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STATE CHAMPIONS

The Eldorado Eagles team tennis squad claimed its second consecutive State Championship on Saturday by defeating the Mason Punchers 10-0 in Round Rock. The win came as no surprise to the EHS faithful who only last week watched as the Warbirds netters defeated the same Mason team to capture the Regional Championship.

By virtue of their second place finish at Regional, Mason's players advanced to the State Tourney, but weren't expected to make it to the finals. That was reserved for the Eldorado Eagles and the Reagan County Owls, the two teams that squared off in the final match last year. In fact, the tournament organizers were so confident of the pairing that they seeded Eldorado 1st and Reagan County 2nd.

The Mason Punchers had a different view of things, though and eliminated the Owls after a grueling battle in the semifinal round. Because almost all of those matches went longer than anticipated,

Mason had to immediately take the courts against the Eagles who wasted no time in dispatching the purple-clad punchers 10-2.

The final round victory was indicative of the Eagles play throughout the tournament where they quickly dispatched every opponent. Franklin High School was the first of four teams to fall prey to the Warbirds. After eliminating Franklin 10-0 the Eagles dismissed the Grand Saline Indians by the same margin.

Following a seven hour rain delay, and a change of venue to dry courts, the Eagles met the San Saba Armadillos in the semifinal round and promptly rolled up a 10-4 win to secure a berth in the final match. That would be as close as anyone would come to catching the Eagles.

The final match with Mason was a foregone conclusion as the weary Punchers were forced to face a fresh and well rested Eagles team. As Mason contested every

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Courtesy Photo

We are the champions — The Eldorado Eagles team tennis squad posed Saturday with the 2002 State Championship trophy after defeating Mason 10-2 in the final round of the State Team Tennis Tournament in Round Rock. (Front row, kneeling) Emily Newman, Shay Parker, Betsy Green, Buddy Greer, Coach Matt Rutherford (2nd row, standing) Quisto Gonzalez, Elibeth Montalvo, Courtney Sauer, Blake Snelson, Amanda Wanoreck, Gentry Newman, Courtney Brown, Christina Redish, Ryan Cathey, Lacy Ragsdale, Heather Homer, Dillon Greer (Back row, standing) Thomas Ballew, Logan Neal, Bobby Phillips, Wesley Jones, Will Whitten and Robbie Young.

Eldorado wins half million dollar technology grant

A coalition of local governmental entities and technology leaders are celebrating after learning this week that the Schleicher County Network was approved for a \$500,000.00 grant from the state's Technology Infrastructure Board.

The brainchild of Eldorado High School Librarian Debbie Griffin and Schleicher County ISD Technology Director J.D. Doyle, the proposed community-wide computer network came a giant step closer to reality with the awarding of the grants. Locally, just over \$50,000.00 in matching funds was raised from four governmental entities as well as a group of local businesses and individuals.

Schleicher County and the City

of Eldorado each contributed \$10,000.00 to the project. Schleicher County ISD also contributed \$10,000.00 plus some donations of equipment and personnel. Schleicher County Hospital District added another \$10,000.00 and agreed to act as fiscal agent for the grant.

It is unknown exactly how soon work will begin on the network. However, SCISD Technology Director J.D. Doyle has already been scouting for sites in the hospital in which to install the network switching equipment.

It is hoped that the grant will make high-speed Internet access available to local citizens. A wireless network, linking many local offices, as well as public access terminals are also planned.



Photo by Kathy Mankin

This might work — SCISD Technology Director J.D. Doyle and Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook checked out areas of the hospital Tuesday where computer networking equipment can be installed after word came that a \$500,000.00 grant had been approved for the purpose of installing a community-wide computer network.

Authorities see death as attempted homicide/suicide

Sheriff's deputies responded Sunday morning to a 9-1-1 call at 701 Concho Avenue and found an Eldorado man dead from an apparent suicide in the back yard of the residence, and his wife unconscious in one of the bedrooms of the home.

Chief Deputy George Arispe was first to arrive at the scene and reported finding the body of Alvaro Rojas, Jr., 43, hanging in a tree. Arispe said that Rojas' body was hanging by the neck from a cable attached to a tree limb. An aluminum ladder was found nearby.

Inside the home, Rojas' estranged wife, Violetta Rojas, was found lying face down and uncon-

scious on the floor in a bedroom on the north side of the residence. She was apparently suffering from an attempted strangulation, officers said. A length of knotted rope, with loops on each end was found lying nearby. Investigators said that rope burns on the woman's neck indicated that she had been attacked with the rope, or a similar object and had been left for dead.

Schleicher County EMS ambulance responded to the scene and transported Violetta Rojas to Schleicher County Medical Center where she was treated for injuries. She remains hospitalized at SCMC at press time.

Justice of the Peace James C.

Doyle pronounced Alvaro Rojas, Jr. dead at the scene and ruled the death a suicide by strangulation.

Officers speculated that Rojas used to rope to strangle his wife. They noted that bruising on his hands matched the loops on the ends of the rope found near his

unconscious wife.

Investigators said that after the assault his wife, Rojas apparently went to the back yard of the home and took his own life. No witnesses to the incident have come forward and a time of death has not been established.

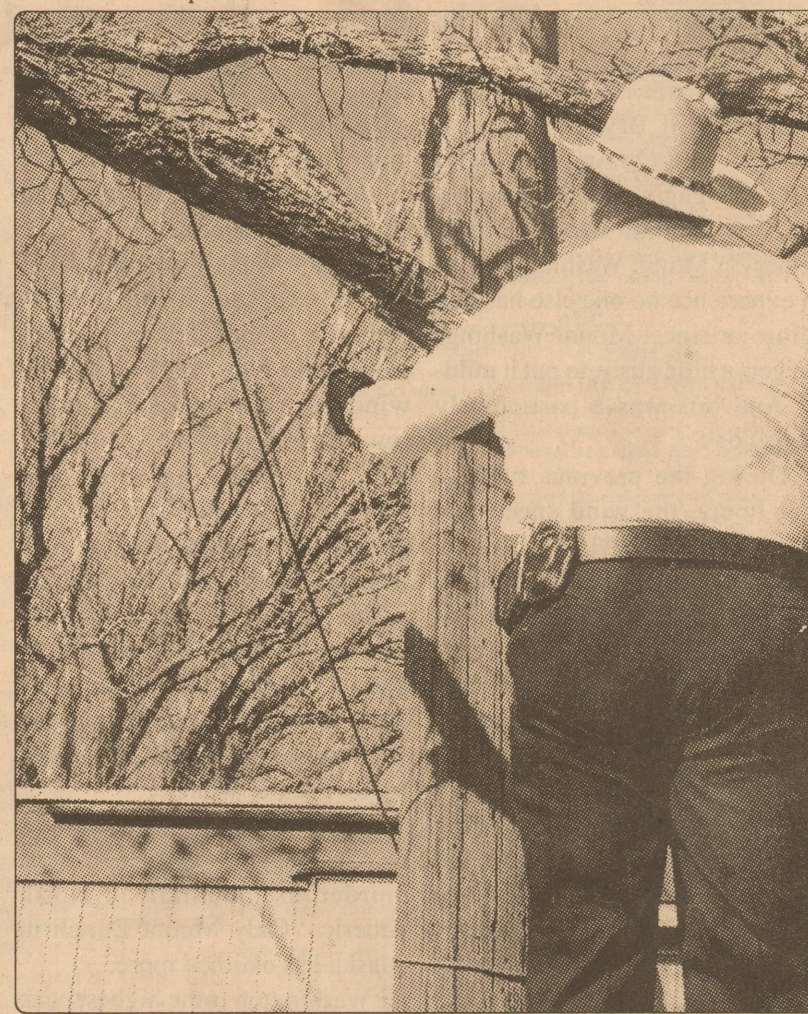


Photo by Kathy Mankin

Grim duty — Chief Deputy George Arispe removed a cable from a tree behind a home at 701 Concho Avenue Sunday morning and kept it as evidence after an apparent attempted homicide/suicide at that address. The body of an Eldorado man, Alvaro Rojas, Jr., was found hanging from the cable. His wife was reportedly found unconscious inside the home after an attempted strangulation

Local voters pick Clark & Brown in local elections

Schleicher County voters went to the polls Tuesday and cast ballots in the Democratic and Republican primaries. Locally, incumbent County Commissioner Bill Clark defeated challenger Albert Torres 156-90 in the race for Commissioner in Precinct 2 in the Democratic Primary and effectively decided the winner in November since there is no Republican seeking the office.

"I'm honored and humbled by the show of support," Bill Clark stated following the election. "I appreciate every vote and will continue to do my best on behalf of

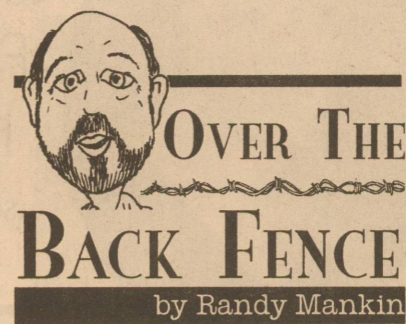
the voters in Precinct 2. Meanwhile in the Republican Primary, Matt Brown, defeated William Edmiston 73 to 49 for County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

"I want to thank everyone who supported me," said Brown after the returns were posted. "It is a great honor and I look forward to the General Election in the fall.

Brown will next face Mike Lux in the November General Election. Lux was unopposed in the Democratic Primary. The race drew plenty of interest after incumbent Commissioner Ross Whitten announced he would not seek re-election.

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Veilmaker, yet another line on my resumé



if my fly was open and became more nervous by the second.

It was some months later before Kathy told me that her smile had been prompted by her father's insistence that she could still call off the wedding. Hmm, seems like Floyd and I were thinking alike.

Walter Kopriva was my Best Man and as Kathy approached the front of the sanctuary he leaned nearby and whispered in my ear, "She's beautiful."

Understatement had always been one of Walter's hallmarks. She wasn't just beautiful, I thought to myself, she was stunning.

Just then Walter whispered again, "This probably isn't the time to mention this but I think I forgot the ring."

I almost fainted right then and there.

Well to make a long story short, Walter hadn't forgotten the ring, he was just getting in one last dig before I became a married man.

So, you see, my nervousness wasn't totally without cause....and

then there was Kathy's veil. Kathy's mom had made her wedding gown and my mom had prepared all the flowers. Both were gorgeous. But, a couple of nights before the wedding, Kathy still didn't have a veil.

Well, her father was quite a handyman and I wasn't adverse to a challenge, so the two of us set out to make her veil. And we did. Actually, it started out as a joke but the final product came out so well that Kathy insisted on wearing it.

How do you make a veil? Well, we started with an antique beaded cap and a bolt of tulle, added a dab of glue here and a staple or two there and pretty soon we had a decent looking veil. A pair of Floyd's old cuff links were used as accent pieces. They gathered the tulle at the corners of the cap and added just the right touch of color.

Would the veil fall apart when I lifted it for the big kiss? This was just one of the things that was on my mind as well as I trembled nervously through the ceremony. But after the vows were exchanged and Walter actually produced the ring for me to slip on Kathy's finger, then came the big moment. I raised the veil (it held up just fine) and kissed my wife. That was exactly 25 years ago and I am still convinced that I came out the winner in the deal.

Twenty-five years ago I stood at the altar at First Baptist Church in Shallowater waiting for Floyd Marburger to bring his daughter down the aisle. My knees were knocking to the point that everyone in the church noticed.

I don't know why I was nervous...I shouldn't have been. Everyone in the place, myself included, knew that I was getting the better part of the deal.

Kathy and I dated for more than three years before we married. And, we had been engaged for two. So, I should have been prepared.

Maybe my nervousness was due to the fact that I half expected Kathy to back out. After all, I had absolutely nothing to offer her. Still, there she was, walking toward me, smiling beneath her veil.

That's odd, I thought. She's smiling...what does she know that I don't. So, I slowly checked to see

stranger to the concept of the importance of a single ballot. That's how he became a member of Congress, by one vote.

In another crucial contest with a significant impact on Texas, the Senate approved President James K. Polk's declaration of war against Mexico in 1846 by one vote. That war, of course, was what actually solidified Texas' disconnect from Mexico.

A century and two years later, the Texas Democratic convention voted for Lyndon Johnson over ex-Gov. Coke Stevenson in the party's contested election. The margin was one vote in favor of LBJ.

The list goes on. One person not likely to ever miss an election in Texas is Judge Jan Patterson of the 3rd Court of Appeals.

"I admire early voters," she said, "but I always wait until election day."

Her reason goes back to childhood.

"When I was a little girl, my dad was an election judge and I can remember my mother dressing up and us walking from home to Highland Park Elementary, where the polls were. I love the ritual of voting on election day."

If an election in Texas is ever again decided by one vote, it could be Judge Patterson's.

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BEST FRIENDS DON'T LET BEST FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK ...

King lost head over election — literally

Editor's Note: Because the deadline for this column falls before Tuesday each week, the results of the primaries obviously were not available for discussion in this week's Highlights.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

of the beauty of the electoral process and mindful of the danger to Democracy incumbent in not voting, started looking for examples of how just one ballot changed an election. Such changes, of course, also alter history.

A list of close calls at the polls tends to pop up around election time every few years. But now, thanks to the Internet, it is more easily accessible. It's also easier to update.

The first example on the list is that in 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

Four years later, in an even better example of the power of the ballot, one vote cost King Charles I his head. The vote to behead him was 67 against and 68 for. The king may have been the first politician to lament a poor voter turnout.

Sticking with English electoral history, one vote in 1714 put King George I on the thrown and restored the monarchy.

Meanwhile, across the North Atlantic, one vote in 1776 determined that English would be the official language of the soon-to-be-rebellious colonies. German got the second highest number of votes.

By 1800, of course, the United States was electing presidents, not kings. When the nation's third presidential election ended up in the House of Representatives because of a tie in the number of votes in the electoral college, one vote made Thomas Jefferson our third president.

The same problem cropped up again in 1824. With a four-way contest left up to the members of the House, Andrew Jackson by one vote became the sixth president.

Those who enjoy Texas' status as a state of the Union can thank Sen. Edward A. Hannigan of Indiana. Hannigan's vote was the crucial one in the measure that provided for annexation of the Republic of Texas.

Hannigan, by the way, was no



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Winds of Springtime

March is the windy month in Texas. Somebody told me the other day, "It'd be all right if the wind didn't pick up that gritty dust." But then it wouldn't be Texas, would it?

The Texas winds are tame to those of New England. When my wife and I visited Mount Washington in New Hampshire years ago, we nearly froze in the snow, even though we were at the base of the mountain.

In his book "A Walk in the Woods", Bill Bryson relates a weather story. On April 12, 1934, Salvatore Pagliuca, a meteorologist at the summit weather observatory on Mount Washington had an experience no one else has had before or since. Mount Washington gets a little gusty, to put it mildly. And this was a particularly breezy day.

During the previous twenty-four hours, the wind speed had not fallen below 107 miles an hour and often gusted much higher. When it came time for Pagliuca to take the afternoon readings, the wind was so strong that he tied a rope around his waist and had two colleagues take hold of the other end.

The men had difficulty getting the weather station door open and needed all their strength to keep Pagliuca from becoming a kind of human kite. How he managed to reach his weather instruments and take readings is not known, nor are his words when he finally tumbled back in. A few come to mind, like GEEEEEEEEEEEEEE WHIZ!

What is certain is that Salvatore had just experienced a surface speed of 231 miles an hour. Nothing

approaching that velocity has ever been recorded elsewhere.

"In The Worst Weather on Earth, A History of the Mt. Washington Observatory", William Putnam writes, "There may be worse weather, from time to time, at some forbidding place on earth, but it has yet to be reliably recorded."

Among the Mount Washington weather station's many other records are: most weather instruments destroyed, most wind in twenty-four hours and lowest windchill (a combination of 100 mph winds and a temperature of -47 degrees, a severity unmatched even in Antarctica).

Mount Washington receives 246 inches of snow a year. In 1969, eight feet of snow fell on the summit in three days. On average, the wind blows at hurricane force (over 75 miles an hour) two out of three days during the winter and 40% of days overall. Because of the length and bitterness of its winters, the average mean temperature at the summit is 27 degrees. The summer average is 52 degrees, a good 25 degrees lower than at its base. It is a brutal mountain and yet people go up there, or at least try to, even in winter.

122 people have lost their lives on Washington, the second most murderous mountain in North America. Only Mount Denali in Alaska has claimed more.

Washington is the highest peak north of the Smokies and east of the Rockies at 6,288 feet. It is the most popular summit in the White Mountains.

Somehow those March winds we experience in Texas don't seem so bad now.

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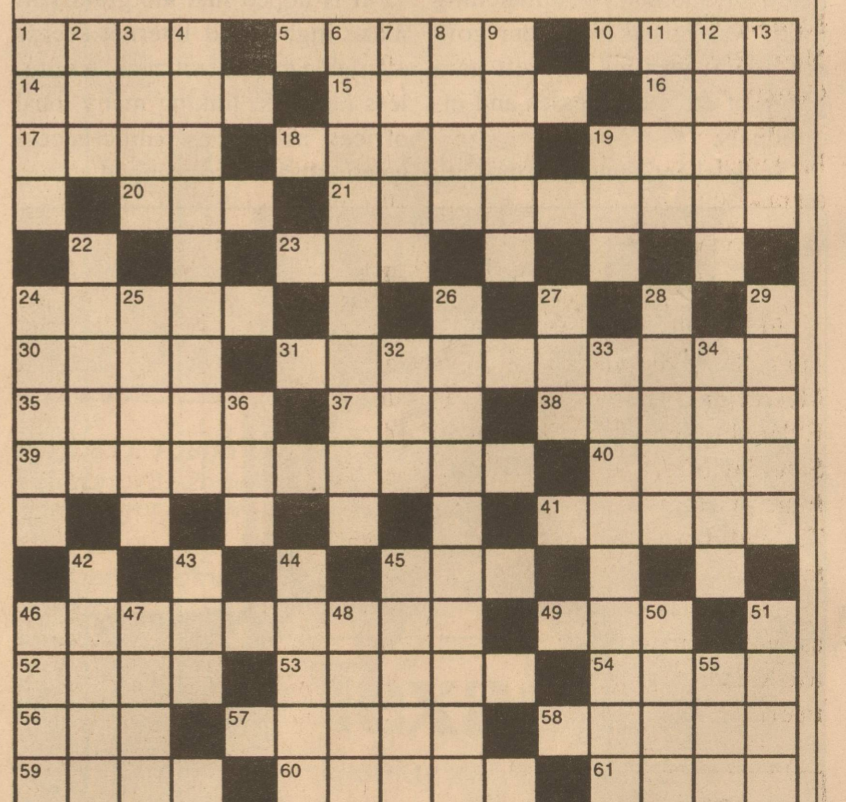
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 - 33 Standoffishness
 - 34 Intertwined
 - 36 Atomic Energy Commission (abbr.)
 - 42 Native American of Eastern California
 - 43 Wildebeest
 - 44 Rhus shrub
 - 45 Joyful Christmas song
 - 46 Having an outer covering
 - 47 A pause for relaxation
 - 48 A small cake leavened with yeast
 - 50 A parabolic reflector
 - 51 A member of an American Indian people of Yucatan
 - 55 Uncooked
- See solution on Page 6



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OBITUARIES

Alvaro Rojas Jr.

ELDORADO — Alvaro Rojas Jr., died, Sunday, March 10, 2002. Service was Tuesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Violeta Rojas; son, Alvaro Rojas III; daughter, Christina Ramirez; mother, Teresa Martinez; brother, Gene C. Rofas; sister, Rose Marie Factor all of Eldorado; and father, Alvaro Rojas Sr. of Mexico.

Jesus M. Mendoza

ELDORADO — Jesus M. Mendoza, 54, of Sonora and formerly of Eldorado died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at his residence. Service was Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial following in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include mother, Amalia Mendoza of Eldorado; sons, Jesus Herrera Jr. and Man-

uel Mendez, both of Sonora; daughters, Alicia Herrera of Eldorado, Connie Gully of El Paso and Nancy Guardida and Ann Marie Thornton, both of San Antonio; brothers, Alfonso Mendoza of Eldorado, Fidel Mendoza of Wichita Falls and Lee Mendoza of Cd. Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico; and sisters, Nelva Ruiz of San Angelo and Lucy Mendoza of Cd. Acuna, Coahuila.

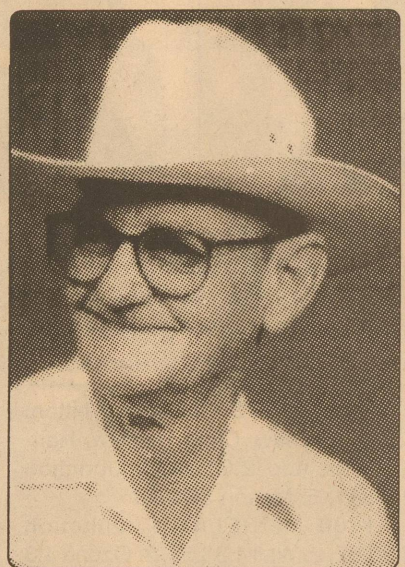
Roy E. Key

ELDORADO — Roy E. Key, 74, of Mertzon, Texas, and formerly of Eldorado passed away at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Roy was born March 26, 1927, in Seminole, Okla., to Buck and Julie Key. Roy moved to Eldorado with Atlantic Richfield Co. and later to Mertzon where he retired with the ARCO Oil and Gas Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, a nephew, a niece and the mother of his children, Charlene Key, who passed away Dec. 17, 1968.

Survivors include his wife, Ann, of Mertzon; four sons, Tommy Beck of Hedrick, Iowa, Roy E. Key (Bud) of Okmulgee, Okla., Joe Key of Eldorado, Texas, and Dell Key of Elgin, Texas; three daughters, Carol Reese (Sis) of Midland, Texas, Kathy Faull of Eldorado and Connie Hannah of Peoria, Ariz.; one sister, Evelyn House (Sis) of Rockwood, Tenn.;



one brother, Charles Key (Sonny) of Madera, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; four nephews; and special friends and neighbors, Mike, Cheryl, Casey Wescott and Randy, Kelly and Kayden Councilman.

Graveside service was Monday, March 11, in the Eldorado Cemetery with Dr. R. Byron Orand of Community Baptist Church of Eldorado, officiating.

Duane Douglas Dutton

JUNCTION — Duane Douglas Dutton, 74, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in a San Angelo hospital.

Service was Monday, March 11, at First Presbyterian Church in Junction with the Rev. Lewis Allen and the Rev. Jim Barker officiating. Burial was in the Junction Cemetery.

Duane was born Sept. 1, 1927, in Brady, Texas, to Harold C. Dutton and Velma Rape Dutton. He graduated from Junction High School and completed paratrooper training in World War II. He worked as a cowboy on ranches including the Bar S, Matador and Kokernot 06. He shod, trained and traded horses. Duane ranched in Kimble County, Grant County, New Mexico and Schleicher County.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold C. Dutton; and a grandson, Derek Dutton.

Survivors include his mother, Velma Rape Dutton of Junction; his wife, Fern Hunger Dutton of Eldorado; his children, Debra Mudge and husband, Art, of Junction; Ted Dutton and wife, Kim, of Sheffield; Joe Dutton and fiancée, Tamera Hudgins of Midland; Doxie Watson and husband, Brian, of Midland. Grandchildren include Phillip Dutton and wife, Korri, of Gurley, Ala., Cameron and wife, Erica Dutton and Kade Dutton and wife, Amanda, all of Midland, Skye Dutton of Sheffield, Courtney Mudge of Atlanta, Ga., Zack Mudge of San Marcos, Tres, Ansley and Dutton Watson of Midland, and Tawni and Tyler Hudgins, all of Midland; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Butch Lewis, Wayne Lewis, Clinton Smith Jr., Lee Hall, Lynn Hill Molesworth and Jock Dutton.

Louise Flemming

ELDORADO — Louise Flemming, 87, of Eldorado formerly of Melvin died Thursday March 7 in Eldorado. Services were held on Saturday March 9, at the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Brady TX with burial in Melvin Cemetery.

Louise was born in Brady Texas on December 8, 1914, to Ben and Maddie (Smith) Thornton. She married Everett J. Flemming at El-

dorado in 1937. He preceded her in death in 1961. Louise was a Homemaker and a member of the Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Elwood Flemming; one brother, Joe Thornton; and one sister, Louise Brock.

Louise is survived by one son, John Flemming of Kerrville, and one sister, Ruby Hamm of Eldorado.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Flora Hubble called the meeting to order and led in the opening ritual at the March 11, 2002 meeting of Kappa Delta chapter of BSP. Barbara Jackson was hostess on this very windy March night.

Plans were completed for the garage and bake sale on March 22 & 23rd. See ad in the Eldorado Success for time and place.

Kim'et Nelson gave the program on getting organized. She gave pointers for cleaning away clutter and throwing away things that are no longer needed so as to make your home a neater place.

The hostess then surprised Mary Leigh Dunagan with a birthday cake to celebrate her March 12th birthday. A birthday gift from her secret sister was presented to Ms. Dunagan who also won the sunshine gift.

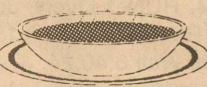
Sandwiches, chips, cheese sticks, and fruit punch was served to those mentioned above and Dorothy Dacy. Everyone mentioned missing Linda Lindsey who was in China where she and Hugh are picking up a new baby sister for Kaitlyn. Ms. Lindsey will be the hostess on March 26 and her sorority sisters are all anxious to see the new little one.

Star Party set at Ft. McKavett

Fort McKavett State Historical Site invites you to come and enjoy the wide-open skies of Texas March 16, 2002 with the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Soci-

ety. Lectures begin at 3:00 P.M. with nighttime viewing through telescopes beginning at dusk. Entrance is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. If you plan to attend, remember your flashlight. Call (915) 396-2358 before you come, as cloudiness will cancel this event.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, March 18

Chicken Fried steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, March 19

Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Tossed Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, March 20

Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk

Thursday, March 21

Smothered Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk

Friday, March 22

Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/ Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

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I'm sure the IOC won't seriously consider us as an Olympic host city until we clean up our act. So the Eldorado Olympic Bid Committee is sponsoring a clean up day on Saturday, April 6, to mow and clean up the vacant lots that are most visible to visitors. Any volunteers that would like to help with this project call Jim Runge at 853-2434.

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Cold, blustery weather greets athletes at Plateau Relays

Courtney Whitten won the 100 M. Dash in the Varsity Girls division and Chris Sanchez placed 2nd in the Shot and Discus in the Varsity Boys division of the Plateau Relays held here last Saturday. Meanwhile and EHS freshman Eric Garcia won the 3200 Meter in the JV division. However, since the Varsity and JV boys ran the race together, Garcia had the opportunity to test himself against older runners. Neither he nor his Coach, Don Richters, were disappointed as Garcia easily outdistanced the entire field, finishing ahead of the fastest Varsity runner by 4.91 seconds.

Other results are as follows:

VARSITY GIRLS DIVISION
 TEAM TOTALS: 1. Ozona 177; 2. Wall 167; 4. Junction, 107; 4. Mason 73; 5. ELDORADO 59

3200 M. RUN 1. Lively, Junction 13:28.83; 2. James, Ozona 14:33.30; 3. Shannahan, Wall 14:35.92; 4. Wells, Junction 14:52.47; 5. Nichols, Wall 15:22.40; 6. Strum, Wall 15:41.69

SHOT PUT 1. Oglesby, Ozona 29-6.5; 2. Crouch, Mason; 3. Jennifer Bybee, ELDORADO 26-3; 4. Hahn, Mason 27-5.5. Sienkiewich, Junction 25-7.75 6. Dierschke, Wall 24-4.75

DISCUS 1. Sienkiewich, Junction 90-11; 2. Crouch, Mason 3-6; 3. Johnson, Junction 67-8; 4. Doyle, Wall 63-1; 5. Hahn, Mason 60-1; 6. Nobles, Mason 54-12

LONG JUMP 1. Cervantez, Ozona 14-8.75; 2. Black, Wall 14-2; 3. Noland, Wall 13-11.75 3. Young, Wall 13-11.75; 4. Hannah Robledo, ELDORADO 13-7.375

HIGH JUMP 1. Lively, Junction 4-8; 2. Thibadeau, Wall 4-4; 3. Cervantez, Ozona 4-2; 4. Teja, Mason 4-2; 5. Nichols, Wall 4-2; 6. Welston, Ozona 4-2

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TRIPLE JUMP 1. McIntyre, Wall 30-1; 2. Howell, Mason 27-9; 3. Halfmann, Wall 27-8; 4. Ybarra, Ozona 27-4; 5. Clara Herrera, ELDORADO 26-10; 6. Huffman, Ozona 24-8.5

800 M. RUN 1. McIntyre, Wall 2L32.67; 2. Lively, Junction 2:37.03; 3. Van Winke, Junction 2:43.14; 4. Ramos, Ozona 2:47.54; 5. Dominguez, Mason 2:59.49; 6. Sturm, Wall 3:00.23

110 M. HURDLES 1. Webster, Ozona 15.91; 2. Fierro, Ozona 17.79; 3. Huffmann, Ozona 18.10; 4. Howell, Mason 18.78; 5. Black, Wall 19.06; 6. Schnierg, Wall 20.26

100 M. DASH 1. Courtney Whitten, ELDORADO 14:14; 2. Tambungas, Ozona 14:66; 3. Ramirez, Mason 15:05; 4. Davis, Wall 15:12; 5. Lum, Junction 15:14; 6. Barrera, Ozona

400 M. DASH 1. Crawford, Ozona 1:04.61; 2. Noland, Wall 1:08.56; 3. Buchanan, Ozona 1:09.18; 4. Clara Herrera, ELDORADO 1:09.95; 5. Wellmann, Junction 1:12.91

300 M. HURDLES 1. McIntyre, Wall 51.91; 2. Black, Wall 55.09; 3. Oglesby, Ozona 55.15; 4. Schniers, Wall 59.01; 5. Walston, Ozona 1:00.02

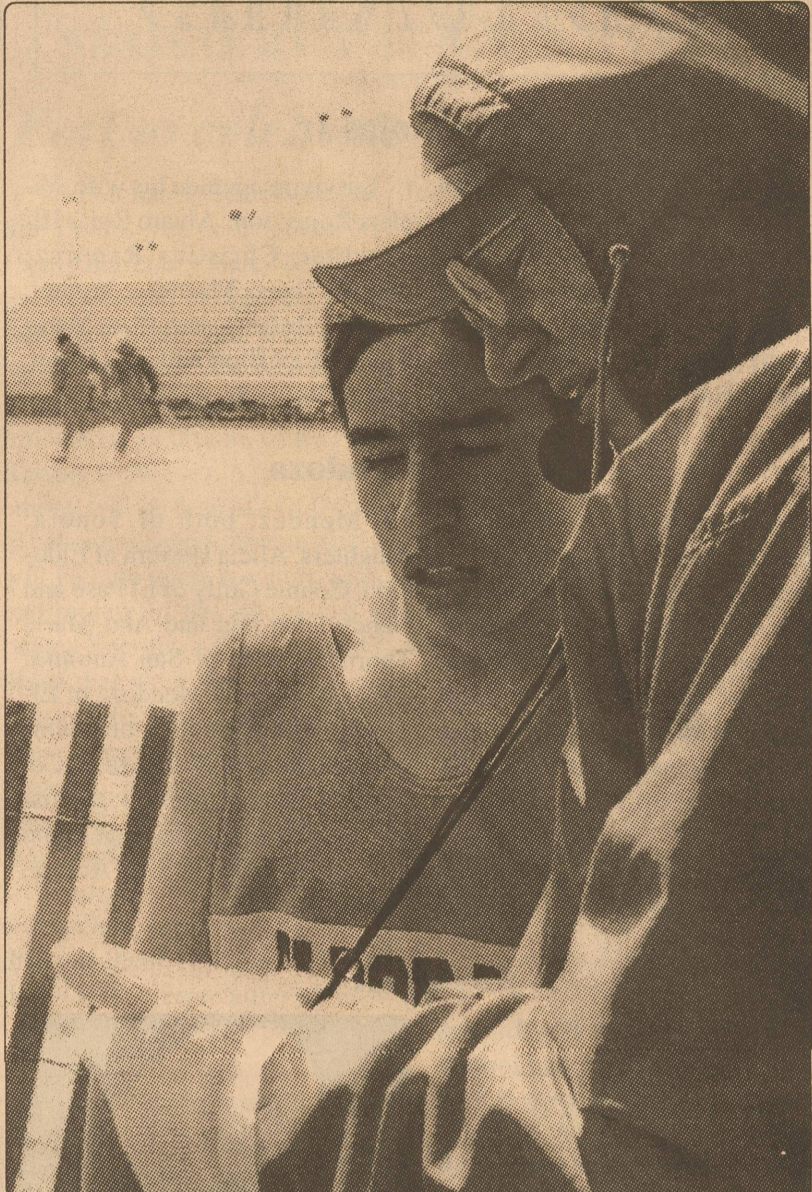
200 M. DASH 1. Teja, Mason 28.94; 2. Cervantez, Ozona 29.74; 3. Johnson, Junction 29.95; 4. Cervantez, Ozona 30.13; 5. Kasey Boysaw, ELDORADO 30.50; 6. Young, Wall 31.24

1600 M. RUN 1. Lively, Junction 6:06.17; 2. Ramos, Ozona 6:15.44; 2. Shannahan, Wall 6:40.24; 4. James, Ozona 6:43.00; 5. Wells, Junction 6:47.35; 6. Nichols, Wall 6:51.07

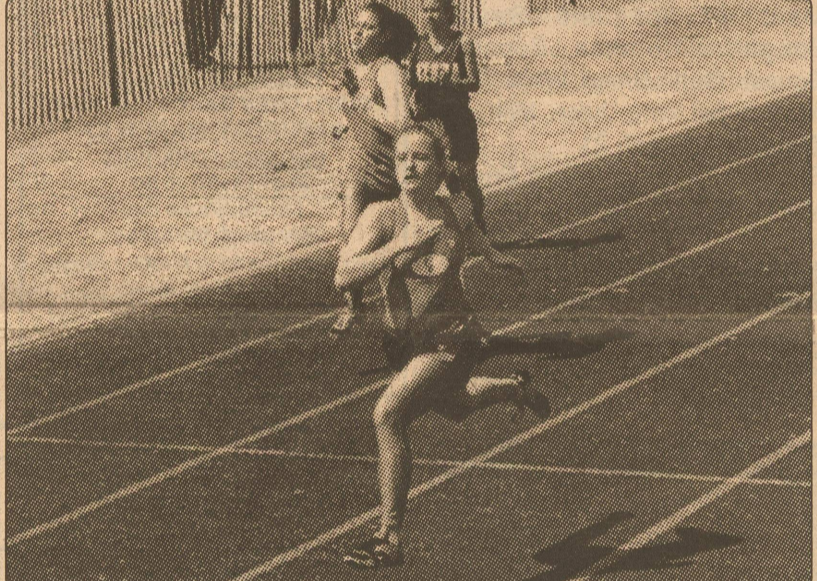
POLE VAULT 1. McIntyre, Wall 6-6; 2. Smith, Wall 6-0

400 M. RELAY 1. Ozona 52.25; 2. Courtney Whitten, Kasey Boysaw, Clara Herrera, Hannah Robledo ELDORADO 55.18; 3. Mason 55.79; 4. Wall 55.91

800 M. RELAY 1. Ozona 1:56.39;



I told you you could do it — Coach Don Richters shows EHS freshman Eric Garcia his winning time in the 3200 Meter Run. Garcia, running on the Eagles Junior Varsity squad, beat the combined field of JV and Varsity runners. He finished ahead of the 1st Place varsity runner by 5 seconds.



Off to the races — Courtney Whitten easily outdistanced the field Saturday in finals of the Varsity Girls 100 Meter Dash. She finished with a time of 14.14 seconds.

2. wall 2:02.13; 3. Courtney Whitten, Kasey Boysaw, Clara Herrera, Hannah Robledo 2:02.36; 4. Junction 2:02.41; 5. Mason 2:03.49

1600 M. RELAY 1. Junction 4:30.97; 2. Wall 4:33.53; 3. Ozona 4:33.99

VARSITY BOYS DIVISION
 TEAM TOTALS: 1. Wall 195; 2. Junction 141; 3. Ballinger 90; 4. Mason 74; 5. ELDORADO 16

3200 M. RUN 1. Newton, Ballinger 11:18.10; 2. White, Wall 11:23.30; 3. Mora, Mason 11:45.56; 4. Covert, Wall 11:57.47; 5. Treece, Wall 12:04.08; 6. Thompson, Junction 12:13.18

SHOT PUT 1. Cook, Wall 42-9; 2. Chris Sanchez, ELDORADO 42-8.5; 3. Pipple, Wall 41-8.25; 4. Haschez, Junction 40-8.75; 5. Clark, Ballinger 40-5.5; 6. Fulton, Ballinger 38-5

DISCUS 1. Haschke, Junction 127-6; 2. Chris Sanchez, ELDORADO 109-8; 3. Ripple, Wall 107-2.25; 4. Clark, Ballinger 98-4.5; 5. Bailey, Mason 92-1; 6. Munoz, Mason 74-6

LONG JUMP 1. Holik, Wall 20-7; 2. Sissel, Junction 19-9.375; 3. Haney, Wall 19-8.875; 4. Ledbetter, Wall 19-6; 5. Oliver, Junction 18-6.25; 6. King, Ballinger 18-2.875

HIGH JUMP 1. Sissel, Junction 6-0; 2. King, Ballinger 5-10; 3. Haney, Wall 5-8; 4. Eppler, Mason 5-6; 5. King, Ballinger 5-6

TRIPLE JUMP 1. Letbetter, Wall 34-8.5; 2. Morquecho, Mason 35-11; 3. Lujan, Junction 34-11.5; 4. King, Ballinger 34-9.5; 5. Linscomb, Junction 34-8.5; 6. Trowbridge, Callinger 35-5.5

800 M. RUN 1. Eppler, Mason 2:05.80; 2. Cox, Wall 2:07.90; 3. Kiskoo, Wall 2:09.72; 4. Morquecho, Mason 2:13.19; 5. Trowbridge, Ballinger 2:18.06; 6. Linscomb, Junction 2:15.24

110 M. HURDLES 1. Sissel, Junction 14.76; 2. Holland, Junction 15.34; 3. Molesworth, Junction 16.48; 5. Lay, Wall 17.19; 6. Eppler, Mason 17.74

100 M. DASH 1. Schniers, Wall 11.35; 2. Holik, Wall 11.72; 3. Letbetter, Wall 11.73; 4. Keller, Junction 12.03; 5. Jones, Ballinger 12.16; 6. Falcon, Ballinger 12.42

400 M. DASH 1. Cole, Junction 53.02; 2. Haney, Wall 53.97; 3. King, Ballinger 54.44; 4. Tillman, Junction 55.67; 5. Martinez, Mason 56.36; 6. Moore, Wall 59.19

300 M. HURDLES 1. Sissel, Junction 39.92; 2. Holland, Junction 41.84; 3. King, Ballinger 44.47; 4. Mills, Wall 44.92; 5. King, Ballinger 46.59; 6. Lay, Wall 47.68

200 M. DASH 1. Schniers, Wall 23.95; 2. Oliver, Junction 24.00; 3. Trowbridge, Ballinger 24.87; 4. Cawley, Wall 25.02; 5. Keller, Junction 25.07; 6. Letbetter, Wall 25.73

1600 M. RUN 1. Covert, Wall 5:05.63; 2. White, Wall 5:08.27; 3. Newton, Ballinger 5:10.26; 4. Morquecho, Mason 5:13.14; 5. Thompson, Junction 5:21.01

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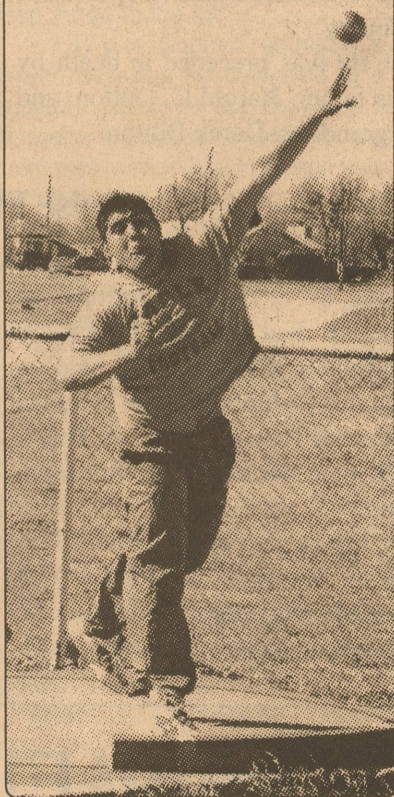
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Three Schleicher County ranches to receive Family Land Heritage Awards from TDA

Auta Mae Bradshaw, Bessie Westbrook and Kathleen St. Clair will be among 114 Texas ranchers and farmers being honored tomorrow, Friday, March 15, 2002, by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The three women will receive the Family Land Heritage Award, denoting their families' continuous ownership and operation of ranches in Schleicher County since 1901. Each year since the inception of the program in 1974, farm and ranch owners with a family heritage of 100 years or more on the same piece of land are honored by the TDA. To date, only one Schleicher County Ranch has been so honored, that being the Coralina Ranch, established in 1883 and honored in 1985.

Now comes three ranches, two owned by sisters, that have been continually owned and operated by a single family for 100 years.

The Bradshaw Ranch and the Westbrook Ranch are part of the M. M. Reynolds Estate. Myrtle (Porter) Reynolds took up school lands in 1901, claiming four sections 17 miles east of Eldorado. Myrtle's father and brother, Jerome and Charles, had each claimed four sections in 1895. Part of that land is still in the M. M. Reynolds Estate owned by Auta Mae Bradshaw and Bessie Westbrook.

Myrtle Porter was one of the few women who, alone, took up school land. She filed an application to settle on four sections of school land and lived in a tent and hauled water in a barrel. At the time, title to the school land was being tested in a series of court cases. Myrtle Porter was sued by



Five Reynolds kids — (L-R) Auta Mae, Frank, Lottie, Raymond and Gertrude Reynolds posed for the camera sometime in the mid to late 1910s.

J.R. Atkinson in a test of her title and she won the case in the Supreme Court in San Antonio in 1902. Again in 1903 she was sued by W.A. Martin and again she won the case. She also had to dispossess some squatters who tried to jump her land claim.

In 1904 Myrtle Porter married Frank J. Reynolds, who also took up school land in the early years. Together they had eight children: Gertrude, Lottie, Johnnie, Bessie, Auta Mae, Frank, Raymond and Reuben.

Also in 1901, Gratten Crosby and his wife, Delia Lindsay Crosby filed on school land and settled on it, about 25 miles southeast of

Eldorado in what is now known as Middle Valley. They made their home at first in a wagon bed, covered by a tarp, under a giant oak tree. Soon, a one-room rock house, cemented together with clay from a water well, was built for the family. That house had a dirt floor, covered with straw and the roof was made of red sheet iron. During summer, a room made of canvas was added for a kitchen. One day, when the family was away, several head of cattle chewed through the canvas and got in the kitchen, destroying Mrs. Crosby's dishes.

A few years later, Gratten Crosby bought a granary in Mason which he demolished. The lumber

was transported by freight wagon to the ranch and used to build a two-room house. Then, as the family had plenty of room, Mrs. Crosby began boarding the teacher from the Mayer School No. 1.

In 1928 the family built a new eight room, rock veneer home, under the same oak tree where they had first lived in their wagon bed home.

The Crosby ranch passed to the couple's son, John Christie Crosby, then to his daughter Lillian Kathleen Crosby St. Clair who still owns and operates the ranch.

Bradshaw, Westbrook and St. Clair will be honored at 2 p.m. tomorrow, along with 111 other Texas farmers and ranchers at a ceremony in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the campus of the University of Texas. Among the group will be seven properties that will be recognized for agricultural production of at least 150 years and two will be recognized for reaching the 200-year milestone.

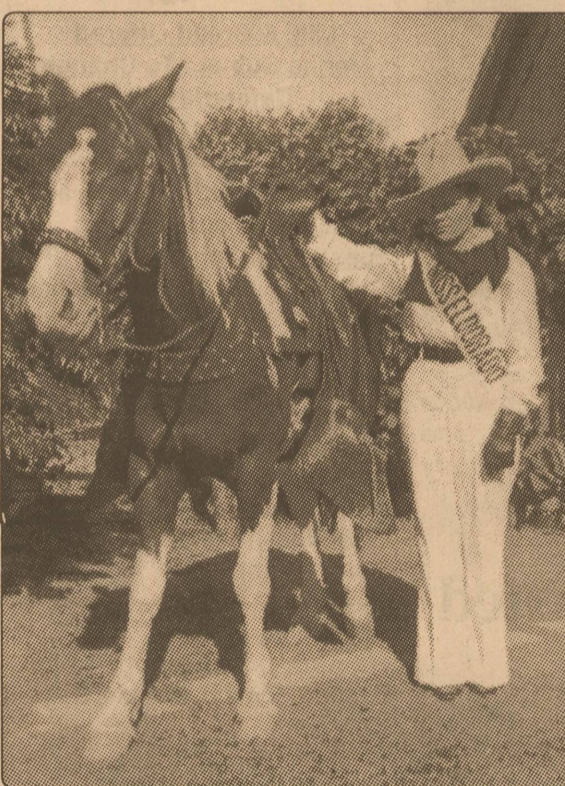
"These agricultural pioneers wrote the early history of Texas and set the foundation of a proud heritage that their ancestors have honorably carried on," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "As a result, agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas. We're thrilled to be able to continue honoring the 150- and 200-year ranches because these categories show just how far back agriculture's legacy goes in this great state."

Ranches being honored for 200 years are Agua Nueva Ranch and Noriecity Ranch, both in Jim Hogg County.

Ranches being honored for 150 years are Vorkahl Ranch in Austin County; Calame-Yeldell Ranch and Yeldell Ranch in Freestone County; Sallie B. Ranch in Grayson County; Young Ranch 1825 and Young Ranch 1831 in Liberty County; and Rocking D Ranch in Robertson County.

Ron Stone, a well-known Texas broadcaster and historian, will be serving as master of ceremonies. Red Steagall, noted Texas cowboy poet and songwriter, will perform following the certificate presentation.

The Family Land Heritage Program has honored 3,580 properties through the year 2000.



Miss Eldorado — Bessie Irene Reynolds posed in her outfit as Miss Eldorado in this photo believed to have been taken in the mid to late 1920s.



Old home place — Kathleen Crosby (St. Clair) is shown here during the construction of her grandparents rock home, under the shade of a giant oak, were the family first made its home in a tarp covered wagon after filing for and settling the land in 1901.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Local Explorers hold first-ever Academy at Camp Sol Mayer

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 8th, 9th and 10th 2002 the Schleicher County Emergency Service Explorers Post #33 sponsored its first annual Explorer Basic Academy held at Camp Sol Mayer near Ft. McKavett. Seventeen local youths attended the training and were challenged in various aspects of what the Explorer Post has to offer. The group was separated into three squads and leaders from the group were assigned. Squads were challenged with drill and ceremony exercises, obstacle course, repelling tower, physical training and Police, Fire and EMS training.

On Sunday, March 10th, with parents and guests on hand to witness the occasion, the group attended an academy graduation ceremony and received a graduation pin for their uniforms. The veterans of the group, Lindsay Beach, David Doran, Maria Hernandez,

Kimberly Hight and J.L. Mankin started as Explorers when the post first formed in February, 2000. They were each recognized and received their 60-hour Law Enforcement Training Pin as well as their Tenure Pin.

A special Explorer of the Year award was presented to Maria Hernandez. The award was voted on by the post advisors as well as her fellow Explorers. First and second runners-up for the award were David Doran and Kimberly Hight.

The purpose of the Academy was to: orient the new recruits to the standards of conduct within the Explorer Post; boost each Explorers self confidence; bring out leadership abilities; train the group to preform as a team; and give them the basic training needed to begin the annual Police, Fire and EMS curriculum.

The goal of the Academy and the group's weekly training, is to



Whirly Bird — Local Explorer Scouts and their advisors posed for a photo in front of the AirMed-1 helicopter last weekend. The group attended an Academy at Camp Sol Mayer near Ft. McKavett where they learned different aspects of Emergency Service work.



Way to go! Explorer Post #33 advisor David Doran congratulated Maria Hernandez Sunday afternoon as he presented her with a pin after she was named Explorer of the Year.

form a pool of volunteers to assist each local agency in service to the community as well as train future employees and volunteers to better serve our Eldorado and Schleicher County for generations to come.

Among those attending the Academy were: Advisors: Chairman David R. Doran / Police Advisors - David Olivian, Jason Chatham / Fire Advisors - Michael Faull, Joey Jones / EMS Advisors - Tim Vasquez, Connie Andrews, David Overstreet, Advisors Belinda Faull, Lenette Doran and Camp Cooks Bryan Doran and Bobby Andrews.

EXPLORERS: J.L. Mankin, Tana Williams, Taylor Niblett, Gregory Fuentes, Maria Hernandez, Kimberly Hight, Kyle Taylor, Ross Hodges, Jennifer Bybee, Ashley Doran, Nester Hernandez, David Doran, Michael Hill, Anna Rios, Lindsay Beach, Frank Estrada, and Explorer Guest Amy Doran.

Democratic & Republican primary returns

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nounced he wouldn't seek reelection.

Turnout was low in both primaries in Precincts #1 and #3 where there were no locally contested races.

In statewide contested races, Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez easily defeated former Attorney General Dan Morales for the Democratic nomination for Governor and the right to face Republican Governor Rick Perry in the November General Election. With 97.2 percent of precincts reporting Sanchez had 62.7 percent of the vote, easily avoiding a runoff.

Republican Attorney General John Cornyn easily defeated a field of four other candidates to win the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Phil Gramm. Cornyn, who polled 80 percent in the G.O.P. primary, won't know who his opponent will be until a runoff election decides the winner between Victor Morales and U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen in the Democratic primary.

Local results were as follows:

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City Council gets serious about Animal Control

by Kathy Mankin

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening and learned that construction is underway near the city wastewater plant on an Animal Shelter. City Administrator, Randy Mankin explained that once the structure is complete, and passes inspection from the Texas Department of Health, the city's animal control officer can get back to work rounding up stray cats and dogs. Previously, the city kept impounded animals at Eldorado Animal Clinic, however, new regulations ended that practice last year.

The council gave the okay for a public hearing to be scheduled on a proposed new animal control ordinance. The hearing will be slated to coincide with the council's April 8th meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk with council members Robert Bybee, Tommy Minor, Dora Bosman and Richard Mendez in attendance. Council member Toni Sudduth was absent.

Among other items of business, Randy Mankin updated the council on a request from the Tom Green Community Action Council concerning financial assistance

for indigent city utility customers. Mankin noted that the group, that in recent years has helped low income citizens pay their city utility bills, was asking the city to make several concessions, including lowering rates for those citizens. Mankin noted that if rates are lowered on one customer they would have to be raised elsewhere to make up the deficit. Ultimately the council chose to decline the request from the Community Action Council.

Mankin also told the council that a used bulldozer had been located in Abilene and advised that he and City Superintendent Jack Dean would inspect the machine before making a recommendation. Mankin said that funds are available in the city budget, if the council chooses to make the purchase. He noted that the dozer is needed at the city landfill.

Jack Dean then updated the council projects in the various city departments. He noted that high winds in recent days are causing litter control problems at the landfill but that as soon as city crews are finished reading gas and water meters this week he will place several of them at the landfill for the purpose of gathering wind blown trash.

It was explained that Seidel Construction will be moving two

street construction crews into town this week and that work will begin soon to repair North Oak, North East, Park Lane as well as the streets in the Glendale addition. Randy Mankin advised that he hoped to be able to get to Cedarwood and Lee Streets by late summer. If not, then work will begin again there the following year.

The council then heard that work on repairs to the wastewater treatment plant will begin soon. Mankin noted that consideration is being given to treating the wastewater with a "polymer" compound in an effort to control algae. He estimated that the polymer would cost \$15 to \$30 per day, depending on the daily flow into the plant.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo updated the council on the city's finances and explained that revenue in the Sanitation Department has exceeded the budgeted amount by more than \$34,000.00. She noted that the windfall is coming from "tipping fees" paid to the city by Duncan Disposal, as well as the City of Rocksprings and the Crockett County Road Department, all of which use the local landfill.

The council then reviewed the monthly bills and ordered them to be paid. They also reviewed the city's investment report.

In other business the council voted to pursue a grant through the Office of Rural Community Affairs and to participate with Schleicher County in hopes of acquiring a "Colonias" grant for the installation of new water and sewer lines in and around the Orient Heights addition, which lies outside the city limits.

The council also authorized the city staff to update an inter-local agreement with Schleicher County and to review agreements with the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber Pride Committee concerning the operation of several parks in town. They also authorized the hiring of a part-time person to help in the front office at City Hall.

West Texas Heritage Day stated at Ft. McKavett

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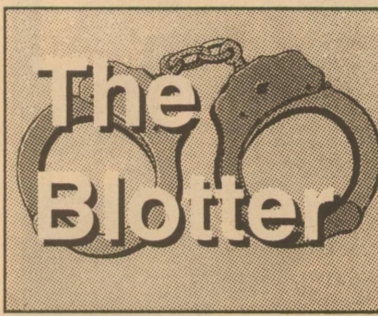
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ARRESTS

March 11 • Barker, Jennifer, female age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Theft by Check. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Moreno, Errbey Galindo, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Local Warrants.

March 12 • Boysaw, Carl Ray,

male age 40, arrested by SC Officer, charge Family Violence.

REPORTS

March 6 • 7:34 p.m. Complainant reported a major water leak at the ag barn. Officer and city employee responded.

• 10:38 p.m. Complainant stated loud music was being played in the alley. Subject identified but officer unable to locate.

• 10:54 Complainant stated neighbor having a party, and would like noise level turned down so they could go to bed. Officer responded.

March 7 • 10:50 a.m. Complainant reported a fight in the office of the high school. Officers responded.

• 8:13 p.m. Complainant reported children driving a golf cart in the dark with no lights. Children are being reckless. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

March 8 • 9:09 a.m. Subject reported a cow along the roadside 12 miles East on Hwy. 190.

• 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported someone was trying to get into a rent house on Main Street. Subject stated that the residence is not being rented at this time. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 11:57 a.m. City employee reported tree service did have a city permit.

• 10:05 p.m. Tom Green County Sheriff Office reported possible drunk driver. Officer responded.

• 10:45 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off. Officer responded and was unable to locate. Subject returned on their own and paid for the gas.

March 9 • No Time Subject reported a suspicious vehicle on E. Denny Street. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• Subject reported that there was a unsecured door on a mobile home.

• 4:25 p.m. Complainant reported someone broke into rent house. March 10

• 9:04 a.m. Subject requested an officer for an unattended death. EMS and Justice of the Peace also responded to the call.

• 1:47 p.m. Subject requested a death message be delivered to a subject in Eldorado. Subject was out of town and Sonora's Sheriff Department was notified that message was undeliverable at this time.

• 8:10 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to go with them to check on a neighbors residence. Officer responded.

• 9:12 Hospital requested an ambulance with a paramedic for a transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

March 11 • 12:35 p.m. Complainant reported several broken windows at the Woolen Mill. Officer responded and found a total of 7 windows broken.

• 6:15 p.m. Complainant reported that husband had assaulted her. Officers responded.

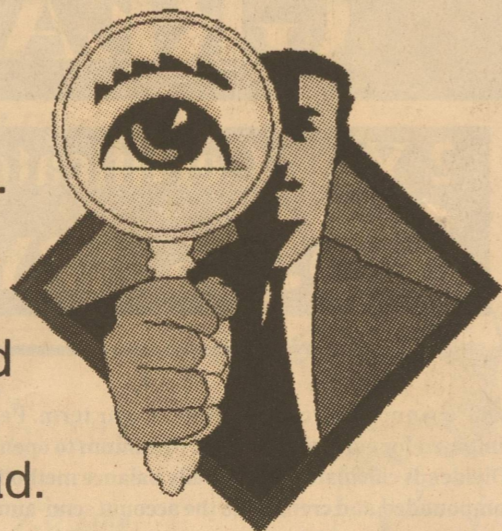
March 12 • 12:05 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• 9:36 p.m. Complainant requested an officer because husband had just pushed her. Three officers responded.

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Commissioners meet, discuss airport project

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, March 11, 2002 in regular session, and among other business they met with concerned citizen Bill Hodges who expressed his concern about the way county property is maintained as well as the way county projects are carried out.

Hodges stated that he is tired of living in a community where things are half done because no one wants to spend money. He said, "If we are going to do something, do it right, let's be prepared to maintain it on a daily basis, not once a year or what ever."

Judge Johnny Griffin stated the court agrees and stated the court is in the process of improving county property but that the process "costs money." Griffin added

that Commissioner Johnny Mayo has been insisting on hiring a full-time maintenance person for the county. At that point Commissioner Ross Whitten asked if people would be willing to pay higher taxes in order to pay for improved maintenance.

Judge Griffin estimated that an additional 2 cents would be needed on the tax rate in order to add a full time employee, not including the money that would be required to pay employee benefits. Griffin added that Larry Skiles, a government bond agent, has been contacted regarding a possible bond issue for repairs to the county Ag Building as well as the airport facilities. Gary Donaldson has been asked to prepare and architect's overview of the Ag Building.

All four county commissioners were present for the meeting

and, among other items, discussed building a metal shed and fence enclosure near the cemetery for the purpose of storing seized vehicles and other county equipment. It was noted that the Sheriff's Department is paying for the construction from its "seized property fund" and that the enclosed yard will be used to house some of the equipment that was one housed at the departments old "field operations unit" on the Mertzson Highway. It was also explained that the department will be able to charge impound fees of \$15 per day.

In other business Judge Griffin informed the commissioners that a Parks and Recreation grant, up to \$50,000 is available to the county. However, the grant application is due by April 30, 2002 and will require an equal amount in matching funds from the county. Griffin explained that funds from the grant could be used to construct new rest room facilities near the county baseball park.

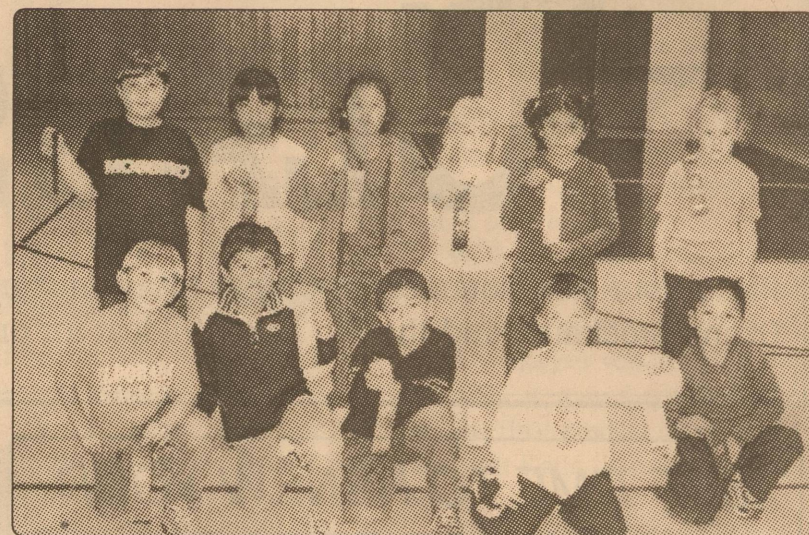
Also, Daniel's Construction was awarded the bid to paint and repair the Schleicher County Library in the amount of \$5,650.00. A professional tree service was also hired to trim trees on the courthouse square and to haul off the brush. Their bid totaled \$1,750.00.

The commissioners also met with engineer Richard Miline, Jr., who presented bid specifications for the materials needed to construct airport hangers. Lanis Mikeska and Roy Gene Lloyd were on hand for that portion of the meeting and expressed an interest in erecting the buildings. The commissioners voted to advertise bid specifications for material for a 42 x 12 x 40 "nested T" or "clear span" building. See bid specification notice on page 9.

Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out

2002 G.E.E.S.O. Kindergarten Champion — (Front L-R) (5), 2nd-Aaron Conn, 3rd-Jose Aranda, 4th-Robert Martinez, 5th-Michael Bilbrey, 6th Dominique Ochoa, (Back L-R) 1st-Macy Mikeska (4), Elizabeth Olivarez, 3rd-Maria Reyes, 4th-Felicity Wertman, 5th Adriana Rios, 6th Ashley Sullivan. Not Pictured: 1st-Tristen Barajas.

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2002 G.E.E.S.O. First Grade Champions — (Front L-R) 1st-Nicholas Gonzalez (7), 2nd- Blaine Mitchell, 4th-Brian Parsley, 5th-Miguel Huichapa, 6th Rudy Montez, (Back L-R) 5), 2nd-Miranda Arispe, 3rd-Yerald Castro, 4th-M'Kenna Gillespie, 5th-Brooke Guerrero, 6th-Brittany Arrendondo. Not Pictured: 1st-Veronica Fuentes and 3rd-Daniel Guerra.

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2002 G.E.E.S.O. Second Grade Champions — (Front L-R) C.J. Knutson (9), 2nd-Hagen Porras, 3rd-Austin Barajas, 4th-Allen Espinosa, 5th-Rico Martinez, 6th-Christian Sanchez, (Back L-R) 1st- Brianda Torres (5), 2nd-Karina Granados, 3rd-Brianah Creek, 4th-Melissa Gonzales, 5th-Sierra Arispe, 6th-Clarissa Castro.

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2002 G.E.E.S.O. Third Grade Champions — (Front L-R) 1st-Domingo Torres (8), 2nd-Jaymine O'Harrow, 3rd-Ben Wipff, 4th-J.R. Martinez, 5th-Chris Mejia, (Back L-R) 1st-Carli McAngus (5), 2nd-Alex Guzman, 3rd-Marci Minor, 4th-Jessica Sellers, 5th-Deisy Aranda, 6th- Ashley Paulson. Not Pictured: 6th-Zach Taylor.

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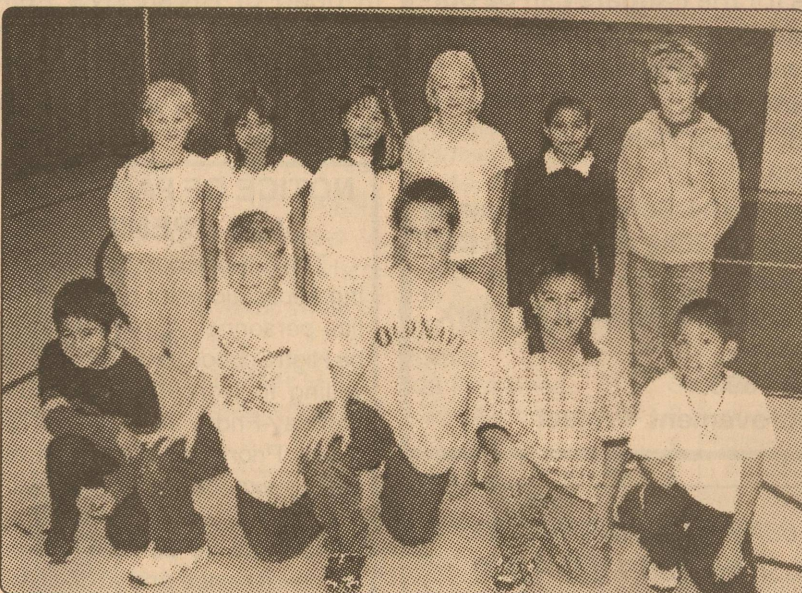


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G.E.E.S.O. Fourth Grade Champions — (Front L-R) 1st -Juan Medrano (8), 2nd-Dustin Ramos, 3rd-Dyan Dombroski, 4th-Hunter Alvizo, 5th-Garrett Lux, 6th-Austin Whitten, (Back L-R) 1st- Aubrey Martinez (8), 2nd -Adriana Hernandez, 3rd-Maureen Martinez, 4th-Samantha Dominguez, 5th-Jacey Sellers, 6th-Ashley Gardner.



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