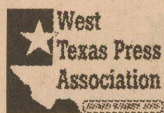


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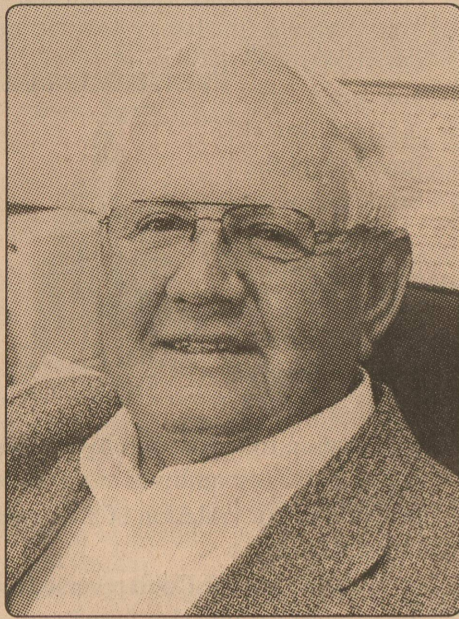


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James C. Doyle
Schleicher County
Justice of the Peace

Doyle seeks reelection as JP

I am announcing my bid for reelection for the office of Justice of the Peace, of Schleicher County. I will have served 12 years at the end of 2006. I have enjoyed working for the citizens of Schleicher County and I would like to continue working for you.

Over the past years my office has improved our collection of court fees and fines to the extent that this office has turned over more than \$20,000.00 dollars a month. One month we collected \$29,000.00 to the county. When I took office in 1995 they were turning in \$1,000.00 a month, to the County Treasurer. The County is allowed to keep approximately 60% of the funds collected and the remaining portion goes to the State of Texas for court costs.

These funds collected help keep your taxes lower because the county can use these funds to operate and not use tax dollars.

As Justice of the Peace I am available to the Sheriff's Department and any citizen 24 hours a day. Part of my job is to hold court every morning and set bonds on defendants who were arrested during the previous evening.

Also, my office handles a large number of Small Claims and Justice Court cases, where people have a past due account at the Schleicher County Medical Center or various business establishments in the county.

I have enjoyed serving you.

Sincerely,

James C. (Jimmy) Doyle

Ministerial Alliance taking applications for holiday food baskets

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance is taking applications for Christmas Food Baskets. Applications will be accepted at the Resource Center now through Dec 15. Pickup date is Dec 20. Food items included: 1 Butterball turkey (18-20lb), baking pan, aluminum foil, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, chicken broth, stuffing mix, and cake mix. Everything you need for a holiday meal. The annual food basket program is a joint ministry of the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance and the Episcopal Foundation of Sonora.

Hospital board hires Sarah Huge as Nursing Home administrator

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday evening, Nov. 28, 2005, and voted unanimously to hire Sarah Huge (pronounced Hewgee) as administrator of the local nursing home. The move is part of the board's ongoing efforts to completely separate the administration and day-to-day operation of the nursing home from the district's hospital and clinic.

Preferred Management Corporation of Shawnee, OK will assume the operation of the hospital and clinic beginning Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, with current hospital administrator Sharon Dietz continuing on in her position. She will oversee hospital and clinic operations. Sarah Huge is set to begin her job on Jan. 1, 2006.

Huge comes to Eldorado from Rotan where she presently administers a nursing home similar to the one here in Eldorado. She is a native of Seminole and has an extensive background in the operation and

management of long term care facilities.

Monday night's meeting was called to order by board president Randy Mankin with trustees Jim Martin, Susie Richters, Dr. Jim Brame, and J.D. Doyle in attendance. Trustee Ricky Fuessel was absent. Ms. Richters left the meeting in progress to serve as an ambulance service volunteer.

Other than the hiring of Ms. Huge, Monday's meeting was uneventful with the trustees handling a number of routine business items. Included among those were Quality Assurance reports delivered by Vicke Farmer, Director of Nursing in the Hospital and Anita Jones, Director of Nursing in the Nursing Home.

The board then reviewed the hospital's financial records and bad debt listing before approving a \$28,437.44 bad debt write-off. They also reviewed and approved the district's indigent care report and investment report.

Provider agreements with United Healthcare

and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services were approved by the board. The trustees then tabled discussion of upgrading the hospital's CT scanner leaving that decision to be made by Preferred Management after their lease of the hospital begins on Dec. 1st.

The board then approved an amendment to the medical staff bylaws allowing for "allied credentialing" of radiologists working at Shannon Health Center and San Angelo Community Hospital. That means radiologists presently working for those facilities may work for Schleicher County Medical Center without going through an extensive procedure of verifying and approving their credentials.

Before adjourning the board voted to approve contracts with reference laboratories and agreed to cancel their December meeting.

The group's next meeting is slated for Monday, January 23, 2006 in the hospital board room.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

EMS volunteers took Rosa Linda Fuentes, 53, of Eldorado, by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center following a 2-vehicle accident at the intersection of North Street and North Divide. According to Deputy Kevin Herbert who investigated the crash, a 2005 Ford Focus, driven by Frances Marie Arispe, 25, of Eldorado, pulled away from the stop sign on North Street and attempted to cross into the northbound lane on North Divide. The Focus collided with the southbound 2002 Mazda driven by Ms. Fuentes, striking it in the passenger door. Ms. Arispe was cited for failure to yield right-of-way at a stop sign.

Commissioners reinstate county wide burn ban

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, November 28, 2005, and voted unanimously to reinstate a county wide burn ban, effective immediately. The action was requested by Fire Chief Jerry Jones who cited dry conditions and a statewide wildfire alert. The ban allows for controlled burns only under limited and specific conditions. The ban will remain in place until further notice.

The action came during the commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting, which was attended by County Judge Johnny Griffin, Commissioners Matt Brown, Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo and Kirk Griffin. Also present were County Clerk Peggy Williams, Treasurer Karen Henderson, County Attorney Raymond Loomis and road Superintendent Clay Burleson.

Among other business, the commissioners approved the minutes of the November 14, 2005 meeting and the meeting on November 21, where the court canvassed the November 8 constitutional amendment election.

The men then voted to advertise for bids for the purchase of a cab and chassis truck for the road department. The bid notice appears on page 9 of this edition. Bids are slated to be opened on December 12.

In other business the commissioners authorized County Clerk Peggy Williams Office to contract with the Attorney General Office to handle child support payments prior to January 1, 1994. Mrs. Williams advised that she has only a few child support orders issued prior to 1994 and did not see any problems with contracting with the AG for those.

Ms. Williams then asked the commissioners to consider a proposal to scan 71 old volumes of county records that are fading. She mentioned a company that will take on the task of scanning, digitizing, and microfilming each book for a price of \$29,145.00. A second option that would involve reproducing the books from microfilm already in storage came in at \$25,000.00.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Commissioner Johnny Mayo (R) looked on Monday as County Clerk Peggy Williams displayed an aging volume of county records. She asked the commissioners to consider having the documents scanned and digitized in order to preserve them for the future.

Wildfire threat continues as fires strike across state

Wind-driven wildfires scorched over 17,000 acres and claimed several homes in Texas over a five-day period spanning the Thanksgiving holiday, and the wildfire threat isn't over. Fire weather forecasters predict dry weather this week for most of the state, with particularly dangerous conditions expected to occur on Wednesday.

"West of Interstate 35 remains at very high to extreme risk of wildfires, but elevated risk also extends to the western side of the piney woods region in northeast Texas," said Spencer, state fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service. "Grasses and weeds across the northwestern two-thirds of the state are now dormant and fire-prone. This vegetation has the potential to fuel very dangerous, fast-moving wildfires any time dry, windy conditions occur and an ignition source is present. Large fires that occurred in Montague, Wilbarger, Parker, Eastland and Wise counties over the weekend attest to the fire threat that exists."

From November 23-27, state and federal firefighters assisted local firefighting resources on 61 fires that scorched an estimated 16,929 acres. One of these fires, in Montague County, claimed six homes, five vehicles and a travel trailer and was still uncontrolled Monday morning. The largest fire during the period started Sunday in Wilbarger County. It had burned an estimated 10,000 acres and also remained uncontrolled as of Monday morning. Firefighters blame a propane popgun, of the type used to scare off crows, for igniting a blaze on which a Lee County firefighter received burns on his hands, arms and face.

Local fire departments battled numerous other blazes during the period, according to the Texas Forest Service, but accurate totals on fire numbers and acreage burned weren't readily available. Many of the wildfires across the state resulted from escaped debris burning, according to TFS regional fire coordinators.

Winds associated with the frontal passage fanned fires out of control through already fire-prone, freeze-dried grasses and weeds in north and north central Texas. Only southeast Texas counties received significant precipitation over the weekend, said Spencer.

Strict compliance with bans on out-

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Beware of reasoning by historical analogy

by Timothy Lynch

Thirty years ago, in the wake of the Vietnam War, historian James Clay Thompson warned: the primary lesson learned was that the United States should never again go to war in a former French colony located on the other side of the globe, in a land with a tropical climate, against an insurgent force supported by a sympathetic communist regime in a contiguous state. Thompson acknowledged the lesson's limited applicability.

Pennsylvania Democratic Representative John Murtha, a decorated Marine who served in Vietnam, recently dubbed the American effort in Iraq "a flawed policy wrapped in an illusion" and called for a rapid US military withdrawal. Representative Murtha is among many from my generation drawing analogies between Vietnam and the fighting in Iraq.

Commentary
by Dr. Earl Tilford

In late 1971, I returned from Indochina perplexed by my experiences. Over the next fifteen

years I wrote a volume in the Air Force's official history of that conflict, completed a doctorate in military history and then penned two additional books on the war. I also taught courses on the Vietnam War at the Air War College and several civilian universities. While I appreciate lessons history provides, with no disrespect to nineteenth century philosopher Georges Santayana, the past does not repeat itself.

Nevertheless, there are only two ways to approach the future: faith and the study of history. The former, based on things unproven, issues from beliefs and opinions usually flowing subjectively from religious or ideological convictions. History, while open to interpretation, relies on facts, however subject to interpretation those may be. For instance, how the Viet Cong and their North Vietnamese allies defeated the United States remains a matter of historical controversy. Fact is, however, on April 29, 1975 North Vietnamese forces raised a Viet Cong flag over the Presidential Palace in what is today Ho Chi Minh City.

Four years into the global struggle against al Qaeda and its supporters, US-led forces have planted democracies in Afghanistan and Iraq. Despite barbarous attacks by insurgents and terrorists infiltrated from Iran and Syria, the Iraqis held two elections and ratified a liberal constitution. Polemically-driven carping aside, the US is winning this war.

Nevertheless, Vietnam specters linger for good reasons. With a tip of the hat to Santayana, the current administration's strategic goals entering this war were as poorly-defined as those of the Kennedy and Johnson administrations in Vietnam. This goes beyond analogies between the Gulf of Tonkin incidents of August 1964 and whether or not President Bush lied about intelligence, "fixed" dubious intelligence to support the case for invading Iraq, or simply acted on bad information. The more egregious mistake was that the administration failed to make a strategically clear case for war. Without clear strategic objectives, the military cannot devise a coherent strategy. Poorly defined strategies cannot be redeemed by firepower or heroic sacrifices. In Vietnam, that was the ultimate reason US policy failed. America's will evaporated because there were no coherent and clearly established strategic goals to which the public could respond until President Richard M. Nixon provided three limited objectives in 1969: withdrawal of US forces by the end of his first term in office, turning primary responsibility for the prosecution of the war back to the South Vietnamese—a process labeled "Vietnamization," and the return of American prisoners of war. While the US accomplished only two of those goals, the subsequent fall of South Vietnam testifies to failure of Vietnamization.

However poorly defined, the strategic goal in Vietnam was the preservation of an independent and democratic Republic of Vietnam. Great nations do not go to war so they can retreat and get back their POWs. While the Nixon administration succeeded in the withdrawal part of its strategy and in bringing the POWs home, US forces withdrew before the South Vietnamese were adequately prepared to persevere against a determined foe.

The Vietnam War was a side-show in a larger struggle between the East and West. Likewise, Iraq is a theater in a larger global struggle with al Qaeda, Hezbollah and the nations that support them, primarily Iran and Syria. In Vietnam, Ha-

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My career as a gravedigger

It has been my good fortune to have held a wide variety of jobs in my life. Growing up as the grandson of a sharecropper I had the opportunity to pick cotton before the mechanical strippers did away with the 9 foot-long cotton sacks that pickers dragged up and down the rows.

Actually, I never strapped on one of the big sacks. I was too young. My grandmother made me a smaller one out of a flour sack and I would "work" on the turn row near the trailer where my granddad weighed and dumped the cotton. He would give me a quarter each time I presented my sack to be weighed. The rate of pay made me the highest paid cotton picker in the field, a fact that irked a couple of my uncles who were grown teenagers at the time.

My granddad eventually bought a sandy-land farm in Jones County where he raised peanuts, hogs and a passel of grandkids. Being the oldest of the herd I learned more than I ever wanted to know about thrashing and sacking peanuts, baling peanut hay and loading &



OVER THE
BACK FENCE
by Randy Mankin

unloading the infernal stuff.

There's nothing quite like slinging a bale of hay up onto a trailer on a hot sweltering day and getting a face-full of sand.

After my granddad died my parents took over the hog farm and expanded it considerably. One day, my father sent me to bury a sow that had died under some scrub brush in one of the small pastures. The sandy soil made for easy going but digging in sand can be like digging in a bowl of sugar. After an hour the hole is six inches deep and thirty feet wide. Besides, the sow had been dead for awhile and the aroma wasn't exactly to my liking. So, instead of digging as deep as I should have, I rolled the deceased swine into the shallow

pit and covered her up.

Needless to say, the critter didn't stay covered. My father and I were actually working in an adjacent pen a couple of days later when we heard the pop. By the time I finished burying the sow a second time I had learned to appreciate the value of a job well done.

In high school I worked at clothing store where I made a whopping \$1 per hour. Even at that, I was probably overpaid. Then there was the oilfield and the time in college when I sold Kirby vacuum cleaners door-to-door.

Kathy and I managed an apartment complex right after we married (one of the worst jobs I ever had) and I cleaned carpet for awhile. Then it was back to the oilfield before straying into the newspaper business (the best job I've ever had) a dozen years ago.

I'm not sure what any of this tells me about myself except that I like what I do now a lot better than burying pigs or loading peanut hay.



Small towns have the best festivals

We had a good time at the Fisher County airport between Roby and Rotan. It was the first annual Boot Scoot and Wild Hog Fest. Those folks know how to have a party. The event took place at the airport because area pilots were on hand to give kids their first ride in an airplane. Nearly a hundred went way up high into the sky.

The newly organized Chamber of Commerce was looking for some kind of fundraiser and since wild hogs are roaming around Fisher County these days, chamber directors thought they should be a part of it.

"It's the biggest thing we've ever done," says Rosemary Donham, publisher of the Rotan Advance and Roby Star newspapers. "We didn't want a cake sale or a garage sale. Everybody does those. We wanted something different. We decided to do something big instead of something small."

The chamber paid for the gasoline the planes used. "We wanted the kids to have free plane rides," says Rosemary. "In order to do



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

that, we wanted the pilots to have an incentive to fly in."

Fisher County only has 4,000 residents. 600 of them live in Roby, about 2,000 live in Rotan. The airport had a huge tent where about 350 people gathered for a steak dinner Thursday night before the weekend events started on Saturday (Friday is football and you don't plan anything on Friday night during football season in West Texas). After a gospel group entertained the crowd, a live auction raised about \$10,000.

Saturday morning 28 vendors showed up to sell everything from books and antiques to marshmallow shooters and cowboy hats. Kids bobbed for applies and entered contests to see who could blow the biggest bubble gum bubble (the winner blew a 6-incher). Sassy the

clown made balloon figures and painted faces. There was a big slide and a mechanical bull. Cheer leaders and synchronized dancers performed in the shadows of the airplane hangars.

The thing I noticed most was children ages 5-10 were free to be kids. Their parents let them wander around to see everything with their little buddies. Kids being kids without their parents right behind them sensing danger is a beautiful thing to see. You don't see much of that in Dallas or Houston.

I got to judge the barbecue cook-off late Saturday afternoon. There was wild hog, to be sure, but the dozen cooks also brought in chicken, beans, chili, ribs, brisket and a scary category called Weird Stuff. The cooks proudly displayed their elaborate cooking setups to the site judges. I didn't get a single bribe offer. The winners got handsome trophies and bragging rights.

After the judging, the crowd sauntered over to the tent for a big dance featuring two local groups and legendary Texas musician Gary P. Nunn and his band.

June 1 deadline set by Supreme Court for school finance fix

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court on Nov. 22 agreed that parts of Texas' school finance system are unconstitutional and gave lawmakers until June 1 to fix the funding woes.

In a 7-1 ruling the court agreed with the district court that the state's control of local taxation for education by placing a cap on taxes amounts to a state property tax in violation of the Texas Constitution.

But the Supreme Court reversed the lower court's ruling that found part of the school finance system inefficient.

The Supreme Court sent the issue of attorneys fee back to the trial court and postponed until June 1 the effective date of the trial court's injunction that would halt funding for public schools.

"We remain convinced, however, as we were 16 years ago, that defects in the structure of the public school finance system expose the system to constitutional challenge," Justice Nathan Hecht wrote in the majority opinion. "Pouring more money into the system may forestall those challenges, but only for a time. They will repeat until the system is overhauled."

Justice Scott A. Brister was the lone dissenter. New Justice Don R. Willett, who was formally sworn in by Gov. Rick Perry that same day, did not sit on the case.

The plaintiffs, 47 districts led by West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District, contended that property taxes, though imposed locally, have become a state property tax prohibited by the Texas Constitution.

An additional 282 districts contended that funding for school operations and facilities is inefficient in violation of the Texas Constitution, because children in property-poor districts do not have substantially equal access to education revenue.

So the ball is now back in the Texas Legislature's hands.

Lawmakers took up school finance during two special sessions this summer and the regular session but failed to reach a compromise.

Perry said he would call another special session before the June 1 deadline. His Texas Tax Reform Commission, headed by John Sharp, currently is studying various tax issues and will make recommendations.

"I am ready to resolve this issue. So are many legislators and so are the people of Texas," Perry said.

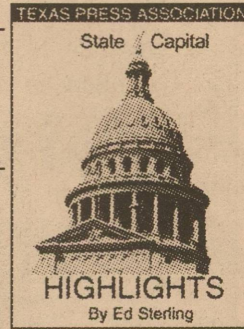
Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said he would appoint the Senate Select Committee on Education Excellence and Public School Finance Reform to respond to the Supreme Court's decision.

Dewhurst said a special session on school finance should "address not only significantly lowering our local school property taxes, but reforming and improving our public education system."

Texas House speaker Tom Craddick said he looked forward to working with Perry and Dewhurst "to find a solution that will appropriately answer the court's ruling" by the deadline.

Audit finds faults at SOS

Significant weaknesses in the Office of the Secretary of State's controls over its revenue processes limit its ability to safeguard revenue that it collects from citizens and businesses for providing various services, the



OBITUARIES

Jesusita "Susie" DeLa Rosa Garcia

SAN ANGELO — Jesusita "Susie" de la Rosa Garcia, 78, of San Angelo passed away Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at Baptist Memorials in San Angelo. Rosary was at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24, in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, in St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. David Herrera as celebrant. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Susie was born Sept. 29, 1927, in San Angelo to her parents, Cleto and Josepha de la Rosa. She married Gregorio M. Garcia on Sept. 27, 1947, in Ballinger, Texas, and they shared 58 beautiful years of marriage together.

Susie was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Ramon D. Garcia.

She is survived by her loving family: husband Gregorio M. Garcia of San Angelo; one son, Daniel D. Garcia of San

Angelo; three daughters, Herlinda Ramirez of Dallas, Josie Martinez and Maria Cecilia "Cissy" Valdez, both of San Angelo; nine grandchildren, Missy Flores of San Angelo, Cesar D. Garcia of San Angelo, Octavio D. Garcia of Sherman, Tina Fernandez and Ricky Martinez Jr. of San Angelo, and Ashley Valdez, all of San Angelo, and Nick Ramirez III and Renee Ramirez, both of Dallas; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ofelia Davila and Ninfa Lopez, both of San Angelo, and Alicia de la Cruz of Greeley, Colo; one brother, Cleto de la Rosa Jr. of Long Beach, Calif; three aunts, Lola Garza of Eldorado, Lupe Matos of Colorado City and Rosa Enriquez of Washington; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

Susie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, and she will dearly miss her.



Angel Tree Update

Christmas Trees at Duckwall, First National Bank and Super S are decorated with Angels. They are ready for you to make an Angel selection so you can help a child in our community have a better Christmas this year. Please go to one of the Angel Christmas Trees and pick an Angel, buy a gift/gifts, wrap the gift (Please No gift bags) and take it to the Resource Center.

The gifts will be name-tagged and delivered from there.

We still have clothes and other items to give away. Come by and look around.

Thanks to all and Have a very Merry Christmas!

Meals for Friends Menu



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Meatballs & Spaghetti w/ Tomato, Seasoned Spinach, french Bread, Toss Salad, Banana w/ Pudding, Milk

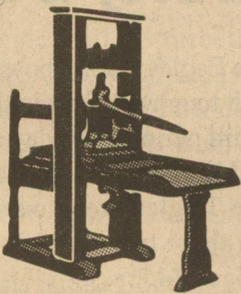
Tuesday, December 6
Roast Pork, French Cut Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Stewed Prunes, Milk

Wednesday, December 7
Turkey Tetrizzini, Broccoli, Toss Salad, Dinner roll, Raspberry Pears, Milk

Thursday, December 8
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Friday, December 9
BBQ Chicken Breast, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Sliced Tomato, Canned Peaches, Milk

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state auditor's office found in an October report.

The audit found that the agency does not immediately log cash and checks upon receipt, its revenue process is decentralized and its staff's revenue processing duties are not properly segregated. Those factors contribute to an inadequate system of internal controls, the report cited.

In about 38 percent of cases that auditors tested, the agency did not deposit revenue into the State Treasury within three business days of receipt as required by state law.

Hang a state park on the tree

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is offering a commemorative 2006 Texas State Parks tree ornament for Texans who purchase a State Parks Pass gift certificate by Dec. 31.

The pass gives the gift recipient and their guests a year of free entry to some 120 Texas state parks, historic sites and state natural areas that represent the best of Texas' natural and cultural attractions.

The gift certificates can be purchased for \$60 at most Texas state parks or ordered by phone at 512-389-8900.

Way Off Broadway Players Sanders Family Christmas

Tickets for the Way Off Broadway production of the Sanders Family Christmas are now on sale. Tickets will be sold at the Eldorado Success, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You can contact the office at 325/853-3125 or email for tickets at kathy@myeldorado.net.

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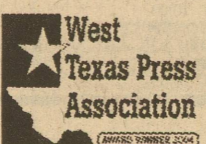
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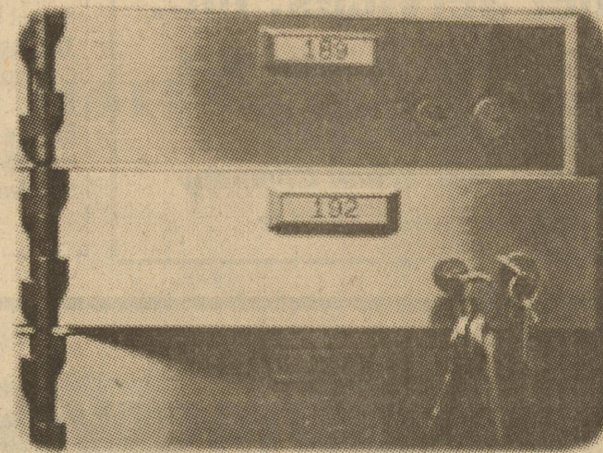
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JV GIRLS B

November 28, 2005

Eldorado	06-12-10-10=38
Ozona	00-00-00-00=27

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Marianna Guzman 11, LiAna Danford 6, Desiree Villeriano 6, Joy Martine 2, Rhapsody Swyter 7, Leslie Cruz 6. Also playing Marcela Huerta.

JV GIRLS

November 21, 2005

Eldorado	02-04-02-10=28
Eden	08-07-03-00=18

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Amika Gonzalez 2, Bridgett Mitchel 4, Corie Williams 2, Kassie Tyler 4, Ashley Lozano 2, Katherine Johnson 6, Tiffany Hernandez, 4, Veronica Belman 2, Deyanira Cruz 2.

School Lunch Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
 Menus Subject To Change
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each

BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, December 5
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday, December 6
 Buttered Toast, Jelly, Graham Crackers, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, December 7
 French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Applesauce, Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, December 8
 Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk

Friday, December 9
 Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, December 5
 Crisptos, Cheese Sauce, Quick Baked Potato, Salad, Dressing, Pineapple Slices

Tuesday, December 6
 Corn Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, Strawberry Fluff

Wednesday, December 7
 Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Hot Rolls, Sweet Potato Pie

Thursday, December 8
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spicy Fries, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Mixed Fruit

Friday, December 9
 Ham & Cheese, Chips, Sandwich Salad, Apple & Orange

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, December 5
 Pizza, Carrot Sticks's, Broccoli Tops, Pineapple Slices

Tuesday, December 6
 Hot Pockets, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Strawberry Fluff

Wednesday, December 7
 Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Hot Rolls, Sweet Potato Pie

Thursday, December 8
 Cowboy Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit

Friday, December 9
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Sandwich Salad, Apple & Orange

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Tues.	Nov. 1	Away	Irion Co. (Scr)	TBA		TBA	
Sat.	Nov. 5	TBA		TBA		TBA	TBA
Tues.	Nov. 8	Here	Pecos	4:30	6:00		
Fri.	Nov. 11	Here	Lake View	4:30/6		7:30	
Tues.	Nov. 15	Here	Christoval	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Fri.	Nov. 18	Here	Rocksprings	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Mon.	Nov. 21	Away	Eden	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Tues.	Nov. 29	Away	Miles	4:00	5:30	7:00	8:30
Th-Sat	Dec. 1-3	Away	Bronte Tournament	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Th-Sat	Dec. 1-3	Here	Eldorado JV Tourn.	TBA	TBA		
Tues.	Dec. 6	Away	Iraan	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Th-Sat	Dec. 8-10	Away	Water Vally Tourn	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Th-Sat	Dec. 8-10	Away	Iraan Tourn.	TBA	TBA		
*Tues	Dec. 13	Away	Sonora	5:00		6:30	
Tues	Dec. 13	Away	Water Valley		TBA		TBA
*Fri.	Dec. 16	Away	Wall	5:00		6:30	
Fri.	Dec. 16	Away	Del Rio (soph)		TBA		TBA
*Tues.	Dec. 20	Here	Mason	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Th-Sat	Dec. 28-30	Away	Ft. Stockton Tourn.	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
*Tues	Jan. 3	Away	Reagan County	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Fri.	Jan. 6	Here	Junction	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Tues.	Jan. 10	Away	Ozona	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Fri.	Jan. 13	Here	Grape Creek	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Tues	Jan. 17	Here	Sonora	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Fri.	Jan. 20	Here	Wall	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Tues.	Jan. 24	Here	Reagan County	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Fri.	Jan. 27	Away	Mason	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Tues.	Jan. 31	Here	Ozona	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Fri.	Feb. 3	Away	Junction	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Tues.	Feb. 7	Away	Grape Creek	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
*Fri.	Feb. 9	Away	Wall		5:00		6:30
*Tues.	Feb. 14	Away	Sonora		5:00		6:30

Varsity boys fall to Miles

The Eagles varsity boys squad found it tough sledding in the first and third periods Tuesday as they fell to Miles 62-48.

The Eagles were outscored during these two quarters by the Bulldogs 37-15.

Eldorado rallied to end the half and to end the game, but their seventeen points in each the second and fourth quarters fell short.

Drew Bosmans ended the night with 15 points off four field goals, one three pointer and two of four free throws.

Russell Cathey managed six for eight on free throws, sank one three pointer, and rounded it out with two field goals adding up to 12 points.

Michael Ballew hit four field goals and was two for three on free throws to end the evening with 10 points.

Others scoring for the Eagles were Michael Redish with 3, Frank Wipff with 3, Jeremy Ussery with 2, Lalo Sanchez with 2, and Jorge Bustos with one.

The Eagles will continue their season this Thursday as they travel to Bronte to take part in the Bronte Tournament.

The Warbirds are scheduled to hit the court at 4:30 p.m. today, Thursday December 1. They are also slated to continue tournament play on Friday at 12:30 p.m., and Saturday at both 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

8th GRADE GIRLS

November 17, 2005

Eldorado	02-02-07-00=11
Sonora	23-13-15-15=66

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Maureen Martinez, 5, Adrianna Hernandez 2, Victoria Garza 4. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were: Maegan Self, Clarissa Hernandez, Tayire Bilbrey, Patricia Hernandez, Emily Espinosa, Krystal Hamilton.

November 21, 2005

Eldorado	03-05-02-02=12
Reagan County	02-02-06-00=10

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Emily Espinosa 4, Maureen Martinez 6, Adrianna Hernandez 2. Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Maegan Self, Clarissa Hernandez, M. Aguirre, Tayire Bilbrey, Victoria Garza, Krystal Hamilton, Patricia Hernandez.

November 28, 2005

Eldorado	04-00-00-04=8
Ozona	00-00-00-00=49

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Adrianna Hernandez 2, Mary Alice Aguirre, Victoria Garza 2, Krystal Hamilton 2. Also playing for 8th grade Lady Eagles: Maureen Martinez, Clarissa Hernandez, Tayire Bilbrey, Patricia Hernandez.



7th grader Lady Eagle Carli McAngus tries to steal the ball away from Reagan County player during the Nov. 21 game against Reagan Co. The visiting Lady Owls won the game 40-17.

8th GRADE BOYS

November 28, 2005

Eldorado	00-06-04-08=18
Ozona	04-06-07-08=25

Playing for the 8th Grade Eagles: Tony McCord 2, Dustin Ramos 2, Wes Brown 2, Ivany Sanchez 2, Mason Baker 2, Juan Medrano 8. Also playing were: Ryan Caastillo.

7th GRADE GIRLS

November 21, 2005

Eldorado	02-03-05-07=17
Reagan County	08-12-07-13=40

Scoring for the 7th Grade Lady Eagles: Ashley Paulson 8, Marci Minor 1, Amy Alvizo 8. Also play for the Lady Eagles are Allyson Jarrett, Abbi Ussery, Carli McAngus, and Brittany Gauna.

Score for White Team :Eldorado 8- Reagan Co. 3: Scoring for the Lady Eagles were Janneth Hernandez 2, Deisy Arranda 4, Abbi Ussery 2. Also playing were Brenda Galan and Rosy Iglesias

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◆ RENT (PG-13) 1:00 4:20 7:20 10:30	◆ WALK THE LINE (PG-13) (12:45) 3:45 6:55 10:10
◆ PRIDE AND PREJUDICE (PG) (12:30) 3:40 6:45 9:40	◆ WALK THE LINE (PG-13) 1:15 4:30 7:40 10:45
◆ JUST FRIENDS (PG-13) (12:25) 2:45 5:20 7:50 10:15	◆ ZATHURA 1:30 4:40 (R)
◆ IN THE MIX (PG-13) (11:50) 2:20 4:55 7:25 9:55	◆ DERAILED 2:05 7:55 (R)
◆ THE ICE HARVEST 4:45 10:35 (R)	◆ JARHEAD 7:05 10:00 (R)
◆ HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (11:45) 3:15 6:50 10:20	◆ CHICKEN LITTLE (12:10) 2:30 4:50 7:15 9:20 (G)
	◆ SAW 2 7:35 10:05 (R)

November 28, 2005

Eldorado	03-00-00-06=10
Ozona	=33

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Deisy Aranda 1, Ashley Paulson 2, Amy Alvizo 4, Brittany Gauna 4; Also playing for the 7th grade Lady Eagles: Abbie Ussery, Marci Minor, Carli McAngus, Brenda Gallan.

Score for White Team: Eldorado 14, Ozona 2- Abbie Ussery 2, Janeth Hernandez 3, Deisy Aranda 6, Brittany Gauna 3. Also playing were Rosy Iglesias, Rosa Hernandez, Brenda Galan.

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Jane Kosub joins Daughters of the Texas Republic

Members of the Caddel-Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, met Thursday, November 10th at the Uvalde Country Club. Following a business meeting, an enjoyable and informative presentation entitled "They Called Themselves Texians" was given by Priscilla Montgomery.

Mrs. Montgomery detailed the history of the inhabitants of the state, from the early indigenous peoples to the coming of the Spaniards, the native Tejanos and finally the arrivals of Americans and other Europeans, known as Texians. A brief overview of each government was revisited, from the

Spanish rule to the tyranny of Santa Anna—who was hated by both Tejanos and Texians alike—to the days of the Republic and now as one of the United States of America.

Jane Kosub of Eldorado was officially welcomed as a new member of the DRT and the Caddel-Smith Chapter, DRT. After the presentation members enjoyed a luncheon and visiting.

Members attending from Rocksprings, Barksdale and Eldorado included Carolyn Anderson, Marcy Epperson, Ernestine Carson, Jane Kosub and Sandra Harris.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2006 and will have the James C. Neill program.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are the custodians of the Alamo, the shrine of Texas Freedom, and the French Legation, Embassy in the days of the Texas Republic. These structures, requiring continuing renovations are maintained as museums solely by gifts and efforts of the Daughters who are dedicated to the perpetuation of the memory and spirit of those who achieved the independence of Texas. The Daughters encourage and provide for historical research, maintaining a library at the Alamo. They foster the publication of historical documents and records and preserve the relics of early Texas in the DRT Museum in Austin.

Any woman age 16 years or older is eligible for membership, provided she is personally acceptable to the association and is a lineal descendant of a man or woman who rendered loyal service for Texas prior to the consummation of the Annexation Agreement of the Republic of Texas with the United States of America, February 19, 1846. Prospective members and those interested in the organization are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and events.

Elementary school library will host scholastic book fair

Eldorado Elementary Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair. This book fair will begin on Monday, December 5th and end on Friday, December 9th. The Elementary Library will be open from 8 until 4 Monday thru Friday and everyone is encouraged to come and purchase books for those special little ones in their lives. The Library will also host a family night on Thursday, December 8th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. where adults

and children can come and pick out books together. This book fair is different as it is a BUY-ONE-GET-ONE FREE book fair. You pay for one book and get a second book of equal or lesser value absolutely free. This is a great opportunity to get lots of books in the hands of children. Please come and give the gift of reading this holiday season. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Griffin at 853-2514, ext. 230.

Beware! Wildfires remain a danger across the state

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door burning and postponement of campfires and household trash and brush pile burning during dry, windy conditions are strongly recommended, says Gary Bennett, chief law enforcement officer with the Texas Forest Service.

Violation of an outdoor burning ban is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a possible fine of up to \$500, said Bennett. He also indicated that a burn ban doesn't have to be in effect for a person to be charged with a burning violation.

"Carelessly allowing your fire to escape and burn onto a neighbor's property is also a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500, and arson is a felony

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If you get hungry we will have hot cocoa, hot dogs, and chicken on a stick, and Christmas cookies to make the evening complete.

Visit our downtown shops that will be open to help you find the special person in your life a wonderful Christmas gift. There will

be Christmas magic and music to set the moment for all our community to enjoy. If you would like to have a booth and sale some of your special arts and crafts call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248 or just come on down Wednesday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m. and set your booth.

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Elementary academic UIL results

On Monday, November 14, 2005, Eldorado second, third, and fourth grades compete in art, story telling, creative and ready writing, spelling and music memory during the Elementary Academic UIL competition held at Wall.

Schools competing were Wall, Sonora, Grape Creek, Reagan County, Eldorado, Mason, and Junction.

Rylea Self placed 5th place in Second Grade Storytelling.

Tres Whitten placed 3rd in Third Grade Storytelling and Claire Wideman placed 6th in Third Grade Spelling.

Addye Chatham placed 3rd place in Fourth Grade Ready Writing

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Goin' wild hog huntin'? Be sure to pack gloves with those guns!

Texas is a sportsman's paradise for hunting wild hogs. With an estimated population of more than three million of the prolific feral (wild) animals roaming across the state, many ranchers welcome hunters to help with population control.

"Today, almost all feral hogs are actually domestic hogs that have escaped or were released from pens. With each generation in the wild, the pigs refine the traits needed to survive," explained Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian. "The animals are

alternatively praised for hunting, and hated for damaging crops and fences, gouging holes in pastures, and killing young lambs, goats or ground-nesting birds."

"Like any wild animals, feral swine can carry parasites or diseases, some of which could be transmitted to humans. One is swine brucellosis, a bacterial disease that has been detected in about one percent of wild hogs tested. When handling carcasses, hunters should take basic precautions to protect against disease and pest exposure, and most importantly, prevent blood-to-blood contact with the animals," said Dr. Hillman, who also heads the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

Dr. Hillman urged hunters to:

1. Avoid eating or drinking (or reaching for cigarettes or chewing tobacco) when field-dressing or handling carcasses. Don't risk putting "germs" directly in your mouth!
2. Put on latex or rubber gloves before making the first cut.
3. Wear long sleeves to avoid getting animal blood into scratches, open wounds or skin lesions.
4. Wear a dust mask and glasses or safety goggles to prevent blood

or bodily fluids from splashing into eyes, nose or mouth.

5. As much as possible, avoid contact with reproductive organs and fetuses.

6. Wash hands thoroughly and disinfect knives when finished.

7. Launder hunting clothes in hot water as soon as possible.

8. Follow safe-handling procedures with the meat and cook it to at least 160 degrees F.

Although rarely seen today, swine brucellosis can be contracted by humans, with symptoms that can include night sweats, swollen joints, back pain and general illness. If a hunter is cut while field-dressing a feral hog, exposed to the animal's blood or bodily fluids, or develops symptoms comparable to those listed, a physician should be consulted, so appropriate diagnostic tests can be run. Medical care and antibiotic treatment are essential for recovery, said Dr. Hillman.

"Hunters should not be overly concerned, but they should practice good hygiene when handling carcasses of any animals," said Dr. Hillman. "These basic biosecurity measures are a good habit to develop; one that can protect your health."

Don't assume that history will repeat itself

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no and the Viet Cong pursued the limited strategic objective of compelling the withdrawal of US forces so they could then unite Vietnam under a single totalitarian socialist regime. Today's enemy seeks US withdrawal as a first step toward establishing radical Islamic regimes throughout the Middle East. What follows will be a global struggle of unprecedented horror, made more horrible by an enemy likely-armed with—and willing to employ—weapons of mass destruction. While the consequences of losing in Vietnam were comparatively small, the cost of in this war could be catastrophic. More is at stake than the future of Iraq. And the American response must rise above partisan bickering.

Dr. Earl Tilford is Professor of History at Grove City College. He enjoyed an extensive military career and after retiring from the U.S. Air Force, served as an associate professor of history at Troy State University in Montgomery and professor of military history at the U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College.

County Commissioners meet

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The men considered the proposal and asked if it might be possible to purchase the equipment to do the work in-house. The discussion ended with no action taken.

The commissioners then authorized Ms. Williams to have the county's plat maps redrawn and laminated at a cost of \$2,250.00.

Ms. Williams then advised the commissioners that the Cemetery Chapel awnings are finished and the chapel was complete except for some landscaping.

Next, the men approved \$6,600 in salary adjustments for the 22 non elected county employees

for the 2005 budget. Since it is unlawful for the county to award Christmas bonuses, each year the commissioners approve a one-time salary adjustment.

The commissioners the discussed replacing the fence around the Civic Center property and asked Judge Johnny Griffin to find a surveyor before starting the project.

Judge Johnny Griffin told the court the new Appraisal District Board will be Eddie Albin, Scott Edmonson, Phil McCormick, John Nikolauk and Matt Brown.

Before adjourning the commissioners received an itemized of annual budget transfers from County Treasurer Karen Henderson.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Hawks and doves
6. Picket line crosser
10. Poker winnings
14. To no ___ (fruitlessly)
15. ___ podrida (spicy stew)
16. "E pluribus ___"
17. Fragrant tree
19. Denver elevation
20. V-8, e.g.
21. Pea's place
22. Gallup or Roper undertaking
23. Shooting marble
25. Trawler's gear
27. Promo package
32. The Big Band ___
33. Fab Four film of '65
34. Trim to fit, maybe
36. Quick bite
40. Surrealist Salvador
41. Voice an objection
43. De Matteo of "The Sopranos"
44. Quench, as thirst

DOWN

1. Morally low
2. Court star Lendl
3. Summoned the butler

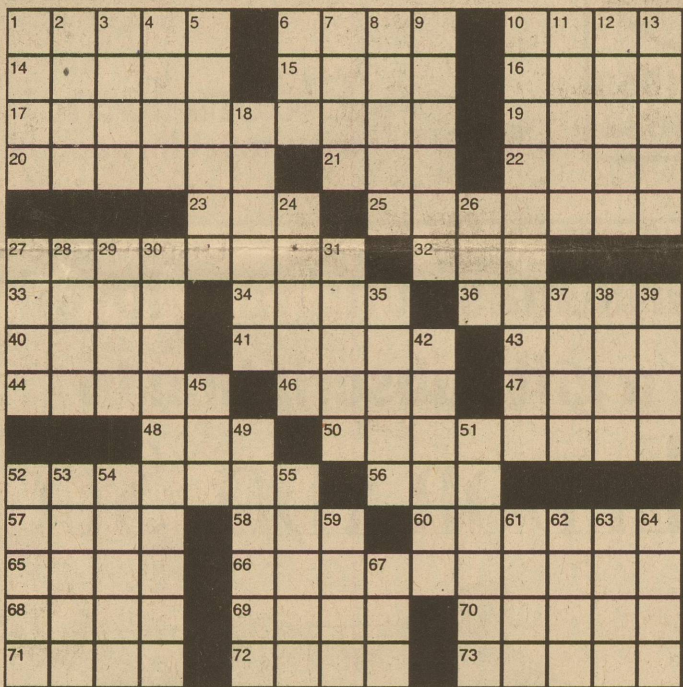
ACROSS

46. Actress Russo
47. Mardi Gras follower
48. Ending with rocket or racket
50. Make over
52. Link together
56. ___ v. Wade
57. Dairy aisle purchase
58. FYI part
60. Least amiable
65. ___ Bator, Mongolia
66. One from the

DOWN

4. Actress Conn
5. Italicizes, e.g.
6. Boar's mate
7. Horse's footfall
8. Standoffish
9. No-goodnik
10. Water drawer's fistful
11. Bermuda or Vidalia
12. Veil fabric
13. Refine, as ore
18. Needed a patch
24. Dentist's order after "open," perhaps

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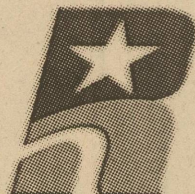
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A gift for Texas: Keep Texas Beautiful second edition Christmas ornament

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) – If you think finding the perfect gift for your family is hard, try buying something for the state of Texas! Well, this year you can please both with one item. Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. (KTB) is proud to announce the sale of its second edition ornament. Proceeds from the ornament fund KTB's statewide network of more than 340 affiliates who focus on litter prevention, waste minimization, and community beautification programs.

The KTB second edition ornament features an image of Texas and its official tree, the pecan tree. The ornament was designed by Nelda Laney, who has designed ornaments for numerous Texas organizations and causes over the

years, including KTB's first edition ornament. The pecan tree is an important part of Texas history and KTB couldn't think of a more fitting image for this year's ornament. KTB partners with the Texas Forest Service each year for the annual Arbor Day celebration and poster contest, and KTB affiliates are continually beautifying their communities by planting trees of all types.

The ornament is made of 24 karat plated gold and is approxi-

mately three inches in diameter. Orders for both the first and second edition ornament can be made through a downloadable order form on KTB's website (www.ktb.org) or over the phone at 1-800-CLEAN-TX. "The ornaments make a beautiful gift for friends, family, colleagues or employees," says Stacy Cantu, Executive Director of KTB. "When someone gives an ornament, they are giving back to our great state as well. Sales of the ornament

support programs to improve communities and educate Texans on how to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state."

Keep Texas Beautiful, the statewide grassroots community improvement and environmental organization and Keep America Beautiful affiliate, strives to empower Texans through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment. KTB works with volunteers, elected officials, businesses and state and federal agencies to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org.



'Ride to Provide' comes to West Texas

"Ride To Provide" an eight day motorcycle fundraising event and Holiday gift drive for the displaced families affected by the horrendous 2005 hurricane season will be stopping in the West Texas town of Sonora on Tuesday, December 6, 2005. Unlike most motorcycle rides, the "Ride To Provide" will include a convoy of trucks to transport donated items such as; household goods, holiday gifts & toys, hygiene necessities, water, athletic equipment, school supplies and anything else needed by the folks that still have no home.

This year's hurricane season devastated hundreds of thousands of families along America's gulf coast. Many of those that survived the storms are still homeless and displaced. In the immediate aftermath of these storms, millions of Americans were inspired to take action and send aid to the region. However, there are many that still remain destitute and need our help. Just because the memory is not as fresh on our minds, there are still

many children and families that will not be able to go home for the Holidays, or have gifts to open, or food to eat.

The eight day motorcycle trek will kick off at the University of Southern California campus in Los Angeles on December 4th, and will end in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 11th. The Ride To Provide will end at the site where the homes are being built by the Fuller Center for Housing for needy displaced families. The ride will involve motorcyclists from all over the country, in a city-to-city 2034 mile relay ride. Along the route, the motorcycle convoy will stop at Arizona State University, University of Texas at El Paso, Sonora, Texas, University of Texas at Austin, and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge picking up donated items and funds at each of the stops. All donated items and funds will be taken directly to the events final destination in Shreveport, Louisiana.

All funds raised by Ride To

Provide will go directly to the Fuller Center for Housing. The Fuller Center for Housing will use the donations from the Ride To Provide to rebuild 60 houses in Shreveport, Louisiana for displaced hurricane victims. For details on the Building on Higher Ground Campaign, please see www.fullercenter.org. Work will begin on the homes on December 12th, the very next day after the convoy of motorcycles and trucks arrive in Shreveport.

Sonora has been designated the collection point and sign up point for the Permian Basin and Big Country area. There will be Welcome to West Texas rally on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn in Sonora at about 6:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6, 2005. All donations collected through out West Texas will be presented to the Ride To Provide staff. To make a donation of funds mail to: Ride To Provide, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1172, Sonora, Texas 76950. To donate items for the holidays and the homes being

built, mail your packages to: First National Bank of Sonora, 101 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, Southwest Texas ACA, 221 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950, or Sonora Chamber of Commerce, 205 Hwy 277 North, Sonora, Texas 76950. For more information on the Ride To Provide please visit their website: www.ridetoprovide.com or the Sonora Chamber of Commerce website at: www.sonoratx-chamber.com.

For motorcycle enthusiasts that are interested in joining the ride in Sonora, please call the sign-up chairman, Jodie Luttrell at 325-387-6230 or 325-206-0036 or you may contact Sonora Chamber of Commerce, and we will fax or email a registration form to ride in the Ride To Provide event. For more information and Charitable Alliance information on the Ride To Provide please email your questions to: soncoc@sonoratx.net or call 325/387-2880.

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The laboratory staff at SCMC show off their latest piece of new equipment, a Hematology Analyzer (background). Staff members include: (L to R) Ed Garrison Lab Supervisor; Carlos Martinez, trainer from Beckman Coulter; Polly Herring, lab consultant; Helen Brame, Lab NCT, Radiology Supervisor and Ramon Adame Lab & X Ray NCT.

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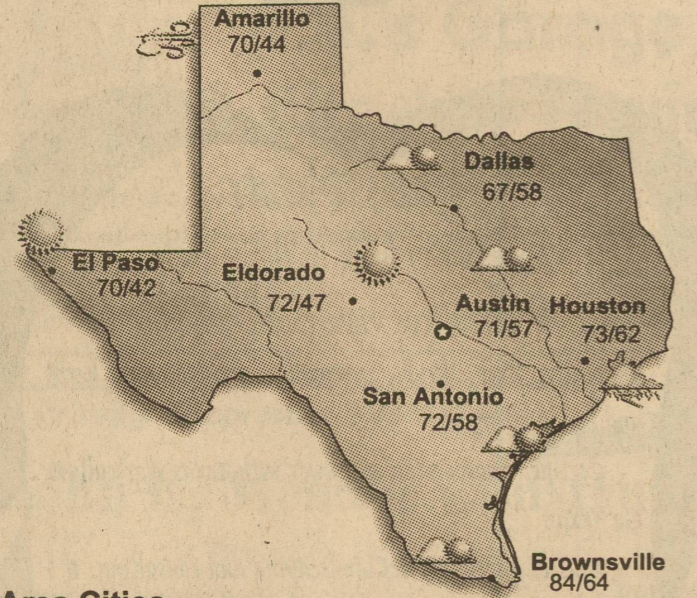
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 12/2	Sat 12/3	Sun 12/4	Mon 12/5	Tue 12/6
72/47 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	77/45 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	71/36 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 30s.	62/37 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	59/36 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
Sunrise: 7:23 AM Sunset: 5:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:24 AM Sunset: 5:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:25 AM Sunset: 5:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:26 AM Sunset: 5:40 PM	Sunrise: 7:27 AM Sunset: 5:40 PM

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Texas At A Glance



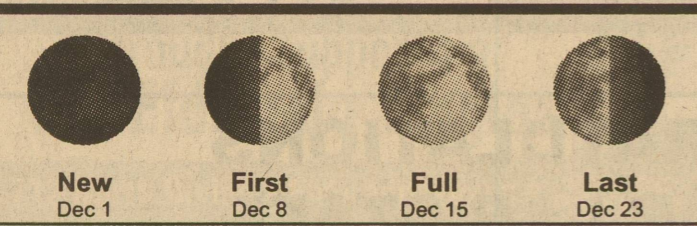
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	76	54	sunny	Kingsville	82	61	pt sunny
Amarillo	70	44	windy	Livingston	67	58	t-storm
Austin	71	57	pt sunny	Longview	63	56	pt sunny
Beaumont	69	61	t-storm	Lubbock	75	50	sunny
Brownsville	84	64	pt sunny	Lufkin	67	59	rain
Brownwood	76	53	sunny	Midland	74	48	sunny
Corpus Christi	79	63	t-storm	Raymondville	85	62	pt sunny
Corsicana	70	59	pt sunny	Rosenberg	74	62	t-storm
Dallas	67	58	pt sunny	San Antonio	72	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	75	50	sunny	San Marcos	70	58	pt sunny
El Paso	70	42	sunny	Sulphur Springs	63	55	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	82	51	sunny	Sweetwater	75	53	sunny
Gainesville	65	52	mst sunny	Tyler	63	55	pt sunny
Greenville	61	54	pt sunny	Weatherford	68	52	pt sunny
Houston	73	62	t-storm	Wichita Falls	70	53	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	55	33	sunny	Minneapolis	23	11	pt sunny
Boston	44	28	pt sunny	New York	44	30	mst sunny
Chicago	30	22	mst sunny	Phoenix	75	54	rain
Dallas	67	58	pt sunny	San Francisco	57	43	rain
Denver	53	30	pt sunny	Seattle	42	33	mixed
Houston	73	62	t-storm	St. Louis	43	33	pt sunny
Los Angeles	64	50	rain	Washington, DC	43	30	sunny
Miami	74	60	sunny				

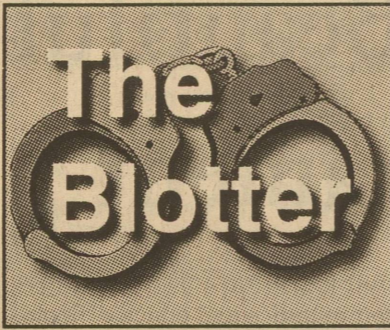
Moon Phases



UV Index

Fri 12/2	Sat 12/3	Sun 12/4	Mon 12/5	Tue 12/6
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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



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

November 22 • Martinez, Jesus Jr., male age 38, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Evading Arrest/Resisting Arrest-Search or Transport. Released on 1-\$1,000.00 and 1-\$2,000 Bond.
 • Santellano, Leroy Eric, male age 32, arresting officer SC deputy, Offense Out of County Warrant. Released on \$5,000.00 Surety Bond.
November 23 • Sanchez, Alexander, male age 20, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
 • Hall, Jeffery Scott, male age 31, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrant Out of Travis/Williamson County. Released on \$2,500.00 Surety.
 • Hall, Clifton Don, male age 49, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI - Prev.
November 24 • Castillo, Luis Martinez, male age 56, arresting officer SC deputy, offense No DL - No Ins. Released after paid fine.
November 26 • Garcia, Carlos A., male age 26, arresting officer SC deputy, offense No DL - No Insurance, Possession of Drug & Paraphernalia. Time Served.
 • Williams, Billy Lyn, male age 26, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant, Tom Green County.

INCIDENTS

November 21 • 12:59 a.m. Schleicher County Medical Center requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS paged out.
 • 9:05 a.m. Reported loose stock on North East Main.
 • 9:36 a.m. Reported finding two dachshunds on north 277.
 • 10:49 a.m. Complainant reported possible poachers on hwy 190 headed east. Game Warden responded.
 • 5:14 p.m. Caller advised that he had misplaced his cell phone and was requesting report. Caller advised that cell phone service had already been disconnected.
 • 6:02 p.m. Caller advised of stranded motorist north of Eldorado hwy 277 of Finnegan Draw. Dark red vehicle occupied one subject unknown vehicle problem. Office responded.
 • 9:22 p.m. Caller advised that unknown subject had knocked at back door. Also that the neighborhood dogs were barking quite a bit. Officer responded.
November 22 • 6:04 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. Officers and EMS 2 responded.
 • 6:53 p.m. Complainant reported kids shooting a BB gun on Village

Lane. Officer responded.
 • 10:05 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk in her back yard.
November 23 • 8:05 a.m. Complainant reported a burglary alarm set off at the First National Bank. Office responded and reported everything OK.
 • 5:39 p.m. Caller notified office of two juveniles shooting glass bottles with pellet guns on the side of the roadway. Officers responded.

November 24 • 6:03 p.m. Complainant reported subject not wanting to leave. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

November 25 • 1:24 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about two female subjects giving her obscene gestures. Officer responded.

November 26 • 6:45 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded and reported everything OK.

• 8:38 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Officers and EMS 1 responded.

November 27 • 7:40 a.m. Onstar reported unknown injury on 190 West with air bags deployed and no response by vehicle owner. EMS 2, EVFD, and Officer responded.

• 8:09 a.m. Caller advised two male subjects in a fight in progress at Eldorado city limits and East Warner. Office confirmed no injuries at accident on hwy 190 and was diverted to current call.

• 8:17 a.m. Caller advised of deer - vehicle accident on 190 with minor injury. Officer responded along with EMS 2 vehicle not located. Attempted call back of complainant no answer, but left message.

November 28 • 1:05 p.m. Complainant reported a possible fire in the alley on the corner of Brooks and East street. Officer responded along with EVFD.

• 3:49 p.m. Complainant advised of being harassed on her cell phone. No positive ID made on caller, complainant registered for restricted number.

• 5:36 p.m. Complainant advised that spouse was very intoxicated and requested assistance on Colpitts Street. Officer responded.

November 29 • 6:01 a.m. Fire alarm went off for the nursing home. Officer and EVF Chief responded.

• 10:29 a.m. Complainant reported wreckless driver from Sutton County Line. Driving a four door Sedan dark in color, complainant unable to make observations of vehicle description. Officers responded.

• 4:01 p.m. Caller advised of improperly parked vehicle on Nance Street, large storage trailer near complainants residence. Office notified and trailer moved.

Postal inspectors warn of counterfeit money orders

The latest scam to hit American consumers involves counterfeit financial instruments, costing victims millions of dollars each month. Counterfeit checks and money orders — including U.S. postal money orders — are used in the scam, which often starts with what appears to be an innocent contact via an internet chat room or by e-mail.

Con artists posing as students, tourists, or overseas military personnel ask for help in cashing checks and money orders, or they target people looking for love or companionship, in order to exploit their vulnerability. Online auctioneers are also at risk. Scammers buy goods or services on the internet and offer payment by check or money order — often in excess of the actual value of the goods or services.

Postal inspectors have found that in most cases con artists ship the check or money order and ask the victim to cash it, keep a portion as a "gift," and wire the remainder, usually to an overseas address.

Bank customers are responsible for the checks they deposit, and depositors must repay the bank for bad checks. Federal law requires banks to make the funds the customer deposits available quickly, but it's important for consumers to know that just because you can withdraw the money doesn't mean the check or money order is good. Banks often release funds from a cashier's check or money order before it is determined to be legitimate.

The scams have several common factors:

- Contact is usually via the internet
- Communications often contain misspellings, poor grammar, or improperly used words.
- Counterfeit postal money orders are most often denominated from \$800 to \$1,000. Commercial checks and other money orders can be in varying amounts, but are

often triple this amount.
 • Victims are to wire funds to the fraudsters, sometimes keeping a portion of the proceeds for themselves.

• Transactions involving the purchase of merchandise usually involve payment in an amount greater than the purchase, with a request to wire back excess funds.

Postal Inspectors have recently learned of three additional scams exclusively involving Postal Money Orders.

1. In an attempt to lull the victim, the scammer sends the victim an e-mail from "PostalMoneyOrder.com" advising the victim a money order has been approved in their name.

2. Scammers use Qchex.com, a legitimate bill payment service in the United States that issues checks drawn on their customers' accounts, to distribute fake money orders that bear no resemblance to the real thing. Customers can visit the Qchex website at <http://www.qchex.com> for more information.

3. Fraudsters are sending "authorization letters" on fictitious USPS letterhead, allegedly to aid the cashing of the counterfeit money orders. The Postal Service never sends such letters to a customer.

Prevention is the key to avoid becoming a victim.

• Be skeptical of anyone asking you to wire money to overseas bank accounts or to cash money orders on their behalf.

• Never disclose personal or financial information to anyone you don't know.

• Never wire funds to anyone unless you are sure the check or money order they gave you was legitimate.

So how can the public be confident that they have received a legitimate financial document? For postal money orders visit the website: www.usps.com/postalinspectors. Click on the postal money order alert for further descriptions of frauds involving money order security features. You may also call the toll-free number for verification: 800-372-8347. Alternately, go to your local post office and ask the clerk to check to see if the postal money order is counterfeit.

Try to verify other financial documents through the entity that issued it. Bank tellers and check cashers see too many checks and money orders each day to know the security features in every document. So, it all boils down to prevention.

For additional protection tips visit www.LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6
 "Shoe!"

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I have made a diligent search of register of recorded brands in Schleicher County, Texas, for the owner of said strays, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if ownership of said strays is not determined by 30th day of November 2005, said strays will be sold at public auction at the Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo, Texas.

Witness my hand this 18th day of November 2005
George M. Arispe
Chief Deputy
Designee of Sheriff of Schleicher County, Texas 47-48b

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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- Truck: 2005 or newer**
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- Transmission: Allison 35600 RDS or equivalent**
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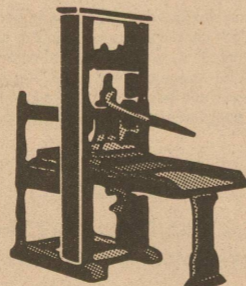
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Woman's Club holds Thanksgiving luncheon

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 12:00 noon in the home of Shine Spigarelli for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon meeting. Present were fourteen regular members, two associate members, one honorary member, and five guests.

Theme for our meeting was "In God We Trust." Jerre Holley, first vice-president opened our meeting with a warm welcome to everyone. Myrt Williams gave a prayer. We next enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving luncheon prepared by members of the Hospitality Committee and several other members. Jim Holley volunteered to cook our turkey and we thank him so much for his Cordon Blu expertise as the bird was roasted to perfection. All the food was delicious and extra special and we thank each member who made our meal so special. We especially expressed our gratitude to Shine Spigarelli for having our

meeting at her house. She and Rudy had everything looking perfect both inside and outside.

After our wonderful luncheon, vice-president Jerre Holley called on program chairman, Charlene Edmiston, who introduced her son guest speaker Phil Edmiston. Every year at this time our club is honored to have a veteran as our guest speaker. Phil joined the Navy in 1966 and was a submarine sailor during his stay in the military. His speciality was as an electrician. He served during the Vietnam War. These subs were of World War II vintage and converted for the current war. Phil said he not only had to be a master electrician but all the sailors on the sub had to know how to do all the other jobs connected with a sub. Part of his tour was around the Aleutian Islands in the Bering Sea of the Pacific Ocean. He said there were times when they were only 150 miles

Phil was proud to serve his country and be a part of the defense of protecting our nation. He well understands how important it is to be a part of the defenses of our precious freedom. Today he is a member of our local American Legion and knows how important it is to support our veterans and military people and what they have to do to keep our nation free. He said patriotism is very strong locally and as strong as any place he has ever been. We thank Phil and all veterans and members of our armed forces for their dedication in helping to keep our country great. One of our guests brought to our attention that Nov. 10th was the birthday of the Marine Corp. This reporter has not researched the exact date but I do know they were our first armed men and were organized way back when our country was being formed. We thank Phil and all others who have served in the military from here. Our most grateful thanks for their service and also for their continued awareness of how important it is that each of us be acutely aware of living in a free nation and how important it is that we be reminded often of just how fragile our peace on this earth can be. We should be reminded often least in easier times we into forgetfulness of how it could be if our freedom was taken away from us.

After our program vice-president Jerre Holley conducted us in a brief business meeting. She opened with telling us Mary Roden, our president, was hospitalized in the Jackson County, Ark. Hospital with a stroke. She is doing OK and is improving each day, and we look forward to when she will be back home here in Eldorado. Secretary Dorothy Harris next gave her report. Roll call was answered by saluting a veteran or telling about someone they were acquainted with. One husband was in six major battles in the Pacific; some were prisoners of war; some members lost members of their family; and all of us were so proud of our people who served so valiantly.

Vice-president Jerre Holly next opened a discussion about our up-coming December bake sale. She called on Jo Callison for more information. Jo said we needed to agree on a place for our bake sale this year. The bake sale will be at the Museum and will begin at 8:00 a.m. Friday, December 16th.

We closed our meeting by reciting our club collect followed by a prayer by Jean Ann Karn, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room. Our program will be the exchanging of Christmas ornaments.

The season for heart-healthy flavors

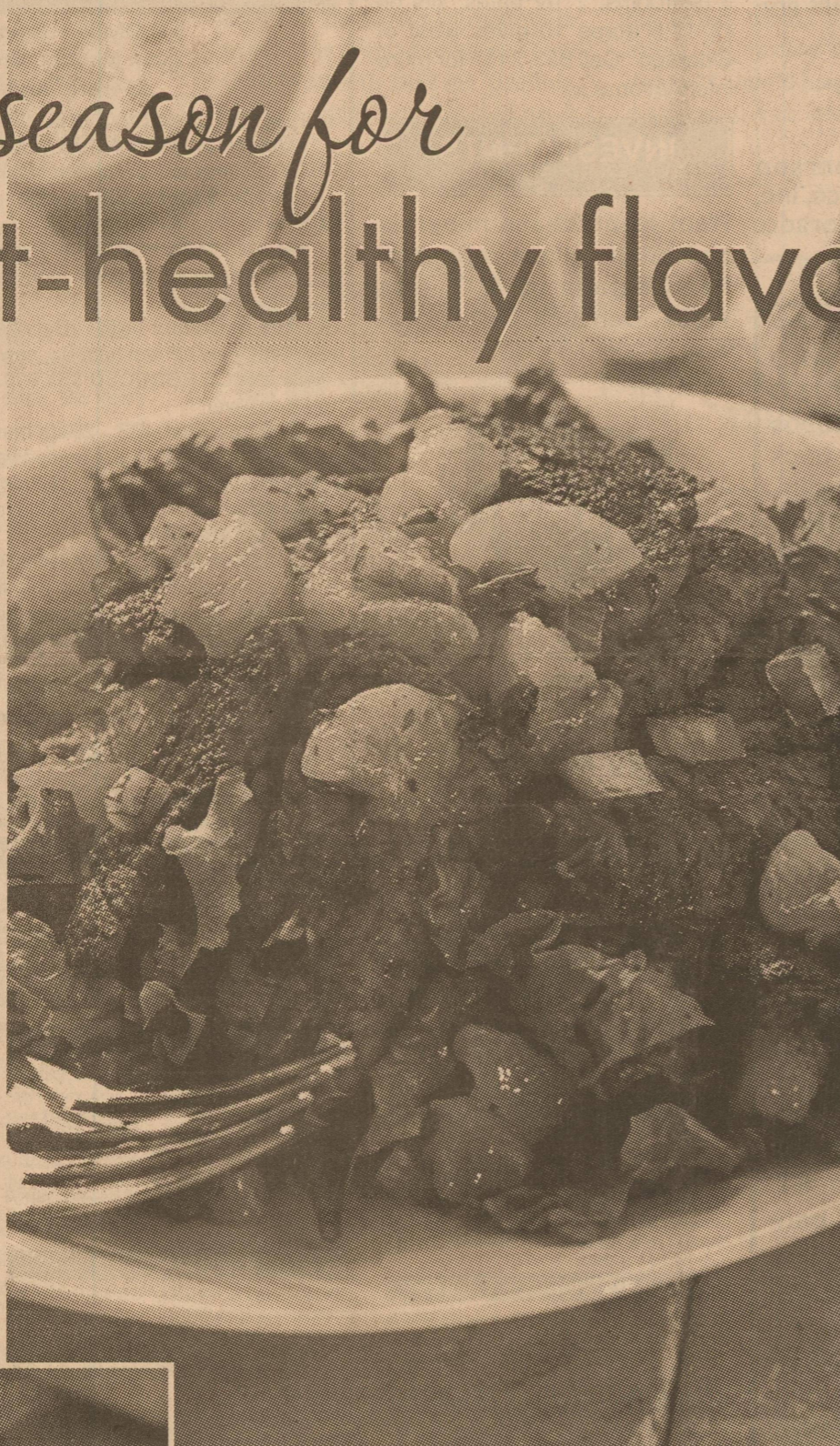
This holiday season, give your friends and family the gift of good health!

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

For many the holidays bring about a dizzying array of festivities, including menu planning, endless hours of shopping and entertaining out-of-town guests. This year, relieve the guilt of indulging by serving healthy holiday selections and good-for-you temptations to friends and family. Not only will your family and guests love your holiday cooking, they won't suspect that you're serving up nutritious dishes, saving time and money, and giving yourself some peace of mind.

This holiday season, Wal-Mart, the nation's largest discount retailer, is committed to providing quick and easy recipes that are both healthy and great tasting. And thanks to everyday low prices, consumers can purchase all of the necessary ingredients for a hearty meal without a hefty price—allowing for extra dollars to be spent on gifts for friends and loved ones.

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Spicy Flank Steak Salad

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes
Serves 4

- 2 (11-ounce) cans mandarin orange sections, drained
 - 1/3 cup chopped red onion
 - 1/3 cup mild green picante sauce or green taco sauce
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
 - 1 pound beef flank steak or boneless beef sirloin steak
 - 2 to 3 teaspoons Great Value chili powder or Mexican seasoning
 - 1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1 teaspoon canola oil
 - 8 cups torn mixed greens
1. Coarsely chop orange sections. In medium bowl toss together orange sections, onion, picante sauce and parsley. Set aside.
 2. Trim fat from steak. Thinly slice steak across grain into bite-size strips. Toss together steak, chili powder, garlic and cumin.
 3. Lightly coat large nonstick skillet with cooking spray; stir and cook half of meat over medium-high heat 2 to 3 minutes or to desired doneness. Remove from skillet. Add oil to hot skillet; stir and cook remaining meat. Return all meat to skillet; heat through.
 4. Arrange greens on 4 serving plates. Top with hot meat and fruit mixture.

Per serving: 280 calories, 10g fat, 57mg cholesterol, 216mg sodium, 22g carbohydrate, 26g protein, 4g fiber

Garden Eggplant Bake

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 50 minutes
Serves 6

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 medium (about 1 pound) eggplant, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 2 medium tomatoes, cored and chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 teaspoon Great Value dried oregano leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon Italian bread crumbs

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 1 1/2-quart casserole with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.
2. Heat oil in small nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and onion; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in tomato paste (if using canned, freeze remainder) and water.
3. Combine onion mixture and remaining ingredients except Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs; mix well. Pour into prepared casserole; cover and bake 30 minutes. Stir. Bake 10 minutes longer; stir. Top with Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs. Reduce heat to 375°F. Bake uncovered 10 minutes or until eggplant is tender.

Per serving: 61 calories, 2g fat, 1mg cholesterol, 146mg sodium, 10g carbohydrate, 2g protein, 3g fiber

Maple Apples With Cinnamon Cream

Prep Time: 15 minutes / Cook Time: 5 minutes
Serves 4

- 3 medium apples, peeled (if desired), cored and sliced
 - 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel (optional)
 - 1 tablespoon natural or sugar-free maple syrup
 - 1 teaspoon margarine or butter
 - 1/2 cup reduced sugar or sugar-free nonfat vanilla yogurt
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)
1. Place apple slices and orange peel, if desired, in 1-quart microwave-safe casserole or baking dish. Drizzle with maple syrup; toss to mix. Dot with margarine. Cover loosely; microwave at HIGH power 3 to 5 minutes or until apples are crisp-tender, stirring once.
 2. Meanwhile, in small bowl, blend yogurt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Spoon apples, hot or room temperature, into serving dishes. Drizzle each serving with yogurt mixture.

Per serving: 87 calories, 1g fat, 0mg cholesterol, 32mg sodium, 20g carbohydrate, 1g protein, 3g fiber

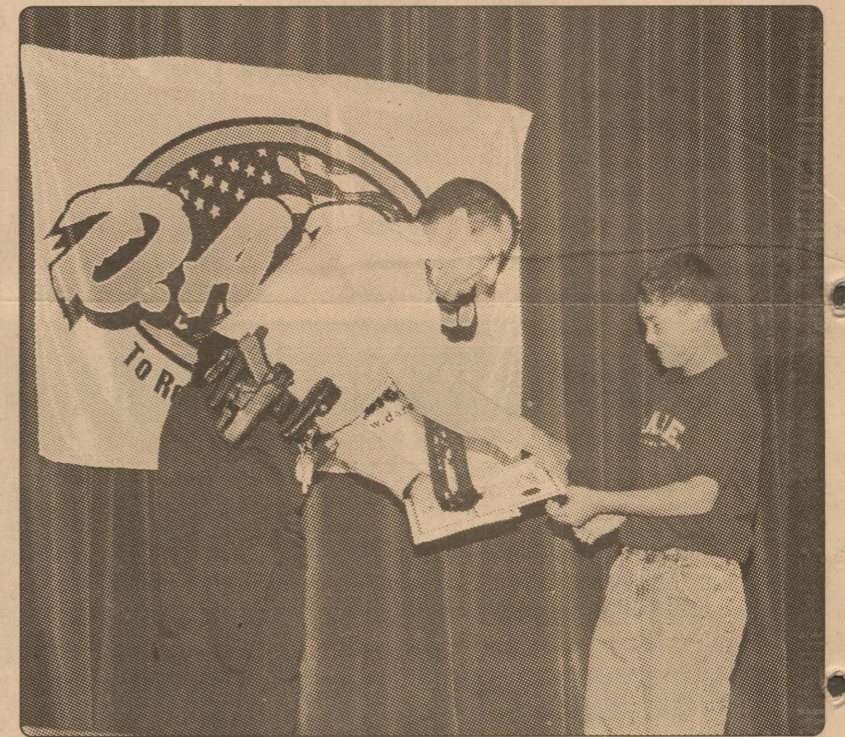


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D.A.R.E. Officer Anthony Lopez presented fifth grader Rudy Montez his diploma from Drug Abuse Resistance Education recently. All forty-five fifth graders graduated from the six-week special program that teaches kids how to recognize and resist the direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs. Officer Anthony Lopez is an Eldorado High School graduate and a specially trained officer in the D.A.R.E. curriculum.

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Garden Eggplant Bake

create pantry-to-plate meals with these time-saving tips

- Prepare as much of the dish as you can in the week leading up to the big meal. Defrost the meat, cut the potatoes or set the table the night before.
- Plan your holiday meals, doubling-up on side dishes that reheat easily and making enough for leftovers. For instance, roast a large enough turkey (or roast two) to have leftovers for turkey sandwiches, soup or turkey salad for the next entertaining occasion.
- When possible, line baking sheets and casserole dishes with aluminum foil to cut down on the after dinner clean-up.
- Make cooking a family affair! Let the little ones roll the dough or stir in the chocolate chips. Turn on holiday music and divide up tasks in the kitchen to spend quality time with your family while preparing a great meal.
- With big meals planned, reduce the holiday snacking by providing guests with healthful options—choose low-fat dairy products as substitutes in cheese trays and eggnog. For dips, use low-fat sour cream and offer whole fresh fruits and vegetables instead of chips.
- Don't be afraid of boxes. Not all meals have to be prepared from scratch. Many healthy side items and family meals are now available in the grocery aisles of your local Wal-Mart SuperCenter.
- Today, tasty homemade meals incorporate quality convenience items, such as chopped vegetables, bagged salads, pre-cut fruit, bakery-fresh whole wheat bread and ready-made sauces and dressings.
- Add more fruits and vegetables to your holiday season meals. Serve festive combinations such as marinated green beans with red pimiento or red bell pepper, green leaf or romaine lettuce salad with broccoli and cherry tomatoes, or sautéed green and red peppers.
- Enhance the color, taste and aroma of your holiday meals by adding spices and herbs—such as basil, cilantro, parsley, curry or rosemary. Top potatoes with chopped parsley, onion, garlic or chives. Add a sprig of rosemary and garlic cloves to your roasted turkey. Top sweet potatoes with rosemary, sage or thyme.
- Don't plop in front of the TV after the holiday meal. Get the family out for a stroll, throw a ball or bring out the ice skates for fun activities that help burn off holiday calories.

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