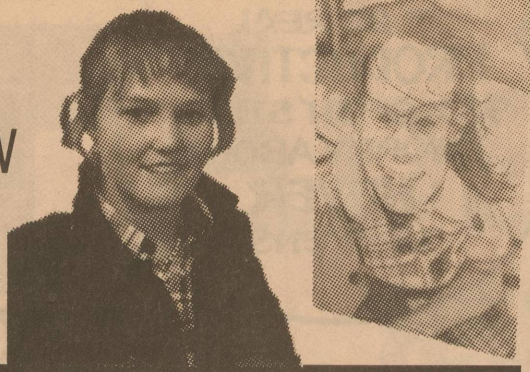




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School contracts for drug dog

Trustees vote to keep Austin law firm on retainer

In a move to address rising concerns about drugs and weapons on school grounds, Schleicher County ISD trustees voted unanimously Monday night to contract with Southwest Drug Education and Deterrent Service for the use of a drug dog. A drug-detection canine will periodically inspect SCISD campuses for illicit drugs, drug paraphernalia and weapons. School Superintendent Hal Porter noted an orientation would be scheduled in order to familiarize students and faculty with procedures. The one-year contract calls for a dog to make unscheduled and unannounced visits.

Supt. Porter noted that the school will also continue to make use of the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force's canine unit as it is available.

Porter told trustees that the new closed-campus policy for Middle School and High School was already reaping benefits as discipline problems seemed to be lessening.

Prior to beginning the board's business, the trustees were treated to demonstrations by two REAL (Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning) classes. The EHS students described their recent group projects which had provided many of them with their first taste

of free enterprise economics. One group told how it had made and marketed hot sauce while another described its experience with staging a 5-on-5 touch football tournament. Yet another of the groups made and sold tamales.

The board thanked the students and their sponsors, Chris McCravy and Kent Giles for providing the demonstrations.

Present for the meeting were trustees Ilse Williams, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Phil McCormick and William Edmiston. Also in attendance were campus administrators, maintenance supervisor John Kotsch and Middle School teacher Kara Sue Garlitz.

At one point in the meeting Supt. Porter recommended the district contract with the law firm of Powell, Chance and Leon for legal services. He pointed out that by agreeing to contract for 60 hours of legal services the board could reduce the hourly rate from \$135 to \$110. When trustees questioned the need for the contract when recent legal bills haven't approached the \$6,600.00 sum, it was suggested that the board table the matter and take it up after a planned executive session. At that point the trustees did vote to table discussion

of the contract for legal services.

After a lengthy executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel and "specific student discipline related issues" the trustees emerged into open session. While they took no action on the matters personnel or student discipline, the board did opt to take up discussion of the contract for legal services again. After trustee Phil McCormick expressed his concern that the contract not extend any longer than was beneficial to the district, the group voted unanimously to sign the contract with the law firm.

In other business, the board accepted the resignation of AEP (Alternative Education Program) campus principal Bill Talbot, effective at the end of the Spring semester.

Before adjourning, the board briefly discussed the possibility of operating the school on less revenue in the next fiscal year, noting the recent downturn in oil & gas prices and the impact it was having on the local economy.

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Defacing a local landmark — One of 196 radar panels was removed from the PAVE-PAWS radar site Wednesday morning. Workers used a crane to maneuver the panel down to the ground where it was packaged for shipment to Clear, Alaska. Once there, the equipment will be reinstalled in a similar facility.

WOBP & Eldorado Pride plan dinner theater

Once again Eldorado Pride and the Way Off Broadway Players will be hosting their annual Dinner Theater. Two back to back dinners and performances will be held on Saturday, February 6th. You may choose from a 6:30 p.m. dinner with the show following at 8:00 p.m., or you may attend the show first at 6:00 p.m. and have dinner following at 8:00 p.m.

The dinner will once again be held at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church. Eldorado Pride members will be hosting the luscious meal of spiral-sliced honey glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans with bacon, orange-pineapple salad, crescent rolls, and

chocolate cheesecake for dessert.

The play, a musical drama, titled "And on the Sixth Day..." by Jack Sharkey and Dave Reiser will be one you definitely won't want to miss. The play, taken from the Bible, depicts 12 well-known Bible stories starting with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, to Noah and the Great Flood, to Moses in the Exodus, to name just a few. The play's director Jo Ann Sproul notes that the production might not be appropriate for young children.

The cast of twenty five is one of the largest the WOBP's have seen. Many in the cast will be performing for the first time. The cast includes, Angela Ballew, Mabel Blaylock, Charlie Bradley, Bill Clark, Mandy Daniels, Betsy Green, Terry Green, Heather Homer, Kurtis Homer, John Paul Joiner, Kate Kosub, John Kotch, Sarah Mankin, Jim Martin, Lynn Meador, Glen McDonald, Nancy McDonald, Wayne McGinnes, Carolyn Mittel,

Raymond Mittel, Becky Moore, Jo Parker, Hal Porter, Margaret Porter, and Pat Ragsdale.

Not only is this a humorous play you won't want to miss, the costumes themselves are fabulous and ones you will want to see. Each costume was custom designed for the character by Eldra's Designs of San Angelo, TX. The set, which is beautiful, completes the overall picture of this spectacular musical. The set was designed by Esther Bunton, Rita McWhorter, Martha Henderson, Pansie Jay, George Spinks, and Billy Frank Blaylock.

Reservations can be made by calling 853-2062 on weekdays, or 853-3411 on weekends. Don't Wait! Call today so you won't miss out on this wonderful Dinner and Show. Other performances scheduled for the show only are, Saturday, February 13, at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m. Additional performances for the show will be announced at a later date.

Harvard Univ. researcher to visit Eldorado

Julie Canniff, a member of Harvard University's evaluation team will be in Eldorado this week to assess the Rural Challenge program operated by Schleicher County ISD. The purpose of Canniff's visit is to determine the effectiveness of the program which operates under a grant from the Annenberg Foundation. Canniff, a resident of Maine, is completing her doctoral research at Harvard where she has developed programs on 'place-based curriculum'. She has also researched immigrant communities in Maine.

While in Eldorado, Canniff will be visiting with teachers, students and community members involved or interested in the local Annenberg Program. An informal reception is planned for 4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 21 at the Annenberg Building located at 206 West Warner Avenue.

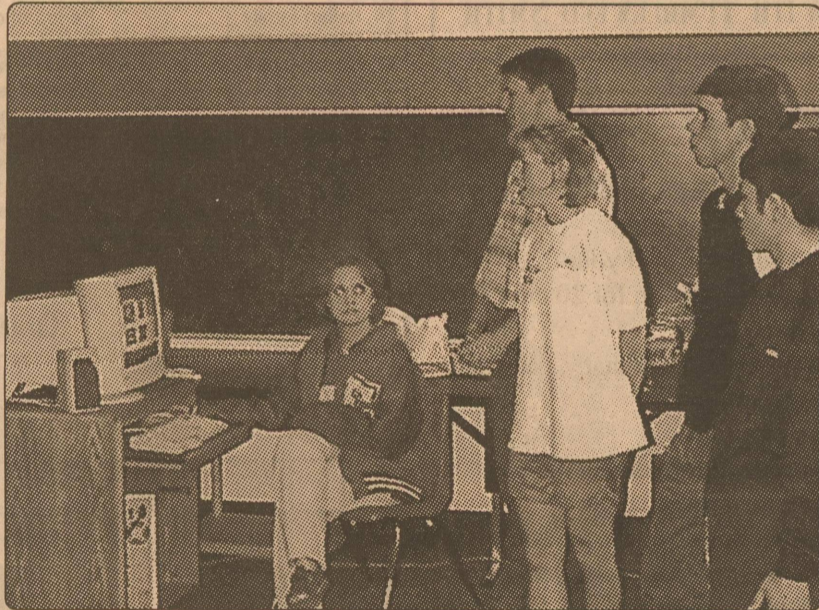


photo by Randy Mankin

Young Guns — These EHS students participated in the REAL (Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning) class last semester. Calling themselves the Young Guns, they chose for their group project the task of making and marketing hot sauce. Here they described the project to SCISD trustees at Monday night's school board meeting. Pictured above are (seated) Jennifer Stafford, (standing L-R) Andrew Sauer, Kim Jones, Mack Holley and J.B. Garcia.

Eagle reward renewed

Special Agent Curtis Graves of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported to the Eldorado Success that he is continuing to offer a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for killing a Bald Eagle which was found adjacent to the Eldorado football field in October, 1998.

Graves said he continues to develop leads in the case, however, he admits to being frustrated by the lack of sufficient evidence to make an arrest. Graves assured the Success that the case will remain open and active until an arrest is made. Graves investigation began

when the carcass of an immature Bald Eagle was found hanging near the track in Eagle Stadium. A sign, making disparaging remarks about the Eldorado Eagles football team was found with the dead bird.

Graves noted that evidence originally pointing toward suspects in Sonora and Junction had proven to be unfruitful.

"Someone out there knows who did this," Graves said. "They've probably bragged about it to their friends."

Anyone with information concerning the incident is encouraged to contact Graves by phone at 830-703-2000.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

On This Date

On this date in 1908 New York City enacted an ordinance making it illegal for women to smoke. In 1951 Babe Didrickson Zaharias established a new women's golf record by winning the Tampa Women's Open with a score of 288 for 72 holes. In 1954 the Nautilus, the first atomic-powered submarine, was launched in Groton, CT. In 1985 actor Patrick Duffy announced plans to leave the CBS show, "Dallas". His character 'Bobby Ewing' died in an auto accident but miraculously reappeared one year later. The writer's explanation...it was only a dream.

Birthdays of note include: 1824 Confederate General Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson; 1905 fashion designer Christian Dior; 1927 actor Aristotle 'Telly' Savalas; 1940 golfer Jack Nicklaus; 1941 opera tenor Placido Domingo; 1942 singer-songwriter Mac Davis; 1952 football player Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson; 1957 actress Geena Davis.

Texas Trivia

The community of Eola in Concho County was established in 1898 and was originally named Jordan. The name was changed in 1903 at the insistence of the U.S. Post Office. The name Eola was taken from a nearby creek. It was an Indian word meaning "good returns from blowing wind."

News of Yesteryear

The May 18, 1923 edition of the Success reported:

"A public meeting is called for Saturday afternoon, May 19, by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce at the Woodmen Hall, for the purpose of discussing the Courthouse bond issue.

If there is any opposition to the bond issue, they should be present at this meeting.

Everybody is invited and especially the ladies."

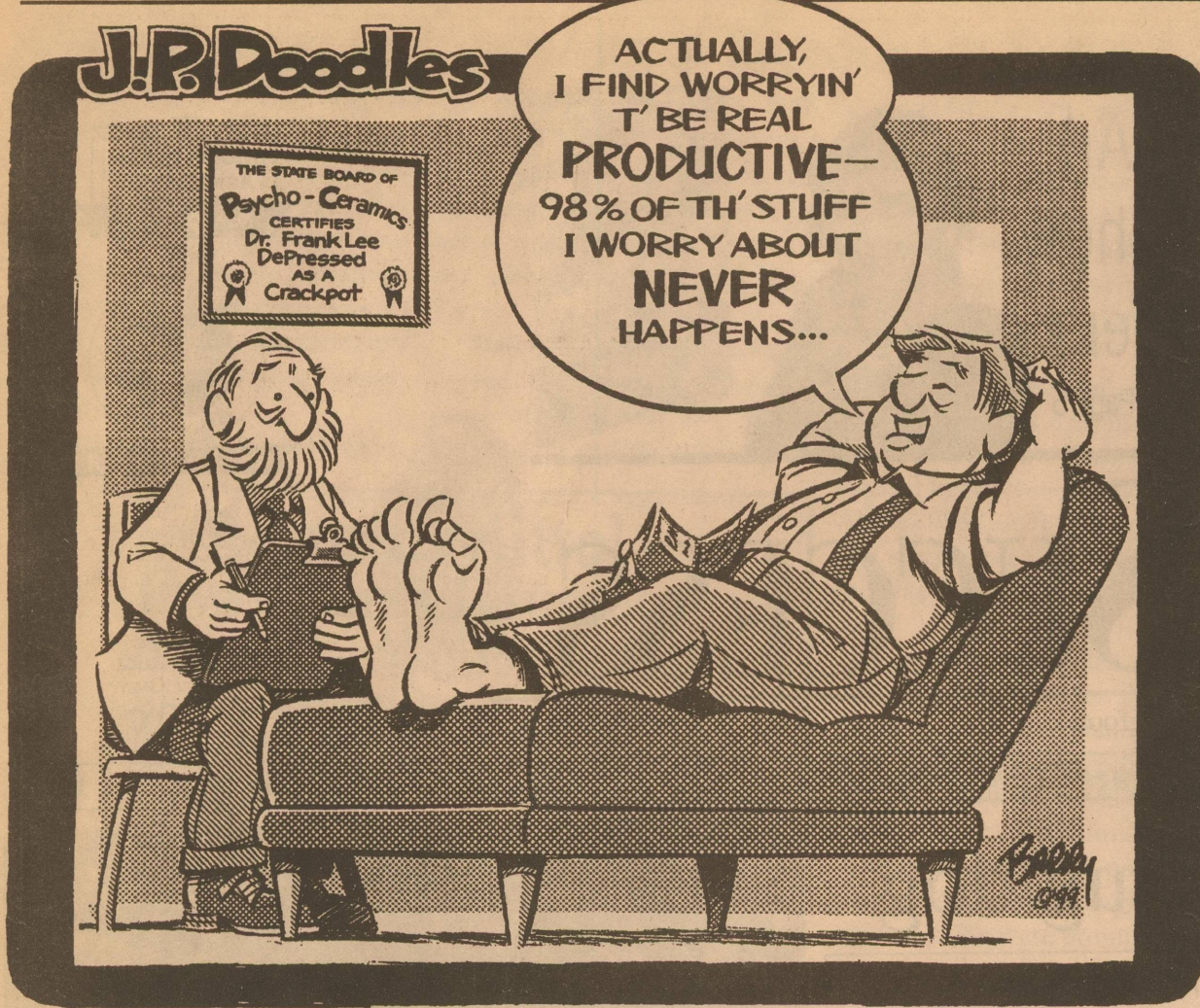
Odds and Ends

A man in jail received almost a million votes for president in the 1920 election. Eugene Debs, who ran on a third-party Socialist ticket was in the Atlanta Penitentiary, serving a ten-year sentence for violating the Espionage Act. He had been convicted for opposition to the U.S. entry in World War I. Debs spent the entire campaign in prison. Warren Harding won the election, commuted his sentence a year later, but Debs never regained his citizenship.



photo by Randy Mankin

Keeping an eye on the workers — Sheriff's Dept. Field Correctional Officer David Ollivan (L) supervised County Jail inmates Tuesday as they worked to clear brush from land near the cemetery which will soon become the County Correctional Farm. Inmate Ruben Moreno stacked mesquite wood as quickly as inmate Rod Bolen could cut it.



The Devil Is in the Details...and Other Thoughts on Electric Utility Deregulation

GUEST EDITORIAL
by Mike Williams

You've heard the old saying, "The devil is in the details." Well, just imagine all the little demons lurking in all the densely packed pages of proposed legislation changing the way Texas consumers choose their power suppliers. One bill already has been introduced, even before the Texas Legislature convenes, just to get the debate going. Other bills are likely to be filed.

The impetus for restructuring the electric industry is coming primarily from big industrial users of electricity and the big investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and independent power producers. They expect to make a lot of money in a restructured market, and already they're running expensive ads touting the benefits the average consumer will experience in a competitive market. (They don't

mention those bothersome phone calls you'll be getting at dinnertime.)

Proponents of competition say that retail deregulation should result in lower prices and more options for customers and also help attract new electric companies to Texas. The state's 83 electric co-operatives, which represent some three million member-consumers, are skeptical about the benefits of restructuring. We do not believe it will benefit typical residential consumers or rural Texans, who are our primary constituents. We've also seen that consumers in California and other states that have taken the restructuring lead have not experienced the benefits that proponents of deregulation so ardently promised. What's more, Texas already has some of the lowest electric rates in the United States, and our reliability is superior to the national standard, so we don't see the need for a rush to deregulation.

We're also concerned about the trend we've seen in other industries that have deregulated, where a few industry giants gobble up the smaller companies or existing companies merge, until only a handful of companies remain in business. Customers are left with a choice in name only.

Despite our reservations, we're willing to accept any industry restructuring plan that meets certain basic conditions. As the one segment of the electric utility industry that represents those on the buying side of the meter, co-ops will be speaking up for the fair treatment of all customers, access to affordable electric service for everyone and electric system safety and reliability. In Austin and in Washington, where restructuring legislation also has been introduced, those bedrock considerations should be the primary goal of any restructuring scheme. They shouldn't be mere afterthoughts to legislation designed to favor certain large users.

As a new century looms dead ahead, it's only natural that Texas lawmakers will have their eyes focused on the future. We want those lawmakers to know that electric coops in the Lone Star State have their own vision for the future as well. We see flexible power providers responsive to their member-consumers, not to corporate boards and anonymous investors. We see groups of individuals coming together to "cooperate," not only to provide electric power and other services to their members, but to bring new opportunity to their communities. It's the co-op way. It's worked throughout much of the 20th century; it will work in the 21st century.

Mike Williams is President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Electric Cooperatives

Budget surplus tops concerns for 76th Texas Legislature

AUSTIN — Families and friends of lawmakers swarmed to Austin last week for the opening of the 76th Texas Legislature on Jan. 12, kicking off the 140-day regular session.

On the minds of most legislators and lobbyists this session is how to spend a projected state budget surplus of \$5.6 billion.

Retiring Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock slammed the Senate gavel to open the session, before bidding the Legislature farewell after his more than 40 years of public service.

Bullock's Republican successor, Rick Perry, will play a powerful role in deciding which bills live or die and how the budget surplus will be spent.

Bullock continued to preside over the Senate until Perry's official swearing-in this week. Regarding his ascendancy to the office of lieutenant governor, former agriculture commissioner Perry said, "It's not easy following a legend."

After Bullock turned over the gavel to new Senate president pro tempore, Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Bivins hailed Bullock, Lyndon Johnson and Sam Rayburn as "the three giants of Texas politics in the 20th century."

Meanwhile, Rep. James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center, was unanimously re-elected to a fourth term as speaker of the House. Laney already is busy picking House committee chairmen and vice chairmen and assigning other members to committees.

And, Gov. George W. Bush, whose Jan. 19 inauguration does nothing to dampen speculation about his presidential aspira-

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



tions, repeated his pledge that he will remain focused on the legislative session until his agenda is passed.

Rylander Recommends Budget
New Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recommended adopting a "family-style" budget as she delivered her first official revenue estimate to the Texas Legislature on Jan. 8.

"Texas is a big, extended family," she said. "Like any good family, we need to spend wisely, invest wisely and save some for a rainy day. This revenue estimate lets the state do that."

Rylander estimated \$471 million will be transferred to the Economic Stabilization Fund or "rainy day" fund, and she forecasted the following:

- \$94 billion in earnings from all sources in fiscal 2000-2001;
- \$4.4 billion on hand in unspent funds from the current biennium, including \$1.1 billion from the state's tobacco lawsuit settlement;
- \$58 billion available for general purpose spending; and
- \$40 billion to be collected from sources including federal funds, tax proceeds and assorted fees.

AG to Probe Tobacco Litigation
Attorney General John Cornyn last week said he intends to investigate Texas' tobacco industry litigation to see whether civil or crimi-

nal wrongdoing has been committed.

Cornyn said he would not give the five "hired gun" lawyers who represented the state in its anti-tobacco lawsuit a release on behalf of the state "for any legal or unethical conduct that they may have engaged in while representing the state."

Other Highlights

• General Land Office surveyors last month measured the height of the state Capitol at 302.64 feet tall, from the Oval Walk at the south entrance to the tip of the star in the hand of the Goddess of Liberty. The height of the U.S. Capitol is 288 feet, from the East Walk to the top of the dome's Statue of Freedom.

• Gov. Bush has appointed

Daisy A. Stiner as executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. She served as acting director of the agency following the August resignation of Larry Paul Manley.

• The Texas Board of Health last week gave initial approval to rules that would require a warning label for most products containing ephedrine, an ingredient in many weight-loss and energy-boosting dietary supplements.

• Elton Bomer, former Texas insurance commissioner, was sworn in Jan. 11 as secretary of state, replacing Al Gonzales, who has been appointed by Gov. Bush to replace former Justice Raul Gonzalez on the Texas Supreme Court.

• Gov. Bush last week appointed Austin businessman Robert J. Huston to a four-year term as chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Don Walser Plays Texas Music

Don Walser worked for a living, playing music as a hobby. When he retired he went into music fulltime and is now making appearances all over the country. He has been called the Pavarotti of the Plains.

Don, who lives in Austin, is a big man with a big hat and big voice. He has a happy face. He yodels. Don records on the Watermelon label. He sings the old favorites as well as tunes he writes. He grew up around Lamesa and wrote a song about those days.

"Had me a hot rod Mercury, a nineteen and fifty-one With a sun visor and fender skirts and I had her underslung.

Had a little chain around the license plate
Suicide knob on the steering wheel
Had a little rip in the front seat cover
But that weren't no big deal.

I kept her shined up like a new penny,
all dressed up so neat.
She was a classic and more with four on the floor
And a fifth under the front seat.

Had a straight pipe running through to the muffler
With a hideaway toggle switch
And that old Mercury purred like a kitten
Until I hit that switch.

Then you better pull down your windows

And lock up all your doors.
Believe it or not, for 20 city blocks
you could hear that Mercury roar.

Down in Lamesa, Texas, right on the courthouse square,
All the guys and all the chicks they used to hang out down there.

Girls would go one way around the square
and guys around the other
When we'd meet we'd slow way down
and check out one another.

And when I met that special girl,
one I could adore,
I'd reach down,
trip that old toggle switch
and make that Mercury roar.

If I could go back to the fifties
and things would be the same,
You'd see me hanging out at the Sky-Vue Drive In
With my Patricia Jane.

Or listening to the music on the jukebox
down at the Rexall store
And one more time
I'd like to trip that switch
and hear that Mercury roar."

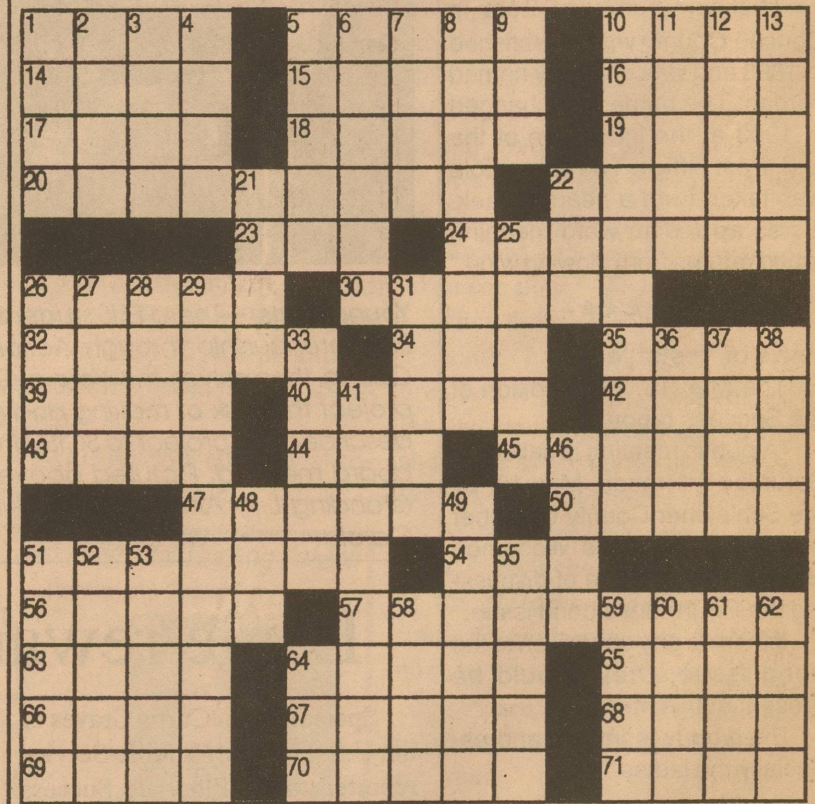
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
1. Skidded
 5. First Hebrew letter
 10. Lion queen
 14. The cat's meow
 15. Francois book
 16. The last of the wine
 17. Esprit de corps
 18. Admiral's army
 19. Bit of gossip
 20. Teenage queen
 22. Holed layer
 23. Ending with japan or canton
 24. Peruvian river
 26. Free up
 30. Make a hook less effective
 32. Ontario city
 34. Word with wind or timed
 35. Italian family
 39. Give off
 40. Dips out or loads on
 42. Dream or A
 43. Kind of lily
 44. Homophone for 22 down
 45. Where not to come
 47. Cities or tubes
 50. Spacek the movie queen
- DOWN**
1. Some writers work on this
 2. Period of calm
 3. Dies
 4. Bond nemesis
 5. Wild grasses
 6. Said rhythmically
 7. At any time
 8. Start of the Constitution
 9. Excited with up
 10. Virgin queen
 11. Tell
 - 12.... evil, hear no...
- ACROSS**
51. Firmly fixed
 54. Big biz for short
 56. Rajah's queen (Alt. spelling)
 57. Queen of the Winter Palace
 63. Last word in a newspaper
 64. Beau follower
 65. Poet's black
 66. This home is for the birds
 67. Starts the pot
 68. Something not to go round
 69. Robt.
 70. Company or country
 71. Fires or cans
- DOWN**
13. How boys see themselves
 21. Start for scope or meter
 22. Bruin great
 25. Belgian city
 26. What an addict does
 27. Any other for a rose
 28. Sailor's jail
 29. Headless queen
 31. Duck down
 33. How Greta 'vanted' to be
 36. Red, white and coral
 37. Gobs or salts
 38. TV's oscar
 41. Colorful coin
 46. Bone [prefix]
 48. A teacher's test, briefly
 49. Parents' aide
 51. Apt to
 52. Tag
 53. A kind of parsley
 55. Not those
 58. Apropos of
 59. Country's queen
 60. Wild goat
 61. And Then There Were
 62. These may justify the means
 63. Neon or krypton

This week's solution on Page 6

Queens

by John Sheridan



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OBITUARIES

Thelma Marie Taylor Cerami

PORT ARTHUR — Thelma Marie Taylor Cerami, 82, died January 7, 1999 in Port Arthur, Texas. She was born Feb. 9, 1916 in San Angelo, Texas, the first child of Clifford H. and Claudia Green Taylor. Later, the family had two other children, Mary Lee (whose partially fictitious letter to Santa at age 11 appeared in Dec. '98 Eldorado Success) and ("Sonny") Clifford H. Taylor, Jr.

At age of twelve Thelma ("Snookie") moved to Eldorado with her parents where she attended school, was a cheer leader and later graduated as salutatorian of her senior class. Father, Clifford H. Taylor, Sr., was manager of the San Angelo Telephone Company in Eldorado, (which was the Company prior to G.T.E.). At that time the telephone office and manager's residence occupied the rock building on the corner across the street from the present lumber yard.

She married and later divorced from John Riley (J.R.) Conner, son of Lottie Hill and Orville E. Conner, long-time Sheriff of Schleicher County. They had two sons, Orville Taylor (O.T.) and Clifford James (Jimmy), who grew up in Eldorado.

During WWII she worked with Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, then transferred to San Marcos, Texas to continue packing parachutes for the Air Force Training Centers. In 1946 she moved to Port Arthur, Texas where she met and married Johnny Cerami. They shared a happy union for almost 52 years.

Survivors included her beloved husband, Johnny Cerami of Groves, Texas; two sons, O.T. Conner and Doris of Bridge City, Texas and Jimmy Conner and Fae of Lockhart, Texas; one sister, Mary Lee Anderson of Lake Jackson, Texas; one brother, Reverend Clifford H. Taylor, Jr. of Corpus Christi; five grandchildren, Chris Conner of Jonestown, Texas, Bryan Conner of Corpus Christi, Mark Conner of Bridge City, Barron Vincent of Lake Jackson, and Julie Foster of Baytown; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted January 9, 1999 in Groves, Texas with her brother, Rev. Clifford H. Taylor, Jr., officiating. Grandsons served as Pallbearers. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Port Arthur, Texas.

Deborah Anne Fritz

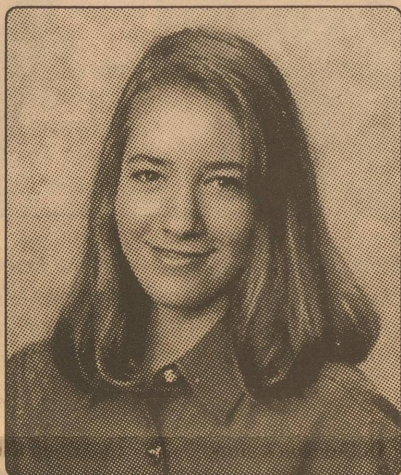
FREDERICKSBURG - Deborah Anne Fritz, 20, of Fredericksburg, died on Monday, December 28, 1998 at Hill County Memorial Hospital.

A mass of resurrection was celebrated in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Saturday, January 2, 1999, with the Rev. Phillip Henning officiating. Mary Murchison was the organist and Donna Durst, the vocalist. Interment was in the Fritz Family Cemetery.

Prior to the services her body lay in state in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home where a vigil service, conducted by Rev. Henning, was held on Friday evening.

Miss Fritz was born on August 5, 1978 in San Antonio, the daughter of Dr. Daniel J. Fritz and Verna Ann Lux Fritz of Fredericksburg.

In high school she was very ac-



tive in 4-H food and stock shows, method demonstrations and was a member of the 1995 National Champion 4-H Meats Judging Team. She attended Austin Community College and Southwest Texas State University.

In addition to her parents she is survived by two sister, Kristina Fritz of Atlanta, Georgia and Diana Fritz of Kaiserslautern, Germany; her grandparents, Robert and Mary Louise Fritz of Fredericksburg and Mrs. W.V. Lux of Eldorado.

Pallbearers were Robert Herbst, David Herbst, Jeff Fritz, Chris Fritz, Sutton Page, Russell Page, Stuart Lux, Michael Page, Clint Garrett and Ricky Gillham.



Mr. and Mrs. Hilario G. Guadarrama

Tobar/Guadarrama exchange vows

Vanessa V. Tobar and Hilario G. Guadarrama were married December 19, 1998 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona. Fr. Hendrik Laenen, OMI, Pastor, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo M. Tobar of Ozona. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose P. Borrego of Ozona and Mr. Jesus S. Guadarrama of Eldorado.

Maids of Honor were Amanda Reyes of Akron, Ohio and Abbey Maldonado of Bilouxi, Mississippi. Bridesmaids were Antonia Moreno of Kerrville; Veronica Rodriguez of El Paso; Charlene Sanchez and Stephanie Franco of San Angelo; and Vanessa Hartman, Natalie Martinez and Rhonda Borrego of Ozona. Junior Bridesmaids were Erica Borrego of Ft. Worth; and Alex Tobar, Kerri Mendez, Malorie Moran, Chelsea Tobar and Abigail Rodriguez all of Ozona. Flower Girls were Clarissa Hernandez of El Paso and Raena Sierra of Ozona.

Best Men were Larry Gallindo of San Antonio and John Esparza of San Angelo. Groomsmen were Blake Borrego of Oklahoma; Gary Dominguez of North Carolina; Dario Porras of Houston; David Martinez of San Marcos; Lando Pena-Alfaro of Austin; and Timothy Tobar, Glenn Sutton and Albert Flores all of Ozona. Junior Groomsmen were Hector Hernandez of El Paso; and Kenny Tobar, Romeo Perez, Jr., Roland Galindo, Jr., Alfredo M. Tobar, Jr. and Jonathan Flores, all of Ozona. Ring Bearers were Ray Villarreal and Glenn Tinney III, of Ozona. Ushers were Ruby Robledo of San Angelo and Bryan Mendez, Ashlee Dehoyos and Bear Borrego, all of Ozona.

The bride is a graduate of Ozona High School. She attended Angelo State University and Midland College CCBI & Interactive. She is presently employed by Crockett Co. Care Center in Ozona.

The groom is a graduate of Ozona High School. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army where he received a diploma in Army Computer Science.

The Couple plans to make their home in Copperas Cove.

Guess Who Was 85 Yesterday January 20th



We Love Aunt Alma

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Airman Cody Whitten

Navy Airman Cody Whitten a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School and son of Buff and June Whitten of Eldorado recently completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

While deployed, Whitten's ship participated in numerous large-scale military exercises, including Matador Livex and Dynamic Mix '98. During these exercises, Whitten and crew members worked with military forces from eleven

NATO countries to improve the interoperability, flexibility and mobility of multi-national forces.

In addition, Whitten and crew members had the opportunity to visit France, Greece, Italy, Spain and Turkey where crew members participated in community relations projects in the host countries.

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Whitten joined the Navy in June 1996.

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- 23rd Justin Phillips, Mika Key, Dusty Barton, Wanda Edmiston, Carolyn Mittel
- 24th Cole Wilkerson, Jan Wanoreck, Tommy Minor, Ray Crazywolf
- 25th Richard Gibson
- 26th Amy Doran, Shannon Gillespie, Tara Holley, Kyle Hunter, Jason Richters, Richard Crain, Logan Jones, Katie Kidd, Glenn Conner, Robert Valero
- 27th Tristen Barajas, Sunni Cate McCormick, Reed Hairman, Varonica Mejia, Clarissa Hernandez
- 28th Debbie Edmiston, Cory Reeves, Vita Willeke

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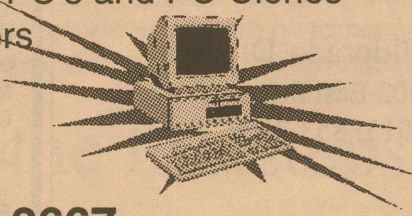
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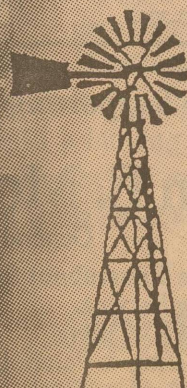
What You Should Know About Year

2000

Year 2000 is creating a lot of excitement and more than a little concern due to potential computer problems.

That's why everyone—from business, government, and world organizations to the Federal Reserve and other regulatory agencies—is taking this issue very seriously.

Despite the rumors that say many financial institutions will not be ready, we assure you that we are involved in all activities recommended by our governing agencies. In fact, Year 2000 planning efforts are well underway with full implementation and testing to be completed within our governing agencies' guidelines.



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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

We enjoyed a nice but "windy" afternoon Sunday, January 17, 1999 for our mid-month Play Day. We had 33 adults and 4 youths, Chris Hegefled, Joseph Wink, Clay Whitten and D.J. Foster.

1st Place Score 59: Stephen Whitten, Ross Whitten, Keith Nolan and Clay Whitten.

2nd Place Score 59: Keith Nance, John David Cook, Howard Ledbetter and Jack Halbert. Score care play-off.

3rd Place: Guy Crippin, Danny Halbert, Don Richters and Joseph Wink.

A score care play-off with teams of Moses Hill, Victor Belman, Mario Robles, Mabel Freitag and Gwen Hegefled. Also Chris Phillips, Eddy Hill, Bill Freitag and D.T. Foster.

Our Club President for this year is Curtis Griffin and Tournament Chairman is Jim Kosub. The tournament scheduled should be out soon. Everyone get ready to play golf and have a great 1999 at our golf course.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, January 31, weather permitting.

K of C Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1999 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held January 30, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at Eldorado Middle School Gym.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district, and the state level competition. International champions are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions (Determined age as of January 1, 1999). Last year more than

219,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,494 local competitions.

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

The Knights of Columbus is an international, Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization with over 1.5 million members in more than 11,000 local councils. In 1998, Knights donated 52 million man-hours and \$107 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring programs to benefit their Church, councils, communities, families and youth.

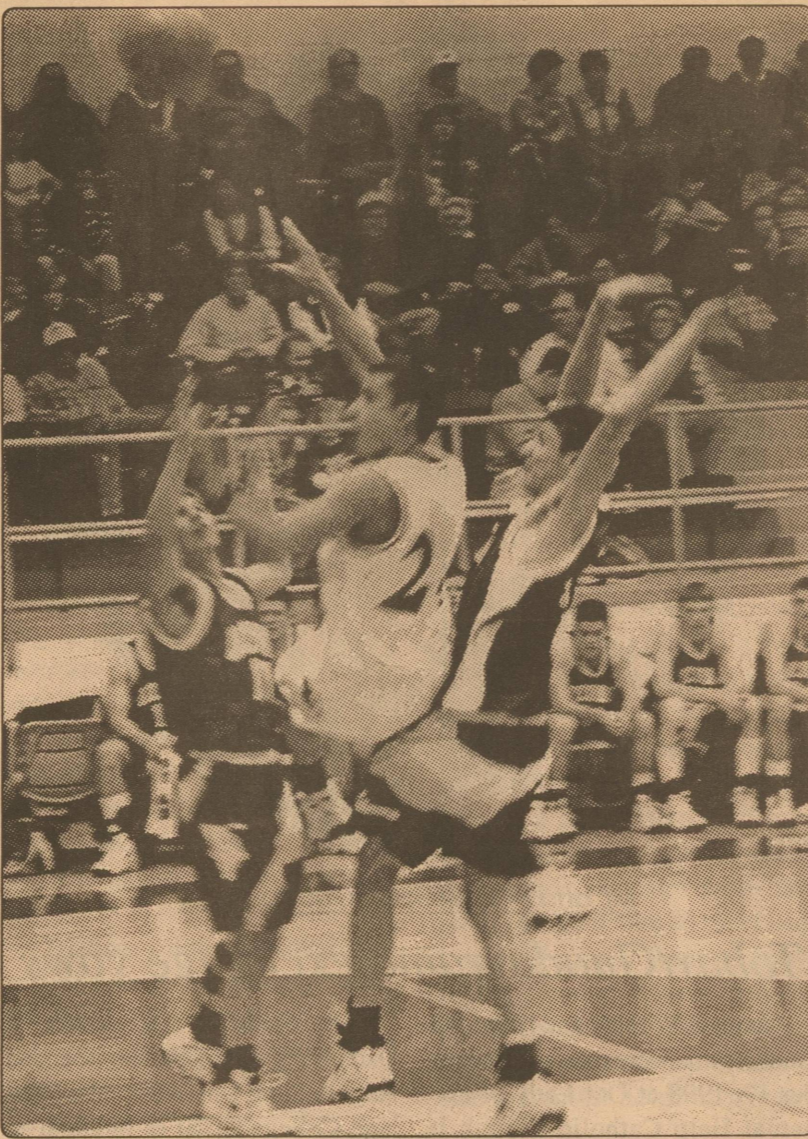


photo by Randy Mankin

Never say never — The fact that Anthony Pina was surrounded by Ozona defenders didn't prevent him from putting up an acrobatic shot Monday night. He made the basket and drew a foul. Pina led scoring for the Eagles with 20 points in a losing effort.

Eagles defeat Grape Creek, lose 2-2A opener to Ozona

by David Hill

The Eagles went 1 and 1 this last week defeating non district foe Grape Creek 55-42 and then lost the district opener to Ozona 61-45. EHS is now 12 and 6 on the season and 0 and 1 in district play.

EHS played a complete game against Grape Creek. They led the entire ball game in spite of 7 of 7 shooting from the 3 point line by Grape Creek. Eldorado led by 8 at the end of the first quarter and 11 at the half. The third quarter was the only quarter that the Eagles were outscored by Grape Creek. A strong fourth quarter led by Michael Mayo completed the victory. EHS shot 41% from the floor and only made 1 of 6 from the charity stripe. Mayo poured in 18 points and had 13 rebounds, Anthony Pina scored 10, and Dusty Nolen also had 7 boards for the Eagles. Coach Gillespie noted, "we really controlled this game from the start, the kid's really played well."

Eldorado opened district play last Friday against district favorite Ozona. EHS played three tough quarters, however, Ozona outscored the Eagles 21 to 6 in the fourth for the victory.

The two teams traded shots in the first quarter as Ozona led 11-10 at the end of the first. The Eagles

then took a 4 point lead into intermission 29-25. Michael Mayo led the Eagles with 12 points in the first half. The third quarter saw Ozona take a 1 point lead into the final stanza before the final quarter. Field goal and three point percentages leaned heavily to the Lions.

Anthony Pina paced the Eagles with 20 points followed by Mayo with 15. The Eagles out rebounded the Lions 17 to 13. Coach Gillespie reflected on the game saying, "the film shows that we did a better rebounding than I thought after the game. The stats revealed that we really had a tough time. The good news for us is that we were in the game for most of the game to late. If we play well, we can get them next time."

The Eagles take on Forsan and Sonora this week. Be sure to go out and support the Eagles.

Lady Eagles go 1 and 1

by David Hill

The Lady Eagles went 1 and 1 this last week in the District 2-2A. They defeated Junction last Tuesday and lost a tough game to Ozona on Friday. EHS is 1 and 2 in district play and 14 and 9 on the season.

The Eagles lost to perennial district power Ozona 51 to 35 this past Friday. This was an excellent ball game that saw several lead changes in the first 3 quarters of play. The game was a defensive battle in the first quarter with Ozona leading by 1, 6 to 5. Eldorado then took a 1 point lead into the half 17 to 16. In the third, Ozona had two big offensive runs but EHS stayed tough and

held on being down by only one going into the final stanza. The fourth quarter proved to be the difference as the Lions outscored the Eagles 21 to 6. Ozona's press and three point shot's proved to be the difference in the game.

The Eagles were led Angela Ballew with 12 points, Kayla McCravey with 10, and Kayla Kohls added 6.

Coach Harris commented, "I thought the girls played a great game answering several runs in the third quarter. We just couldn't hold on in the fourth." Eldorado takes on Forsan and Sonora this week. Be sure to come out and support the Lady Eagles.

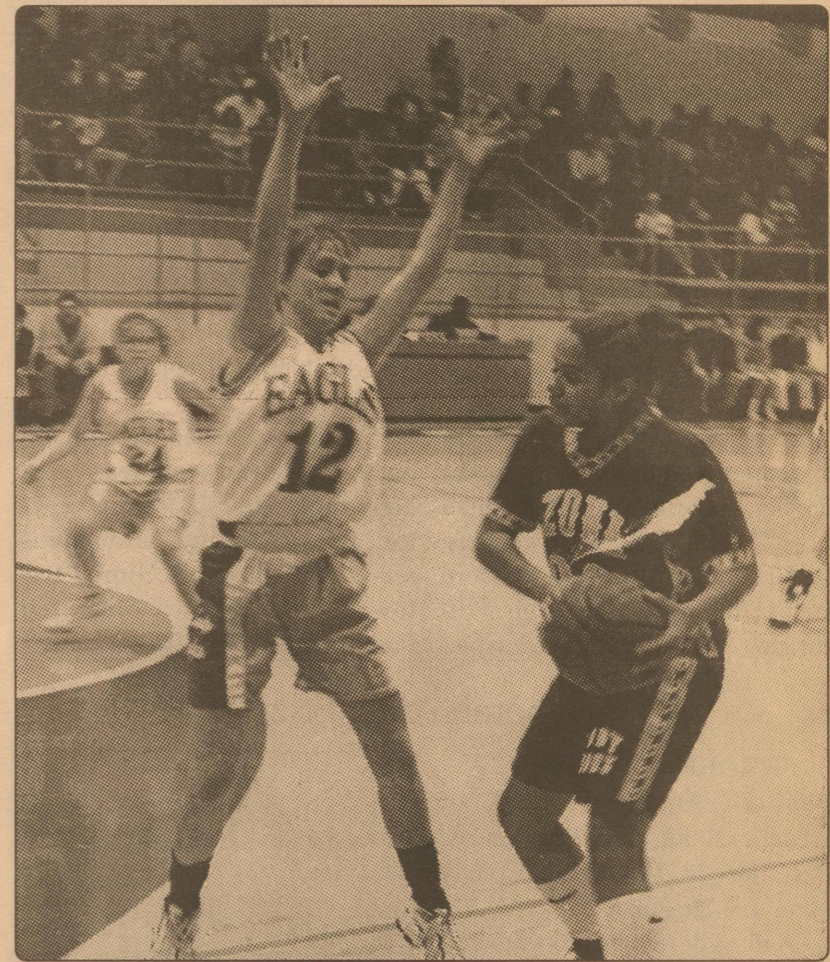


photo by Randy Mankin

Swarming defense — Kayla Kohls pressured an Ozona Lady Lion during varsity girls action here Monday night. The Lady Eagles led and the half and kept the game close through 3 quarters before the Lady Lions pulled ahead for good in the 4th period.

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EAGLES	LADY EAGLES
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Eagles J.V.

January 08, 1999

SCORE BY QUARTER

Eldorado	10	08	20	15	53
Menard	06	08	09	11	34

Ramon Barajas 2, Jason Brock 7, Wesley Jones 7, Tony Fay 13, Ben Edmiston 2, Johnny Herrera 3, Benji Gonzales 4, Jeff Stafford 13, Matt Curtis 2. Also playing were Manuel Hernandez, Thomas Ballew, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez, Jones (2) 3 point goals.

Lady Eagles J.V.

December 8, 1998

SCORE BY QUARTER

Eldorado	16	04	15	07	42
Mertzton	07	04	03	00	14

Leigh Ann Neal 4, Tabitha Lloyd 10, Cayla Jefferys 6, Gentry Newman 2, Mitzi Sessom 13, Jessi Calcote 2, Samantha Smith 2 and Kristina Prater 4. Sessom (1) 3 point goal.

January 5, 1998

SCORE BY QUARTER

Eldorado	05	08	04	02	19
Colorado City	13	11	14	09	47

Tabitha Lloyd 1, Cayla Jefferys 7, Mitzi Sessom 6, Samantha Smith 2. Also playing were Leigh Ann Neal, Elibeth Montalvo, Gentry Newman, Jessi Calcote.

Eagles J.V.

January 12, 1999

SCORE BY QUARTER

Eldorado	20	12	14	13	59
Grape Creek	14	16	13	12	55

Ramon Barajas 7, Manuel Hernandez 2, Jason Brock 5, Tony Fay 9, Thomas Ballew 3, Johnny Herrera 9, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez 1, Benji Gonzales 8, Jeff Stafford 15. Also playing were Wesley Jones, Ben Edmiston, Matt Curtis, Barajas (1) 3 point goal.

7th Grade Girls

Mason Tournament

January 16, 1999

Eldorado	29
Liano	27

SCORE BY QUARTER

Eldorado	08	0	08	12	29
Liano	12	10	08	06	27

Courtney Whitten 4, Janet Gardiner 1, Monica Moreno 4, Brittini Meyer 2, Clara Herrera 11, Mikinzie Holley 7. Other team members Mayra Bustos, Jeanette Villavicencio, April Nixon, Ashton Murr, Heather Homer, Jennifer Bybee, Nalley Iglesias, Lacy Ragsdale, & Anna Rios.

8th Grade Boys "B"

January 11, 1999

Eldorado	16
Big Lake	09

Landon Nixon 2, Buddy Greer 4, Pedro Hernandez 8, Heath Andrew 2.

Co. Predator Control Assn. awards rifles

The Schleicher County Predator Control Association awarded three .22-250 rifles this week to winners in the Predator Control contest held during the recent hunting season. Brian Edmiston, president of the association, noted that Carolyn Weishuhn of Columbus, Tx., and Ty Williams and Reagan Bownds, both of Eldorado, won rifles in three of the contests four categories.

Edmiston explained that hunters killing a red fox, bobcat, feral hog or coyote were eligible for entry in the contest which ended last weekend with the expiration of the black powder hunting season. During the contest 5 red foxes, 8 bobcats and 3 feral hogs were killed and reported. A drawing was then held in each category. Ty Williams won in the red fox category. Carolyn Weishuhn won in the bobcat category and Reagan Bownds won in the feral hog category.

"No one killed a coyote this year," Edmiston told the Success. "So, the association will award the remaining rifle during the upcoming Spring Turkey Season."

Edmiston noted that hunters killing predators in any of the four categories will be compiled into one group with a drawing to be held after the turkey season. To be eligible, hunters must hold a valid Texas hunting license and the predator must be killed in Schleicher County. Animals are to be turned in at the West Texas Lumber and Trading Post on East Gillis.

The Schleicher County Predator Association collects dues from local landowners with which it supports its activities. The county association pays dues to the State Wildlife Service which are used to fund the salary of government trapper Ralph Necessary.

The board of directors of the Schleicher County Predator Association include Brian Edmiston, President, William Edmiston, Secretary/Treasurer, Johnny Mayo, Mike Lux, Archie Crenwelge and Bob Buchholz.

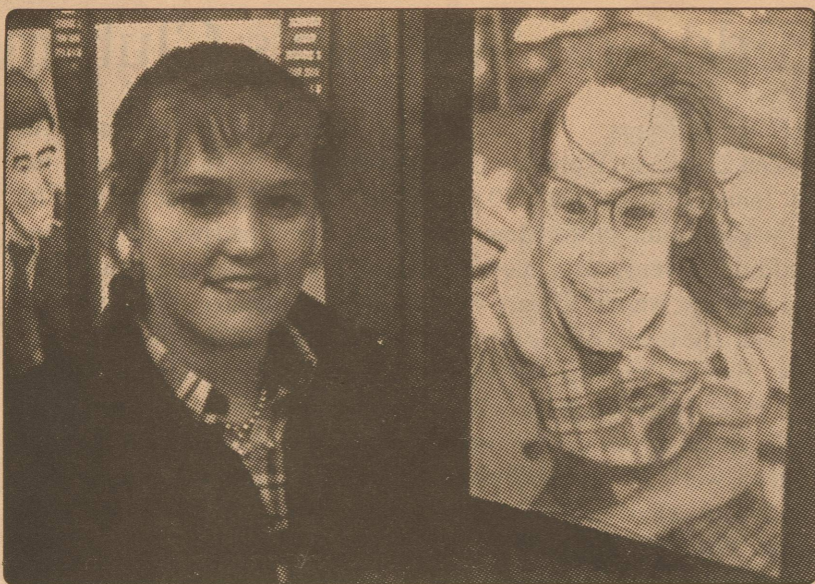


photo by Kathy Mankin

Quite an artist — EHS junior Haley Edmiston posed with her winning pencil portrait at the Schleicher County Art Show.

Art Show winners listed

The Schleicher County Art Show was held January 8 & 9 in conjunction with the 64th annual Jr. Livestock and project show. Numerous artists from pre-school to adult competed in one of the most popular contests ever held here. Individual winners are as follows:

Pre-School: 1st Brianah Creek; 2nd Cany Acosta; Honorable Mention Allen Espinosa.

Mrs. Griffin's Kindergarten: 1st Carli McAngus; 2nd Joshua Grange; Honorable Mention Jorge Medrozno.

Sixth Grade: 1st Rachel Fuentes; 2nd Justin Phillips; 3rd Tony Garcia

High School Division
Watercolor: 1st Evelyn Quintana; 2nd Haley Edmiston; 3rd Kayla McCravey; Honorable Mention Louis Santellano, Javier Iglesias, Lance Belman, Alison Montalvo.

Record Albums: 1st Dusty Nolen; 2nd Sandra Rodriguez; 3rd Ashley Finley.

Pencil Portraits and Self Portraits: 1st Haley Edmiston; 2nd Alfredo Esparza; 3rd Ashley Finley; Honorable Mention Judith Gamez, Jerrie Arispe, Bernardo Romo, Steven Valero.

Line Drawing: 1st Shelley Kelley; 2nd Ramon Adame; 3rd Jon Calcote.

Scratch Board: 2nd Ashley Holt and Kayla Case; 3rd Lance Mitchell; Honorable Mention Veronica Martinez, Alvaro Rojas, Alfredo Esparza, Jose Iglesias.

Shaded Drawings/Textured Drawings: 1st Javier Iglesias; 3rd Javier Iglesias; Honorable Mention: Robert Adame.

Eagle Drawings: 1st Sandra Rodriguez; 2nd Jimmy Rodriguez; 3rd Anthony Pina; Honorable Mention: Lindsay Beach and Jason Escarcega.

Prismacolor Drawings: 1st Haley Edmiston; 2nd Judith Gamez; 3rd Ashley Holt; Honorable Mention: Hallie Schwiennig.

Pointillism: 1st Kayla Case; 2nd Shelly Kelly and Jerrie Arispe; 3rd Jon Calcote, Lindsay Beach, and Sandra Rodriguez; Honorable Mention: Bernardo Romo and Jesse Romo.

Metamorphosis: 1st Dusty Nolen; 2nd Haley Edmiston; 3rd Ashley Finley; Honorable Mention: Jose Contreras.

Sectioned Drawings: 1st Shelly Kelley; 2nd Kayla Case; 3rd Maria Hernandez; Honorable Mention: Xochitl Esparza.

City Landscape: 1st Casey Poynor; 2nd Kim Jones; 3rd Josh Taylor.

Adult Division: 1st Dorothy Clark; 2nd Dora Bosmans; 3rd Dora Bosmans; Honorable Mention Football Mirrors.

ASU Dean's List announced

Thirteen Eldorado students were listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Angelo State University. Among those listed were:

Shelly Denise Beasley - Music; Belinda F. Braly - Psychology; Shannon D. Chrisman - Music; Jesse Blaine

Crawford - Physics; Kirk Allen Curtis - Journalism; Matt Alan Fryar - Kinesiology; Justin W. Leggett - Computer Science; Shianne Q. Middleton - Nursing; Daniel Glen Pfluger - Psychology; Sabrina Leaann Samuels - Undecided Major; Staci J. Sessom - Early Childhood; Ty Bernhard Williams - Business; and Ashlie B. Whitten - Nursing.

FBC Senior Ambassadors

by Ruth Davis, Reporter

The First Baptist Church Sr. Ambassadors met Monday night, January 18 for their regular meeting. B.F. and Mabel Blaylock were hosts for the Mexican Haystack supper. Everyone brought an ingredient for the haystack. After a very enjoyable meal, the meeting was called to order by Delia Pina, in the absence of Jim Robinson president. Minutes were read and the officers now serving were reelected for 1999. They are Jim Robinson, President; Delia Pina, Vice-President; Dana Owens, Secretary; Mary B. Robinson, Treasurer; Ruth Davis, Reporter. B.F. and Mabel Blaylock are again in control of short trips and entertainment.

Itinerary for the next trip was handed out, and questions answered by Mary B. Robinson. Lois Etheredge read a poem, "When I am old, I will wear purple." Delia Pina explained the Grandparent Program for the school and requested help for Meals on Wheels. Delia also reported on the bus trip to San Angelo to see the lights of Christmas. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Russell Sallee when a prayer circle was formed. Everyone enjoyed the evening and a record attendance of 39.

Agape plans revival services

Rev. Don Twilford will be holding revival services at Agape Assembly of God from Sunday, January 24th through Wednesday, January 27th. Sunday services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and services will start at 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights. The church is located at 502 E. Warner Ave.

Rev. Twilford is a native of Brownwood, Texas, and graduate from Southwestern Assemblies of God College. He served as Youth Director for the Iowa District of the Assemblies of God for several years before accepting a position as pastor in Utomwa, Iowa. For the last 2 years he and his family have been traveling around the country, holding revival services and seeing the Lord move in mighty ways.

Pastor Walt Griggs and the congregation of Agape Assembly of God invite everyone to come and join them in these services. Our prayer is that all attending will experience the living presence of God.

Rehab '99 telethon update

by Mabel Freitag

For the 9th year, Schleicher County folks did a fabulous job for Rehab. Our deep appreciation to Southwest Texas Electric Coop who furnished facilities each year and to Jim and Nelva Martin who open the doors at 6:00 p.m. and stay with us until midnight.

It is a pleasure to work with such great folks. We were short 5 committee members this year. Elton McGinnes was in the hospital; John and Ebba Nikolauk were unable to join us as John is recuperating and Domingo and Delia Pina were baby sitting in Odessa. The rest of the "crew", Orval and Charlene Edmiston, Mary McGinnes, Geneva

McWhorter, Pat Gentry and Bill Freitag were on the job.

We also want to thank Randy and Kathy Mankin for the great job they do in getting our news in the Success.

Since January 9th we have received the following donations: Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Bassinger; Mayme Lee Green; Faye Gibson; Joyce Speck; Cherie Niblett & Mark Paulson; Wiley & Ester Bunton; L.R. Hanusch Water Well Service; Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Martin Jackson, Jr.; Beta Sigma Phi and Eldorado Pharmacy.

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Tuesday, Jan. 26th
Lasaana, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, Jan. 27th
Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Iced Cupcakes

Thursday, Jan. 28th
Hamburger Steaks/Brown Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Apricot Cobbler

Friday, Jan. 29th
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding

Breakfast
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, Jan. 25th
Sliced Peaches, Waffle Stix/Syrup

Tuesday, Jan. 26th
Mixed Fruit, Hot Oatmeal/Toast

Wednesday, Jan. 27th
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Cream of Wheat

Thursday, Jan. 28th
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

Friday, Jan. 29th
Applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal

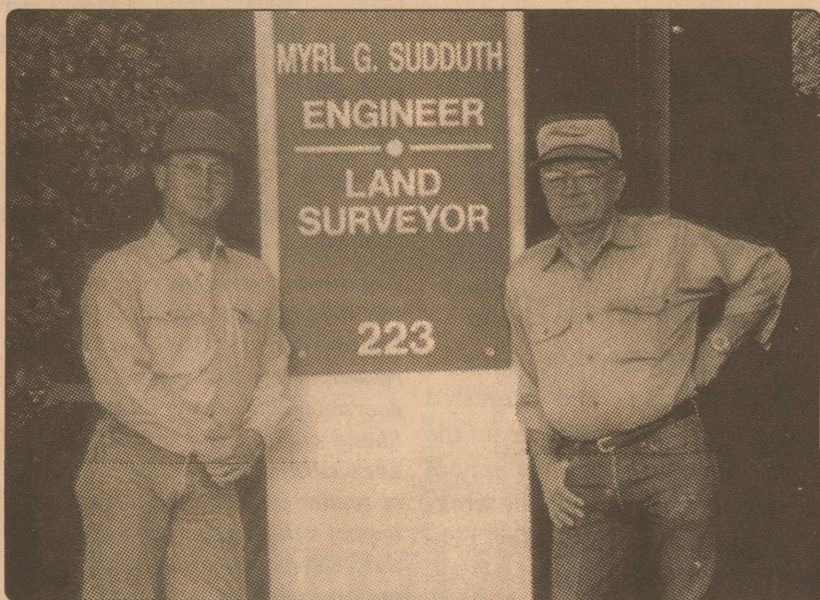
Fast Food Line
Monday, Jan. 25th
Fiestadas, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Spice Cake/Icing

Tuesday, Jan. 26th
Pepperoni Pizza Pockets, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, Jan. 27th
McRib Sandwiches, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Iced Cupcakes

Thursday, Jan. 28th
Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Apricot Cobbler

Friday, Jan. 29th
Same as Cafeteria Line



courtesy photo

Like father, like son — Glyn Sudduth (L) became a registered surveyor on January 7th of this year. He works with his father Myrl Sudduth (R) at Sudduth Engineering and Survey, in San Angelo.

Following the footsteps of the original surveyor

In the surveying profession, the phrase "following the footsteps of the original surveyor" is well known as one of the primary rules in the retracement of previous surveys. This means that the surveyor should try to reconstruct the original lines and corners of the land being surveyed as close as possible to the original construction of the survey. However, the saying may have another, more important meaning. You see, Glyn Sudduth is following the footsteps of the original surveyor but in this case it happens to be his father, Myrl Sudduth.

Myrl Sudduth is the owner of Sudduth Engineering and Survey located at 223 S. Abe in San Angelo. Sudduth Engineering and Survey provides all types of engineering and surveying services which include subdivisions, com-

mercial, residential, farm and ranch, estates and oil field.

Glyn has been helping his father survey since he was a teenager. Beginning in 1990, Glyn became a full time employee at Sudduth Engineering and Surveying. He received a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University majoring in Real Estate and Finance. For the past two years he has worked under his father as a Surveyor Intern after passing the exam from the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors and the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying.

As of January 7, 1998, Grady Glyn Sudduth was registered by the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveyors. Glyn will continue to work at Sudduth Engineering and Surveying and follow the footsteps of the "Original Surveyor".



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Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone with the Chamber of Commerce especially those involved with the selection committee for the Man of the Year Award. I am deeply honored to receive such a prestigious award.

As Sheriff of Schleicher County, I am committed to providing our community with the most advanced professional Law Enforcement that a Rural Community can provide. In the past 2½ years the Sheriff's Department has undergone a total reorganization both internally with the restructuring of the Department's Organizational Structure and externally with the outward appearance.

A concentration on the patrol tactics has produced an increase in alcohol related arrests as well as an increase in drug related arrests and convictions. During 1997 and 1998 citizens of Schleicher County witnessed the seizure of 50 lbs of marijuana coming through our county as well as the arrest and conviction of two active drug dealers within the community.

The Sheriff's Department is committed to keeping our streets safe so our citizens can feel comfortable and secure in their own homes. The Sheriff's Department is proud to be involved in other community orientat-

ed programs.

February 1st the Sheriff's Department will begin preparing the meals for the Meals for Friends Program. The goal was to keep County tax dollars in Schleicher County and make the Meals Program home owned and operated. At the same time, recipients of the program will experience a fresh hot meal straight out of the kitchen.

Citizens will be able to witness the inmate work program in action, a Field Correctional Officer was hired and is responsible for taking minimum risk, nonviolent offenders into the community five days a week performing various tasks for the betterment of the community as a whole. Tasks such as maintaining county parks, baseball fields, highway litter control and general maintenance will be performed through out the community.

Another project that is in the beginning stages is the County Correctional Farm, situated on 12 acres off US Highway 190, a vegetable farm starting on two acres will be planted this spring. The farm will be maintained by inmate and community supervision personnel labor, by inmate and community supervision personnel labor. Vegetables produced will be used in the jail kitchen to assist in offsetting the cost in feeding the jail population as well as being donated to various nonprofit organizations involved in meals programs. With the assistance of our local County Extension agent, this Farm should prove to be a success.

I am proud to be your Sheriff, I am committed to seeking innovative ideas that will better the community and at the same time cut tax payers expenses. I would like to also thank Judge Johnny Griffin for the outstanding introduction speech given at the Chamber banquet.

Sincerely,
David R. Doran, Sheriff
Schleicher County, Texas

School trustees hold regular monthly meeting

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Board President Ilse Williams commented that she hoped the budget could be reduced "five to ten percent next year."

Trustee Phil McCormick spoke up saying, "I think we ought to go back to a \$5 million budget."

Eddie Albin asked if the board could get Schleicher County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Ray Ballew to "crunch some numbers" and advise the trustees about next year's tax base.

When trustee Berta Nicholson was asked her feelings about reducing the budget she replied that she would support "as much as it takes to operate the school effectively."

William Edmiston noted the school's student population was declining. "We sure ought to adjust our budget accordingly," Edmiston said.

Eldorado Woman's Club monthly report

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met January 12, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Memorial Building. Twenty four members and 1 guest Wanda Rogers were present. The theme of this meeting was "Extend Your Knowledge." This year an individuals knowledge in the fields of business, religion, politics, world interests will be expanded in ways never dreamed about. What exciting times to be embraced.

Club President Bobbie Sanders opened the meeting and Myrt Williams gave the opening prayer and pledges to the flags were given. Regular business meeting began with the Secretaries report followed by a report from the Treasurer. Nelva June Martin reported the proceeds received from the Tour of Homes netted \$315.97 and 73 made the tour. Reports from standing committee were then requested. The Executive Committee received a request by Gladys Mittel to transfer her from a regu-

lar member to an associate. The Club voted to do so. Gladys has been a valued regular member for many years and we are going to miss her capable contributions as a regular member. Reports from hospitality, telephone, finance, State School, museum and library committees followed. The library committee reported all of the original order of the county and bluebonnet throws had sold and more had been ordered. A report was made by the museum committee as to the feasibility of opening the museum on Saturday afternoon. The club voted to discontinue this practice as the attendance on Saturday was very low. The finance committee reported the club was asked to have the Yum Yum Shoppe Saturday evening February 13th and Sunday afternoon February 14th during the intermission of the Way Off Broadway production of "An On The Sixth Day" and the club voted to do so. The club also voted to give a memorial to the library in honor of Jewel Van Dussen.

Roll call followed the business meeting and was answered with a

favorite quotation. These were very thought provoking.

Program leader Shine Spigarelli introduced Imogene Edmiston as our speaker. Imogene always brings a wonderful program when she is asked to speak before the club. This time she gave a book review about angels. The book was titled "The Autobiography of an Angel" and was authored by James Jennings. This beautiful angel was only 1 1/2 inch and was named Big George by a most loving nurse. Although Big George was only on this earth for 21 days we were told of his thoughts during this time. Most of his time was spent in a special neonatal care hospital. George had a tough time physically but his thoughts about those around him shows us how he touched the hearts of all who were around him. George's story touched each of us in a very powerful way.

The club collect followed the book review.

The meeting closed with the delicious refreshments being served by the hostess committee of Betty Arnold, Mary McGinnes, Jo Callison and Gladys Mittel.

Questions and Answers

by James C. Doyle, Justice of the Peace

I have prepared a list of questions that I have been asked. The answers were obtained from the "Texas Transportation Code".

Q. How fast can I pull a trailer?

A. Code 543.352 When you attach a trailer to your vehicle, it becomes a truck and must obey the speed limit posted for a truck, (60 m.p.h. daytime, 55 m.p.h. night), with two exceptions:

1. A trailer or semitrailer designed to haul livestock can be towed the posted speed for a passenger car. (Not to exceed 70 m.p.h.)

2. A boat and trailer 26 feet or less can be towed the posted speed for a passenger car. (Not to exceed 70 m.p.h.)

Q. Do I have to equip my 1 ton

truck that has dual wheels, with mud flaps?

A. Code 547.606 A vehicle with four tires on the rear most axle, must have an approved safety guard located and suspended behind each set of wheels, to within 8 inches of the highway surface.

Exception: This law does not apply to a truck-tractor operated alone or a pole trailer.

Q. Why is a school bus required to drive so slow on a good Federal Highway?

A. Code 545.352 A school bus cannot exceed 50 m.p.h. on any highway other than the Interstate Highway System. A school bus cannot exceed 55 m.p.h. on the Interstate Highway System.

If anyone has a question concerning the Traffic Laws or perhaps some of the Criminal Laws. Please feel free to come by my office any time and I will look them up for you.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Doing their part for conservation — Mabel and Bill Freitag were honored by the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District for their contributions to conservation in Schleicher County. District President Billy Hausenfluck presented the couple a plaque during the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce banquet last week.

ESC Region XV offers school board candidate workshop

SAN ANGELO — Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop planned for Thursday, February 18 from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 15 Education Service Center located at 612 S. Irene St. in San Angelo.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view "A Call to Service", a Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6161.

The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

1/13/99 Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 34, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

1/15/99 Boloni, Rodney D., male age 40, hold for Tom Green County, charged with Driving While Intoxicated (Third).

Rivas, Gloria L., female age 29, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Failure To Appear/Warrant DWI. Released on \$500 PR Bond. Esquivel, Samuel C., male age 23, hold for Irion County, charged with Burglary Of Building.

1/16/99 Factor, James Lee, male age 45, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

1/18/99 Barron, Guajardo Maria, female age 41, hold for US Marshall, charged Principal In Smuggling Case.

1/18/99 Ramirez, Antonio Acevedo, male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Driving While Intoxicated (1st). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

1/13/99 Complainant requested an officer to check health of male subject. EMS called back to report that everything was OK. Complainant reported a con-

trolled burn at their place 12 miles North.

Criminal Trespass warrant served on male subject.

1/15/99 Green suburban has lost its tire in the middle of the intersection. Officer radio dispatch for a wrecker.

Hospital reported a dog bite. Officer responded.

1/16/99 Complainant reported to Sheriff's Officer that there will be a controlled burn on ranch.

Complainant stated that there was a drunk Hispanic male in front of their house.

1/17/99 Noise Disturbance on Del Rio and San Saba Streets.

Loose Livestock - Complainant reported that there were show lambs loose at Ag barn. Possible owner was contacted.

1/18/99 Report to Sheriff's Office of a controlled burn.

Complainant reported that there were people walking (maybe stranded) 12 miles out on 190 East. Officer responded.

Complainant called and advised they would have a controlled burn.

Complainant reported to Sheriff's Office a middle school student has not returned to school since 12:20 p.m. after lunch.

1/19/99 Complainant called Sheriff's Office and advised that there was a kid crawling through a window at a neighbors house. Officer responded and made contact with subject. Subject lives at that residence.

Solution for puzzle on page 2:

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Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Part time or Full Time Janitorial-Maintenance Position in Sonora. People w/ disabilities encouraged to apply. Please call 659-2201 for more information. 3b

Business for Sale

FOR SALE - Local convenience store for sale or lease. Fuel system in compliance. Call 915-396-2030 daytime. 531fn

CARD OF THANKS

Words are completely inadequate to express my gratitude for the wonderful professional and considerate care I received from the Schleicher County E.M.S., Dr. Kingston, and the Administrator and Staff of the Schleicher County Medical Center during my recent illness. You are some of the finest guys and gals it has ever been my privilege to know.

Also, my heartfelt thanks to my dear friends who called, visited, sent cards or expressed their love and concern in other ways. It is so good to live in such a caring and considerate community. May God bless each and every one of you.

Elton McGinnes

For Rent

Eldorado - 2 Bedroom House for Rent. 212 West. Leave Message Call 853-2490.3p

Eldorado - DUPLEX FOR RENT: 3/BR, 1/BA DUPLEX. 134 Del Rio; Apt. 101; Fenced yard Washer/Dryer Connection. \$325 Month. Call 915-387-2171 Wayne Munn Real Estate/Broker. 50b

Ozona - For Rent: One bedroom apartment. Bills paid. 392-3907.p

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This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Johnny Mendez. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Johnny he was receiving his high school diploma from EHS Principal Ken Newman. Johnny is the first graduate of Schleicher County ISD's Alternative School. Johnny plans to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps this spring.

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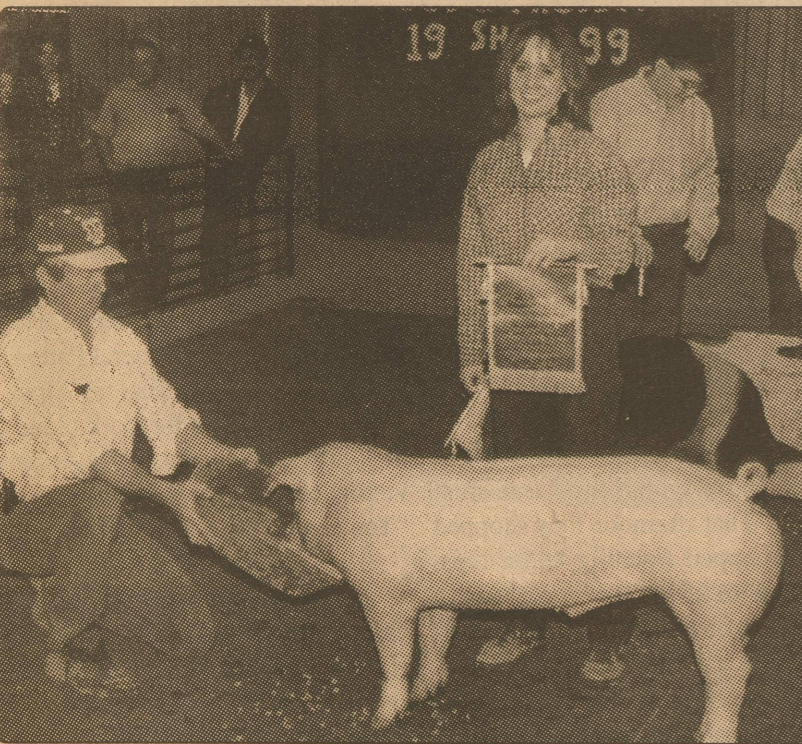
Ozona - Yard Sale: 157 Santa Rosa St; Sat. 23; 8AM-?; All sorts of things. If rain cancelled.

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Good looking hog — Kayla Kohls had the Champion and the Reserve Champion swine at the Schleicher County Jr. Livestock show. Here she displays the barrow which won the Champion banner.



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Farm Bureau seeks rewrite of Freedom to Farm Act

ALBUQUERQUE, NM — Responding to dismal economic conditions in agriculture, delegates at the American Farm Bureau Federation convention here recognized the need to reexamine the three year old "Freedom to Farm Act" at the organization's 80th annual convention Wednesday afternoon.

Texas Farm Bureau delegates,

led by TFB President Bob Stallman, supported the motion, which placed the nation's largest farm organization on record in favor of a second look at the FAIR Act, also known as "Freedom to Farm."

Stallman stepped forward during the debate, praising certain aspects of the FAIR Act, while stressing the serious situation fac-

ing farm families. He helped forge a coalition of Southern and Midwest states to put Farm Bureau clout behind a reexamination of the current farm law. Stallman and other delegates recounted examples of a deepening farm crisis in the U.S.

The resolution said, in part, "AFBF will seek a complete reexamination of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act), to assure that adequate economic and natural disaster assistance is available."

The AFBF delegates, including those from Texas, rejected a return to the supply management programs of past farm bills.

"There is a lot we like about the FAIR Act," Stallman said. "The problem is that promises were made when we agreed to support it. We were promised expanded trade and an easing of the enormous regulatory burden on agriculture. Unfortunately, the opposite has happened."

Stallman, a rice producer from Columbus, Texas, said the failure to carry out these promises has been partly to blame for severe economic problems in agriculture. He was careful to point out, however, that certain aspects of the FAIR Act, like market flexibility, are very positive.

During the debate, Stallman said, "This is asking for no more than a reexamination of the FAIR Act. It says nothing about going back to the policies of the past. It says nothing about backing up from the other elements that we desire in our farm policy. It merely says that we need to reexamine it in the context of current economic conditions."

Time to act is now for oil, economy

The Texas economy is significantly broader and deeper than it was in the days when skidding oil prices could quickly turn boom to bust. But even with a diverse economy, oil still lubricates Texas' prosperity.

The Wall Street Journal reported recently that it expects the Texas economy "to hit the brakes" this year, in large part due to declining oil prices. But at least we can be optimistic that Texas is not expected to "hit the wall."

Without a doubt, West Texans are feeling the effects of low oil prices. And none of us is immune. Respected oil editor John Paul Pitts of the Midland Reporter-Telegram compared the dip in oil prices to "the stall warning going off in an airplane." And he warned, "It signaled a possible crash because oil-based economies are simply not designed to fly on single digit oil prices."

The impact on Texas is obvious. The threat to the nation is that low prices could halt much pro-



Lamar Smith
U.S. Representative,
21st Congressional
District of Texas

duction, we could lose wells forever and become even more dependent on foreign oil. The U.S. already imports more than half our oil, much of it from the Mideast where we are currently in armed conflict with Iraq.

It is not the first time--and is likely not to be the last time--we will feel compelled to put the lives of young Americans in the military at risk to protect our oil supplies.

Texas oil and gas producers are faced with economic conditions that are largely out of our control. But there are some immediate actions we can take.

Among the first bills introduced in the new Congress this month was the "Marginal Wells Tax Credit." I am working for

quick passage of this legislation that will have a positive and immediate impact on the Texas economy. This important action provides relief to our very vulnerable marginal wells.

The bill would preserve jobs and business while we wait for oil and gas markets to turn around. Just as importantly, this tax credit will help preserve our domestic resources and maintain a level of independence from foreign producers.

We must act quickly to keep the economy strong while also working toward a long-overdue national energy policy that will provide protections from future oil shocks that put all Americans at the mercy of foreign powers.

Though slowing, the Texas economy is expected to outpace the U.S. economy as a whole this year. We'll be grateful if the prediction holds. But if we fail to heed warnings about the long-term impacts of historically low oil prices, our economic worries will only increase.

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Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson

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Family Life in the '50s Was Less Threatened Than Today

QUESTION: Everyone talks about how rebellious teens are today. I don't believe my parents went through this kind of anxiety when my sisters and I were young. We were all relatively happy and none of us rebelled. Am I right in assuming that good family life was easier to achieve in those days?

DR. DOBSON: I'm sure your memory is generally correct despite the exceptions we can all recall. The majority of parents in earlier years spent less energy worrying about their children. They had other things on their minds. I remember talking to my dad about this subject a few years before his death. Our children were young at the time and I, like you, was feeling the heavy responsibility of raising them properly.

I turned to my father and asked, "Do you remember worrying about me when I was a kid? Did you think about all the things that could go wrong as I came through the adolescent years? How did you feel about these pressures associated with being a father?"

Dad was rather embarrassed by my question. He smiled sheepishly and said, "Honestly, Bo" (his pet name for me) "I never really gave that a thought."

How do we explain his lack of concern? Was it because he didn't love me or because he was an uninvolved parent? No. He was a wonderful father throughout my childhood. Instead, his answer reflected the time in which I grew up. People worried about the Depression that was just ending, and the war with Germany and Japan, and later the Cold War with Russia. They did not invest much ef-

fort in hand-wringing over their children ... at least not until some kind of problem developed. Trouble was not anticipated.

Why not? Because there were fewer land mines for kids in that era. I attended high school during the "Happy Days" of the 1950s, and I never saw or even heard of anyone taking an illegal drug. It happened, I suppose, but it was certainly no threat to me. Some students liked to get drunk, but alcohol was not a big deal in my social environment. Others played around with sex, but the girls who did were considered "loose" and were not respected. Virginity was still in style for males and females. Occasionally a girl came up pregnant, but she was packed off in a hurry, and I never knew where she went. As for homosexuals and lesbians, a few students were open about their lifestyle, but I didn't know them personally. There were certainly no posters on our bulletin boards advertising Gay Pride Month or Condom Week.

Most of my friends respected their parents, went to church on Sunday, studied hard enough to get by and lived a fairly clean life. There were exceptions, of course, but this was the norm.

Today's kids, by contrast, are walking through the Valley of the Shadow! Drugs, sex, alcohol, rebellion and alternative lifestyles are everywhere. Those dangers have never been so evident as they are now, and the worst may be yet to come.

QUESTION: When do children begin to develop a sexual nature? Does this occur suddenly during puberty?

DR. DOBSON: No, it occurs long before puberty. Perhaps the most important concept suggested by Freud was his observation that children are not asexual. He stated that sexual gratification begins in the cradle and is first associated with feeding.

Behavior during childhood is influenced considerably by sexual curiosity and interest, although the happy hormones do not take full charge until early adolescence. Thus it is not uncommon for a 4-year-old to be interested in nudity and the sexual apparatus of the opposite sex.

The elementary school years are an important time in the forming of sexual attitudes. Parents should be careful not to express shock and disgust over this kind of curiosity, even though they have to disapprove of exploratory behavior. It is believed that many sexual problems begin as a result of inappropriate training during early childhood.

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Annual Ram Test field day slated March 18th

SONORA — The annual Ram Performance Test field day and sale is set for March 18, 1999 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) here. The station is located between Sonora and Rocksprings on Hwy 55.

Approximately 219 Rambouillet rams are expected to complete this year's test. The top 30 percent will be eligible for the field day sale. The animals offered for sale will be certified Rambouillet rams and non-registered rams meeting the certification standards.

"We have an excellent set of rams on test this year," said Dr. Dan Waldron San Angelo-based TAES researcher and the test's coordinator. "Our numbers are up, indicating optimism in the sheep industry. We also have a few new breeders with some outstanding animals and genetics participating in this year's test which I am happy to see. These rams are from some of the world's top flocks. Buying one or several should be a positive addition to any West Texas sheep operation."

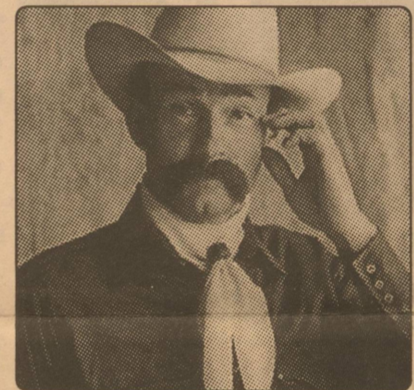
Waldron said prospective buyers wishing to view the animals in the fleece will have their last chance during the final weigh-day scheduled February 17. The animals are set to be sheared February 18.

Participants are invited to inspect the rams and their performance data the day of the field day and sale. Lunch will be sponsored by the Sutton

County 4-H Club from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. An educational program is scheduled after lunch prior to the sale. The program will feature an update from Rancher's Lamb of Texas Manager Wayne Snyder, an update on current sheep breeding research, a report on the Pasture-to-Packer Program, an overview of the test, and the awarding of Certified Ram Certificates by the American Rambouillet Sheep

Breeders Association.

The 2:00 p.m. sale of the performance tested rams concludes the day's activities. Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist at San Angelo, will direct the sale. Advance copies of the test data are available from Dr. Waldron. For further information contact Dr. Dan Waldron or Dr. Frank Craddock at 915-653-4576 or Don Spiller at 915-387-3168.



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Pickup Dreams

I'm not sure what it is about pickups that make men drool. Maybe it's because women drool over men in pickups.

But sometimes a cowboy will over reach.

Dave and Jan came by our house on the way to the city. They were goin' pickup shoppin'. "I need one that can handle those steep, rocky canyon roads with switchbacks like a bad case of hiccups and nothin' but washboard between the washouts. It's gotta be able to pull a loaded twenty-foot gooseneck up the face of Gybralter without grabbin' compound," explained Dave.

"I'm thinkin' a 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive diesel with manual transmission." That afternoon they shopped and shopped. Four big dealerships, each with 25 to 50 new pickups . . . but not one 4 speed manual transmission.

"Everybody wants an automatic," said the dealer.

Dave stuck to his guns, but with each subsequent shiny macho machine he was shown, the sticker price began to weigh heavier on his mind.

They had dinner in a restaurant then stopped at one last car dealer. Twenty-eight trucks on the lot. Twenty-seven had an automatic transmission. His dream truck flexed before him. The adrenaline rush surged through him, washing away all budget concerns. He smelled the new grease, felt the gear shift sorta click around the H. He sat tall. He became General Patton leading his cavalry across the Alps.

A couple times the dark cloud of doubt darkened his glittering vision but Jan encouraged him, "You can do it," she cooed.

They drove it off the lot. Back home in bed Dave dreamed of shackles on his ankles. He was carrying the truck on his shoulders as the dealer heaped optional accessories in the bed.

As he wound his way through the next day's chores he had visions of his children begging on the street, his mother coming out of the nursing home and his wife selling Tupperware, all to help make the payments. "It's only \$15 a day for six years," the dealer had said, "Just skip breakfast!"

Dave tossed and turned that night unable to sleep. Desperation frayed his mind.

Next morning the dealer called with a problem. Seems Dave's trade-in had a bent frame. "Can you bring the new one back?" they asked.

Dave gulped, and much to their surprise, said "Gas mine up, I'll be there by noon!"

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