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City cuts ribbon, opens new landfill

Trash-Bash follows ceremony at City Hall

The City of Eldorado's new landfill opened for business Monday after a ribbon cutting ceremony near the facility's gate house. Mayor John Nikolauk thanked a crowd of 35 well-wishers for attending before leading the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"A lot of people have worked on this project for a long, long time," Nikolauk said.

He noted that a number of current and former city council members had worked diligently on the project and offered them thanks on behalf of the city. Nikolauk also expressed his gratitude to all the city employees involved in the project. Specifically, he noted City Superintendent Jack Dean and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo.

The mayor also recognized the work of David Todd of Abilene,

whose engineering firm had carried out the lion's share of the planning for the project.

Joining the mayor in cutting the ribbon were council members, Richard Mendez, Tommy Minor and Robert Bybee. Former council members David Hill and Jeri Whitten also participated as did former council member and current city administrator Randy Mankin.

Also joining in the ceremony were city employees Jack Dean, Carolyn Mayo, Floyd Fay and Mariano Fuentes as well as engineer David Todd.

Moments after the ribbon was cut, garbage truck driver Guillermo Zuniga and landfill attendant Daniel Mejia took the first load of garbage into a pit behind the gatehouse and dumped it as the assem-

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Snip, snip and it's open — Eldorado city council members, past and present, were joined by several city employees at a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday as the city officially opened its new landfill. Participating were (L-R) supervisor Mariano Fuentes, utility Supt. Jack Dean, former council members David Hill and Jeri Whitten, city administrator Randy Mankin, mayor John Nikolauk, council member Richard Mendez, engineer David Todd, mayor pro-tem Tommy Minor, city secretary Carolyn Mayo, council member Robert Bybee and supervisor Floyd Fay.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Quilters "R" Us

The recently formed quilting group which meets in the museum on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 until 4:00 has generated quite a bit of interest. While the group has not begun to meet two days a week yet, the museum is open from 1:00 - 4:00 each Thursday and Friday, and if anyone is interested in quilting on those days, please feel free to drop by the museum and take a stitch or two. A number of people have inquired about a group meeting in the evening, and if enough interest is shown, this idea will materialize. Anyone interested in quilting Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. should call Ann Barker, 944-2069, or talk with Jeannie Snelson.

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Take Me Out to the Ballgame

College baseball in Texas is on the rise in popularity. In fact, Texas schools make up three of the nation's top five teams in attendance.

Texas Christian University and The University of Texas hold the record for largest crowd at a regular season game. In 1996 the two teams played at the Ballpark in Arlington in front of a crowd of 21,043.

Meanwhile, three of the top four teams in the nation in home game average attendance were from Texas. The University of Texas placed second with 4,847, Texas A&M was third with 4,727, while Texas Tech was fourth with 4,341.

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On This Date

On this date in 1775 the British began siege of Boston. In 1792 France declared war on Austria, Prussia & Sardinia. In 1861 Robert E Lee resigned from the Union army. In 1902 Marie & Pierre Curie isolated the radioactive element radium. In 1945 Soviet troops entered Berlin. In 1971 the US Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation.

Birthdays of note include: 121 Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius; 1889 German dictator Adolph Hitler; Braunau, Austria, dictator of Nazi Germany; 1920 U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens; 1940 Star Trek actor George (Lt. Sulu) Takei; 1941 actor Ryan O'Neal; 1951 rock vocalist Luther Vandross

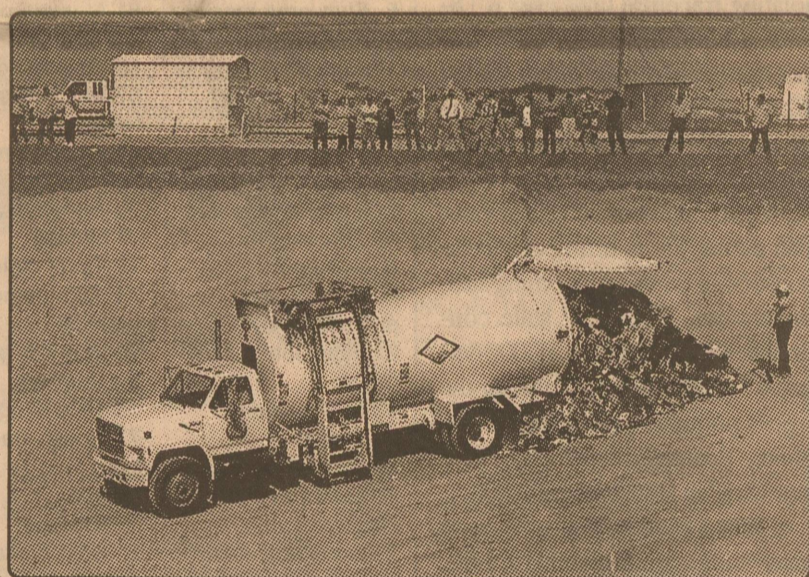


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First load — The City of Eldorado's garbage truck dumped the first load of waste into the new landfill Monday as those who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony moments before look on from above. The bottom of the new pit is 18 feet below the surface.

Kerry Joy seeks school board seat in SMD 7

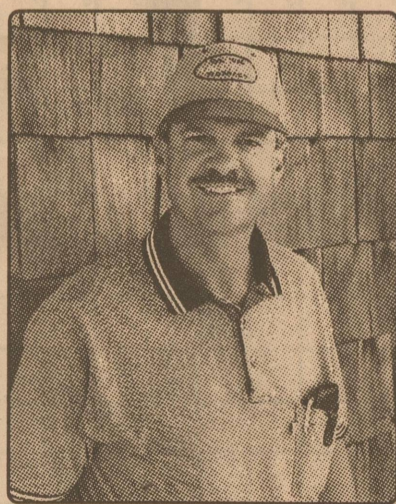


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Kerry Joy

I, Kerry Joy, am announcing my candidacy for School Board member, Precinct #7. I have lived in Eldorado for 26 year, having served as County Commissioner for Precinct #2, 16 years. I am a active member of the First Presbyterian Church having served as a ruling Elder.

I am married to Debbie Page Joy and have two grown daughters, Carmen and Madolyn; both of

whom are graduates of E.H.S. and are continuing further education in the medical fields. Both have expressed how fortunate they were to have received quality educations from the excellence of our administration, staff and community.

It is my ultimate desire to see that administration and staff are allowed to teach and instruct our students in the appropriate fashion. I believe the administration should be allowed their freedom to do their jobs without unnecessary interference from school board members.

I believe in having a manageable and cooperative relationship between school board members, administration, staff and above all else, with our children. I believe in fairness and learning to talk less and listen more.

I would appreciate your consideration an support in the May 6th election. Please get out and express yourself. VOTE!

Sincerely,
Kerry Joy

Port-to-Plains Corridor group favors U.S. 277 route to Mexican ports

When the City of Lubbock launched the Port-to-Plains Coalition 2-1/2 years ago, it sought partner communities in West Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado interested in extending an interrupted, multi-lane highway from Mexico, through West Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and eventually to Canada. Response from neighboring cities and counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle was immediate and overwhelmingly favorable.

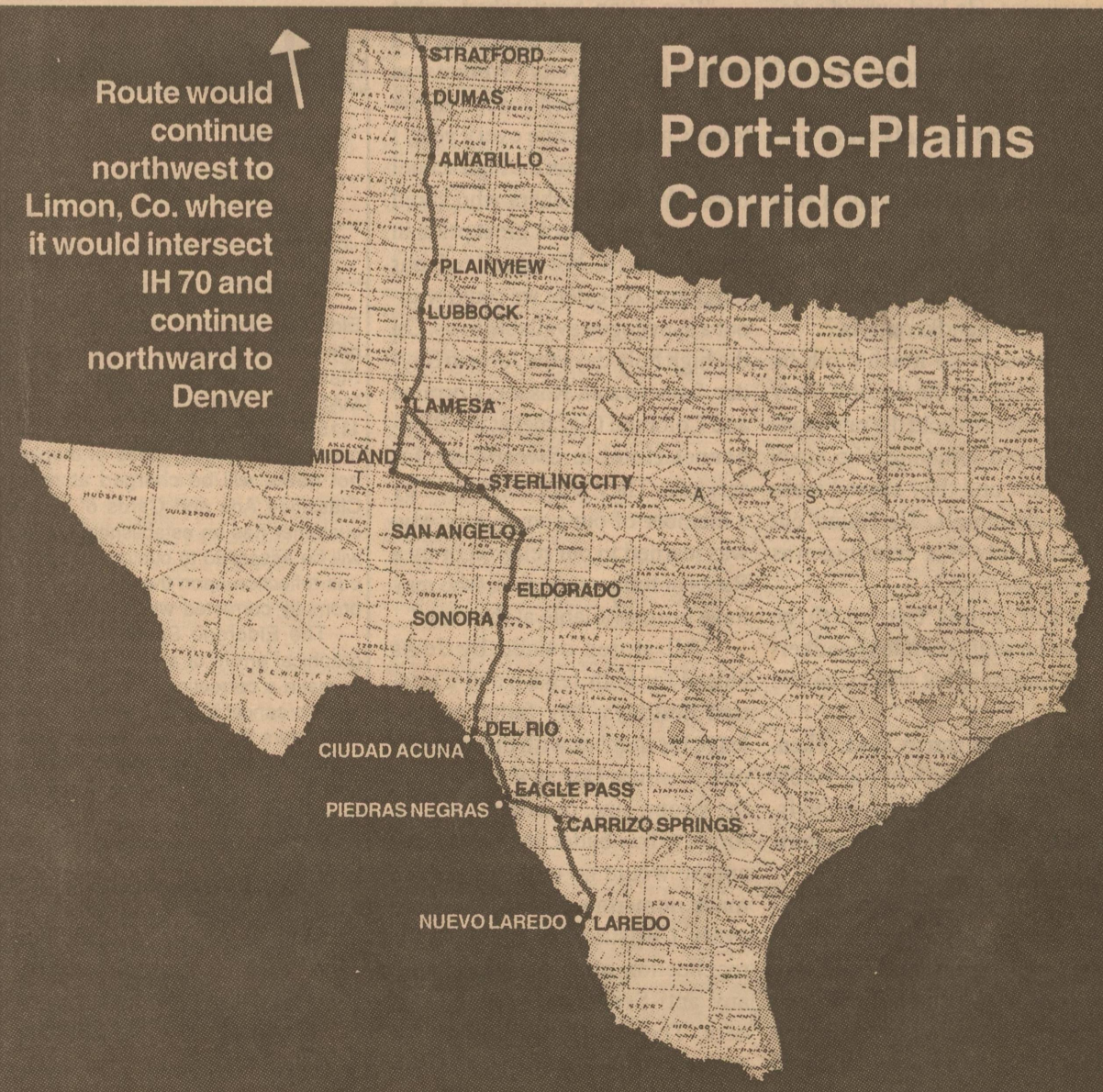
Eventually, 30 cities and 23 counties in Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado signed on as partners in the coalition. Among these were the City of Eldorado and Schleicher County, which put up \$800 each to help fund the group's effort.

After a series of meetings, studying possible routes, the coalition released its findings this week, citing U.S. 277 as the best route south from San Angelo. The group now plans to lobby State and Federal officials, in hopes of amending portions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act to include the proposed corridor.

The exact route the group is supporting begins at Laredo and: travels north on IH 35 to US 83 at exit 13; follows US 83 to Carrizo Springs; follows US 277 to Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Sonora, Eldorado and San Angelo; follows US 87 from San Angelo to Sterling City where it would fork; Texas 158

would carry one of the forks westward to Midland where Texas 349 would then carry the route north to Lamesa; the second fork would follow US 87 northwest to Big Spring and Lamesa where the two forks would merge back together; US 87 would then carry the route north to Lubbock; IH 27 takes the route north to Amarillo; US 287 takes the route north out of Texas, across the Oklahoma Panhandle to Limon, Colorado; from there IH 70 takes the route north to Denver.

In the report, Port-to-Plains Coalition chairman Randy Neugebauer asked all coalition members to renew their dues so the lobbying effort could be carried out.

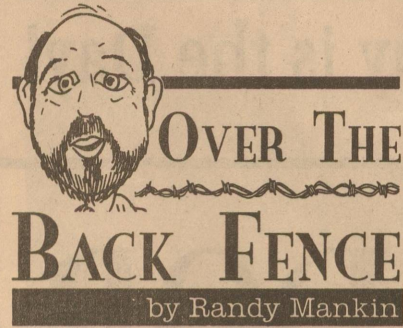


Route would continue northwest to Limon, Co. where it would intersect IH 70 and continue northward to Denver

Proposed Port-to-Plains Corridor



Young man, your jail term isn't over until the fat lady sings!



I read a story this week about a judge in Connecticut who has a sense of humor. It seems he grew weary of what he called, "a revolving door criminal justice system," which leads youthful offenders back into his courtroom day after day. The good judge said he thought that teenagers should be sent to jail as a last resort. So, he looked for alternative forms of punishment.

First, he tried assigning the youths to counselors. Next, the judge sent them to work details. Nothing seemed to work since the same kids appeared before

him time and time again. Then, one day, he struck upon an idea. The next day, the Judge looked down from the bench and told a would-be career criminal that he was sentenced to 40 hours...of opera.

Yep, opera. And, to be sure the kid really carried out the sentence, the judge arranged to accompany him to each performance.

After the forty hours were completed, the judge asked the youth what he thought of the punishment, to which the teen replied that he hated it and would do everything in his power not to have to go through such an ordeal again.

The judge noted that he hasn't seen the young man in his courtroom since that day, more than six months ago.

The judge reckoned if the creative punishment would work with one juvenile, it should work with others. So, he began requiring all his teenage felons to attend the opera. Guess what?

They didn't like it either.

The judge said return visits to his courtroom by young criminals stopped almost completely. The only thing he could attribute it to was the opera.

That story started me thinking. If this opera technique works so well with juvenile offenders, maybe it would work in with other, noncriminal, segments of our society.

I can see it now. If junior fails to clean his room... boom...two hours of Verdi.

On the outside chance that a youngster actually liked opera, a stronger dosage could be administered. Like eight straight hours of "Hee-Haw" reruns.

In my case, Martha Stewart would do the trick. Given the choice between a poke in the eye with a sharp stick, and sitting through and afternoon full of Martha Stewart TV shows, I'd start whittling the stick.

Yodeling contests, Richard Simmons' "Sweatin' to the Oldies", and nonstop rap concerts could each be used to punish bad behavior. For the really tough cases, Lawrence Welk reruns should do the trick, or perhaps fingernails scraping on a chalkboard. If neither of those work, a handful of telephone solicitors could be brought in as last resort.

State reduces homeowners insurance benchmark rates

AUSTIN — Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor on April 10 reduced homeowners insurance benchmark rates by a statewide average of 6.6 percent.

Montemayor also ordered a 3.4 percent reduction in renters insurance statewide. The insurance industry had requested a 6.6 percent increase, but the Texas Department of Insurance and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, a state agency representing consumers, recommended rate reductions.

New benchmark rates will take effect June 15, but policy premiums may not change for every policy holder, because rate-regulated companies set their own rates within a 30 percent range above or below benchmark in each of the 23 rating territories in the state.

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling



Plan Cuts Health Care Costs
Needy families will pay no more than \$18 a month or \$10 for office visits under the state's new Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Prescriptions would cost \$1 to \$10.

Applications are available now through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The program is open to children under 19 whose families have an annual income of no more than twice the poverty level, or \$34,100 for a family of four.

Nearly one-fourth of Texas' 5.8 million children do not have health

insurance, and Texas ranks 49th in the percentage of children with health insurance, ahead of only Arizona. As many as 471,000 of Texas' uninsured children are expected to be eligible for the program.

'Texas Exile' Team Named

Texas Attorney General John Comyn last week appointed a team of special prosecutors to handle illegal gun cases in state and federal courts with the goal of obtaining the maximum penalty in each case.

The appointments are part of 'Texas Exile' a program that has resulted in 197 arrests, 115 indictments, 10 convictions and 632 guns confiscated statewide since December.

Special prosecutors named by Comyn include Michael McCaul, Austin; John Briggs, El Paso; Michael Gill, Fort Worth; Ashley Chapman, Houston; Robb Catalano, Dallas; Jay Hileman, Houston; Gerald Matheny, San Antonio; and Jennifer Lowery, Beaumont.

Court Denies Abortion Request

The Texas Supreme Court last week upheld a lower court's decision denying a bypass and ordering "Jane Doe 4" to tell her parents before getting an abortion.

The 17-year-old high school student said she didn't want to tell her parents because her older sister was thrown out of the house several years ago for getting pregnant.

"The minor did not prove as a matter of law that she is mature and sufficiently well-informed to have an abortion without notifying her parents," the court found.

Other Highlights

Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed the week of April 10-14 "Environmental Crime Prevention Week" to promote awareness of the impact of environmental crime on Texas and what local, state and federal agencies are doing to combat it.

A report released last week by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights criticized Texas, California and Florida for eliminating affirmative action in college admissions. Texas ended its affirmative action programs under a federal court order in 1996, House Higher Education Committee Chairwoman Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, pointed out.

Ford Motor Co. is asking an administrative law judge to let the automaker reopen a used-car Internet site that the state shut down for violating franchise laws. Texas Division of Motor Vehicles officials said state law prohibits the direct selling of cars online by Ford or anyone else and only dealers licensed by the state can sell cars in Texas.

Texas' Democratic and Republican parties are courting corporate sponsorship for their upcoming state conventions. The GOP state convention, with as many as 18,000 delegates and alternates, is among the largest political gatherings in the country. Estimated cost for the event June 15-17 in Houston: \$600,000.

Texas Health Commissioner Reyn Archer apologized last week for statements he made in interviews with the *Austin American-Statesman* and the *New York Times*. Archer made comments construed as insensitive regarding the Hispanic community and teen pregnancy.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Handkerchiefs For Sale

Harold Berman is a Dallas attorney who grew up in Colorado City. Some time ago he returned to his hometown to give a speech on the impact of early Jewish merchants there. The city had several. He talked about some of his family members.

"My Uncle Max back in the 30's decided to go into the manufacturing business. He had owned a department store for years and decided the retail business was not the way to make money, that manufacturing was the only way."

"He decided to manufacture handkerchiefs and bought a machine to make them. He had big plans. He bought enough material to supply everyone in the world with a dozen handkerchiefs."

"He bought so much cloth he had to shore up the second story of his building to hold the raw product. He hired someone who knew how to sew and they started making handkerchiefs. He found out rather quickly that retailing was probably his field."

"After about two or three months he shut down his handkerchief business. That was in the late 30's."

"The war began in 1941. Then, the scarcest product in the whole United States was handkerchiefs. And guess who had all the material to make them."

"Uncle Max re-opened his handkerchief business and started shipping handkerchiefs from Colorado City all over the world."

"When he ran out of cloth he closed down the business and sold the machine for five times what he

paid for it."

Harold says all the Jewish store keepers were hard working, energetic and shrewd businessmen. They were all dedicated to their families and never hesitated to sacrifice for them. They were civic minded and served on school boards, city commissions and the chamber of commerce.

"I've often been asked, what was it like growing up Jewish in a small west Texas city? Well, it was wonderful. I played Joseph in the town's nativity scene every year. I played saxophone in the high school band. We had teachers who cared about us. We all took great pride in being Jewish. We practiced our religion to the extent we could without a synagogue available to us. On the high holy days the Jews in Snyder, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Lorraine and Colorado City met at the Bluebonnet Hotel in Sweetwater for services. They were conducted by a member of our community who was learned in our religion or by a Rabbi or military chaplain who may have been available at the time."

"All stores owned by Jews closed for both Jewish and Christian holidays. My father would leave his number with the operator on Christmas Day so if anyone got the wrong size, or broke a toy, or forgot to buy butter, they could call and he would go to the store.. He made numerous trips to the store every Christmas day. I have no recollection of ever experiencing any anti-Semitism while I lived here. The respect we all had for each other left no room for any hate or disrespect."

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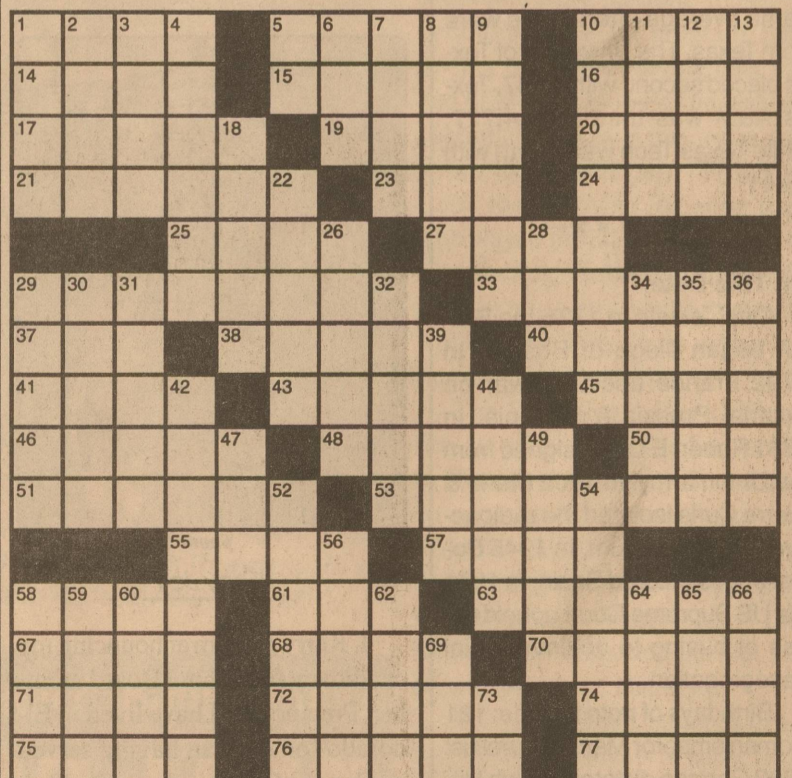


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This week's solution on Page 6



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Sonora 4	2	Tigers 1	0
Junction 3	3	Braves 0	2
Wall 3	3	White Sox 10 - Braves 7	
Ozona 0	7	Tigers 8 - Braves 5	

Eldorado Youth Baseball Minors	
Jr./Sr. League	W/L
Eldorado 14 - Western Marlins 7	A's 2 - 0
	Astros 0 - 1
	Rangers 0 - 1
	Rangers 13 - A's 10
	A's 10 - Astros 7

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Eldorado blanks Wall 6-0

by David E. Hill
Eldorado defeated the Wall Hawks last Tuesday in Wall 7 to 0 running the Eagles record to 6 and 0.
Ricky Huichapa got the win and Manuel Hernandez got the save. Eldorado struggled somewhat on defense with 3 errors but still got the shut out.
Offensively, Lance Mitchel (3), Rocky Robles, Jason Brock, John Ray Espinosa, Mitch Wilkerson, and Jimmy Aguilar all got singles.

Casey Poynor and Espinosa got doubles, Wilkerson had a triple, and Aguilar had a home run.
Pitching continues to be the strong suit for the Eagles. Coach Molina commented, "the team continues to play strong behind great pitching and excellent offense."
Eldorado lost to Sonora on the 18th (story in next weeks edition).
The Eagles can clinch the District Championship with a win at Eagle Diamond this Friday.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Personal Best — Stacy Nicholson reached 41-1 1/2 in the Shot Put at the District 2-2A track meet held here last Thursday. The throw, which was her personal best, was good enough to win 1st and earn Nicholson a trip to the Region 1-2A Track Meet in Abilene.

Middle School district 2-2A Track Meet Results listed

<p>8th Grade Girls Team Standing 6th Shot Put: 1st-Jennifer Bybee, 26' 0 3/4; Discus: 2nd-Sonia Mills, 68'1"; 800 M Run: 4th-Monica Moreno, 2:53.8; 6th-Jennifer Bybee, 2:55.8; 100 M Dash: 6th-April Nixon, 14.6; 400 M Dash: 3rd-Monica Moreno, 70.14;</p> <p>7th Grade Girls Team Standing - 5th Place Shot Put: 6th-Ashton Murr, 23'7 1/2 Discus: 6th-Betsy Green, 52'11"; High Jump: 4th (tie) Amanda Figuerora, 4'; 400 M Relay: 4th-Eldorado, 59.87; 800 M Run: 6th-Kimberly Hight, 3:04.8; 110 M Hurdles: 6th-Brittany Sellers, 19.5; 100 M Dash: 2nd-Katey Blair, 13.63; 6th-Serina Arispe, 14.59; 200 M Dash: 5th-Katey Blair, 29.73; 1600 M Relay: 5th-Eldorado, 05:07.8;</p>	<p>8th Grade Boys Team Standing 5th Shot Put: 5th-Travis Joiner, 41'3"; Discus: 4th-Travis Joiner, 115'7"; 2400 M Run: 5th-Jeffrey Bybee, 09:47.0; 400 M Relay: 5th-Eldorado, 52.84; 800 M Run: 2nd-Alvaro Moya, 2:24.5; 1600 M Relay: 6th-Eldorado, 4:17.3</p> <p>7th Grade Boys Team Standing 4th Triple Jump: 5th-Lance Roberts, 28'11 1/4; 6th-Bryce Leggett, 28'7 1/4"; Discus: 4th-Hernandez, 89'2"; 6th-Arispe, 79'7"; High Jump: 4th-Justin Phillips, 4'10"; Pole Vault: 2nd-Lance Roberts, 7'6"; 2400 M Run: 6th, Frank Ortega, 10:14.2; 400 M Relay: 5th-Eldorado, 54.26; 100 M Hurdles: 2nd-Justin Phillips, 20.04; 100 M Dash: 6th-Justin Phillips, 13.1; 1600 M Relay: 4th-Eldorado, 4:48.4;</p>
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Eagles tracksters advance eight to Regional Track Meet

Eight EHS tracksters earned trips to the Region 1-2A Track Meet in Abilene by placing 1st or 2nd at the District 2-2A Meet held here on Thursday, April 13, 2000. Advancing to Regional are Stacy Nicholson, Michael Mayo, Samantha Smith, Tabitha Lloyd, Lance Mitchel, Johnny Lee Arispe, Megan Poynor and Vanessa Gonzales.

Eagles boys individual results were as follows:
Shot Put: 2nd-Michael Mayo, 53'1";
Discus: 1st-Michael Mayo, 164'1"; 3rd-Jeff Stafford, 120'7";
Long Jump: 1st-Lance Mitchel, 20'8 1/4";
Triple Jump: 1st-Joey Bullard, 44'0";
High Jump: 3rd-Michael Mayo, 6'0";
800 M Run: 2nd-Johnny Lee Arispe;
400 M Dash: 3rd-Kenny Covarrubiaz, 51.74;
400 M Relay: 3rd-Eldorado (Louis Santellano, Mitch Wilkerson, William Robledo, Lance Mitchel).
JV Boys
400 M Dash: 4th-David Elias, 57.37.

Lady Eagles individual results were as follows:
Shot Put: 1st-Stacy Nicholson, 41'1 1/2"; 5th-Melissa Hinojosa, 29'7 1/2";
Discus: 3rd-Stacy Nicholson, 97'11";
Long Jump: 3rd-Samantha Smith, 15'8";
Triple Jump: 5th-Vanessa Gonzalez, 32'5";
800 M Run: 6th-Marina Lozano, 2:45.53;
100 M Hurdles: 2nd-Tabitha Lloyd, 16.73;
100 M Dash: 1st-Samantha Smith, 12.93; 4th-Vanessa Gonzalez, 13.69;
300 M Hurdles: 6th-Tabitha Lloyd, 54.60;
200 M Dash: 3rd-Marina Lozano, 27.68;
400 M Relay: 2nd-Eldorado (Megan Poynor, Tabitha Lloyd, Vanessa Gonzalez, Samantha Smith) 51.46;
800 M Relay: 3rd-Eldorado (Megan Poynor, Vanessa Gonzalez, Marina Lozano, Samantha Smith) 1:51.13;

The Regional Track Meet will be held at Abilene Christian University in Abilene on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29, 2000.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Heave ho — Jennifer Bybee let go a throw during the EMS Plateau Relays held here last month. She placed 1st at the Middle School District Meet with a throw of 26-3/4.



Mighty Eagle Fan of the Week



This week the Mighty Eagle Fan of the week is Cherie Niblett. If you are chosen as Pizza Pro's Mighty Eagle Fan of the Week, cut out the ad, bring it by Pizza Pro and say, "I'm the Mighty Eagle Fan of the Week!" and receive a free pizza on us!

Must be redeemed on or before April 27, 2000.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Strong finish — Johnny Lee Arispe passed several runners to take 2nd Place in the 800 Meter Run at the District 2-2A Track Meet held here last Thursday. Arispe will join seven other EHS athletes at the Region 1-2A Track Meet in Abilene on April 28-29.

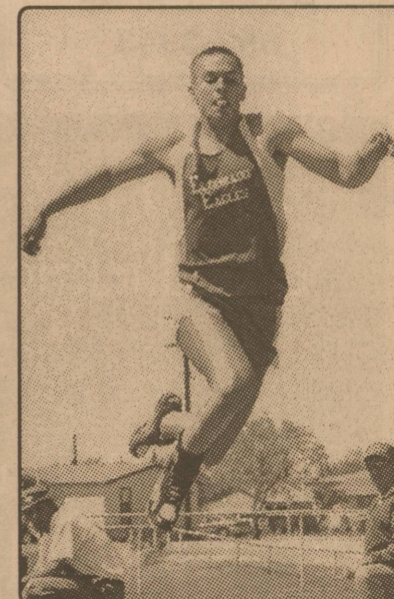


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Soaring Eagle — Joey Bullard placed 1st in the Triple Jump with a leap of 44-0 at the District 2-2A Track Meet held here last Thursday. He will advance to the Region 1-2A Track Meet in Abilene next weekend.

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Weeklong "Dia de los Niños" celebration planned



Dia de los Ninos or Day of the Children will be celebrated for the first time this spring in Schleicher County. Officially celebrated in Mexico on April 30th for more than 30 years, the day is gaining support in the United States. Children's days are also celebrated in other nations, including Japan and Korea on May 5, Canada on November 20 and Turkey on April 23. In Eldorado, children will be celebrated

from Sunday, April 30th until Sunday, May 7th. Although this is based on a holiday from Mexico, our celebration will focus on all children and cultures. The Nuevos Amigos, a service-learning group at Eldorado Middle School and Eldorado High School is heading up the festivities. The week will culminate on Sunday, May 7th with an afternoon of fun for children of all ages and their families. The celebration will be held on the Schleicher County Courthouse lawn and will be from 1-5. Children's games, activities, and fun are planned for the afternoon. Most everything will be offered free-of-charge. An entertainment stage will be set up with local and possibly out-of-town entertainment scheduled throughout the afternoon. Non-profit groups will be selling food and drinks for the event. Any groups wanting to set up a booth need to contact Mrs. Charboneau or Mrs. Gonzales at Eldorado Middle School.



Tammy Babb and Stanley Spinks

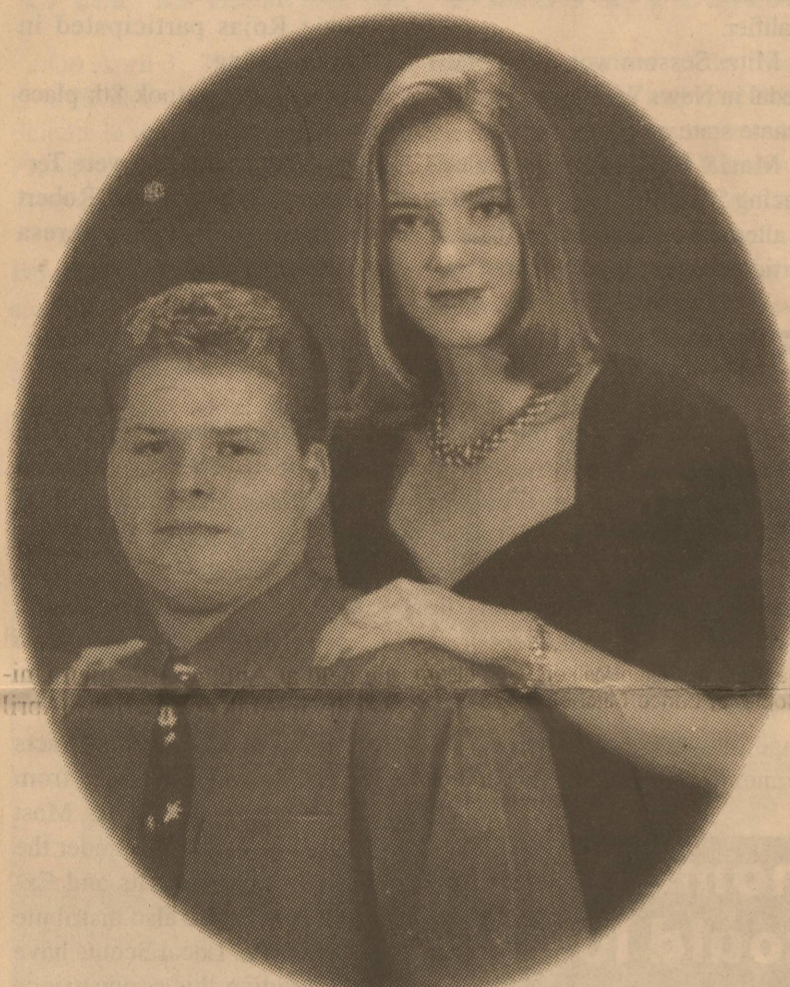
Babb-Spinks wedding planned

Dock and Wanda Lewis of Utopia, Texas and George and Martha Spinks of Eldorado, Texas would like to announce the forth coming marriage of their children Tammy Babb and Stanley Spinks on May 13, 2000 in Eldorado, Texas.

It's a Boy!

Hayley and Mickenzie Brownlow, ages 4 and 2, are proud to announce the arrival of their baby brother, William Carson Brownlow Carson was born Thursday, March 23, 2000 at 11:46 a.m. at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Carson's parents are Brian and Debbie Brownlow of Eldorado. His grandparents are Yvonne and Mickey Black of Lubbock and Marry and Clyde Brownlow of Amherst. His great grandmother is Mary Lois Ledbetter of Morton.



Sonny Leon Bahlman and Justina Marie Saunders

Saunders/Bahlman to marry

Justina Marie Saunders and Sonny Leon Bahlman both of San Angelo, Texas will be married on June 24, 2000 at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Norris and Sharon Sauer of Eldorado and John and Sue Saunders of San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Kenny and Kathryn Bahlman and John and Tanya Shields both of San Angelo.

Miss Saunders is a 1994 graduate of Eldorado High School and has received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Angelo State University. She is currently teaching elementary music with Wall I.S.D.

Her fiance is employed as Band Director with Grape Creek I.S.D. Sonny is a 1992 graduate of Central High School and has a Bachelor of Music Education from Angelo State University.

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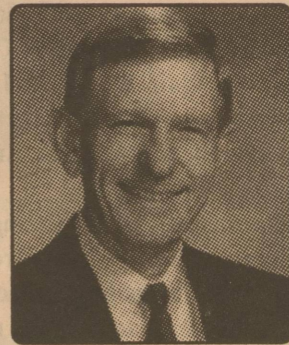
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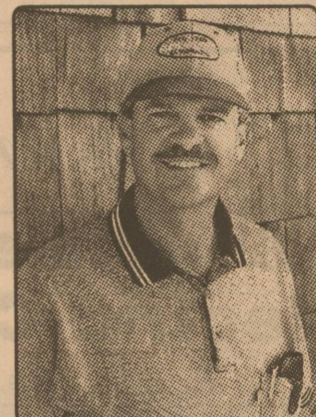
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were to have received quality educations from the excellence of our administration, staff and community. It is my ultimate desire to see that administration and staff are allowed to teach and instruct our students in the appropriate fashion. I believe the administration should be allowed their freedom to do their jobs without unnecessary interference from school board members. I believe in having a manageable and cooperative relationship between school board members, administration, staff and above all else, with our children. I believe in fairness and learning to talk less and listen more. I would appreciate your consideration an support in the May 6th election. Please get out and express yourself. VOTE!

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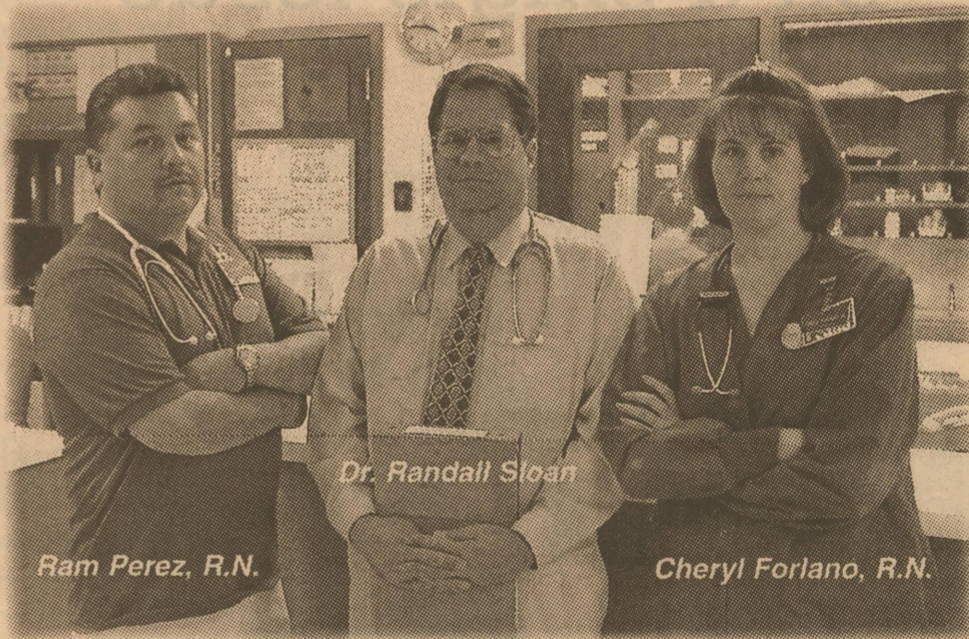


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2. Did you know that school will be starting earlier (again) this fall? (under consideration is 8/9/00 or 8/11/00)
3. Did you know the school administration/district is considering a non-traditional calendar proposal (fall 2001) where, possibly, school would start near the 1st of August and would end June 8th?
4. Do you think we, as parents, should have some input into the continuous lengthening of our children's school year?

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Eldorado Woman's Club

by Noweita Briggs

On Tuesday morning April 11, eleven members of the Eldorado Woman's Club traveled to Christoval to visit Dan and Joann Brown's hummingbird sanctuary. Two members from San Angelo joined the group there.

The theme for this meeting was "Nature's Trails". The Browns have been furnishing a place for the "Hummers" to nest for many years and have an ideal location to observe these truly remarkable birds. Dan's knowledge of hummingbirds is extensive. He spoke for around two hours and it seemed he barely touched on his knowl-

edge of these birds. He had the sprinkler going in a wire fence enclosure when we arrived and the hummers were having a wonderful time enjoying a bath. The Black-chinned Hummingbird is the type that nests in this part of the state. The birds usually start showing up around March 7th with highest concentration between April 15 and August 15.

We had a delightful time at the sanctuary. The hospitality of the Browns made it a place one would love to visit often. A special thanks to our president Bobby Sanders for making the arrangements at Dan's as well as out reservation for lunch.

Our next meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. on May 9, 2000 at the Memorial Building. This will be a luncheon followed by installation of officers for the next two year term.

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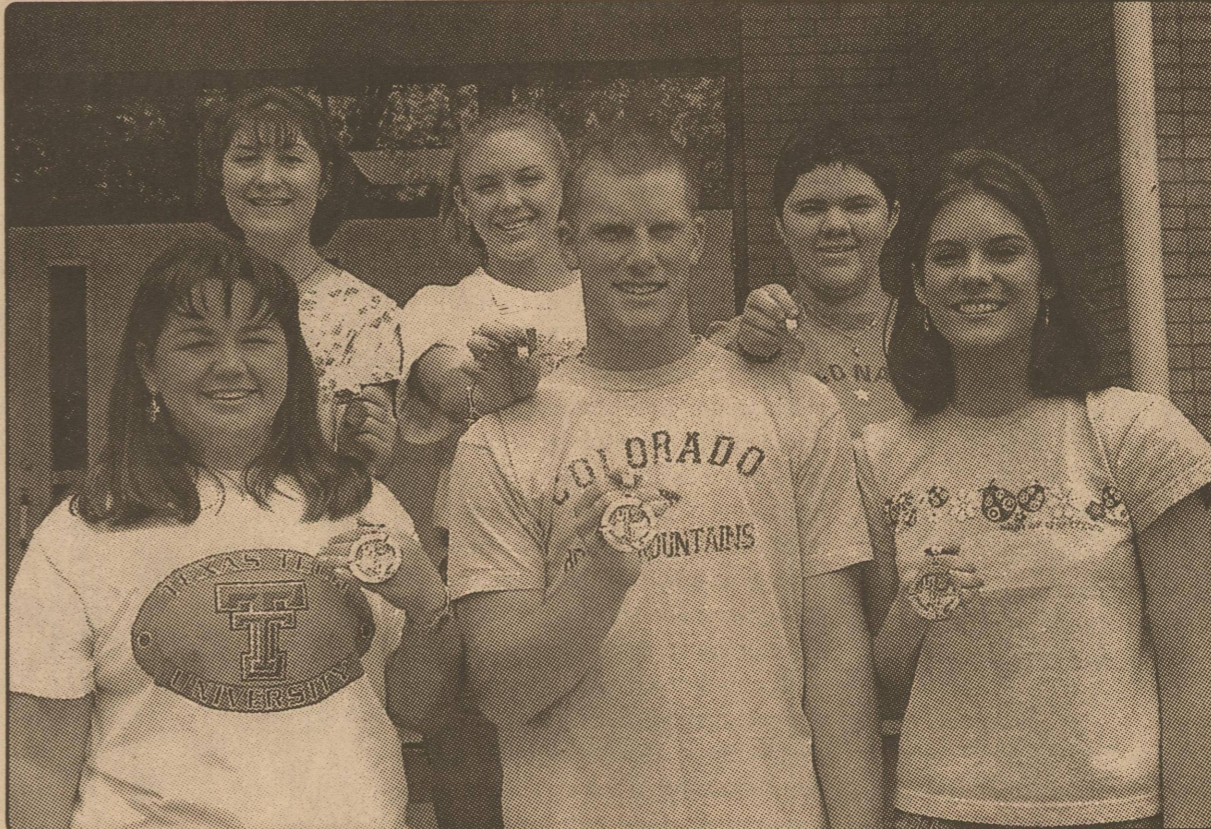


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And the winners are — EHS students show off the medals they won at the Regional U.I.L. academic meet in Abilene last Saturday. They are (Front L-R) Hillary Hodges, Ben Edmiston, Lindsay Beach, (Back L-R) BreeAnne Davis, Mitzi Sessom and Maria Hernandez.

Regional UIL academic results listed

Eldorado High School district winners went to Regionals U.I.L. Academics on Saturday, April 15, 2000.

Final results are: Current Event Team: Hillary Hodges, Sarah Mankin, Steven Valero and Kate Kosub placed 7th.

The Science Team took 2nd place medalist and are an alternate qualifiers' for the state meet. Science Team members are Lindsay

Beach, Ben Edmiston and Hillary Hodges.

Hillary Hodges placed 2nd in Chemistry and is an alternate state qualifier.

Mitzi Sessom won a 6th place medal in News Writing and is an alternate state qualifier.

Maria Hernandez medaled, placing 5th in Ready Writing and is an alternate state qualifier. She also participated in Literary Criticism.

BreeAnn Davis placed 7th in Ready Writing and medaled 5th place in Spelling and also is an alternate state qualifier).

Susie Rojas participated in Headline Writing.

Maria Guzman took 8th place in Poetry and Prose.

Sponsors on this trip were Teresa Baker, Candice Henry, Robert Jay, Linda Thomas and Teresa Vasquez.

Junction plans 50th Annual Easter Pageant

The 50th annual Easter Pageant will begin at dark April 22 in the natural amphitheater below the cross on Lovers Leap in Junction.

Sponsored by the nondenominational Men Bible Class, the pageant features 50 amateur performers who pantomime the story of the last week of Christ's life on earth, climaxing with the resurrection and ascension. Narrators and back-

ground music enhance the 13-act pageant, which is performed on 14 stages of varying levels. The production lasts about three hours.

In 1950, the Easter Pageant had a cast of 20 re-enacting the life of Christ on a small concrete platform. Since that time, the cast of volunteers has grown, and the stage now covers the side of the mountain and includes nine levels,

several miles of electric cables and a sound booth where readers and sound effects personnel work to coordinate the works and music with stage action.

All participants, from Sharon Sissel, who directs the drama, to stage hands and wardrobe mistresses, are volunteers.

The pageant annually attracts a large crowd of spectators from throughout the United States. Most watch from cars parked under the direction of Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts, who also distribute free programs. Local Scouts have been providing this service since the pageant began.

There are no reserve parking areas, but spectators are welcome to park their cars early, beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Free coffee will be served by the Junction Volunteer Fire Department. The local EMS will operate a concession stand with food and soft drinks. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund in memory of Dr. Joe Wolpmann. Some spectators come early and picnic on the grounds.

There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings are gratefully accepted. Boy Scouts will take up a collection from those who wish to contribute during an intermission.

These funds are used to add or to replace equipment needed to produce the pageant.

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

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Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1999, you won't need to reapply for 2000 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2000. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1999, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

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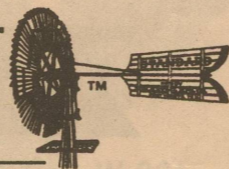
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Trash Bash — City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk were hitting the "Trash Can Punch" while Eldorado Pride Directors Nancy Lester and Carrie Hill dished the dirt at the "Trash Bash" held at City Hall to commemorate the opening of the city's new landfill. Texas Trash (Chex Mix), Compost Toasties (Rice Krispy with corn flakes), Just Nuts (mixed nuts), Bio Deodorants (mints) and Dirt Desert with Gummy Worms

City's new landfill is open for business

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bled crowd watched. "This is a big day for us," Mayor Nikolauk commented after the ceremony. "It ensures that the citizens of Eldorado won't be at the mercy of a trucking company in the coming years."

The crowd then drove in a caravan, back to City Hall where Nancy Lester, Carrie Hill and Scott Edmonson, representing the Eldorado Pride Committee hosted a "Trash-Bash" party. Refreshments

included: trash can punch, dirt desert with gummy worms and compost toasties.

Attending and/or participating in the event were: Mayor and Mrs. John Nikolauk, David Todd, Tommy and Beverly Minor, Sheriff David Doran, David and Carrie Hill, Robert Bybee, Hal and Jeri Whitten, Richard Mendez, Randy,

Kathy and Sarah Mankin, Toni Sudduth, Carolyn Mayo, Jack Dean, Lori Stricklan, Clay Burleson, Scott Edmonson, Bill Clark, Butch Santellano, Guillermo Zuniga, Mariano Fuentes, Floyd Fay, Felipe Montalvo, David Mejia, Jaime Martinez, Julio Narvaez, Chris Pena, George Estrada and Keith Nance.

Our Diamond Miss Preliminary Pageant

On April 1, 2000 seven local girls traveled to San Angelo to participate in the Our Diamond Miss Preliminary Pageant. They placed in the following events:

0-12 Month Division: Courtney Espinosa - 3rd Runner up in Division.

25-35 Month Division: Danielle Clark - 1st Runner up in Division, and 1st Runner up in Beauty.

2-4 Year Old Division: Morgan

Porter - Entertainer of the Year, Model of the Year, and Best Party Dress. Also earning a crown was Sasha Rodriguez - Most Beautiful, 1st Runner in Talent, and 1st Runner up in Modeling

7-9 Year Old Division: Brittani Romero - Entertainer of the Year, Model of the Year, 1st Runner up in Beauty, Best Sportswear, and Best Party Dress. Also competing was Bridgett Mitchell - earning

Most Photogenic and 2nd Runner up in Modeling.

13 - 16 Year Old Division: Georgina Maritz Caldwell - Most Beautiful, Entertainer of the Year, and Model of the Year.

These girls have earned the right to advance to the State Pageant on June 2-4, 2000 in Abilene, TX. We are very proud of each and everyone of you and wish you the best at state.



Local beauties — At left (Front L-R) Morgan Porter, Sasha Rodriguez (Back L-R) Brittani Romero and Bridgett Mitchell display trophies they won at the Our Miss Diamond Preliminary Pageant. At right, (Front L-R) Courtney Espinosa, Daniella Clark (Back) Georgina Caldwell also competed brought home titles and awards from the pageant.

Hospital Board meets, approves contract with Preferred Management

The Schleicher County Hospital District Board of Directors met Monday evening, April 17th and gave final approval of a contract with Preferred Management, a Shawnee, Oklahoma company, which will be overseeing day-to-day operations in the district's hospital and nursing home. Before approving the pact, the board met with their attorney, James Kosub, behind closed doors. Upon emerging into open session, specific language in the contract was amended before the deal was approved unanimously.

The final vote was only a formality, however, since the board had previously agreed in principal to the deal and Preferred Management had been overseeing the hospital and nursing home since April 1, 2000. Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook is now an employee of Preferred Management, although she continues to report to the hospital board, which has ultimate authority over the facility.

Andy Freeman, a partner in the management firm, then met with the board to explain that the company had been reviewing the district's Medicare filings for the past few years and had identified \$126,000.00 in reimbursements that the government owes the district. He also told them the asbestos

abatement project, which is in its final stages at the hospital, caused the value of the district's physical plant to increase. He said that increase could probably be depreciated over 15 years with the district eventually recovering the cost from

Medicare.

On hand for the meeting were trustees Ricky Fuessel, Judy Christian, Randy Mankin, Tom Enochs, Brian Edmiston, and Lanis Mikeska. Board member Delia Pina was

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- Monday, April 24th**
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- Tuesday, April 25th**
Chicken Spaghetti, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Wednesday, April 26th**
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Cobbler
- Thursday, April 27th**
Beef Tacos/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomatoe Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding
- Friday, April 28th**
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding
- Breakfast**
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast
- Monday, April 24th**
No School
- Tuesday, April 25th**
Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burritos
- Wednesday, April 26th**
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast
- Thursday, April 27th**
Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick
- Friday, April 28th**
Applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal
- Fast Food Line**
- Monday, April 24th**
No School
- Tuesday, April 25th**
Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Applesauce, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Wednesday, April 26th**
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Pudding
- Thursday, April 27th**
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Pudding
- Friday, April 28th**
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Hospital board meeting held

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Enochs and Edmiston were leaving the board and the three were presented with tabletop clocks, as a token of the district's appreciation for their service as board members.

In other business, the board reviewed the district's financial reports. Andy Freeman told the board that he is in the process of switching the district's accounting from cost-based to accrual. He explained that once the change was complete, the board would be able to more closely track revenues and expenditures. He also explained that the hospital's designation as a Critical Access facility had already resulted in an increase in revenue to the district. However, the funds could take another sixty days to arrive from Medicare.

The board then heard from administrator Ann Fagan-Cook who explained that social workers in San Angelo were referring patients to the local hospital's Swing Bed Program for therapy. She also noted that the district's CT-scanner is being utilized and that business continues to improve.

Trustees then reviewed and approved four policy and procedure manuals and ordered the cancellation of the May 6th election since there are no contested races. They declared Delia Pina, Jim Martin, Shirley Joiner and John Callison to be elected to the positions. The board also approved the appointment of Nicholas Jackson, M.D. to consultant medical staff.

After hearing from Fagan-Cook of a need to install privacy glass at the reception counter in the clinic and the hospital's business office. The board discussed the matter but voted not to make the purchase. They did, however, vote to purchase a new dictaphone, with trustee Brian Edmiston casting the only dissenting vote.

Before adjourning, the board approved the payment of bills and ordered others relating to the asbestos abatement project held until architect Paul Rheinlander could review and approve them. The also approved repairs to the hospital's ultrasound equipment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



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Newly Elected EMS Student Council for 2000-2001 school year. (Front L-R) Rep. Kristin Mittle, Rep. Micaila Gonzalez, Rep. Lauren Brown, Secretary Tiffany Hernandez, President Kolby Dombroski, Vice President Maxie Holley, Rep. Nathan MacDonald, Rep. Adam Dominguez. (Back L-R) Rep. Able Montalvo, Rep. Charlotte Adame, Rep. Chander Wanorec, Rep. Will Griffin, Rep. Betsy Green, Rep. Emily Newman, and Drew Bosmans.

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• 10:38 p.m. Complainant reported a utility pole on fire on the corner of Dorris and Cottonwood. Officer, Fire Department and utility company responded.

April 12 • 12:10 a.m. Truck driver reported a reckless driver traveling north on Hwy. 277.

April 13 • 5:55 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to their residence on San Saba Street and check on some juveniles that were shooting B.B. guns. Officer responded and juveniles had permission from parents to be shooting their B.B. guns.

• 10:47 p.m. Disturbance- Complainant requested an officer to an apartment that their music was too loud. Officer responded.

April 14 • 8:50 p.m. Complainant reported that a dog had chased an opossum up their tree at their residence. Animal Control responded.

• 3:50 p.m. Complainant called about a brown truck that was speeding near their residence on Del Rio Street.

April 15 • 8:19 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about harassing phone calls that they had been receiving. Officer responded.

• 11:31 p.m. Complainant on San Antonio Street requested an officer to check on a possible fight in their neighborhood. Officers responded.

April 15 • 8:55 a.m. Complainant reported a bunch of broken glass near the entrance to their property on Hwy. 277 north.

• 5:15 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check into a truck with half trailer that was dragging on the road. Officer responded.

• 7:03 p.m. Complainant called in to report some loose livestock on Hwy. 915.

• 7:10 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to talk to some girls that were causing problems with their children. Officer responded.

• 10:40 p.m. Complainant requested an officer talk to some people who had been driving through the Little League Field. Officer responded.

April 16 • 9:25 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject dropped some type of gun in the field behind their home. Officer responded.

• 11:48 p.m. Complainant requested officer check into two suspicious vehicle on Rudd Road. Officer responded.

April 17 • 4:00 a.m. Complainant reported that they may have been possible gun shots fired near their home on Old Sonora Road.

• 12:00 p.m. Complainant reported two red lawn mowers that their missing from their front yard.

April 18 • 5:58 a.m. Complainant called to report they had hit a deer with their vehicle. Complainant advised that everything was OK.

• 7:23 a.m. Complainant called in a suspicious vehicle.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Your generosity will help us continue to provide Saturday and holiday meals to over 60 Eldorado residents!

Special thanks to the Schleicher County Medical Center staff and all my friends for the prayers, flowers, visits, cards and calls during my hospital stay.

May God bless each and everyone for your kindness.

Cara Hastings

We would like to thank Dr. Sloan, the nursing staff, E.M.S. staff and Sheriff's Office for being there when we needed them during the time of Raymonds recent surgery and recovery.

We would also like to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, telephone calls, and cards. It means so much to know we live in such a caring community.

Raymond & Carolyn Mittel

We would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all those who have done so many wonderful, kind things for us during our time of need. All the cards, letters, flowers, visits and most of all your prayers have kept us going through all of this. We are blessed to have such wonderful family and friends. Thank you for everything!

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This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Coach Ginger Cooper and Lady Eagles sprinter Samantha Smith. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the pair, Coach Cooper was congratulating Samantha on her 1st Place finish in the 100 Meter Dash at the Dist. 2-2A track meet held here last week. Samantha will now move on to compete at the Region 1-2A Track Meet in Abilene next weekend.

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Faithful volunteers — Louella Sauer, Bernell O'Conner and Peggy Grelle were among the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary members honored by Schleicher County Medical Center recently at a Volunteer recognition luncheon.

Middle School team tennis results

On Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, 2000 16 Eldorado Middle School netters competed in Masons Team Tennis Tournament. The students played combinations of singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Our 2A team played against much bigger 3A and 4A schools.

On Friday the team defeated Fredericksburg 17-2.

On Saturday the team was defeated by Boerne 13-6. Then the team lost to Kerrville Peterson 12-

8. The team placed 4th.

Boy team members were: Shay Parker, Tony Chavez, Adrian Arispe, Dillon Greer, Robbie Young, Logan Neal, Ryan Cathey, Tanner Robledo.

Girl team members were: Lacy Ragsdale, Heather Homer, Mikinzie Holley, Andrea Leal, Janet Gardiner, Katey Blair, Emily Newman and Betsy Green.

Coach Teresa Baker was very proud of her players competing against much larger schools.



Up, up and away — Lance Mitchel leaped 20-8¼ to win 1st Place in the Long Jump at the District 2-2A Track Meet held here last Thursday. He will advance to the Region 1-2A Meet in Abilene next weekend.

Golfing news...

2-man Select Shot Tournament

On April 15 and 16, 2000 the 2 Man Select Shot Tournament was held at Eldorado Golf Club.

Championship Flight winners on the first day were: Gray and J. Bailey taking 1st place with a score of 59. Warnock and Hughes placed 2nd with a score of 60 and third was taken by Gonzales and Hernandez with a score of 61. On the second day Causey and Harvey placed 1st, score 59, Gray and J. Bailey placed 2nd, score 60 and Warnock and Hughes placed third with a score of 60.

President Flight winners on the first day were Hill and Guana, 1st place, score 58; Gibbs and Gibbs, 2nd place, score 61; Joy and Whitten 3rd place with a score of 62.

On the second day 1st place went to Gibbs and Gibbs with a score of 60. Halbert and Mitchell placed 2nd, score 64 and Price and Martin placed 3rd, score 64.

First Flight winners on the first day was B. Bailey and Peters first place winners with a score of 63, second place takers were Lawson and Garcia, score 63 and Hubble and Barker placing 3rd with a score of 65. On the second day B. Bailey and Peters placed 1st with a score of 63. Sauer and Torres placed 2nd, score 64 and Lawson and Garcia placed 3rd, score 65.

Don Richters won closest to the pin. Next tournament will be May 13th a One Person Scramble.

San Jacinto Day ceremonies to honor Texas heroes

AUSTIN — If the Battle of the Alamo had been the end of the war, Texas, along with a number of other states, today might still be part of Mexico. But on April 21, 1836, Gen. Sam Houston's Texian army of 800 men overwhelmed more

than 1,200 Mexican soldiers under the command of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna on the plains of San Jacinto.

The heroes of this decisive battle of the Texas Revolution will be honored in ceremonies beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 21, at San Jacinto Battleground and State Park, 22 miles east of downtown Houston.

Inspired by the dramatic losses at the Alamo and Goliad a month earlier, the Texians surprised the slumbering Mexican forces with their attack. Houston's victory proved the turning point in the Texas Revolution and led to creation of the Republic of Texas. It charted a course toward the United States' acquisition of almost one million square miles of territory, including Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California and Utah, as well as parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The public is invited to attend this year's admission-free ceremony to honor those who fought for Texas independence. Houston journalist, radio and television personality, and author Ray Miller will be the keynote speaker.

The Fort Worth native attended Baylor University and the University of Houston before he began reading news on the radio in 1938. A television news director for 20 years, Miller originated the "Eyes of Texas" television program in 1969. He wrote his first book in 1977 and has published nine books subsequently, including six regional Eyes of Texas travel guides. In 1998, the Texas Association of Broadcasters named him Texas Pioneer Broadcaster of the Year.

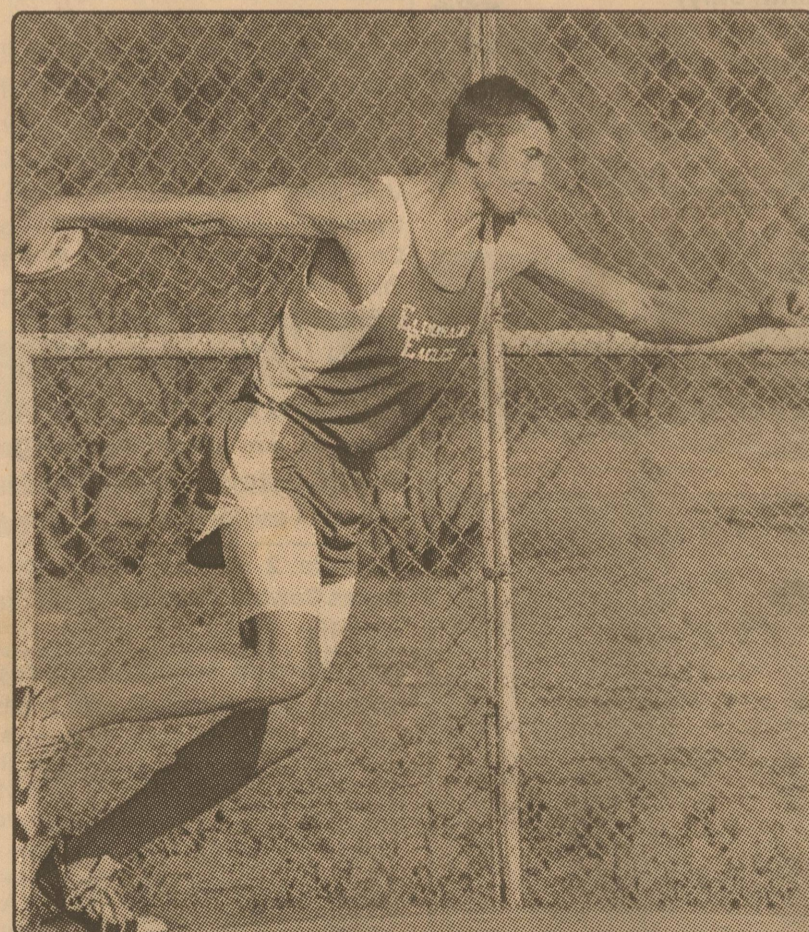
The Space City Community Band will signal the start of the event and play patriotic music at various points in the program. Following the wreath-laying near the end of the ceremonies, the period-costumed Texas Army Fife and Drum Corps will play "Will You Come to the Bower," the song Texians played during the 1836 battle. The Rolling Thunder Cannonade and Texian Army re-enactors will wind up the ceremonies with a series of booming salutes.

The San Jacinto Day celebration is sponsored by the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board and co-sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife, the San Jacinto Descendants, the San Jacinto Chapters of the Sons and Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the San Jacinto Museum of History.

Park visitors can explore a treasure-trove of artifacts of early Texas history in the museum located at the base of the 1939 San Jacinto Monument. The museum also features "Enjoy Texas Forever!!," a rapid-fire computer-driven show using 42 projectors to show the story of the Texas Revolution. It is shown hourly 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Up and over — Tabitha Lloyd soared over a hurdle on the way to a 2nd Place finish in the 100 Meter Hurdles at the District 2-2A Meet held here last Thursday. She will join seven other EHS tracksters at the Region 1-2A Meet in Abilene next weekend.



Regional bound — Michael Mayo threw the discus 164-1 to win 1st Place at the District 2-2A Meet held here last Thursday. He will compete at the Region 1-2A Meet in Abilene next weekend.

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Long-Lasting Relationships Outlive Marriage Killers

QUESTION: Would you identify some of the major "marriage killers" that are most responsible for the high divorce rate that plagues today's families?

DR. DOBSON: Any one of the following "dragons" can rip a relationship to shreds if given an opportunity to do so.

- Overcommitment and physical exhaustion. This condition is especially insidious for young couples who are trying to get started in a profession or in school. Do not try to go to college, work full time, have a baby, manage a toddler, fix up a house and start a business at the same time. It sounds ridiculous, but many young couples do just that, and are then surprised when their marriages fall apart. The only time they see each other is when they are worn out!

- Excessive credit and conflict over how money will be spent. Pay cash for consumable items or don't buy. Don't spend more on a house or a car than you can afford, leaving too little resources for dating, short trips, baby sitters, etc. Allocate your funds with wisdom.

- Selfishness. There are two kinds of people in the world, the givers and the takers. A marriage between two givers can be a beautiful thing. Friction is inevitable for a giver and a taker. But two takers can claw each other to pieces within a period of weeks.

- Unhealthy relationships with in-laws. If either the husband or wife has not been fully emancipated from the parents, it is best not to live near them. Autonomy is difficult for some mothers and fathers to grant.

- Unrealistic expectations. Some couples come into marriage anticipating rose-covered cottages, walks down primrose lanes and unmitigated joy. There is no way a marriage between two imper-

fect human beings can deliver on that expectation. The late counselor Jean Lush believed, and I agree, that this romantic illusion is particularly characteristic of American women, who expect more from their husbands than they are capable of providing.

- Space invaders. My concern is for those who violate the "breathing room" needed by their partners, quickly suffocating them and destroying the attraction between them. Jealousy is one way the phenomenon manifests itself. Another is a poor self-concept, which leads the insecure spouse to build a cage around the other. It often suffocates the relationship. Love must be free and it must be confident.

- Sexual frustration and its partner, the greener grass of infidelity. It is a deadly combination!

- Business collapse. Failure in work does bad things to men especially. Their agitation over financial reverses sometimes sublimates to anger within the family.

- Business success: It is almost as risky to succeed wildly as it is to fail miserably in business. King Solomon wrote: "Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread" (Proverbs 30:8). It's true.

- Getting married too young. Girls who marry between 14 and 17 years of age are more than twice as likely to divorce as those who marry at 18 or 19 years of age. Those who marry at 18 or 19 are 1.5 times as likely to divorce as those who marry in their 20s. The pressures of adolescence and the stresses of early married life do not mix well. Finish the first before taking on the second.

- Alcohol and substance abuse. These are notorious killers, not only of marriages but also of the people who indulge excessively. It has been said that upward of

a third of all Americans and Canadians are close family members of an alcoholic.

- Pornography, gambling and other addictions. It should be obvious to everyone that the human personality is flawed. During an introductory stage, people think they can tamper with various enticements, such as pornography, gambling, hard drugs, etc., without being hurt. Indeed, many do walk away unaffected. For some, however, there is a weakness and vulnerability that is unknown until too late. Such people then become addicted to something that tears at the fabric of the family. This warning may seem foolish and even prudish to my readers, but I've made a 20-year study of those who wreck their lives. Their problem often begins in experimentation with a known vice and ultimately ends in death — or the death of a marriage.

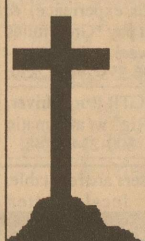
These are a few of the common marriage killers. But in truth, the list is virtually limitless. If you are going to beat the odds and maintain an intimate, long-term marriage, you must take the task seriously.

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