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Goodbye, Geisha — Sakini, an Okinawan interpreter, played by Hannah Robledo, looks on as Capt. Fisby (J.L. Mankin) explains to a Geisha named Lotus Blossom (Mayci Schwiening) that he is leaving her island and that she cannot accompany him to America.

"Teahouse" wins Dist. 2-2A OAP contest Area round competition slated Saturday in Alpine

Eldorado High School's entry in the District 2-2A One Act Play contest, "Teahouse of the August Moon" placed first from among six entries Saturday in Ozona. Three of the play's stars, were singled out for individual honors. Hannah Robledo was named Best Actress. J.L. Mankin was named to the All-Star Cast and Mayci Schwiening was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Stage Director Lacy Ragsdale was named as Outstanding Crew Member.

The young actors will take the stage again on Saturday in the Marshall Auditorium, located in the Morelock Academic Building on the campus of Sul Ross University in Alpine where they will compete in the Area One Act Play contest. Sonora High School's entry "Threads" placed second at the District 2-2A contest and will also be competing in Alpine. Other entries in the Area contest include Alpine High School's production of "White Room of My Remembering," and "Midsummer Night Dream" by Anthony High School.

"Teahouse of the August Moon" is a play by John Patrick about young American Army officer, with no practical experience, who is sent to bring democracy, literacy and the free enterprise system to an out-of-the way village in post-WWII Okinawa. What follows is 40 minutes of hilarity that won't be found in any Army manual.

Hannah Robledo stars as Sakini, an Okinawan rascal who is assigned as an interpreter to assist Captain Fisby, played by J.L. Mankin, as he strives to educate the residents of Tobiki village in the finer aspects of the American way of life. Captain Fisby's progress is closely monitored by his commanding officer, Col. Wainwright Purdy, III, played by Travis Joiner.

Fisby's mission is confounded by such distractions as a beautiful Geisha named Lotus Blossom (Mayci Schwiening) and the discovery that the residents of Tobiki would rather distill Brandy than learn a new American ways.

But Tobiki's brandy isn't just any brandy. It proves to be the key to Tobiki's financial success and soon Capt. Fisby is marketing the stuff to American GIs throughout the island, all the while hiding the enterprise from Col. Purdy.

With prosperity descending upon Tobiki village, its residents begin clamoring for the better things in life. The women, who at first resented Lotus Blossom and the effect she has on men, begin to aspire to the Geisha lifestyle and they soon insist on being trained as Geishas. Then, demand grows for a teahouse where the men can relax in the evening and where the growing group of Geishas may practice their art.

Capt. Fisby, faced with near revolt, is forced to scrap plans for the new school building, explicitly required under the Army's Plan "B" Occupation Manual, and build a teahouse, the Teahouse of the August Moon.

All goes well until Col. Purdy shows up unannounced and discovers

"secret" of Tobiki's success. Purdy's orders to destroy Tobiki's stills are carried out by Sergeant Gregovich (Michael Ballew), who can't help but "sample" the elixir. Gregovich's passion for the brandy saves everyone in the end since Tobiki's shrewd villagers get him so drunk that he doesn't notice they are hiding the real stills and destroying only useless vessels.

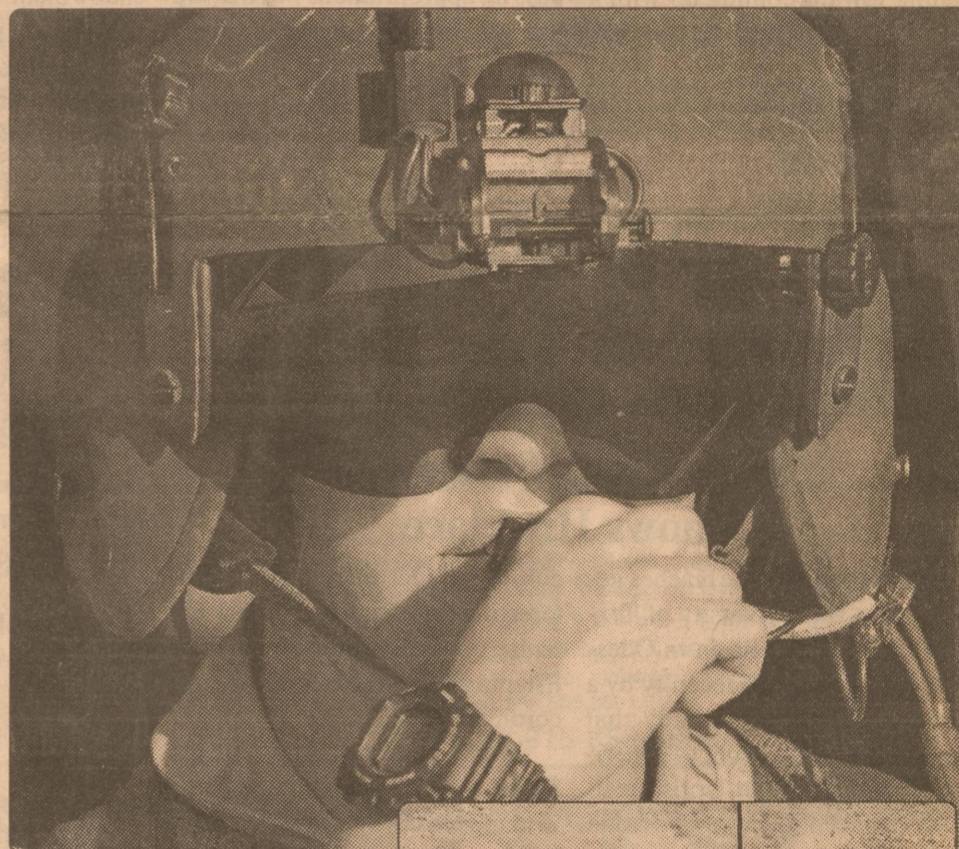
According to Sakini, Capt. Fisby's interpreter and the play's narrator, Tobiki villagers learned such tricks through the centuries of dealing with Chinese and Japanese conquerors. Their deception, which completely fools Col. Purdy, ultimately saves his

career, when high ranking military officers announce their plans to tour Tobiki and visit its new Teahouse.

In staging "Teahouse of the August Moon," director Kara Sue Garlitz was faced with taking a play originally written for the silver screen and condensing it into a 40-minute, one-act production. And, somehow she managed to do it all without sacrificing the either the comedy or the play's underlying message.

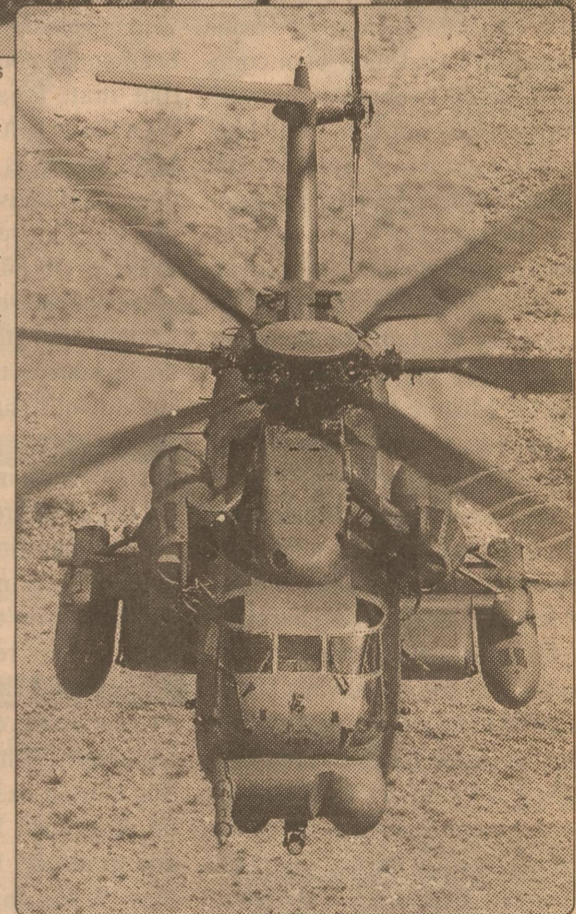
"Teahouse of the August Moon" made its way into movie theaters in 1956, starring Glenn Ford as Capt. Fisby, Marlon Brando as Sakini, Henry

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Top Gun — Airman Blake Leggett (above) is one of many Eldorado natives on duty in and around Iraq. He is an aerial gunner serving aboard an MH-53 helicopter (at right). He was deployed recently to the Persian Gulf area. Recent word from Leggett is that he lives in a tent city about the size of a football field where he shares a tent with 11 other soldiers. Interestingly, he says he keeps up with the war news by watching Fox News Channel via satellite. To access these and other military photos, follow the Operation Iraqi Freedom link on the Success website at www.myeldorado.net.



Mayor: show your support for the troops by flying your flags!

Mayor John Nikolauk this week encouraged all Eldorado citizens to fly their U.S. Flags in support of the American men and women now engaged in combat in Iraq.

"America is at war and America's young men and women are going into harm's way on behalf of our nation. With

more than three dozen Eldorado natives presently serving in the military, many of them currently involved in combat, I hereby call on every citizen of Eldorado to show their support for U.S. troops by flying their American flags and displaying yellow ribbons as we await the troops' safe and triumphant return."

EHS brings home the Gold from 2-2A UIL academic meet

The District U.I.L. Academic Meet was held in Wall on Wednesday, March 19th and Monday, March 24th, 2003 with Eldorado High School taking 2nd place overall. Wall High School won 1st place overall.

Calculator Applications, Current Issues and Events, Mathematics, Number Sense, Spelling and Vocabulary and Science Teams all brought home 1st Place plaques, along with 1st Place medals for each team member. Individual placings in the various events are as follows:

1st Place Team in Science - Lori Loomis-Top Overall Medalist and Alternate in Chemistry; Travis Joiner- 4th place overall and Top Physic Medalist and Courtney Sau-

er-6th. Other team members were Josh Trejo, Georgina Maritz (Alternate at District) Tony Chavez and Will Griffin. Sponsors for the Science Team are Angela Case and Amy Rutherford.

1st Place Team in Calculator Applications-Mayci Schwiening, 2nd overall; Josh Trejo-3rd; Mitchel Cole, 4th. Other team members are Georgina Maritz and Alternate Clara Herrera. Sponsor Amy Rutherford.

1st Place Team Current Issues and Events-Lori Loomis, 1st place overall; Will Griffin, 6th overall; Emily Newman. Sponsor Teresa Baker.

1st Place Team Overall in Mathematics-Josh Trejo, 1st place medalist; Travis Joiner-3rd, Lori Loomis-5th, Courtney Sauer. Sponsor Tom Gray.

1st Place Team Overall in Number

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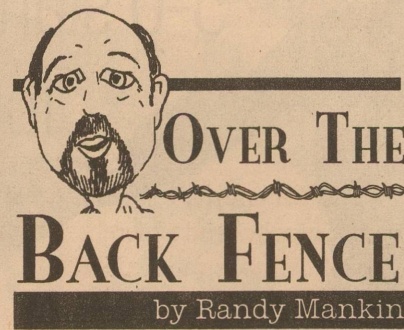
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Science Whiz Kids — Members of the EHS Science Team show off the 1st Place plaque they won at the Dist. 2-2A UIL Academics Meet in Wall. Team members include (L-R) Josh Trejo, Will Griffin, Courtney Sauer, Tony Chavez, Lori Loomis and Travis Joiner.



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Fieldsboro, NJ...a town disgraced



the nation are urging their constituents to do the same. But not so in Fieldsboro, N.J.

Whether or not one agrees with President Bush's decision to send U.S. troops into combat, the fact remains that American men and women, some of them from right here in Eldorado, are heading into harm's way, under the banner of the banner of the USA. While a few anti-war protesters have taken to the streets in cities like New York City and San Francisco, the fact remains that an overwhelming majority of Americans support the war effort.

Regardless of your position, I hope that you and yours are supporting our troops and pulling for the U.S. to win the war decisively and soon. Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk has called on this town's citizens to demonstrate their support by flying the Stars and Stripes and displaying yellow ribbons. Similarly, mayors across

Francisco. In fairness, Mayor Tyler defended his actions by asking, "Where would you draw a line if you started allowing the use of public property to exhibit whatever cause anyone wanted? Suppose someone wants to tie pink ribbons, or black flags, or a confederate flag or a Nazi flag on public property."

To me, this explains a lot. It shows that even idiot can be elected mayor in Fieldsboro, NJ, or perhaps a council member.

It seems that Fieldsboro's township council has opted to sit this one out and they have ordered that no outward displays of patriotism be permitted on township property.

This all came to light when David and Diane Johnson, who own a liquor store near the edge of the Fieldsboro, decided to hang a large yellow ribbon on a sign next to their store that welcomes visitors to the township. To any objective and rational person, such an action would seem to be a show of solidarity with our men and women in uniform.

But, Fieldsboro's mayor Eddy Tyler notified the Johnsons that they would have to remove the ribbon, and others like it, or he would do it for them. This followed the town council's unanimous vote to prohibit exhibitions of patriotism or support for US troops on public property. In other words, the town council said that Fieldsboro is going to remain neutral. And...with that single vote they claimed the title of the most disgraceful municipality in the nation, a neat trick when you consider they are competing with such places as Berkley and San

Francisco. While most town and city councils across the nation spend their time worrying about important things like keeping the water running and taking out the trash, the Fieldsboro township council has decided to venture into the field of political debate, even if they claim to be staying neutral. I hope the people of Fieldsboro are watching all of this closely and I hope they remember. And, I hope that when the next election rolls around they take care of a little piece of business that desperately needs their attention, like taking out some trash of their own.

Lawmakers eye rainy day fund for state budget

AUSTIN - Austin gets its share of precipitation each spring, but lately the daily forecast has included the likelihood of a heat wave of discussion over what to do with the state's rainy day fund - use it to help ease Texas' budget crisis or let it grow for an even wetter day.

Though the state's top three leaders have all said they want to handle the \$9.9 billion budget deficit by cutting expenditures and not raising taxes, 23 of the Senate's 31 members appeared to be leaning toward coming up with a

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



funding package of non-tax revenues rather than resorting to draconian spending slashes.

Prominent on the radar is the notion of tapping into the so-called rainy day fund, an emergency account created by a 1988 constitutional amendment.

"It's my belief that in order to pass an appropriations bill that we can get the votes for in the floor

of the Senate, we will need to use the non-tax revenues that we have been discussing," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

If no new revenue sources are developed, it would take a 12.5 percent cut in services to balance the budget. State officials have said that would be a bone-deep cut.

Ways to raise revenue without raising taxes under consideration include borrowing against the state's tobacco lawsuit settlement endowment, putting off payment of selected public education expenses and using some of the state's \$1 billion rainy day fund (a proposal that clouds up Comptroller Carol Keeton Strayhorn's disposition.)

Strayhorn's office administers the fund, but she can't prevent it from being used. That's up to the Legislature, though it takes a three-fifths vote to do it.

House Appropriations Committee chair Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, has proposed using the fund, but writing into the budget bill a payback provision.

Something borrowed....

Best quote of the week was something borrowed, but still memorable. Gov. Rick Perry, in a speech to the Texas Daily Newspaper Association cautioned against using one-shot revenue sources (read: the rainy day fund) or bookkeeping tricks to make up for the projected budget shortfall.

Solving the money shortage by changing accounting methods, the

governor said, reminded him of Wimpy in the Popeye cartoon series.

"It's the same as saying, 'I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today,'" Perry quoted hamburger addict Wimpy.

If the answer to the state's financial woes lies in Popeye, what the Texas economy really needs is a rush order of spinach.

Northeast Texas search continues...

Though most of the media scrutiny has been diverted to the war in Iraq, another concerted campaign continues in Northeast Texas - the search by state and federal personnel for space shuttle debris.

Two months after the loss of the Columbia, more than 5,000 people are still looking for pieces of the lost spacecraft.

Nearly a quarter million acres in 41 counties have been searched, an effort that has resulted in the recovery of 27,537 pieces of debris. And that constitutes only 55 percent of the area needing to be covered.

In addition to ground personnel, 36 helicopters and 10 fixed-wing aircraft have been involved. Eight dive teams, including the Department of Public Safety's team, have done 1,083 dives in Toledo Bend Reservoir and Lake Nacogdoches.

States agencies still involved include the DPS, Texas Forest Service, Texas Department of Health, the Attorney General's office and two state universities, Stephen F. Austin and the University of Texas.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Wheelchair Balladier Knows His Place

Dr. Marian Mustoe teaches geography at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. He was intrigued recently by a National Geographic study that revealed eleven percent of Americans, Canadians and British residents between the ages of 18 and 24 couldn't find their own country on a map. Twenty-four percent of that populace couldn't find Iraq.

"Geography is not just the study of maps, where students learn the names of towns or countries for tests, then forget them after the course. There has to be something of significance before the location means something," says Dr. Mustoe. "It was that way in Grenada. Once the war started, people began to notice it."

He is a native of Washington state and grew up with an appreciation of music. He plays the musical saw, guitar, flute and harmonica. He sometimes entertains his students. "For me it's always been a blessing to be able to sit down and play the guitar. It releases my inner energy. It's kind of a tradition with me to sing a few songs to lighten everybody up at the beginning of a semester. Ever since I've taught I've always played my guitar and sat around and sung songs."

He incorporates sounds and voices in his teaching. "It's because I like to play with recorders. I just enjoy that. I can record chickens in West Texas and record chickens in Maine and there's a difference. And when you quote somebody, you normally read it right from the book. But sometimes I like to change my voice a little bit and record it like it was Christopher Columbus or somebody like that. Then I play the re-

cord of that person and it's interesting how students are not listening to me any longer, they're listening to the person on the recording."

Marian writes folk songs. Some are on the radio and have won awards. "My big hits have been songs about frogs and stuff like that. I had a song called WOODEN FROG FOR CHRISTMAS which is actually played a lot around the world."

One of his songs is called BUZZARDS OF STEEL. "It's a song about people who live in West Texas and work in the oil industry. And the buzzard is this thing going up and down, right?"

The words go something like this: "Was out in West Texas where the buzzards are steel. Deep in the ground they find their next meal. And the working man prays those buzzards won't starve. 'Cause as long as they're drinking, you're driving your car."

Marian has a PhD from A & M University. While he was just getting started in his doctoral work, he developed Multiple Sclerosis and gradually lost the use of his legs. "It was quite a blow. My wife left me and I became a single parent. I lost everything in a flood and all sorts of things happened. If you look at it one way, I guess I got a lot of material for sad songs."

Today he is taking medicine to slow down the deterioration. "I can walk like a drunk with a cane or a walker. I spend most of my daylight hours in my wheelchair. But it's a fast chair. I don't miss much."

Marian is one tough cookie. With his kids, his students and his wife Kathy he finds plenty to sing about.

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14. Place for a java	63. Emulate Mrs. Sprat	28. Triple play trio
15. One billionth: Prefix	66. Fall blossom	30. Barbie maker
16. Make amends	67. Pioneering video game	31. Prefix meaning "peculiar"
17. Make a "sure" bet, maybe	68. Lessen	32. Model Macpherson
19. Novarro of silents	69. Kenny G's pocketful	33. Shrimpers' needs
20. Yachtzee cube	70. Bout enders, in brief	34. Petri dish stuff
21. Pitching star	71. Dele's opposite	35. Stride along
22. Veteran		36. Get pooped
24. Spherical opening?		38. Tin Pan Alley product
26. One of the common folk		41. Grain gatherers
27. Organ transplant need	DOWN	42. Scraps
29. "The Omen" boy	1. Lots and lots	47. Masseur's milieu
34. Choir voice	2. Quietly understood	49. Battle of beefy grapplers
37. Steve and Eydie number	3. In pursuit of	51. "Washington ___ here"
39. It may be in the stew	4. Name on Prizms and Metros, once	53. Deal from the bottom, e.g.
40. Tearing along	5. Jungle crusher	54. Take down a peg
43. Eliot's "cruellest month"	6. Restrain	55. Largish combo
44. All there	7. Prefix with cycle or sex	56. Practice with a pug
45. Tot's "piggies"	8. "Fiddler on the Roof" star Chaim	57. "If all ___ fails..."
46. Big name in candy	9. Show featuring Chris Matthews	58. "I win," to Kasparov
48. Put an end to	10. Brigham Young's home	59. On the rocks
50. Nave neighbor	11. ___ Linda, Cal.	60. "___ extra cost!"
52. Spock, on his father's side	12. Bartlett's abbr.	64. NASA affirmative
	13. E-mail command	65. Guitar innovator Paul

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Not Quite Straight

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OBITUARIES

Verda Crumley

BRADY — Verda Crumley, 102, died Thursday, March 27, 2003, in Eldorado. Funeral services were held Monday, March 31, 2003 in Leatherwood Memorial Chapel, officiated by Rev. Andy Anderson and Rev. Blake O'Dell. Burial followed in Rest Haven Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Leatherwood Memorial Chapel.

She was born April 12, 1900 in Kingsland to Charlie Montgomery and Jeanette (Davee) Montgomery. She married Hubert E. Crumley on August 4, 1918 in Doole.

She was a lifelong resident of the Brady area and an active member of First Baptist Church of Brady. She was a member of the

Womens Missionary Union of Baptist Churches and a member of the Home Demonstration Club. At the time of her death, she was residing in the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 26, 1994. She was also preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers; 1 sister; a son-in-law, Russel Sallee; and a grandson, Alan Sallee.

Survivors include a son, James C. Crumley of San Antonio; daughters, Nevella Sallee of Eldorado and Verba West of San Antonio; 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth Baker

ELDORADO — An amazing lady who lived a full, interesting life of 105 years, died on Wednesday, March 26, 2003, in the Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Miss Ruth Baker was born on February 5, 1898, in Grayson County and moved to Schleicher County with her parents, William Eli and Mollie West Baker on September 16, 1906. "Miss Ruth" was the only daughter in the family along with three brothers who preceded her: Fred, Leslie and Thomas.

The family came by train, bringing a few cattle along with the rest of their possessions. They lived west of Eldorado and Ruth attended the Kaffir School. Later when the children were of high school age, the family moved to town and Ruth graduated from Eldorado High School.

After attending Denton Normal College, she taught school in Runnels County for four years. She returned to Schleicher County and served as the county librarian for 26 years, retiring in 1970. Until a few years ago she was active in the Christian Church and was a member of the Home Demonstration Club, and was president of the Schleicher County Historical Society for a number of years.

Ruth had the distinction of seeing Haley's Comet twice in her lifetime. She first saw it as a teenager in the early 1900's and 76 years later at age 99 she witnessed the comet again.

Ruth remembered trips to San Angelo when she was growing up as great adventures. It took two days in a wagon to make the journey and the family would stay overnight with friends on Pecan Creek. While in San Angelo, they stayed in a hotel and they left their team in the wagon yard. The family made about two trips a year to San Angelo to buy goods and supplies.

Ever the lady, she could surprise everyone with her honest opinions, with an especially graph-

ic description about a particular relative. When offered a car and driving lessons she declined, saying she could walk anywhere she needed to go. Miss Ruth adamantly refused a blood transfusion, telling her doctor she did not want to get AIDS, and the event occurred as the disease was just become known.

"Miss Ruth" or "Aunt Ruth" as she often was called, enjoyed reading, music, gardening and working in her yard. For many years, she kept a few chickens and a cow and canned many jars of fruit, vegetables, jams, jellies and preserves. She was a great believer in walking and always walked to and from the library. Children enjoyed listening to the stories she told and adults appreciated her sharing events of local history and world happenings.

Survivors include her nieces, Janice Ratliff of San Angelo, Doris Tomlinson and her children, Tommy Tomlinson and Patsy Tomlinson of San Angelo, and Danell McCormack of Eldorado and her children, Karl McCormack, Kyle McCormack and Keith McCormack; and great-great-nephew, Cody McCormack.

The family is most grateful for the excellent care of the doctors, nursing staff and caregivers will Miss Ruth resided at Schleicher County Nursing Home.

Graveside service was held March 28, in Eldorado Cemetery.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers and food, remembrances honoring Miss Ruth may be made to the Schleicher County Library, the Schleicher County Museum, or a charity of one's choice.

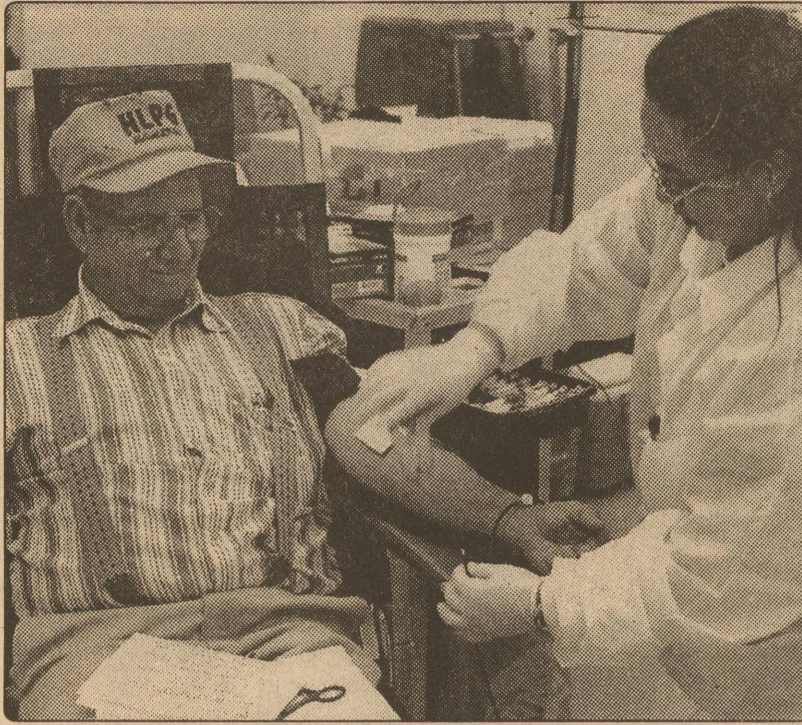


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Happy Donor — Cassandra Torres, a medical technician with United Blood Services drew blood from the arm of Jim Robinson last Thursday during a blood drive held at Eldorado Elementary School. Thirty-eight donors in all took the opportunity to give so that others might live.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fund raising begins for cemetery chapel

Dear Editor:

The supporters of the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel have had a busy week since the County Commissioners voted last week to provide up to \$50,000 for building a chapel at the Schleicher County Cemetery. Their mission is to help gather ideas for the architect, make sure the chapel is suitable for all county residents and solicit funds to help furnish the building.

One of the goals set by the commissioners is to have a chapel that is representative of the area. To this end the architect is developing conceptual designs using native rock because of its beauty and low maintenance. As our ancestors knew, a stone building will aid in keeping mourners cool in the summer and warm in the winter. To make sure all faiths will want to use the facility, the team is working with the ministerial alliance and others to ensure all needs are met.

With the County Commissioners providing support to build the building, the supporters are concentrating their fund-raising on equipping the chapel. They plan to help the county by obtaining funds for such items as pews, overhead fans and other items that will be required

for the comfort of those using the facility. Their fund raising efforts begin with today's Eldorado Success. You should find a golden colored insert with an envelope attached. This is your opportunity to make a donation or a memorial that will help us all have a better facility to say a final to say a final goodbye to our loved ones.

The team also asks that if you know of people who do not receive the paper and you believe they would like to contribute, that you contact Juanice Orr at 853-2830. If you would like to contribute directly you can make a deposit into the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel Fund or ECCF at the First National Bank of Eldorado.

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 4/3	Fri 4/4	Sat 4/5	Sun 4/6	Mon 4/7
86/57	84/55	86/55	82/61	80/53
Sun and a few passing clouds. High 86F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

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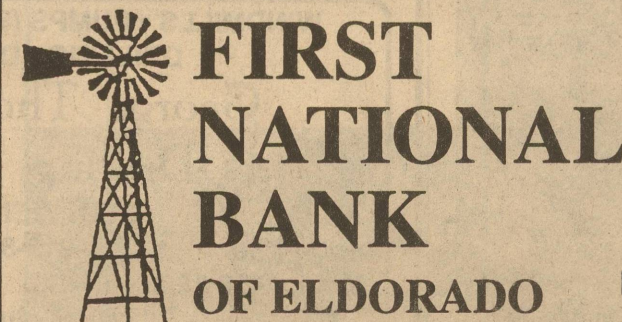


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- Tuesday, April 8**
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Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, April 10**
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk
- Friday, April 11**
Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

Eldorado Head Start Registration for 2003-2004 School Year

Registration Eldorado Head Start Center

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TUESDAY, April 15, 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tom Green County Community Action Council - Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-k program serving children of low-income families. Children 3 & 4 years of age participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch; participate in large and small group activities; individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercise. School days are Monday thru Friday, hours are 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is required that the child be three/four years old by September 1st in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring copies of the following: **PROOF OF INCOME**, (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 2002 W-2/Form 1040 Tax Return, child's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**, child's **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**, **UP-TO-DATE IMMUNIZATION RECORD**, and if applicable, Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamp Case Numbers, **COPIES** of these items **MUST BE BROUGHT** with you to register your child for the program.

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Eagles ace — Mike Adame struck out three and walked none on the way to a 4-1 complete game win over Reagan County here on Eagle Field last Thursday.

5-0 Eagles alone atop 2-2A

EHS shuts out Broncos, beats Owls and Hawks

by Coach Gary Grubbs
 The Eldorado Eagles were able to slip by the Broncos 1-0 in a pitcher's duel on Tuesday, March 25. The game saw both teams combine for only nine hits.
 The Eagles threatened several times but were able to only come up with one run in the 5th. That's when, with two outs, Alan Dykstra singled to left field. Jared Grubbs followed with a walk to put runners at 1st and 2nd. Then, with two strikes on him, lead off hitter Trey Chavez produced an infield single in front of the Sonora shortstop, which he threw away at first. Dykstra running all the way was able to score from second for the game's only run.

The Eagles again threatened in the top of the 7th when Michael Adame singled to right field and was then forced out at second on an Alan Dykstra fielders choice to third. Jared Grubbs followed with a single to right field to advance to third. With two strikes on Trey Chavez, Dykstra attempted to steal home and appeared to be safe but was called out to end the threat for the Eagles.
 The Broncos threatened on several occasions only to have pitcher Frankie Arispe get the Eagles out of a jam. Arispe ended the game with 11 strikeouts and a shut-out of the Broncos. In four of the seven innings Arispe was able to record the last out of the inning with a strikeout to end any threats. With the win Arispe improves his record to 6-0 on the season. The win moved the Eagles overall record to 15-4 and their district tally to 3-0.

The Eagles next faced the Re-

agan County Owls on Friday, March 27, and surged to a 4-1 behind timely hitting, and the strong pitching of Michael Adame. The Eagles scored runs in the 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th to get the victory.

Eldorado scored its first run in the bottom of the 3rd after Quisto Gonzalez singled to left and was driven in by a Frankie Arispe single to right to tie the score at 1-1.

The Eagles struck again in the 4th when Joey Hernandez singled to right advance to third on a Homer Hernandez sacrifice bunt and scored on a Alan Dykstra single to left.

In the 5th Trey Chavez reached on an error by the third baseman and scored on a Frankie Arispe ground out to second. In the 6th Alan Dykstra singled to center and scored when Joe Arispe doubled over the center fielders head.

The Owls could muster only one unearned run in the top of the 1st and were blanked the rest of the way by Michael Adame. Adame's strong performance helped him to improve to 4-2 on the year. He pitched a complete game and finished with three strikeouts and no walks, giving up only three hits.

The wins moved the Eagles season record to 16-4 and their season record to 4-0.

On Tuesday, April 1, the Eagles completed the first half of district play with a 12-8 win over the Wall Hawks. The win pushed the Warbirds district record to 5-0, and put the Eagles in the driver's seat as they head into the second half of the district season. Look for more details on the game with Wall in next Thursday's edition of the Success.

EHS boys track results

McCamey Badger Relays Varsity
 March 22, 2003
 200 M Dash: 4. Trey Chavez 23.89; 400 M Dash 6. Eric Garcia 5:00.00;
 Shot Put: 1. Chris Sanchez 47-7.50; 3. Travis Joiner 40- 0; 6. J.L. Mankin 39-10.50; Eldorado's total team points were 30.
Jr. Varsity Boys
 Junior Varsity placed 3rd with a team total of 70.00.
 1600 M Relay: 4. Andy Mejia, Jeremy Ussery, Jorge Bustos, Jordan Fay 3:59.47;
 110 Hurdles 4. Brence Minor; 300 M Hurdles 6. Brence Minor 55.63;
 Shot Put: 4. Kyle Taylor 36'4.50"; Discus: 3. Kyle Taylor 108-11; High Jump: 4. Jeremy Ussery 5-4; 200 M Dash: 6. Donnie Rodriguez 27.37;
 800 M Run: 2. Jeremy Ussery 2:16.80;
 1600 M Run: 3. Jeremy Ussery 5:25.77;
 400 M Relay: Jordan Fay, Andy Mejia, Kyle Taylor and Tico Robles 48.41;
 800 M Relay: 3. Donnie Rodriguez, Garcia, Andy Mejia and Kyle Taylor 1:42.44.

Middle School hosts annual EMS Jr. High Tennis Meet

Eldorado Middle School hosted its annual Junior High School Tennis Meet on Saturday, March 29, 2003. The weather was cool and breezy as students and parents from Eldorado, Mason, Sonora, Grape Creek and Ozona endured the chilly day.

Crouch of Mason placed first in the 8th Grade Girls Singles (6-3), Blair Mason placed second, 3rd place went to Justina Rodriguez of Eldorado (6-2). Consolation went to Leonard of Grape Creek.

8th Grade Girls Doubles 1st Place Medal went to the team of Dutton and Osborne of Ozona (9-7, 6-6). McMillian and Radtke of Mason took the silver with Duran and Gamez of Sonora sewing up the bronze. Consolation went to Sanchez and Chadwicks of Sonora (6-4).

8th Grade Boys Singles: 1st Place went to Long of Ozona (8-3). Second place medal went to Abel Montalvo of Eldorado. Third place winner was Russell Cathey of Eldorado. Consolation went to Logan Jones (6-2).

8th Grade Boys Doubles 1st place medalist were Lehenburg and Martin of Mason (6-3); Second place went to Toone and McGinn of Mason; Richmond Adame and Sammy Estrada of Eldorado took 3rd (6-4). Consolation went to Vargas and Fierro of Ozona (6-2).

7th Grade Boys Singles: First Place winner was Munoz of Ozona (6-3). Second place went to Maldonado of Ozona. Third place

went to J.P. Joiner (6-2). Consolation went to Wagoner of Sonora (6-2).

7th Grade Boys Doubles gold medal went to Ramos and Tam-bunga of Ozona (6-1). Silver went to Michael Redish and J. Lynn Barajas of Eldorado. Third place medal went to Fry and Flemming of Mason. Consolation went to Dominguez and Samaniego of Sonora (6-4).

7th Grade Girls Singles: 1st place went to Lange of Mason (6-0). 2nd place went to Gray of Ozona. 3rd place went to Kuhlman of Grape Creek (6-2). Consolation went to Blake Chatham of Eldorado (4-4, 7-3).

7th Grade Girls Doubles gold medalist's were Price and Wooten of Mason (6-0). Silver went to Kelly and Glosson of Ozona and the bronze went to Garza and Duarte of Mason. Consolation went to Gomez and Chavez (6-2).

Other Eldorado participant were: Liana Danford, Chelsey Pridemore, Maygen Eubanks, Neal Higgins, Mark Bybee, Cash Lane, David Hernandez, Artie Montalvo, Edward Domingez, Kimberly Samaniego, Brittney Jennings, Kristin Mittel, Mariana Guzman, Chelsi Sellers, Tiffany Hernandez, Sandra Garza, and Liz Lacy.

Coach Teresa Baker wanted to express her gratitude to all the tennis players and their parents; to Edie and Ashley Niblett and Amy Rutherford for organizing and operating the concession stand for 8 a.m. to the end of the meet at 6 p.m.



Stretch it out — Koda Lozano won Long Jump and the Triple Jump in the JV Boys Division of Wall's Cotton Patch Relays last Friday with jumps of 18-9.5 and 37-4.5, respectively.

Cotton Patch track results

Cotton Patch Relays
 March 28, 2003
 EHS Varsity Girls placed 6th overall at the Cotton Patch Relays.
 Pole Vault: 1. Rachel Joiner - 7'6"
 High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner - 4'10"
 100 M. Dash: 4. Rachel Joiner - 13.41; 6. Allison Reynolds -13.90
 400 M. Dash: 3. Rachel Joiner - 66'82"; 4. Allison Reynolds - 67'07"
 200 M. Dash: 2. Kasey Boysaw 27'95"
 Varsity Boys Results- Shot Put: 2. Chris Sanchez - 46' 5"; 6. Travis Joiner - 41' 8"
 800 M Run: 3. Eric Garcia - 2:06.84
 1600 M Run: 2. Eric Garcia - 5:06.52
 JV Boys Team earned 2nd place with a team total of 126 points.
 High Jump: 4. Jeremy Ussery - 5' 2"; 5. Terrell Boysaw - 5' 2"
 Long Jump: 1. Koda Lozano - 18' 9 1/2"
 Triple Jump: 1. Koda Lozano - 37' 4 1/2"; 3. Jorge Bustos - 36' 6"
 Discus: 4. Kyle Taylor - 101' 8"
 400 Relay: 2. Koda Lozano, John Fay, Andy Mejia, Kyle Taylor - 49.96
 800 M Run: 1. Jeremy Ussery - 2:14.46; 4. Frank Wipff - 2:23.46
 110 Hurdles: 4. Brence Minor - 19.77
 100 M Dash: 3. Tico Robles - 11.7
 800 Relay: 2. Andy Mejia, John Fay, Koda Lozano, Terrell Boysaw - 1:42.63
 400 M Dash: 2. Terrell Boysaw - 57.21
 1600 Meter Run: 1. Jeremy Ussery - 5:25.93
 1600 M Relay: 2. John Fay, Jorge Bustos, Frank Wipff, Terrell Boysaw - 3:57.48

Softball Draft & Late Registration

Eldorado Youth Softball Draft will be held on Monday, April 7th at 5:30 p.m. at Legion Field for ages 7-14.
 If you have not registered yet, you will have to do so at this time. you will also need a copy of your birth certificate.
 Registration fee is \$20.00. There will be out of town games on the schedule.
 If you have any questions you can contact Donny Fuentes at 853-1330, Becky Lux at 853-3646 or Edie Niblett at 853-2432.

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ASU surveys alumni regarding possibility of changing name

SAN ANGELO — Angelo State University has initiated a survey at the request of the Texas State University System (TSUS) Board of Regents to gather views from ASU alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends about the possibility of changing the university's name.

The survey seeks opinions to determine the advantages and disadvantages of such a name change. The survey comes at a time when legislation has been introduced in the Texas Legislature to change the name of Southwest Texas State University, one of Angelo State's TSUS sister schools, to Texas State University at San Marcos.

Because of the legislation and other TSUS issues, the board asked ASU President James Hindman to begin the survey.

The survey also seeks to determine if the incorporation of the word "Texas" would enhance ASU's name recognition in other parts of the state.

ASU president Dr. Hindman said, "We are going into this process with an open mind. Over the years, ASU has developed a proud reputation and the name 'Angelo State University' has come to represent academic excellence among those who know us. Unfortunately, we are not always that well known along and to the east of the Interstate 35 corridor where more than 80 percent of Texans now live."

"Hopefully," he said, "the process will produce a constructive dialogue about the university's future by providing a concise description of the issues and by generating broadly based responses to the survey."

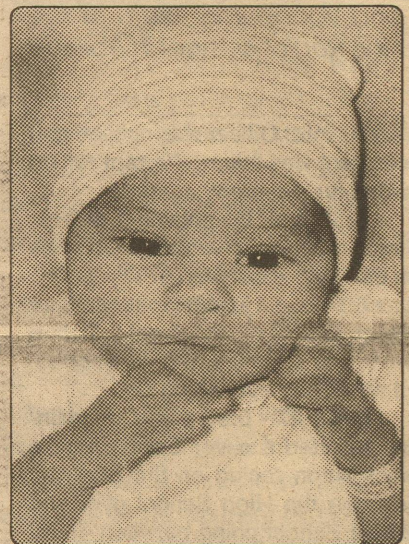
Hindman noted, however, that the issue ultimately may not be one over which the university has total or final control. The TSUS board, for example, did not request the legislation that was filed to change the name of Southwest Texas State. Ultimately, the Texas Legislature has final authority on the names of all state universities.

The ASU survey will be distributed on campus to students, faculty and staff next week. A special insert will be produced in the next issue of the ASU Alumni Magazine to poll members of the Alumni Association. The poll also will be sent to a scientific sampling of alumni not belonging to the association.

The survey will include information delineating factors that should be considered in reviewing a name change, including state and area demographics as well as the cost of such a conversion.

The survey asks whether or not ASU should consider a name change. The survey also polls respondents on whether or not they favor "Texas State University at San Angelo" as a name. Space is also provided for respondents to list other potential names for the university.

Additional questions seek data about the respondents' affiliation with the university. The survey requests responses by June 1. Survey results will be shared with ASU's various constituencies later in the summer.



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Victoria Eliza Pina

It's A Girl!

Victoria Eliza Pina was born March 18, 2003 at 4:10 p.m. at Shannon Women's & Children's Center in San Angelo, TX. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Estella and Victor. Grandparents are Manuel and Elena Pina, and Jesus and Estella Guzman of Eldorado.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jordan and Kelsey Paige Stanford

It's A Girl!

Jordan Stanford, age 3 1/2, joins her parents, Kevin and Melissa Stanford, in welcoming home! her sister, Kelsey Paige. The newest member of the family was born Feb. 19, 2003 at 3:24 p.m. in Comingo Hospital in San Angelo. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 1/4 inches long.

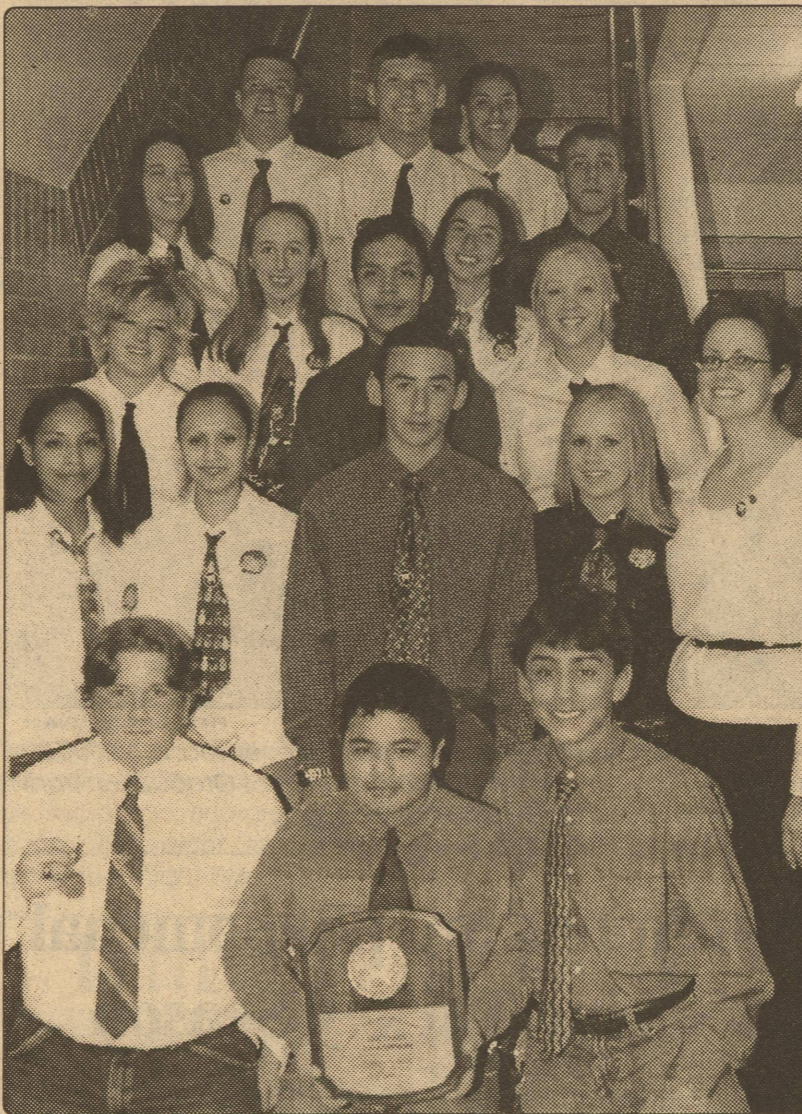


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No autographs please — The cast and crew of *Teahouse* of the August Moon posed with their District Championship plaque last Saturday after winning the Dist. 2-2A One Act Play Contest.

"Teahouse" heads to Alpine

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Morgan as Sgt. Gregovich and Paul Ford as Col. Purdy. Countless productions of the play have been staged in theaters around the world.

A complete list of the play's cast includes: Michael Ballew, Diego Barrera, Mitchel Cole, Betsy Green, Ivonne Granados, Sandra Guzman, Nestor Hernandez, Travis Joiner, J.L. Mankin, Brence Minor, Jessica Robertson, Hannah Robledo, Mayci Schwiening and Anna Troy. Crew members include: Rachel Joiner, Johnny Larez and Lacy Ragsdale.

The Area contest is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Admission to the contest will be \$5 per person for the entire afternoon with tickets available at the door. It should be noted that, in order to

maintain the proper atmosphere for enjoying live theater, latecomers will be seated only between shows, and that absolutely no exceptions will be made. Also, no photographs may be taken and no videos may be recorded during the performances. Other restrictions apply to cell phones and pagers, which must be turned off, or left with ushers, who will relay messages to the owner. Additionally, audience members are asked not to bring babies or very young children who could disturb the performances.

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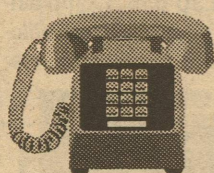
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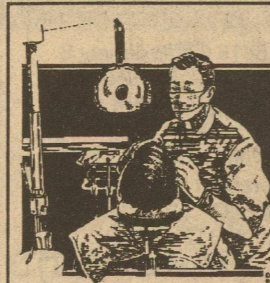
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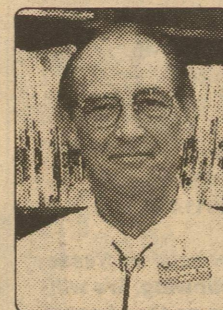
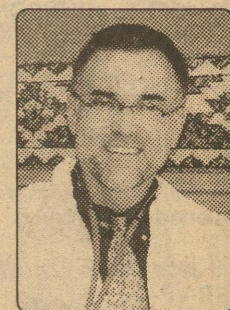
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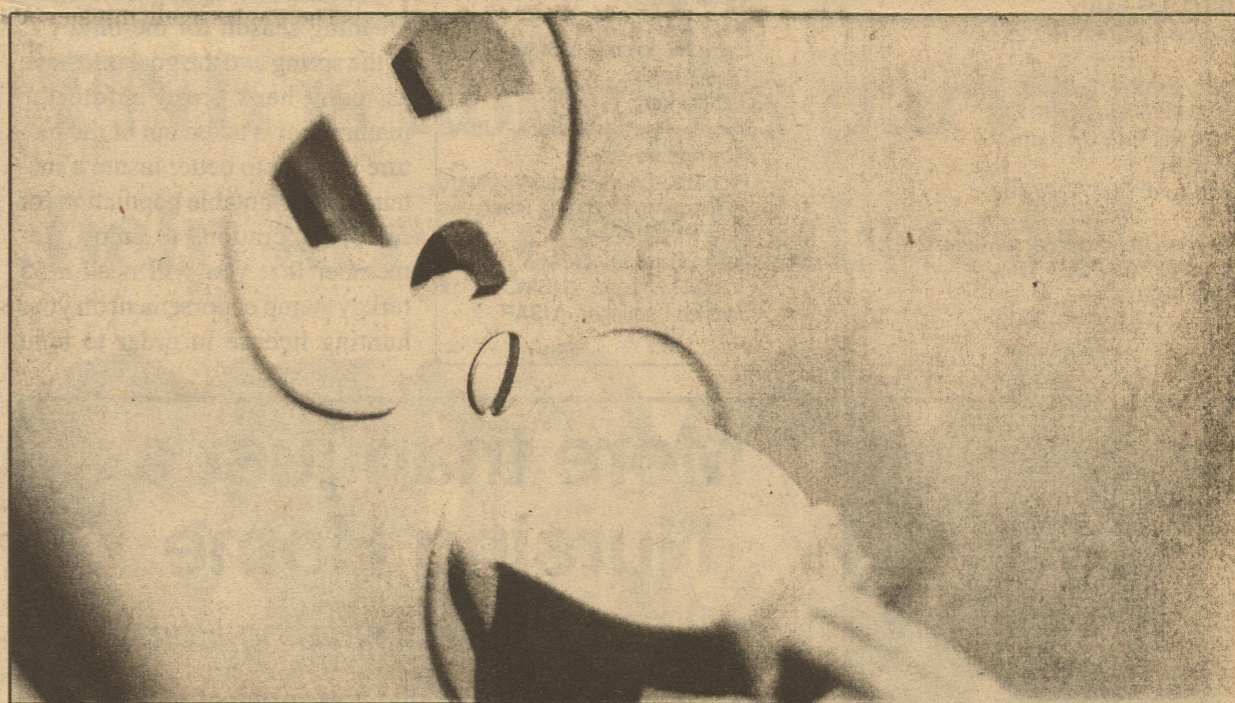
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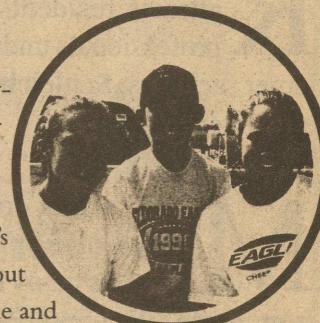


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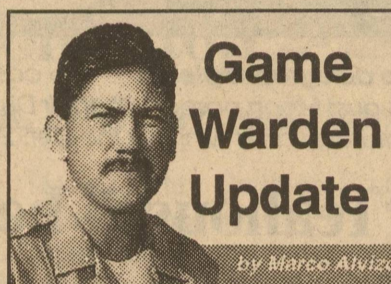


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Benefiting local youth — Angie Redish accepted a \$1,000.00 check last Friday on behalf of Eldorado Project Graduation from Eldorado Booster Club President Bill Hodges.

Conditions are phenomenal for Spring Turkey Season

Spring turkey season begins this weekend April 5 and continues until May 11 for Schleicher County and surrounding areas. This area had a tremendous hatch during the spring of 2001 and this will contribute 2-year-old birds that are just now sporting the hardware (beard) that attracts hunters. Many hunters that I talked to last year were having a hard time keeping the jakes from interfering with a good hunt. In some instances as many as 20 or more jakes would come in to a hunter who was more interested in taking a mature seasoned gobbler. These jakes are now 2 years old and have not been made wary by hunting pressure and that means more turkey coming in to a decoy or call. I have been asked why the spring turkey season for the turkey is in the spring as this reduces the chance of successfully calling a tom. The breeding season for the turkey is in the spring and the goal is to have as many hens breed before the mature tom is taken out of the picture in order to better insure a sustained and huntable population for future generations to enjoy. Remember that you will need a \$5 turkey stamp endorsement on your hunting license in order to hunt



Game Warden Update
by Marco Alvarez

turkey. This stamp is included on the "super combo" license.

On another note this is also the time for rattlesnakes and if you haven't seen one crossing the road yet you soon will. Many people also hunt snakes at this time of year for the pet trade or for the products that are made from snakes such as rattles, skins, and stuffed heads usually sold at specialty stores or craft shows. A reminder that anyone collecting snakes, prairie dogs, jackrabbits and a variety of other non-game wildlife needs to have a hunting license \$19 and a non-game collector permit \$15 in order to be legal. Also, anyone buying these wildlife resources needs to have a non-game dealer permit \$50. The requirements for these permit holders can be confusing so if you need more information feel free to call me at 853-2737. I hope everyone who is able will take this opportunity to get out in the field and enjoy the outdoors whether it's with a shotgun or a camera as a strutting tom can be an awesome sight. Hunters, please remember your hunting safety rules, as investigating a hunting accident is not listed as a fun thing in the "game warden duties book". Be safe, and see you out in the field.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Not Quite Straight

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UIL Academic Meet Results

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Sense-Josh Trejo, 1st place overall medalist and Will Griffin-4th. Travis Joiner and Lori Loomis also participated in this event. Sponsor Tom Gray.

1st Place Team Overall in Spelling and Vocabulary-Luis Munoz, 1st place medalist; Layna Murr 2nd placed medalist; Laurie Almazan-6th; Emily Newman. Linda Thomas is sponsor.

Accounting Team of Courtney Brown, Courtney Sauer and Brandi Davis placed 2nd. Courtney Sauer was 2nd overall and Courtney Brown - 5th. Marilyn Whitten, sponsor.

Poetry Interpretation: Georgina Maritz placed 3rd overall and Ashley Doran-6th. Candice Henry, sponsor. Prose Interpretation: Anna Troy-5th and Ashton Murr. Sponsor Candice Henry.

Persuasive Speaking: Lori Loomis, 5th place overall. Sponsor Teresa Baker.

Ready Writing: Kolby Dombroski, Will Griffin, Rachel Joiner, Alt. Lori

Loomis. Sponsor Teresa Vasquez.

Computer Applications: Michael Hill-3rd place medalist; Lindsay Schwiening. Sponsor Paige Ragsdale Journalism: Sponsor U.I.L. Director, Teresa Vasquez

Editorial Writing: Kolby Dombroski, Will Griffin, Lori Loomis;

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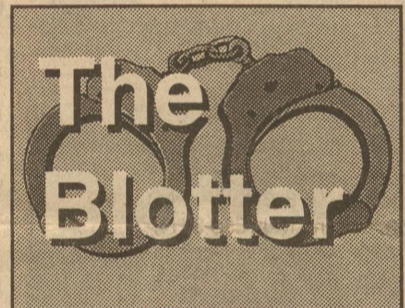
Literary Criticism: Will Griffin -4th, Kasey Boysaw, Mikinzie Holley and Courtney Whitten.

Each first place team will qualify for the U.I.L. Academic Regional Contest in Abilene on April 11th and 12th. Also, individuals who qualify individually are Courtney Sauer in Accounting and Georgina Maritz in Poetry Interpretation.



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UIL Spelling and Vocabulary Champs — Front L-R: Layna Murr, Lauri Almazan; Back L-R Luis Munoz and Emily Newman. These students placed 1st as a Spelling and Vocabulary Team at the District U.I.L. Meet. They will travel to the Regional meet in Abilene on April 11 and 12th.



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

March 26 • Barker, Amy, female age 23, arrested by SC Officer, offense Warrant (Disorderly Conduct). Released time served.

March 29 • Gonzales, Janie Fernandez, male age 39, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

March 30 • Belman, Demetrio R., male age 41, arrested by DPS Trooper, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st offense.) Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

INCIDENT REPORTS

March 25 • Complainant on ranch on Hwy. 190 West reported a burglary. Items taken: 6 older gates valued at \$40; 3 new gates valued at \$180; 1 new gate valued at \$70; 4 green panel gates value at \$80 and 6 green panel gates valued at \$45. Total estimated value \$1,440.00.

March 26 • 2:30 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about an incident at a local conven-

nience store. Officer was notified and complaint was taken. Warrant will be issued for disorderly conduct.

• 5:55 p.m. Complainant on Hall Street reported a vehicle was stuck on the new water line.

• 6:14 p.m. Hospital requested an officer check on a subject's lifeline which was activated. Officer responded and found everything OK.

March 27 • 9:30 p.m. Complainant reported a silver Eclipse and a black Neon racing on the one-way between the High School gym and Middle School going between 45-50 m.p.h..

March 28 • 8:26 a.m. Complainant on South Cottonwood reported a possible fight. Three officers responded.

• 8:57 a.m. Complainant on Hwy. 190 West reported a possible burglary. Officer responded.

• 6:40 p.m. Complainant requested a message be delivered to their brother about a family member in the hospital.

March 29 • 11:50 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transfer to San Angelo.

• 11:48 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance at apartments for an unconscious man. Officer responded.

March 30 • 3:45 p.m. Complainant reported a controlled burn north of Pave Paws.

• 4:22 p.m. Complainant called 911 to reported an illegal on FM Road 2129. Officer responded.

• 5:30 p.m. Complainant on County Road 203 reported 4 illegals on their property. Officer responded.

March 31 • Complainant requested some help getting her husband up. Officer responded.

• 12:30 p.m. Complainant requested an officer. Two officers responded.

April 1 • Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on W. Brooks. Officer responded.

• 7:29 p.m. Complainant reported two females walking down the street intoxicated. Officer responded.

• 9:24 p.m. Complainant reported an individual always hanging around a business. Individual requested an officer to keep an eye on their equipment. Officer responded.



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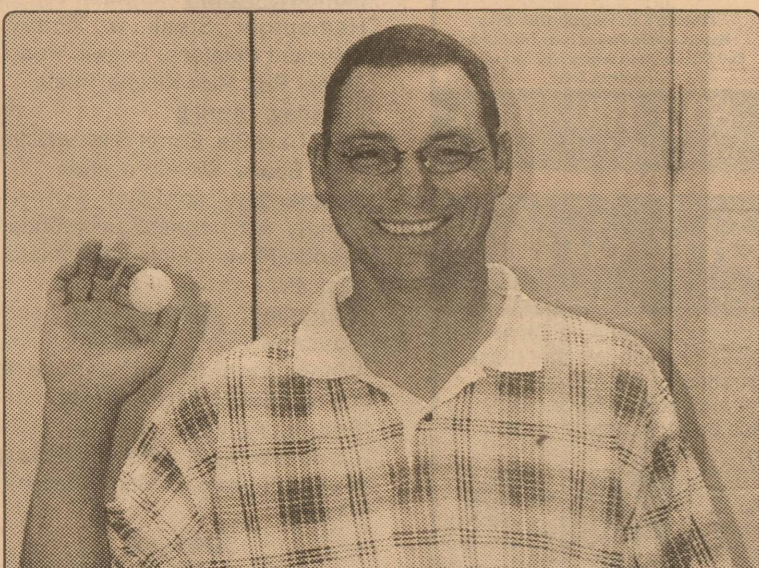
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Eldorado first graders hold 16th annual Rodeo

The 16th annual First Grade Rodeo began last Thursday, March 27 with the grand entry of contestants and the presentation of the United States and Texas flags. Staged in the Elementary gym, the bleachers were packed with parents and elementary students.

A favorite of the crowd were the rodeo clowns. This year the clown duties were performed by Michael Bilbrey and Jackson O'Harrow. They kept the crowd roaring with silly antics while the rodeo's top hands and their stick-horse ponies waited in the chutes for their individual events.

One of the highlights of the rodeo came when Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck challenged Counselor Glen Nix to a steer roping contest. Mr. Nix got all tied up on his first try but won the event, again this year!

Boot Scramble (Rider & Horse): Felicia Harrington-Queen Felicia; Gabriel Sanchez -Thunderbolt; Ashley Sullivan-Blackie; Sunni Kate McCormick a guest from Arizona-Shorty; Lauren Lobaton-Beautiful Princess; Odette Barrientos-Baby Red; Ryan Languell-Buttercup.

Hat Toss (Rider & Horse): As-

riana Rios-Sparkles; Sasha Rodriguez-Princess; Abriana Islas-Jessica; Dominique Ochoa-Anger Eyes; Bailey Espinosa-Thunder; Ysenia Ramirez-Princess.

Pony Express (Rider & Horse): Maria Reyes-Alicia; Obdulia Huerta-Snowy; Caitlyn Grubbs-Bells; Robert Martinez-Spit Fire; Macy Mikeska-Brown Lighting; Victoria Trickett-Lindsey; Elizabeth Estrada-Black Beauty.

Barrel Race (Rider & Horse): Elizabeth Olivares-Black Spot; Garlos Guzman-Fireball; Addye Chatham-Pussycat; Gabriel Villarreal-Alien; Junior Garcia-Tasha; Taylor Klee-Rain; Beto Nava-Brown Jack; Madison Albin-Spots.

Ropers (Rider & Horse): Colton Crowder-Star; Kiarra Trevino-Angel; Aaron Conn-Spirit; Tristen Barajas -Flamer; Tyler Martinez-Rocky; Jose Aranda-Whity. Guest Ropers were Mr. Wanoreck riding on Dumpling and Mr. Nix riding

on Puddin.

Clowns Michael Bilbrey rode his horse Killer and Jackson O'Harrow rode Dollar.

During the Grand Finale the First Grade Rodeo participants sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas", "I Started on the Trail", "Cowboy on the Ranch" and ended the show by singing "God Bless America."

Rodeo producers Janet Curtis, Branda Gray and Allene Halbert were very grateful for the following people who provided props and assistance. They are: Coach Randy Mitchel, Joella Parker, Principal Bob Wanoreck, Margeret Gutierrez, Shannon Gillespie, Charlie Bradley Graphics, David Doran, Landon Nixon, Susie McAlpine, Judith Samaniego, Loida Almazon, Philip Martinez, Kriss Griffin, Blake Snelson, Katrina Gonzales, J.D. Doyle, Luis Munoz and Sylvia Rodriguez.

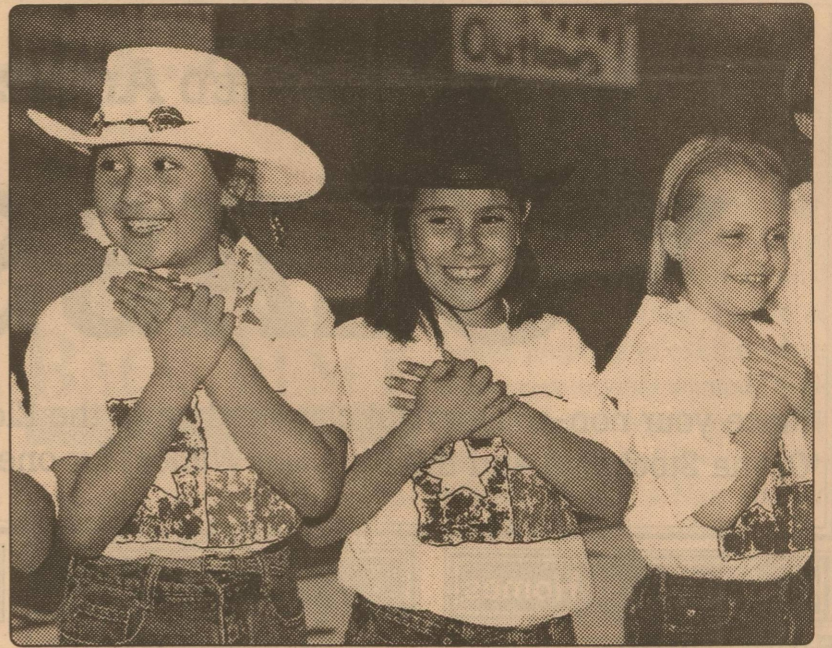


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The Stars at Night are Big and Bright — First graders Elizabeth Estrada, Victoria Trickett and Felicity Wortman sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas" during the annual First Grade Rodeo held last Thursday.

Cowgirl — First grader Kiarra Trevino participated in the "Calf Roping" portion of the Annual First Grade rodeo last Thursday

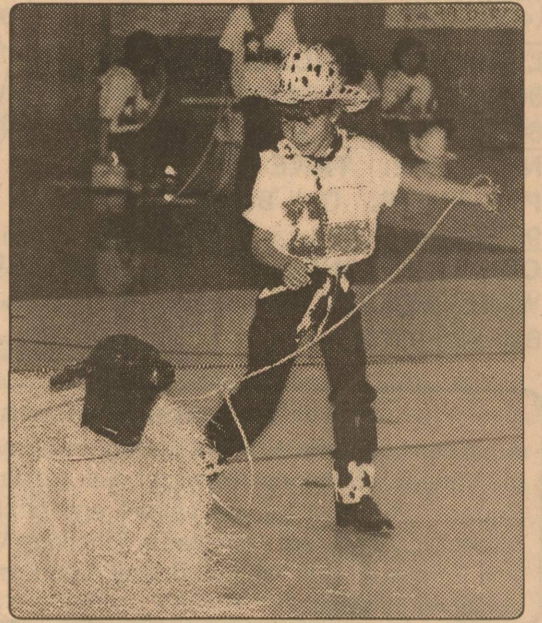


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Schleicher County dominated the Junior Boer Goat Show at the 2003 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo recently, bringing in four champions within the Pure Bred and Percentile divisions.

The winners of the Grand and Reserve Champion Pure Bred Boer Doe went to brother and sis-

ter Neal Higgins and Haley Higgins, respectively.

Neal, who won the Grand Champion Pure Bred Doe last year at the San Antonio Stockshow & Rodeo, also won the \$6,000 scholarship. The scholarship went to the best out of the Grand and Reserve Champions from the Pure Bred and Percentile Divisions.

Another Schleicher County 4-H Club member Marty Joe Powell won the Grand Champion Doe in the Boer Percentile division. Marty also won the Reserve Grand Champion Buck in the Percentile division. Marty went up against two fellow 4-H member for the chance the win the \$6,000 scholarship, but lost to the Pure Bred Doe Champion, Neal Higgins. Marty is the son of Johnny and Claire Powell of Eldorado.

Haley and Neal also were winners of the Open Boer Goat Show. Haley's "Bubbles" won Grand Champion Boer Doe. Reserve Champion went to her brother Neal.

Neal and Haley, who just turned 12, are members of the Schleicher County 4-H Club. Their parents are Billy and Leann Higgins of Eldorado.

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AG Abbott asks for overturn of recent gay divorce decision

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott Wednesday asked a Beaumont district court judge to set aside a recent decision granting a divorce to two men who wished to end their civil union established in Vermont last year.

Attorney General Abbott wrote in a court filing that Texas law does not provide for a dissolution of a civil union, and a divorce cannot be granted where a marriage never existed.

Texas law does not provide for civil unions, and recognizes marriage as a legal union of one man and one woman. Vermont law recognizes a civil union as a legal relationship between two persons of

the same sex. Under Vermont law, a marriage is a legally recognized union of one man and one woman.

"Because these two men were never married under either Vermont or Texas law, they cannot legally petition for divorce under the Texas Family Code," Attorney General Abbott said. "The court's final decree of divorce is void as a matter of law."

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School Menu

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Monday, April 7
Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Dinner Roll, Rice Krispie Treats

Tuesday, April 8
Corn Chip Pie, Carrot Stick w/ Dip, Pinto Beans, Sliced Peaches

Wednesday, April 9
Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Cupcake w/ Icing

Thursday, April 10
Sausage Pizza w/ Breadsticks, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sugar Cookie

Friday, April 11
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Pineapple Chunks

Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast

Monday, April 7
Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Pineapple Juice

Tuesday, April 8
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Orange Juice

Wednesday, April 9
Breakfast Pizza, Apple Juice

Thursday, April 10
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice

Friday, April 11
Sausage w/ Biscuit, Apple Sauce