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Mayor John Nikolauk welcomes Stan Meador to the Eldorado City Council. Meador was appointed last week to fill the seat left vacant when Toni Sudduth resigned.

## Meador appointed to seat on City Council

The Eldorado City Council met on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 and voted to appoint Stan Meador to fill the unexpired term of Toni Sudduth, who resigned her seat when she moved away from Eldorado.

Meador was promptly administered the oath of office and then welcomed to the council by Mayor John Nikolauk.

The action took place on a Tuesday evening because the council's regular Monday night meeting was rescheduled because of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Other council members present for the meeting included Dora Bosmans, Dr. Pat Johnson, Richard Mendez and Dorothy Dacy. Councilmember Bill McCutcheon was absent.

Among other business, the council held a public hearing and then approved an ordinance governing subdivisions. Ordinance #108-06 sets regulations and fines for subdivisions within the city limits.

The council also voted to support the concept of a wellness center in Eldorado and authorized Mayor Nikolauk to write a letter of support to the wellness center board in hopes of assisting with grant applications.

Mayor John Nikolauk then reported

that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality had recently inspected the landfill. He said he felt the inspection went well.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay gave brief reports on the water department. The TCEQ also inspected the wastewater plant and noted several reports needed to be completed, other wise all was in order at the plant. Fay asked the council if he get another quote from a uniform company, due the current uniform company had increased some of their fees. The council gave their approval.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo next presented her financial reports. She asked for no budget amendments and noted that the General Fund balance had shown an increase. She also told the council she was contacted by Appraiser Scott Sutton about a correction in a past city tax report.

In a related matter, the council received a letter from Sutton in which he asked the council's approval for selling three city lots formerly seized for back taxes. The lots are located on U.S. Hwy. 277 directly across from the Elementary campus. The council noted that the sale would allow local taxing jurisdictions

to recover some of the money they are owed, while at the same time putting the property back on the tax roll. With that the council voted to approve the sale.

Ms. Mayo then advised that the city's leased copier was damaged during a power surge last month and that the company is waiting on parts to fix the machine.

The council then approved the December 11, 2006 minutes and authorized the payment of the city's bills. As the bills went around council member Stan Meador questioned the bill for monthly rental on a port-a-potty at the landfill. He told the council the city could purchase a new port-a-potty much less than the rental. The council instructed Ms. Mayo to check into purchasing a unit and fees for waste removal.

Before adjourning, the council authorized Mayor Nikolauk sign a vendor's contract with the Concho Valley Community Action Agency who manage the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007, at Eldorado City Hall in the Council Chamber.

## Three juveniles jailed in City Hall and Youth Arcade burglary cases

Three male juveniles were jailed Monday in connection with last week's burglary of City Hall and the Youth Arcade in the basement of the Memorial Building.

Sheriff David Doran told the Success that the three had been picked up and transported to Tom Green County's juvenile detention center.

Chief Deputy George Arispe, who headed up the investigation, said that the three young men were all involved in the

burglary at the Memorial Building, but that only two of them had participated in the City Hall break-in.

The deputy noted that each of the three young men was involved in last year's school burglary.

Only one adult appears to have been involved in the most recent burglaries. Armando Moreno, 19, was arrested and charged with two counts of burglary of a building. He was released this week on two \$3,000 surety bonds.

## Commissioners close out Orient sewer project

The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court met Monday, January 22, 2007. Commissioners present were Johnny Mayo, Lynn Meador, Matt Brown and Kirk Griffin. Judge Johnny Griffin was also present.

County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes to the January 8, 2007 meeting.

Among other business, the commissioners voted to approve a contract amendment and resolution for the 2004 Texas Community Development Program that installed sewer lines in the Orient Heights neighborhood. They also approved the final payment in the amount of \$1,175.00 to the engineering firm of Hibbs and Todd.

The commissioners then asked County Treasurer Karen Henderson to contact the county's health insurance provider on the prospect of allowing county retirees and/or part-time employees to participate in the county's health insurance program. No other action was taken on the matter.

Architect Gary Donaldson met briefly with the commissioners about making the courthouse ADA accessible or the possibility of building a new annex for a courtroom. The group toured the upstairs of the courthouse and Donaldson told the commissioners he would get back with possible solutions.

The men next discussed then voted to purchase and install shed for airport courtesy vehicle. The county provides a retired police car at the airport as a courtesy to travelers who fly in to Eldorado.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo then advised that a petition is being circulated about the construction of a new rodeo arena. The court briefly discussed the prospects of a rodeo arena, but all concluded there needed to be some specific planning and research done before even considering such a large project.

The court approved the Treasurer's Annual Report and the reviewed and paid bills. The court ended with an indigent request in the amount of \$258.62 which the men approved.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Eagles post Zach Hash looked off Ft Stockton defenders as he passed the ball out to Drew Bosmans during varsity boys action here Tuesday night. The Eagles lost the game to the 3A squad 68-53.

## Angel Food distribution site changed to First Baptist Church

This month only! Food ordered through Angel Food Ministries will be distributed Saturday, January 27, from the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church. People can pick up their orders as usual from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will resume distributing food from the Memorial Building in February.

This is truly an amazing ministry. Angel Food Ministries began in Monroe,

Georgia, February of 1994 by feeding 34 families. By the end of 2006, over 500,00 families were fed in 32 states. Moreover, in the first 11 months of 2006, more families have been fed that the first 11 years of the ministry. God has surely blessed this ministry! For more information about Angelo Food Ministry, check out their website at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) or call 888-819-3745.



All the King's Clones

### Calling all Elvis Impersonators

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27  
SCHLEICHER COUNTY MEMORIAL BUILDING

- 8-Hound Dog Hustle-5K and One Mile fun run-High School
- 10-Elvis Parade-staging @ Hysterical District-to courthouse
- 11-Vendors open at Memorial Building
- 11:30-Open Mike for Elvis Wannabees
- 12-Elvis Cloggers
- 12:30-Elvis Karaoke Singing Contest
- 1-Elvis Impersonator Bob Lester
- 1:30-Fifties Costume Contest
- 2-Children's Elvis Impersonator Contest
- 2:30-Elvis Karaoke Open Mike
- 3-Priscilla Lookalike Contest
- 3:30-Lisa Marie Lookalike Contest (Any age)
- 4-Donut Eating Contest
- 4:30-Elvis Open Mike
- 5-Elvis Impersonator Wes Perryman
- 5:30-Elvis Lip Snarl Contest
- 6-Elvis Karaoke Singing-Open Mike

Continuous Elvis Movies and Biographies showing all day both days

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- 12-Elvis Cloggers
- 12:30-Open Elvis Mike
- 1-Elvis Impersonator Wes Perryman
- 2-Elvis Fried Peanut Butter 'n' Nana Sandwich Making Contest (Bring your creations to the Memorial Building for judging)
- 2:30-Elvis Karaoke Singing Contest
- 3-Elvis Impersonator Rob Carter
- 4-Elvis TV Destruction Derby
- 4:30-Best Elvis Hound Dog/Best Other Animal Elvis
- 5-Worst Elvis Impersonator Contest
- 5:30-Best Elvis Hound Dog Singing
- 6-Butchered Elvis Songs Chorus



## Book Is Critical of Hispanic Culture

Up here in the Northeast, a hot topic among pundits and policymakers is the new book by Herman Badillo, ultraliberal young congressman of the 1970s turned ultraconservative *eminence grise* of New York politics.

The central argument in "One Nation, One Standard" is that immigrants from Spanish-speaking countries have "fallen far behind other immigrants" because "Hispanics, as a culture, do place less stress on the importance of education than do other, more economically and socially successful groups."

Hispanic parents, Badillo claims, "seldom attend parent-teacher conferences, ensure that children do their homework or inspire their children to dream of attending college." He blasts government programs such as race-based affirmative action for stigmatizing Hispanics as coming from a defective culture "with a permanently diminished capacity for success."

Reaction, left and right, has been predictable. So what's a moderate columnist to do? Read the book without ideological blinders.

Badillo is correct to say there is indeed a problem with Hispanic parents who do not pay attention to their kids' education. In some families it's because parents don't know enough English to help with homework or attend teacher conferences. A remedy? More money for bilingual staff. Yes, the old-fashioned liberal solution: a government program.

But in other Hispanic families the problem is that parents want their kids out of the classroom and into the work force as soon as possible. Their attitude is also to blame for the high dropout rate. A remedy? Attitude change. Yes, the old-fashioned conservative solution: individual responsibility.

So Badillo is to be applauded for calling attention to the fact that there are some Hispanic parents for whom "education is not a high priority."

But let me put that quote in its proper context. Badillo did not say education was a low priority for "some" Hispanic parents. He wrote: "Education is not a high priority in the Hispanic community."

Which is where he goes off track. What he is saying, to the delight of xenophobes, is that something educationally destructive permeates the whole of Hispanic culture.

True, at one end the high-school dropout rate remains intolerably high. At the other, 24 percent of Cuban-Americans age 25 and over have at least a bachelor's degree, as do 33 percent of people who have South American ancestry, according to a 2004 Census Bureau survey. No educational neglect there, either: The comparable figure for non-Hispanic whites is 29 percent.

The major obstacle to education in Hispanic communities is street culture. Too many families live in neighborhoods that disdain studious kids and glorify hoodlums. It's a matter of social class, not ethnicity.

The distinction seems lost on Badillo. Ironically, it also seems lost on his critics, proponents of affirmative action who lump all Hispanics together under the same "disadvantaged" label, regardless of a family's socio-economic circumstances.

Badillo did such a fine job eviscerating liberals he wound up eviscerating himself.

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## Take the Money and Run

A recent headline caught my eye: "Embattled Home Depot CEO Nardelli Resigns, to Take \$210 Million With Him."

There was something about having "embattled" and "take \$210 million with him" in the same sentence that didn't seem quite right.

His situation might meet the dictionary definition of "embattled," but \$210 million sure makes the whole firing/resignation process a whole lot easier to take.

I would have preferred the following headlines:

"Embattled CEO Forced to Watch Rosie O'Donnell vs. Donald Trump Interviews" or "Embattled CEO Placed on Spit, Barbecued by Shareholders."

After all, he was run out of town because the stock languished the six years he was in charge.

I don't want to sound too arrogant, but I like to think I could run a corporation into the ground as well as the next guy -- and I'd be willing to do it for a lot less than \$210 million.

But we have more pressing matters to discuss, namely doggie obesity. It's a growing problem. (Hah!)

And fortunately we have the answer -- Slentrol, "the first drug for obese dogs."

Pet owners could exercise with their dog instead, but who has the



time, especially if you're busy watching the Food Network?

Note: The doggie diet pill is not for humans. According to USA Today, the FDA warns that it "could cause bloating and vomiting, among an array of other unpleasant side effects."

Which means it sounds like every other drug they advertise on TV.

So, how long before Lindsay Lohan shows up in the hospital with an overdose of Slentrol? Any bets? Oh, already happened? Time to move on.

Also on the pet news front is word that cats may suffer from Alzheimer's.

At the risk of offending my feline readers, what difference does it make if a cat becomes forgetful?

As far as I know, the only important thing to remember is the litter box. Remember that, and you can be a cat in good standing.

Here's a typical "to-do" list from a cat executive of my acquaintance, who wishes to remain anonymous.

1. Eat
2. Sleep
3. Stare at nothing
4. Cough up fur ball

It's a pretty light schedule.

Here are some actual signs to look for if you suspect your cat has Alzheimer's,

"Excess sleep (sleeps a lot during the day)."

Got that? If your cat seems to sleep a lot it could have Alzheimer's. Then again, if it's been "sleeping" since Labor Day it could be "dead."

"Occasional lack of recognition of the owner."

I'm embarrassed to admit this -- since it probably means I haven't properly "bonded" with our cat (someone once accused me of that) -- but I'm not always sure our cat does recognize me.

Sadly, we never developed the kind of relationship where our cat would say, "Good morning, Don, how are you today?"

She meows at me, but I suspect she just wants me to feed her.

And if I don't feed her right away, she gets mad. In fact, she gets so cross I sometimes feel "embattled" -- without the benefit of \$210 million.

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## Chief execs outline priorities in inaugural speeches

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — It was a cold inaugural on Jan. 16: so cold and icy, in fact, the smaller-than-planned-for crowd moved inside the Capitol.

Texas and the rest of the world enjoyed access to the inaugural ceremonies via live webcast for the first time ever.

Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were sworn in. Both men made speeches broad in scope: so broad, in fact, their words, to many ears, belied grander political ambitions.

Perry regaled strong families as the backbone of society and outlined his agenda for his second full term as governor.

He spoke of the need for tighter immigration control, a secure border with Mexico, safer neighborhoods, affordable health care, improvements in education, substantial and long-lasting property tax relief, and budget reforms that would protect taxpayers.

He also echoed a theme that has a Washington, D.C.-ring to it: "Texas is better off when Republicans and Democrats work together because our potential is too vast to be spoiled by a politics leavened with partisanship," Perry said.

Diverging here for a moment on the subject of bipartisanship and possible higher aspirations, the governor flew to the nation's capital with Texas Democratic congressional representatives to meet with other Democrats.

The Washington, D.C., Democrats let Perry know they have not forgotten his role in bringing about the unusual mid-term redistricting in 2004 that squeezed a few Democrats out of office.

Dewhurst also delivered an expansive inaugural speech, with emphasis on his "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The legislation, he said, is based on the premise that, "Safe and healthy children learn, they grow, and they go on to lead lives that strengthen our state and make us proud."

Dewhurst asked lawmakers to pass tougher laws dealing with child predators, put defibrillators in public schools and take illegal steroids out through mandatory, random drug testing.

Dewhurst assured the audience there would be a "Jessica's Law" in Texas, including an automatic 25-year sentence for first-time child molesters and a death sentence for those convicted a second time.

Speaker reassures ex-challengers Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick told The Dallas Morning News, in effect, he's holding out the olive branch to members of his own party.

Craddick, R-Midland, was re-elected speaker after Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, dropped his challenge.

Pitts threw his support behind Craddick when it was decided the vote for the speakership would be a recorded vote, not by secret ballot.

Earlier, Pitts and another former challenger, Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, individually expressed the need for a change in atmosphere in the House, because transparency and bipartisanship in the legislative process had eroded under the speaker's tenure.

Craddick said he would do a better job of communicating.

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## Pat McCormick is no longer a recluse

Pat McCormick is the lady bullfighter whose sensational ability in the bull ring during the 1950's and 60's grabbed headlines and magazine covers all over the US, Mexico, Spain and South America. She was on the TV Show, WHAT'S MY LINE and appeared on THIS IS YOUR LIFE as part of a tribute to screen actor Gilbert Roland. A book, LADY BULLFIGHTER, was written about her career. After her last bullfight in 1962, Pat went into seclusion, seldom mentioning her fame.

She went to California to work for a bullfighting magazine, which folded within two months after she was hired. She went back to her home in Big Spring for a while, then returned to California to study art and work as a secretary and receptionist at an art school. She rented a place at Pebble Beach for several years, living a quiet life, then moved to Midland.

Pat would have continued living her quiet life had it not been for a gun shop owner in Del Rio named Gary Humphreys.

"It goes way back to when I was about nine years old," says Gary.



by Tumbleweed Smith

"When she got gored in Acuna they brought her to Del Rio for treatment and recuperation. One of the nurses was a friend of my mother and she brought Pat to our house one day. My dad had some fighting roosters and Pat and I went out and looked at them. That was the only time I saw her until a couple of years ago."

Pat became a household name in Del Rio. Gary says you can walk out on the streets today and find people who remember her. He put a link to her on his website (humphreysgunshop.com) and all sorts of people are emailing her now. How Gary finally made contact with her is a story in itself.

"In 2004 we were planning a reunion for my high school class, the class of 1964. We went to La Macarena, a restaurant in Acuna, because we were planning to have

part of our reunion over there. I saw a picture of Patricia McCormick on the wall and just kind of got to wondering where she might be. I spent the next six months searching for her on the internet and telephone. I must have made 75 calls to every Patricia or Pat McCormick in the US, Mexico and Spain. I just asked them one question: 'did you ever fight bulls?' I talked to bullfighters all up and down the border and finally made contact with a bullfighting club in Los Angeles and got Pat's phone number and address in Pebble Beach. I called her and the phone had been disconnected. I called the club back and they found a change of address: Midland, Texas. I picked up the phone and called her."

Gary convinced Pat to move to Del Rio where she is making speeches, giving autographs, serving as the guest of honor at various events and doing art shows. She has been the subject of several newspaper articles. The Heritage Museum in Big Spring is having a Pat McCormick tribute in April.



# OBITUARIES

## Ernest Lee "Ernie" Higdon

ELDORADO — Ernest Lee "Ernie" Higdon was born on March 4, 1932 to Alec and Oma Shirley Higdon. at age 74, after an extensive illness, he departed from this world on Monday, January 22, 2007 at his residence. His life will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25, at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado with the Rev. Baden of San Angelo officiating. Ernie's cousin, Billy Don Ingram will assist. Burial will follow in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Ernie was born in Cottonwood, TX but grew up in Crane at the Gulf Oil field camp. He graduated from the Crane High School Class of 1950. He then proudly served in the United States Air Force from Feb. 1951 to Feb. 1955. He received extensive wounds while performing duties as a medic in the Korean War and became the recipient of the purple heart medal. He married Joyce Tabor in Andrews on August 22, 1958. He moved his young family to Lake Charles, LA in 1970, returned to Andrews in 1971, and then settled in Eldorado in 1973.

His greatest enjoyments were fishing, family camping trips, and attending any events in which his children participated. In his later years, he followed his grandchildren's activities and delighted in simply watching his great-grandchildren. Throughout the years, his main self-indulgence was participating in "coffee-shop gatherings." He always looked forward to discussing and working toward solving the world's problems with his buddies.

Ernie loved his Lord and was a long-time member of the Hope Lutheran Church in Sonora, TX. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, Alec and Oma, and his four brothers, Donald, A.L. Shirley and Darwin.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Joyce, of the home; his son, Ken and wife Betty of Temple; son Robert and wife Charlotte of Sonora; and daughter, Kimberly Lewallen and husband Lynn of Wall. Five treasured grandchildren, Kate Martin and husband Jason of Sonora; Allison Higdon of College Station; Madeline Higdon of Sonora; Denver Lewallen of Wall; Ashley and wife of San Angelo; three adored great-grandchildren, Lexie Martin, Darren and Corley Lewallen; and his only sister, Leoma Morris and husband Sam of Franklin; as well as numerous loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Léa Devine Evans Saiz January 19, 2007

Our sweet angel Léa Devine may never see the sun shine or flowers bloom, but she will be with our Lord God. She will always be loved and in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

Léa Devine is survived by her parents Joaquin and Mary Evans Saiz; brother: Gabriel Saiz of Ingram; grandparents Leonard and Maggie Lloyd of Eldorado; grandmother Carol Bunk of Leakey; great-grandmothers: Francis Evans of Ingram and Maria Saiz of Leakey and grandfather Calvin Evans of Ingram. Also lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services were held January 21, 2007 at Nicholson Cemetery, Ingram. Chris Wilson of Leakey officiated.



## George Hardesty Gower

ELDORADO — George Hardesty Gower, 87, of Eldorado, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007.

George was born July 8, 1919, in Fayetteville, N.C., to his parents, Douglas Herman Gower and Clara Jones Gower.

In 1844, Romulus Herman Gower, a cotton farmer in Clayton, N.C., met Arrie Hardesty and married. They had three sons, Perrin, Waldo, Douglas (George's father); and two daughters, Mabel and Dorothy. Douglas Gower met Clara Jones, who wed and had three sons, Douglas, Irving and George.

When George was a senior in high school, he moved to Clayton, N.C., due to his grandmother Arrie's illness. He graduated in 1936, where he was in the top of his class. Then Douglas, his father became very ill and George moved back to Wilmington, N.C., to take care of his dad as well.

After his father passed away, George moved to Norfolk, Va., and went to work for Amour meat packers. During this time, the Army drafted him to fight in World War II. He was in the Army from 1943-1946. Basic training was at Camp Twentynine Palms in Los Angeles, Calif. He applied for officer's training school in tanks in which he received his lieutenant's bar at Fort Benning, Ga. He was promoted to captain and was an instructor in the tank corp. During his service he received the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal.

After the military, he went to the University of Texas in Austin and graduated with a petroleum engineering degree in 1950. He went to work for Arco Oil, where they moved him to Jakarta, Indonesia. In Jakarta, he met Hani Atun Nahimah in 1971, and they were wed in 1974 in Jakarta, Indonesia, and enjoyed a wonderful life together in Eldorado, Texas, with their two kids, Gajah Mada and Catharina Clara. They made lots of friends in the Eldorado community. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He participated in the Star Reading Program in which he would listen to the kids read. This helped them sharpen their reading skills. He loved kids and was a big kid at heart.

His parents, Douglas H. and Clara Gower; and his brother, Douglas H. Gower Jr.; grandpar-

ents: Romulas and Arrie Gower preceded George in death.

He is survived by his wife, Atun Gower of Eldorado, Texas; a brother, Irving Gower, and his wife, Nancy of West Grove, Pa., and their two boys, Bob and George Gower; an aunt, Ada Jones of Greenville, N.C.; two sons, Gajah Mada Gower, stationed in South Korea, and Jon Butcher and his wife, Janice of Webster, Texas; four daughters, Catharina Hans and her husband, Tomas of Killeen, Texas, Gina Foster and her husband, Charlie of Fort Worth, Texas, and Gwynne Schwab of New Orleans, and Sharon Nelson of New Orleans; 15 grandchildren, Keri Butcher Osterberg and husband Brent, Jessica Butcher, Braylie Harris, Madison and Trace Hans, David, Alysia and Aimee Foster, Ashley, Stephen, Jeffrey and Meredith Schwab, Robyn Nelson and Paula Anne Cacioppo. He had numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation was Friday, Jan. 19, and Jan. 20, at Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado. Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at First Baptist Church of Eldorado with the Rev. Andy Anderson officiating. Interment will be at Maplewood Cemetery, Clayton, North Carolina where his father, mother and other family members are laid to rest.

Pallbearers were Jim Martin, Rick Stricklan, Pat Ragsdale, Ken Thomas, Jon Calcote and Herman Walker.



## Valarie Cadena

Our small precious daughter, Valarie Cadena, went to be with Jesus, Wednesday, January 17, 2007. She was 4 months old, born September 28, 2007.

Survivors include her parents Fidencio and Dorothy Cadena, a brother: Kraig and five sisters: Alya, Andrea, Monica, Ashley and Jennifer; grandparents: Marcos and MaryAnn Padilla of Eldorado and Oscar and Erminia Guerra of Friona, TX; great-grandparents Santos and Rosalinda Guerra of San Angelo and Jesus and Roberta Ramos of Friona. Also five aunts and seven uncles.

Funeral service was held Saturday, January 20, 2007 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Father Joseph Vathalloor officiating. Burial followed at Eldorado Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jesse Rodriguez of San Angelo and Adam Romo of Leveland.

## Roland David Dickinson

SAN ANGELO — Roland David Dickinson, 20, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 in Big Spring, Texas. Funeral service was Monday, Jan. 22, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with Preacher Russ Frasier of Forgiven Ministries officiating.

Roland was preceded in death by his stepfather, Richard Dickinson Jr. of Bangs, Texas; and great-grandfather Felix Salvato Sr. of San Angelo. Roland was laid to rest next to his stepfather, Richard, in Bangs Cemetery under the direction of Robert Massie Funeral Home. Roland had a love for life. He couldn't wait for the next adventure, which often led in the wrong direction. He had many dreams he hoped to make a reality, and during the last several months of his life he was headed in the right direction.

He will be remembered often and truly missed.

Survivors include his mother, Teresa Dickinson and stepfather Oscar Epperson; and father Marvin Seals and wife Margie, all of San Angelo; a brother Richard Dickinson III of San Angelo; six sisters, Jennifer Norman of Houston, Kimberly Duncan of Gainesville, Michelle Logan of Brownwood, Niki Epperson of San Angelo, Amanda Swinney of Dayton, Ohio, and Courtney Seals of San Angelo; his favorite uncle, Frank Dickinson of Eldorado; favorite aunt Stephanie Skinner of San Angelo; grandparents Rita Dunn and husband Danny of San Angelo, David Allen and wife Ruby of San Angelo, Richard Dickinson Sr. and wife Sherry of Abilene, Betty Witt of Coleman, and Shirley Seals and husband Larry of San Angelo; his great-grandmother, Dorothy May Salvato of San Angelo; his girlfriend Nicole and a beautiful son Kai; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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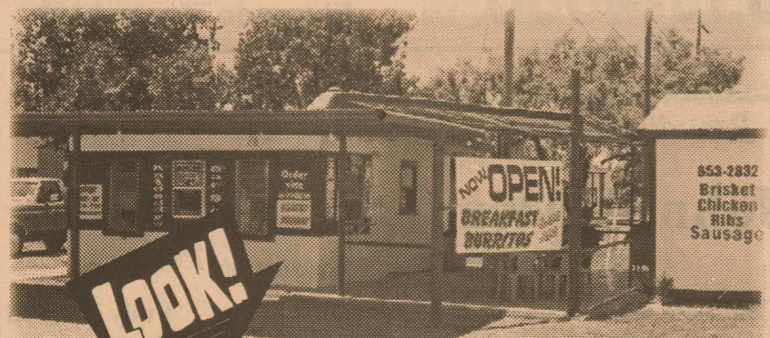
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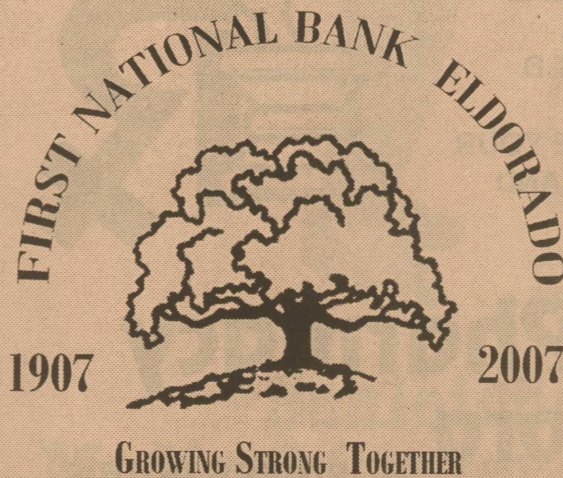
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## Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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		2			1	3	
1				4			8
	5		6		2		4

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*\*\*  
\* Moderate \*\* Challenging \*\*\* Hoo Boy!  
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.  
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# Eagles dispatch hapless Cougars 61-22

## Warbirds grab 44 rebounds and 15 steals to get second district win

A friendly home crowd saw the Eldorado High School Eagles spank the Christoval High School Christoval Cougars, 61-22, on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. The Eagles were led offensively by Drew Bosmans, who poured in 21 points for the contest. The Eagles 31-13 halftime advantage turned out to be too daunting a prospect to overcome.

In the win, Eagles got great play from Jorge Mata, who had 11 points, 13 rebounds and an assist. Zach Hash put his size to good use and single-handedly snagged more rebounds than the opposing team's total. Bosmans along with

Hash combined for 10 rebounds in the contest. Sammy Estrada had eight points and one rebound for the Eagles. Tyler Dombroski contributed 3 points and 4 rebounds. Manny Gonzales scored 2 points and one rebound and one steal. The Eagles' game-low 6 turnovers helped in gaining the victory. Bos-

mans had three 3 point goals and Sanchez one.

"We have been trying to improve our defense and try to frustrate our opponents and hopefully create some points from it," Coach Rene Valeriano said after the game. "We have been successful thus far and we hope we can con-

tinue. The teams in our district are well coached and I expect them to make adjustments as the season progresses, forcing us to continuously change and hopefully keep them off balance."

The win moved the Eagles District mark to 2-0 and 15-7 on the season.

# Eagles swat Hornets on their home court

The Eldorado High School Eagles bested the Irion County Hornets, 72-58, on Friday, January 19, 2007 at Hornets Gym. The Eagles Drew Bosmans led the way with 19 points as he helped dictate the tempo. The Eagles improved their record to 3-0 on the season.

The Eagles got a boost from the aggressive play of their big man Zach Hash, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds. The Eagles made the

most of the play of Jorge Mata, who scored 10 points and pulled down 21 boards. Lalo Sanchez went hard to the boards to single-handedly pull down more rebounds than the Hornets entire team.

Eldorado excelled on defense as the swarming Warbirds had 12 takeaways during the contest.

"Irion County was well prepared for what we do. It was obvious to me they had been coached

on every play we ran and even had practiced on beating our zone defense," Coach Rene Valeriano said following the hard-fought game. "At half time we made some adjustments on our defense to try and confuse them and it seemed to work as we finally pulled away and finished the game."

The victory moves the Eagles to 3-0 in District and 16-7 overall.

**School Lunch Menu**  
  
 Milk & Bread Offered  
 Menus Subject To Change  
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each  
**BREAKFAST MENU**  
**Monday, January 29**  
 Biscuits / Sausage, Choice Of Juice, Jelly, Milk  
**Tuesday, January 30**  
 Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday, January 31**  
 NutriGrain Bar/Graham Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Thursday, February 1**  
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Friday, February 2**  
 Pancake on a Stix/Syrup, Applesauce Cups, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**BASKET LINE**  
**Monday, January 29**  
 McRib Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cucumber Salad, Pineapple Slices  
**Tuesday, January 30**  
 Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos/Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Wednesday, January 31**  
 Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Carrot Stix/Dip, Apple Halves  
**Thursday, February 1**  
 Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/Cheese Cup, Crackers(8)Stawberry Jello/Topping  
**Friday, February 2**  
 Bar B Q on a Bun, Pickles/Baked Chips, Orange Halves  
**CAFETERIA LINE**  
**Monday, January 29**  
 Pork Chops/Gravy, Green Beans/Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad/Creamed Potatoes, Pineapple Slices  
**Tuesday, January 30**  
 Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos/Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Wednesday, January 31**  
 Burritos, Spanish Rice, Cucumber Salad, Apple Halves  
**Thursday, February 1**  
 Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Strawberry Jello/Topping  
**Friday, February 2**  
 Bar B Q on a Bun, Pickles/ Baked Chips, Orange Halves

# Lady Eagles fall 65-39 to Christoval girls

The Lady Eagles' defense was outmanned by the Christoval Lady Cougars last Tuesday night as visitors handed Eldorado a 65-39 win in Eagle Gym.

Kirsten Stubbs was the leading scorer for the Lady Eagles, hitting for 11 points. But that wouldn't

be enough as the Lady Cougars opened up an early lead and carried it to the closing buzzer.

Also scoring for the Lady Eagles was Chelsey Hill 10, Cassandra Buitron 5, Mariana Guzman 3, Haley Higgins 6 and Leslie Cruz 6.

# Lady Hornets outlast Lady Eagles, 49-39

The Lady Eagles lost 49-39 to the Irion County Lady Hornets in Mertzon on Friday, January 19, 2007.

Both teams made a strong defensive showing but the Lady Eagles offense couldn't close

the gap in the final minutes of play.

Cassandra Buitron was Eldorado's leading scorer as she poured in 11 points. Also scoring for the Lady Eagles were Chelsey Hill with 6 points, Kirsten Stubbs 8,

Mariana Guzman 3, Katherine Johnson contributing 7 and Meg Griffin and Deyanira Cruz 2 points each.

The loss drops the Lady Eagles district record to 1-3 in district and 5-18 overall.

## 7th Grade Boys

January 20, 2007  
 Rocksprings Tournament  
 Eldorado 12-11-08-06-37  
 Nueces Canyon 02-01-08-05-16  
 Scoring for the Eagles: R. Chavez 8, M. Barker 2, N. Jimenez 7, A. Espinosa 12, E. Joiner 2, and B. Minor 6.

## 8th Grade Girls

January 22, 2007  
 Eldorado 07-08-14-09-38  
 Menard 06-06-09-05-26  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 18, Carli McAngus 4, Ashley Paulson 9, Marci Minor 2, Abigail Ussery 1 and Amy Alvizo 4.

## JV GIRLS


January 12, 2007  
 Eldorado 13-00--10-06=29  
 Miles 12-00-11-10=33  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Victoria Garza 8, Maureen Martinez 2, Desiree Valeriano 4, Adrianna Hernandez 4, Emily Espinosa 2, Veronica Belman 4, Kadie Niblett 3 and Taylie Bilibrey 2.

## 7th Grade Girls

January 20, 2007  
 Rocksprings Tournament  
 2nd Place Winners  
 Eldorado 04-04-06-05=19  
 Nueces Canyon 02-01-06-06=15  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Abby Fuentes 6, Brianah Creek 6, Brianda Torres 1, Melissa Gonzales 4, Marissa Gonzales 2.

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January 22, 2007  
 Rocksprings Tournament  
 Eldorado 10-06-02-02=20  
 Junction 02-10-07-4=23  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Sierra Arispe 4, Abby Fuentes 4, Brianah Creek 8, Brianda Torres 2, Ana Sanchez 2.

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 27th Leonard Wideman, Tristen Barajas, Sunni Cate McCormick, Reed Hairman, Varonica Mejia, Clarissa Hernandez, Byron Aycock  
 28th Cory Reeves  
 29th Blake Snelson, Ryan Mathis, Dennis Droll, Frank Barajas, Rylea Self  
 30th Trisha Martinez, McKayla Ann Adame, Lacy Finley Jemott, Louise Radle, Michael Faull, Antonio Mejia, Sutairra Martinez  
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The 5th Annual West Texas Regional Domino and 42 Tournament is scheduled for March 9, 10, and 11, 2007 at 618 S. Chadbourne in San Angelo, Texas.

This annual event is the major fundraiser for Historic Murals of San Angelo, Inc.

If you love competitive dominoes, 42 or Mah Jongg, we invite you to participate in this

tournament. This event attracts players from all over the state and as far away as Jackson, MS. Men and women who enjoy the game will find fellowship and lots of fun at this event and you do not have to be a professional to play in this tournament.

All proceeds will help in funding projects to beautify Historic Downtown San Angelo.

The organization hopes to start painting historical, accurate images on empty storefronts in select locations.

To register for the tournament or for more information, please visit the Historic Murals of San Angelo website at: [www.historicmuralsofsanangelo.org](http://www.historicmuralsofsanangelo.org) or contact Susan Morris at 325-944-1443.

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In a special message titled "Straight Talk About God's Deliverance," Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for everyone—no matter how you got stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you think you deserve it or not. From her own personal experience, Moore will share the healing to be found in Jesus and will present a message of hope.

Says, Moore, "If God could lift me out of the pit and set my feet

on sturdy ground, then He can get anyone out!"

Presented by Church Communication Network (CCN) and Integrity Publishers, the event will be broadcast live via satellite to hundreds of churches in the U.S. and Canada.

CCN Director of Events Deborah Layman commented, "We are excited to have the opportunity to bring Beth Moore's powerful and personal message right into the local church. This will be a life-changing day for women all over North America."

Lighthouse Community Church is hosting this live international simulcast event. For additional information or ticketing, contact our office at 325-387-9100.

## Schleicher Co. Nursing Home Chit Chat

Annie Arispe, Nursing Home Activity Director

Here we are in January! I don't know about you or where you have lived, but where I come from, January and February can be brutal months. We had quite a bit of snow back home, but worse than that, to me, are those gray days that sometimes near zero degrees in temperature. Those are the days when it is too cold to go out and play in the snow. After two gray days in a row the residents will say, "Oh, if the sun would just shine." Weather certainly has an effect on the mood and health of us all.

We've also tried to celebrate winter with a "Winter Wonderland" bulletin board and a couple of winter puzzles (pictures designed to thaw brain freezes!). Spencer Stimler's reminiscing story, "Round-trip Sled Rides" is sure to spark some pleasant memories of winter activities. We also have made snowflakes which are hung throughout the Nursing Home and it is great for fine motor skills.

Also, there has been more oatmeal sold in January than in any other month of the year, so perhaps that is why January is officially recognized as Oatmeal Month. This January, in honor of the delicious, nutritious breakfast cereal, I asked for empty oatmeal boxes once you've finished eating. Thanks to Mrs. Day we have containers for every resident.

The Fundraiser, Nursing Home Gift Shop, will be opening soon for Valentine's Day in February. Candy, Balloons, Stuffed animals, Goodie Bags, Plants and jewelry will be available for purchase.

A friendly reminder, you have to the end of the month to turn in your recipes for the Nursing Home Cook Book.

Please come visited. We have hot coffee and cookies. We love visitors.

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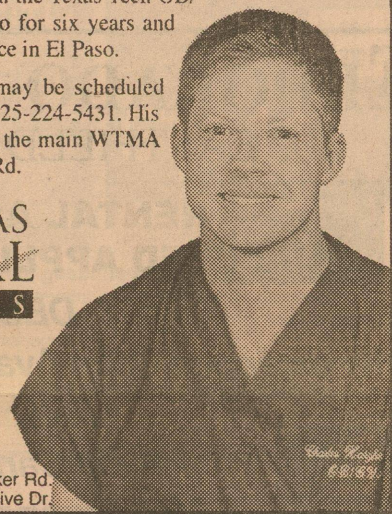
Dr. Harzke is a native Texan. He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M in 1986 and graduated from medical school in 1991 from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Harzke completed his residency in El Paso specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He was assistant professor in the Texas Tech OB/GYN Department in El Paso for six years and then began his private practice in El Paso.

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## Capital Highlights...

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### State unemployment rate drops

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 in December, the lowest in five years, the Texas Workforce Commission said in a report released Jan. 19.

To illustrate the improvement, the unemployment rate in November was 4.7 percent, and a year ago, in December 2005, the rate was 5.2 percent.

Nonagricultural employment grew by 15,600 jobs in December as Texas employers continue adding jobs.

Over the last 12 months, the Texas economy grew by 213,200 jobs, and Texas employers have added jobs for 27 consecutive months, the agency reported.

### Senator proposes smoking ban

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he would file legislation banning smoking in all public buildings in Texas.

Ellis is looking for a House sponsor of his bill and expects to file his version this month.

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**Meals for Friends Menu**

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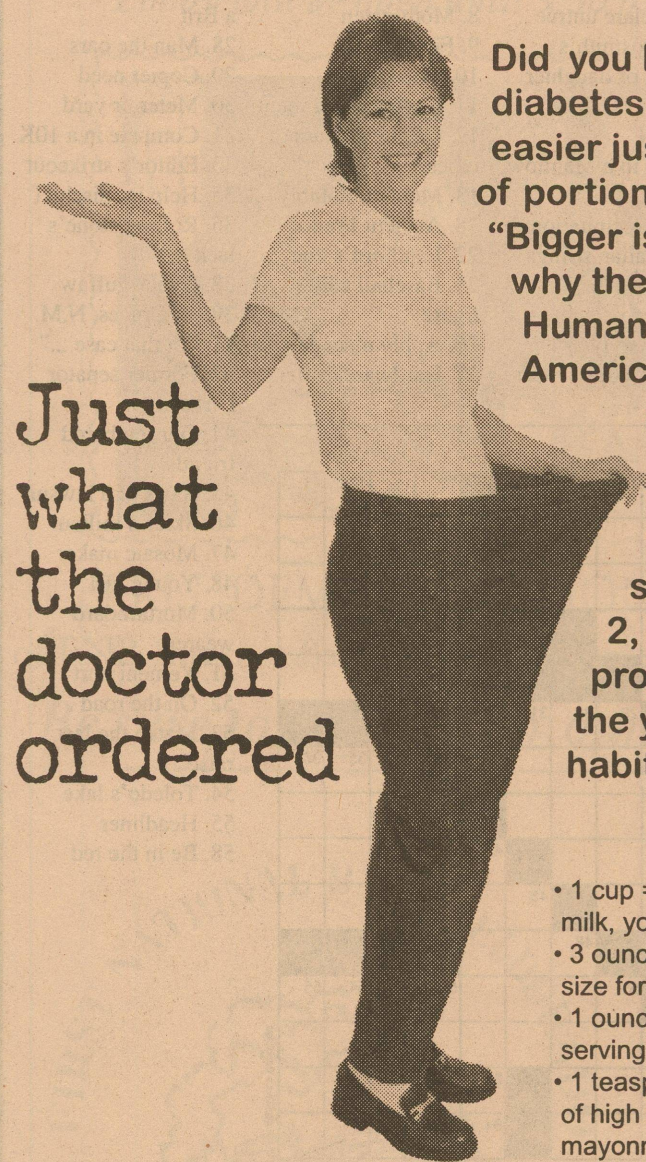
**Tuesday, January 30**  
Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk

**Wednesday, January 31**  
Ground Beef Steak, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn w/Peppers, Hot Dinner Rolls, Carrot Salad, Applesauce, Milk

**Thursday, February 1**  
Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

**Friday, February 2**  
Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/Fruit, Milk.

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- 3 ounces = 1 palm of the hand: the perfect serving size for meat, fish or chicken
- 1 ounce = 1 thumb = the correct size for a single serving of cheese
- 1 teaspoon = 1 thumb tip: works well for servings of high calorie condiments like butter, margarine or mayonnaise

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## Let's Hound Dog Hustle

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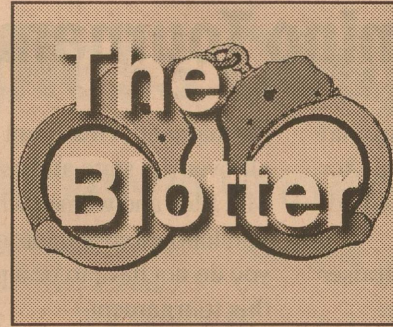
The race route will follow Oak St. to HWY 915, NW on West St., SE onto W. Fields Ave., NE on Oak St. until it dead-ends into North St. Runners/walkers will then travel West on North St. and turn North on the Mertzon Rod to the "big tree" where they turn around and travel South on Mertzon Rd., travel SW on Meador St., SE on W. Warner in between the hospital and tennis courts and then end at the

elementary school.

The 1 mile and the 5K run/walk will start at 8:15 AM. Water stations will be provided along the race route sponsored by West Texas Feed and Mercantile and Schleicher County Hospital.

After the race awards will be distributed to the largest entered team and also to individuals based on age categories. The race will benefit the American Diabetes Association.

If you would like to volunteer or be a participant please contact Evelyn Gordon at 853-4010 or [ggordon06@verizon.net](mailto:ggordon06@verizon.net).



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

### ARRESTS None to Report

### INCIDENTS

Jan. 17 • 9:16 a.m. Caller reported loose pit bulls at their parents resident. Complainant did not know who the owner of the dogs. Sheriff Office advised subject to contact the city for animal control to pick up animals. Officer notified.

• 9:33 a.m. Caller reported a controlled burn five miles north of Eldorado. Fire department notified.

• 10:45 a.m. Caller reported a minor auto accident. No injuries and no wrecker. Caller requested an officer to issue a blue form. Officers responded. EMS did respond.

• 10:55 a.m. Complainant reported 5 students playing in roadway in red coats and overalls. Complainant reported they almost caused an accident. Officer responded.

• 12:30 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a two tone Ford truck. Officer responded.

• 12:45 p.m. Caller from Abilene reported a male subject called for assistance. Subject was threatening to commit suicide and was in Eldorado. Officer responded to location.

• 1:22 p.m. Caller reported seeing smoke on Hwy. 190 West. Sheriff Office advised caller there was a controlled burn.

• 3:07 p.m. Complainant reported kids throwing snowballs at cars on Divide Street. Officer notified.

• 3:09 p.m. Another caller reported kids throwing snowballs at passing motorist on Divide.

• 3:58 p.m. Subject reported

a controlled burn on Hwy. 277 North.

• 5:10 p.m. Subject requested an ambulance for a 72 year old male with low blood sugar. Subject unresponsive. Officer and EMS responded.

• 8:14 p.m. Subject requested to speak with an officer at the hospital. Officer responded.

• 0:59 p.m. Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Dorris Street.

Jan. 18 • 6:25 a.m. Caller reported a white Ford truck had gone off the road about a quarter mile south of town and was in an awkward position. Officer responded.

• 6:50 a.m. Caller reported a truck had gone into the bar ditch south of town. Officer responded.

• 3:45 p.m. Subject needed help with insurance papers from a recent accident. Deputy notified.

• 7:32 p.m. Complainant reported a opossum in backyard and was afraid of it. Sheriff Office advised complainant to contact the city's animal control to set traps. Officer notified.

• 7:41 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 277 north of Eldorado. White 4 door Mercury Grand Marquis. Officer unable to locate.

Jan. 19 • 8:23 a.m. Caller requested a number for the local wrecker service. They reported they were stuck in a ditch.

• 11:06 a.m. Caller reported a controlled burn 15 miles on Hwy 277 north. Fire department notified.

Jan. 20 • 10:51 a.m. 911 call for an unresponsive elderly female. Condition unknown. Caller was upset and was unable to give dispatcher information. Two officers and EMS responded.

• 3:07 p.m. Complainant reported possible fire behind restaurant or in someone's backyard. Fire Chief notified and reported controlled trash burn behind house.

• 5:04 p.m. Caller reported two lost dogs. Boston terrier. Has dog tags. Officer notified.

• 7:25 p.m. Complainant reported a lost puppy. A pit bull, with red collar. No tags. Officer notified.

Jan. 21 • 7:17 a.m. 911 Call. Caller reported a one vehicle roll-over 6 miles north on Hwy. 277. Road condition dense fog and icy. Two adults and two children were taken to Schleicher County Medical Center by Eldorado EMS. Officers, Eldorado Fire Department and DPS Trooper responded.

• 1:47 p.m. Subject reported a controlled burn on Hwy. 190 West.

• 9:51 p.m. Subject informed the Sheriff Office they would be in San Angelo overnight if anyone called to report them missing.

• 10:20 p.m. Complainant came into Sheriff Office with parent. Subject stated a male subject had backed into their vehicle while stopped. The complainant stated the male subject got out of the vehicle and blamed them for the accident, kicking the drivers door. Officer inspected complainants pickup and observed minor paint scratch on front bumper. Officer also noticed shoe print and scratches on drivers side door. Parent did not want to pursue charges, but wanted a record of the incident.

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- Exact copy
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- Moth-eaten
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# Eldorado Womans Club hears report on 90's genocide in Rawanda

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Womans' Club met Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room. Theme for the meeting was "Happy New Year." Thirteen members and two guests were present. President Jerre Holley welcomed everyone to our first meeting of 2007. Mary Roden gave a prayer and Pat Holt led us in pledges to our flags. Roll call was answered with our favorite

type of books. The diversity of our choices showed that the members and guests are great readers. Penny Bland, member of our local Library Board, reminded us of the great job the State Literary Commission of Texas was doing. The commission is where our library receives many of its books. Poetry, spy, religious themes, science fiction and historical were some of the choices. "No Life for a Lady;" books by Elmer Kelton, "The Gospel of John" by

Jim Lahay and many others were some of the books mentioned.

President Holley next called on Secretary Pat Holt and Treasurer Nelva Martin for their reports. President Holley then opened the business session stating that the Hospitality Committee would offer suggestions for our April field trip destination and the suggestion would be presented at our next meeting.

Next a ballot vote for member-

ship of Ruth Davis was taken. A unanimous vote was given. We are proud Ruth will be a new member and are looking forward to her being a member.

Program leader Cathy Niblett next introduced speaker Jill Preston. Jill chose "Left to Tell" by Immaculii' Ilibagiza for her book review. Immaculii' was from Rwanda, a tiny country in Central Africa, a very beautiful country of rolling hills; mist-shrouded mountains; green valleys; and sparkling lakes. There were pine and cedar forests and the weather was pleasant year-around. Her parents were educated and in her home racism and prejudice were completely unknown and she didn't hear the term Tutsi or Hutu, tribal names, until she was in school. She was a happy little girl in a happy village where people respected and cared for one another. She was born in the western Rwanda province of Kibuye, in the village of Mataba, which was near lake Kiva and Zaine. Both her parents were teachers and believed that the only defense against poverty and hunger was a good education. Rwanda is one of the most densely populated countries on the continent and

among the poorest in the world. Her grandfather left them farming land where they grew beans, bananas and coffee. The family were devote Roman Catholics.

Rwanda was made up of three tribes: a Hutu majority, a Tutsi minority; and a very small number of Twa, a pygmy like tribe of forest dwellers. The German and the Belgian colonists converted Rwanda's existing social structure into a discriminatory race based class system. All this began way back in 1959. During Immaculii's high school years war broke out between the Hutus and Tutsis. At this time the Hutus were in power. There were Tutsis rebels fighting along with the Rawandese Patriotic Front (RBF), who left the country years ago and had been forbidden by the Hutu government from returning. Hundreds and thousands of Tutsis had fled Rwanda during the troubles of 1959 and 1973 as well as the many times that Hutu extremists had gone on Tutsi killing sprees.

In 1994 Rwanda descended into a bloody genocide. Immaculii's family living there were murdered during a killing spree that lasted three months and claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans. Immaculii's father had sent her to the home of a pastor friend and while there she and seven others hid in a tiny bathroom for 91 days. It was there she learned English and French. She also discovered the power of prayer and formed a profound and lasting relation-

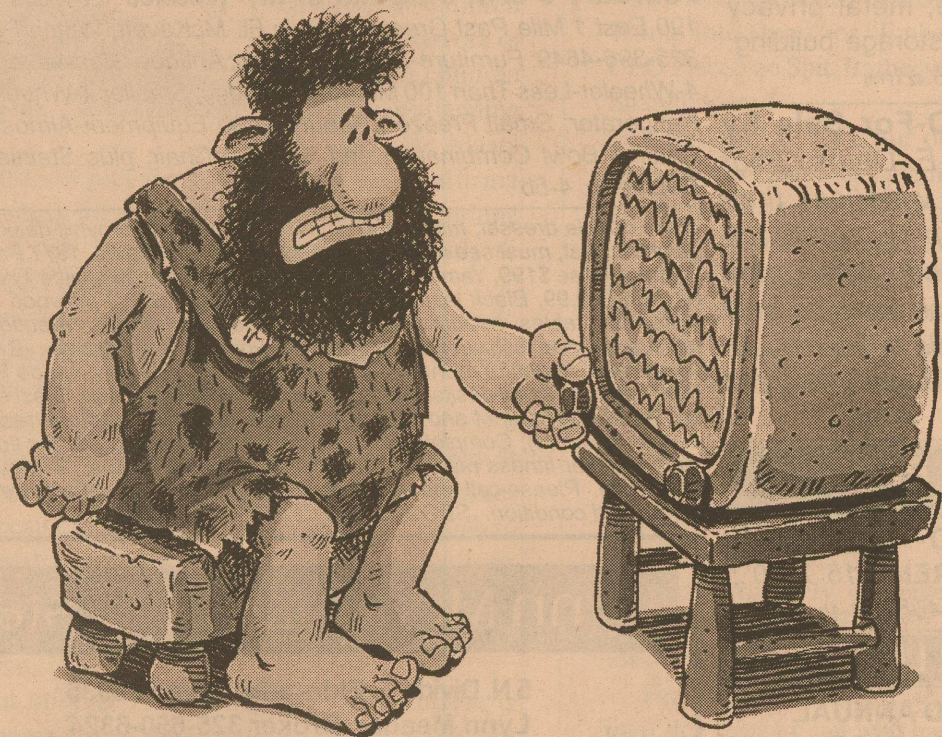
ship with God and discovered the meaning of unconditional love - a love so strong that she was able to seek out and forgive her family's killers. She was very fortunate to meet several people who helped her to get a good job as a translator for the United Nations. While she was at the U.N. she met Bryan Blach, an American U.N. employee. They fell in love and married and in 1998 they came to America and both were with the U.N. in Manhattan.

Her book is a story of terror, endurance, healing and forgiveness. Her account of the genocide survival gives us hope of overcoming the divisions deliberately created by those with self-serving agendas and no thought for humanity. Her story of her unquenchable faith and connection to God throughout the ordeals and trials to make sense of human kinds seemingly bottomless depravity and counterbalancing hope in an all-powerful, loving God. We thank Jill for her review of the very deeply moving book. This reporter read the book and could not put it down until it was finished. It is a story everyone needs to read and think about.

Following our program we recited our Club Collect. Our refreshment time was hosted by Myrt Williams, Zee Hickman and Pat Holt. Delicious food and special table decorations made for a delightful time.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room.

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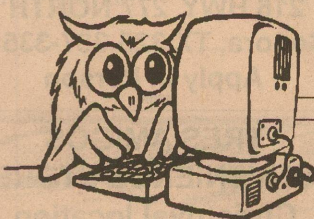
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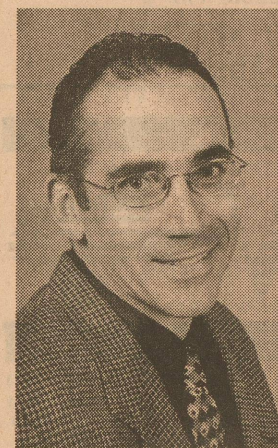


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Tyler Dombroski went up and over a Ft. Stockton defender Tuesday night as the Eldorado Eagles hosted the 3A Panthers in a non-district game. Ft. Stockton won the game 68-53 despite spirited play on the part of the Warbirds.

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### SCHLEICHER COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2006 BY KAREN HENDERSON - SCHLEICHER COUNTY TREASURER

FUND	BALANCE JAN 1, 2006	RECEIVED FROM TRANSFERS	RECEIVED FROM AUTO LICENSE	RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTION	RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL RECEIVED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TOTAL DISBURSED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2006
GENERAL FUND MMIA*	1,175,883.11								1,616,960.30
GENERAL FUND	85,278.03	0.00	0.00	1,795,855.11	427,538.20	2,223,393.31	1,811,642.68	35,108.00	55,951.47
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER M.M.L.A.*	0.00								0.00
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FUND	478.08	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	26,951.18	31,951.18	27,729.52	0.00	4,699.74
RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND	12,960.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,888.36	13,888.36	10,439.10	0.00	16,409.43
COURTHOUSE SECURITY M.M.L.A.*	43,755.05								27,598.40
COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND	10,772.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,481.76	9,481.76	30,437.75	0.00	5,973.01
ROAD & BRIDGE M.M.L.A.*	121,570.82								51,161.63
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	54,157.08	0.00	174,321.30	0.00	400,418.45	574,739.75	555,483.18	131,000.00	143,822.84
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING M.M.L.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING FUND	4,760.32	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	9,570.50	24,570.50	28,237.90	0.00	1,092.92
HEALTH SERVICES M.M.L.A.*	24,955.96								105,289.04
HEALTH SERVICES FUND	16,739.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,042.68	200,042.68	93,859.92	0.00	42,589.08
JUSTICE OF PEACE M.M.L.A.*	34,797.98								36,214.46
JUSTICE OF PEACE FUND	6,335.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,329.06	39,329.06	32,088.66	0.00	12,159.48
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL M.M.L.A.*	11.60								15.99
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL FUND	290.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.53	10.53	0.00	0.00	297.13
MEALS PROGRAM M.M.L.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEALS PROGRAM FUND	2,860.79	15,108.00	0.00	0.00	44,951.29	60,059.29	58,931.87	0.00	3,988.21
FARM*MARKET M.M.L.A.*	265,277.52								308,667.31
FARM*MARKET ROAD FUND	14,573.21	0.00	0.00	393,247.04	7,853.04	401,100.08	339,653.56	0.00	32,629.94
LATERAL ROAD FUND	14,068.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,068.92	0.00	0.00
AIRPORT M.M.L.A.*	3,021.92								7,307.75
AIRPORT FUND	17,660.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,400.35	64,400.35	65,738.11	0.00	12,037.03
SELF-INSURANCE M.M.L.A.*	124,777.28								140,263.50
SELF-INSURANCE FUND	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,486.22	15,486.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOT CHECK FUND	1,421.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.30	200.30	195.63	0.00	1,425.70
INTEREST & SINKING M.M.L.A.*	17,219.65								15,699.40
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	922.78	0.00	0.00	38,735.58	744.10	39,479.68	39,830.00	0.00	2,092.71
CONTINGENCY FUND M.M.L.A.*	85,109.24								248,227.37
CONTINGENCY FUND	0.00	190,875.00	0.00	0.00	9,435.51	200,310.51	37,192.38	10,000.00	0.00
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	11,045.25	18,166.26	0.00	0.00	245,435.25	263,601.51	270,536.26	0.00	4,110.50
TOTAL SECURITIES*	1,896,380.13								2,557,405.15
TOTAL FUNDS	254,324.58	254,149.26	174,321.30	2,227,837.73	1,505,236.78	4,162,045.07	3,416,065.44	176,108.00	339,279.19

THE ABOVE STATEMENT AS COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED: *Karen Henderson*  
KAREN HENDERSON, SCHLEICHER COUNTY TREASURER

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

CHURL	CLOG	SHAG
OAKIE	LOLA	TERI
PIECE	GOODS	RAGA
ALSORANS	PROTON	
SUE	EVENT	
SPIRAL	TURNER	
TAROT	DONUT	HAM
AVOW	LENIN	LOBO
TEN	TOILET	EASES
MAHLER	TVSETS	
STOVE	MOE	
LINING	AIRRACES	
OLGA	RODSTEWART	
PEEN	AWESTALIA	
ERRS	DENNY	TYLER

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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