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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Pep talk — EHS tennis coach Matt Rutherford addressed his players last week as they participated in the Regional Team Tennis tournament in San Angelo. The Eagles squad placed 2nd in the tourney, good enough to advance to the State Tourney in Round Rock where the team will defend its 2002 State Championship.

Eagles poised to defend state "Team Tennis" title

The Eldorado High School Tennis Team placed second at the Regional Team Tennis Championship last Saturday and will advance to the State tourney in Round Rock where they will defend their state title from last year.

The Eagles blew past Junction 10-1 and Wall 10-3 last Friday in the quarter-final and semifinal rounds on the courts at San Angelo Central High School.

The action then moved to the courts at Bentwood Country Club on Saturday

where the Eagles fell to Mason 10-4 in the Regional final round.

A team tennis match consists of six girls singles matches, six boys singles matches, three girls doubles matches, three boys doubles matches, and a mixed doubles match. An individual player may only participate in one singles and one doubles match per contest. The first team to win ten individual matches wins the contest.

This year's Eldorado Eagle team ten-

nis line up consists of:

Boys — Bobby Phillips, Quisto Gonzalez, Heath Andrews, Buddy Greer, Dillon Greer, Shay Parker, Frank Edmiston, Robbie Young, Ryan Cathey, Caleb Nixon, and Michael Ballew; and Girls — Courtney Sauer, Courtney Brown, Christina Redish, Chandra Wanoreck, Allison Reynolds, Lauren Brown, Maxie Holley, and Taylor Baker.

The team is coached by Matt Rutherford.

"Tumbleweed" to sign latest book at Public Library

Tumbleweed Smith will be signing copies of his latest book, "Under the Chinaberry Tree: East Texas Folkways," in the Schleicher County Public Library on Monday, March 10, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Smith, a well known radio personality and newspaper columnist, spends hundreds of days each year traveling the highways and backroads of Texas in search of new material. It was during several of these trips to East Texas that he compiled the material for "Under the Chinaberry Tree: East Texas Folkways"

Part cultural geography, part Texas history primer, the book clearly defines this unique part of The Lone Star State, a task that could only be accomplished by a "part owner of Texas," as the author proudly claims to be. Anyone who has enjoyed Smith's "Sounds of Texas" radio program or his syndicated newspaper column, "Rolling Around Texas," will undoubtedly enjoy Smith's new book.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring with his wife Susan where he teaches oral history at the University of

Texas of the Permian Basin. Born in Waco, he spent his childhood in Fort Worth. After studying English at Baylor University and journalism at the University of Missouri, he began learning in earnest, by traveling for the next thirty years or so to amass the largest private collection of oral history in the United States.

History, legends and myths mix easily throughout Texas, but Smith's collection of facts, that in no way diminish his storytelling, makes a firm case that if Texas did not begin in East Texas proper, most of its history certainly passed through it. While establishing this background, the author also attempts to describe the actual physical boundaries for a place that he admits is mostly in the heart of the folks who call it home. Nevertheless, by giving the reader the names of places to be found on any map, Smith manages to create a rough stage for the ongoing drama that is East Texas. He provides vivid imagery - near poetry - by describing its natural beauty, then sketches the players in that drama, lively character portraits, self-portraits, actually, that are Smith's trademark.

Every few pages throughout the book, Smith provides a compelling photograph, not so much to embellish the stories, but perhaps more to allow the reader a break to imagine the storyteller tending his pipe, freshening the campfire, or refilling his coffee cup, before

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Gesch named as finalist for Superintendent post

Schleicher County ISD trustees met and interviewed three candidates for the post of school superintendent before naming one of them, Mark Gesch of San Angelo, as the lone finalist for the position. Gesch currently serves as Assistant Superintendent for Support Services at San Angelo Independent School District. Recently, he served a stint as interim superintendent there, following the resignation of Dr. Joe Gonzalez. Under Gesch's leadership, the troubled district moved through the process of searching for and hiring a new superintendent. During that same time, a criminal investigation into wrongdoing by the former superintendent resulted in charges being brought against Dr. Gonzalez.

When asked about heading up the San Angelo district during that tumultuous period Gesch replied, "Well, you might say it was a growth opportunity."

After the hiring of Dr. Cole Pugh as SAISD superintendent of schools, Gesch returned to his assistant superintendent post where his duties included providing leadership and direction of some 900 employees. SAISD has an enrollment of approximately 15,000 students.

Under Texas law, school district's must make public a list of finalists for the position of superintendent at least 21 days prior to voting to hire a specific individual. By naming Gesch as its one and only finalist, SCISD's board of trustees is signaling its intent to hire Gesch at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, March 24, 2003.

In contrast to other superintendent hirings in recent years, this year's process seems to have been fairly smooth. It didn't appear that such would be the case at first when over 45 individuals applied for the job. But, SCISD trustees managed to pare the list down to three candidates fairly quickly. Those three, including Gesch, were interviewed here Monday night. Supt. Jim Weatherly of Spade I.S.D. in Lamb County, and Supt. Bruce Davis of D'Hanis I.S.D., were the other two applicants.

Gesch is a native of San Angelo. He attended college at Texas Tech Univer-

sity where he played football for the Red Raiders under Coach Rex Dockery before graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Health Education. During Gesch's senior year at Tech, he was selected by his teammates as one of three team captains for the Red Raiders.

After a brief stint as a graduate assistant coach at Texas Tech, Gesch taught and coached in Del Rio before returning to San Angelo in 1983 to teach and coach at Lakeview High School. During that time, he earned his Master of Education degree with a mid-management certification. In 1987, Gesch became the head football coach and athletic director at Lakeview, a job he held for three years.

Gesch then held a series of administrative positions at San Angelo ISD beginning in 1990 when he was named principal of the PAYs School. By December of 2001 he had moved up to Executive Director of General Administrative Services for the district. Then, in May, 2001, with the departure of Dr. Joe Gonzalez from the district, Gesch became the interim superintendent of SAISD.

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Only finalist — W. Mark Gesch, was named this week as the only finalist for the post of SCISD superintendent of schools.

Ghosts of the past to attend today's dedication of Austin liveoak tree

Historical re-enactors, will be joined this afternoon by members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas on the Schleicher County Courthouse lawn for dedication of the Stephen F. Austin Oak Tree. The tree, grown from an acorn harvested from the giant liveoak tree that stands to this day on the spot where Stephen F. Austin, the Father of Texas, died near West Columbia, Texas, is one of many that are being dedicated on courthouse squares across the state.

A brief ceremony is planned for 12:30 p.m. on the courthouse square. Community leaders will be present, dressed in appropriate period attire, to help mark the occasion. Also slated to be on hand will be a specially crafted replica of the Twin Sisters canon that served Sam Houston's Army of the Republic during its fight for independence.

Students from SCISD will also be taking part. In fact, EHS musicians have prepared a tune that was played and enjoyed by Houston's men during Texas brief war for independence.

Among the historic figures expected to attend and take part in the ceremony will be Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, William Barrett Travis, Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, Deaf Smith, James Fannin, Rip Ford, David G. Burnett, Judge Roy Bean and Schleicher County namesake, Gustave Schleicher.

The event is being organized by Jim Runge as part of Texas history month. He urges everyone to attend this entertaining and educational event.

Runge notes that a very special guest has agreed to attend. However, due to national security concerns, the White House is reluctant to confirm the appearance.



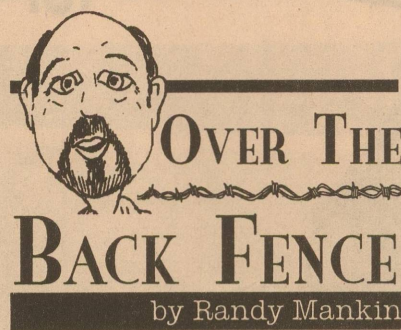
PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Have tape recorder, will travel — Tumbleweed Smith (R) is shown here interviewing Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk during a recent trip to Eldorado. Smith will be in town Monday for a book signing at the Public Library. His new book, "Under the Chinaberry Tree: East Texas Folkways," is now available from Eakin Press.

The French make such easy targets

With America moving ever closer to war with Iraq, French opposition continues to siphon away the support of vital allies, thereby pushing back the time table for a military strike. That means US troops are likely to go into combat under less than ideal weather conditions, a fact that hardened Francophobes such as myself, deeply resent.

Couple that with the simmering dislike for the French that permeates American society these days, and it's easy to understand why a restaurant in North Carolina crossed out French Fries on its



menu and renamed them Freedom Fries. Another eatery in Oklahoma banned French Dressing and French Toast and gallons upon gallons of French Champagne are being poured down the gutter across the nation. Now, even the nation's classified ads are showing an anti-French bias, as demonstrated by these want ads:

FOR SALE: Vintage French military rifle. Excellent condition. Never fired. Dropped once. Item has been well maintained in a German armory. Munitions expert certifies this weapon could date to any of several French wars. Please, serious inquiries only.

FOR SALE: Multi-translation dictionary. French to German, French to Spanish, French to Italian. Now you, too, can surrender in virtually any language.

FOR SALE: Rare French road map, circa 1939. Tricolor map clearly depicts every one-way road leading to Paris. Parisian metropolitan area detailed in inset bordered with ads for restaurants, brothels and hotels. Thoughtfully printed in German.

FOR SALE: G1R Renault Tank. Low mileage. Needs work. Runs only in reverse. Driver's seat slightly soiled.

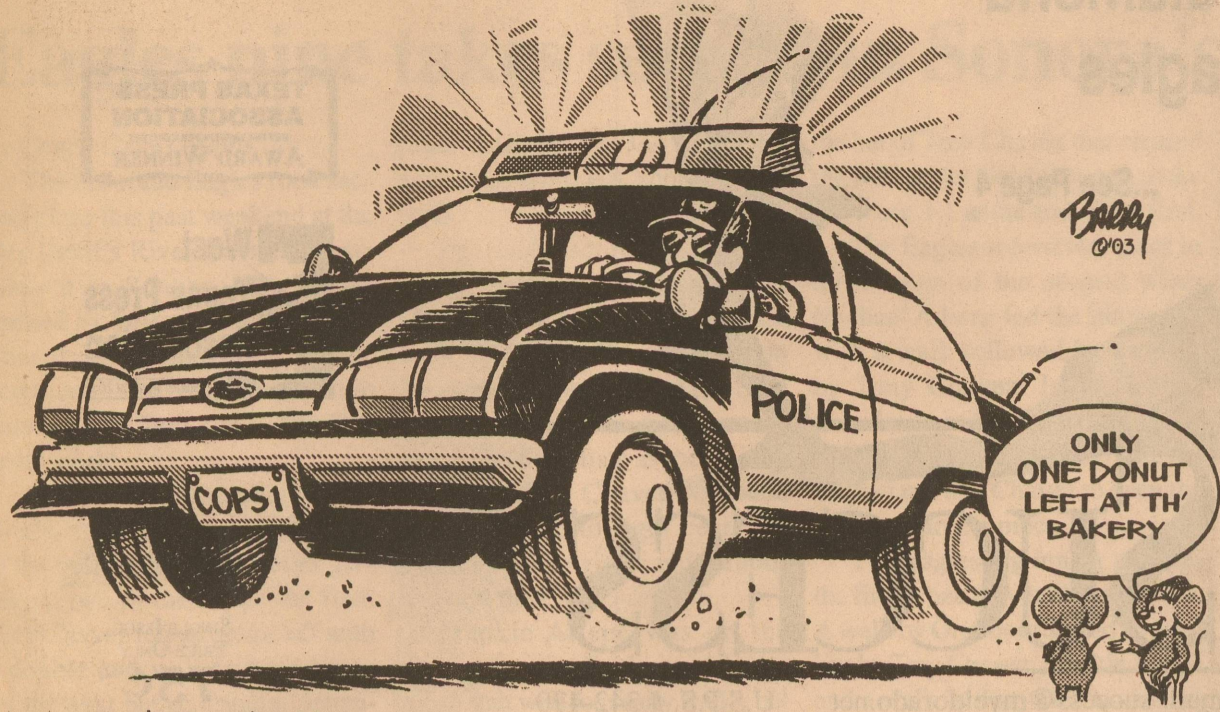
FOR SALE: Mint condition. Guaranteed authentic. Rare World War I era Drunnoir Brigade French Army helmet comes complete with headliner, chin strap, hinged combat visor. Slightly used shaving kit and mirror also included.

FOR SALE: Complete collection of French military decorations including:

Legion d'Honneur — World's oldest and most prestigious military award. Created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802 to honor the exhibition of chivalry within his army. Since that time, it has been presented mainly by French aristocrats to French aristocrats with the latter seeming not to have done anything particularly noteworthy to earn it.

Croix de la Libération — General Charles de Gaulle created this military award in 1940 to recognize the heroism and valor of the allied troops who liberated France. Hundreds, if not thousands, were presented during the war. None have been awarded since 1946, however, due mainly to the fact that France hasn't needed liberating lately. A large number of these medals are held in reserve, just in case.

These rare and beautiful military relics are offered for sale to the public for a short time only. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Call or come by today and reserve your own slice of French history. Contact: Consulate de Republique Francaise, 777 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 600, Houston, TX 77056 - Tel. (713) 572-2799 - Fax (713) 572-2911.



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Governor signs bill to open insurance firms' books

AUSTIN — A bill requiring homeowners insurance companies to make their books available for state review — Senate Bill 310 — has been signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry.

The first major piece of legislation passed by the Legislature this session, the bill is part of a promised legislative reformation of insurance law in Texas.

"I'm hoping that when we get the data back from (SB) 310, it's going to show that rates are high, that a roll back is warranted," said Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee and author of the bill.

Still in the chute are insurance bills dealing with rate regulation, rate rollbacks, withdrawal (aimed at preventing problems such as the Farmers dustup last year when the company said it would stop writing homeowner's insurance in Texas) and credit scoring.

State Capital Highlights

By Mike Cox



All these are complex issues, but they have monetary bottom line potential for both policy holders and the businesses that sell those policies.

Governor's Valentine...

The letter that went out from the governor's office on Feb. 14 wasn't exactly a happy valentine.

Signed by Kenneth Anderson, Gov. Rick Perry's appointments director, the letter said the governor would like records of attendance by state board members and their expenses for the last two years. About 500 letters were sent, according to the governor's office.

"As leaders of the state of Texas," the letter said, "it is critical that all board and commission members continue to fulfill their responsibilities in a prudent and

dedicated manner, as well as to adhere to statutory requirements governing their duties."

Though these policy-making state board and commission positions are unpaid, they receive reimbursement from the state for travel and other expenses. Some state agencies also provide staff to assist them. The boards and commissions have until March 7 to supply the requested information.

This is an unprecedented request, and given the large number of state boards and commissions and their varied duties, what happens next could be interesting.

Here's a sampling of boards that are not necessarily household names: the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers (six members who receive expenses); Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities (nine members, expenses); Texas State Board of Examiners of Perfumers (nine members, per diem) and Texas Underground Facility Notification Corporation (12 members, no compensation.)

Space, the final frontier...

Three entities hoping to develop spaceports in Texas are seeking \$1.5 million from the state to continue their efforts to extend the

Lone Star State's reach to the stars.

Representatives of the Gulf Coast Spaceport Corporation, the Pecos County Spaceport Commission and the South Texas Spaceport Consortium were in Austin last week to make their case to the Legislature that the funding for their programs is still important, despite the state's financial crisis.

If the Legislature makes the requested appropriation, the money will be used to buy or lease land and to pay for environmental studies, engineering work and building infrastructure.

The most interesting quote on the issue comes from Sen. Kyle Janek, R-Houston.

"When you hear somebody say no, it can't be done, it's too far fetched, go back and look at early news reports of what was said in the early days of NASA," Janek said.

Animals in the news...

Texas has the most species of birds and reptiles, but North Carolina has the most amphibians. California has the most varieties of vascular plants and mammals. And, according to statistics published by the comptroller's office, Alabama has the biggest variety of freshwater fish.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Glories of a Warning Ticket

It's so much fun being an author. Since November when my book came out I've had fifteen book signings across Texas, from Alpine to Commerce. They are so much fun and I get to meet the greatest people. The title of the book is Under The Chinaberry Tree and it's doing great. The publisher, Eakin Press, is pleased that I'm arranging all these events. I am doing lots of driving.

The week before Christmas I was all over the place. At a small central Texas town I had a book signing that was disappointing. It was the last one prior to the holiday and I sold only a few books. In the midst of all this, I bought a new vehicle. The one I traded in had nearly 200 thousand miles on it and had served me well. It was running and everything. Usually when we trade cars, the dealer has to come tow our old one away. This time we acted prudently and traded before problems started showing up. We got a good deal, too.

I was driving my new vehicle through the community of Gorman in my depressed state of mind on that Friday before Christmas when I saw a police car coming toward me. Then the flashing lights came on and the police car turned around and got behind me.

Usually I'm pretty cautious about speed limits and try my best to adhere to them, especially in small towns. I was trying to adhere to them in Gorman. I had a clear conscience. I just knew that police car was after someone ahead of

me. I pulled over for it to pass. It didn't pass. It pulled up behind me.

The officer came around and told me I was speeding. Going 33 in a 30. He asked for my driver's license and insurance papers. As I handed them over I told him I had just bought the vehicle and was not quite used to it yet. He didn't say anything. Just went to his car and started writing the ticket.

I was sitting there getting more depressed by the minute. I was sitting there thinking what a rotten world this is. He came back around to my car window and asked me to sign the ticket. I scribbled my name in a belligerent manner and didn't say anything. He didn't either. I threw the ticket in the passenger seat and drove off feeling real bad. Here I was having a rough day and the cop made it even worse.

About fifteen miles up the road I picked up the ticket and looked at it. It was just a warning ticket. The relief was overwhelming. All at once my depression left, a sense of happiness filled my soul. I was giddy as a goat and felt that God's in his heaven, all's right with the world. I went home, hugged my wife and told her what a great and glorious week I had.

Thank you, officer Jeffrey Baker. You made me have a super holiday season. You probably don't know how much giving me that warning ticket improved my state of mind. You made me realize the world is a wonderful place. I appreciate what you did and I promise to watch my speed in Gorman.

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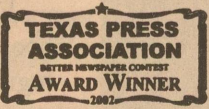
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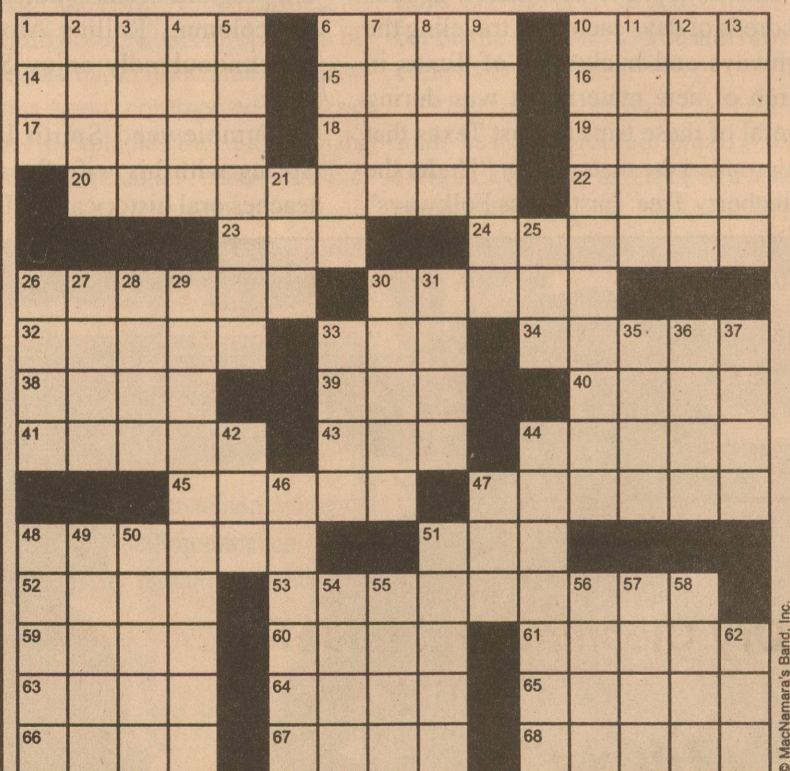
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| 18. Bug-eyed | 65. Provide with funds | 35. "It's a Sin to Tell ___" |
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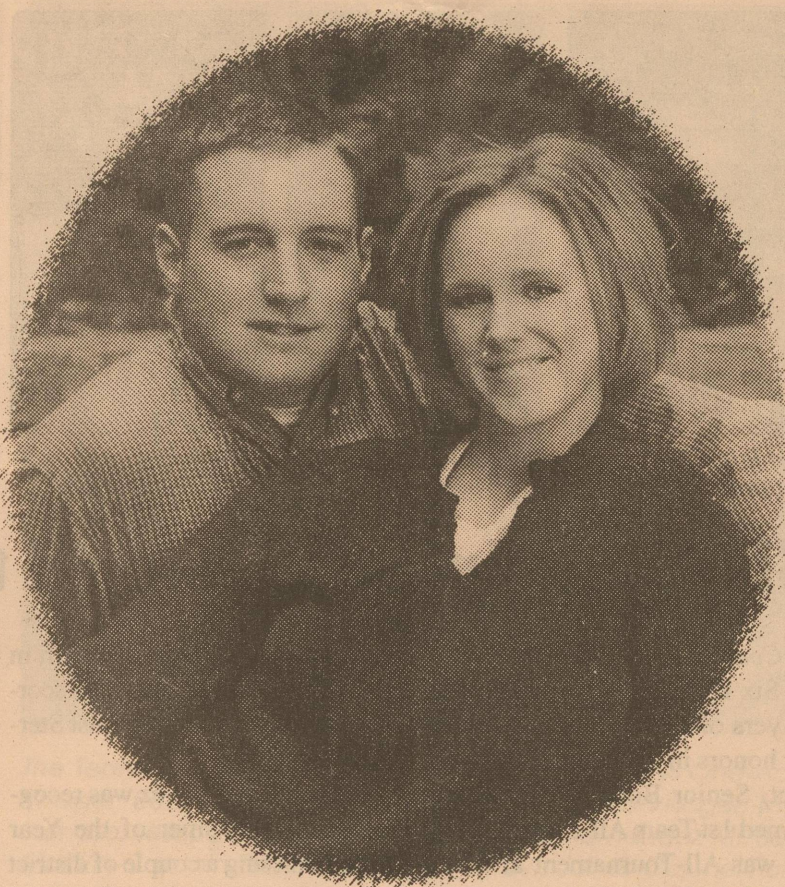
ELDORADO — Isidoro "Lolo" Rangel Martinez, born April 4, 1955, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday night, March 2, 2003. Preceding him in death were his wife, Vangie; his grandfather, Manuel Rangel; and his brother, Willie.

Survivors are his mother, Manuela Espinosa from Snyder, Texas; his grandmother, Sara Rangel of Eldorado; brothers, Antonio Martinez and family of Eldorado, and Ernest Rangel; sis-

ters, Anna Bertha Hoxsey and family of Snyder, Anna Maria Rangel and family of Sweetwater and Lori Parish and family of Houston; his father, Ascension Martinez of Eldorado; a special uncle, Isabel Rangel and family of Rocksprings; and a lot of loving nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

"Lolo" started playing guitar at the age of seven years. He loved playing music at weddings. When he found Jesus, he started playing in churches. He played with his brother in Christ. He played in a band called Grupo Milagro, where he enjoyed playing music for the Lord Jesus.

Service was Wednesday, March 5, at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God with burial to follow in Eldorado Cemetery.



Landon Lee Neal and Shay Le Ann Thompson

Thompson/Neal engagement

David and Deborah Neal of San Angelo are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Landon Lee, to Shay LeAnn Thompson, daughter of David and Billie Charla Thompson of Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Landon is a 1995 graduate of Eldorado High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where he received his bachelor's degree in Physical Education. He then attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he recently received his master's degree

in Health and Human Performance while serving as a graduate assistant football coach for the Northeastern State Redmen. Landon is the grandson of Norbert and Billie Jean Matthiesen and Don and Wilma Neal, all of Brady.

Shay is a 1998 graduate of Sulphur High School in Sulphur, Oklahoma and attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center where she will graduate in May 2006. Her grandparents are Charles and Marian Dale of Broken Bow, Oklahoma and D.T. and Juanita Thompson of Sulphur, Oklahoma.

The couple will be married May 24, 2003 at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 3/6	Fri 3/7	Sat 3/8	Sun 3/9	Mon 3/10
71/40	70/44	69/41	67/38	73/42
Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds during the afternoon.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Overcast. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.

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The following servicemen and women are from Eldorado or have strong ties to this community. We have listed the addresses for as many as we know. If you can provide an address for the others, please, call the Success office.

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Cole Pina - Army
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Tomas Martinez - USMC
Jessica Letsinger - USAF

Fund to benefit Arendts set up at FNB

Friends of Bud and Barbara Arendt, former residents of Schleicher County, have set up a fund at First National Bank of Eldorado to help them defray major medical expenses recently incurred. After Barbara had surgery, they were shocked to find out their insurance was not in effect at the time. They began the process of setting up a new policy, but in the meantime, Bud was seriously injured by a horse he was shoeing. He will be unable to work at least six weeks.

Without insurance either time the Arendts medical bills, as well as living expenses, are mounting. We would appreciate any donations to help this caring, loving couple. Contributions can be sent to: Bud or Barbara Arendt Fund First National Bank of Eldorado P.O. Box 737 Eldorado, TX 76936

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, March 10
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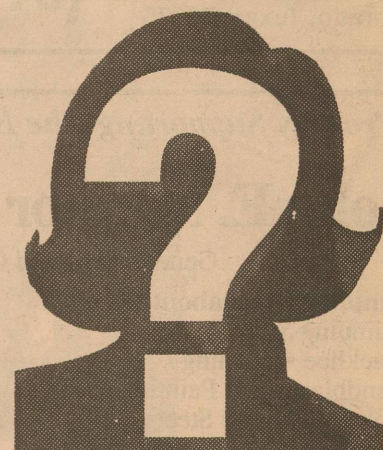
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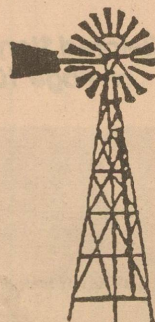
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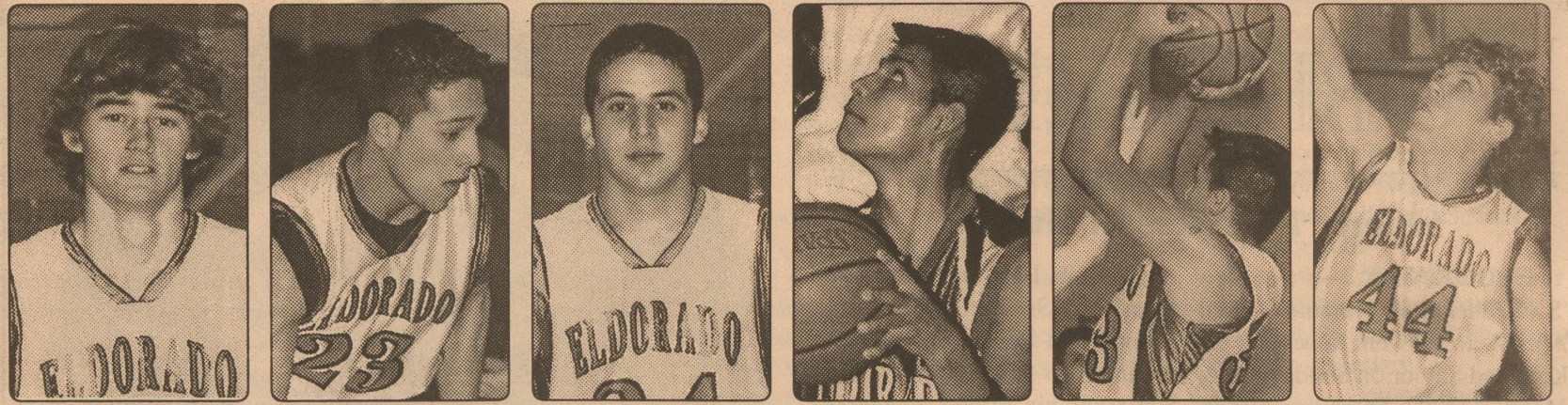
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Six Eagles players named to 2-AA All-District squad

by Coach Alan Gillespie
 Six Eldorado boys' basketball players of 2002-03 were selected for honors in the tough 2-AA District. Senior Bobby Phillips was named 1st Team All-District. Bobby was All-Tournament at Iraan. He led the Eagles this year in Field Goal percentage and 3 point percentage, was first on the team in scoring average at 13.6 points per

game, was second on the team in total rebounds and had a high scoring game of 28 points against Sterling City.

Junior Trey Chavez was recognized as Newcomer of the Year despite missing a couple of district games due to an injury. Trey was first on the team in rebounds for the season at 7.6 per game and first on the team in steals at 3.5 a game.

He average 9.8 points per game scoring. Trey's high game was 23 points against Reagan County and 15 total rebounds versus Stanton.

Seniors Philip Martinez and Quisto Gonzales were selected 2nd Team All-District. Philip was first on the team in Three Point Percentage in district and 2nd on the team in steals, and scored 16 against Iraan.

Seniors Mike Adame and J.L.Mankin were named to the Honorable Mention All-District Team. Mike was selected All-Tournament in Stanton and had 21 points in a game against Iraan. J.L. was a defensive presence while leading the Eagles in blocked shots at 1.6 per game. He had 6 blocks versus Reagan County and 5 each against Coleman and Bangs.

Lady Eagles softball team looking forward to district

The Eldorado Softball team has been in action for a few weeks now. Seventeen girls have been playing, practicing and working towards district. Many seniors graduated from last year's team leaving only one remaining senior in pitcher and utility player Amanda Wanoreck. Amanda is the main pitcher for the Eagles and one of the best hitters and a smart base runner. She will provide the only senior leadership for a very young team.

The only two juniors to the team are relative newcomers to softball. Clara Herrera has played almost every position and is a good athlete who is learning fast. She has had several good hits and runs well. The other junior is outfielder Courtney Whitten. Courtney has good speed and is gaining vital experience in the pre-district.

Sophomores comprise the next 9 players and most of the experience. Jessica Robertson plays first and has started to hit well. Enthusiastic Ashton Murr has moved to right field to help the Eagles. Sheryl Alexander plays both infield and

outfield to provide depth at both areas. Ashley Doran is a good fielder and aggressive batter who plays mostly 2nd. Betsy Green can play anywhere but arm strength and dependable fielding has placed her at third. Betsy is a good batter and provides some speed on the bases and back-up pitching. Amanda Figueroa plays center field and has good athletic ability. Rachel Fuentes has displayed some courage after being struck in the eye on an errant throw and again on a hit ball. She plays short-stop and is becoming a good hitter. Selina Rojas returns as starting catcher after missing half of last year with a knee injury. She also provides some back-up pitching and chocolate candy on the bus. Newcomer Kimberly Contreras provides depth in the outfield.

Rounding out the team are five freshmen. Charlotte Adame is a very good defensive catcher. Karina Sanchez is an infielder who plays mostly 2nd. Samantha Rodriguez is a tough outfielder but provides help with the infield as well. Melinda Hernandez is a qui-

Determination —
 Lady Eagles batter Ashley Doran dug in and waited for a pitch during girls softball action here Tuesday night when Eldorado hosted the Brady Lady Bulldogs.

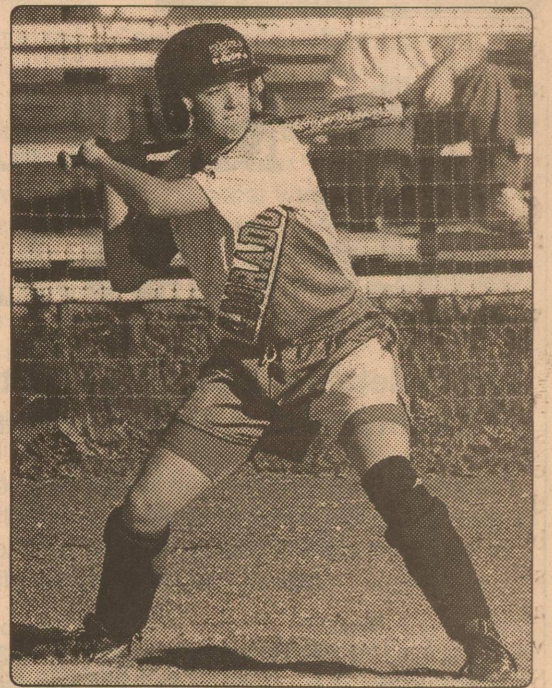


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et outfielder who has made some good plays and makes contact with the ball when batting. Hope Fuentes is a good athlete who plays 1st and other infield positions.

Of course one of the most important Eagles is manager-scorekeeper Brittany Sellers who has learned fast and works hard. Coaching the team this year are Alan Gillespie and Shelby Garza.

As usual weather and other circumstances have forced adjustments in the schedule but the Eagles opened the season at the Sweetwater Tournament February 14th and 15th. Eldorado defeated Brownwood JV in their first game 4-3. The Eagles then lost to Sweetwater's JV 5-0, another 5-0 loss to Central's JV, and completed the tournament with a close time-limit game loss to Loraine by 5-4.

Coach Gillespie has used mostly a rotating line-up in pre-district so far to gain experience for all players on the team. Eldorado then traveled to Miles on February 18 and lost to Miles 7-6. Rain and ice forced a cancellation of the February 21st game at Brady but Eldorado traveled to the San Angelo Tournament on the weekend. Eldorado ended up going 1-3 in the tournament with a win over Miles and losses to Central JV, Wall, and

Abilene Sophomores. Eldorado has missed some players in a few of the tournament games due to team tennis, track, and band. The young ladies are encouraged to participate in all positive activities they are able to while representing Eldorado as a school and community. The players are greatly improving in fielding and game mechanics but will work intensively on hitting, bunting, and base-running this week. They are learning how to compete while demonstrating good sportsmanship and grow as respectful young ladies.

Eldorado's first home game is scheduled for March 4th against Brady (weather permitting) at 4:30. On March 7-8 the Eagles will participate in the Miles Tournament. Then a home game is scheduled against Coleman on March 18th at 5:00. The Eagles will travel to Winters on March 25th and then begin district. The district schedule is as follows:

District 2-2A Softball Schedule	
3/28 Sonora Here	at 4 p.m.
4/1 Grape Creek There	at 4 p.m.
4/4 Wall There	at 4 p.m.
4/8 Sonora There	at 5 p.m.
4/15 Grape Creek Here	at 5 p.m.
4/17 Wall Here	at 5 p.m.



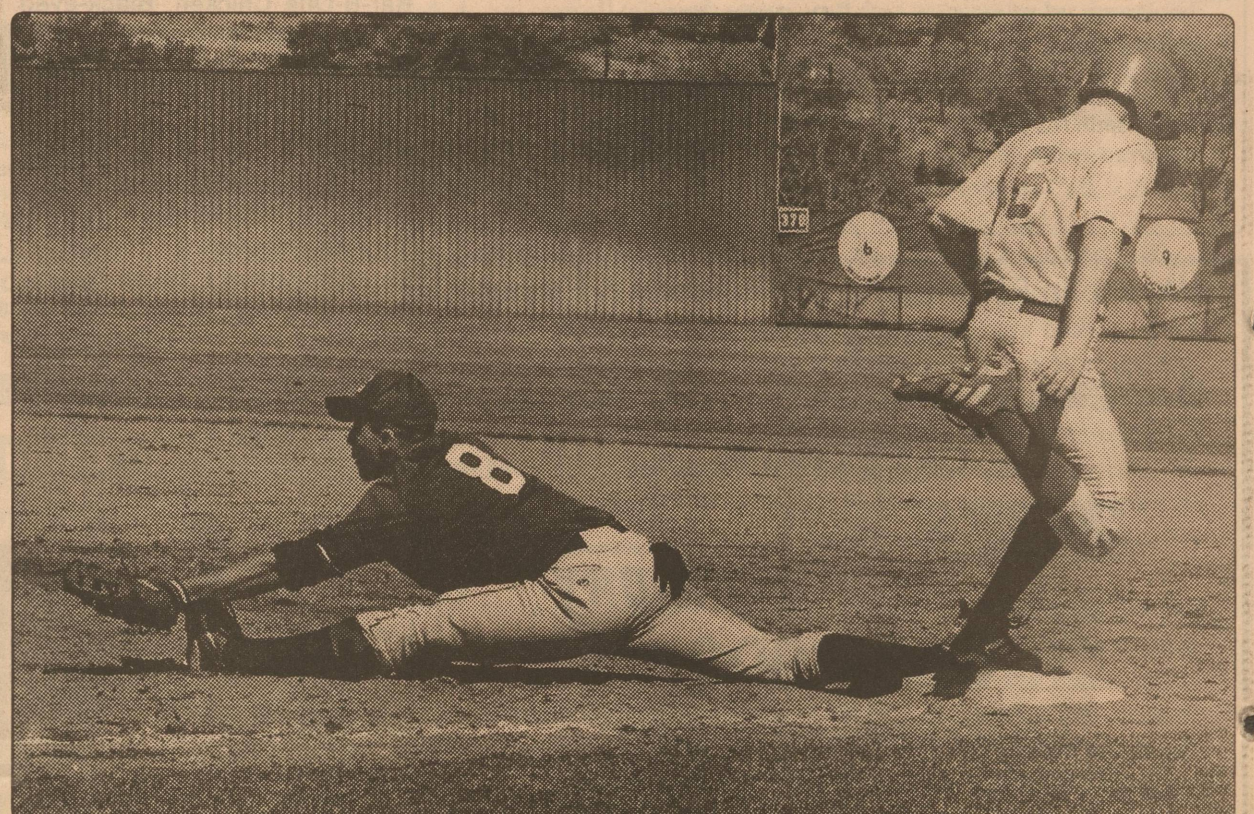
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Brining the heat — Lady Eagles pitcher Amanda Wanoreck wound up for a pitch during softball action here Tuesday evening. Despite an early lead, the Lady Eagles fell to the Brady Lady Bulldogs 12 to 7 in the contest.

He's OUT! — Eagles first baseman Mike Adame managed to keep his foot on the base while hauling in this throw from across the infield to help the Eagles beat Sonora on its home diamond. The Eagles went on to take second place in the Sonora tournament.

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Local candidates begin filing for elective offices

Filing is underway for seats on the SCISD board of trustees, Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees, Eldorado City Council and the Plateau Underground Water District board of Directors and already a contested race has developed. In the race for school district Single Member District #2 incumbent Phil McCormick has drawn a challenge from Jan Wanoreck. Meanwhile in SMD #5, Lupe Sanchez has filed for reelection. As of press time, no one has filed for election in SMD #1, that seat is currently held by Eddie Albin.

J.D. Doyle is an early candidate for the Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees, filing for one of three 2-year terms up for election this year. There are also two 1-year unexpired terms to be decided. Hospital trustees whose seats are up for election this year, and who have yet to file include Delia Pina, Shirley Joiner, Randy Mankin and Frank Williams.

Three seats are to be decided

on the Eldorado City Council. They are currently held by: Robert Bybee in Ward #1, Richard Mendez in Ward #2, and Dora Bosman in Ward #3. Also, two seats on the Plateau Underground Water District board of directors will be up to the voters this year. One seat, in Precinct 2, is currently held by Sam Henderson, Jr. The other, in Precinct 3, is held by Lynn Griffin. At press time, neither man had filed for reelection.

The period to file for office on any of the four governing bodies ends at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Applications for a place on the school board ballot may be picked up at the SCISD administration building on W. Fields Avenue. Likewise applications in the hospital district, city and water district races are available at the Schleicher County Medical Center business office, located at 400 W. Murchison, Eldorado City Hall, located at 6 S. Cottonwood, and the water district office, located in the Schleicher Co. Annex building on Southwest Main Street.

School board candidate workshop planned in SA

SAN ANGELO — Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Tuesday, March 25, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 S. Irene Street, San Angelo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

Tumbleweed Smith due here Monday for book signing

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continuing.

Smith has made several trips to Eldorado where he has interviewed numerous Schleicher County residents for his radio program and newspaper column. He

invites all his Eldorado friends to stop by the Schleicher County Public Library next Monday morning. Copies of "Under the Chinaberry Tree: East Texas Folkways," will be available for purchase.

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Family Caregiver Information Center Open House — L-R: Barbara Gault, Carol Rigby Caregiver Coordinator, George Gower, Cheri Roberts Foster, Grandparent Coordinator, and Claude Spencer were present during the grand opening of the information center and "Answers on Aging" Community Meeting last Wednesday at the St. Center. The Area Agency on Aging furnished the Center with books, written materials, a TV/VCR, videos and an Internet accessible computer in order to provide information to friends and family members who are caring for older loved ones and grandparents and older relatives raising children.

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Planning underway for Eldorado Project Graduation

It is that time of year again, when we ask for your support of our annual Eldorado Project Graduation to be held on Friday, May 23, 2003. Eldorado Project Graduation is a drug-free & alcohol-free event. Eldorado High School students are treated to a night of games, food, and prizes in celebration of our EHS Graduation and the end of the school year. The purpose is to provide a safe, fun place for the kids to celebrate, on a night which too often ends in tragedy. We are proud that so many of our high school students chose to attend Eldorado Project Graduation last year. With your help, we are hoping to increase that number this year.

Without the support of local and area businesses and individuals, we would be unable to meet the financial burden that comes with such a large undertaking. We think it is worth it, and we hope you do also.

If you would like to have more information or make a donation,

you may contact Christy Brown 853-2496, Gina & Hyman Sauer 853-2338 or 650-2160, Maureen & Bill Hodges 853-2408, Susan Liveley 853-3311, Shelly Phillips 853-3437, Angie Redish at 853-2170 or Jeanne Snelson at 853-2715.

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Project Graduation, c/o FNB Eldorado, P.O. Box 737, Eldorado, TX 76936, Attention: Jeanne or Angie. Donations will be accepted through May 23, 2003 but we ask that you please have them in by May 16, 2003 to help facilitate purchasing.

Donor's names will be published in a special program that will be available at graduation and in

the newspaper. Several layers of sponsorship are available including: Diamond Supporter \$500; Gold Supporter \$250; Silver Supporter \$100; Bronze Supporter \$50 and Eagle Supporter \$25.

Thank you for your support of the students of Eldorado High School, and thank you from the 2003 Eldorado Project Graduation Committee.

Gesch named as finalist for superintendent job at SCISD

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Interestingly, this is not the first time Gesch has been considered for the job of SCISD superintendent. Three years ago, Gesch was a candidate for the job when George Blanch was hired to replace Hal Porter.

Gesch married Robbin Bristo in May of 1981. They have two sons, Justin, 20, a Freshman at the

University of Texas, and Jordan, 13, a 7th grader. Mrs. Gesch is employed by San Angelo ISD as its Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment.

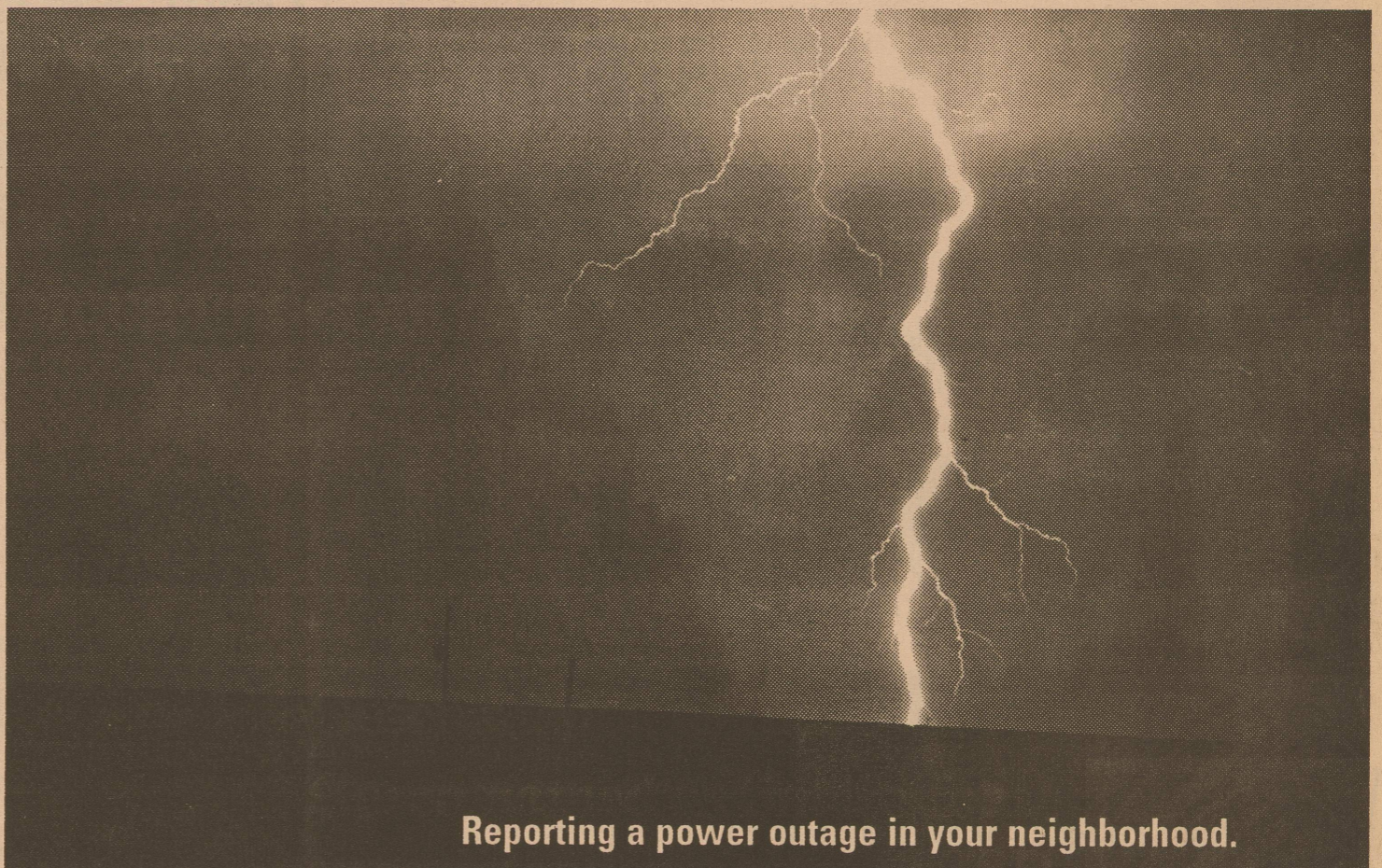
Gesch is the son of Raymond and Faye Gesch of San Angelo. He has two brothers, Rory Gesch, a principal in Stamford ISD and Brent Gesch, the City Manager for the City of Sonora.

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2003 G.E.E.S.O. (Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out) winners Kindergarten-8 shots (Front L-R) 1st-Dalton Buchholz (4); 2nd-Alex Rodriguez; 3rd-Juan Trujillo; 4th-Tony Rey Martinez; Not Pictured 5th-Jerry Pena; 6th-Kyle Spinks, (Back L-R) Not Pictured 1st-Jessica Gandar (5); 2nd-Kameron Wilke; 3rd-Jaqueline Castro; 4th-Claire Wideman; 5th-McKenzie McAngus; 6th-Jessica Gonzales.



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2003 G.E.E.S.O. (Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out) First Grade- 10 shots (Front L-R) 1st-Tristen Barajas (7); 2nd-Robert Martinez; 3rd-Aaron Conn; 4th-Carlos Guzman; 5th-Junior Garcia; 6th-Jose Aranda (Back L-R) 1st-Felicity Wertman (7); 2nd-Adriana Rios; 3rd-Elizabeth Olivarez; 4th-Maria Reyes; Not Pictured 5th-Victoria Trickett; 6th-Macy Mikeska.



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2003 G.E.E.S.O. (Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out) Second Grade- 12 shots (Front L-R) 1st-Blaine Mitchell (7); 2nd-Dylan Ramos; 3rd-David Ragon; 4th-Hagen Porras; 5th-Juan Carlos Aranda; 6th-Jalen Garza, (Back L-R) 1st-Ashley Bullard (6); 2nd-Brittany Galan; 3rd-Kasey Gonzalez; 4th-M'Kenna Gillespie; 5th-Avery Nolen; 6th-Miranda Arispe.



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2003 G.E.E.S.O. (Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out) Third Grade- 15 shots (Front L-R) 1st-Robert Chavez (7 Shots); 2nd-Domingo Torres; 3rd-Austin Barajas; 4th-C.J. Knutson; 5th-Evan Joiner; 6th-Nathan Jimenez (Back L-R) 1st-Melissa Bullard (5 Shots); 2nd-Jessica Sellers; 3rd-Brianah Creek; 4th-Canu Acosta; 5th-Marissa Gonzales; Not Pictured 6th-Lauren Trickett.



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Golf Play Day

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1st place score 56 - Kirk Griffin, Casey Snelson, Gordon Emmons and Javy Robles.
2nd place score 59 - Moses Hill, Don Richters and Su Scott.
3rd place score 60 - Kerry Brown, Danny Halbert, Oscar Martinez and Albert Torres.
We had three teams come in with a score of 60. Score card play-off with: Steve Snelson, Joe Garza, Phil McCormick and Cindy McGinnes. Also Melissa O'Harrow, Victor Belman, Tommy Hunley and Cash Lane.
Next Play Day, weather permitting Sunday, April 6th.

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Dear Editor:

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turn one on" to building your own web page. So if you know nothing or a lot they have classes for everyone. The grant has even helped pay for translators at most sessions. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity (I have), and like most it won't last forever.

Stacy Jurecek

Ram Performance Field Day and Sale slated for March 14

by: Steve Byrns

The Annual Ram Performance Test Field Day and Sale conducted by the Texas A&M Agricultural Research Station is set for March 14. The station is 28 miles south of Sonora on Highway 55.

"If bigger is better, then this year's set of rams is the best group we have had on the test since it started in 1947," said Dr. Dan Waldron, San Angelo-based researcher and the test's coordinator. "We had more rams finish this year's test at 300 pounds or above than we've had in the past. This indicates the breeders have obviously been making progress in their programs to select for larger framed rams."

"The breeders that have stayed involved with this program are selecting for improved lamb crops along with better wool production. Buying these animals at the field day's sale will provide an opportunity for other producers to make use of the genetic improvement these breeders have been working on for years."

The top 30 percent of the animals completing the test will be eligible for the sale that's set for 2:00 p.m. following a brief educational program. Waldron said all the eligible sale animals should make excellent stud ram prospects for the registered or commercial operator.

Participants are invited to inspect the rams and their performance data during the morning of

the field day. Lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the grounds. The "Dutch-treat" meal is followed by the afternoon's formal program directed by Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas Cooperative Extension sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo.

Wade Polk, Extension risk management specialist at San Angelo, will open the program with an update on the Wool Loan Program. Waldron will follow with "Docking - The Long And Short Of It," a talk on the results of a five-state study examining the consequences of docking lambs at different tail lengths. A common practice for club lambs is to remove the entire tail.

Waldron and Dr. Chris Lupton, San Angelo-based wool and mohair researcher, will offer their comments on the 2002/2003 Ram Test and Burk Lattimore, Leveland-based Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association secretary, will conclude the program just prior to the sale by awarding the certified ram certificates.

The day concludes with the sale of the performance tested animals under Craddock's direction.

For further information contact: Waldron or Craddock at (915) 653-4576 or call the Sonora Station at (915) 387-3168. Visit the test's website for in-depth performance data and an explanation of the testing procedure. The address is sanangelo.ramu.edu/genetics/ramtest.htm.

Wild Turkey appreciation day March 20 at Camp Sol Mayer

by: Steve Byrns

Texas Cooperative Extension will conduct a "Wild Turkey Appreciation Day" for the Upper San Saba River area on March 20 at Camp Sol Mayer near Fort McKavett. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program starts at 9 a.m.

The program is being sponsored by the Extension Offices in Menard and Schleicher Counties, the Natural Resource and Conservation Services (NRCS), and the Texas Wildlife Association. The program is the first of its kind in the area to feature turkeys exclusively.

Camp Sol Mayer is located between Menard and Eldorado on Highway 864, off Highway 190. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered.

"Wild turkeys have been taken for granted but could be one of the top money-makers in our area in terms of hunting dollars earned," said Billy Kniffen, Menard County Extension agent and a program coordinator. "We had an excellent hatch last year and the numbers of birds are really up across our area."

With a banner spring turkey season just around the corner, we felt it was most appropriate to offer land owners and hunters alike an educational opportunity to catch up on the latest in turkey management and conservation practices.

"We've gathered some of the top experts in the business for this program. They will be sharing their thoughts on everything from predation of wild turkey to turkey-related youth camps. We'll end the day with a tour of some prime turkey habitat along the San Saba

River where participants will be advised on the key components needed to enhance their own properties and leases. If you're a turkey hunter or just enjoy the beauty of having these magnificent birds around, then this program is for you. We have a full day of very comprehensive information planned. It should be a good one."

Morning speakers and their topics include: "General Biology and Habitat of the Rio Grande Turkey," Gilbert Guzman, Technical Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Junction; "What Do Turkeys Prefer to Eat?," Steve Nelle, NRCS wildlife biologist, San Angelo; "Wild Turkey Management and Predators of Wild Turkey," Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo; and "Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations," Raymond Jaramillo, Menard County game warden.

Following noon lunch, the program will continue with: "Marketing the Spring Wild Turkey Season," Rollins; "Improving the Habitat with Prescribed Burning, EQUIP and Riparian Buffers," Nelle; "Improving Our Rangeland's Health," Kniffen; and "Wild Turkey, Bob White and Buckskin Brigades," Helen Holdsworth, Texas Brigades coordinator, San Antonio.

The program is set to adjourn at 3 p.m. after the habitat site tour.

Pre-registration is \$5 per person. Organizers ask those attending to RSVP by March 18.

For more information contact the Menard Extension Office at (915) 369-4787 or the Schleicher County Extension Office at (915) 853-2132.



The Teahouse of the August Moon — This year's EHS One-Act Play cast includes: (L-R) Anna Troy-Miss Higa Jiga; Sanda Guzman-Villager; Betsy Green-Villager; Ivonne Granados-Villager; Mitchell Cole-Mr. Oshira; Brence Minor-Mr. Hokaida; Diego Barrera-Mr. Sumata; Jessica Robertson-Villager; Nestor Hernandez-Mr. Seiko; Mayci Schwiening-Lotus Blossom; Hannah Robledo-Sakini and J.L. Mankin-Captain Fisby. Standing L-R: Travis Joiner-Colonel Purdy and Michael Ballew-Sergeant Gregovich.

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Lady Eagles golfers place second in Ozona tourney

The EHS Lady Eagles Golf Team won 2nd place on March 3rd during the Ozona High School Golf Tournament with a team score of 405.

Blake Snelson received the 2nd place individual medal for her 18 hole total of 92 (50,42). Karah Northcutt of Greenwood took home the gold as did Greenwood's golf team with a team score of 385.

Nine teams were represented. They were Alpine, Junction, Greenwood, McCamey, Ozona, Rankin, Sonora, Reagan County and Eldorado.

Also playing for the Lady Eagles were Hannah Robledo who scored 99(50-42), Mikinzie Holley (56, 51) and Mayci Schwiening (57,50) both tied with a score of 107 and Emily Newman scored 123 (61, 62).

Eagles golfers compete at Reagan County tourney

The EHS Eagles Golf Team placed 6th among 10 schools that competed during the Ken Stout Reagan County High School Golf Tournament in Big Lake on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

Playing for the Eagle Golf Team are: Landon Nixon who scored an 84, 7th place medalist, Koda Lozano scored an 83, sixth place medalist, Michael Hill scored 99, Kyle Taylor scored 106 and Epolo Herrera scored a 110. The team total came to 372.

Iran team placed 1st with a score of 328, Alpine placed 2nd with Crane "A" team placing 3rd.

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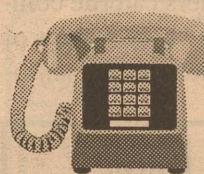
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Attorney General Abbott targets fraudulent "Notarios" and other who scam immigrants

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott continued his efforts to warn consumers about ongoing scams that target Hispanic immigrants throughout Texas and are performed by con artists posing as licensed attorneys or other legal experts.

While accompanied by Mexican consular officials and nonprofit organizations that assist immigrants, Attorney General Abbott announced a public outreach effort to educate potential targets in the Metroplex about ways they can protect themselves from this type of crime.

The scam plays off the similar sound but different meanings of the English term "notary" and the Spanish term "notario."

In Texas, a notary is someone licensed to witness the signing of legal documents. In most Latin American countries, however, a "notario" implies that the person is a licensed attorney. Texas law specifically prevents notaries from providing any type of immigration service unless they hold a separate license to practice law.

In a common scam, a person obtains a notary public license in

Texas yet presents himself to Spanish speaking clients as a "notario publico" or licensed attorney who can help the customer with the immigration process.

Many con artists charge hundreds or even thousands of dollars to allegedly provide legal assistance in processing immigration applications with federal authorities. However, in many cases, the scam artists disappear with the money; charge high fees for filing unnecessary documents; or perform poor quality services that jeopardize clients' cases.

"The abuses perpetrated by fraudulent "notarios" and their likes have caused much suffering for Texas families," said Attorney General Abbott.

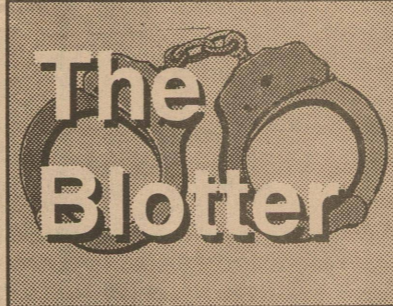
To deal the growing scams perpetrated by notarios and other fraudulent immigration specialists in the Metroplex, the Office of the Attorney will hold an open house on Saturday, March 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to take reports from victims who have been scammed. On that date, affected consumers can file complaints in person at the offices of Catholic Charities of Dallas, lo-

cated at 5415 Maple, Suite 400, in Dallas.

The Attorney general's efforts will be assisted by the Consulate of Mexico and immigration advocates. Similar events will take place later this year in other Texas cities. In February, Attorney General Abbott gave similar warnings to consumers in El Paso and San Antonio. These events serve to encourage consumers to speak out against those who perpetrate these frauds. Although scams against immigrants have been a long-standing problem in Texas, many consumers have been hesitant to file reports.

"For too long victims have been silent. This has allowed hundreds of rogue notarios and other operators to line their pockets and provide little in the way of service," he said.

Victims can also call the Attorney General's office toll free at 1-800-252-8011 or visit the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us to obtain complaint forms, which are available in both Spanish and English.

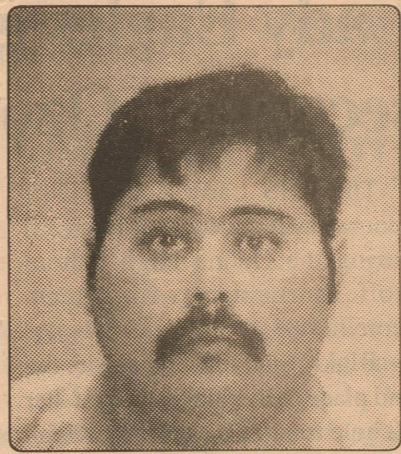


The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

March 1 • Esquivel, Frank Gabriel, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

• Mata, Adrian Avila, male age 25, arrested by DPS Trooper, offense Driving While Intoxicated



COURTESY PHOTO
Juan Ramon Morales

Police seeking child abductor

Texas Rangers and the Odessa Police Department are seeking a man wanted on three counts of aggravated kidnapping of young girls.

Juan Ramon Morales, 30, had been arrested on Jan. 1 for the aggravated kidnapping of a 7-year-old girl from her church in Odessa. He was released on Jan. 2 on \$50,000 bond.

Biological evidence that had been obtained during the investigation of the aggravated kidnapping in January matched evidence from the abduction of two 5-year-old twin girls in July 2002. Two additional aggravated kidnapping charges were filed against Morales and an Ector County judge issued a warrant for Morales's arrest.

Morales is believed to be driving a 1990 Chevrolet pickup truck with Texas license plate PL-7200. He is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs 190 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and tattoos on each shoulder. (A photo of Morales is available on the DPS website at http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/pr022803.htm).

Morales also is known by these aliases: Juan Cerna, Juan Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Juan Ramon Subia or Juan Ramon Morales Rodriguez

Anyone with information about Morales's location should call their local law enforcement agency.

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INCIDENT REPORTS

February 26 • 10:20 a.m. Complainant on Rudd Road reported missing a mare.

• 11:09 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

• 6:20 p.m. Male complainant requested a complaint on contempt of court. Complainant was to receive custody of child on this date.

• 7:37 p.m. Female complainant reported a disturbance. Two officers responded and found everything OK.

• 9:30 p.m. Complainant reported a green Ford Ranger with a white tool box driving recklessly. Officer responded and found everything code 4.

February 27 • 11:26 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for husband. EMS 2 responded.

• 12:48 p.m. Subject reported a minor vehicle accident in front of City Hall. Officer responded.

• 2:55 p.m. Subject reported a minor vehicle accident. Subject fell asleep and went off road into trees. No injury. Officer issued blue form.

February 28 • Hospital requested an ambulance and EMS 2 responded.

• 2:45 p.m. School employee requested an officer assist in getting a juvenile back to school. Officer responded.

• 6:55 p.m. Complainant reported that he was to meet his ex-girlfriend for custody of his two children for the weekend. Transfer of custody for the weekend was to occur at 6:00 p.m. Ex-girlfriend failed to show with children and complainant requested a complaint be made.

March 1 • 3:57 p.m. Complainant reported about 10-12 illegals 7 miles on FM 2596. Officers responded and were unable to locate.

• 10:11 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver heading South. Vehicle described as a white Ford pickup. Officers responded.

March 2 • 12:00 a.m. Complainant reported a skunk on the corner of Dorris and North Streets. Officer responded.

• 8:13 a.m. Complainant requested assistance for an unresponsive elderly female. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 10:55 a.m. Complainant reported about 10-12 illegals 6 miles on FM 2596. Officers responded and were unable to locate. Border Patrol notified.

• 11:08 a.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS 2 responded.

• 4:54 p.m. Complainant reported a gate open on Hwy. 190 West and livestock was getting loose. Officer responded.

• 6:53 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about problems with their daughter. Officer responded.

• 9:18 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

• 9:30 p.m. Female subject requested an officer at their residence because husband would not leave. Two officers responded.

March 3 • 1:30 p.m. Tom Green County Sheriff Office reported a grey Ford Taurus all over the highway. Officer responded.

• 7:40 p.m. Subject called to report that a water hose had been left on and water was running over to their mother-in-law's house. Officer responded and City contacted.

• 7:42 p.m. A male subject requested in person to speak with an officer.

March 4 • 5:33 a.m. Male subject reported that an elderly had fallen. EMS responded.

• 12:40 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transfer. EMS 2 responded.

More than 800,000 Texans sign up for "No Call List"

The Texas No Call List has been in effect since January 1, 2002 and currently has over three quarters of a million subscribers.

The list was designed to stop unwanted telemarketing calls to consumers from companies with whom the consumer does not have a prior business relationship.

The Do Not Call list is actually comprised of two lists, the Statewide Do Not Call list and the Electric No Call List.

Only residential consumers can enroll their home numbers for the Statewide Do Not Call List. Phone numbers enrolled in this list will be shielded from unwanted telemarketing calls. The Electric No Call List is open to both residential and business customers. These phone numbers will be shielded only from calls made by Retail Electric Providers soliciting a customer's electric service.

The Do Not Call list applies to all telemarketers doing business in Texas no matter where their call center is located. Telemarketing companies not following the law may face fines of up to \$1,000 per violation.

Registration in the Do Not Call lists do not stop all telemarketing calls. Charities, non-profit groups and debt collectors are excluded from the law. Companies with a prior business relationship with the customer may continue to call in addition to telemarketers holding a state license, such as real estate agents and stockbrokers. However, a state licensee must close any sale or payment with a face-to-face meeting.

When a telephone solicitor or telemarketer calls they must:

- Identify the name of the business calling
- Identify a return phone number at which the company can be reached.

- Only call between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and between noon and 9 p.m. on Sunday.
- If the solicitor uses an auto-

matic dial announcing device (ADD), the computerized message must provide their company's name and a telephone number that can receive an incoming call. This rule does not include calls from non-profit organizations, media subscription services or a business soliciting a former or current customer.

You can ask a telemarketer to put your name and phone number on their own "do not call" list. It is against the law for them to call you again.

The cost for placement on the statewide Do Not Call list is \$2.25 for three years. Residential phone customers can get their name, phone number and address on the list using one of three methods:

1) Register online at www.texasnocall.com payment may be made with MasterCard or Visa.

2) Sign up by phone by calling toll-free 1-866-TXNOCAL (L) (1-866-896-6225). An automated system is available in English and Spanish. Payments may be made with MasterCard or Visa.

3) Register by mail. Simply ask for registration form by calling the toll-free number or by downloading and printing a form from www.texasnocall.com - payment may be made with MasterCard, Visa, or by mailing a check or money order to: Texas No Call, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, MA 02032.

The "Electric No Call List" applies to Retail Electric Providers and telemarketers calling about your electric service. Both residential and business customers can register their telephone number(s). The charge per phone line is \$2.55. Telephone numbers registered on this list will remain on the list for five years.

While the Statewide Do Not Call list does have some exemptions to its rule, the Public utility Commission believes that consumers who register for the list should experience a substantial reduction in telemarketing calls.

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• ADAPTATION (R)	1:30	
• JUNGLE BOOK (G)	1:20	3:20 5:20

FINAL DESTINATION 2

ds (R)	1:45	4:15
• BIKER BOYZ (PG-13)	4:40	
• KANGAROO JACK (PG)	1:40	4:10
• JUST MARRIED-ds (PG-13)	2:10	4:45

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FINAL DESTINATION 2

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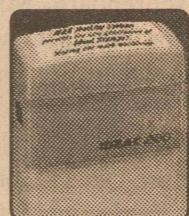
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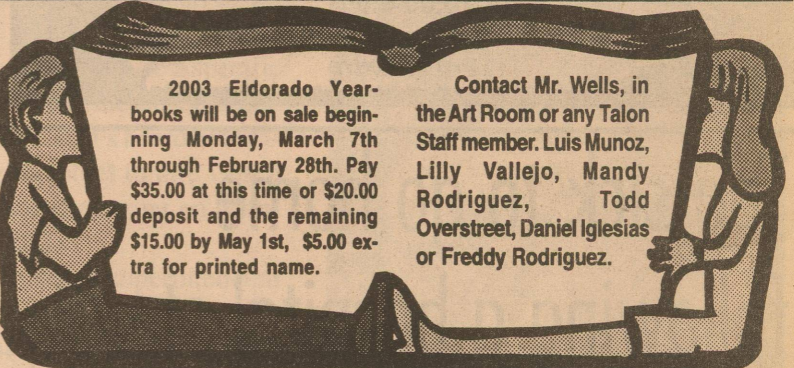
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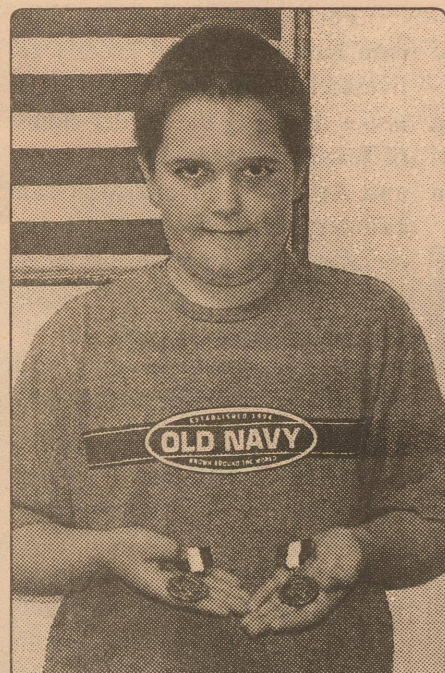
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Eagles nine takes second in Sonora's Dry Devil's River baseball tourney

by Coach Gary Grubbs

The Eldorado Eagles took second place this past weekend at the Dry Devil's River Baseball Tournament in Sonora. The Eagles opened by beating Brady 11-6 on Thursday, Sonora 9-8 on Friday, and then fell in the championship game to Fort Stockton 6-4 on Saturday night.

In the opening game with Brady, the Eagles scored four runs in the bottom of the first after giving up two in the top of the first. Trey Chavez led the game off with a double and was doubled home by the next batter, Quisto Gonzalez. Frankie Arispe followed with a single plating Gonzalez. Clean-up hitter Philip Martinez then singled in the next run. Later in the inning Joe Arispe walked with the bases loaded to make the score 4-2 after one inning.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Eagles struck again when Gonzalez and Frankie Arispe led off with singles and then were brought home when Martinez doubled off the left centerfield wall.

Later in the inning, Joe Arispe hit a sacrifice fly to left, scoring Martinez.

The Eagles scored again in the fourth inning when Martinez led off with a single followed by a walk by Homer Hernandez, then Joe Arispe singled to right field driving in Martinez and Hernandez. Jared Grubbs was then hit by a pitch before Chavez followed with a double to right center to drive in both Arispe and Grubbs and end the Eagles scoring.

Frankie Arispe was on the mound for the Eagles and had a rough start with four early walks, but once he settled down, the Bulldogs were unable to touch him. Arispe finished the game with 13 strikeouts while giving up only 2 hits. A very outstanding effort by This Eagles moved them to 3-0 on the year.

The game on Friday saw the Eagles beat their biggest rival, Sonora, by a 9-8 score. Homer Hernandez was on the mound for the Eagles and was touched for three runs in the top of the first. The Eagles responded with a blast off

the bat of Trey Chavez that cleared the left center field fence to make the score 3-1 at the end of the first.

The Eagles scored two more in the bottom of the second when Michael Adame led the inning off with a walk followed by a single by Tony Chavez. Jared Grubbs then drove in Adame with a single to right center and Trey Chavez singled in Tony Chavez to even the score at three a piece.

The Eagles big inning came in the fifth when they tallied five runs. A walk by Grubbs followed by base hits by Trey Chavez, Frankie Arispe and a walk by Joey Hernandez accounted for the first three base runners of the inning. Homer Hernandez followed with a double and was driven in by a sharp single to left by Michael Adame to account for all five runs in the fourth. This gave the Eagles an 8-5 lead, one they wouldn't give up.

Homer Hernandez was roughed up early but settled down and began to own the Bronco hitters later in the game. He went the full seven innings, finishing the game with four strikeouts and improved his record to 2-0, while the Eagles moved to 4-0 on the season.

On Saturday the Eagles faced Ft. Stockton in the championship game. The Eagles spotted the Panthers a 5-0 lead going into the bottom of the fifth, before they could get on the scoreboard. Michael Adame led the inning of with a walk and was replaced by courtesy runner Andy Mejia. Walks to Alan Dykstra and Jared Grubbs loaded the bases before Quisto Gonzalez ripped a 1-1 offering into left center, going all the way to the fence clearing the bases for a triple.

The Eagles added a run in the bottom of the seventh when Trey Chavez tripled to right center and was driven in on a grounder by Gonzalez. An outstanding pitching performance by Michael Adame wasn't quite enough for the Eagles on this night. Adame gave up a lead off single and wouldn't give up another hit on the evening. Adame had 12 strikeouts and only 3 walks.

The loss lowered the Eagles record to 4-1 on the year. The Eagles next face Miles on Tuesday.



Hung out to dry in the Dry Devil's River — Eagles catcher Frankie Arispe and 3rd Baseman Alan Dykstra trapped this Sonora runner in no-man's land last week, tagging him out in a run down between homeplate and 3rd base. The action took place during the second round game of the Dry Devil's River Tournament. The Eagles won the game 9-8 and placed second in the tourney.

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4-H plans L.E.A.P. Outdoor Adventure '03

by Nancy Lester,
Schleicher County Agent

Are you a senior 4-H'er, age 14-18, looking for a new and exciting opportunity this summer? Then the L.E.A.P. Outdoor Adventure '03 is just what you're looking for! This three night, four day camp will feature a full day of high and low challenge course programming, Outdoor Living Skills training, day hiking trips, and overnight camping experiences! Some specific topics that will be addressed include: teambuilding on the challenge course, climbing and rappelling; leadership development; minimum impact camping;

risk management and safety in the outdoors; planning for a hike or overnight trip; studying Ecology and human impact on nature; outdoor cooking and food safety; orienteering and knot tying; how to set up shelter; preparing, maintaining and extinguishing a camp fire; and much more!

The camp will be held July 6-9, 2003 with home base at the Texas 4-H enter. Space is limited to 15 participants chosen through an application process. Participants will be housed in the Leadership Lodge. No linens will be needed, except for the list of gear that will be required for the pro-

gram. Registration will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 6th and the camp will conclude with breakfast on July 9th. Total cost of the program will be \$150.00 per person. A deposit of \$30.00 will be required with the applications and deposits are due by April 1, 2003.

An information brochure and applications are available at the Schleicher County Extension Office. Contact Scott Edmonson or Nancy Lester at 853-2132 to request a brochure and application, or get them from the Texas 4-H Center website at: <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>.

Hillman to head Livestock Health Agency

After three decades of braving Idaho's rugged winters, Dr. Bob Hillman will be back home April 1 as Texas' new state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency responsible for livestock and poultry health. Dr. James Lenarduzzi, interim TAHC executive director since December 2002, will return to his duties as director of TAHC's Area 5, which is based in Beeville and encompasses 40 South Texas counties.

"Dr. Lenarduzzi has performed admirably during the past several months while we searched for a new state veterinarian," said Mr. Richard Traylor of Carrizo Springs, chairman of the TAHC's 12-member governor-appointed commission. "We are very fortunate to have dedicated staff, and we also are happy to have Dr. Hillman joining our team in Texas."

"Dr. Hillman understands and relates to the challenges of private veterinary practitioners, producers, associations, and government agencies," said Mr. Traylor. "He

is knowledgeable about disease issues, and has an admirable track record as a national livestock leader and motivator."

A native of Cameron, Texas, Dr. Hillman graduated from Texas A&M University's School of Veterinary Medicine in 1971. He worked as a field veterinarian for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Wichita Falls before moving to private practice, first in Vernon, Texas, then as a practice partner in Burley, Idaho. In 1981, Dr. Hillman joined the Idaho State Department of Agriculture as chief of the Bureau of Animal Health. Since 1990, he has served as the administrator of the Division of Animal Industries in Idaho.

"Dr. Hillman's wrangled with tough and controversial issues, including brucellosis infection in bison and elk in the Greater Yellowstone Area," commented Mr. Traylor. He explained that, although the animals are under federal jurisdiction, livestock in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are at risk for disease exposure when infected bison

or elk wander from park boundaries and onto ranches. Brucellosis infection in livestock would cause these states to lose their disease-free status, and the ability to move cattle without restriction, noted Mr. Traylor. He pointed out that Texas is still working to achieve cattle brucellosis-free status, and has had two infected herds during the past 12 months.

In 2001, Dr. Hillman served as president of the U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA), the national body of regulatory veterinarians and allied livestock groups that provides recommendations to the USDA on livestock disease issues, policies and regulations. Dr. Hillman chaired the USAHA's committees for cattle tuberculosis and government relations, and has been an active member on the wildlife disease and brucellosis committees.

"For the past 15 years, Dr. Hillman has contributed greatly to livestock disease and related trade issues affecting the border states of Texas, New Mexico, California and Arizona and our Mexican counterparts. As a review team member, he has traveled extensively to assess the progress of Mexico's cattle tuberculosis and brucellosis eradication programs," said Mr. Traylor. Dr. Hillman also was one of the original eight U.S. representatives on the Binational Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Committee, which also has eight Mexican representatives. Based on reports by review teams, the binational committee negotiates health standards for importing Mexican cattle to the U.S. border states.

"Although Dr. Hillman has been away from Texas for some time, he has never been out of touch with issues that affect our state's livestock industry," commented Mr. Traylor. "We're fortunate he's ready to return to his home state."

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