada 1, Russell Cathey 1, Gonzalez 1 and Bosmans 1.

December 28, 2006
Eldorado 10-11-12-10-43
Midland Cl. 20-14-15-17=66
Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 5, Drew Bosmans 28, Zach Hash 2, Rance Cathey 2, Jorge Mata 4 and Tyler Dombroski 2. 3 point goals: Bosmans 4.

December 30, 2006
Eldorado 12-15-07-16=50
Garden City 14-08-12-15=49
Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 3, Russell Cathey 4, Drew Bosmans 15, Michael Redish 1, Zach Hash 6, Rance Cathey 3, Jorge Mata 11 and Tyler Dombroski 4. 3 point goals: Estrada 1, Gonzalez 1, Bosmans 3 and Mata 1.

December 30, 2006
Eldorado 13-21-07-14=55
Sonora 10-17-15-10=52
Scoring for the Eagles: Sammy Estrada 3, Russell Cathey 3, Drew Bosmans 19, Michael Redish 4, Zach Hash 13, Rance Cathey 4, Jorge Mata 2 and Tyler Dombroski 9. 3 point goals: Russell Cathey 1, Bosmas 2 and Dombroski 1.

January 2, 2007
Eldorado 19-13-13-17=62
Rocksprings 08-14-22-12=56
Scoring for the Eagles: Russell Cathey 2, Lalo Sanchez 5, Manny Gonzalez 3, Drew Bosmans 27, Michael Redish 6, Zach Hash 16, Jorge Mata 3. 3 point goals: Lalo Sanchez 1, Gonzale 1, Drew Bosmans 5.
Over All Varsity Eagle record is 12-7 as of January 2, 2007

7th Grade Boys

December 11, 2006
Eldorado 02-11-06-10=27
Water Valley 00-03-03-00=06
Scoring for the Eagles: R. Chavez 2, M. Baker 2, N. Jimenez 12, A. Espinosa 4, Z. Taylor 5 and T. Farmer.

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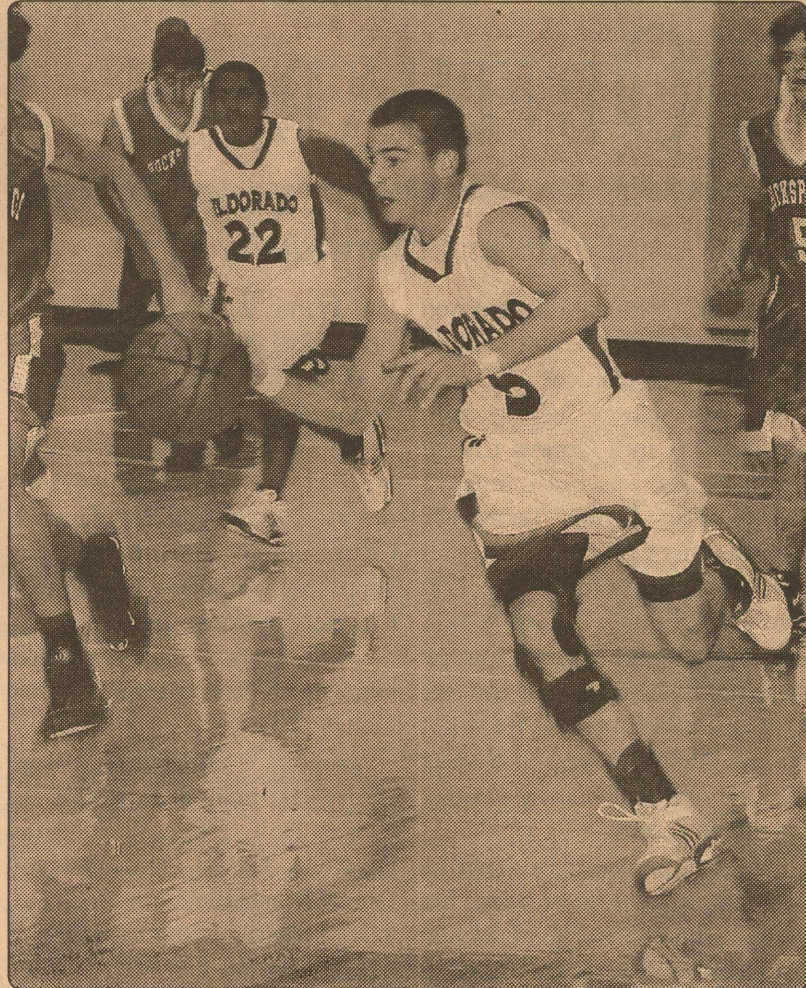


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Russell Cathey brought the ball down court Tuesday night as the Eldorado Eagles varsity boys took on the Rocksprings Angoras. Drew Bosmans hit for 27 points on the night to lead the Eagles to 62-56 victory.

8th Grade Boys

December 11, 2006
Eldorado 11-11-09-08=39
Water Valley 02-07-17-02=28
Scoring for the Eagles: Eloy Bustos 11, Mason Baker 12, Zach Brame 2, Miles Mikeska 2, Ben Wipff 1 and Briley Ledbetter 11.

Bronte Tournament
December 14, 2006
Eldorado 14-08-06-07=35
Irion Co. 06-04-11-02=23
Scoring for the Eagles: Mason Baker 12, Aaron Parsley 1, Miles Mikeska 12, Ben Wipff 4, and Briley Ledbetter 6.

December 16, 2006
Eldorado 04-05-04-06=19
Garden City 09-08-14-08=39
Scoring for the Eagles: Mason Baker 4, J.R. Arispe 2, Miles Mikeska 8, Ben Wipff 1 and Briley Ledbetter 4.

December 16, 2006
Eldorado 10-10-06-02=28
Miles 07-04-08-02=21
Scoring for the Eagles: Eloy Bustos 2, Mason Baker 2, Josh Jurecek 4, Zach Brame, J.R. Martinez 5, Miles Mikeska 6, Ben Wipff 4. Also playing were Aaron Parsley, Jamie O'Harrow, Robert Buchholz.

BIRTHDAY LIST

JANUARY

4th Amber Hamilton, Dena Manning
5th Zack Koenig, M'Kenna Gillespie, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar, Trey Chavez
6th Stacy Nicholson, Marcus Muri, Joyce Higdon, Andree Garza
7th Ray David Buitron Sr., Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Steve Parker, Steven Farrell
8th Delia Herrera, Candi Homer, Thelma Bosmans, Gene C. Rojas, Dan McWhorter, Anna Troy
9th Tata Belman, Raymond Riley, Keith Nance, Rocky Huichapa, Ricky Huichapa
10th Micah Grelle, Selina Rojas, Richard Harris, George Scott, Billy Williams, Carisa Porter
11th Ricky Jones, Sharon Spinks, Carolyn Hamilton, Manny Gonzalez, Rosa Trevino, Larry Marshall, Clayton Mack Edmiston,
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of Warren Jeffs, the jailed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Jeffs was arrested in Nevada in August of 2006 on Utah charges of rape as an accomplice, Arizona charges of sexual conduct with a child and conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a child, and two felony warrants for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Jeffs remains in jail in Purgatory Correctional Facility in Hurricane,

Utah as he awaits trial.

Meanwhile, Jeffs' recently displaced followers are believed to be moving to compounds in Colorado and South Dakota as well as the YFZ Ranch here in Schleicher County, Texas, leaving Bruce Wisan, the court appointed Special Fiduciary who oversees most of the property in Hildale and Colorado City, scratching his head and wondering who, if anyone, will pay the taxes on the recently vacated homes.



COURTESY PHOTO

Boys Scout Troop #18 and Cub Scouts spent an afternoon carolling for the Schleicher County Nursing Home before Christmas.

Off highway vehicles...

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Big Spring in Howard County, and near Childress in Childress County. The program has also approved grant funds to improve existing OHV venues in the Sam Houston National Forest in Montgomery County, the Marshall Creek OHV Park in Denton County, Buffalo Springs Lake Trails in Lubbock County, the Canadian River OHV

Area in Potter County and Buffalo Valley MX Park in Bexar County.

The program now has a new set of Web pages with up to date information on where to buy the required decal, where to ride off the highway in Texas, responsible use of OHVs, resources for riders, and frequently asked questions about the OHV program.

A Texas OHV decal can be purchased by calling the Texas Parks & Wildlife Customer Service Center (CSC) at (512) 389-8917. Decals can also be bought at selected parks and retail stores listed on the TPWD Web site.

Nursing Home Chit Chat

Nursing Home Activity Director Annie Arispe

Happy New Year! When a new year begins, it's sometimes difficult to switch gears for a few days. You find yourself writing the wrong year on everything. You wonder, "Just where did that last year go, and what does this New Year hold?"

We would like to invited the community to a Candle Light Memorial Service for all of the residents that past away during the

year 2006. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. January 26, 2007 at the Nursing Home Dining Room. The Nursing Home Wish Table was a great success, to show our appreciation we have a Tree of Thanks in the dining room to all those that donated gifts, money and time. Please stop by to view our Tree of Thanks.

Quote of the Week: "One kind word can warm three winter months."

County Agent's Update
by Cory Stevens

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closed. Cases are still open for 105 schools.

Sierra Club joins coal lawsuit

Power companies are moving quickly on plans to build coal-fired plants in Texas to meet growing demand for power and to reduce the state's reliance on expensive natural gas to produce electricity.

According to a Reuters news agency report, the Sierra Club has intervened in a lawsuit to slow the permitting process for as many as 18 coal-fired power plants in Texas.

The suit, aimed mainly at plans by Dallas-based TXU Corp. to invest \$10 billion to build 11 pulverized coal-burning units in the next few years, seeks to overturn an executive order issued last year

by Gov. Perry that accelerates the process to obtain an air permit in Texas.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings has scheduled a Feb. 21 hearing to consider six air permits for identical coal units to be built at TXU sites in north Texas.

Former AG now out of prison

Dan Morales, who served two terms as Texas attorney general, has been released from federal prison in Texarkana.

Morales began serving a sentence in 2003 after he was convicted of fraud related to payment of attorney fees in the state's \$17 billion lawsuit against cigarette makers.

Morales has transferred to a halfway house in the San Antonio area.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Job seeker's success
- Religious splinter groups
- ___-Mart (retail chain)
- Fling with force
- Skylit areas
- "Am ___ believe ...?"
- Like many goods imported from the Far East
- Prefix with natal
- Caterer's fuel
- Like apple pie?
- In place
- PBS benefactor
- "Horror!"
- One toiling away
- Artist Magritte
- Haifa's land: Abbr.
- Drainage pit
- Strong-jawed gadgets
- Dolphins' place
- Course start
- Carry on
- Like most Turks
- Like some cider
- Prior to, to Prior
- Cape Fear's state: Abbr.
- It's moved by a cam
- St. Louis landmark
- Author LeShan
- As well
- Is necessary for
- Walk-in, e.g.
- Boxer Laila
- One coming off the bench
- Rolodex no.
- "The Waste Land" poet
- Steak ___
- Takeoff hr., maybe
- Takes a load off
- Have a feeling
- DOWN
- Resistance units
- Heroic deed
- Lose strength
- Exceedingly
- Rob, who played
- "Meathead"
- Amniotic ___
- One of the directing Coens
- Part of "C.S.I."
- Musical ineptitude
- Coal-rich German region
- English cathedral town
- First-stringers
- Off one's rocker
- Post-it messages
- Column style
- Succotash tidbit
- Sales tag words
- Creative idea
- Aaron surpassed him
- Spacewalk, for NASA
- ___ culpa
- Crook, in cop lingo
- Continental coin
- Floored it
- Rambo-like
- "___ pig's eye!"
- Like some doors or ovens
- Speak badly of
- 3-D objects
- Rock's ___ & the Blowfish
- Tail off
- Find new tenants for
- Hockey great Potvin
- Fancy tie
- Letters near "0" on a phone
- Ollie's partner
- Dark times, to poets
- Arborist's concern
- Elevs.

"Step by Step ..."

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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. Accidents 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

Dec. 22 • Ovidios, Santana Herrera, male age 35, offense Possession of Marijuana.
 • Boatwright, Erik D., male age 36, offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
Dec. 26 • Carrera, Brian Keith, male age 37, offense Out of County Warrants (Bond Forfeiture/Possession of Marijuana).
Dec. 30 • Aguilar, Javier, male age 46, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
Jan. 1 • Fuentes, Benita, female age 44, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
 • Fuentes, Jose, male age 46, offense Open Container/Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

INCIDENTS

Dec. 24 • 10:24 p.m. Caller stated that a female subject had been calling their phone and leaving

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, January 8
 Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk
Tuesday, January 9
 Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/Pears, Milk
Wednesday, January 10
 Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday, January 11
 Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk
Friday, January 12
 Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

messages. Officer notified.
Dec. 25 • 11:08 a.m. 911 Call from hunting camp. Dispatcher lost signal from female caller. Male called back Sheriff Office stating the female was being taken back to Ft. Worth and everything was OK. Officer notified.
 • 6:26 p.m. Caller stated there was a El Camino in a ditch south of Eldorado on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.
Dec. 26 • 1:27 a.m. Complainant reported a truck left to close to the road. Officer responded.
 • 3:14 a.m. Complainant reported a possible gas leak at residence on Live Oak. On call city employee advised.
 • 9:00 a.m. Complainant wanted an officer to check on horses on their land. Land was leased and used by another individual for their horses. Caller was afraid animals were not being taken care off. Officer notified.
 • 10:44 a.m. Loud music coming from across street. Officer notified.
 • 1:17 p.m. Caller reported cattle loose on Hwy. 277 North.
 • 1:27 p.m. 911 Call reported a horse loose on Hwy. 277 North.
 • 3:14 p.m. Unauthorized use of gas card. Business reported two Hispanics in black Ford Super duty Crew Cab with Red Pin Stripes used a gas card not belonging to them. Owner of card will press charges. Officer responded.
 • 5:38 p.m. 911 Call. Subject stated they were having major depression symptoms. Officer responded.
 • 10:44 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Office requested information on male subject that was being dropped off at county line.
Dec. 27 • 10:01 Complainant requested a stand by to pick up child from father.
 • 4:19 p.m. Caller requested information on procedure for handling an animal attack.
Dec. 28 • 11:44 a.m. Unknown juvenile entered home and requested to use restroom. After juvenile left, resident noticed they had tam-

pered with the breaker box. Officer responded.
 • 12:27 p.m. Complainant reported a subject was asking for money at the Post Office.
 • 10:38 p.m. Complainant reported a fight in progress across from fire hall. Officer advised.
Dec. 29 • 1:32 a.m. Caller wanted information concerning welfare of minor who exceeded curfew.
 • 3:43 p.m. Complainant on Del Rio reported a broken window.
 • 7:07 p.m. Caller on County Road 312 reported someone shooting a deer on their property. Officer responded.
 • 7:45 p.m. Caller reported spouse lost driver's license during a routine traffic stop and thought deputy possibly had failed to return it. Deputy stated that the driver's license had been returned to driver.
Dec. 30 • 10:21 a.m. Caller reported fight over children.
 • 12:36 a.m. Gas Drive Off. Manager of store reported gas drive off in amount of \$20.00. Manager knows male subject but cannot remember name. Complainant stated the subject came in store and did purchase other items, but did not pay for gas.
 • 2:55 p.m. Gas Drive Off. Manager of store reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$36.88. Officer and Tom Green Sheriff Office notified.
 • 3:55 p.m. Subject reported loud music from a trailer on Village Lane. Music very loud. Officer responded.
 • 5:05 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on Middle Valley, McIntosh Road.
 • 5:40 p.m. Sutton County called Sheriff Office and reported a house fire on County Road 245 (Meyer Road) and was en route to scene and requested a page out for the Schleicher County Fire Department. It was later determined to be a camper trailer which was a total loss.
 • 5:42 p.m. Sheriff Office called resident on Middle Valley Road for visual confirmation of possible house fire. This person reported seeing black smoke to the east of residence, but could not verify actual house fire.
 • 8:16 p.m. Complainant reported someone had hit daughter and requested an officer. Officer responded.
Dec. 31 • 9:39 p.m. Complainant reported suspicious vehicle in parking lot behind hospital.
 • 10:00 p.m. Complainant reported someone knocking on one of their windows on home.
 • 10:03 p.m. Complainant reported someone popping fireworks too close to their house. Subject wanted an officer to patrol the area. Officer responded.
 • 11:27 p.m. Subject reported hearing gun shots and wanted officer to patrol the area. Officer notified.
Jan. 1 • 6:40 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for ACLS transfer to San Angelo.
 • 7:22 a.m. 911 Call. Subject requested an ambulance for a young boy who was having seizures. Sheriff Office paged out ambulance. Deputy responded.
 • 2:22 p.m. Subject reported people popping fireworks.
 • 4:44 p.m. Subject reported two illegal aliens traveling on FM 2084. Sheriff Office and Border Patrol notified. Subjects in question were not illegal.
Jan. 2 • 5:07 p.m. Caller reported granddaughter lost cell phone. Taken from vehicle in front of residence. Phone valued at \$198. Officer notified.
 • 7:56 p.m. Hospital could not reach doctor by phone. Hospital contacted Sheriff Office to check on doctor and tell him he was needed at hospital. Officer notified and responded.

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Darfur...
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"There is a strong Texas contingent that has really been outspoken on Sudan issues," said Sam Bell of the non-profit Genocide Intervention Network. He said his group's "hall of fame" includes the religious community of Midland, where several churches have established sister congregations in southern Sudan.

At home and in Darfur, the group has staged fundraisers for Sudanese schools, led a vigorous letter-writing campaign here and in Sudan, and hosted Sudanese exiles in Midland.

In Dallas, the congregation of Temple Emanu-El helps spearhead "Operation Dolls for Darfur," which raises awareness about the crisis through the sales of Guatemalan "worry doll" lapel pins, and other grassroots efforts.

Today, most Americans are only vaguely aware of the genocide in Darfur. The horror is occurring in a remote country, and the central government has effectively excluded international news media from covering the crisis.

But any effective campaign to alleviate suffering in Darfur must start with public awareness—both to educate the public and pressure the Sudanese government for a resolution. The individual efforts of our fellow Texans to achieve these goals provide an inspiring example for us all.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE #108-06

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELDORADO WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE #108-06, AS CAPTIONED BELOW:

"An Ordinance Of The City Of Eldorado, Texas, Prescribing Rules And Regulations Governing Plats And Subdivisions Of Land Within The Corporate Limits And Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Of The City Of Eldorado, Texas; Providing Definitions, Providing For A Preliminary Plat; Providing For A Final Plat, Fractional Or Replatting And Providing For Final Approval Of Subdivision And Filing Plats, Subdivision Construction, Acceptance Of Subdivisions And Issuance Of Building Permits; Providing Regulations For Streets And Alleys, Street Surfacing, Storm Sewers, Assessment For Thoroughfare Improvements; Prescribing Fees To Be Charged; Establishing Jurisdiction Within The Corporate Limits Of The City And Within One-Half (1/2) Mile Thereof, Repealing Any Part Of Any Ordinance In Conflict With This Ordinance; Providing A Severability Clause; Providing Penalties For Violation Of This Ordinance Not To Exceed The Sum Of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) For Each Offense And Establishing An Effective Date."

THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007, AT THE CITY HALL. CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO OFFER WRITTEN OR VERBAL COMMENTS AT THAT TIME. COPIES OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #108-06 ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE CITY HALL.

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

7	4	2	9	8	1	6	3	5
8	6	9	4	3	5	7	1	2
3	1	5	2	7	6	8	4	9
1	8	4	3	5	9	2	7	6
9	5	6	7	1	2	4	8	3
2	7	3	8	6	4	9	5	1
5	3	8	6	9	7	1	2	4
6	2	1	5	4	8	3	9	7
4	9	7	1	2	3	5	6	8

Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Step by Step...

O	F	F	E	R	S	E	C	T	S	W	A	L	
H	E	A	V	E	A	T	R	I	A	I	T	O	
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Woman's Club members learn club history at December meeting

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room. Sixteen members and one guest were present. President Jerre Holley opened the meeting. Jean Ann Karn gave our opening prayer and Noweita Briggs led us in pledges to our flag.

President Holley welcomed Fern Dutton as a new member. We look forward to her being a mem-

ber. Roll call was next answered with members telling of their plans for Christmas. Some of the plans were attending candlelight services at their church; having all their family together; decorating the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve by family members; celebrating the birth of a new great-grand baby; Christmas spent in Ruidoso; and a trip to Scottsdale to be with a brother and his family.

President Holley opened our

business meeting by calling on Secretary Pat Holt and Treasurer Nelva Martin for their reports. Linda Spence next reported on the gifts for the boy and girl chosen for our Angel Tree recipients. A motion was made and approved concerning additional finances required. A report was next made by Nelva Martin on our bake sale funds. Myrt Williams next reported that Cathy Niblett had purchased the new silverware. We offer a big thanks to Cathy for her hard work. We will enjoy using the new silverware for many years.

President Holley next reported that Program Leader Noweita Briggs would give a brief report about Mary Stewart, the author of our Club Collect. Mary Stewart was born in Ohio, December 10, 1876. At an early age her family moved to Georgetown, Colorado. She attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and graduated with a B.A. degree in the Spring of 1904 - she was 28 years of age. In 1927

she received an honorary degree of Master of Literature from the university. Her first position was that of a principal of the high school at Longmont, Colorado. It was at this time that she became associated with the General Federalization of Women's Club. She served as Dean of Women at the University of Montana, where she also taught Latin and English. In 1919, she helped organize the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club. For years she represented this organization on the Women's Joint Congressional Committee. She was a strong supporter of the women's suffrage movement. After 1921 she was with the United States Government serving as Assistant Director General of the United States Employment Service, Departments of Labor, and from 1928 until January, 1942 she served as Assistant Director of Education in the Office of Indian Affairs - Department of the Interior. She died April 1943 at the age of 66.

The Collect was written at Longmont, Colorado in 1904. It was written as a personal prayer for the day and without any organizations in mind. Later on the prayer was offered for publication under the title, "a collect for club women." Stewart felt the women working together with wide interest for large ends was a new thing and that perhaps they had need for a special petition and meditation of their own. This must of been true for the Collect has found its way about the world wherever English speaking women work together. The first women organization to hear or to print it in their year book was the General Federation of Women Clubs. Mary Stewart said "that many of our exclusive women's goals are already won, such as the vote, freedom of the college and the professions." While one of the ways we still work effectively together is in women's groups, we work for ends that concerns men and women alike and our great-

est strength is to "think and act in terms that are human." This Collect which was written many years ago by a young woman who saw the need for a special petition for women when they meet as a group. By following dictates of the Collect we can do and be those things which are pleasing to God, self, and fellow mankind.

Following our program we enjoyed a very special Christmas party beginning with the wonderful food prepared by our hostesses. The festive table had as its centerpiece one of Myrt Williams special china nativity scenes. There was also a special Santa serving dish where Santa was holding a serving plate. Following our refreshment time we drew numbers and matched the number with the ones on our beautiful Christmas tree ornaments which each member had brought.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room.

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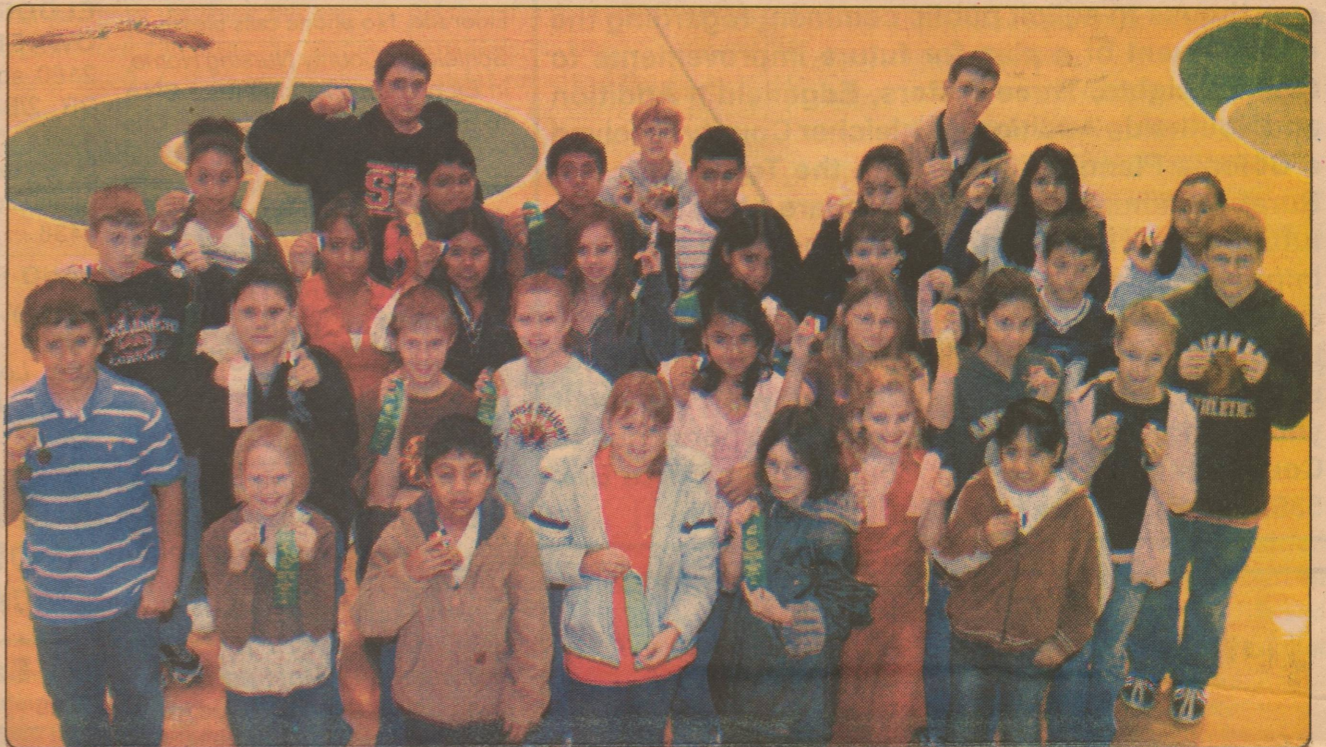
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These Eldorado Middle School students recently competed and placed in District UIL Academic Meet and received their medals and ribbons Wednesday, December 20 during an assembly in the High School Gym.



EMS lists results for District UIL academic meet

Eldorado Middle School students competed recently in District Academic UIL events and came home with several gold, silver and bronze medals. The Middle School has not competed in UIL Academics for several years according to Middle School Principal Kara Garlitz. The students received their medals and ribbons during an early morning assembly Wednesday, December 20, 2006. Several students earned gold medals individually and as a team. Ben Wipff medaled gold in 8th Grade Social Studies and Mary Lou Martinez placed 1st in 6th grade Number Sense and Ethan Hulsey in 6th grade Dictionary Skills.

6th grade Number Sense and Dictionary Skills teams also placed

first.
 8th Listening: 4th place went to Amy Alvizo;
 8th Social Studies: 1st place-Ben Wipff, 2nd place-Zack Brame;
 5th Spelling: 4th place-Morgan Bridges;
 8th Maps, Charts, Graphs: 4th place-Morgan Bridges;
 7th Oral Reading: 2nd place-Miles Mikeska;
 7th Spelling: 5th place-Eli Esparza;
 7th Oral Reading: 2nd place-Marrissa Gonzales and 6th place-Ashby Ragsdale
 7th Mathematics: 3rd place-Oscar Robles;
 7th Ready Writing: 5th place-Clarissa Castro and 6th place-Polli

Guerrero
 7th Number Sense: 6th place tie-Robert Chavez and Ryan Fortenberry
 6th Art Smart: 2nd place Team-Eldorado, team members were Miranda Arispe, Avery Nolen, and Austin Stapp;
 6th Number Sense won 1st Place as a Team: 1st place- Mary Lou Martinez; 2nd place-Ryan Espinosa and 4th place-Marcus Perez.
 6th Mathematics team members Austin Stapp, Edward Hernandez and Jessica Pasillas won 3rd place: Individually 6th place-Austin Stapp;
 6th Dictionary Skills team placed 1st. Team members include Hulsey, Daniels and Avery Nolen. Individual

scores :1st place tie-Ethan Hulsey; 5th place- Shelby Daniels.
 6th Oral Reading: 6th place-Robin Hibbs
 5th Maps, Charts, Graphs: 3rd place- Obdulia Huerta
 5th Number Sense: 2nd place-Addye Chatham and 3rd place-Michael Bilbrey. 5th Number Sense placed 2nd place Team which included Chatham, Bilbrey and Elizabeth Olivarez.
 5th Art Smart: 4th place tie-Morgan Bridges and Elizabeth Olivarez; 3rd place Team members where Bridges, Olivarez, Elizabeth Estrada, Lupe Pasillas and Ysenia Ramirez.
 5th Ready Writing: 6th place-Addye Chatham;
 5th Oral Reading: 6th place-Madison Albin;

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