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### Hernandez dies in rollover

### Star athlete memorialized in Eagle Gym

David Hernandez, 19, of Eldorado, died of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle rollover Sunday morning, February 11, 2007. The accident occurred six miles south of Eldorado shortly after 6 a.m. as a group of Eldorado teens were headed home from a trip to Mexico.

The driver, Frank Wipff, 19, reportedly fell asleep as he drove northbound on U.S. 277. The 1996 Ford Explorer belonging to Manuel Hernandez, drifted off the right side of the roadway then over-

turned and rolled multiple times before coming to rest on its side.

Rescuers were hampered by the a fact that the vehicle was tangled in a fence and a mass of mesquite tree limbs.

Wipff, was reportedly the only one wearing a seat belt. He escaped relatively uninjured, according to investigators at the scene. Myra Robles, 19, Melinda Hernandez, 19, and Karina Sanchez, 18, were all taken to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment. Ms.

Robles remains hospitalized at press time.

David Hernan-

dez was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle at 7:20 a.m. The body was taken by EMS ambulance to Kerbow funeral home. Hernandez reportedly suffered a broken neck.

team on Sept. 15, 2006.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Rito Renteria. He was assisted by Sgt. Ruben Galindo and Trooper Norbert Ortiz. Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe was one of the first to respond. He assisted with rescue efforts and secured the accident scene until the DPS troopers arrived.

An oilfield gang truck belonging to John E. Meador Construction was used to help secure the overturned Explorer. The roustabout gang was headed toward Sonora when the men happened upon the accident.

Also assisting at the scene was an ambulance crew from Sonora. The ambulance had transferred a patient to San Angelo and was en route back to Sonora when it also happened upon the scene.

Trooper Renteria reports that the teens had left San Angelo at about 7 p.m. the previous night and drove to Mexico. They reportedly left Mexico at 4 a.m. en route back to Eldorado. Myra Robles drove the Explorer until she became sleepy and stopped in Sonora where Frank Wipff took over driving duties.

Trooper Renteria told The Success that David Hernandez was riding in front passenger seat at

> the time of the accident. The three women were all riding in the vehicle's back seat.

Renteria went on to say that he suspects alcohol may have been involved in the accident and says that his investigation is ongoing.

Hernandez was a popular senior at Eldorado High School where he was active in sports, including football and baseball. Local students were stunned by the news of his death and soon plans were being made to hold the funeral service in Eagle Gymnasium.

The services, held Wednesday afternoon, were

the first-ever funeral services held in the Eldorado High School Gym.

David Hernandez was the son of Manuel and Maria Hernandez of Eldorado. His older brothers, Manuel, Jr., and Homero were also gifted athletes at Eldorado high school. It was in their shoes that David Hernandez was following. He was slated to begin his senior baseball season next week.

He is also survived by one sister, Melinda Hernandez, who was a passenger in the Ford Explorer when it overturned.

Grandparents are Andres and Tomas Hernandez and Lucio and Nataia Hernandez, all of Mexico.

Friends and family members erected an impromptu memorial at the crash site where Hernandez died. The memorial consisted of two wooden beams fashioned in the shape of a cross and was covered in written messages and personal mementos.

An online memorial has also been established at http://david-hernandez.virtual-memorials.com.



A roustabout gang from John E. Meador Construction worked to secure an overturned 1996 Ford Explorer as rescue workers went inside to assist the vehicle. David Hernandez, 19, of Eldorado was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle. Five other teenagers escaped with varying degrees of injury. The group was headed home from Mexico when the SUV overturned some six miles south of Eldorado.

### Store owner threatens lawsuit against county Claims Sheriff's patrol intimidates his customers

tioned that a deputy was regu-

larly parking across the street,

he said he looked at the tapes

and confirmed that the presence

of the deputy coincided with

that enters and leaves Eldorado

on all five highways. "We're

Philip Meyer told Schleicher County Commissioners Monday that patrons of his Red Front Convenience Store are intimidated by the sight of Sheriff's patrol cars. He said a deputy often parks across U.S. Highway 190 from his store. During those times, Meyer says, his business falls off sharply, hurting his beer sales.

Meyer said after he contacted Sheriff Doran to complain the deputy began parking farther down the road, but still within sight of his customers. Meyer told the commissioners if the deputy doesn't stop parking in sight of his store he will file a lawsuit against the county.

At that point, Judge Johnny Griffin commented that the Sheriff's Department is well within its rights and added that the commissioners don't dictate to Sheriff Doran how he should do his job.

When Meyer pointed out that a convenience store in Snyder had sued Scurry County because of law enforcement harassment, Judge Griffin stated that since he had mentioned a lawsuit neither he nor the commissioners could discuss the matter further. With that, Griffin turned to Sheriff Doran who said he had already contacted legal counsel and was advised not to discuss a potential lawsuit with the commissioners except in executive session with an attorney present.

Griffin then thanked Meyer for his time and moved on to other business.

The Success contacted Meyer following the meeting and he

going to keep doing our job," reiterated that the Sheriff's Department is costing him money. Doran said. Meyer explained that he video tapes activity outside his store. When one of his clerks men-

declining sales. For his part, Sheriff Doran refused to comment on Meyer's specific allegation but did tell the Success that his officers routinely run radar on traffic

Doran went on to say that

Meyer has made several complaints against him and his department to the FBI, even going so far as to contact newspaper and TV reporters in San Angelo and Dallas with allegations ranging from voter intimidation to accepting bribes from the YFZ Ranch.

"This is just another episode," Doran said. "You'd think I'd be used to it by now."

The county commissioners had more on their plate Monday SEE COUNTY ON PAGE 6



Philip Meyer, owner and operator of Red Front Convenience Store explained Monday to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court that police presence near his store is hurting his business. He threatened to bring a lawsuit against the county, at which point Judge Johnny Griffin brought the conversation to a close saying that since a lawsuit had been threatened, the commissioners court would have nothing to say on the matter.



David Hernandez looked for an open receiver as the

Eldorado Eagles hosted the Junction Eagles football

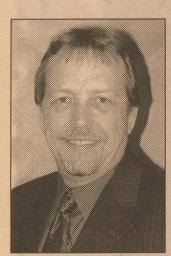
EHS students, friends and family members erected this impromptu memorial at the site of a one-car rollover that took the life early Sunday morning of 19-year-old David Hernandez of Eldorado.

### **Record votes a** clear path to good state government

If it's good enough for Craddick, it's good enough for the rest of us

by Richard Stone

Folks in the Austin press corps got a big chuckle in January when Tom Craddick pushed his fellows to record how they would vote in his effort to be re-elected Speaker of the Texas House.



Commentary by Richard Stone

You see, Craddick has been a staunch, behind-the-scenes opponent of record votes in the Texas House but, when his political power was threatened, he jumped on the bandwagon — temporarily, at least — because it gave him a way to intimidate recalcitrant legislators.

The rhetoric and debate leading up to that vote was a bit dizzying. Suddenly, some of the same people who de-railed last session's record

vote legislation were heard arguing forcefully in favor of record votes!

It's too bad those arguments were disingenuous. Neither Craddick nor any other House leader has any intention of actually putting into law a measure that would require all substantive votes taken in the Texas House of Representatives be on the record. In their opinion, the concept is too much trouble, good only as a tool of intimidation not as a method to ensure transparency.

Here's the issue: There is nothing in the law that requires Texas legislators to state, on the record, how they voted on important legislation. And, unless the issue is forced, legislators won't go on the record with their votes.

In just one example from the 2005 session, representatives voted to exempt themselves from a bill requiring candidates to file campaign contributions and expenditures electronically — but not their future challengers. But, you can't tell who voted how because the vote wasn't recorded.

Now, before you say that all you expect of a Texas Legislator is that he votes his conscience, know that whether or not a vote is on the record has a profound impact on the outcome. A motion to table that bill — essentially killing it — appeared headed to easy passage until a record vote was requested. Suddenly, the vote flipped, and the motion to table failed.

In other words, Texas legislators often have one set of ethics when the vote is on the record and another when it's not.

Sadly, many legislators believe this issue is important only to the media. The disdainful comments legislators made during committee hearings make that clear, and the same comments make it clear many legislators don't take this very seriously.

It's true, the media — specifically newspapers - have pushed very hard over the last two or three sessions for this kind of legislation, not because it makes our jobs easier — though, in some ways, it does. Newspapers are in favor of this legislation because it makes it easier for citizens of Texas to hold lawmakers accountable.

Ironically, legislators are all in favor of accountability (especially for educators) but not so **SEE LEGISLATURE ON PAGE 8** 

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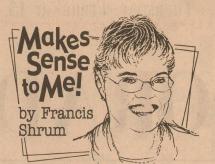
There is an old Biblical saying about straining a gnat and swallowing a camel. It means that people will ignore the grossest miscarriage of justice while bringing down the hammer of justice to punish the smallest of infractions.

It happened not long ago when a little boy of early elementary age was charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate on the cheek. Never mind that on any given day thousands of teachers in America turns a deaf ear to the most horrific use of vulgar language spouted from the mouths of teenage boys, often directed at their female classmates. Another recent example of straining a gnat made national headlines, albeit with a chuckle or two.

Airline security has become a real big deal since 9/11. Of course, we should take care about who gets on planes and what they are carrying. No guns, please. The arm-length hunting knife should probably stay at the house. No sticks of dynamite. But now we're down to measuring capfuls of cologne. And security experts think you cannot bring down a plane with four books of paper matches, but bring five books on board and you're busted, buddy.

Especially if you strike one. Want to know how I know? Well, it all had to do with a little case of flatulence.

This is the saga of an unfortunate woman -- who probably wishes she could take a temporary



### Strain at a Gnat

vacation from planet Earth -- who has an unspecified medical condition that causes her to pass gas. The poor thing was on an American Airlines plane recently when you-know-what happened. Being a considerate person, she whips out her book of matches and strikes a couple with the intent of masking the odor with the sulfur smell of the smoke. Unfortunately, her fellow passengers were not comforted but were instead alarmed by it, and the plane made an emergency landing.

After locating their pseudo-terrorist, the flight crew and the 99 or so passengers reboarded the plane and flew merrily on their way.

All except her.

A spokeswoman for the Nashville International Airport Authority said it was apparent the woman meant no harm and the whole situation was a little humorous. She even expressed sympathy for the woman and noted that it was

unusual for someone to go to such measures to cover up an unpleasant body odor. Still, the woman has been banned indefinitely from flying on American Airlines.

My questions are these.

If airline security can bring criminal charges against a person for striking a match on an airplane, why do they let them on in the first place? Who was the genius who said that four books of fire-starters aren't dangerous but five are?

Worst of all, if they could tell the poor woman was not intent on endangering anyone and they declined to press charges against her, why must they ban her from flying on their airlines in the future?

I've come to the conclusion that this must have been an older woman because most young people I know give themselves bonus points if they produce a real stinker. No way are they going to try and cover up such an accomplishment. But this woman could teach any classmate-kissing youngster or wannabe terrorist a thing or two.

Not only did she make the airlines look silly for swallowing a camel while straining a gnat, but she also brought down an airplane with just a couple of paper matches -- and a little gas.

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### **A Naval Commander Joins the Paint Crew**

Jim Sterling of Liberty refuses to have a fifty-dollar bill in his possession because it has a picture of Ulysses S. Grant on it. He is a fan of the confederacy.

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Jim spent 30 years in the funeral home business. When he was in mortuary school, he and some other students would put glue on the podium so when the teacher leaned on it, he was stuck and practically had to remove his coat to get loose. Jim would also stage a fake call to the teacher and while the teacher was gone, he would turn the lecture notes to a previous lesson, so the teacher would repeat the lesson from a week ago. I admire a man like that.

On occasion, residents of Liberty see an alligator.

"We have some fifteen-footers here," says Jim, "but we throw them back so they'll get big."

Right after Jim graduated from high school in Dayton, he boarded the Texas Clipper, A & M's school ship and went to Brazil as part of the university's Summer School At Sea program. On that cruise he saw his first water spout, crossed



the equator and experienced his first glimpse at St. Elmo's fire. He watched blue static electricity dance up and down the mast.

At A & M he was in the Aggie band and as a bugler, got to wake up the campus and put it to bed at night. He got a BS Degree in Marine Transportation.

"It's learning how to drive a ship from point A to point B, how to load it and navigate it," says Jim. "I studied seamanship and communication, all very interesting to me."

After graduation, Jim became a Merchant Marine Officer and spent 27 years as a Commissioned Officer in the Naval Reserve. He's been nearly around the world on Merchant or Navy ships. On his last cruise as a Naval Reserve Commander, he took a break from

all his important duties.

"I was on the USS Blue Ridge, a command and control ship. We had seven flight officers, some Admirals and a couple of Generals on board. We were in an exercise off the coast of Korea and I'd been kind of running the whole show twelve hours a day for about thirty days and my mind was fried. I was going back to my room about 3 o'clock in the morning and saw two sailors doing some painting as extra duty. They were bored to death and I could tell they would rather be sleeping. So I stopped and visited with them. I said, 'you know, I haven't got to paint in a long time. When you get to be an officer they don't let you do the fun things any more. Could I do that for awhile?' They replied, 'are you kidding, sir?' I said no, I want to paint. I told them to take a break. So I sat down on the deck and started painting the bulkhead. A couple of Marine Officers walked by and they looked down at me and I heard one of them say, 'they certainly do things different in the Navy these days, don't they?"

### **Perry cites** growing economy in **State of State** address

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 6 delivered the State of the State address to the state Legislature, exclaiming "Texas is perched at the forefront of a new era of prosperity."

Perry said the economy is growing, tax collections are on the rise, frivolous lawsuits are down and so are the costs of insurance for homeowners and doctors. He also said teacher pay and student



achievement have improved.

The pluses aside, Perry said nearly 4 million Texans are living in poverty, so during the next four years his goal will be to spread opportunity to more Texans "who are willing to take personal responsibility for their lives."

Perry indicated, nevertheless, that poverty is not necessarily tied to a lack of personal responsibility, saying the rising cost of health care is be "one of the greatest obstacles to personal prosperity."

"Of the 5 and one-half million uninsured Texans, 2 million are adults with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level," Perry said. "Most are working Texans whose jobs offer health-care benefits they can't afford, or no benefits at all."

So, Perry announced the launch of "Healthier Texas," his program to redirect unspent federal health-care dollars to a pool that would serve Texans 200 percent below the federal poverty level.

Perry touched on other subjects, such as a Human papillomavirus vaccination program for girls entering sixth grade, his proposal to sell the state Lottery, and his plans build coalfueled power plants and a statewide matrix of toll roads.

Perry also talked about border security, literacy, prisons, and a gettough stance with the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

State of State: response aired

Austin News Channel 8 broadcasted via cable and Internet a Democratic response to the governor's State of the State address.

The response, by state Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston, took Perry to task for not doing more to fund public education, the big increases in college tuition, and "teaching to the test" in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge

Coleman also pointed out that under Perry 200,000 Texas children lost coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program, leading to \$893 million in cuts in federal matching funding.

He also criticized Perry's fasttracking of coal-fired power plants instead of moving state policy further toward clean wind and solar power

And, Coleman called the governor's "Trans Texas Corridor" proposed highway project "unwanted, unwarranted and fiscally irresponsible."

Some don't swallow HPV program

Dozens of members of the Texas Legislature have come out in opposition to the governor 's Feb. 2 executive order requiring Human papillomavirus vaccinations for girls entering sixth grade.

Chief among the opposers was Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who chairs the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Nelson, said she would seek an attorney general opinion

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# () BITUARIES

#### **Edna Crowder**



ELDORADO — On Monday, February 13, 2007, Edna Fay Crowder, age 60, went to be with her Lord. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, in Fort McKavett. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado.

Edna Fay Kellner was married to Danny Dean Crowder on June 30, 1971. The couple resided in Ira, Texas and later relocated to Eldorado where they currently live. The two of them enjoyed a life full of joy and happiness. You would never see one of them without the other. Edna and Danny worked and played side by side the duration of their almost 36 years together.

In addition to her husband, Edna is survived by two daughters, Denese Capps and husband, Steve, of Eldorado, Texas and Louanne Sims and her husband, Tim, of Vega, Texas. A true testament to her legacy can be seen in her grandchildren. She leaves behind

four beautiful grandchildren that were the pride of her life. They are Camron and

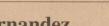
Tanner Capps, Brittani Romero and Danielle Clark. Known as Nana to them, their lives are richer because of her. She will be greatly missed by all of them.

She is also survived by two brothers, Kenneth Kellner and wife, Beth, of Ira and Andy Kellner and wife, Judy, of Ira. She is survived by three sisters, Margie Walker and her husband, Melvin, of Loraine, Nelda Patterson and her husband, Clyde, of Houston and Joyce Dodson, and her husband, Larry, of Houston. She also is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Susan Crowder, of Sonora and Mitzi Russell of Phoenix. She will be missed very much by her special friend and shopping companion, Healthy activities which included with the plans finalizing for the Nancy Lester.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cassie and Carl Kellner, three brothers, Raymond Kellner, Marvin Kellner and Ed Kellner as well as three sisters, Bert Turpin, Mildred Banta and Ruby Mae Kellner.

Pallbearers will be Mark Daniels, Dana Ledbetter, Mark Graves, Bob Lester, Robert Valero, Kenand Bobby Halbert.

Memorials may be sent to the Shriner's Burn Hospital for Children in memory of Edna Crowder care of the Suez Shrine, 2915 Loop 306, San Angelo, TX 76904.



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ELDORADO — David Her- Cemetery. Arrangements are by nandez, 18, died Sunday, Feb. 11, Kerbow Funeral Home. 2007. Service was Wednesday at Eldorado High School Gymna- Manuel and Maria Hernandez of sium. Burial followed in Eldorado Eldorado; brothers Manuel Her-

### Capital Highlights...

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on the executive order, to see if it is legally binding.

On the other hand, Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat who placed second to Perry in the race for governor, lauded the governor for "getting it right."

### Lottery sale price climbs higher

A couple of weeks ago, when Gov. Perry sent up a trial balloon on his idea to sell the Texas Lottery to a private company, he estimated the value at \$14 billion. Now the amount has been estimated as high as \$20 billion.

If sold, what would Texas do with the money? Perry said he would divide up the billions of dollars into educational and cancer research and health insurance

endowments. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick don't seem to have warmed to the idea of selling the Lottery. Selling it would require a constitutional amendment.

### Bill targets crowing roosters

Rep. Ana E. Hernandez, D-Houston, filed House Bill 1225, legislation that would make it a public nuisance to allow the crowing of a rooster outdoors in a neighborhood if a reasonable person would find the noise objectionable.

### **Hundreds** protest coal plants

A crowd reportedly in the hundreds gathered at the Capitol Feb. 11 to protest the proposed construction of more than two dozen coal-fired power plants around the state.

**David Hernandez** 

Survivors include his parents, nandez Jr. and Homero Hernandez. both of San Angelo; sister Melinda Hernandez of San Angelo; and grandparents Andres and Tomasa Hernandez and Lucio and Natalia Hernandez, all of Mexico.



Melissa Murr and Veronica Ussery took part in last week's heart healthy luncheon at SCMC

### Schleicher Co. Hospital/Clinic commits to get Heart Healthy

food items with recipes.

"We are proving that foods can involved." be altered to be both appetizing RN, and Director of Nursing.

In an effort to raise awareness Nurse Practitioner pointed out, of heart health for women and "We started our health awaremen, Schleicher County Clinic ness campaign by winning the and Hospital, and Nursing Center trophy for most participation at participated last week in Heart last week's walk/run event and education and a heart healthy lun- Wellness Center, we found it apcheon where all brought "healthy" propriate to get our healthcare system commit to be active and

We want everyone in this area and healthy," stated V. Farmer BS, to make efforts to get healthier by increasing their activity level along Rebecca Sullivan, Family with monitoring food intake.

### neth Ray Marsh, Jimmy Crowder ASU releases Dean's List for 2006 Fall semester

The Dean's List for the 2006 full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

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This week's winner of the \$100 Weekly Drawing is: Gloria Kent. Here she is shown receiving a new \$100 bill from Mason Vaughan.

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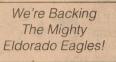
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## Lady Eagles fall to Medina in Bi-District

### Girls win pair of play-ins to earn playoff berth

won the 42-39 nail biter.

The loss ended a whirlwind appeared to be all but out of the affair. playoff hunt but closed out strong final regular season game and then opening quarter. two play-ins to claim 3rd Place in District 27A.

against Medina was aided by short. an 11-point effort from Kirsten

**School Lunch Menu** 

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Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of

Waffle Stix/Syrup, Peaches,

Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Juice/

Pig-n-a-Blanket, Applesauce,

Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal,

BASKET LINE

Corn Dogs, Pork-Beans, Tossed

Chicken Burger/Chips,

PicklesBurger Salad, Pineapple

Ham & Cheese Sandwich/Chips,

| Sandwich Salad, Carrot Stixs/ |

Pep Hot Pockets, Potato

WedgesTossed Salad, Cowboy

Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad,

CAFETERIA LINE

Pizza, Tossed Salad/Dressin,

Beef Stew/Grilled Cheese,

Cornbread, Carrot Stix /Broccoli

Fish Strips/ Tartar Sauce,

Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Rosie

| Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, |

Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato

Cheese Pizza, Tossed SaladApple

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Thursday, February 22

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Tuesday, February 20

Choice Of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, February 21

Thursday, February 22

Choice of Juice, Milk

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Wednesday, February 21

**DipRosie Applesauce** 

Friday, February 23

Apple & Orange Halves

Monday, February 19

Tuesday, February 20

Cookies

Thursday, February 22

Salad, Mixed Fruit

Friday, February 23

The Eldorado Lady Eagles gave Stubbs. Cassandra Buitron added it all they had Tuesday evening, 10 while Chelsey Hill contribut-February 13th as they took on ed 7 and Haley Higgins 6. Corie Medina in the state 1A playoffs, Williams, Rhapsody Swyter and but it just wasn't enough as Media De Cruz also put points on the board.

Both teams put up solid deseason for the Eldorado girls who fensive play in the low scoring

Medina broke on top early to in the regular season, winning their take a 10-2 lead at the end of the

The Lady Eagles battled hard to close the gap and almost did it The Lady Eagles effort at the end only to fall three points

> Coach Evelyn Gordan stated after the contest, "It was a great hard fought game."

#### Lady Eagles get 40-38 win over Lady Bulldogs

The Lady Eagles took a giant step toward the playoffs on Thursday, February 8, besting the Miles High School Lady Bulldogs, 40-38 in an overtime fight. The play-in victory gave Eldorado girls the right to face Irion County for the 3rd Place seat from District 27A in the State Playoffs.

Cassandra Buitron spearheaded the Lady Eagles' charge against Miles with 12 points as she helped control the pace of the game.

Both teams put up strong defensive play keeping the score low with neither squad recording more than 40 points.

The Lady Eagles also received a lift from Chelsey Hill as she added 11 points. Haley Higgins and Kirsten Stubbs each put 7 on the board. De Cruz scored 3 points from the foul line in the 3rd quarter. The Lady Eagles poured in 13 points in the opening stanza.

Three points from Hill and Buitron were also important factor in the game.

#### Lady Eagles take down Lady Hornets to advance to Playoffs

The Eldorado High School Lady Eagles nailed the coffin shut on Irion County's playoff hopes Feb. 9th and secured for themselves the 3rd place spot in District 27A and a trip to the State Playoffs by downing the Lady Hornets 52-39 in Christoval.

The Lady Eagles were paced by Kirsten Stubbs and Chelsey Hill, who poured in 15 and 13 points, respectively.

The Lady Eagles exploded for 15 points in the first quarter to take a lead the Irion County girls could close the gap on.

Cassandra Buitron contriband 4 field goals. Haley Higgins made 5 points from the foul line and 2 field goals. Mariana Guzman and Bridgett Mitchell scored a field goal each. Corrie Williams and Hill each scored 3 point goal.



Cassandra Buitron passed the ball down to the baseline last Thursday night as the Lady Eagles defeated the Miles Lady Bulldogs in Christoval to win the first of two play-in games they would need to claim 3rd place in District 27A. The girls bowed out of the state playoffs on Tuesday night, February 13, losing to Medina in Junction by a score of 42-39.

## Warbirds coast to 86-28 win over Yellowjackets

The Eldorado High School Eagles racked up 86 points en route to victory versus the visiting Menard's Eagles lost 74-70 in overtime Yellow Jackets on Monday, Febru- to the Irion County Hornets

spearheaded the charge with 22 game. points as he helped control the tempo. Drew Bosmans added 17 points in the losing effort. But the points. The Eagles' amassed a 44- visiting Hornets erupted for 16 10 halftime and never looked back points in the first quarter. in the second half as their defense slammed the door on Menard.

The Eagles team wore black 10 on the board. 3 Point Goals: arm bands and ribbons with #5 in Estrada 3; Russell Cathey 1 and memory of their classmate David Bosmans 1. Hernandez who died Sunday in an automobile accident. The crowd chanted David...David...David as the clock ticked down and the

season with a 19-9 overall record and a 6-2 tally in District 27A.

The Eagles claimed a 2nd place berth after Miles beat Christoval. The team will play a warm up game in Bronte against Veribest at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 2007. The team will face Johnson City in the Bi-District round of the state uted 5 point from the foul line playoffs. A date and location for the game has yet to be announced

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# **Hornets slip by Eagles 74-70**

The Eldorado High School

Drew Bosmans contributed 17

Russell Cathey scored 6, Lalo

ary 12, 2007 in Eldorado. on Tuesday, February 6 in the

The Warbirds' Lalo Sanchez team's next to last regular season Sanchez and Zach Hash each put

buzzer sounded. The team ended the regular

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19th Dustin Ramos, Patrick Fuentes, William Robledo, Matt Peters, Carlos D. Estrada, Abby Fuentes, Randy Beach, Sharon Ussery, Edward Dominguez, James Beach, Karen Ussery 20th Bridgett Mitchell, Lee Gillaspy, Richard Adame Jr., Manuel Martinez, Wes Adkins, Jacob Politte, Cheryl Forlano 21st Chelsey Martinez, Orval Edmiston, Luiz Martinez

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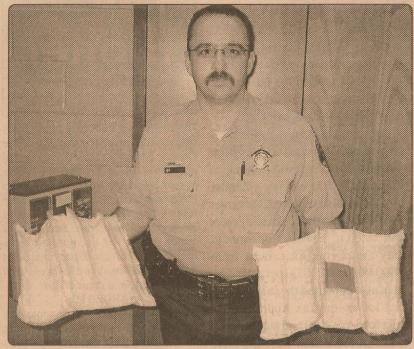
### \$250K estimated street value

Javier Reyna Marquez, 38, of Piedras Negras, Coahuilla, Mexico was arrested Saturday, February 10, 2007 and two large packages of illegal methamphetamine were seized during a routine traffic stop on U.S. 277 some 9 miles north of

Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham became suspicious after pulling Marquez over. Chatham reports that the asked fro and received permission to search Marquez's 1994 Toyota.

Before searching the car, however, the deputy patted down Marof methamphetamine taped to to the legs of a Piedras Negras man. Marquez's legs.

The dope weighed in at 1,540.38 value of \$250,000.00.



quez as a matter of safety. That's Deputy Jason Chatham displayed two bundles of when he detected the bundles methamphetamine he seized Saturday after finding them taped

grams, or just under 3.5 pounds. Schleicher County Jail with charg-The drug has an estimated street es intent to deliver of a controlled on the stop and arrest by Game substance. He remains in jail in Warden Marco Alvizo.

Marquez was booked into lieu of a \$200,000 surety bond.

Officer Chatham was assisted

### City council meets, okays sale of lots

city council meeting to explain Barbara Walther's San Angelo rates till next month. their need to purchase 3 lots courtroom this week. adjacent to their home that are by the Tax Appraisal District.

district in 1995 for back taxes and mendation. have been held off the tax roles ever since.

The Samaniegos explained that their home sits on part of one of the vacant lots in question. They noted that over the years they have helped mow and keep the lots clean.

Under tax district rules the lots that have been seized and then offered for sale at auction may be sold by the district for the appraised value, or for the amount of back taxes.

It was noted that the lots failed to sell at auction more than ten years ago and the Samaniegos now want to buy them for the appraised value of \$4,500.00 as recommended by Chief Appraiser Scott Sutton.

Following a brief discussion, the council approved the sale.

Council members present were Bill McCutcheon, Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Mayor John Nikolauk, Dr. Pat Johnson, Richard Mendez and Dorothy Dacy.

In other business, the council learned that Sylas Politte, youth minister at First Baptist Church. wants them to consider the possibility of a teen curfew. The item was tabled will be taken up at a future meeting.

Mayor Nikolauk then reported he had no news on the arrival of the new trash truck.

Next, Utility Superintendant Floyd Fay explained there had been two water leaks, which included a major repair of a 4 way-T near Divide Street. Fay also told the council he that gas department technician Ricky Huichapa has left the city's employment to take an

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then presented the city's financial statements and tax reports. She also updated the council on repair costs at City Hall due to the recent vandalism and break in.

oilfield job.

Mayo next informed the council she has been unsuccessful in finding anyone to bid on the paving projects. Money for the projects was borrowed recently when the city issued certificates of obligation. Ms. Mayo asked for help from the council in finding a paving contractor willing to work on

small projects. Ms. Mayo then reported that the city's bond company will Preimburse the city \$4,908.60 for money allegedly stolen by a former employee.

Mary Lou Covarrubiaz is cur-

Manuel and Judith Samaniego rently charged in the theft. She is the city for the upcoming year. were present for Monday night's expected to appear District Judge TASB will not revealed the kwh

presently controlled on behalf of mended the city accept the funds procedures filing for office in the several local taxing jurisdictions from the bonding company and upcoming May elections. sign a release and the council voted The lots were seized by the unanimously to follow his recom- voted to approve a submission

TASB Pool bid on electricity for election.

The meeting ended with Caro-Attorney Clint Griffin recom- lyn Mayo updating the council on

In a related matter, the council to the Department Of Justice to The council voted to renew the combine voting places for the 2007



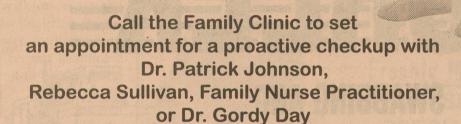
Russell Cathey went to the basket Monday night as the Eldorado Eagles downed the Menard Yellowjackets 86-28 in Eagle Gym. Cathey, like most of the Eagles players wore an arm band and ribbon bearing #5 in memory of school mate David Hernandez who died Sunday morning in an automobile accident.

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- · Nausea, lightheadedness or indigestion-type symptoms.
- · Breaking out in a cold sweat.
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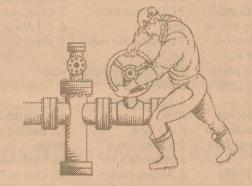
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Wednesday, February 21

Meat w/Spagehetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake/Caramel Icing, Juice and Milk

Thursday, February 22 Smothered Steak w/Onions, Whipped

Potatoese, Green Beans, Roo, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk Friday, February 23

Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/ Carrots, Peach Halves, Mik.



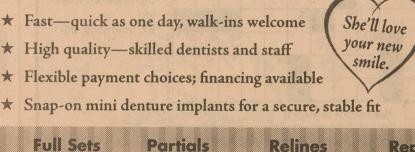
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# County pays to pave cart paths at golf course

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than store owner complaints. They \$28,000.00. also heard from representatives of the need to pave cart paths.

bolstering the club's treasury. Still, area around the chapel. there isn't enough money to for cart paths.

After discussing the matter the the Eldorado Golf Club concerning commissioners voted unanimously updated the court on the recent \$10,000.00 toward the purchase. to contribute \$28,000.00 toward Phil McCormick and Nancy the project, provided the golf club (one stationery, two bag phones) briefly but took no action. Lester explained that the club maintain the paths in the future. donated to the county by the presently has \$18,000.00 in its The company will also provide Concho Valley Council of Govern- missioners approved a resolution checking account and that dues bids to the county to pave the main ments. Jones stated the phones did were recently raised in hopes of road at the cemetery, as well as the not cost the county, but the service

of \$3,000.00 to help pay for a ce-service from Global Star. McCormick noted that a com- ment pad and metal building to

asphalt, but the job will cost some Department and the Volunteer new grass fire truck could be as **EMS** 

donations of three satellite phones will cost the county \$1,628.25 per tory. They also renewed a contract In other business the commis-year with 600 minutes per phone. with WTU Retail for electric power

pany from Spring Branch is cur- house the county's new communi- sioners to consider buying another men also approved the sale of three rently working in the area. The cations equipment. The remainder truck chassis to replace a worn out city lots by the Tax Appraisal Discompany, he said, has the neces- of the \$12,000.00 purchase price "GI" truck the department had got- trict for \$4,500.00 and authorized a 25, offense Schleicher Co. Warrants sary equipment to pave narrow cart will come from the Sheriff's De-ten years ago from the Texas Forest contract to be used with any local paths with 2-3 inches of cold mix partment seizure fund, the Fire Service. Jones said the cost of a

much as \$47,000.00. He said the Fire Chief Jerry Jones then Fire Department could contribute

The men discussed the idea

Before adjourning, the comnaming First National Bank of Eldorado as the county's deposi-Jones then asked the commis-\$800.00 to \$1,200.00 per acre. The jurisdiction wanting the county to hold its elections.

day's meeting were Commission- Suspended. er's Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo, Matt Brown and Lynn Meador, County Judge Johnny Griffin, County Attorney Raymond Loo- offense Tom Green Warrant/Non Paymis, County Treasurer Karen Hen- ment Child Support. derson, Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Gonzalez, Sheriff David Doran, Jail Administrator Lesa Martinez, Deliver Chief Deputy George Arispe, and Fire Chief Jerry Jones.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for Monday, February 26, 2007 at 9 a.m. in the first floor meeting room of the County Courthouse.

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#### **ARRESTS**

Feb. 6 • Perez, Jimmy, male age for Possession of Marijuana/Possession of Controlled Substance and Tom Green County Warrants-Aggravated Assault/Possession of Marijuana and Among those present for Mon- Bond Forfeiture Driving While License

> Feb. 8 • Boone, Amanda, female age 23, offense Warrants out of Brazoria County.

> · Nuncio, Jerry Lee, male age 25,

Feb. 10 • Marquez, Javier Reyna, male age 38, offense Possession of Controlled Substance/Intent to

#### INCIDENTS

Feb. 6 • 9:29 p.m. Hospital refied. quested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo.

Feb. 7 · 3:33 p.m. Subject requested an officer patrol the school. Truck driving fast through area. Officer notified and responded

•11:15 p.m. A suspicious person was reported near a vehicle on East Street. Caller said subject ran away. Officer responded.

Feb. 8 • 9:59 a.m. Complainant reported a controlled burn on FM 915. Officers on duty notified and Fire

• 11: 17 a.m. Subject at pecan orchard reported a controlled burn on 190 East. Officers on duty notified and fire department.



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reported on McIntosh Road.

· 8:48 p.m. Complainant on Hwy. 277 north reported loose sheep. Of ficer responded.

Feb. 10 · 2:35 a.m. Caller wanted an officer at their home because dogs in back yard were barking. Officer

· 6:35 a.m. Caller reported their son was stranded 8 miles east on Hwy. 190. Requested a wrecker and a ride into town. Sheriff Office contacted wrecking service.

• 9:45 a.m. Health care provider requested an officer and ambulance for subject. Subject set off medical

alarm. Officer responded. 4:43 p.m. Complainant reported a wounded deer 8 miles on FM 915.

• 5:05 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on E. Brooks St. driving a Chevy Avalanche. Officer

 7:51 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 277 north. Officer unable to locate.

• 7:52 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS crew notified.

· 11:09 p.m. 911 Call. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a Chevy pickup swerving between both lanes and loaded down. Officer notified.

• 11:32 p.m. Complainant reported fight in progress at parking lot of apartments. Officer notified and requested

 11:42 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked at a convenience store. Subject requested a drive by from officer. Officer notified.

Feb. 11 • 2:15 a.m. Caller reported daughter stole their car. Deputy noti-

· 2:17 a.m. Caller hung up. Dispatcher unable to call back.

 6:41 p.m. 911 Call. Caller reported a one vehicle rollover approximately 10 miles south on Hwy. 277. Deputy dispatched to scene, EMS and Fire

· 8:50 a.m. Complainant reported a deer accident and wanted to know where they could file a police report.

• 10:11 a.m. Complainant reported their bill fold was lost at grocery

• 10:54 a.m. Complainant reported a piece of a 4x4 on highway. Officer · 11:20 a.m. Loose livestock re-

ported on Hwy. 190 East. • 2:10 p.m. Complainant on CR 316

reported missing livestock. • 5:17 p.m. Complainant reported a possible brush fire on CR 316. Officer responded.

• 11:40 p.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo.

Feb. 12 · 3:23 a.m. Subject reported a trailer blocking the southbound lane of Hwy. 277, 6 miles north. Officer

· 8:11 p.m. 911 Call. Subject re-Officer and EMS responded.

Feb. 13 · Complainant on Hwy. 277 North reported a suspicious red vehicle. Officer responded.

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- 16. Three-time AL batting champ Tony 17. Highway bar-
- ricade 19. Quietly understood
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- comics 24. Make available
- 28. Thief's crime
- 30. Aches and pains 32. Uncool sort 33. Bridge expert
- Culbertson 34. Low-budget pads,
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- films 43. Voting coalition 44. Good \_\_ (fixed)
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- **Weekly Crossword Puzzle** 48. Glitzy, like some 70. Went for con-
- 50. Came to the top 53. Wealthy widow 56. Boat steerers 57. Smelter input

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- 58. Cut and paste 60. End of Ripley's
- 61. Down source 63. Gymnastic feat 68. Elephant gone
- amok

**Hunks o' Cheese** 

- 69. Outer: Prefix
- - DOWN
  - Abbr.
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- 71. Dummy Mor-7. Lamb cut 8. Li'l Abner, e.g. 72. Barbecue mor-9. Went for a drive 10. Suffix with scram

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  - duffer's drive, often 12. Bottled water
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- 25. Goes sprawling 26. Crowd-penetrat-
- police formation 27. Cops collar them 29. Nursery item 31. Makes filthy

Jeffersons

22. Checker, e.g.

24. Ohm's symbol

- 35. Jamboree attendee 37. Apple gadget
- 38. A whole bunch 40. Lugosi of film 42. 100-meter race,
- e.g. 45. Played a quinella. say 49. Rx item
- 51. "\_\_ power" (hippie's slogan) 52. Tennis great Gibson
- 53. Active sorts 54. Celestial hunter 55. Kitchen extruder 59. Fare carrier
- 62. Where Lux. is 64. Knock over, in a 65. Bugling beast
- 66. Shoebox mark-67. Mormons, initially

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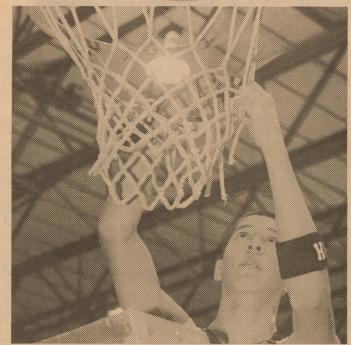
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Eldorado Eagle #30 Jorge Mata cuts a loop off the victory net after the final district win over Menard 86-28 last Monday evening before a home crowd. The Eldorado Eagles earned 2nd place in 27A District. Eldorado ended district play 6-2 and 19-9 overall.

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EHS junior Blake Chatham (at right) placed 3rd in Prose at the Sonora UIL Speaking Tournament on Friday, February 9, 2007. Other EHS students participating included: senior Tiffany Hernandez; sophomores Timothy Maskill, Chris Minor and Janelle Pechacek who placed 7th in Informative Speaking. The group's sponsor is Luann Shipman.

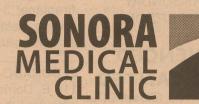
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### **Legislators should** account for their votes

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As it did in 2005, the Texas Sen- other important issues. ate will likely approve some type of legislation mandating record tion rests in the hands of nine state papers. representatives (see sidebar).

Texas is one of only 10 states that does not have some sort of requirement that votes on major legislation be on the record, and it's easier to find out how your U.S. Congressman or city council member voted than your state representative or senator.

Good government advocates all across the state — including the League of Women Voters and nearly every citizen advocacy group you might name — have called for this kind of legislation in Texas.

Indeed, in the run-up to the Speaker's vote, 80 Texas legislators voted in favor of record votes, at least on the Speaker's race. That some of the same people who've quashed previous attempts to mandate record votes are among these 80 legislators merely adds to the irony.

Texas legislators must end the hypocrisy of using voice votes to avoid accountability. If it's important that folks back home

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know how legislators voted in the much where it comes to their own Speaker's race, it's important for them to know how they voted on

Stone is an award-winning votes. But, unless they can pass the opinion columnist and active on House State Affairs Committee behalf of open government initiain the next week or two, none of tives in Texas. Over the last decade, the several bills filed will make it his thoughts on open government to the House floor for debate and and the Texas Legislature have that means the fate of this legisla- appeared in many Texas news-



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Of this committee, all voted in favor of having a record vote for Speaker of the House, except Jessica Farrar and Marc Veasey who were only two of 16 legislators to vote against Rep. Tom Craddick for Speaker of the house.



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