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Eagles nine ranked 7th in the State

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team, picked by many to finish at or near the bottom of District 2-2A, finds itself with a perfect 7-0 record in district play and a 19-4 tally for the season. Even as district opponents have learned the hard way that the 2003 Eagles are for real, coaches across the state have begun taking notice and have ranked the Warbirds #7 in their statewide poll.

Coach Gary Grubbs, who dismissed the team's early critics by saying that the Eagles "will surprise a few people," now worries about keeping his team focused. "We can't afford to look ahead," Grubbs says, pointing out that two of the Eagles final three district games are on the road, at Reagan County and at Wall. The one remaining home game will see the Warbirds hosting the Sonora Broncos, a team that held the Eagles

to a razor-thin 1-0 win in Sonora.

Still, the Eagles have posted some impressive numbers this year. After winning a mere 3 games last year, the team has tallied a school-record 19 wins with three games left to play. The team's only losses this season came to Ft. Stockton, San Angelo Central JV, Odessa High School JV, Johnson City.

While Grubbs may be a first-year coach to the Eagles, he knows his way around a baseball diamond, bringing a 105-38 record with him when he came here from Pecos. The goal now is to extend that winning record as far into the postseason.

Winning isn't exactly new to the Eagles, either. Despite a miserable 3-15 season last year, the Warbirds have made a habit of winning on the diamond and have appeared in the State 2-2A play-

offs five times since baseball made its debut here in 1994.

The Eagles postseason dreams, glowing bright already, got a big boost Monday night with a 6-1 win over the Ozona Lions. Frankie Arispe was on the hill for the Eagles and he notched up his 8th win of the season while silencing the Ozona bats. There was plenty of glory to go around on the offensive side of the field with homeruns being hammered by Quisto Gonzalez, Mike Adame, Joe Arispe and Trey Chavez. The win clinched a playoff berth for the Eagles and put them in sight of a district championship.

Eagles whip Wall 13-8

The Eagles began the week by defeating Wall 13-8 on Eagles Field on Tuesday, April 1. Big 1st, 2nd and 5th innings helped the Warbirds along as they amassed 14 hits. The Eagles lead the game from start to finish.

In the 1st inning the Eagles scored three runs. Trey Chavez lead the inning off with a walk, two outs later Philip Martinez reached first on a error to shortstop. Joey Hernandez then followed with a single to score Chavez then Homer Hernandez followed with a double to right center to plate Martinez and Hernandez.

The Warbirds exploded for seven runs in the 2nd inning. Jared Grubbs opened the fireworks when he singled over the pitcher's head. Quisto Gonzalez reached 1st on an error by the 3rd



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

He's Safe! Eldorado's Trey Chavez hugged second base for a double last Friday after sliding in safely under the throw from the outfield. The action came in the 4th inning as Eldorado claimed the lead for good over the Grape Creek Eagles. Eldorado won the game 13-3.

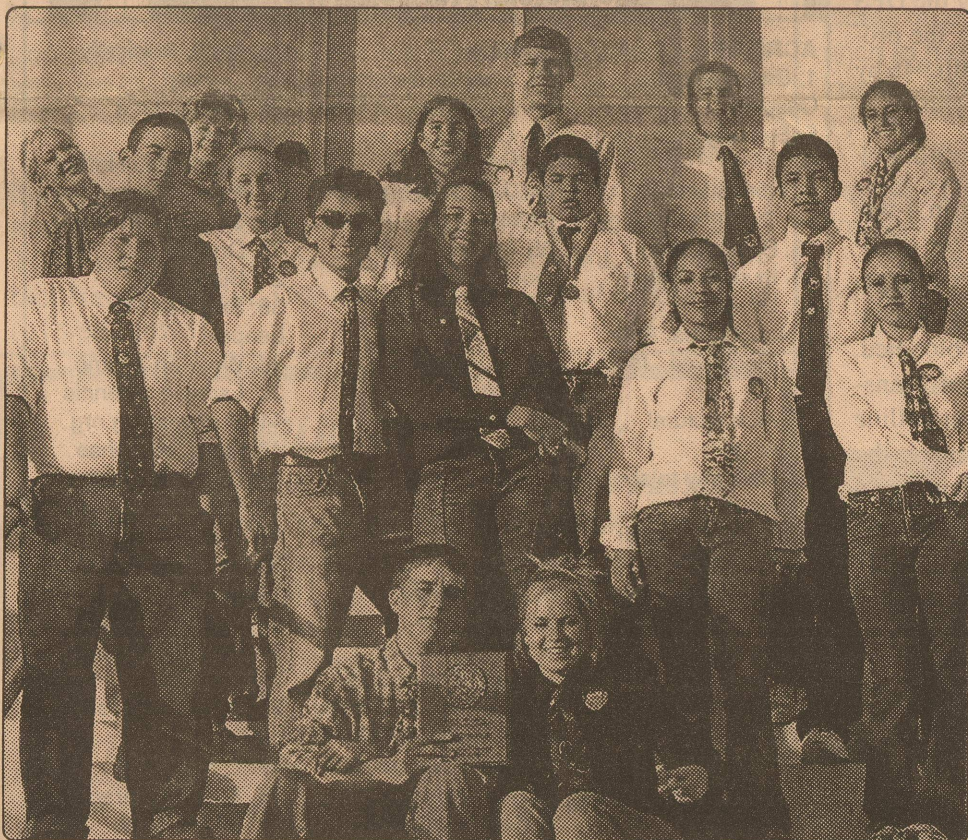


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

A cup of green tea anyone? The cast and crew of "Teahouse of the August Moon" posed Saturday with their 1st Place plaque after winning the Area 1-2A One Act Play contest in Alpine. The play will advance to the Regional 1-2A contest in Abilene on Friday.

"TEAHOUSE" WINS AGAIN!

J.L. Mankin was named Best Actor and Hannah Robledo and Travis Joiner were named to the All-Star Cast as the EHS entry, "Teahouse of the August Moon," won the Area 1-2A One Act Play Contest last Saturday in Alpine. Mayci Schwiening was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast and, in a rare move for a judge in a one act play competition, so were nine other members of the cast who play the villagers of Tobiki Village. They include: Diego Barrera, Mitchel Cole, Betsy Green, Ivonne Granados, Sandra Guzman, Nestor Hernandez, Brence Minor, Jessica Robertson, and Anna Troy. Johnny Larez was named to the All-Star Crew.

"Teahouse" was the second of four plays to take the stage in Sul Ross State University's Marshall Auditorium. Anthony High School's presentation of "Midsummer Night's Dream," Alpine High School's "White Room of My Remembering," and Sonora High School's

"Threads" were also in the competition.

In the end, Judge Clay Grizzle, an associate professor of theater at Howard College in Big Spring, selected "Teahouse" and Alpine's "White Room of My Remembering," to advance to the Region 1-2A Contest in Abilene.

Eldorado's acting troupe is slated to be the last of six to complete at Abilene Christian University on Friday. The competition is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. with the six plays being presented back-to-back, meaning that the curtain should go up on "Teahouse" somewhere between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

The Region 1-2A One Act Play Contest will be held in the Cullen Auditorium at ASU with admission of \$8 being charged for adults and \$5 for students. The admission charge covers the price of all six plays.

"Teahouse of the August Moon" is a comedy by John Patrick. It is about a

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EMS student council asks City Council to consider expanding recycling program

Fifteen members of the Eldorado Middle School Student Council, accompanied by sponsors Tammy Dombroski and Dave Lewis, appeared before the Eldorado City Council Monday night and asked that the city's recycling program be expanded to include plastic. Seventh grader Michael Redish, speaking on behalf of the students, told the City Council that a recent survey of Eldorado students revealed a need to recycle plastic water and drink bottles.

Among the students present for the meeting were: Kristin Stubbs, April Porras, Jorge Chavez, Rance Cathey, Tyler Dombroski, J'Lynn Barajas, Chris Minor, Marcela Huerta, Matthew Hill, Tiffany Hernandez, Alicia Corrales, Abel Montalvo, Logan Jones and Kristin Mittel.

Mayor John Nikolauk thanked Redish and his fellow students for their interest in recycling. "You are to be commended for your concern and we share those concerns," Nikolauk said.

A brief discussion then followed regarding the problems with operating a recycling program in remote West Texas. Student Council sponsor Dave Lewis noted that his research revealed that the nearest market for plastic is in Abilene. He told the city council that the students are willing to help collect the plastic, provided the city take care of storage and transportation.

At that point, City Administrator

Randy Mankin told the council that plastic recycling is still cost prohibitive in Eldorado. He noted that those companies willing to accept plastic want it sorted by color and type, then shredded or baled. "Right now, recycling plastic and glass is a very expensive proposition,"

Mankin said. However, he noted that the city has a recycling trailer that is divided into several bins. "If we could find a way to store the material and a market where we could sell it, the trailer could be placed at the school," Mankin said.

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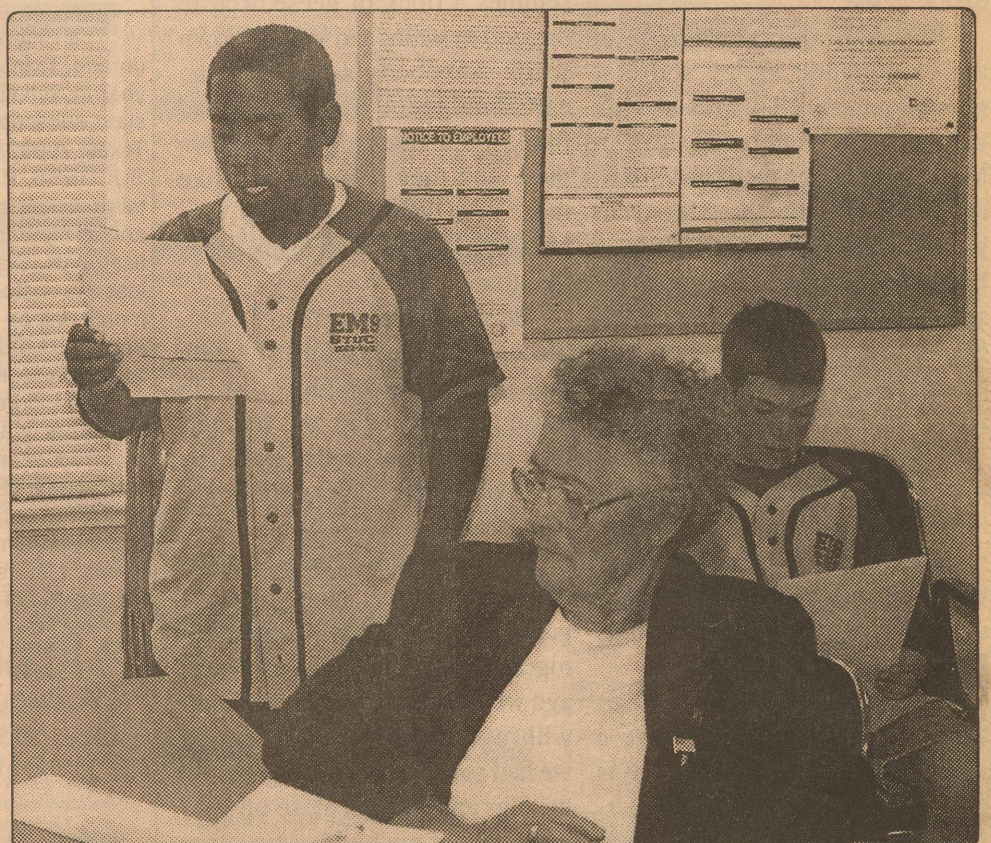
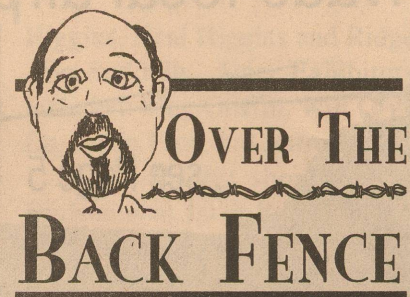


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Recommending a change — City Council member Dora Bosman listened closely Monday night as Michael Redish asked that the city expand its recycling program to include plastic bottles. Redish made the presentation on behalf of the Eldorado Middle School Student Council.

The Marfa lights, I'm still a skeptic, but...



by Randy Mankin

For the third time in my life, I found myself peering into the darkness alongside U.S. 67, between Alpine and Marfa. My goal, the elusive Marfa Lights. Well, elusive for me, anyway. It seems that others have seen the mysterious lights many times.

Kathy and I, along with our daughter Sarah, had drive to Alpine for the One Act Play contest last Saturday. While we were in the neighborhood, we decided to give the Marfa Lights another chance.

A new visitors center now occupies the spot where countless enthusiasts have gathered to see the lights. Behind the center is a viewing deck, complete with those clunky binocular things that you find mounted on pivot poles at tourist spots.

Twice before, I stood on, or at least very near, this same spot and twice before I saw nothing. People around me were oohing and

ley. If I had to guess I'd say they were ten or fifteen miles away.

Okay, I thought to myself, this is dumb. I'm standing here without a jacket, and it's starting to get cold, and I'm staring at these three lights.... Well, that's when one of them moved, or appeared to move. I shook my head, took off my glasses and rubbed my eyes then tried it again. Sure enough, another of the lights appeared to move. Weird, I heard myself say as I stepped closer to the rail along the viewing platform, as if two steps toward something that far away would offer a better view.

About that time, Kathy and Sarah said they could see the lights moving. Hmm, this is strange, I thought, this is really, really strange. About that time I noticed the goose bumps on my arm.

Later as I tried to apply reason to what I was seeing, I noticed that if I widened my field of vision and looked at all three lights as a group, they did not move. But, if I focused only on one of the lights it would soon begin to dance around. So, I experimented. I would peer and one of the lights until it appeared to move then I would quickly widen my view to check the whole group. Sure enough, all three were perfectly stationary.

You can still list me a skeptic. I'm pretty sure that what I saw was an optical illusion. But, as we

drove away, Sarah and I talked it over and decided that a spectroscopic could be employed to determine the chemical composition of the lights. After all, a phenomenon such as this requires serious scientific study.

ahing and pointing off into the darkness at things that I just couldn't see. I became convinced that the whole thing was a hoax dreamed up by someone on the Marfa Chamber of Commerce.

Well, last Saturday was much the same except the place was almost deserted. One gentleman, apparently a Marfa Lights expert, asked if we had ever seen the phenomenon...you know you're talking to an expert (or kook) when you hear words like phenomenon.

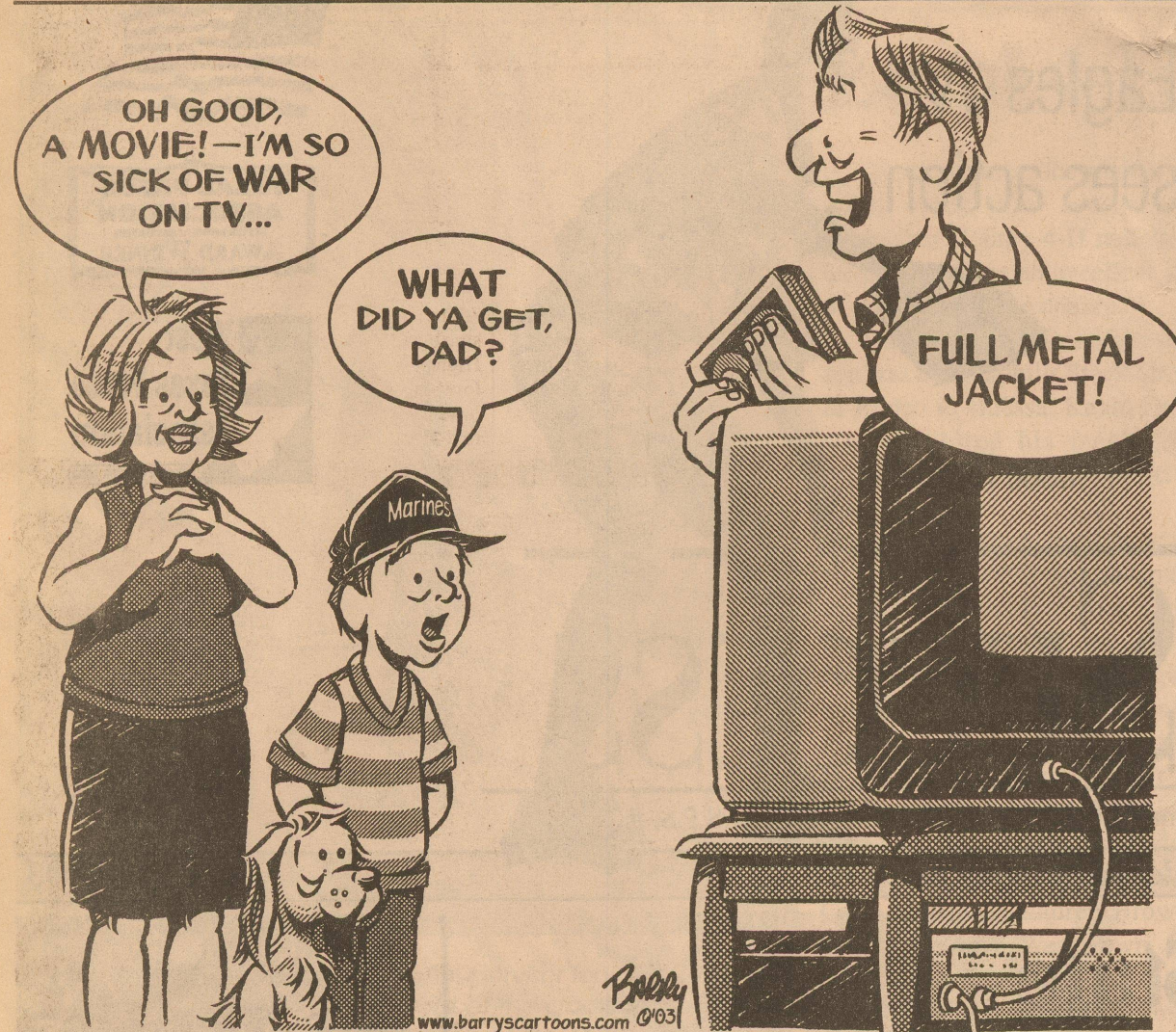
I told him that on two previous tries I had failed to see the lights. I think he sensed my skepticism.

Well, he told us, don't look at those lights over there, they are just cars on the highway between Marfa and Presidio. But these three over here, he said, pointing a little to the left at three lights way off in the distance, those are the Marfa Lights."

Like I said, I think the man knew I was a doubter, because he didn't stick around to argue. Instead, he pointed us toward the three lights, then disappeared.

I don't mean that he disappeared, disappeared. I mean that he left the three of us standing there looking at the three lights.

They didn't look all that special to me, sort of like yard lights might appear across a distant val-



Amber Alert expands to electronic Lottery system

AUSTIN - It's happened to most parents at least once or twice: One minute your child is there, the next moment he or she is not. Usually, they have not wandered far and are found. Or, in the case of an older child, they simply forgot to tell you where they were going. But for moms and dads the fear, however brief, is stomach-churning.

Hoping to reduce the chances of a Texas parent ever having to deal with the prolonged disappearance of a child, the state has expanded its successful Amber Alert program to include the 15,000 re-

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by Mike Cox
tail outlets that sell lottery tickets. Under the new system, put into place by the Texas Lottery Commission with the help of its contracted vendor, GTECH, when an Amber Alert is issued, the name and description of the missing child will be distributed through the company's computer system. The information will appear on small pieces of paper that will look like lottery tickets. The Texas alert system was set up last year. Since then, five alerts

have led to the recovery of each of the children reported missing. Set up through executive order, the system is on the verge of being incorporated into state statutes by the Legislature.

Appropriations Committee approves budget...

The House Appropriations Committee approved a proposed budget last week that is still \$7 billion shy of the level needed to maintain current state services. Throw in federal funding and other sources, and the total state budget now taking shape will be about \$117 billion. But the budget, yet to be considered by the Senate, is still just a proposal at this point. Lawmakers continue to say that revenue shortfalls will be dealt with through cuts and state agency mergers.

Prison layoffs...

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice will lay off 600 of its 40,000 employees as the state continues to look for ways to save money in the face of a projected \$9.9 billion budget shortfall. The only good news is that the jobs are mainly administrative not related to security, and those who will get the proverbial pink slips will have an option of transferring into guard positions.

Home-schooled drivers...

Since 1996, Texas parents have had the option of teaching their kids how to drive rather than pay

for a commercial behind-the-wheel course. Last year, nearly a third of the state's new young drivers learned their motoring skills from mom or dad. Unfortunately, the number of vehicle crashes involving children who get this type of training has increased 140 percent during the seven-year period that it has been legal.

With that in mind, the Legislature is considering a bill that would require home-schooled drivers to pass a Department of Public Safety driving test before they can get their driver's license, which is the way it used to be. Taking the DPS test would cost \$5 under the proposed measure, Senate Bill 946 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan.

Bluebonnets...

Americans are dying in a war 7,000 miles from Texas, the economy is a mess and a killer respiratory disease is spreading in Asia, but the bluebonnets have bloomed. The Texas Department of Transportation has a wildflower hotline for the latest information on the best places to see bluebonnets and other wildflowers along the state's highway system. The number is 1-800-452-9292.

Information is broken down by region: Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney Woods, Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas) and Southwest Texas. Tx-DOT sowed more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along the state's roadways earlier this year.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Hunting in White

Curtis Bonner of Harlingen is a hunter. "I hunt to live and live to hunt," he says.

Three of his law school buddies taught him to hunt. His first deer hunt was near San Saba under a canvas tarp. "I killed my first deer there in 1968."

He started bird hunting around Crystal City and fell in love with the sport. He says there's plenty of wildlife in the valley. "We have mourning dove and white wing dove, deer, feral hogs and javelina. Some of the ranches here have exotic game."

The white wing dove nests in the Rio Grande Valley and is a popular game bird. Curtis and his buddies hunt white wing dove in Mexico. "One of them has a motor home. We have three Mexican guides. One is the driver, one is bar tender and one is the cook. We spend six weekends in August and September somewhere between the border and 150 miles into Mexico."

Curtis says they get their limit of birds and return to the motor home where nachos and margaritas await them. While they enjoy the appetizers, the boys are preparing the birds for supper. Sounds like a good life.

"Every trip is unusual and gives us new experiences. We have a good time down there. Mexico is a beautiful country with wonderful people and abundant natural resources."

Curtis also hunts quail. "One of my hunting buddies is an ex-

pert at calling quail. They'll get right up in the jeep with you. He just whistles, holding his mouth just right."

He starts deer hunting in October.

Although he doesn't do much goose hunting these days, he appreciates the sport. A picture titled "Hunting in White" hangs on a wall in his law office.

"That's a technique developed around the Houston area. It involves laying a bunch of white rags on the ground in a pattern that resembles a flock of geese. You're dressed in white and you lie down while somebody's working the call. The geese flying overhead think it's a flock of geese down there and they come in just like those rags were decoys. It's very effective. I've hunted many times like that."

He says the hunters carry a couple of duffel bags full of white rags. "It's a lot of fun to watch those geese come in and set their legs in response to that call. It's some of the prettiest hunting I've ever done."

He hunts snow geese, but the white rags attract other types of geese as well. "I have some photographs of a hunt several years ago when I had one of my children with us. We had limited out and we had some geese landing among the rags and I've got close-up photos of one of my buddies crawling on his knees trying to catch one of those geese. We've laughed a lot about that."

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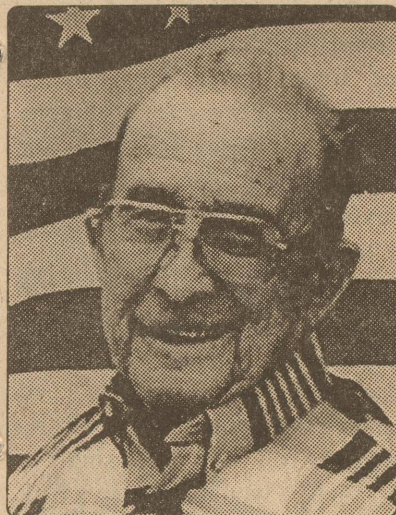
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Earl M. Yates

August 17, 1921 — April 1, 2003



Earl went "eternally fishing" on April 1, 2003 after a wonderful and exciting life. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a true friend and such a hard worker. His patience was a true virtue (especially with four daughters) and his dry humor and quick wit always kept us wondering if he was really serious or if he was "pulling our leg" yet another time. He had the brightest baby blue eyes that would light up every time we would see him.

Three brothers J.W., D.T. (Uncle Dugie), and Wendell and three sisters Melvin, Lorene, and Vivian preceded him in death. He also had one precious daughter, Sherry Lux, who preceded him in death. He is in "The Best of Hands" now and is able to once again enjoy the freedom of being active.

Survivors include an amazing and wonderful caregiver and wife of fifty six years, Sarah Yates, four daughters and their husbands, Tanya and Sam Shanklin, Randy and Larry Mitchel, Jill and Clint Smith, Jr., Pennie Vee and John Carnell; one son, Jackie Yates; one brother Harold Yates and his devoted wife Ozelle who live in San Antonio, Texas son-in-law De Lux; ten grandchildren; Charlie Chapman, Teresa Lux, Stuart Lux, Mitzi Lux, Ty Mitchel, Todd Mitchel, Victoria Box, Lance Mitchel, Joey Freeman, and Jinger Freeman; five great-grandchildren; Teyvn Thomas, Chase and Chance Chapman, Payton Box, and Kami Lux; special nieces, Susie McAngus, Martha Ellis, and Pam Miller along with several other wonderful nieces and nephews. A special neighbor who he loved as a daughter, Mary Leigh Dunagan, also survives him.

He began work at an early age on various ranches around this area and was even breaking horses by the time he was a teenager. He was given the nickname "Wart" because of his size and his toughness. He later had a long career with Halliburton where he met some lifelong friends. His days in the oilfield were some of the hardest but happiest of his life. He later worked for P.D.Haley, and was a dispatcher for the Schleicher County Sheriffs Office. He really enjoyed this job because of Sheriff Orval Edmiston and all the deputies. He actively ranched until his death.

In 1942, Earl enlisted in the

navy reserves. When WWII broke out he was called up to active duty. He served with the Fifth Marine Division at Iwo Jima and was at the foot of Mt. Surubachi when the historic American flag was raised. He told some terrifying war stories, but the love he had for his country and the freedom he helped to preserve outweighed all the pain and agony he and his fellow countrymen endured.

In November of 1946, he married Sarah Olivia Sweatt. Their first of five children was born in 1950. They had a busy yet fulfilling life together. Because the oilfield was so demanding, it's been reported that he would call Sarah on the phone and tell her to get the kids out on the front porch. He had just returned from one job and had to go to another, but he wanted to wave to his wife and children before he left. Since the family didn't get to see him much because of his work, they would not let him out of their sight. He was able to take a yearly vacation and the whole family would pack for days to go fishing. The family would camp out and take those heavy metal cots with mattresses and enough food to last for a month. While fishing, he would help his girls bait their lines a few times, and then they were "on their own." It's too bad they could not untangle their own fishing lines because that's how he had to spend most of his time. He had the patience of Job. As time passed, another family tradition began. The entire family would gather at Earl and Sarah's house every Sunday for a delicious lunch and fun and laughter. Many memories were made over the years. Earl's favorite greeting was "Hello boys! Come in, sit down, and stay a while". The bigger the crowd the better as far as he was concerned.

When it was time to leave and even if everyone had worn out his welcome, he would still always ask, "What's your hurry?" Even though he's GONE FISHIN', his memories will forever live in all our hearts. And what great memories we all have. The stories about Earl that have been shared with the family from friends, relatives, and neighbors have certainly lifted our spirits. Many stories had been forgotten, but whether old or new, each one helps keep his memory alive.

Pallbearers were the grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Bland, Orval Edmiston, Tom Enochs, Delmer Jackson, Charles Kellogg, Bob Mara, Raymond Mobley, Tom Potter, C.R. Sproul, William Spurgers, and Luke Thompson.

The family requests that remembrances honoring Earl may be made to the Soup Kitchen or any favorite charity. We have said goodbye to his physical presence, but we will never let go of the legacy he has left behind. "Get those fishing poles ready, Daddy and we'll help you untangle those lines!"



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Cleaning Up — Princess Gruben and Diane Williams participated in the annual City-Wide Clean up last Friday. The annual clean up was sponsored by the Chamber Pride Committee in conjunction with the Great Texas Trash-Off.

"Dia de los Ninos" on April 30

by Luis Munoz

Dia de los Ninos. This traditional Latin American holiday has been observed nationally since April 30, 1998. It is a day for parents, families and communities to value and uplift Latino children and all other children in the United States. Cities throughout the United States have committed to creating parades, book festivals, health fairs and other special events that promote the well-being of children. This celebration provides a means by which families and the larger society communicate and become aware of the status of children. It also empowers the community to act on behalf of its children throughout the year.

Los Nuevos Amigos, a school club, will be holding a Dia de los Ninos celebration on April 26, 2003, from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, April 14**
Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, April 15**
Bar-B-Que Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday, April 16**
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing
- Thursday, April 17**
Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potato w/ Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, April 18**
Closed For Good Friday

at the courthouse square. We are trying to provide a time for children to be celebrated, a day filled with fun and games for families to spend together. We are inviting the whole community to join us on our celebration of the children of Eldorado and surrounding communities. For more information or any help or ideas you want to provide for this special event, please contact me at my e-mail address: luis.e1984@hotmail.com or phone number: 853-2395.

Thank You!

Eldorado Forecast

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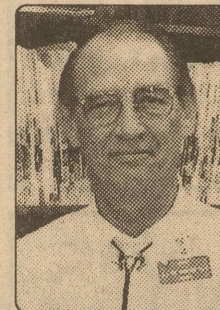
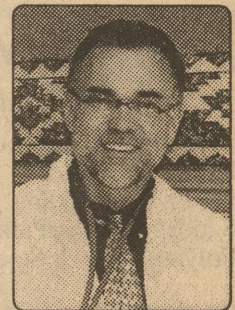
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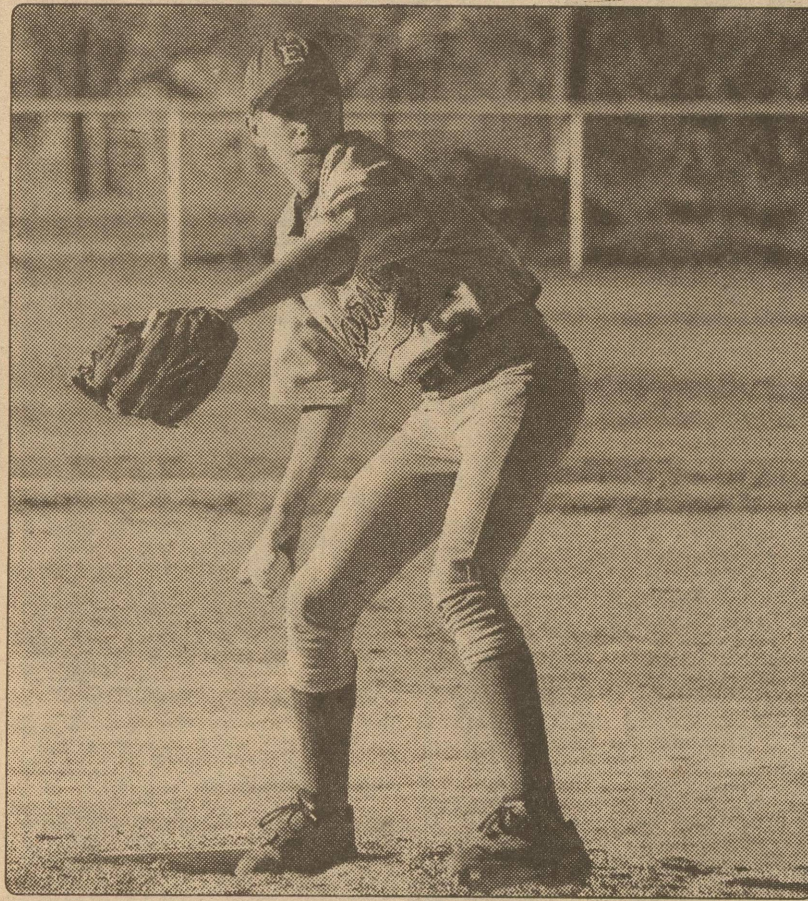
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Fast ball pitcher — Michael Hill took to the mound for the Eagles during a doubleheader with Grape Creek. The Warbirds went 1-0-1 on the day.

JV goes 1-0-1 in doubleheader with Grape Creek Eagles

The JV Eagles played a doubleheader against the Grape Creek Eagles on Saturday, April 5, 2003 and came away with a 13-11 victory and a 15-15 tie.

In the first game the Eagles used a five run 5th to pull away for a 13-11 victory. At the plate Vic Escobar had a triple and scored two runs, Tony Chavez went 2 for 5 with three runs scored, Kolby Dombroski scored twice, and Frank Edmiston scored twice and recorded an inside the park home run. The big 5th inning was start-

ed with Ryan Cathey being hit by a pitch and was driven in by a triple by Vic Escobar. Caleb Nixon then drove in Escobar with a base hit to left and a single by Tony Chavez and two passed balls resulted in the other runs.

On the mound Caleb Nixon started and pitched two strong innings. He was relieved by Michael Hill who also pitched well. Ryan Cathey came in to finish the game and help the Eagles preserve the 13-11 victory.

In the second game the Eagles had big innings in the 3rd, 5th and 6th. The game went back and forth with it finally ending in a 15-15 tie due to darkness. For the Eagles Tony Chavez had a fine game with three hits. Frank Wipff had a double and Jaron Crawford had two hits with one run scored.

The Eagles remaining games will be on the road with the first being played after the varsity contest this Tuesday.

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- Monday, April 14**
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- Tuesday, April 15**
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- Wednesday, April 16**
 Lasagna, Green Beans, Pear Halves, Dinner Roll, Brownies
- Thursday, April 17**
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Cake w/ Icing
- Friday, April 18**
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- Breakfast**
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- Monday, April 14**
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Apple Juice
- Tuesday, April 15**
 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Wedge, Orange Juice
- Wednesday, April 16**
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice
- Thursday, April 17**
 Donut, Cheese, Grape Juice
- Friday, April 18**
 No School - Happy Easter

Eagles ranked #7 in State

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basemen and Frankie Arispe singled left to bring Grubbs home. Philip Martinez followed with a single to score Gonzalez and Joey Hernandez ripped the next pitch to the right center field fence for a double, driving in Arispe and Martinez. Homer Hernandez followed with a double to right center to score Hernandez and Michael Adame singled him home. The last run of the inning was scored when Alan Dykstra singled to left to score Adame.

In the 5th the Eagles capitalized when Arispe reached 1st on an error with two outs. Martinez, was sent to 1st when he was hit by a pitch then Joey Hernandez doubled again to bring in two runs. Hernandez came home when Mike Adame reached 1st on yet another Hawk error.

Frankie Arispe got the win on the mound to raise his record to 7-0. He recorded eight strikeouts while walking one batter. The win closed out the first half of district play with the Warbirds standing alone atop 2-2A with a 5-0 record.

Eagles pound G.C. 13-3

A great pitching performance by Homer Hernandez and a 16 hit attack were more than enough to lead the Eagles past the Grape Creek 13-3 on Friday.

Eldorado fell behind 3-0 after the top half of the 1st, but Homer Hernandez, who was on the mound for the Warbirds, would hold Grape Creek scoreless the rest of the way and slam the door on their hopes of an upset.

The Eagles would get on the board in the bottom half of the inning after a Quisto Gonzalez single and a double by Frankie Arispe. Coach Grubbs' boys manufactured another run in the 2nd when Alan Dykstra reached base on a single and was driven home by Joe Arispe.

Eldorado notched up three

more runs in the 4th to claim the lead after Dykstra was awarded 1st after being hit by a pitch. Jared Grubbs followed with a single over the head of the second baseman and Joe Arispe grounded out to second to drive in the courtesy runner, Tony Chavez. Trey Chavez then doubled home Jared Grubbs and Quisto Gonzalez followed with a sharp single to left to score Chavez before he was thrown out at 2nd base.

With the Eagles leading 5-3 the Warbirds went on the offense again in the 5th inning, scoring two more runs. Frankie Arispe reached 1st on a throwing error and Philip Martinez followed with a single to left. Arispe would score on a balk by the pitcher and Martinez on a passed ball.

Then, the Eagles exploded for 6 runs in the bottom of the 6th to end the game under the 10-run rule. Joe Arispe began the onslaught with a triple to right and came home when Trey Chavez singled to left. Quisto Gonzalez followed with a single, his fourth hit of the game, and Frankie Arispe Drove Chavez home with a single. Martinez then doubled to drive in Gonzalez and Homer Hernandez singled, driving in Arispe. Michael Adame followed with an infield single to drive in Martinez and the rout was on. After Alan Dykstra reached on a walk, courtesy runner Tony Chavez sprinted home when Jared Grubbs laid down a perfect squeeze bunt.

Homer Hernandez picked up the win for the Warbirds, to improve to 3-1. Hernandez, who pitched very well early in the season, hasn't seen much action lately, due mainly to a sore bicep. After a rough start Hernandez settled down to complete the game with 5 strikeouts and only one walk.

The Eagles will next face the Sonora Broncos on Friday, April 10 on Eagles Field at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and cheer the Warbirds to victory!



Eye on the Ball — Alan Dykstra kept his eye on the ball and waited for his pitch during the Eagles 13-3 win over Grape Creek.

Golf Play Day

by: Sue Scott

The Eldorado Golf Club held their monthly Play Day Sunday, April 6th. There were 35 adults and one youth playing.

1st Place score 58 - Tip Finley, Roy Guerrero, Javy Robles, and Lynn Griffin.

There was a core card playoff for 2nd and 3rd places.

2nd Place score 61 - Danny Halbert, Don Richters, Ken Newman, and Ken Thomas.

3rd Place score 61 - Moises Hill, Joe Garza, Phil McCormick, and Scott Edmonson.

The next Play Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th.

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Marine chopper sets down here for repairs

Marine Captain Mando Avila said that his CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter was almost directly over Eldorado when one of the aircraft's two turbine engines gave out. "You can tell when one of these engines are about to fail," Avila told the Success. "I heard a high pitched whirring sound and we started looking for a place to set down."

That's how the Marine Corps chopper came to land at the Schleicher County airport. Onboard with Avila was fellow pilot Capt. Vincent Ciuccoli and crewman Cpl. William Swales and Cpl. Leo Arizabalo.

The helicopter soon attracted lots of attention. Fire Chief Jerry Jones was one of the first to meet the crew. Sheriff David Doran soon followed. As the air crew quickly assessed the condition of their aircraft, it became apparent that the engine would have to be replaced.

"This aircraft can fly one engine if need be," Capt. Ciuccoli stated. "But we're a long way from home."

The crew, recently back from a 6-month tour of duty in the Per-

sian Gulf were in the process of ferrying the helicopter from the Naval Air Depot at Cherry Point, NC to the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar at San Diego, CA.

Capt. Avila said that while the crew was assigned to the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) serving aboard the USS Belleau Wood in the Persian Gulf, they saw duty in Jordan and Kuwait. He said that just as tensions between Iraq and the U.S. reached the boiling point, their MEU's 6-month deployment came to an end and they were rotated back to San Diego.

Asked if he missed being in on the action, Avila said that combat is what a Marine Corps officer lives for. He said that he's been trying to keep up with his friends by watching news coverage of the war, especially that of war correspondent Col. Oliver North, USMC - Ret. "He's been there and he knows what he's talking about," Avila said. "I know I can trust what he says."

Interestingly, the crew was transporting the helicopter back to California after it had been overhauled at Cherry Point Naval Air Depot. Capt. Ciuccoli pointed out

that the overhaul was strictly for the air frame. "They didn't touch the engines or transmission," he said.

The crew noted that a new engine is being shipped to them and will be installed here. They expect to stay in Eldorado until at least Thursday.

The men noted that the citizens of Eldorado have welcomed them with open arms. In fact, a retired police cruiser, now used by the Fire Dept. and EMS, has been made available to the Marines while they are in Eldorado. They are staying in the Niblett's Bed and Breakfast on N. Divide.

Captain Avila and Cpl. Arizabalo are both from Texas. Avila is from Houston, while Arizabalo is from Brownfield. In fact, Avila's father drove to Eldorado to visit his son.

Capt. Ciuccoli is from Southbury, CT, while Cpl. Swales is from Portland, OR.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Sideline for a few days — Cpl. William Swales and Cpl. Leo Arizabalo inspect the damage to one of the aircraft's two engines. The mechanical failure prompted the helicopter to land at the Schleicher County Airport where it awaits repairs.

Marines offer tours of helicopter

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Methodists sending Care Packages to overseas troops

The First United Methodist Church of Eldorado is collecting items in order to send care packages to our troops. Anyone wanting to donate items, may bring them to Cathy's Florist where the items will be packaged and shipped.

Requests so far are: pens, note pads, sun screen, Cutter repellent or wipes w/Deet, lotion, baby wipes, shampoo, socks, toilet tissue, candy-Skittels, & Starburst, Lifesavers, mustard, ketchup, hot sauce, tuna fish, jerkey, peanuts, gum, sunflower seeds, raisins, crackers, Eldorado newspapers and devotional booklets.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Whoa, there cowboy — Deputy Jason Chatham pulled over this cattle hauler last Friday on a routine traffic stop 8 miles south on Hwy. 277. Chatham arrested the driver, Victorio Torres, Jr., 52, after finding that there were warrants for his arrest. Chatham then inspected the cab where he reportedly found a glass pipe containing a substance he suspects to be methaphedimene. Other drug paraphernalia was also found. Deputy Kevin Herbert and Deputy David Olivian assisted at the scene. Samples of the suspected dope was sent to a drug lab in Midland. Torres was also arrested for possession of a controlled substance. He was later released on a \$3,000 Surety Bond.

Eldorado Elementary pre-kindergarten & kindergarten round-up

April 15th, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Elementary Kitchen. Pre-K is for children who will be 4 years old as of Sept. 1, 2003. Kindergarten is for children who will be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2003. • Please bring your child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization record.

Registration planned for Head Start 2003-2004 school year

Eldorado Head Start Registration for 2003-2004 School Year Registration Eldorado Head Start Center, 901 N. Divide, 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.

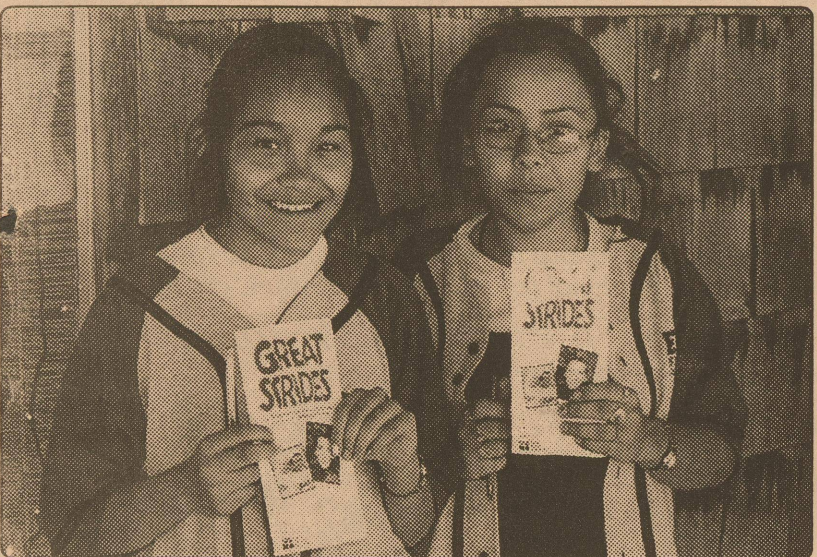


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Walk For A Cure - Middle School Student Council Members (L-R) Victoria Fuentes and Marcela Huerta want to remind everyone to come and join them at the first annual Great Stride Walkathon to be held Saturday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Eagle Stadium. The walkathon is a fund raiser for Cystic Fibrosis a chronic and progressive disease of the lungs and pancreas.

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Down in the hole — Roberts Construction employees Greg Macias (L) and Paul Blanco (R) put the finishing touches on an "altitude valve" installed beneath the water tower behind City Hall. A concrete vault was placed over the valve, which was installed for the purpose of forcing the north water tower to fill, thereby increasing water pressure in on the north side of town.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

City Council meeting held

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Ultimately, it was decided that the two groups would continue to look for ways to expand and improve the city's recycling program.

The meeting was the regular monthly session for the City Council. Mayor Nikolauk called it to order at 6:10 p.m. Council members in attendance included Juan Rojas, Robert Bybee, Toni Sudduth and Dora Bosman. Tommy Minor and Richard Mendez were absent. Among other business, the council directed Randy Mankin to carry out the terms of the city's animal control ordinance after a citizen, Anthony Hodges, failed to appear to protest the ordinance.

Next, the council heard an update from City Superintendent Floyd Fay on work being carried out in the city's various departments. Fay explained that improvements to the city's water distribution system had caused the water to be turned off several times in recent weeks. Also, the installation of an "altitude valve" beneath the City Hall water tower

had caused a city-wide shut down of water service. Fay said that the new altitude valve will restrict the amount of water entering the tower and force more water into the north tower.

Randy Mankin then advised the council that he had received a list of deficiencies following a recent inspection by the Texas Railroad Commission. He noted that most of the deficiencies involved record keeping and that they had already been corrected. The remainder will be corrected by the end of next week, Mankin said.

The council then moved on to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2003 meeting. They also reviewed and approved the city's financial reports. One budget amendment, moving \$9,500.00 within various city accounts was approved and the month's bills were ordered to be paid.

Next, the council approved a letter agreement with the engineering firm of Hibbs and Todd for the installation of 13 isolation valves in the city's water distribution system. It was explained that money was left over in the grant Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant that paid for the recent water system improvements. The extra money will pay for engineering, purchase and installation of the isolation valves. Once the valves are installed, a water line break or other problems in one part of town can be isolated, preventing water service from being interrupted city-wide.

The council then issued a proclamation, naming April to be "Fair Housing Month," and they passed an ordinance to cancel the May 3, 2003 election since no one filed to run against council members Robert Bybee, Richard Mendez or Dora Bosman. The three members were also declared to be elected to office.

Before adjourning, the council briefly discussed the City Hall expansion project. Randy Mankin was told to seek bids for paving the parking lot. They also briefly discussed landscaping and furnishings for the new council chambers, which will be located in the room where the front office is currently located. It was also noted that the meeting that was concluding is likely the last to be held in the old "back room" of City Hall.

Eldorado Explorer academy noticed by national scouting

by Michael A. Mitchell,
District Executive
Concho Valley Council BSA

One of the many programs Boy Scouts provide to local youth is the Explorers program. This program has a career exploration base so youth ages 14-21 can explore possible careers such as Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, Emergency Medical Services and many others.

In Eldorado, Sheriff David Doran has developed an exploring program that allows local youth to explore careers in Law, Fire and EMS. The way the program has been developed is a first of its kind. Through the Concho Valley Council, Boy Scout of America, his program is destined to receive national

attention from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

On April 11 through the 13 Sheriff Doran will be holding a boot camp/academy at Camp Sol Mayer near Menard. The activities for this three-day boot camp will range from physical training for participants to performing High Angle rescues. They will also learn how to perform routine traffic stops as well as manning and completing a search and rescue effort.

The Army drill sergeant from San Angelo will be providing one drill instructor to assist in physical training. In addition a medic unit will be landing a helicopter at the camp to teach medic classes.

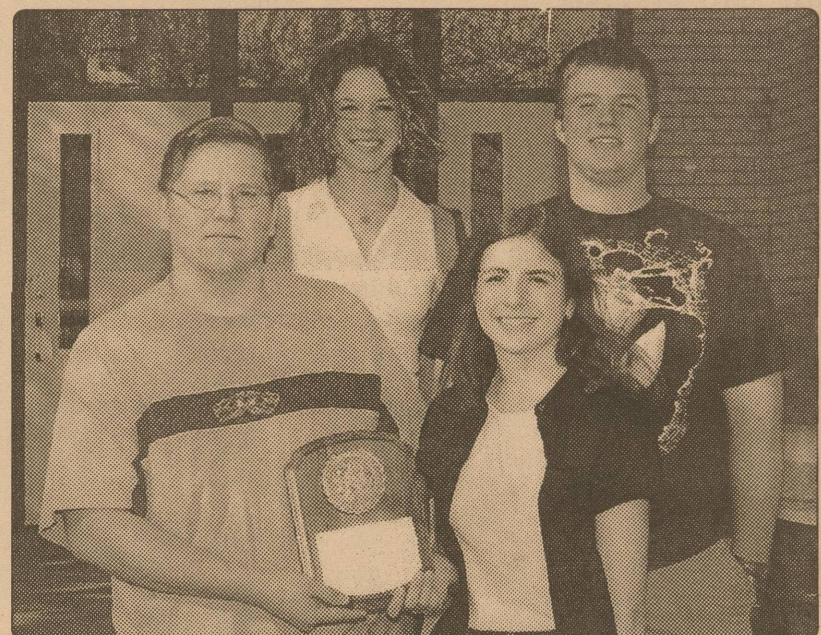


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2003 Academic U.I. L. - Mathematics District Winners— Front L-R: Josh Trejo and Lori Loomis; Back L-R Courtney Sauer and Travis Joiner. These students placed 1st as a Mathematics Team at the District U.I.L. Meet. They will travel to the Regional meet in Abilene on April 11 and 12th.

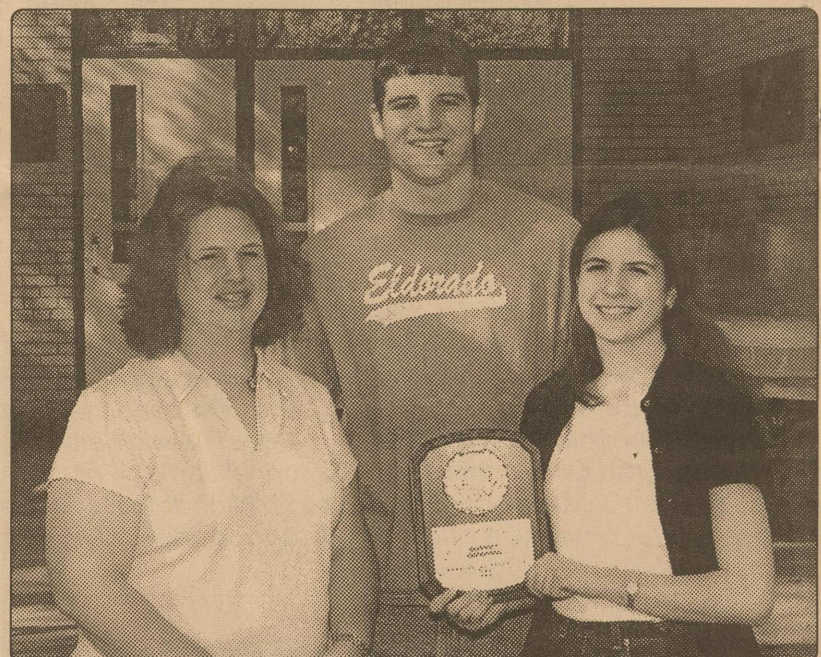


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2003 Academic U.I. L. - Current Issues and Events Team District Winners—L-R: Emily Newman, Will Griffin and Lori Loomis. These students placed 1st as a Current Issues and Events Team at the District U.I.L. Meet. They will travel to the Regional meet in Abilene on April 11 and 12th.



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2003 Academic U.I. L. - Calculator Applications District Winners—Front L-R: Josh Trejo and Georgina Maritz; Back L-R Mitchel Cole and Mayci Schwieng. These students placed 1st as an Calculator Applications Team at the District U.I.L. Meet. They will travel to the Regional to compete in Abilene on April 11 and 12th.



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by Scott Edmonson
County Agent-Ag

It is hard to believe that we just completed another stock show season and once again, it is time to order steer validation tags. Therefore, if you are planning on participating in any of the major livestock

shows during the 2003-2004 show season, then please all the Extension office with an accurate count of steer tags that you will be needing. The deadline to call the office is April 28th, 2003. If you have any questions or need additional information, please give me a call.



Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll

5th Six Weeks

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Beach's Class: "A" Honor Roll: John Cody Brenner*, Nicholas Gonzales, Avery Nolen*, Stacey Valeriano*;

Honor Roll: Paige Boysaw*, Lori Escobar*, Nancy Iglesias, Rico Martinez*, Blaine Mitchell*, Rudy Montez*, Rose Turner*, Chasity Willis*;

Mrs. O'Harrow's Class: "A" Honor Roll: Ryan Espinosa*, M'Kenna Gillespie*, Mary Lou Martinez*, Victoria Olivan*, Marcus Perez*;

Honor Roll: Brittany Arrendondo*, Cody Kohutek*, Brian Parsley*, Hector Reyes*, Preston Rodriguez*, Ruben Vasquez*, Hagen Porras*;

Mrs. Sessom's Class: "A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe*, Camron Capps*, Shelby Daniels*, Veronica Fuentes*;

Honor Roll: Ashley Bullard*, Jalen Garza*, Lane Griffin*, Edward Hernandez*, Nikki Herrera*, Dylan Ramos*, Brooke Guerrero*;

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Jones' Class: "A" Honor Roll: Brianah Crgek*, Christian Sanchez*;

Honor Roll: Canu Acosta*, Sierra Arispe*, Maddison Bilbre*, Clarissa Gomez*, Melissa Gonzales, Sean McCord*, Jessica Sellers*, Lauren Trick-

ett;

Mrs. McGregor's Class: Austin Barajas*, Abby Fuentes*, Morgan Gillespie*, Ivan Cardenas*, Clarissa Castro*, Amanda Garcia*, Nancy Granado*, Colt Jones*, Ashby Ragsdale*, Brianda Torres*, Dacy Whid-

Mrs. Mikeska Class: "A" Honor Roll: Oscar Robles, Charli Swindor* Honor Roll: Karina Granados*, Polli Guerrero*, Evan Joiner*, *Autumn Myers-Rush*

FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. O'Harrow's Class: "A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo*, Ben Wipff* Honor Roll: Briley Ledbetter*, J.R. Martinez*, Bailey Minor*, Aaron Parsley*, Zack Taylor

Mrs. Edmiston's Class: Deisy Aranda*, Brenda Galan*, Laura Garcia*, Trevor Harrington*, Allyson Jarrott*, Kymberlin Conn*, Carl McAngus, Miles Mikeska*, Shelby Seymore*

Mrs. Newman's Class: "A" Honor Roll: Torey Griggs*, Jaymie O'Harrow*, Ashley Paulson*

Honor Roll: Robert Buhholz, Colten Daniels, Rosey Iglesias*, Josh Jurecek* Marci Minor*

* Denotes Eagle Excellence



Future Teachers — Eldorado High School T.A.F.E. Chapter. Members are: Neal Brenner, Luis Munoz, Josh Trejo, Brandi Davis, Georgina Maritz and Lacy Ragsdale.

T.A.F.E. asks, "got teachers?"

Six Eldorado High School students Neal Brenner, Luis Munoz, Josh Trejo, Brandi Davis, Georgina Maritz and Lacy Ragsdale along with sponsors Angela Case and Linda Thomas spent two full days in Dallas at the Texas Association of Future Educators (T.A.F.E.) 19th Annual Conference, March 7-8.

The theme of the conference was "got teachers?" The Eldorado

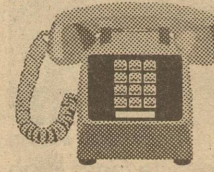
chapter of T.A.F.E. presented one of 10 sessions. Eldorado session was titled "Wanna be a Teacher... Be Excited About Learning." The session included the subject on the perks of the teaching profession and techniques for promoting education awareness.

Eldorado T.A.F.E. Chapter also won an outstanding Chapter Award and took top honors on their scrapbook.



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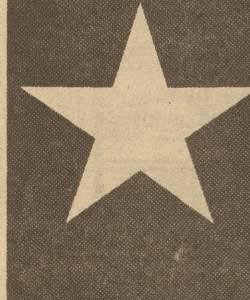
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Eldorado High School Honor Roll

5th Six Weeks

Ninth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Esperanza Fuentes, Michael Hill, Rachel Joiner, Chandra Wanoreck

85 and Above: Charlotte Adame, James Ballew, Lauren Brown, Josefine Diaz, William Edmiston, Joel Esparza, Micaela Gonzalez, Sanda Guzman, Nester Hernandez, Maxie Holley, Brence Minor, Taylor Niblett, Allison Reynolds, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Alison Sproul, Frank Wipff

Tenth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: William Griffin, Julie Hight, Emily Newman, Anna Troy;

85 and Above: Laurie Almazan, Brandie Cross, Kolby Domroski, Ashley Doran, Betsy Green, Jared Grubbs, Daniella Guandarrama, Armando Guzman, Maria Huichapa, Ashton Murr, Lindsey Schwiening.

Eleventh Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Kasey Boysaw, William Dysktra, Clara Herrera, Travis Joiner

85 and Above: Jeffrey Bybee, Scott Cawley, Juan Chavez, Mitchel Cole, Gregory Fuentes, Mikinzie Holley, Heather Homer, Sonia Mills, Robert Parker, Lacy Ragsdale, Seth Taylor, Joshua Trejo, Courtney Whitten

Twelfth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Courtney Brown, Brandi, Jessie Guandarrama, Lori Loomis, Georgina Maritz, Luis Munoz, Helen Redish, Hannah Robledo, Courtney Sauer, Mayci Schwiening, Amanda Wanoreck;

85 and Above: Loida Almazan, Jose Arispe, Ray David Buitron, Quisito Gonzalez, Daniel Iglesias, James Mankin, Layna Murr, Landon Nixon, Armandina Rodriguez, Blake Snelson.



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2003 Academic U.I.L. - Number Sense District Winners— Front L-R: Josh Trejo and Lori Loomis; Back L-R: Will Griffin and Travis Joiner. These students placed 1st as a Number Sense Team at the District U.I.L. Meet. They will travel to the Regional meet in Abilene on April 11 and 12th.

Teahouse of the August Moon

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young American Army officer who is sent to bring democracy, literacy and the free enterprise system to the tiny village of Tobiki in post-WWII Okinawa.

Kara Sue Garlitz is the sponsor and director of "Teahouse of the August Moon." Cast members and their characters include: Hannah Robledo - Sakini; Travis Joiner - Col. Purdy; Michael Ballew - Sgt. Gregovich; J.L. Mankin -

Capt. Fisby; Brence Minor - Mr. Hokaida; Diego Barrera - Mr. Sumata; Nester Hernandez - Mr. Seiko; Anna Troy - Miss Higa Jiga; Betsy Green, Jessica Robertson, Ivonne Granados and Sandra Guzman - Village Women; and Mayci Schwiening - Lotus Blossom.

Crew members include: Lacy Ragsdale - Stage Manager; Rachel Joiner - Sound; and Johnny Larez - Lighting.

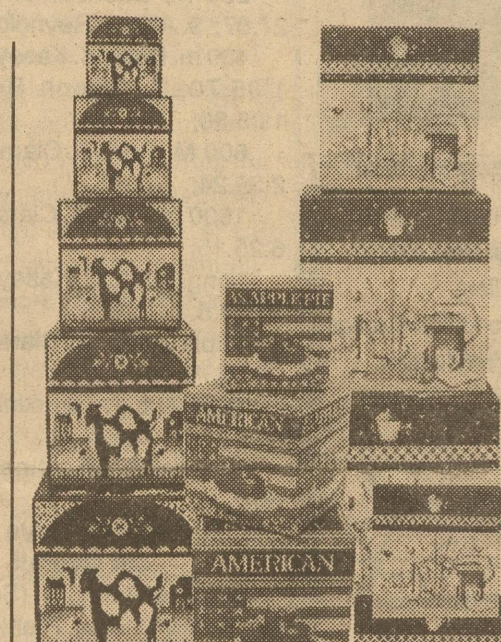
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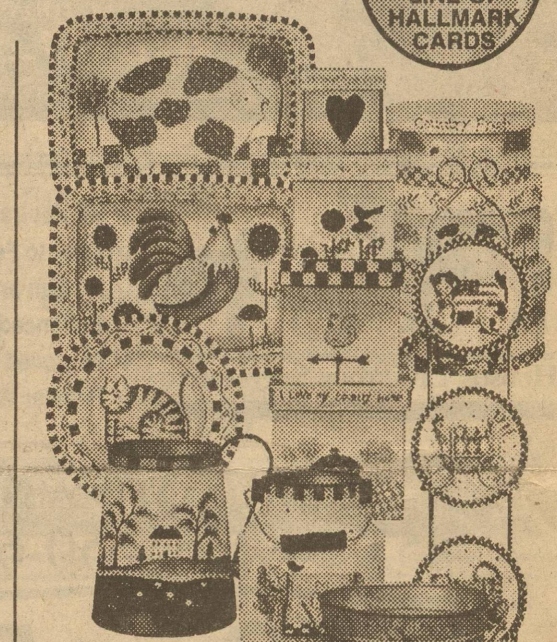
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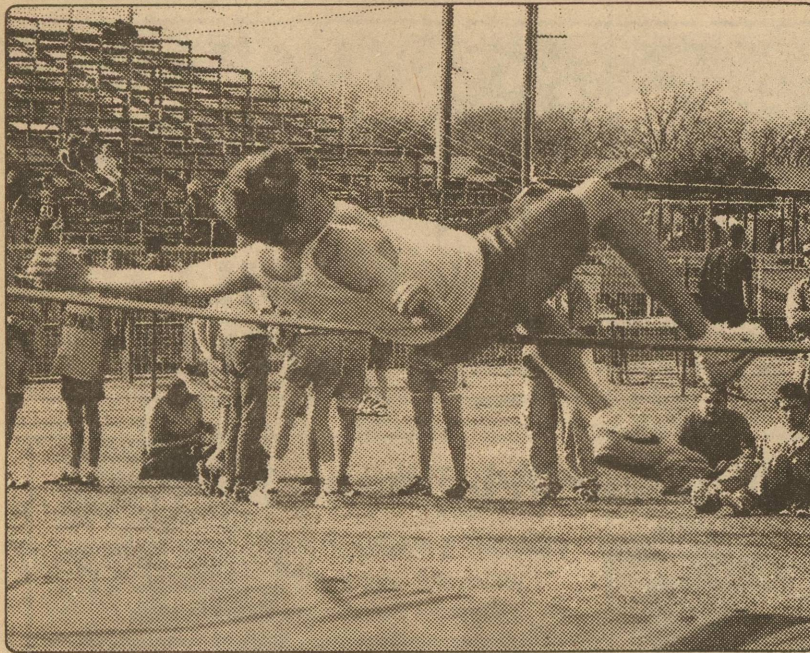
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Up and Over — J.P. Joiner placed 9th in the 7th grade boys High Jump at the District 2-2A Track Meet in Big Lake last week. Here he is shown competing in the same event at the Wall Jr. High Track Meet.

Results of 2003 District 2-2A Middle School Track Meet

**April 3, 2003
Big Lake, Texas
7th Grade Boys
5th Place Team**

100 Yard Dash: 9. J.Lynn Barajas, 14.09; 10. Jorge Mata, 14.15;
200 Yard Dash: 4. Pedro Garcia, 28.34; 13. Lalo Sanchez, 30.85; 14. Clayton Sauer, 31.21;
400 Yard Dash: 5. Louie Buitron, 1:07.35; 13. Matthew Hill, 1:19.39;
110 Yard Hurdles: 1. J.P. Joiner, 18.75;
300 Yard Hurdles: 2. J.P. Joiner, 48.21;
400 M. Relay: 6. (Jorge Mata, Justin Garcia, J. Lynn Barajas, Luis Huichapa) 54.32;
1600 M. Relay: 2. (Pedro Garcia, Lui Huichapa, Louie Buitron, J.P. Joiner) 4:14.60;
2400 Yard Run: 1. David Ramirez, 9:09.00;
High Jump: 9. J.P. Joiner, 4'04";
Pole Vault: 5. J. Lynn Barajas, 6'06";
Long Jump: 7. Pedro Garcia 14'10"; 9. J.P. Joiner, 13'08";
Triple Jump: 9. J.Lynn Barajas, 27'03"; 13. Michael Redish, 24'03"; 13. Matthew Hill, 24'03".
Shot Put: 11. Justin Garcia, 27'07.50"; 12. Steven Trevino, 26'03.00"; 13. Gaberal Vasquez, 25'04";
Discus: 5. Luis Huichapa, 96

Lalo Sanchez, 72"; Gaberal Vasquez, 68";

7th Grade Girls
Discus: 10. Kassandra Tyler, 50.06; 12. Erika Estrada, 40';
1600 M. Relay: 6. (Rhapsody Swyter, Lynley Glass, Desiree Valeriano, Amika Gonzalez) 5:09;
100 Yard Hurdles: 10. Rhapsody Swyter, 21.57;
400 Yard Dash: 12. Leslie Cruz, 1:15.80; 17. Rhapsody Swyter, 1:33.88;
800 Yard Run: Liana Danford, no time;
100 Yard Dash: 10. Ashley Lozano, 15.36; 16. Kassandra Tyler, 16.43;
200 Yard Dash: 10. Desiree Valeriano 32.52, 18. Amika Gonzalez, 31.70.

8th Grade Girls
Discus: 12. Holly Ford, 51.05;
Shot Put: 9. Holly Ford, 21.04.75;
400 Yard Dash: 12. Anna Fuentes, 1:20.00;
100 Yard Dash: 13. Anna Fuentes, 15.67; 16. Ridge Ann Sudduth, 17.66; 17. Holly Ford, 18.00;
200 Yard Dash: 15. Anna Fuentes, 34.48; 16. Ridge Ann Sudduth, 37.04;
400 Yard Dash: 6. Alicia Corrales, 1:12.62

8th Grade Boys
800 Meter Run: 6. Sammy Estrada, 2:32
Pole Jump: 4. Abel Montalvo, 31'



Distance Runner — David Ramirez won the 7th grade boys 2400 meter run at the District 2-2A Middle School Track Meet in Big Lake on Thursday, April 3, 2003. He is pictured here winning the same race at the Wall Track Meet.

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Ozona H.S. Track Meet Results

**Varsity Girls
April 5, 2003**

100 m. Dash 5. Kasey Boysaw, 13.05; 8. Allison Reynolds, 13.67;
200 m. Dash: 2. K. Boysaw, 27.07; 9. Allison Reynolds, 29.27;
400 m. Dash: 4. Kasey Boysaw, 1:05.70; 7. Allison Reynolds, 1:06.80;
800 M. Run: 3. Clara Herrera, 2:39.24;
1600 m. Run: 6. Clara Herrera, 6:25.15;
Long Jump: 5. Kasey Boysaw, 14'10.5";
Triple Jump: 7. Clara Herrera, 29'10.75";
Shot Put: 1. Christina Redish, 40'0";
Discus: 2. Christina Redish, 107'

**Varsity Boys
6th Overall**

4 x 200 Relay: 3. (Scott Cawley, Bobby Phillips, Frankie Arispe, Trey Chavez), 1:35.64;
4 x 400 Relay: 4. (Terrell Boysaw, Bobby Phillips, Frankie Arispe, Trey Chavez) 3:37.27;
400 M Dash: 5. Terrell Boysaw, 54.29;
800 M Run: 3. Eric Garcia, 2:09.71;

1600 M Run: 2. Eric Garcia, 5:02.66;
Shot Put: 2. Chris Sanchez, 45' 11 1/2";
Discus: 6. Chris Sanchez, 114' 9"

**JV Boys
Overall 2nd**

400 M. Relay: 4. (Koda Lozano, John Fay, Andy Mejia, Kyle Taylor) 48.18
800 M. Relay: 4. (Koda Lozano, John Fay, Andy Mejia, Tico Robles). 1:41.95
1600 M. Relay: 2. (John Fay, Koda Lozano, Jorge Bustos, Jeremy Ussery) - 3:53.2
100 M Dash: 3. Tico Robles, 11.88
200 M Dash: 3. Koda Lozano, 24.79
400 M Dash: 5. Jorge Bustos, 57.74
800 M Run: 1. Jeremy Ussery, 2:11.69
1600 M Run: 1. Jeremy Ussery, 5:16.68
Long Jump: 2. Koda Lozano, 18' 6 1/2 "
Triple Jump: 1. Jorge Bustos, 36' 4"; 5. Koda Lozano, 35' 4 "
High Jump: 4. Jeremy Ussery, 5' 4 "
Shot Put: 2. Kyle Taylor, 34' 3 1/2"; 3. Joey Hernandez, 34' 1 "
Discus: 1. Kyle Taylor, 112' 2 1/2 "; Joey Hernandez - 99' 1 1/2 "



The Blotter

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

April 2 • Ogden, Melissa Sue, female age 27, serving 14 days. Released on time served.
• Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 38, serving 7 days. Released time served.
• Rowly, Steven John, male age 21, Serving 21 days.

April 4 • Torres, Victorio, Jr. male age 52, arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance/Local Warrants. Released on \$3,000.00 Surety Bond.

April 5 • Alvarez, Desiree, female age 33, arrested by SC Officer, offense Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.
• Headrick, James Dewayne, male age 31, arrested by SC Officer, offense Public Intoxication.
• James, Curtis Dale, male age 41, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
• James, Serena Quillen, male age 39, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

April 7 • Sandate, Antonio Jr., male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, sentenced 200 days state jail.

April 8 • Garay, Joanna, female age 23, arrested by SC Officer, offense local warrants.

INCIDENT REPORTS

April 2 • 9:59 a.m. Complainant on N. Cottonwood reported finding a bicycle thrown near their dumpster. Officer responded.

April 3 • 1:01 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident with no injuries at the intersection of Hill and Cottonwood. A blue 2003 Chevy pickup driven by James Kosub of Eldorado was traveling south on Cottonwood and failed to yield right away to a 1999 F250 grey Ford pickup driven by Alexander Sanchez of Eldorado. Wrecker called.

April 4 • 10:36 a.m. Complainant reported their black female cocker spaniel was missing from their back yard on NE Main.
• 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a female subject was harassing them at their job. Officer responded.
• 4:00 p.m. Complainant called 911 requesting an ambulance for a 82 year old male having a stroke. Subject was a passenger in a pickup pulling a cattle trailer on north Hwy. 277. EMS2 responded with two officers assisting.
• 5:13 p.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

April 5 • 1:52 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about their child. Officer responded.
• 3:18 a.m. Complainant reported a neighbor was playing their music too loud. Officer responded.
• 9:30 a.m. Complainant reported that their tire had been cut with a knife and suspected someone they had previously had problems with. Officer responded.
• 10:58 a.m. Complainant reported knocking over a highway intersection sign on the east bound lane on Hwy. 915.

April 6 • 10:26 a.m. Female complainant reported an vehicle accident at County Road 203 and FM 2596. A tan 2000 Chevy pickup driven by Albert Torres of Eldorado was traveling west on County Road 203 and failed to yield right of way at stop sign striking the passenger side of a 1995 blue F250 Ford pickup driven by a 13 year old Eldorado Middle School student with no license. 1995 F250 Ford was traveling North on FM 2596. Officer, EMS and Eldorado Fire Department responded.
• 5:08 p.m. Complainant reported 5 illegals on their property on McIntosh Road. Officer and game warden responded. Was unable to locate.
• 7:00 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person wandering around the fire hall. Officer responded.

April 7 • 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident on Hwy 190 East. No details at this time.
• 8:07 p.m. Complainant reported someone had broke the lock of their storage unit on Callendar. Officer responded.
• 8:35 p.m. Complainant reported they had check their storage unit to find two bicycles valued at \$200.00 were missing, along with lock. One purple bike and one hot pink. Officer responded.

April 8 • 1:08 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a male subject who was trespassing on church property. Officer responded.
• 6:06 p.m. Complainant asked for an ambulance for their mother who had fallen. Officer and EMS responded.
• 7:55 p.m. Complainant on McWhorter Street reported a theft of property valued at \$1,700.00. Property was a vacuum cleaner. Officer responded.
• 8:05 p.m. Convenience store employee reported a female who had brought beer and may have been with a minor. Officer responded.
• 8:16 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

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Notice is hereby given that the polling place, known as the Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003 for voting in a general election to elect Three (3) at Single Member Trustee Positions. (Positions #1,2 & 5.)
(Notificación a los presente, que las casillas electorales estaran situadas en el sitio conocido como el Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square, esteran abiertas desde, las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 para votar en las Eleccion General para elegir un miembro para Precincto Numero 1 and Precincto Numero 2 and Precincto Numero 5.)

LOCATION (S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION (ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en):
the Administration Building at 205 W. Fields, Eldorado, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril 2003 y terminando el 29 de Abril 2003.)

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Name of Early Voting Clerk: Mary Doran
(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada): Mary Doran
Address (Direccion): P.O. Box W
City & Zip Code (Ciudad y Zona Postal): Eldorado, TX 76936
Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2003.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25 de Abril 2003.)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(Las votacion adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera):
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ELDERADO

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT

The City of Eldorado is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 2002 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to include additional water improvements with this contract. The improvements included in this contract amendment request are proposed to be in the City of Rankin. The proposed improvements include additional 600 linear feet of 6 inch waterline in an alley near the original project.

A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2003, at the City Hall located at 6 South Cottonwood St. Eldorado, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the city's 2002 TCDP project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the city. The City Hall is accessible to the disabled; disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact Randy Mankin, City Administrator's office to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact Mayor's office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the city until this public hearing so arrangements may be made. If you accepted by the city until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at the City Hall address listed above. For further information concerning the city's 2002 TCDP project and/or this proposed amendment, please contact Randy Mankin, City Administrator, City of Eldorado, at (915-853-2691).

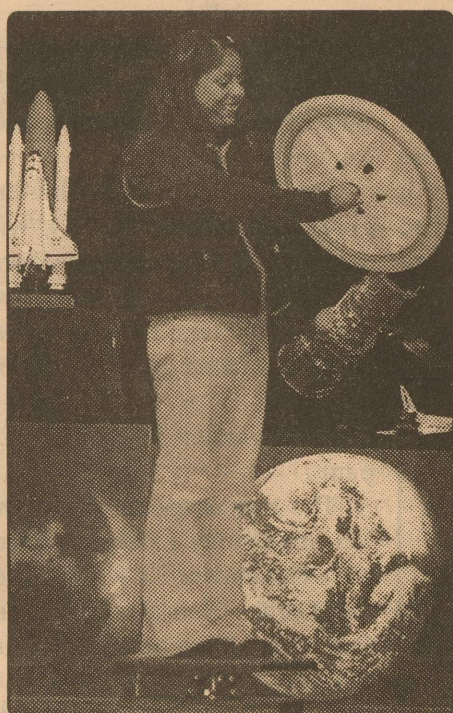
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Eldorado Spotlight



The Eldorado Spotlight shines this week on EHS sophomore Juanita Huichapa. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Juanita, she was taking part in an assembly program sponsored by NASA where she demonstrated how gyroscopes are used to stabilize space craft. As Juanita moved the spinning wheel in her hand, the turntable beneath her feet began to rotate.

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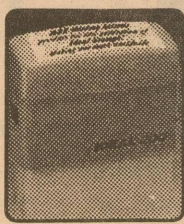
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The Eldorado Booster Club is hosting a two person select shot golf tournament this Saturday, April 12 as a fundraiser for the Eldorado Booster Club. The entry fee is a \$100.00 per two person team. Hole in one is included in entry fee.

There will be two different tee off times, one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 12:30 p.m.

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Local 4-Hers compete at major stock shows

We are right in the middle of major stock show season and Schleicher County 4-H members have been doing an excellent job of representing the county.

The first major show of the season was the Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo in Odessa. Kevin Dykstra exhibited his meat goat projects in a very competitive show.

Following the county show, 4-Hers participated in the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville. In the Lamb Show, Haley Higgins and Neil Higgins exhibited their finewool lambs in a very tough show while Jaymie O'Harrow exhibited his steer in the Steer Show. In the Meat Goat Show, exhibitors from Schleicher County included: Briley Ledbetter, Carli McAngus, Lauren Brown, Courtney Brown, Wes Brown, Allison Reynolds, Miles Mikeska, Ross Hodges, and Jaymie O'Harrow.

The next show was the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. Schleicher County 4-H member Justin Friar from Brady took 1st place honors with his Heavy Weight European Cross Steer. This is a very tough division and we are very proud of Justin and his accomplishment. Other exhibitors there were Jeffrey Friar of Brady and Will & Meg Griffin of Eldorado.

At the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Schleicher County 4-H members made their presence known. In the Junior Boer Goat Show, Neil Higgins took home a \$6000 scholarship for having the overall Grand Champion Doe. During the Percentage Doe Show, Marty Powell won 2nd place with his 4-8 month old doe and 1st place with his yearling doe and eventually won Grand Champion Percentage Doe. In the Fullblood Buck show, Marty won 2nd with his 2 year old buck and 1st place with his aged buck. Marty won Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Buck. In the Fullblood Doe Show, Neil Higgins won 1st place with his 8-12 month old doe, Haley Higgins won 2nd with her 8-12 month old doe and then Neil won Grand Champion Fullblood Doe and Haley won Reserve Grand Champion.

In the open show, Haley Hig-



County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmondson

gins took 1st place honors with her 8-12 month old doe and Neil Higgins won 2nd. Haley eventually won Grand Champion Fullblood Doe and Neil won Reserve Grand Champion.

In the market goat show, Briley Ledbetter won 2nd place with his class 2 goat and Courtney Brown won 5th place in class 6. Other goat exhibitors included: Allison Reynolds, Lauren Brown, Garrett Lux, Carli McAngus, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ross Hodges, Seth Taylor and Wes Brown.

In the market lamb show, Mark Bybee placed 10th with his medium wool lamb. Ridge Ann Sudduth also exhibited in the market lamb show. During the barrow show, exhibitors Mason Baker, Marcus Hinojosa, Will Griffin, Carli McAngus and Ridge Ann Sudduth all did a super job showing their barrows. And, in the steer show, Jeffrey Friar placed 7th in the Angus division. Other steer exhibitors included: Will Griffin, Meg Griffin, Justin Friar and Jaymie O'Harrow.

And, in the Rabbit Show, John Cody Brenner won Best of Show with his Netherland Dwarf while Neal Brenner was 7th with his Mini-Lop. Ashley Paulson also won 2nd with her Netherland.

Jeffrey Bybee and Mark Bybee participated in the calf scramble.

During the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo, Market Goat exhibitors from Schleicher County included: Allison Reynolds with 12th place in class 1 and Carli McAngus had 15th place in class 1. Lauren Brown took 14th place honors in class 6. Other Goat exhibitors included: Courtney Brown, Wes Brown, Adrian Arispe, Taylor Baker, Ross Hodges, Briley Ledbetter, Jaymie O'Harrow, Kevin Dykstra and Mason Baker. Exhibitors in the Swine show included: Mark Bybee, Jorge Chavez, Josue Chavez and Marcus Hinojosa and Lamb Show exhibitors included: Haley

Higgins, Neal Higgins and Ridge Ann Sudduth. Steer Exhibitors included: Meg Griffin, Will Griffin, Justin Friar and Jeffrey Friar.

In the Rabbit show Ashley Paulson won 1st & Best of Breed with her Netherland and also a 4th place. Neal Brenner won 7th place with his Mini-Lop while John Cody Brenner won 8th place with his Netherland and Tracy Brenner won 12th place with her meat pen.

In the Junior Boer Goat Show, Neal Higgins had 7th place % Doe Kid 8-12 months and Haley Higgins had 10th place in the same class. Marty Powell took 3rd place honors in the percentage yearling doe class and 1st place in the percentage aged does. Marty was also the premier percentage breeder. In the Fullblood Yearling Doe class, Haley Higgins took 1st place honors and Neal Higgins won 2nd place. Haley also had the Grand Champion Fullblood Doe. Marty and Haley also won Scholarships for have the Grand Champions.

In the Open Boer Goat Show Marty Powell took 1st place honors with his percentage yearling doe and also with his aged doe. Marty had the Grand Champion percentage doe and was Premier Percentage Breeder. Neal Higgins took 1st place in the Fullblood Yearling Doe class and Haley Higgins had 2nd. Neal won Grand Champion Fullblood Doe and Haley won Reserve Grand Champion.

Menard water management tour

MENARD — Texas Cooperative Extension's Menard County Office has a "Spring Garden Landscape and Farm and Ranch Water Management Tour" scheduled for 10 a.m. April 11.

The tour will begin at the Menard County Courthouse at 10:15 a.m. with a walk through the Menard Grade School's new landscape area. Then tour a native landscape nursery in Fort McKavett and eat lunch at the Fort McKavett Country Club, receive an update on the Concho River Water Project, then travel down the irrigation ditch along the San Saba River.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered during the afternoon session.

"Without a doubt, water is our most important natural resource in dry West Texas," said Billy Kniffen, Menard County Extension agent. "It's something we tend to take for granted when we have it, but sorely miss when we don't. Our primary purpose for this particular tour is to share some specific ways homeowners and agricultural producers can save both water and money at home and on the farm.

"This particular program is unique because it targets two different audiences. The morning session will be devoted to the homeowner and the afternoon program will concentrate on the needs of the farmer and rancher. Of course those interested in all facets of water conservation are urged to attend the whole tour. I'm sure we'll have topics of interest throughout the day that participants can use whether they enjoy container gardening at home or intensely farm 1,000 irrigated

acres." Mark Bybee and Jeffrey Bybee participated in the calf scramble. Jeffrey caught a calf and both got to visit the EMT station.

The competition in Houston is always tough and this was the case this year. In the barrow division, 4-Hers Marcus Hinojosa, Will Griffin and Mark Bybee exhibited their swine projects and although they did not place, they did an excellent job of representing Schleicher County.

In the market lamb show, Haley Higgins, Neal Higgins, Mark Bybee and RidgeAnn Sudduth all exhibited their lambs at the pre-judging in Rosenberg. Again, the competition is very tough and again we were well represented.

Lauren Brown, Courtney Brown, Briley Ledbetter and Jaymie O'Harrow all participated in the Market Goat Show. There were over 1,000 head of market goats in this show and some excellent animals. We were competitive but not able to place.

In the market steer show, Jeffrey Friar took 6th place honors with his Simmental Steer while Meg Griffin and Justin Friar took 10th place with their Chianina Steers. Other exhibitors in the steer show were Will Griffin.

Jeffrey Bybee participated in the calf scramble at Houston and at the Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo in Austin. And, Ashby Ragsdale also competed in several of the Rabbit Shows.

acres."

Tour stop one - topics and speakers at the grade school located next to the Menard County Courthouse are "Landscape Design with Water Conservation in Mind", John Begnaud, Extension horticulturist, San Angelo and "Rainwater Harvesting", Kniffen.

The tour leaves at 11 a.m. for "Pat's Plants" at Fort McKavett. Pat Stewart, the nursery owner, will share tips for picking water saving plant materials and setting up a good Xeriscape.

Lunch is set for noon at the Fort McKavett Country Club. Fred Teagarden, with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) at San Angelo, will speak during the lunch break on brush management progress on the Concho River.

The afternoon session changes gears from the homeowner to the ag producer with an irrigation tour stop at the mouth of the irrigation ditch. Caroline Runge, Menard County Underground Water District manager, will open the session with a look at the flow meters now in place on Menard's main irrigation ditch. She will also describe a San Saba River water flow study now in progress.

Kniffen will join Menard native Dr. Jake Landers, Extension range specialist, emeritus, for a talk on seed production plots and irrigation demands. Landers is also slated to discuss rangeland water capture.

Dr. Guy Fipps, Extension engineer at College Station, will complete the afternoon speakers' list with a look at improving irrigation efficiency using either sprinklers, flood irrigation or drip irrigation.

Adjournment is set for 4:20 p.m.

The tour is sponsored by the Menard County Extension Executive Committee, LCRA, the Menard Garden Club, and the Menard County Underground Water District.

Registration is \$10 per person for the entire day including the noon meal or \$2 for the afternoon session without the meal. RSVP for the meal by noon April 10.

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