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County Attorney hospitalized following one-car rollover

Schleicher County Attorney Marian Overstreet remained hospitalized Wednesday recovering from injuries she sustained Sunday, December 3, 2000 in an automobile accident in Irion County.

DPS Trooper Steve Torres reports Overstreet was traveling southwest on US Hwy. 67 six miles east of Mertzon when her 1999 Kia automobile left the roadway. Torres states that Overstreet's car rolled three times before coming to rest on its wheels in a field. The accident

reportedly occurred at 10:11 a.m. Overstreet, who was alone in the vehicle was reportedly wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident. According to her daughter, Overstreet suffered a lacerated thumb, broken ribs, a punctured lung and a concussion. She was taken by Irion County EMS ambulance to Sar Angelo Community Medical Center where she underwent surgery. Overstreet is expected to be released from the hospital later this week.

Santa plans Eldorado visit

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm tellin' you why...Santa Claus is coming to town!

According to Santa's public information officer at the North Pole, the jolly old elf will be flying into Eldorado for a pre-Christmas visit on Sunday, December 17th at 3:30 p.m. Santa's busy schedule will only allow him to stay here until 6:00 p.m, however, when he must fly away to visit other girls and boys.

Eldorado youngsters wishing to share their Christmas wishes with

Santa Claus may do so at the gazebo on Main Street. Santa's visit is timed to coincide with an Open House being hosted next door by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce which this week opened an office in the County Museum.

Everyone is encouraged to come out to greet Santa Claus as well as to enjoy refreshments at the Museum. Also on display will be beautiful works by the Quilting Club which meets regularly in the Museum.



photo by Kathy Mankin

On the job at the Chamber of Commerce — Crissi McCormick began this week staffing the office for the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce. The office has been moved to the Schleicher County Museum.

McCormick staffs Chamber of Commerce's new office in the Schleicher County Museum

Crissi McCormick was recently hired by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce to oversee their office. Her duties include answering the chamber phone and offering assistance for those who seek information about Eldorado and Schleicher County. Also changing will be the Chamber's

office location which is moving to the Schleicher County Museum. Currently, the museum depends on volunteers to keep the facility open in the afternoon. The move by the Chamber will allow the museum to be open to the public four mornings per week.

Office hours for the Chamber of Commerce will be 8:30 - 11:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Chamber's existing phone number, 853-3109, is not changing.

Crissi McCormick is the daughter of Phil and Abbie McCormick. Crissi's four year old daughter Sunni Cate is in pre-school. Crissi trains horses and rodeos.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

White Christmas Dreams

Although the chances are slim to none for waking up anywhere in Texas on Christmas morning with at least an inch of snow on the ground, a few Texas cities can keep a white Christmas on their wish list.

According to Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander and the National Climatic Data Center, the following list indicates the probabilities of a white Christmas in various Texas cities.

Abilene.....	3%
Amarillo.....	7%
Austin.....	0%
Dallas.....	0%
El Paso.....	0%
Galveston.....	0%
Houston.....	0%
Lubbock.....	3%
Wichita Falls.....	3%

—★★★★—

On This Date

On this date in 43 BC author Marcus Tullius Cicero was killed by Mark Antony's soldiers. In 1787 Delaware became the first state to ratify the US constitution. In 1916 David Lloyd George replaced H.H. Asquith as British prime minister. In 1934 the jet stream was discovered by flyer Wiley Post. In 1941 the Empire of Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. In 1972 Apollo 17, the last of Apollo moon series, was launched. In 1985 Bo Jackson of Auburn won college football's Heisman Trophy. In 1988 Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was cheered by crowds on Wall Street upon his arrival in NYC.

Birthdays of note include: 1542 Mary Queen of Scots (1560-1587); 1761 wax museum creator Madame Marie Tussaud; 1887 composer Ernst Toch; 1912 singer Louis Prima; 1915 actor Eli Wallach; 1923 actor Ted Knight; 1932 actress Ellen Burstyn; 1942 singer Harry Chapin; 1947 baseball player Johnny Bench; 1956 basketball player Larry Bird.

—★★★★—

Holiday Trivia

Thomas Edison's assistant, Edward Johnson, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882 but they weren't mass produced for another eight years.

Real Christmas trees are an all-American product, grown in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. Most artificial trees are manufactured in Korea, Taiwan, or Hong Kong. There are about 1 million acres in production for growing Christmas trees. There are about 15,000 Christmas tree growers in the U.S., and over 100,000 people employed full or part time in the industry

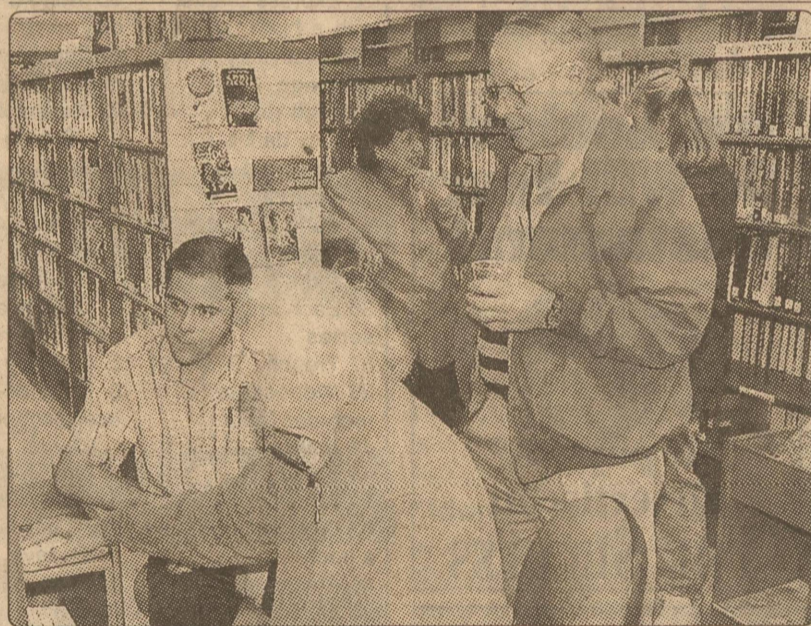


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Computer Wiz — Jeff Kempka (seated), a computer trainer with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk (standing) looked on Monday afternoon as Dr. Jim Brame tried out a new computer at the Schleicher County Public Library. The computer was made available through a grant from the Gates Foundation.

Library unveils new computer

The Schleicher County Public Library held an open house on Monday, December 4, 2000, to show off new computer equipment recently obtained by the Library through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The library purchased a Gateway computer, laser printer and internet access for the public use.

According to Librarian Jeri Whitten, the computer will be available to the public from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m daily. The Library's staff and the board of directors encourage the public, young and old alike, to come to the library and make use of the new computer equipment. It's available for research and personal use.

Christmas Open House planned at Hospital

A Christmas Open House is planned for Friday at Schleicher County Medical Center. Hospital, Nursing Home and Clinic Staff have decorated for the holiday season and are inviting everyone to stop by and see the many changes that have been made in the facility.

Refreshments will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the hospital and the public is invited to come by and tour the facility. A door decorating contest has also been undertaken in preparation for the Open House.

Sports awards program set for Sunday

An awards program honoring the EHS football teams, Cross Country Track teams and Cheerleader squads is planned for Sunday, December 10, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the Eldorado High School auditorium. The public is invited to attend and honor Eldorado's fine athletes and cheerleaders.

A reception is planned after the program in the foyer between the high school and auditorium.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Symphonic Band — Earning spots on the Regional Symphonic Band this year are (L-R) Mitzi Sessom, BreeAnne Davis and Samantha Smith. The girls competed at Regional Band tryouts in Ballinger on Saturday, December 2nd. This marks the 4th consecutive year that Davis has qualified for the Area Contest.



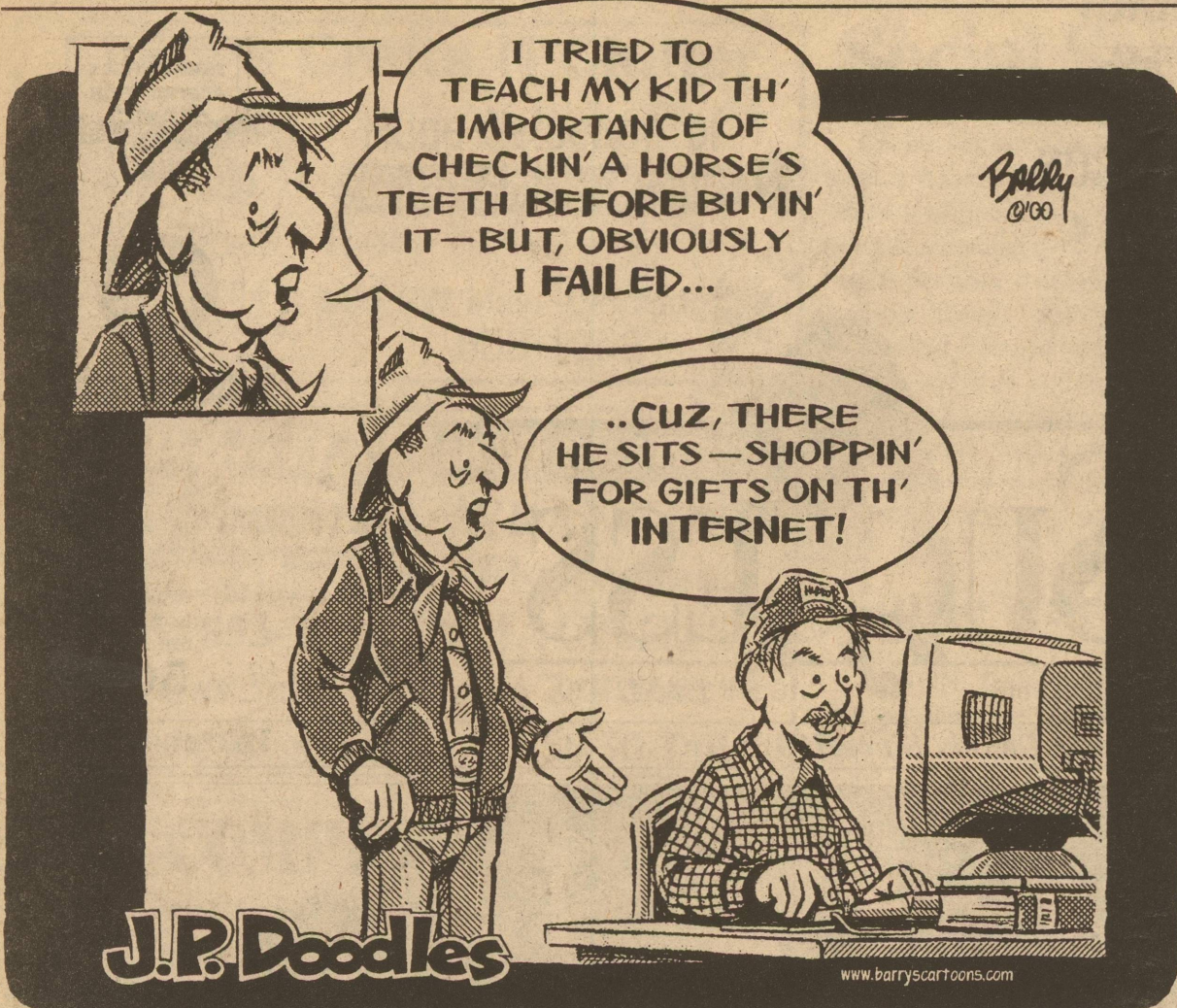
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Concert Band — Earning spots on the Regional Concert Band this year are (L-R) Tabitha Lloyd, Brittany Key, Maria Hernandez and Andrea Robles. The girls competed at Regional Band tryouts in Ballinger on Saturday, December 2nd.

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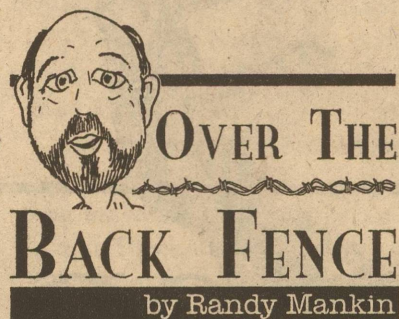
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“Political Correctness” marches on ...or, the death of “Common Sense”

“Political Correctness” it seems to me, is running rampant through our society. Every week I see more and more stories on the news wires that reinforce my assessment. This week I have included excerpts from a few of the stories that bubbled to the surface in recent days. Maybe you can make sense of all this...I can't.



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

age of Jesus.

Would a mural of Muhammad have been acceptable?

The American Civil Liberties Union has put Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster on notice that if he proceeds with plans to build three new chapels in state prisons, the group may take the state to court. The Associated Press reports that Gov. Foster and his wife, Alice, have raised \$1 million in private funds to build the chapels and want to raise an additional \$6 million to build or refurbish 21 more. ACLU executive director Joe Cook believes the move “raises issues of separation of church and state.”

Wouldn't we want prisoners to be exposed to religious principles, would we?

Bowing to pressure from concerned parents and teachers, Kent School District in Washington is revising earlier guidelines prohibiting decorated Christmas wreaths or trees on school property. Superintendent Barbara Grohe said

schools will indeed be able to put up “regular trees” and “giving trees.” Christmas trees, however, will not be allowed.

Well, of course they won't!

Meanwhile, the Conway, N.H. school board is still trying to figure out how to celebrate Halloween without offending anyone. The Associated Press reports the board last week approved guidelines urging teachers to avoid the occult or macabre aspects of the holidays and be “sensitive to diverse community points of view about Halloween traditions.”

What about diverse community points of view regarding Christmas?

The Washington Post reports that members of the armed forces have been put on notice about criticizing political leaders in speech or e-mail. After reading negative comments about e-mails attributed to military personnel, Brig. Gen. Jack Rives sent out a message stating that “this is not the time to send e-mails or otherwise get involved in an improper or unprofessional manner with the continuing controversy over the presidential election.”

I can't imagine how anyone who has volunteered to fight and die for our country could possibly believe that the freedom of speech extends to them.

National election problems mirror piece of Texas history

AUSTIN — An important election challenged over a technicality of the law. The matter goes to the Supreme Court while political futures hang in the balance in the capital city of Texas. Someone from Florida is causing problems. Austin in November 2000? No, Austin in 1874.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



The contested Nov. 7 presidential election, in which Democrat Al Gore garnered the most popular ballots while Republican George W. Bush apparently collected the most ballots in the Electoral College, has left Austin in political limbo.

It has been 126 years since any other election polarized — and paralyzed — Austin to such an extent. On Dec. 2, 1873, Democratic challenger Richard Coke defeated

the Republican incumbent Gov. E.J. Davis, by a two to one margin. Recount? No matter the vote totals, the matter was nearly decided with guns.

Davis, first elected in 1869, had been an officer in the Union army during the Civil War. His 1873 opponent had served on the Confederate side.

A native Floridian, Davis had not been a popular governor. There had been talk of impeachment.

When the election results finally came in, most Texans thought they were rid of Davis. But on Jan. 5, 1874, in a decision styled Ex

Parte Rodriguez, the Texas Supreme Court held the election to be unconstitutional.

At issue was this language in the state's election law: “All elections ... shall be held at the county seats of the several counties until otherwise provided by law; and the polls shall be open for four days.”

The fight was over the meaning of the semi-colon after the word “law.”

Based on this decision, which most historians believed was reached on the basis of partisan politics, not a reasoned interpretation of the law, Davis declared he would not vacate the governor's office. Coke, in turn, said he would not be denied the governorship, no matter the findings of the pro-Davis Supreme Court.

For two weeks, from Jan. 5 to Jan. 19, Austin verged on civil insurrection. The Capitol became an armed camp as two different sets of party partisans, legislators and other elected officials tried to keep or gain control of the building.

A war could have started on Jan. 16, when a pro-Coke party forced open the state arsenal and removed rifles and ammunition. Fortunately, Coke ordered the men to return the weapons.

Davis, meanwhile, had appealed to Republican President U.S. Grant for help. The president recommended that Davis “yield to the verdict of the people.” When the president turned down a second request for federal troops, Davis reluctantly decided to step down.

Despite all the tension, the only shooting that resulted from the incident was a 102-gun salute fired on the Capitol grounds after Coke's inauguration.

The lesson for Texas during the waning days of the year 2000? Painful as the presidential election process has been this year, at least the only confrontations have been between the spin meisters, the lawyers and the courts.

As the year 2000 slowly runs out of calendar pages, at least one thing is certain: The 77th session of the Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 9.

As of late in November, more than 400 bills have been prefiled.

Lawmakers have until March 9 for filing bills or joint resolutions that are not local or not considered an emergency.

In Austin, despite the political uncertainty brought about by the contested national election, lobbyists and interest groups are poring over bills as if they were Christmas shopping lists.



ROLLING ALONG

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Christmas Dance

Straley Allsup of Gustine was a barber who played the fiddle. He recorded an album of his music and I'm glad to say I have it in my record collection.

“First time I played for the public I was eight years old,” he told me once. “It was in a school about four miles from my barber shop here.”

He says on nights when the moon was real bright, musicians would gather at Mr. Sadler's drug store in downtown Gustine. “I rode a stick horse all the time I was little and I'd get on my stick horse and slip off from my family and go to the drug store. I'd listen to that music and just hang around in there. That's where I learned a lot of my tunes.”

He won dozens of trophies at fiddlers contests. He played for dances all over the Texas hill country. Once he told me about a Christmas dance.

“I started to town horseback one day and I met an old guy when I come out into the public road. He said ‘hey, how ‘bout you and ol’ Peg playing for my Christmas dance?’

“I said when you gonna have it, and he told me Christmas eve night. All night long. I'd like for you boys to play for it. I said well, OK. I'll tell Peg. That was my brother in law. He played fiddle and guitar, too.

“And they had an old ranch style house with a long porch in front, two big rooms with a chimney in each room. They put chairs for us by the door between these

two rooms. Put me a chair on one side of the door and Peg a chair on the other side of the door and we just sat there and played.

“These ol’ boys they'd come along and it was Christmas time and they were drinking and feeling pretty good so they'd stick a dollar bill in the guitar and say ‘play so and so.’ They'd drop a half dollar or a silver dollar in there and you could hear it hit. We had lots of money in that old guitar and had to shake it out. We sure did rake it in.

“Course we both drank a little bit along to keep us awake. Here come a guy with a half gallon of corn whiskey they make all over the hill country, you know. They brought it in and just set it down between us and said ‘you boys can drink in here. You don't have to go outside and slip around. Just drink when you want to. All we want is your music.’

“At twelve o'clock at night they stopped everything and had a midnight supper. After everybody ate all they wanted to, they went back and started dancin'.

“And boy, it got interesting. “About 3 o'clock in the morning they started passing out. One ol’ boy would go down in the floor and they'd just roll him over against the wall.

“We just kept playing and laughing. I never laughed so hard in my life. Next morning there was a ring of sleeping dancers around both rooms. They just got sleepy and went to sleep. There was still a few dancin' when the sun come up.”

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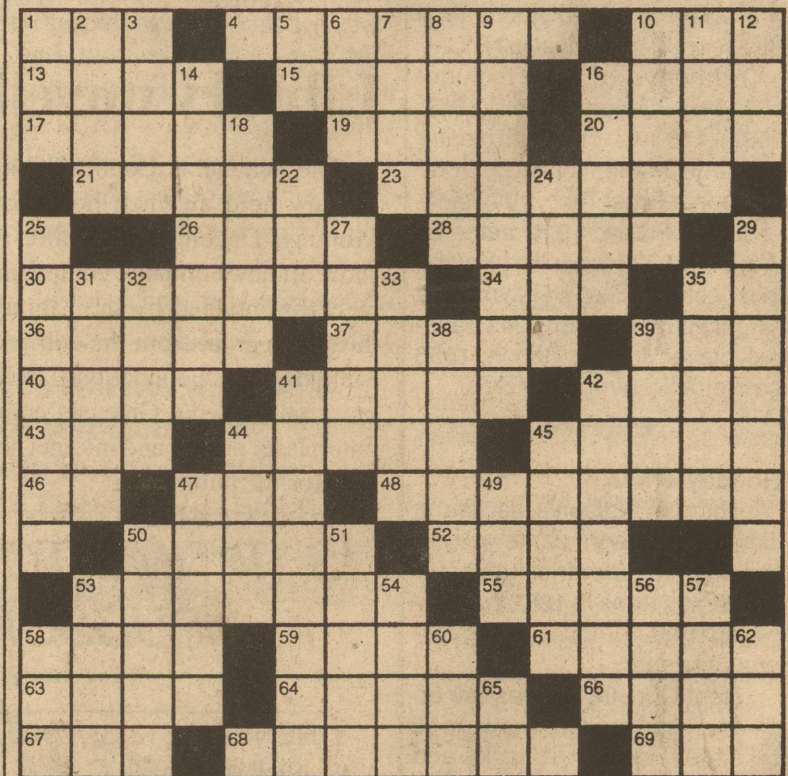
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15	Search blindly	55	Beleaguer	31	Eye structure
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MILITARY NEWS

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Marine Corps Pfc. Carlos J. Estrada, son of Elida and Carlos Estrada recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Estrada successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Estrada and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Estrada spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Estrada and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Estrada and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Estrada is a 1994 graduate of Eldorado High School of Eldorado, Texas.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Lions Club Sweetheart — Eldorado Lions Club members elected Brittany Key last month to be their Club Sweetheart for 2000-2001. She is a junior at Eldorado High School.

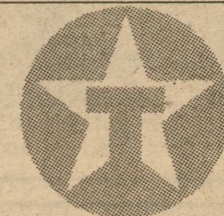
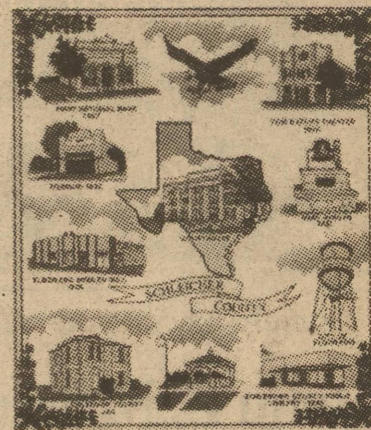
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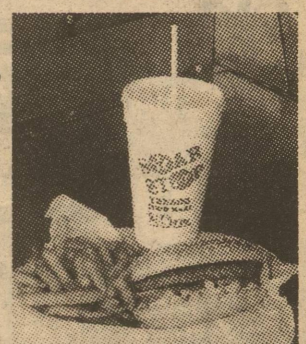
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Dear Editor:

Stop! This space is reserved for a person with a disability.

Do you always stop at stop signs? Do you always slow down in school zones? Now remember to drive right by the parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities... unless, of course, you are an eligible person with a disability.

Recently while on vacation my family was visited by an old friend. She pulled into the restaurant parking lot and immediately parked in a space reserved for a person with a disability. She got out the placard from the glove compartment, hung it from her rearview mirror, and got out of the car. I thought to myself she is walking great and wondered why she would park there.

Curiosity got the best of me and so I asked why. She told the story about how her ankle was hurt three years ago and that is when her doctor gave her a temporary placard. She got better, but continued to use the temporary placard. Although we discussed the issue at length, she continued to park in spaces reserved for people with disabilities.

Doesn't she realize that this action is illegal and that it also ties up a space reserved for an eligible person with a disability? I wonder when she will receive a ticket and learn that the penalty for inappropriate parking is \$250 or more.

Please stop and park if you are an eligible person with a disability. Otherwise, yield the right-of-way.

As you have read, I feel strongly that the community, including persons with disabilities, needs to be better informed about accessible parking; a number Texas cities conduct accessible parking education programs that utilize volunteers. They need you!

Tom Justis, Member
Texas Governor's Committee
on People with Disabilities

Senior Citizens Center plans Christmas Dinner for Dec. 17

All senior citizens are invited to attend a Christmas Dinner to be held at the Senior Center, 106 E. Gillis Street on December 17, 2000. A traditional holiday dinner prepared by the Senior Center board members will be served at 1:00 p.m. After dinner plans are to attend the 3:00 p.m. Band Concert at the Eldorado High School auditorium. The Thunderbird Transit Van will provide transportation. Call Maria at 853-2761 to arrange a ride. All Eldorado seniors are urged to attend this special event.

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- Wednesday, December 13**
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookies, Milk
- Thursday, December 14**
Chicken Fried Steak w/White Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk
- Friday, December 15**
Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Corn & Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, Dinner Rolls, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

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- DECEMBER**
- 7th Mike Manning, Jana Sterling, Lycynda Halbert, Ruby Morrison
 - 8th Mace Joy, Allyson Jarrett
 - 9th Rosario Sotio, Shanna Porter, Becky Saldivar, Nora Fuentes, Bobby Andrews, Martha Spinks, Aaron Fuentes, Amy Evans, Cherie Niblett Paulson
 - 10th Rikki Bosmans, Travis Lloyd, Vanessa Gonzalez, Stevie Sykes
 - 11th Patrick Porter, Phil Edmiston, Lorenzo Herrera, Delbert Taylor, Phil McCormick
 - 12th Damon Kelly, Adrienne Gamez
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Amanda Figueroa 6, Rachael Fuentes 3; Selina Rojas 1, Serina Arispe 2, Britany Sellers 1, Betsy Green 2, Lindsay Schwiening 2.

November 20, 2000
Eldorado 02-04-02-06=14
Junction 08-06-12-10=36
Ashley Doran 2, Selina Rojas 2, Britany Sellers 2, Betsy Green 4, Ashton Murr 4.

November 27, 2000
Eldorado 00-04-02-05=11
Wall 14-09-14-07=44
Ashley Doran 2, Amanda Figueroa 3; Serina Arispe 2, Betsy Green 2, Jessica Robertson 2.

7th GRADE BOYS

November 16, 2000
Eldorado 06-04-07-13=30
Mason xx-xx-xx-xx=20
Andrew Gonzales 4, Frank Edmiston 12, Patrick Chavez 6, Jeremy Ussey 2, Michael Ballew 4, Frank Wipff 2.

November 20, 2000
Eldorado 04-00-04-06=14
Junction xx-xx-xx-xx=29
Frank Edmiston 2, Jeremy Ussey 4, Frank Wipff 2, Kyle Taylor 6.

November 27, 2000
Eldorado 05-06-08-02=21
Wall xx-xx-xx-xx=32
Frank Edmiston 8, Patrick Chavez 4, Jeremy Ussey 2, Michael Ballew 2, Michael Hill 2, Caleb Nixon 2, Kyle Taylor 1.

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VARSITY GIRLS

November 28, 2000
Eldorado 09-17-12-21=59
Rocksprings 04-11-03-06=24
Leigh Ann Neal 6, Gentry Newman 8, Meg Poynor 5, Tabitha Lloyd 9, Christina Reddish 5, Kayla McCravey 5, Vanessa Gonzalez 6, Mitzi Sessom 5, Stacy Nicholson 9. 3-point goals: Christina Reddish (1), Kayla McCravey (1).

VARSITY BOYS

November 28, 2000
Eldorado 14-24-15-26=79
Rocksprings 12-21-10-08=51
Joey Bullard 16, Benji Gonzales 14, Tony Fay 9, Jason Brock 8, Wesley Jones 7, William Robledo 5, Johnny Herrera 5, Ramon Barajas 3, Thomas Ballew 2. 3-point goals(8): Joey Bullard (2), Benji Gonzales (2), Wesley Jones (1), William Robledo (1) Johnny Herrera (1), Tony Fay (1).

J.V. Girls

November 28, 2000
Eldorado 17-16-15-16=64
Rocksprings 03-01-06-04=14
Monica Moreno 2, Heather Homer 4, Stephanie Luna 2, Courtney Whitten 4, Clara Herrera 9, Mikinzie Holley 8, Teresa Barajas 1, Martha Lively 10, Amanda Wanoreck 21, Hannah Robledo 2.

J.V. BOYS

November 28, 2000
Eldorado 16-16-19-20=71
Rocksprings 07-10-07-06=30
Josh Taylor 2, Mike Adame 8, Trey Chavez 4, Bobby Phillips 9, Quisto Gonzalez 20, Juan Munoz 2, Phillip Gonzalez 13, Jordan Fay 5, J.L. Mankin 2, Heath Andrews 6. Record 1-0

Grape Creek Tournament November 30, 2000

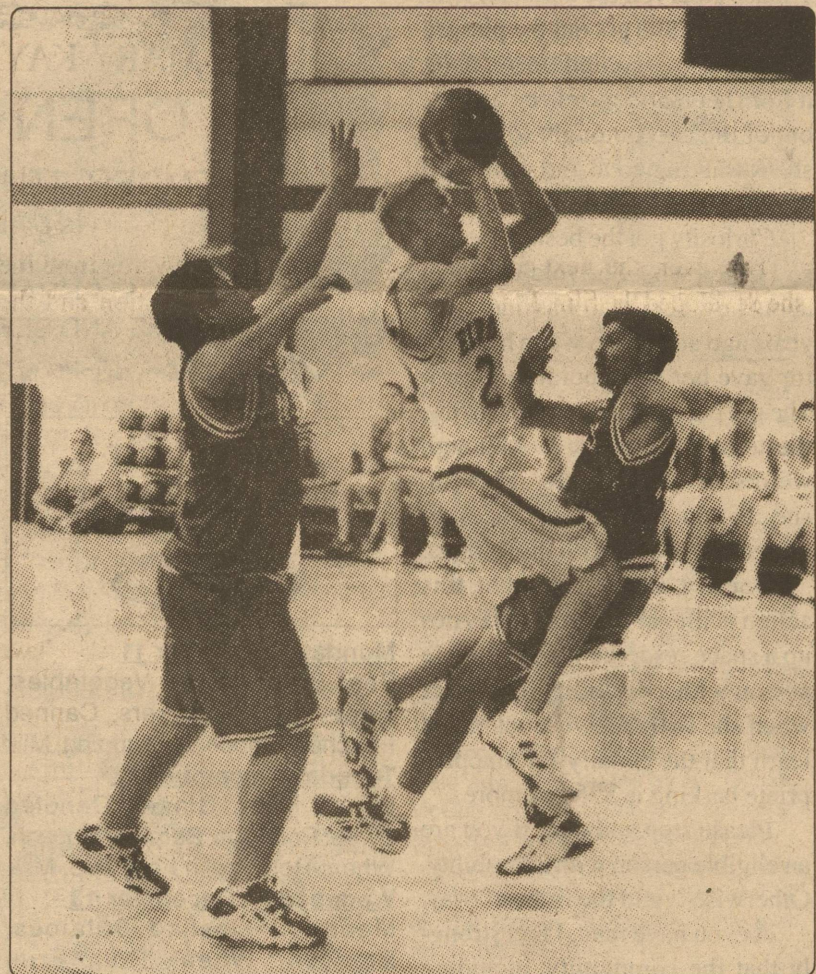
Eldorado 10-09-10-18=47
Grape Creek 08-04-11-17=40
Trey Chavez 7, Bobby Phillips 15, Ray David Buitron 1, Quisto Gonzalez 5, Phillip Martinez 9, Jordan Fay 6, Danny Sanchez 2, Heath Andrews 2. 3-point goals-Trey Chavez (1), Bobby Phillips (1), Phillip Martinez (1). Record 2-0

Grape Creek Tournament December 1, 2000

Eldorado 10-09-15-11=45
Lee Freshman 18-21-06-13=58
Trey Chavez 4, Bobby Phillips 10, Ray David Buitron 1, Quisto Gonzalez 9, Phillip Martinez 9, Leonel Medrano 2, Jordan Fay 9, Danny Sanchez 1. 3-point goals: Quisto Gonzalez (1), Phillip Martinez (1). Record 2-1

December 5, 2000

Eldorado 06-13-12-06=37
Reagan County 04-18-10-22=54
Trey Chavez 1, Leonel Medrano 5, Mike Adame 2, Bobby Phillips 8, J.L.Mankin 6, Quisto Gonzalez 7, Juan Munoz 2, Jordan Fay 4, Ray David Buitron 2. 3-point goals: Quisto Gonzalez (1). Record 2-2.



Up an over — Bobby Phillips powered over a Rocksprings defender for a basket in JV action last week. The Eagles JV defeated Rocksprings 71-30.



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A-Team
November 16, 2000
Eldorado 00-06-11-02=19
Mason 06-06-08-06=26
Chandra Wanoreck 6, Maxie Holley 8, Taylor Baker 2, Kayli Roberts 2, Myra Robles 1.

November 27, 2000
Eldorado 04-03-00-11=18
Wall 02-10-11-07=30
Maxie Holley 9, Karina Sanchez 2, Chandra Wanoreck 4, Kayli Roberts 2.

B-Team
November 16, 2000
Eldorado 10-06-00-00=16
Mason 00-05-02-02=09
Hope Fuentes 2, Marianna Moreno 2, Josie Diaz 8, Karina Sanchez 2, Samantha Gonzales 2.

November 27, 2000
Eldorado 00-04-04-02=10
Wall 08-02-00-10=20
Josie Diaz 4, Sandra Guzman 8

8th GRADE BOYS

November 16, 2000
Eldorado 04-06-06-05=22
Mason 10-03-06-04=25
Bryce Leggett 3, Lance Roberts 13, Logan Neal 4, Will Griffin 2.

November 20, 2000
Eldorado 05-08-16-04=33
Junction 04-02-04-10=20
Rigo Arispe 2, Bryce Leggett 2, Ryan Cathey 2, Lance Roberts 8, Eric Garcia 2, Logan Neal 17.

November 27, 2000
Eldorado 06-05-02-08=21
Wall 06-10-10-07=33
Bryce Leggett 7, Lance Roberts 6, Tico Robles 1, Will Griffin 2, Logan Neal 5.

Basketball admission prices set

The District 2-AA executive committee sets admission prices for all District High School and Middle School games. The committee set the price of admission at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students for district games.

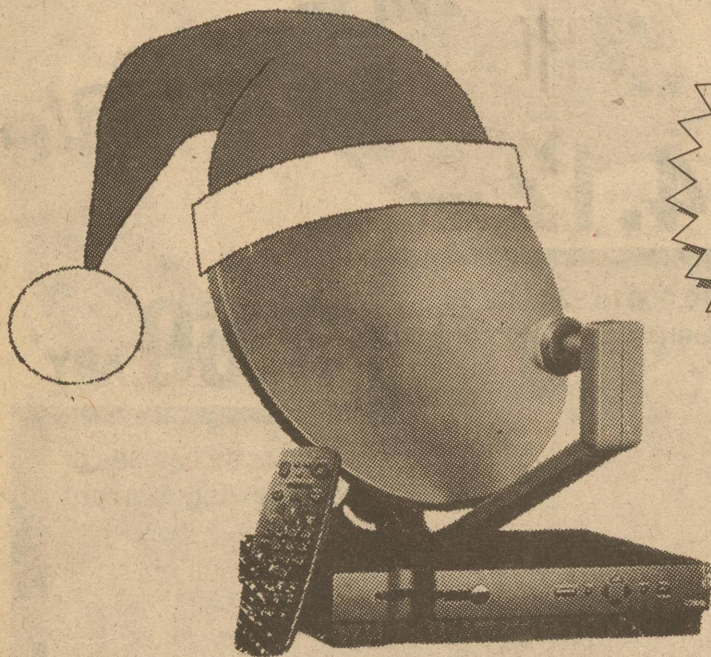
Schleicher County ISD must abide by these prices. On non-district games, each district can set its own admission prices and Schleicher County ISD has decided to charge \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

School Lunch Menu



- Milk & Bread Offered**
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line
- Monday, December 11**
Sausage and Cheese Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Rosey Applesauce, White Cake/ Icing
- Tuesday, December 12**
Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Pineapple Slices, Cherry Crunch Cake
- Wednesday, December 13**
Turkey and Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry sauce, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping
- Thursday, December 14**
Steak Fingers/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Cherry Cobbler
- Friday, December 15**
Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apples
- Breakfast**
½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast
- Monday, December 11**
Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup
- Tuesday, December 12**
Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burrito
- Wednesday, December 13**
Applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal
- Thursday, December 14**
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls
- Friday, December 15**
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, Steak Fingers
- Fast Food Line**
- Monday, December 11**
Chili Dogs, Corn Chips, Pork and Beans, Rosey Applesauce, White Cake/ Icing
- Tuesday, December 12**
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cherry Crunch Cake
- Wednesday, December 13**
Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Mixed Fruit, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping
- Thursday, December 14**
Bologna Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cherry Cobbler
- Friday, December 15**
Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apples

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Another award winner — Kathy Mankin won Grand Prize in the black & white photography division at the Texas EMS Conference in Austin last month with a photo she took of local EMS and fire department personnel at a fire at the Eldorado Housing Authority apartments on North Cottonwood Street. The fire occurred during the early morning hours of January 1, 2000 and prompted an arson investigation that culminated in three arrests.

Mankin's photo wins Grand Prize in Texas EMS photography contest

A photo taken by Eldorado Success photographer Kathy Mankin won Grand Prize honors in the black and white photography division at the Texas Emergency Medical Service Conference held in Austin on November 19-22.

Mankin entered the photo in the contest at the urging of local paramedic Tim Vasquez. It shows Vasquez along with fire fighters Sam Whitten, Jr., Albert Martinez and Michael Faull carrying fellow fire fighter Shannon Corbell away from the scene of a burning apartment after she had been overcome by smoke. Corbell made a quick and full recovery.

The fire at the Eldorado Housing Authority Apartments on North Cottonwood Street, became the focus of an arson investigation which led to three arrests. It completely destroyed one apartment and

caused smoke damage in others. Mankin and her husband, Success Editor Randy Mankin, heard fire department and ambulance service personnel being dispatched to the fire over a police scanner. Mankin says she grabbed her camera and the couple hurried to the scene of the fire.

"We had only been there a few minutes when Randy said, 'Kathy, look there!' and pointed between the buildings." Mankin states. "I turned and snapped a picture as the four men came carrying Shannon. I really didn't think I had gotten the picture."

However, the next day when she developed the film, Mankin realized she had indeed gotten the photo and it ran on the front page of the January 6, 2000 edition of the Success.

A few weeks later, arson inves-

tigator Steve Kenley from Ozona asked for a copy of the photo to use in a class he teaches at the Texas A&M Fire School in College Station.

The photo was part of an exhibit at the Texas EMS Conference. Winners were chosen by ballot among the conference attendees. Along with the honor of winning the contest, Mankin will receive \$125 and a plaque from the Texas Department of Health's EMS division. The photo will also be published in the Texas EMS magazine.

Mankin, who has won numerous photography awards from the Texas Press Association and the West Texas Press Association says this honor is particularly gratifying.

"Through the years, I've followed fire trucks and ambulances to lots of fires and car wrecks," Mankin said. "To me it's important, that the men and women who volunteer their time and risk their lives on our behalf get the publicity they deserve. The fact that they have chosen to recognize my work is a bit overwhelming. I am deeply honored."

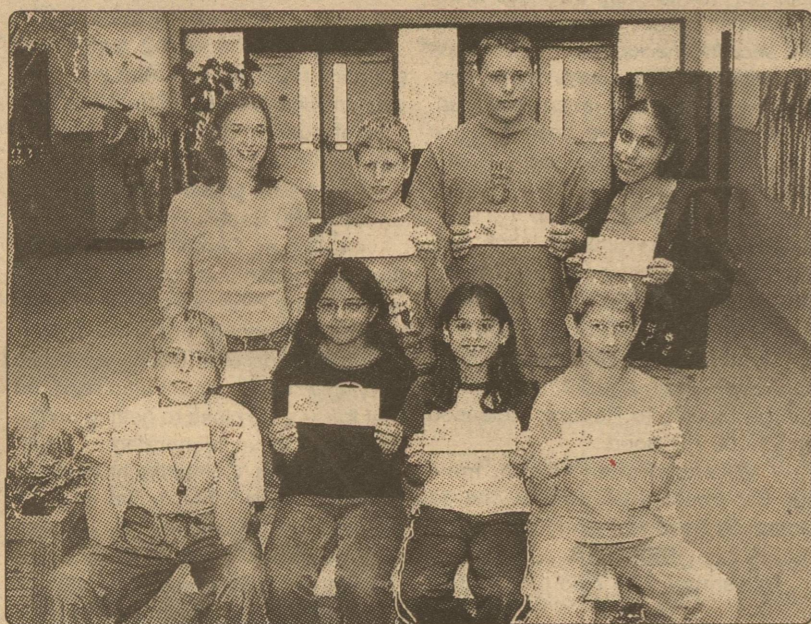


photo by Kathy Mankin

2nd Six Week Middle School X-File Winners — Middle School teachers choose these outstanding students as X-File winners. They are (Front L-R) Fifth Grade: Riky Blye and Amika Gonzalez; 6th Grade: Alicia Corrales and Logan Jones (Back L-R) 7th Grade: Maxie Holley and Michael Hill; 8th Grade: Logan Neal and Daniella Guadarrama. Each student received a Pizza Pro coupon.

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Heffernan's grandson to tour Europe

Joe Wade of Langdon, North Dakota has received an invitation to tour Europe in the summer of 2001 with the Northern Ambassadors of Music. This is a select group of honor band and choir students chosen through director nominations.

The band will be comprised of approximately 200 high school students and is the first tour of its kind in the state of North Dakota. They will perform in eight different countries over the course of 17 days including London, England; Paris, France; and Venice, Italy.

Joe is a senior and plays trombone in the concert and jazz bands at Langdon High School. Previous accomplishments include a return scholarship to the International Peace Gardens band camp and All State Band his junior year.

Joe is the Grandson of Jo Ann Heffernan of Eldorado. He attended school in Eldorado before his family moved to North Dakota.



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Music tour — Joe Wade (R) is one of approximately 200 high school music students from North Dakota to be invited to tour Europe during the summer of 2001. He is the grandson of Jo Ann Heffernan of Eldorado.

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Sheriff's Department to stop unlocking cars

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran announced this week that, beginning on January 1st, his officers will no longer unlock car doors for persons who have locked their keys inside their car. Doran noted that vehicle design changes and increased liability concerns have forced him to scrap his department's longstanding policy of assisting local citizens when they have locked their keys in their car.

"Each time we unlock a car door, we run the risk of breaking a window or otherwise damaging the car," Doran stated. "Added to this is the fact that more and more cars are coming equipped with electronic locks that we are unable to open."

Doran further explained that side impact air bags also pose a safety concern for his officers. "It is very easy to trigger a side impact air bag when attempting to

unlock a door," Doran said. He went on to note that there have been incidents across the nation where officers were seriously injured when a side impact air bag inflated, driving the tools the officers were using back into their face, arms and hands.

"We are one of the last departments around to stop offering this service," Doran stated. "I wish we could continue but it just isn't possible."

The Sheriff noted that after January 1st persons needing help unlocking car doors should call one of the local wrecker services. He added, however, that anyone wishing to leave a duplicate set of keys at the Sheriff's office may do so. "We have people who do this and we are happy to bring them the spare set when they need them," Doran concluded.

C of C seeks Citizens of the Year nominees

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for Man and Woman of the Year as well as Business of the Year for Schleicher County.

Nominations must be received in the Chamber office at the Museum no later than January 5, 2001. Each nomination should list the nominee's name as well as reasons why that person or business should be selected.

All nominees will be honored at the Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on the evening of January 29, 2001 in the Memorial Building.

Christmas in Ol' Christoval

Christmas in Ol' Christoval will begin with Main Street Market Days Saturday, December 9th from 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10th from Noon-5 p.m. Please come and shop for some unique Christmas gifts.

The community will then gather at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9th at the Pettitt Building on the corner of McKee and Main Streets in Christoval for hayrides and caroling which will end at the home of Ann and Morris Custer at 20442 South Main Street for hot cocoa, hot dogs and marshmallows cooked over an open fire.

The community Christmas tree will be lit and decorated with art from the school children.

Santa will arrive with treats for all and we'll hear the Christmas Story once again.

Texas Railroad Commission curtails natural gas cut-offs during winter

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission on November 28, 2000 adopted an emergency rule to stop discontinuance of natural gas service during winter months.

In 1999, at least 21 people died in Texas from hypothermia; of those 21, at least 17 (81 percent) were age 60 or older and many of them died unexpectedly in their own homes. Without adequate heat, many people, especially the elderly, are in danger long before the temperature drops to freezing.

"Our action today protects disadvantaged Texans, especially children and the elderly, when winter temperatures drop towards freezing," Williams said. "We do not want Texans forced to choose between home heat and other needs."

Under the new rule, Natural gas utility companies may not disconnect a customer on a day when the previous day's temperature in the county where the customer takes service fell below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the National Weather Service predicts that the temperature in the county will fall below that level during the next 24 hours;

Providers may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer for a billing period in

which the provider receives a pledge, letter of intent, purchase order, or other notification from an energy assistance provider that is forwarding sufficient payment to continue service;

Providers may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer on a day, or on a day immediately preceding a day, when personnel of the provider are not available for the purpose of receiving

payment or making collections or reconnecting service, and

Providers are also encouraged to offer customers a deferred payment plan as set forth in the Commission's quality of service rule, 16 TAC §7.45(2), or a level or average payment plan.

Text of the emergency rule is provided on the Railroad Commission's website at:

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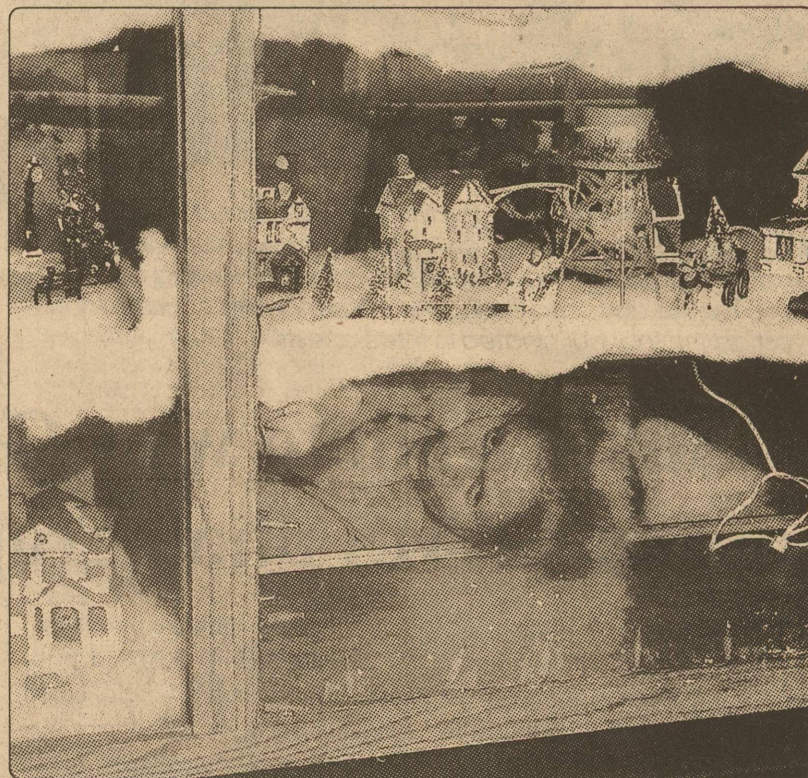


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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas — Virginia Rodriguez was just one of the many Schleicher County Medical Center employees working diligently Monday to get ready for the hospital's Christmas Open House. Rodriguez was installing a snow village in the display case in SCMC's lobby.

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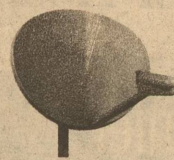
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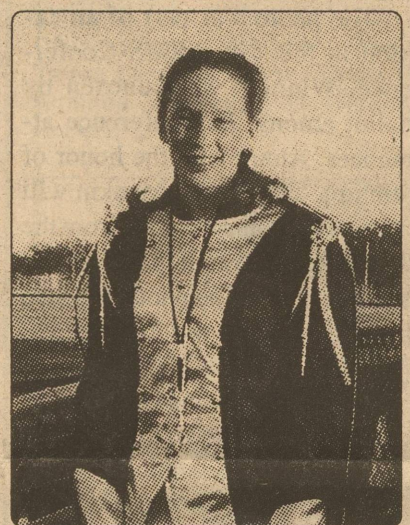


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J'Nae Zwarchka was a Co-Drum Major for Grape Creek High School this year. J'Nae, a freshman, is the daughter of Franz and Judy Zwarchka. She is the granddaughter of John and Pat Pitts of San Angelo and formerly of Eldorado.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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ARRESTS

December 2 • Kimbrel, Jacob Joel, male age 28, arrested by SC Officer, McCulloch County and local warrants. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

December 4 • Swicegood, Dewey Wayne, male age 29, turn self in, charge Motion To Revoke. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

Moreno, Ruben Hilario, male age 31, arrested SC Officer, charge Motion To Revoke, Felony Warrant.

REPORTS

November 28 • 7:08 p.m. Hospi-

tal requested an ambulance for a transfer to San Angelo. EMS 2 responded.

November 29 • 8:45 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on a neighbors house. Officer responded.

6:01 p.m. Complainant was calling from out of town and advised that his wife had been hurt and requested an officer to check on her. Officer responded and found everything OK.

6:12 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about some one harassing them on the phone. Officer responded and advised the complainant to speak to the judge.

November 30 • 1:00 a.m. Complainant reported a motorcycle that was driving down Main Street at a high rate of speed. Officer responded to call.

2:40 p.m. Goats were found out on Hwy. 190 East.

4:28 p.m. Complainant reported they had gotten in a fight with an individual at the High School.

5:10 Sonora Sheriff Office reported an oil tank overflowing on North Hwy. 277. Complainant also reported that it was very close to getting on the highway. Officer responded.

9:02 p.m. Complainant reported a female subject had fallen and felt very weak. EMS responded.

December 1 • 8:34 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about their daughter. Officer responded.

December 2 • 4:50 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a U-Haul parked in the businesses parking lot that needed to be moved. Officer responded.

12:45 p.m. Complainant reported a door open at a building on Gillis. Officer responded.

2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a deer feeder had been broken into and things were taken. Officer and Game Warden responded. Estimated value \$250.00.

9:25 p.m. Complainant reported 2 horses out on County Road 412, owner was contacted around 9:45 p.m.

December 3 • 2:40 p.m. A minor accident was reported on Old San Angelo Hwy.

December 4 • 7:30 a.m. Complainant stated a van was broke down 4 miles North Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

3:00 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident on Carson Street. Officer responded.

6:42 p.m. Complainant reported two horses missing 4 miles on 190 West. Description 6 month old red with white spots on face.

7:28 p.m. Complainant reported a gold Ford Explorer speeding and driving recklessly. Officer responded.

10:53 p.m. Complainant on McWhorter Street reported an owl trying to attack their puppy. Officer responded.

December 5 • 10:50 a.m. Reported a horse loose on the highway on 190 East.

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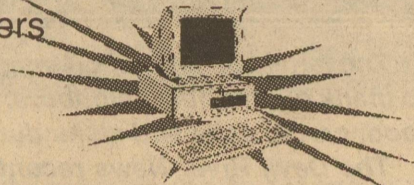
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Social Security recipients to get 3.5% increase

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 3.5 percent in 2001, according to Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas. "Today's news tells us that inflation continues to be low which is certainly good news for everyone living on a fixed income," Franki stated. "Inflation is one of the worst enemies of the elderly. The past eight

years, which have seen low inflation rates and a strong economy, have been particularly good for the elderly."

The 3.5 percent increase will begin with benefits that Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2001. Increased payments to SSI recipients will begin on December 29, 2000.

For Social Security beneficiaries the average monthly benefit

amount for all retired workers will rise from \$816 to \$845. The maximum federal SSI monthly payments for an individual will rise from \$512 to \$530. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$769 to \$796.

Social Security and SSI benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Work-

ers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of the one year through the corresponding period of the next. This year's increase in the CPI-W was 3.5 percent.

"American workers continue to benefit from our unprecedented economic growth," commented Franki. "Wages continue to grow faster than inflation. This is good news for American workers."

Game warden field notes show humorous side of a serious job

AUSTIN, Texas — If nothing else, poachers are persistent. But they aren't always the brightest bulbs on the tree, as the following excerpts from recent Texas game warden field reports confirm.

But I'm on Your Side

When two men were caught recently netting shrimp in a closed nursery area at night, one thought he had concocted the perfect story to get them out of trouble. He told the game warden that he was working undercover for Operation Game Thief to report the names of other violators. The warden explained to him that he was not authorized to violate the law in order to get information for Operation Game Thief. As the warden radioed to check for warrants, the man grabbed handfuls of the seized shrimp and scattered them into the high grass. Two men parked next to the warden's patrol truck witnessed the entire exchange. Cases against the poachers are pending.

Eating the Evidence

A West Texas resident called the local game warden to report that his neighbor was trapping quail. The warden located the trap, and after a brief investigation the homeowner admitted to trapping 10 quail the previous day. The man also produced quail that were still frying in a skillet in his kitchen and

one live quail that was being kept as a pet.

The late night special came in the form of a 2 a.m. call to a Fort Bend County game warden reporting possible deer hunting. A sheriff's deputy had responded twice earlier in the evening to calls about teenagers hunting in a subdivision but was unable to locate a gun in the suspects' vehicle. The game warden received the names of the teenagers and investigated further.

Two days later he spoke with one of the teenagers and received a full confession about the poaching and where to find the evidence. Upon arriving at the second teenager's house, the warden found processed deer meat wrapped in the freezer. He also noticed steaming hot ribs just out of the oven. The meat and the boys were loaded into the warden's truck and driven to the third teenager's house. The head of the buck was found there, along with the remaining pieces of deer meat marinating in preparation for cooking. Pending charges include hunting deer in closed season and possession of deer in closed season.

The Eyes of Texas (Game Wardens) Are Upon You

Not realizing that hunters in their blinds were watching his every move, a man was caught shooting two turkeys from a county road in Wheeler County. Upon further investigation, the game warden found that the poacher had also exceeded the bag limit on white-tailed doe deer and was attempting to use someone else's deer tags.

A South Texas warden arrested two groups of hunters in one week during mid-October. The first group involved two hunting-lease holders and their camp manager hunting mourning doves over a

baited tank. The second group consisted of a landowner and four of his friends hunting mourning doves without licenses. The landowner had advised his friends that they did not have to have a license to hunt on his land because the game warden never came on his property. In both cases, the violators thought they were far enough away from a public road that their shots would not be heard and they would not be checked.

A new deer decoy nearly paid for itself on its second trip out. Brazoria County game wardens saw four men shoot at the decoy close to midnight near the Fort Bend County line. Two were apprehended at the scene and two fled through the brush. The next day the wardens arrested the other two at their homes, sure that they had the right men because of the many tell-tale scratches they received run-

ning through the brush.

Some Just Never Learn

A Dallas County warden cited two men early one morning for hunting non-game animals. One of the men did not have a hunting license or a hunter safety certificate. Less than two hours later, the warden stopped the same two men for hunting from a vehicle on a public road.

The Old 'Wait Until the Game Warden's Out of Town' Trick

In late October, the Dickens County game warden received information that a deer had been taken illegally while he was out of town. After an investigation and interviews, the warden filed on three people for taking white-tailed deer in closed season. All three pleaded guilty and were assessed fines of \$500 each.



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First deer — John Arley Nikolauk, 11, of San Angelo posed last weekend with his first deer, a 8-point buck. John Arley is the son of Mike Nikolauk and the grandson of John and Ebba Nikolauk of Eldorado. The deer was shot on the family ranch near Kaffir, west of Eldorado.

LCRA offering 21 college scholarships

College-bound high-school seniors have an opportunity to receive one of 21 scholarships worth up to \$2,000 each from the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The LCRA has mailed application packages to high schools in its 60-county Central Texas service area. The deadline for applications is the close of business Feb. 9, 2001.

"We want schools, students and parents to begin now to investigate this opportunity," said Beverly Seffel, LCRA manager of Community Assistance and Volunteer Services. "The LCRA scholarships can

be a valuable part of a college student's financial-aid package."

The LCRA will award 16 scholarships, each worth \$2,000. Half of the scholarships will be awarded to students planning to attend a four-year college or university. The other half will go to students planning for a two-year degree program or technical/trade school. In addition, the LCRA will award five scholarships, each worth \$1,000, to students who plan to enroll in studies related to the electric-utility industry.

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Candidates must be seniors with a "B" grade average, will graduate this spring, and plan to attend a college or trade school in Texas.

"We're looking for good, hard-working students," Seffel said. "Good grades are important, but we're more interested in students who demonstrate personal responsibility and show great potential for giving something back to their communities."

An LCRA employee committee will score the applicants and select finalists on the basis of grades and class standing, test scores, financial need, leadership and extracurricular activities, and a personal statement written by each student. A second LCRA employee committee will interview finalists and select winners. Students may use the scholarships to pay for expenses related to their college studies.

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