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Evidence in motel room leads to seizure of mobile meth lab

Marijuana and an assortment of drug paraphernalia left in a local motel room led to the arrest of five individuals Tuesday morning and the seizure of a mobile methamphetamine lab.

Sheriff's department personnel received a call Tuesday morning from Janet Marlow, the owner of Shaw's Motel, reporting that five subjects had just checked out of their two rooms and that a suspicious substance had been found in one of the rooms.

A description of the suspect vehicle, a 2002 Mazda Tribute, was obtained from the motel records and Deputy Jason Chatham quickly intercepted it some 13 miles west of Eldorado on U.S. 190.

When Chatham pulled the Mazda over, he noticed at least one open bottle of beer, a violation of the state's open container law.

Chatham called for backup and was soon joined by Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe. After briefly questioning the five occupants of the vehicle, a search soon turned up a mobile methamphetamine lab, as well as an undisclosed quantity of methamphetamine and assorted drug paraphernalia.

Christopher Barrantey, 33; Malachi David Wren, 33; Jeffery Austin Jordan,

20; Samantha Ann Freeman, 19; and Jessica Louise Nichols, 18; all of Odessa, were each booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charged with possession of a chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance. The three men were also charged with possession of marijuana. Additionally, Barrantey was charged with possession of a controlled substance while Jordan and Freeman were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

As the five were being processed at the jail, a hazardous materials team from the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force was called to the scene. The team took possession of the mobile lab, including highly volatile chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine. Among those chemicals is anhydrous ammonia, a substance that is widely used as a crop fertilizer, and a potent explosive.

Meanwhile, a further search of the two motel rooms the group had stayed in the night before turned up more evidence, including a usable amount of marijuana.

Later in the afternoon, the 2002 Mazda Tribute was towed to town and impounded. Interestingly, the vehicle did not belong to any of the subjects in-

involved. Wren, who was driving the Mazda when it was pulled over, said it belonged to an acquaintance. The vehicle is not listed as stolen and it is unclear at this time if Texas drug seizure laws will allow it to be confiscated.

All five of the subjects remain in jail at press time. According to Sheriff's Dept. personnel, Barrantey was recently released from the Texas Department of Corrections after completing a prison sentence for theft. Likewise, Jordan Jeffery Austin was recently released after doing time for burglary of a habitation.

Following the arrests, Sheriff David Doran praised the quick actions of his officers and thanked Janet Marlow for notifying his department so promptly. "This is how these types of cases are broken," Doran stated. "Someone calls in with a lead and it gets followed up. I'm just glad that we could wrap this one up so quickly."

Doran noted that the chemicals involved in the manufacture of methamphetamine are toxic and unstable.

He says anyone who believes they know the whereabouts of a methamphetamine lab, or the chemicals used in such a lab, should get as far away from the material as possible and notify the authorities.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Hook 'em up — Chief Deputy George Arispe (foreground) and Deputy Jason Chatham (background) handcuffed suspects Tuesday after discovering a mobile methamphetamine lab in the back of a 2002 Mazda Tribute.

NOTICE: Water service interruptions begin Friday

Water service to City of Eldorado customers will be interrupted on Friday, May 16, 2003, between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30, so that isolation valves may be installed in the water distribution system. The water will be turned off again the following Monday, during the same hours, and again each week day, until all the valves are installed. As more and more of the valves

are placed in service, less and less of the town will be affected by the service interruptions.

Once installed, the valves will allow major portions of town to be isolated so that future service interruptions may be contained to small areas.

The city regrets the inconvenience and asks for your patience while this important work is being carried out.

City eyes changes at old landfill

The Eldorado City Council voted Monday night to spend \$87,700.00 for engineering services at the city's old landfill. The council is looking to open a section of the facility, approximately seven acres in size, that has never been used. To do this, the city must amend the permit under which it operates the landfill.

Steve Dennis, an engineer with the firm of GSW&W in Midland, was on hand for the meeting. He and City Administrator Randy Mankin reviewed several concerns they had with the landfill, especially the need to utilize excess clay and topsoil that has accumulated on the site in the past three decades. Dennis explained that "aerial fill," the practice used at most municipal landfills, would allow the clay and topsoil to be used as daily cover while waste is encapsulated in a mound.

"It will allow you to optimize the remaining space and to extend the life of the landfill," Dennis told the council.

Mankin explained that the landfill's existing permit requires that it be restored to its original contours. "I realize we're talking about a lot of money," Mankin said. "but, if we don't amend the permit, we will spend as much, if not more, to truck away the piles of clay and topsoil."

After a lengthy discussion, the council ultimately agreed to spend the money, but it wasn't unanimous. Council

member Robert Bybee, who expressed his concern that the permit amendment would prove to be even more costly than the proposed \$87,700.00, cast the only dissenting vote.

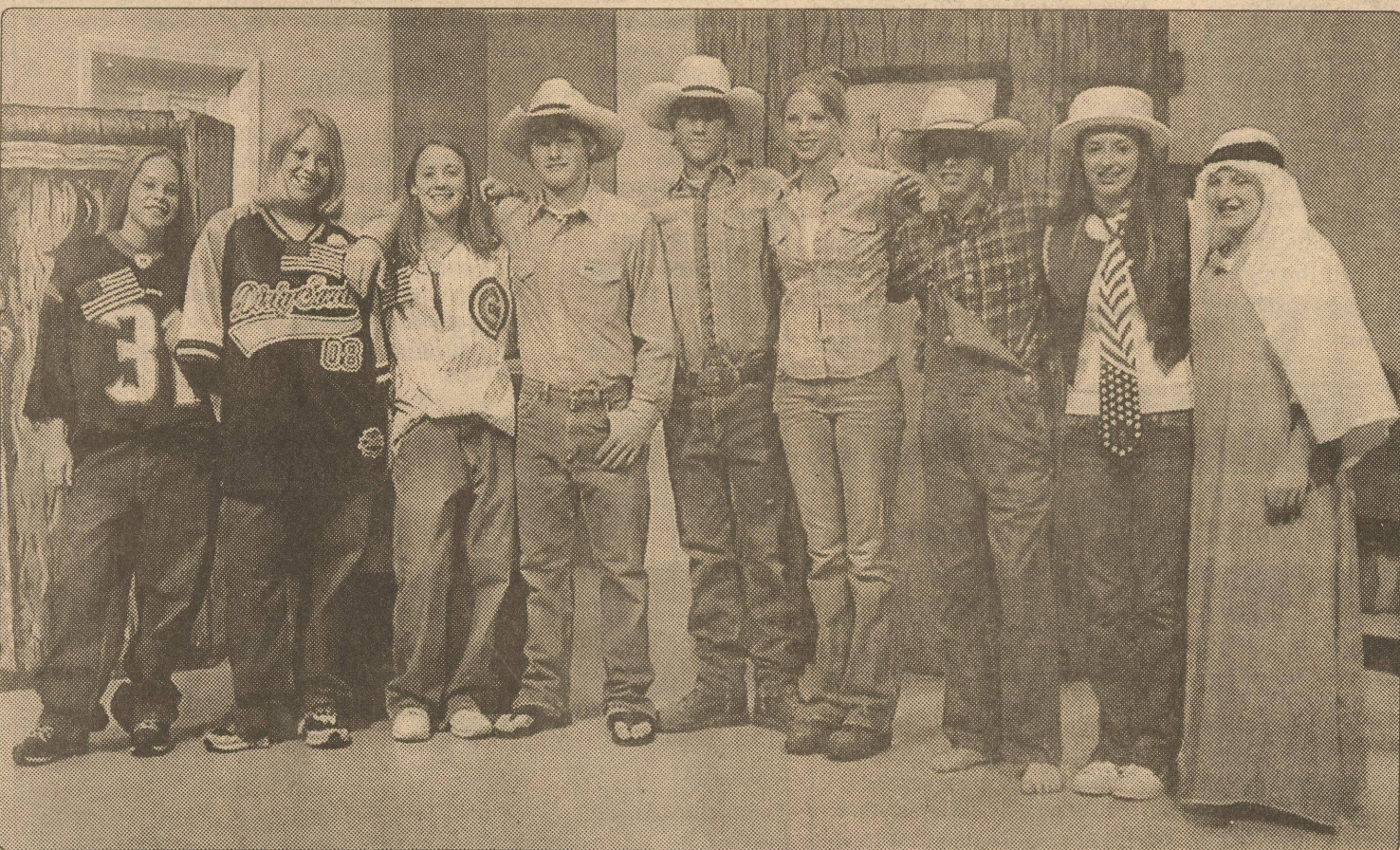
Work on the permit amendment will begin almost immediately. It is expected to take 18 months to 2 years to complete.

The meeting was the council's first-ever meeting in the new council chamber at City Hall, located in what used to be the building's front office. Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with council members Bybee, Tommy Minor, Juakin Rojas, Richard Mendez and Toni Sudduth in attendance. Council member Dora Bosman was absent, due to being hospitalized in Ft. Worth.

In other business, Patsy Kellogg, representing the Concho Valley Community Action Council (CAC), met with the city council regarding the city's utility billing procedures. She noted that the CAC assists many citizens who are unable to pay their utility bills and asked that the city make allowances for those clients so that utilities won't be disconnected until payments are received.

City Administrator Randy Mankin told Kellogg that the city has a long-standing policy of cooperating with the CAC, but noted that recently the CAC has stopped notifying the city of the clients it will be assisting. City Secretary

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COURTESY PHOTO

Share the Fun Advances to State 4-H Roundup-Nine 4-H members of Share the Fun group will advance to State Roundup by winning first place at District Roundup, May 3, at Angelo State University. The are L-R: Alison Sproul, Taylor Baker, Lauren Brown, Frank Edmiston, Caleb Nixon, Allison Reynolds, Michael Hill, Maxie Holley and Chandra Wanoreck. Not pictured Will Griffin.

Twelve 4-H members advance To State 4-H Roundup

Schleicher County will be represented by 12, 4-H members at State 4-H Roundup this summer at Texas A&M University in College Station. This includes teams in Share the Fun and Family Life Education.

The teams earned the right to participate at State Roundup by winning first place at District Roundup held on May 3rd at Angelo State University. Share the Fun members representing Schleicher County at State will be Chandra Wan-

oreck, Taylor Baker, Lauren Brown, Alison Sproul, Allison Reynolds, Will Griffin, Caleb Nixon, Frank Edmiston and Michael Hill.

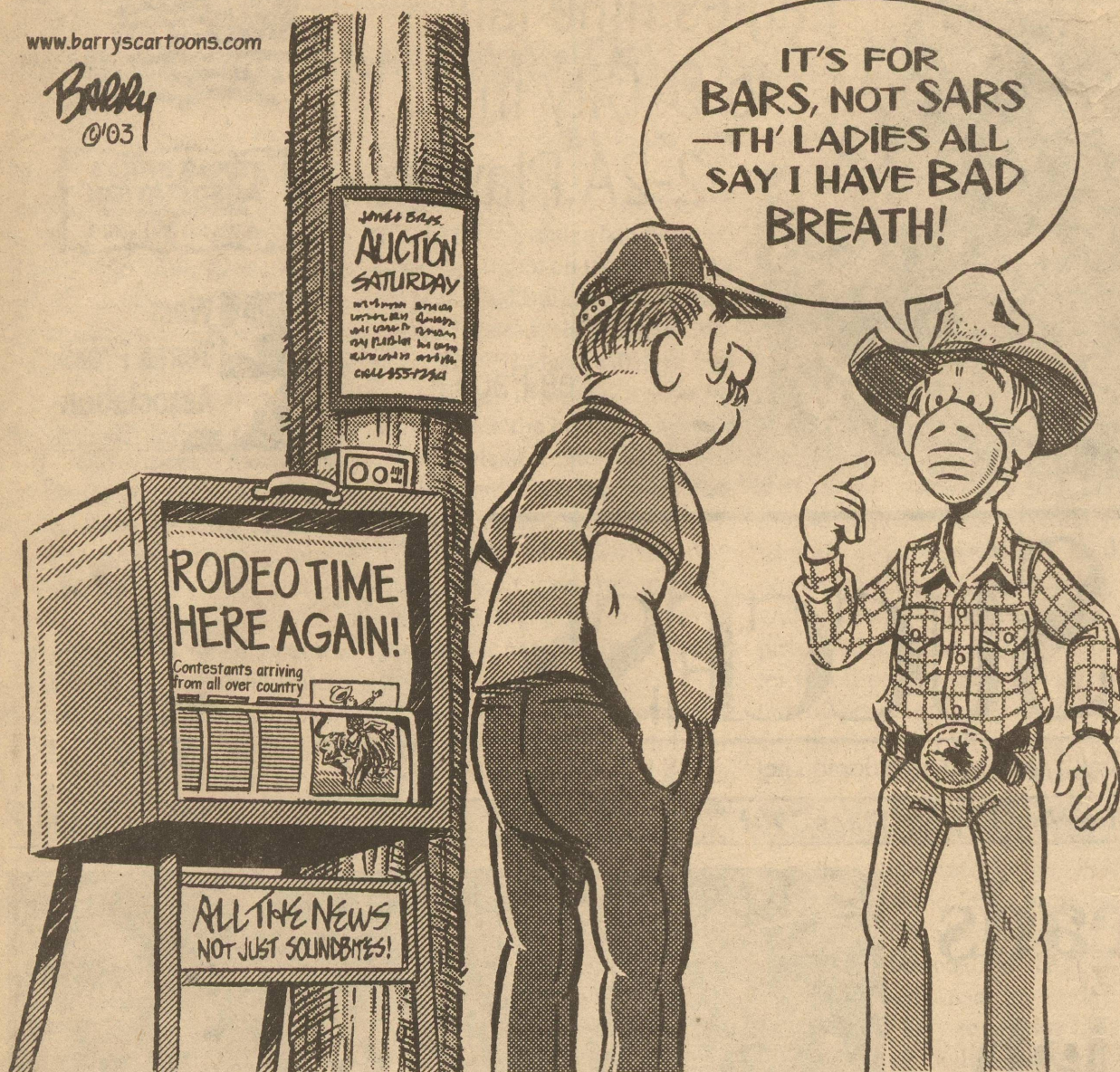
Courtney Brown, Courtney Sauer and Emily Newman competed in Family Life Education with a demonstration on Family Communication. Maxie Holley also participated in District Roundup on the Share the Fun team but has a Roundup conflict and will not be competing at the State Roundup.

Megan Griffin participated in Junior Poetry winning sixth place in a very competitive division. Melonie Reynolds and Debbie Griffin served as judges for District Roundup from Schleicher County.

Courtney Brown will be interviewing for a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship while in College Station.

The First National Bank of Eldorado is once again serving as the sponsor for the state trip.

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Any ship can be a mine sweeper...once

As America celebrates the stunning victory our troops won in Iraq, more and more of those fighting men and women are making their way home. With that in mind, I share an E-mail I received from a friend. He titled it:

- All you really need to know about combat
- If it's stupid, but it works, it isn't stupid.
- If the enemy is in range, so are you.
- Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.
- It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.
- Try to look unimportant, the enemy may be low on ammo.
- No combat ready unit has ever passed an inspection.



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Make it too tough for the enemy to get in, and you can't get out.

- The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.
- Never share a fox hole with anyone braver than you.
- The strangest things attract enemy fire. Never stand near one of them.
- The easy way is always mined. All the other ways are covered by enemy fire.
- When in doubt, empty the magazine.
- Tracers work both ways.
- Incoming fire always has the right of way.
- Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid.
- When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend.
- Five second fuses only last three seconds.
- Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do.

Don't draw fire, it irritates the people around you.

You, you, and you... Panic. The rest of you, come with me.

Don't look conspicuous: it draws fire. But remember, when the Sergeant is looking for volunteers, it's impossible to be inconspicuous.

Who cares if a laser guided 500 pound bomb is only accurate to within 9 feet?

If your attack is going well, you have walked into an ambush.

Teamwork is extremely essential. It gives the enemy someone else to shoot at.

When you're short of everything but the enemy, you're in combat.

Mines are equal opportunity weapons.

The enemy invariably attacks on one of two occasions: When you're ready for them. When you're not ready for them.

The side with the simplest uniforms wins.

Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last, and don't ever volunteer to do anything.

And, most importantly, if you find yourself in a fair fight, you didn't plan your mission properly.

State Senate passes school finance reform plan

AUSTIN — Maybe the members of the Legislature don't like hanging around Austin as much as its Chamber of Commerce might think.

The Senate last week passed a school tax reform plan, a step toward not having to come back to the Capital City for a special session and to do away with the current Robin Hood school finance system.

The bill, in a nut shell, lowers property taxes and raises sales tax-

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



es. The Senate passed it 30-0 on May 6 after four hours of debate.

Of course, the House — and then Gov. Rick Perry — has to go along with all this, or it's likely going to be back to school in Austin for a special session later this year or early next year. And even if the governor signs the law, voters have to approve a constitutional amendment that would authorize all the taxing changes set forth

in the bill.

"I believe the members of the House, just like all the homeowners and business owners around the state, don't want to wait two years to see their local property taxes reduced 50 percent," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said.

Specifically, the Senate bill's constitutional amendment would raise the state sales tax by 1 percent and expand its scope to most services except dental and medical. In turn, the maximum school property tax rate would be reduced 50 percent.

Other provisions would raise the motor vehicle sales tax from 6.25 to 8.75 percent and create a property tax cap of 75 cents per \$100 valuation (though local voters could phase in an additional 10 cent rate.)

Economic thunderstorm watch...

It's still out there on the distant edge of the radar. A storm is coming to Texas after the presidential election next year: Base Realignment and Closure. Those words will have huge significance to Texas, which has 18 military installations. Some of those bases are considered vulnerable to attack — of the base closure kind.

To shore up the state's economic defenses, Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, has pushed through a bill in his chamber that would give Texans the opportunity to vote for

a \$250 million bond issue to improve the value of the state's military bases.

"By increasing military value and decreasing [federal] operating costs, we make Texas bases valuable and more likely to receive more missions," the senator said.

If Shapleigh's bill makes it through the House and is signed by the governor, the constitutional amendment it proposes would go on the ballot for a Sept. 13 election.

The bill would allow local governments to borrow money for projects such as improved rail lines to Fort Hood or a desalination plant to serve Fort Bliss' water needs.

House gains a Democrat...

Look's like it's still possible for a Democrat to get elected in Texas, at least in South Texas.

Juan M. Escobar of Kingsville won a runoff election for House District 43 last week to replace the late Irma Rangel, a Democrat who died earlier this year of cancer.

Escobar tallied 62 percent of the vote and his Republican opponent, James R. Marz, received 37 percent.

Nine candidates vied for the seat in the initial election on April 15.

Escobar is a retired U.S. Border Patrol supervisor who has been on the Kingsville Independent School District board for 13 years.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

There's Nothing Like a Mavs Game

It's good to know people in high places. It's even better when those people are in your own family. Our daughter-in-law works for the Dallas Mavericks Professional Basketball Team. On a recent weekend we were in Dallas and she got us tickets (front row, Platinum Level) to the first playoff game between the Mavs and the Portland Trailblazers.

One of the Portland players had been arrested for drugs, prompting Dallas fans to display signs such as one reading POTLAND JAILBIRDS. Another carried a giant Monopoly Game GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card.

It was our first time to be inside the American Airlines Center. On the way to our suite we passed portals leading to seating areas. As I glimpsed into the arena, with all the lights and the people and the noise, my heart beat increased. It was exciting.

Going to a Mavs game is like going to a rock concert. Everything is loud and there's something going on every second. When the Maverick players are introduced, it's like announcing the second coming. The arena is darkened and two huge basketballs in the playing area spew out tall streams of fire when each player's name is announced.

The Mavericks' inside-the-arena productions have been rated the best in the National Basketball Association. I can certainly understand why. Two rows of lights circle the arena, showing sponsors' names. But when something exciting happens, like a score that puts

the Mavs ahead, both rows of lights send out messages like MAVS MAVS MAVS. When you see that and hear the fans screaming and the announcer urging the audience to make noise, you can't just sit there. You've got to get up and be a participant.

During time outs, various entertainers take to the floor: dancers, jugglers, MAVS MAN, comedy groups and people running around the basketball court waving flags. My favorite was a girl riding a 20 feet tall unicycle and doing an amazing juggling act.

The game is an absolute escape. I thought of nothing else but the game and all the stuff going on. A small blimp floats around, dropping cards that give discounts to various Dallas stores. Then there's the cannon that fires T-shirts into the audience. The Jumbotron above the arena always has something interesting to watch.

Our son is technical director for the Mavs' TV broadcasts. It was the first time for me to see his setup. He sits at a console in front of a wall that has 88 TV monitors. He punches up the one that viewers see. All the equipment is in an 18-wheel trailer parked just outside the arena. It travels from one sporting event to another. Miles of cables connect the arena to the truck.

The contest between Dallas and Portland attracted the largest audience to the American Airlines Center. It was a sellout. The game was a defensive battle from start to finish. The MAVS won, creating a perfect ending to one exciting night.

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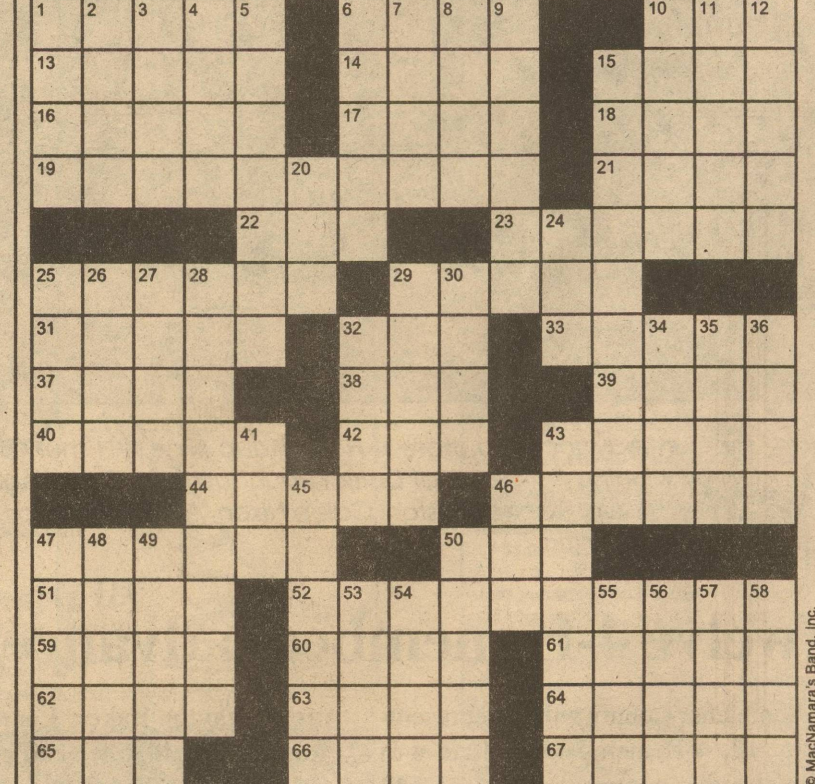
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| 1. French seaport | 52. Lottery winner Blair? | 25. Bigwig in 55-Down, once |
| 6. D.C. figures | 59. Soccer announcer's shout | 26. Humdinger |
| 10. "My Gal ___" | 60. ___ breve (cut time) | 27. Yemen neighbor |
| 13. Delirious one | 61. Heavenly hunter | 28. Ms. Abzug procuring benefits for her constituents? |
| 14. Cast-of-thousands production | 62. 1950s teen idol Paul | 29. Mixed it up with Ali |
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| 16. "Carmen" or "Aida" | 64. Art able to | 32. Be an apple polisher |
| 17. King of tragedy | 65. Wide shoe | 34. Appear |
| 18. Ashcroft's predecessor | 66. Sprinter's terminus | 35. Be abundant |
| 19. Scarecrow in Yogi's likeness? | 67. Strike zone boundary | 36. Too stylish, perhaps |
| 21. Hunter or Bayh | | 41. Impresario Hurok |
| 22. Steinway support | | 43. Shakespearean loan shark |
| 23. Breathe noisily | | 45. Those two dots on a "u" |
| 25. Like a ski run | | 46. "___ cool!" |
| 29. Word in some winter forecasts | | 47. Birdbath grunge |
| 31. Bookstore aisle | | 48. Nary a soul |
| 32. Vaudevillian Eddie | | 49. Satisfy, as thirst |
| 33. Distant view | | 50. Do figure eights |
| 37. Controversial apple spray | | 53. Forearm bone |
| 38. Borden's weapon | | 54. Money holder |
| 39. Sly look | | 55. Where Farsi is spoken |
| 40. Guys with great bobs | | 56. Mudville complement |
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| 43. Winter forecast | | 58. Pantry pests |
| 44. Go like a 'roo | | |
| 46. Hex | | |
| 47. Canterbury saint | | |
| 50. "By the way..." | | |

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Lillian B. Mikeska



Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 15 in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

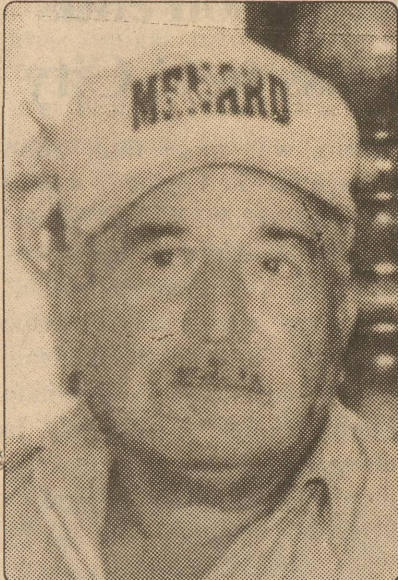
Lillian was born August 24, 1905 in Collinsville, Oklahoma and had lived in Eldorado since 1976. She married George L. Mikeska in 1928 in Victoria. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She is survived by a son, Wayne G. Mikeska of Eldorado; a daughter Karen B. Mikeska Homer of Grandview Washington, 5 grandchildren Mike Mikeska, Janis Mikeska Wilkerson, Lanis Mikeska, Kurtis Homer and Kara Homer Greene, and 9 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be made to the donors charity of choice.

ELDORADO — Lillian B. Mikeska, 97, of Grandview, Washington and formerly of Eldorado and San Angelo, passed away Thursday, May 8, 2003 in Grandview.

Mariano Gonzalez



Iando Gonzalez, Juan Roberto Gonzalez, Arnulfo Gonzalez, and Armando C. Gonzalez.

Mariano V. Gonzalez was born July 12, 1929, to Mariano Gonzalez and Guadalupe Vasquez in Muzquiz Coahuila, Mexico. Mariano migrated to the United States in 1952, to Otto Williams Ranch as a ranch-hand near Eldorado.

Mariano married Maria Eugenia Robledo on July 12, 1957, in Muzquiz, Coahuila. His wife and children joined him in 1964. In 1970 the family moved to Sonora, on the Mayer-Rousselot Ranch. In 1974, Mariano took his family to Batesville, Texas, then later to Uvalde, to take on the role of farming, but soon returned to Eldorado, in 1977, where they made this their permanent home.

On his return to Eldorado, Mariano took his role of labor in stride. He was a man of determination and always eager to challenge any job and anyone on job performance. Though his English was limited to an extent, he was able to communicate effectively throughout his life. During his years of labor to name a few, he worked for Poynor Construction, John Meador Construction, C.R. Sproul, Sam Henderson Ranch, Tucker Clark, Betty Sue McAlpine, and his last days of hard work and enjoyment were spent working with Isidro Granados, up to the day he became ill.

Mariano was a man of few words but had a great sense of humor and had many friends wherever he would go. He was deeply loved by all his family and dear friends. He will be missed greatly, though his smile, his laughter and memories will be cherished forever.

Mariano V. Gonzalez, 73, of Eldorado passed away at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2003, in Shannon Hospital after suffering a short illness. Services were held Saturday, May 3, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado. Rosary was Friday, May 2, at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Eugenia Gonzalez, son, J. Enrique Gonzalez, wife Mary Ann Gonzalez, daughter, Lidia Vallejo, husband Emilio Vallejo, son, Raul R. Gonzalez, wife Araceli Escobar, all of Eldorado; son, Guillermo R. Gonzalez of Jarrel, Texas; two brothers, Armando Gonzalez of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, and Miguel Gonzalez of Roswell, N.M., 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Eldorado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Quisto Gonzalez, Emilio Vallejo Jr., Ro-



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
All smiles — Glenda Nix, who retired from teaching at the end of the Fall Semester, was honored by SCISD for her 30 years in the profession, 17 of which was spent here in Eldorado. She is shown here with SCISD Supt. George Blanch during the district's Staff Appreciation Banquet held last Thursday evening in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

SCISD recognizes teachers and staff at annual banquet

SCISD's sixth annual Staff Appreciation Banquet was held on May 8, 2003 in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church.

The evening began with students Ashton Murr, Diego Barrera and Johnny Larez members of the Eldorado High School Band playing the National Anthem.

High School Principal Tim Seymore led the invocation before those in attendance enjoyed a barbecue dinner prepared by S&F Catering of Eldorado.

The board of trustees were then introduced by Superintendent George Blanch. They include: Jo Helen Kotsch, President, Eddie Albin, Vice-President, Kurtis Homer, newly elected Jan Wanoreck, John Paul Joiner and Lupe Sanchez.

Next, the winning essays in First National Bank's Teacher Appreciation Essay Contest were read to the audience by students Amy Alvizo, Allyson Jarrett, Holly Romero and Ashley Paulson. Each of the students named the teacher they appreciate most.

Surprised teachers included Mrs. Micky McGregor, Mr. Glen Nix and Mrs. Lynna Mikeska. Mrs. Eva Jo Sessom was not present.

First National Bank presented each of the winning students with \$25. The teachers were presented with a framed copy of their letter from the student.

Service pins were then awarded with five year pins being received by Kris Griffin, Suzanne Johnson, and Erlinda Medrano.

Ten year pins went to Ima Gene Bruce, Darlene Edmiston, Tony Martinez, Susie McAlpine, Rosa Romo and Matt Rutherford.

Twenty year pin went to Micky McGregor. Receiving a twenty five year pins were Janell Hausenfluck, Maureen Hodges, Joella

Parker, Melonie Reynolds and Mario Sanchez. Larry Mitchel was presented a 30 year pin.

Special retirement recognition was given personally to Middle School teacher Glenda Nix who was present to receive a gift certificate for her 17 years of service to Schleicher County I.S.D.

Board President Jo Helen Kotsch presented retiring George and Mary Blanch with a special going away gift, a mesquite lamp. The Blanch's have lived in Eldorado for 3 years and will retire to the town of Nixon.

Not present to receive their retirement recognition was Julie Griffin who served the district for 27 years and Betsy Thackerson who served 21 years.

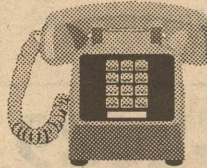
Glen Nix gave the benediction which ended the evening.

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 5/15	Fri 5/16	Sat 5/17	Sun 5/18	Mon 5/19
93/69	91/67	94/63	94/65	98/67
Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 93F.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

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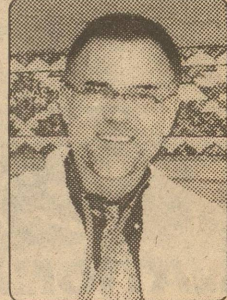
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Mrs. Mikeska

Some students wait a lifetime to have a teacher like Mrs. Mikeska. She was always ready and willing to help on a worksheet. She made learning fun and easy because she always was nice and cool. She never showed a mean side even when we showed ours. She was more than just a teacher, she was a friend. She had hugs, smiles and compliments for every one of us. Anyone can teach, but it takes someone special to make you want to learn and to be your best. My third grade teacher was the best.

Ashley Paulson-4th Grade



4th Grader Ashley Paulson and Mrs. Lynna Mikeska

Mr. Nix

The teacher I most admire is very helpful. He's great at advice when you're in a bad situation. He's taught me not to look down on who I am. I had a problem and Mrs. Edmiston was wounding about me and so she wanted me to go see the counsellor. He asked me how I was doing I wanted to say not so good but I said fine. He explained that the situation I was in wasn't my fault. I felt tears rolling down cheeks because I felt awful. We talked a little more which made me feel better. After a little while during my math class I sat and thought "I'm so glad to have a teacher like Mr. Nix. His a great teacher and he deserves to win."

Holly Romero -- 4th Grader



4th Grader Holly Romero and Mr. Glen Nix

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Spike Dykes speaks at EHS athletic banquet

Former Texas Tech University football coach Spike Dykes was the featured speaker at the EHS Sports Banquet held Monday evening, May 12, in the Memorial Building. Dykes told the assembled athletes that through hard work and dedication great things can be accomplished by those who dare to do great things.

Dykes, who was introduced by Booster Club President Bill Hodges said he has known Hodges since he was "knee-high to a billy goat."

The former Red Raider coach took the opportunity to remind the audience that they live in a great country and should all thank God for the freedoms we enjoy.

Despite the presence of a marquee name speaker, the real focus of the evening was on the athletes of Eldorado High School and the numerous awards were handed out in various sports and activities.

Cheerleading sponsor Chris McCraye began the presentations by recognizing the JV and Varsity Cheerleaders and Mascot.

Coach Gary Grubbs followed, presenting special football recognitions. Joey Hernandez and Gus Figerora were named Offensive Linemen of the Year. Ross Hodges was named Defensive Lineman of the Year. Offensive Back of the Year honors went to Quisto Gonzalez and Trey Chavez. Philip Martinez was recognized as the Defensive Back of the Year while Ray David Buitron received the Head Hunter Award and Seth Taylor was named Most Dedicated Player.

In Cross-Country, Coach Vicki Williams announced Courtney Sauer and Eric Garcia as the Most Dedicated Runners. Courtney Sauer and Courtney Brown also received Academic All-State Recognition.

In Girls Track, Christina Redish was named Most Valuable Player and received Academic All State recognition. She was also named to All-West Texas Track Team, and placed 4th in the Shot Put at the State Track Meet.

In Boys Track, Coach Jesse Garza named Eric Garcia as the Most Valuable Player.

Coach Rene Valeriano then announced senior Christina Redish as the Most Valuable Player in girls basketball. Junior Clara Herrera was named Most Dedicated Player. Also receiving Academic All-District recognition were: Martha Lively, Christina Redish,

Hannah Robledo, Amanda Wanoreck, Chandra Wanoreck, Kasey Boysaw, Clara Herrera, Heather Homer and Lacy Ragsdale.

Golf Coach Don Richters named Hannah Robledo Outstanding Girls Golf Player and Koda Lozano as Outstanding Boys Golf Player.

Boys Basketball Coach Alan Gillispie then announced that senior Bobby Philip was the team's Most Valuable Player and senior Philip Martinez was tapped as Most Dedicated Player. Academics All-District recognition went to Philip Martinez, J.L. Mankin, Quisto Gonzalez, Trey Chavez, Bobby Phillips, and Ray David Buitron. Trey Chavez was named Basketball's New Comer of the Year.

Next, Tennis Coach Matt Rutherford announced Doubles partners and EHS seniors Courtney Sauer and Courtney Brown as the Girls Most Dedicated Players while senior Quisto Gonzalez was named the Boys Most Valuable Player. Most Valuable Girl Player honors went to the senior Christina Redish.

Coach Gillispie also presented the softball awards, naming senior Amanda Wanoreck was the team's Most Valuable Player while Betsy Green and Courtney Whitten were named Most Dedicated Players. Academic All-District players were Clara Herrera, Hope Fuentes, Courtney Whitten, Betsy Green, Ashley Doran, Charlotte Adame and Amanda Wanoreck.

Also announced was the 2AA All-District Softball Team members. Betsy Green was named First All-Team District, Amanda Wanoreck and Jessica Robertson were named 2nd All-Team District and Honorable Mention went to Clara Herrera and Courtney Whitten.

Baseball Coach Gary Grubbs presented Frankie Arispe, Michael Adame and Philip Martinez were named Most Valuable Baseball Players and Allan Dykstra was named Most Dedicated Baseball Player. Academic All-District team members were Kolby Dombroski, Allan Dykstra, Trey Chavez, Tony Chavez, Philip Martinez, Quisto Gonzalez, and Joe Arispe.

The highlight of the program came when the prestigious Fighting Heart Award was presented by Coach Charlie Bunch to Christina Redish and Philip Martinez.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
You've gotta' work hard — Former Texas Tech Red Raiders coach Spike Dykes shared his coaching philosophy with an Eldorado audience Monday night. He was the featured speaker at the EHS Athletic Banquet, held in the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

Eagles' storybook season ends with Area round loss to C-City

Strong pitching from the Colorado City Wolves and untimely mistakes by the Eagles ended the Eagles season on Saturday. The Eagles could come up with only four hits on Friday and lost 5-2. On Saturday, mistakes doomed the Eagles as they fell 10-3.

On Friday, the Eagles could only muster four hits and two runs. The two runs came in the 5th inning as leadoff walks to Frankie Arispe and Philip Martinez turned into two runs on a single by Joey Hernandez later in the inning. The two runs were all the Eagles could produce as Colorado City pitcher Fidel Silva shut them down the rest of the way.

Frankie Arispe took the loss on the mound for the Eagles. His

outing was more than good enough for the Eagles to win as he struck out nine Wolves' hitters.

On Saturday, the Eagles started strong in the top of the 1st scoring a run when Frankie Arispe reached on error by the shortstop and was later driven in by a Philip Martinez single to right field. In the second, the Eagles scored two more runs on a sharp single by Trey Chavez to right field scoring Alan Dykstra and courtesy runner Tony Chavez. That was all the runs the Eagles would score on the day as they produced only six hits. The day ended with the Eagles losing 10-3.

The Eagles ended their season with a 22-9 record. The 22 wins are a school record.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
He's SAFE! Eagles catcher Alan Dykstra slid safely in to second base last Friday as the Eagles took on the Colorado City Wolves in the Area round of the State 2-A playoffs. The Wolves defeated the Eagles 5-2 and 10-3 in the best of 3 series.

What a wonderful year it was!

EDITORIAL

by Coach Gary Grubbs

I would like to thank the many people who made this a memorable season for us. It was awesome to see the large crowd we had in San Angelo this past weekend, especially on Friday night. Our boys fought to the last out and never gave up. The parents of the boys were great all year as they supported us no matter where we played at.

Having coached for 15 years, this was the best baseball season I have ever been associated with. The boys were outstanding in attitude and effort.

Being picked as the team that should finish last in our district by the other coaches before the season started didn't phase the kids one bit. They set out to prove everyone wrong and did.

We had many accomplishments during the season. We beat Sonora twice during the season, won second place at the Sonora tournament, second at the Grape Creek tournament, and third at the San Saba tournament. We were co-district champions, bi-district cham-

pions and area qualifiers, not bad for a team expected to finish last by the other district coaches. We set a school record with 22 wins. Not bad for a team expected to finish last in district.

We climbed mountain after mountain and never quit. As the last out occurred Saturday on our season, you could see how much it meant to our seniors as many tears were shed.

To those four seniors, Michael Adame, Philip Martinez, Joe Arispe, and Quisto Gonzalez, Coach Bunch and I say, thank you, for all of your hard work and dedication.

It was a long year of the kids getting used to us and us to them but they never gave up and it paid off. All I was ever told was that this group of seniors couldn't win, they didn't know how, well guess what guys, we proved all the unbelievers wrong, and for that we say thank you.

We will miss you guys, but never forget you. You know our doors are always open.

Coach Grubbs and Coach Bunch

School Menu



Cafeteria Line

Monday, May 19
 Spaghetti, Green Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert

Tuesday, May 20
 Chicken Sandwich, (MS/HS Choice: Smorgasbord), French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Dessert

Wednesday, May 21
 Hot Dog w/ Chili, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, May 22
 Cheese Pizza w/ Breadsticks, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peaches

Friday, May 23
 Sack Lunches for all students

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Breakfast
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Monday, May 19
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

Tuesday, May 20
 Breakfast Pizza, Apple Juice

Wednesday, May 21
 Pancakes on a Stick w/ Syrup, Orange Juice

Thursday, May 22
 Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Apple Sauce

Friday, May 23
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Assorted Juices

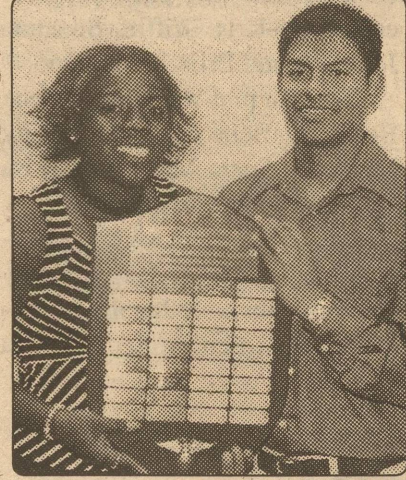


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
True sports — Christina Redish and Philip Martinez received the highest award at Monday's athletic banquet, the Fighting Heart Award.

Baccalaureate service slated Sunday night

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance invites the community to worship God in celebration for the graduating class of 2003. Sunday, May 18 at 7pm the alliance will sponsor a worship service at the high school auditorium. Ray Don McIntosh, pastor of the Mertzson Highway Church of Christ will be this year's keynote speaker.

Come honor the Lord as we give thanks for what He has invested in our young people.

Circus class returns

Eldorado residents of all ages will be able to once again participate in the EOBOC's Circus Skills Class this summer. The class covers elementary balloon animal art, face painting, costuming, clowning, juggling, magic and stilt walking. Also, books will be available for check out overnight between classes on other topics such as pantomime, handwriting analysis, illusions, clown skits, hand shadows, puppeteering, prop building, stunts, general entertaining, side shows, rope tricks, double talking, impersonations, scene design, stunts and ventriloquism.

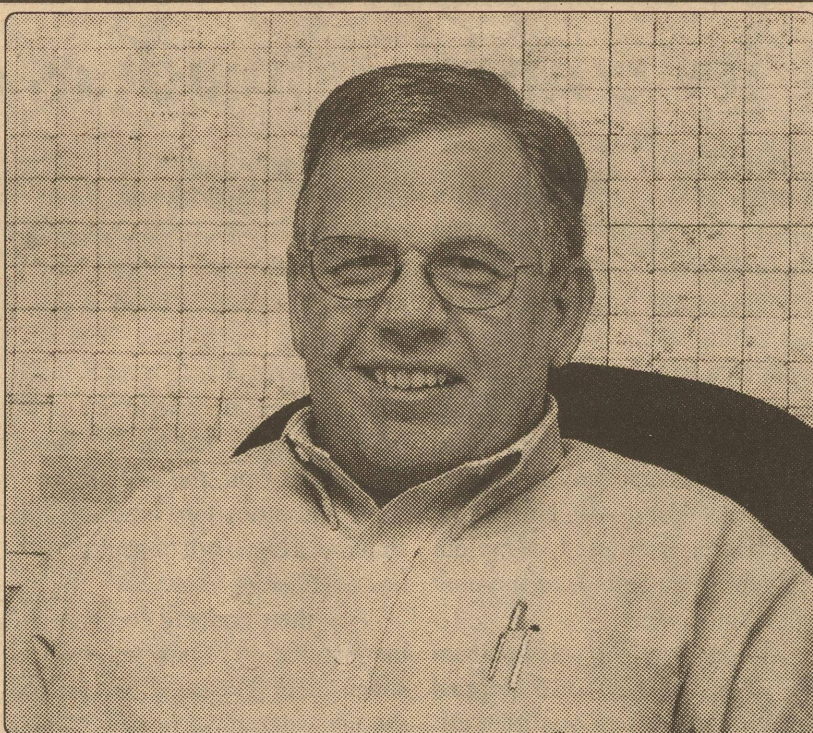
The first such class was held last June and was called Circus 101. Even though this year's class is being billed as Circus 102, students need not have taken Circus 101 to participate. The class will be beneficial both for new students and for those who took part last summer. Last year's nine graduates took part in a nursing home visit, Toe Nail Trails Day parade, Mias Amigas alien appearance, Tagoo Bird Day, Armchair Decathletes Festival, Count Dracula's haunted house, Dicken's Christmas Carol illusion show, the Grinch's Christmas show, and the Elgoatarod. In addition, six additional youngsters have joined the group over the year and have participated in some of the above activities, also.

The class will meet from 8 AM

to 11 AM each day from June 16 through June 19 in the old bank/pool hall on Main Street. The only charge for the class is for the necessary literature and supplies such as the balloons, make up, magic tricks, etc. This amounts to \$20 per student and the deadline for class sign up is June 6 in order to allow time for ordering the proper quantity of supplies. The magic tricks used in the class will be distributed to the students upon graduation as well as unused balloons, face paints, etc. for continued use after graduation.

Several events are scheduled for this year's graduates to participate in afterward including performances at the "Running of the Bull" festival in July, Night in Old Fredericksburg, haunted house, nursing home visits, Elgoatarod, etc. A long range goal is to present a community circus in August of 2004 at the new civic center, along with any other members of the community who may have circus talents, trained animals, etc.

The class is organized and will be primarily conducted by Jim Runge, but other members of the community with special skills will assist. For instance, Lori Stricklan will teach a session in the art of clown make up. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Jim Runge at eldoradotexas@hotmail.com or 853-2434.



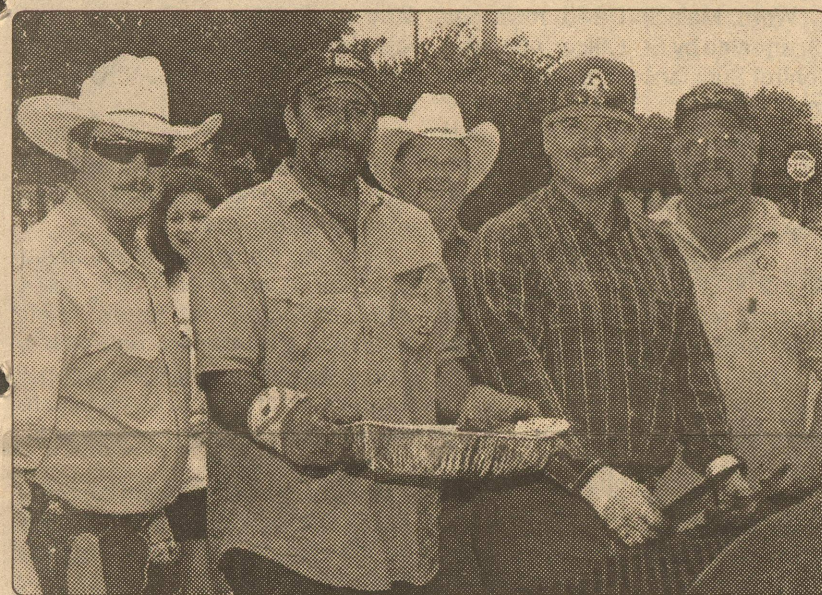
The tax man cometh — Scott Sutton was appointed recently to the post of Chief Appraiser of the Schleicher County Appraisal District. He comes to Eldorado from Brownwood where he has served as a field appraiser since 1998. His wife, Rita Nobles Sutton, works at the Brady Hospital as a physical therapist.

Swimming pool opening to public on Saturday, May 24th

The Schleicher County Swimming Pool will be under the management of Coach Rene Valeriano. Four new lifeguards will have completed their lifeguard training and the pool will be open for business officially on Saturday, May 24.

This weekend Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18 the pool will be open for a seek preview from 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m..

Normal hours of operation will be Tuesday-Sunday from 1 p.m.-7 p.m.. Admission will be \$1 per person. Proper swim wear will be required. No cut-off jeans or T-shirts in the water. The pool may be reserved for private pool parties after of before regular hours. Cost will be \$25/hour. Ladies Night will be Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m.- 9 p.m., women only!



More than just a bunch of pretty faces — The cooks for this year's EHS Athletic Awards Banquet were (L-R) Damien Beach, Jay Holley, Mike Lux, Kerry Joy and Curtis Griffin. The men prepared barbecued steak, chicken and sausage, and all the trimmings, for the banquet held Monday evening in the Memorial Building.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Dorothy Dacy was recently voted as "Girl of the Year" by her sister members of Kappa Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority in Eldorado.

Mrs. Dacy pledged Beta Sigma Phi in 1969. She took a leave for several years before coming back into the chapter and has been an enthusiastic member since.

Although she works full time as manager of 1st Community Federal Credit Union she finds the time to be active in the sorority. When her son Russ Dacy became ill this year she remained upbeat about life. She has one more child,

Tina and three grandchildren Shae, Luke, and Kylee. Her husband James Monroe Dacy is employed by B.J. Services in Eldorado.

She is an active member of Lions Club and First Baptist Church where she attends Sunday School regularly. Congratulations Dorothy from your Sorority Sisters!!!

Scouts plan fund raisers

The Eldorado Scout Building is in need of repairs. We will be hosting a garage sale and bake sale, Saturday, May 24th.

We will be accepting donations for the garage sale on Saturday, May 17th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, May 19th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., and Tuesday, May 20th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Please be sure all items being donated are clean and in working order. No clothing please!

If you would like to donate an item for the bake sale, please contact Shannon Gillespie 853-4006 or Vickie Williams 853-2245.

More information regarding the sales will be in next week's paper.

It's A Boy!

Sherri Fitts Freeman and Kevin wish to announce a new arrival to their family, Colton Rider Freeman.

Colton's mother is Jessica Freeman. Colton was born in Shreveport, LA on April 7th, 2003 and weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and was 21" in length.

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Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, May 19**
Swiss Steak w/ Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Toss Salad, Orange Sections, Milk
- Tuesday, May 20**
Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread, Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, May 21**
Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, May 22**
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Beans, Calif. Mix Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
- Friday, May 23**
Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/ Tomato, Red Apple Sauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk

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City council considers changes at old landfill

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Carolyn Mayo then produced a copy of the city's utility ordinance that outlines the city's willingness to cooperate with approved agencies, such as the CAC and the Schleicher County Ministerial Alliance. Mankin further stated that the city also allows customers to make partial gas payments between the months of November and March, provided complete payment is made before the next bill becomes due.

Kellogg said she was unaware that CAC personnel had stopped notifying the city of qualified clients. She further noted that she would be in contact with the agency to see if she could get lists of clients faxed to the city in time to avoid utility cutoffs.

Next, City Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay reported to the

council regarding operations in various city departments. He noted that a water well has been completed at the landfill and that a pump will be set as soon as electric service is available. The well will be used to water trees that are due to be set out around the landfill's perimeter. He further noted that a visit from the state inspector to the city's two landfill's resulted in a clean bill of health, with no deficiencies listed.

Fay then updated the council the installation of new gates at the sewer plant. He noted that two of the six gates have been installed and that work on the remaining four will be carried out as soon as possible. The handwheel gates will allow city personnel to more effectively regulate the level of water in the plant's four ponds. Previously, city personnel had to put on slicker suits and actually get in the water in order to raise and lower the gates.

Fay continued his report by noting that he crews are in the process of changing out old gas meters. Mayor Nikolauk asked Fay to ensure that gas regulators with "safety shut-offs" are installed at every home with an open flame heater. The special regulators operate by closing off when low gas pressure is sensed. The regulators will not open until they are manu-

ally reset by city personnel.

In his report to the council, City Administrator Randy Mankin said that the city's application for a \$174,000.00 grant through the Office of Rural and Community Affairs, has been approved by the state review committee. Previously, the grant application was okayed by the Regional Review Committee of the Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG). The grant will fund water system improvements in sections of the Orient Heights addition. Mankin noted that although the project lies outside the city limits, it is important to get the work done. In recent years, Schleicher County has applied for the same grant but without success.

A long-awaited project to install isolation valves in the city's water distribution system will begin this week, Mankin explained. Once all the valves are installed, they will allow portions of the city's water system to be turned off without interrupting service to the entire town. However, to get the work done, water service must be turned off to the whole town, at least initially. Mankin said that the contractor, Texas Water and Soil of San Angelo, is set to begin on Friday, May 16th.

"Water will be turned off about

1:30 p.m. and will be off until 4:30," Mankin said. The process will begin again on Monday, May 19th, and continue everyday until the project is complete.

"Each day there should be fewer and fewer customers affected," Mankin advised the council.

"It's going to be frustrating while we're going through it," he stated, "but it will be worth it when it's over."

The council then proceeded with routine business, including approval of the minutes for the April 7 meeting. The council then reviewed the city's financial reports and heard a request from City Secretary Carolyn Mayo for an amendment to the budget. After approving the amendment, which did not change the city's overall budget, the council reviewed the monthly bills and ordered them to be paid.

The council then moved to correct an oversight in the recent city council election. Council member Juakin Rojas was appointed last year to fill a vacant seat and he should have stood for election in May. Since no one on the council had an opponent, and the May election was canceled, the council voted to reappoint Rojas to fill the vacancy. Rojas abstained on the vote. His seat will come up for election again next May.

BIRTHDAY LIST

May

15th James E. Mankin, Mary Lou Martinez, Daniel Martinez, Gary Robinson, Michael Gamez, Rigo Elias Arispe, Jennifer Cheatham, Betty Fuller
16th Halie Hargraves, Hallie Greer
17th Isabel Arispe
18th Tony Martinez Sr., Chip Allen
19th Shelly Sanford, Victoria Alexis Oliván, Gracie Lozano
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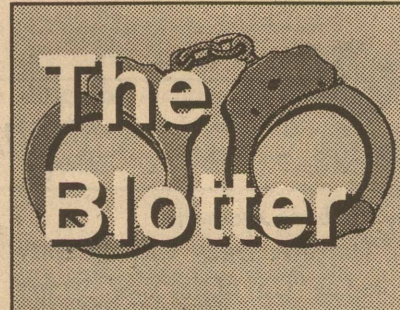
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The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

May 10 • Perez, Jaime Quintero, male age 53, arrested by SC Officer, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

• Sehu, Armand, male age 29 from Macedonia, arrested by SC Officer, hold for U.S. Marshall.

• Darlista, Minire, female age 24 from Macedonia, arrested by SC Officer, hold for U.S. Marshall.

May 13 • Freeman, Samantha, female age 19, arrested by SC Officer, offense for Possession of Chemical W/Intent to Deliver.

Austin, Jordan Jeffrey, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, offense A Control Substance/2nd Degree Felony.

Nichols, Jessica, female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, offense A Control Substance/2nd Degree Fel-

ony.

Wren, Malachi David, male age 33, arrested by SC Officer, offense A Control Substance/2nd Degree Felony.

Barrandey, Christopher D., male age 33, arrested by SC Officer, offense A Control Substance/2nd Degree Felony.

INCIDENT REPORTS

May 2 • 11:30 a.m. High School Principal reported that someone had broke into 5 different Coke machines at the High School. Officer responded.

May 6 • Complainant reported a silver station wagon had just run off with fuel in the amount of \$8.67 and was heading South on Hwy. 277.

*11:57 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious object laying in the middle of El Paso Street. Officer responded and found object to be a wool sack with rope tied around it.

*11:15 p.m. Complainant reported that their grandmother was having a heart attach. EMS and officer responded.

May 7 • 3:25 p.m. Complainant at High School reported that someone had hit a vehicle. Officer responded.

* 5:17 p.m. Complainant reported a snake on their porch. Officer responded and complainant gone on arrival.

* 6:27 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person around the school on a skate board. Officer responded.

*8:36 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

*9:18 p.m. Complainant reported a fight on East Street. Officers

responded.

May 9 • 12:00 a.m. Complainant reported seeing someone trying to break into the high school. Officers responded.

* 2:15 a.m. Complainant reported two females stranded 17 miles East of Eldorado on Hwy. 190. Officer and wrecker responded.

* 9:44 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Two males were refusing to leave their residence. Complainant requested a verbal warning on male subject not to arrive on premises. Complainant did not want to sign a trespass form. Officers responded.

* 10:37 p.m. Complainant reported a two vehicle accident with no injuries on 190 West. Two officers, and DPS Officer responded.

May 10 • 12:15 p.m. Convenience store employee requested an officer to remove a male subject from the store. Officer responded and arrested male subject.

*11:40 p.m. Complainant reported loud noises coming from resident on Lee Street. Officers responded.

May 11 • 11:36 p.m. Complainant reported an elderly man had fallen and possibly broken his hip. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

*1:24 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

*6:42 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Department reported a reckless driver was traveling south on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

*10:03 p.m. Complainant reported they had struck a deer with their vehicle and needed an officer to make a report. Officer responded.

*11:30 p.m. Complainant reported some disturbance at apartments. Officer responded.

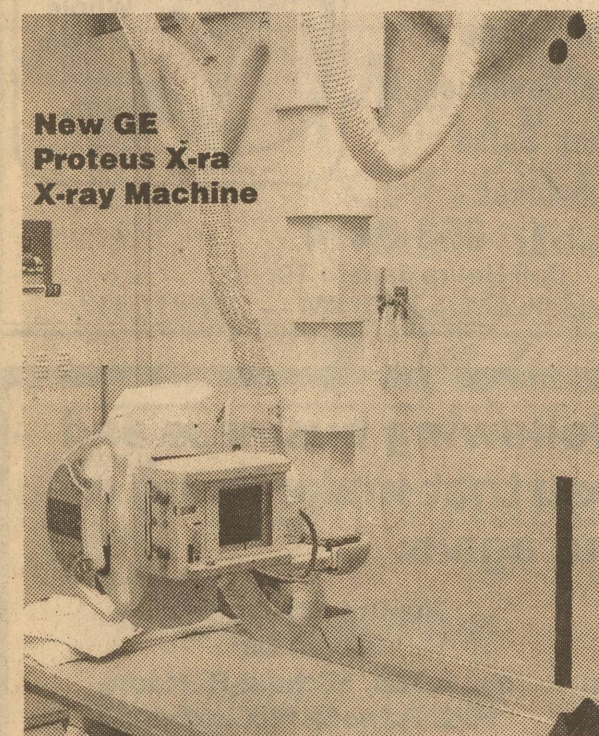
May 13 • Complainant called to advised Sheriff Office of a domestic disturbance. Officers responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Commissioners meeting held Monday

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, May 12, 2003 and, among other business, voted to spend \$56,250.00 on crushed rock from Reece Albert, Inc. The county hopes to pay for half of the purchase from the 2003 budget, with the remainder being paid in 2004. The payment will need to be agreed to by Reece Albert. If that happens, the San Angelo based company will haul its equipment to the Mike Moore pit in order to crush the rock for the county.

The meeting was the first of two semimonthly sessions. It was called to order by County Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown were in attendance.

In other business, the men met with Sheriff David Doran. The sheriff asked if there was any opposition to his department selling a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car at auction. Doran said the car has over 100,000 miles, but is otherwise in good condition. The men expressed on objection but

noted that they will have the right to refuse the bid.

A contractor's quote of \$3,900.00 to install a handicapped accessible ramp on the exterior of the Memorial Building was not accepted. Instead, the commissioners directed Judge Griffin to find a carpenter to install a wooden ramp inside the building, making the American Legion Room and the Woman's Club Room accessible to handicapped citizens.

Next, the commissioners voted to support a resolution by the Texas Association of Counties regarding the State of Texas budget crisis.

In other business, the commissioners visited with several contractors regarding the construction of a livestock feeding facility near the Civic Center. The original plans for two buildings were changed to one, long building and the court called for bids for labor only, with the county supplying all material, support holes, including cement, primer and paint. Bids are to be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2003 in the Commis-

sioners Court Room. A separate fencing project was placed on hold.

At one point during the meeting, county employees were called in to meet with a representative of the Texas County Retirement System.

The commissioners then signed a lease agreement with Jerry D. Harris and Charles Warren on the Schleicher County School Lands in Gaines County. Rental on two parcels of land comes to \$10,374.80 annually with the term of the lease to expire on December 31, 2007. After that time, the county will retain 60 percent of crop bases under the USDA's CRP program. The terms of the lease were discussed by commissioners at the April 14, 2003 meeting, at which time they authorized Judge Griffin to submit the lease proposal to Harris and Warren.

It should be noted that the commissioners will meet on Friday, May 16, not only to receive bids on the feeding facility, but to discuss issues related to the construction of the Civic Center. New information received from the project's architect and general contractor have prompted commissioners to consider scaling down the project. At that time the court is also scheduled to discuss the construction of fueling facilities at the County Airport.



Airborne warriors — Airman Casey Poyner forwarded this photo of the C130 Hercules that he serves on. Poyner is in the center of the first row standing. Also pictured are the remainder of the plane's crew and maintenance personnel. The last word we had at the Success is that Poyner is serving in Kyrgyzstan

School board seats new member and elects officers

The Schleicher County I.S.D. School Board met briefly Monday, May 12, 2003 to swear-in newly elected and reelected board members and to elect board officers.

Jan Wanoreck, Lupe Sanchez and Eddie Albin were sworn in by Darlene Huckaby.

The board then elected officers for the coming year. Jo Helen Kotsch was elected President, Eddie Albin Vice President and Bert Nicholson as Secretary.

The board approved financials and board minutes of April 14 and May 7.

Two out of district field trips

were approved for the fourth grade and eighth grade.

Debbie Griffin and J.D. Doyle asked the board to accept the Community Network Funds. The board approved accepting \$65,314.00 remaining TIF funds left from the Community Network. These funds will be managed by the school district to sustain the remote Internet access labs for the next 4 years for educational purposes.

The board went behind closed doors for an executive session. According to the posted agenda, the purpose for the executive session was to discuss "personnel,

principal position." They returned to open session without taking action on the matter.

Superintendent George Blanch advised the trustees that the district's current student enrollment is 593 students.

He then went stated that the Lunch Room Audit was very positive and Beverly Massingill, cafeteria supervisor, will be leaving to move to Crane.

The meeting concluded so the board could attend the Booster Club Sports Banquet.

All board members were present and Supt. designate Mark Gesch was also present, along with High School Principal Tim Seymore, Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck and Maintenance Supervisor John Kotsch.

EHS students lend a hand to "Keep Texas Beautiful"

Eldorado High School students spent Tuesday morning helping with the "Keep Texas Beautiful" effort. Tim Seymore and Matt Rutherford accompanied the students as they picked up trash on Highways 277 and 190 as well as Main

Street. The students collected about 60 bags of trash and encourage everyone to use the proper trash receptacles! Trash bags were donated by Super S, Duckwall's and Schleicher County.

DPS asks public to help locate missing legislators

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public for assistance in locating 53 Democratic state legislators who left their desks and walked out of the legislature. Anyone who has information regarding the current whereabouts of the legislators listed below is asked to call 1-800-525-5555.

Under the Texas Constitution, the majority of members present in session in the House can vote to compel the presence of enough members to make a quorum. Members of the House did so Tuesday morning and directed the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House and the DPS to locate the absent members and bring them back to Austin.

Many of the Democrats turned up at a press conference in Ardmore, OK. Meanwhile, DPS troopers are seeking to return them to the capitol in Austin.

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*HOLES dts (PG)	1:30	4:15	7:00	9:40
*IDENTITY (R)	2:00	4:30	7:05	9:20
MALIBU'S MOST WANTED (PG-13)	1:20	3:20	7:20	9:30
A MAN APART dts (R)	1:45	4:05	7:15	9:45
PHONE BOOTH (R)	1:15	3:15	7:40	10:00
CHICAGO dts (PG-13)	1:50	4:20	7:10	
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