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Eagle Scout

Four Eldorado scouts attain BSA's highest honor and rank

Court of Honor...the name given to the ceremony by which the Boy Scouts of America recognize the best of the best and elevate them to the rank of Eagle Scout. Such a ceremony hasn't happened very often in Eldorado, and it had been twenty years since one was last held here. So it was that a crowd of about 120, mostly family and friends of the four youths, gathered Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Eldorado to witness a bit of local history.

Jeffrey Bybee, Kolby Dombroski, Travis Joiner and Reese Schwiening joined an elite list of Eldoradoans, numbering twenty-six in all, to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Many of those who preceded the four young men were on hand for the ceremony. Among those were: Bob Sykes, '47; Jim Runge, '58; Herman Walker, Jr., '59; and David Meador, '63. Other Eagle Scouts attending the ceremony were: Gary Schwiening,

'47; Andy Anderson, '71; and Bob Wanoreck, '77 (once an Eagle Scout, always and Eagle Scout).

Only once before had four Eldorado youths been promoted to Eagle Scout during the same year. That was in 1963 when Roy Lynn Love, Phil McCormick, Rex (Buzz) McCormick and David Meador, earned the honor. Meador was the only member of that group to attend Saturday's ceremony.

Joe Dombroski, Scoutmaster of Troop 18 served as the master of ceremonies, as the Eagle Scout candidates were addressed by a number of guests and dignitaries. Among those was Joe Chapman, Scoutmaster of Troop #232 in Midland. Also, Eldorado Scout Committee Chairman Robert Bybee and U.S. Navy Petty Officer Eloy Ciseneros.

Michael Mitchell, the executive director of Boy Scouts Permian Basin District told the candidates that Will

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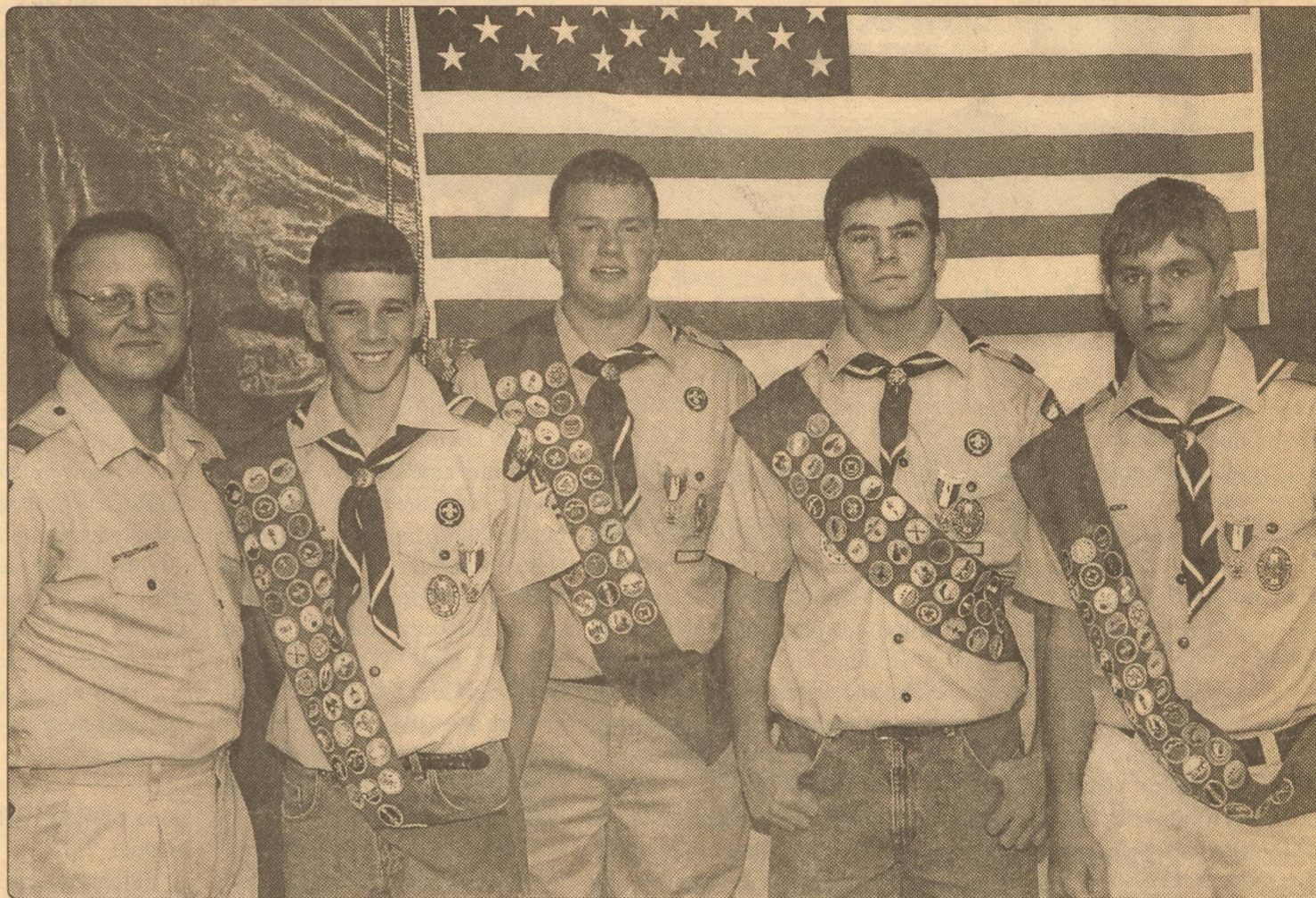


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A gathering of Eagles — Troop 18 Scoutmaster Joe Dombroski is pictured here with Eldorado's four newest Eagles Scouts. They are (L-R) Jeffrey Bybee, Travis Joiner, Reese Schwiening and Kolby Dombroski. The scouts were elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony on Saturday, April 12, 2003.

Trejo heads to State in U.I.L. Number Sense

Josh Trejo, a junior at Eldorado High School, is heading to the State U.I.L. Academic Meet after winning the Number Sense competition at the Region 1-2A Meet on Saturday in Abilene.

Several EHS scholars participated in the meet, which was held on the campus of Abilene Christian University, and four of them placed in their individual competitions. Among those were: Georgina Maritz 5th Place in Poetry Interpretation; Lori Loomis 7th Place in Current Issues and Events; and Courtney Sauer 10th Place in Accounting. Trejo is the only EHS student, however, to advance to the State Meet.

Other EHS scholars competing at the Regional Meet, their events and standings were as follows below.

Accounting: Courtney Sauer 10th Place, Courtney Brown, Brandi Davis and Sponsor Marilyn Whitten

Calculator Applications: Mitchel Cole, Josh Trejo, Georgina Maritz, Mayci Schwiening and Sponsor Amy Rutherford

Computer Applications: Michael Hill and Sponsor Paige Ragsdale

Current Issues and Events: Lori Loomis 7th Place, Will Griffin, Emily Newman, J.L. Mankin and Sponsor Teresa Baker

Mathematics: Travis Joiner, Lori Loomis, Courtney Sauer, Josh Trejo and Sponsor Tom Gray

Number Sense: Josh Trejo 1st Place

and State Qualifier, Will Griffin, Travis Joiner and sponsor Tom Gray

Poetry Interpretation: Georgina Maritz 5th Place, and Sponsor Candace Henry

Science: Will Griffin, Travis Joiner, Lori Loomis, Courtney Sauer, Josh Trejo and Sponsors Angela Case & Amy Rutherford

Spelling and Vocabulary: Laurie Almazan, Luis Munoz, Layna Murr, Emily Newman and Sponsor Linda Thomas.

The State U.I.L. Academic Meet will be held May 1-3 in Austin.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

One last promotion — Travis Joiner received his Eagle Scout badge from his father, Wayne Joiner, during the Court of Honor ceremony held in First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall last Saturday.

Comptroller Strayhorn delivers sales tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn delivered \$264.9 million last Friday in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 2.9 percent decrease compared to April 2002. So far this year, local sales tax rebates are down 1.8 percent compared to the first four months of 2002.

April's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported to the Comptroller in March. The state's share of sales tax reported in March was \$1 billion, down 2.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent April sales tax rebates of \$179.1 million to

Texas cities, down 1.9 percent compared to April 2002. Year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are running 0.9 percent lower than last year. Texas counties received sales tax rebates of \$15.5 million, down 1.7 percent compared to one year ago. Year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 0.7 percent lower than last year.

Another \$7.4 million went to 76 special purpose taxing districts around the state. Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems received \$62.8 million in sales tax rebates.

Locally, the sales tax rebates offer a mixed picture for the local economy.

Schleicher County's payment was up considerably from one year ago, while the City of Eldorado and the County Health Services Tax both declined. (See chart below)

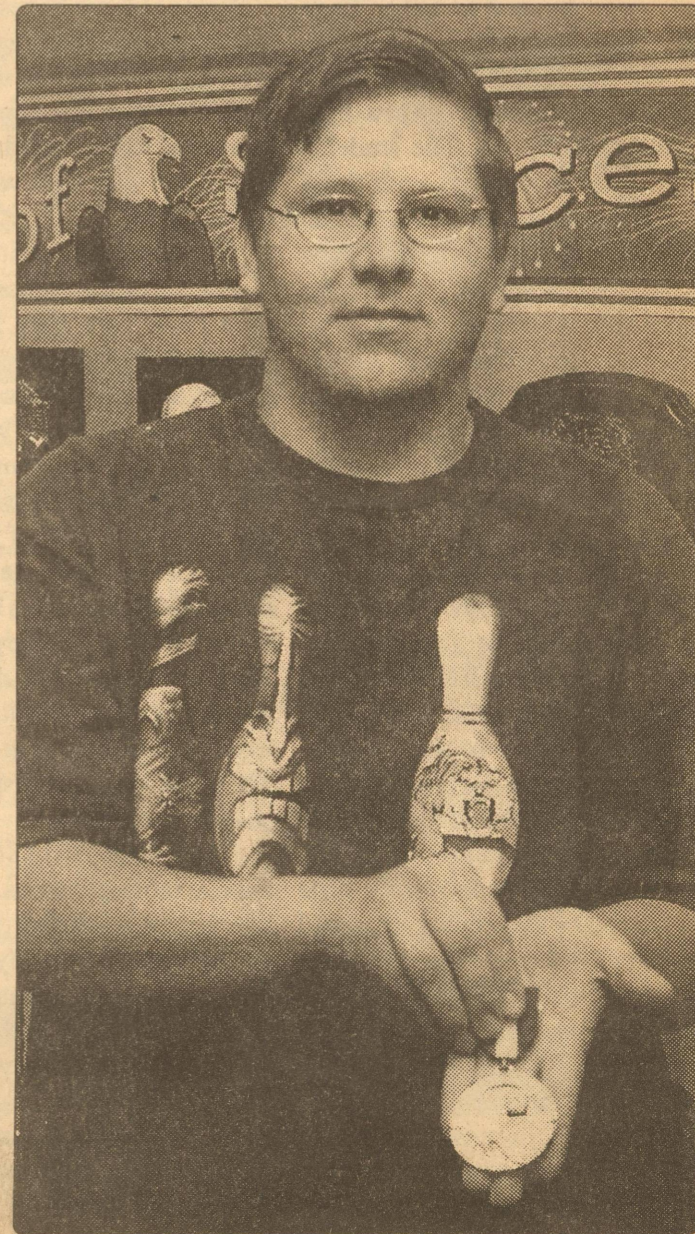
For details of April sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, May 9 and will be reported the following week in The Success..

STATE BOUND SCHOLAR...

Josh Trejo, a junior at EHS will represent Eldorado at the State U.I.L. Academic Meet in Austin. Trejo placed 1st at the Region 1-2A Academic Meet in Abilene last Saturday. The State Meet will be held in Austin on May 1-3. Congratulations and Good Luck, Josh!

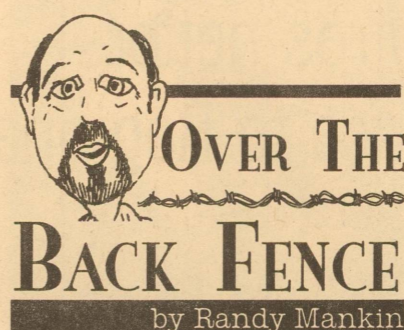
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April 2003 Sales Tax Rebates						
Local Jurisdiction	Apr '03	Apr '02	% Change	2003 YTD	2002 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$ 5,365.72	\$ 7,192.07	25.39% ↓	\$ 28,200.83	\$ 27,825.93	1.34% ↑
Schleicher County	\$12,017.42	\$ 6,659.86	80.44% ↑	\$ 32,908.86	\$ 25,145.92	30.87% ↑
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$ 6,182.39	\$ 8,061.22	23.30% ↓	\$ 26,586.63	\$ 21,957.97	21.07% ↑

How did we ever survive childhood?

Editor's note — Thanks to Danny Boyer who e-mailed the following article. It's author is unknown, but the sentiments are right on the mark.



OVER THE BACK FENCE
by Randy Mankin

Judging on the rulings handed down by today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 30s, 40's, 50's, 60's or even the early 70's, most likely shouldn't have survived, and for a myriad of reasons. Some of those reasons are listed below.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

Horrors!

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We played with toy guns, some looked very real. Sometimes we made them ourselves, we used wood and rubber bands. But we didn't grow up killing other people.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable!

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Horrors! Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. As for our parents, they actually sided with the law...imagine that!

Amazingly, this generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. Because of them, the past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

Despite these hardships, or maybe because of them, we were blessed. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.



OOOOOPS!
I THINK I ATE HIM AT COMMUNION...

Barry
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State budget deficit grows; sales tax revenue shrinks

AUSTIN — For months now, the number attached to the extent of the state's budget deficit has been \$9.9 billion. In actuality, it's probably worse.

In March, for the ninth consecutive month, Texas sales tax revenue was less than what was collected in the same month a year ago. Receipts last month amounted to \$1.01 billion, a decrease of \$23.4 million from March 2002.

This revenue stream, which accounts for more than 50 percent of the state's non-federal income, has been holding at 2.5 percent

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



less each month compared with the previous month and year since the new fiscal year began on Sept. 1.

In other words, for state officials, and anyone who derives income or benefits from the state, these numbers are not cheering.

"I wish the news was better," Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said after the new numbers came out. "But unfortunately, our Texas economy remains weak, and

there is no turnaround in sight."

Key lawmakers have proposed using the state's Rainy Day fund to help with the budget problem, but Strayhorn has continued to say she will not certify a budget that includes that provision.

As it stands now, the budget that has taken shape in recent weeks is about 5.5 percent smaller than the 2002-03 document. However, some components of the budget still in the works have even higher reductions.

The House is expected to take up its proposed \$117 billion budget for fiscal year 2004-05 this week, with Senate consideration of its Finance Committee's version coming later. Then, of course, both bodies will slug it out to reach a consensus on the size of the budget that will end up on Gov. Rick Perry's desk.

"This is the toughest session that I've ever been in," Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, told members of the Texas State Employees Union as they rallied at the Capitol complex last week. "Many programs are in limbo, and some pretty horrible suggestions for saving money are out there."

Diesel fuel tax approved...

The House has passed a bill that would raise money for emissions reduction in Texas by imposing a tax on diesel fuel.

If the bill reaches Gov. Perry's desk and is signed, the state would

begin collecting 3 cents a gallon on the bulk delivery of diesel fuel. That would generate about \$90 million a year for the state's emissions-reduction plan.

Another \$35 million needed for the program would be raised through a 2 percent surcharge for the sale, leasing or rental of construction equipment, including equipment used by the oil and gas companies.

Dope smokers get a chance to help...

Edinburg Rep. Aaron Pena has filed a bill that would levy a \$1 tax on the sale of rolling papers. The Valley Democrat said only one out of a hundred buyers of the thin, white paper use it for hand-rolling tobacco cigarettes.

The other 99, he said, use the paper to roll joints — marijuana cigarettes.

The bill, House Bill 2022, would channel half of the toke tax revenue to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Whew...

The Legislature is still wrestling with the budget issue, but a bill to protect Texans who go under the knife is making progress in the House. House Bill 1592 by Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, makes it a felony for a doctor to operate on a patient while intoxicated — while the doctor is intoxicated, that is.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Sonora School Kids Help 9-11 Victims

This is an event that happened a year and a half ago. But the story is new to me and I thought I would share it. When school kids in Sonora heard about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center, they wanted to help. They heard about an effort in San Angelo to fill shoe boxes with items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and lip ice. The students filled 500 shoe boxes with those items and took them to a mall in San Angelo for shipment to New York City. Some of the students used red, white and blue yarn to resemble American flags. Others put words of encouragement on the outside of their boxes.

When the firefighters in New York City received the boxes, they were touched. Sonora had sent more than any other city. The firemen wanted to repay the students in Sonora, so a New York City fireman, Frank Riboni, flew down to personally thank the youngsters. At the same time he was expressing his gratitude, he was also asking for more boxes. He said the need was tremendous.

The school kids were a little surprised by the request. They had worked hard to get the 500 boxes ready. There was some hesitation because among other things, school officials didn't know how the boxes were going to be shipped to New York, because the San Angelo mall drive had ended.

The students went to work getting the boxes ready. They were to

take them to the office of the Main Street coordinator, Ann Kay, who was working with the teachers. The kids brought in 800 boxes. Kingdom trucking of Sonora took the boxes to New York at no cost. Some of those boxes contained Texas pecans. They made quite a hit with the members of the New York City Fire Department. They scrambled to get them and cracked them open with their walkie-talkies.

On subsequent visits to Sonora, Frank Riboni was accompanied by a New York City EMS Fire Captain, Rosey Valdez. They took part in a flag ceremony and presented the students with some meaningful items including a crude cross made of melted steel that was once part of the World Trade Center. They gave Sonora school kids a fireman's helmet and a shirt worn by Rosey on 9-11. They gave them fire department patches, parking permits and passes to go anywhere at ground zero. The items are being displayed in a shadow box frame.

The youngsters in Sonora were unbelievably generous. They felt like they were helping people who needed help. They really did something. Something that they will remember the rest of their lives.

This story probably happened several times in numerous communities, but this happened in Sonora, Texas. The items from the firemen serve as a tribute to a community that cares.

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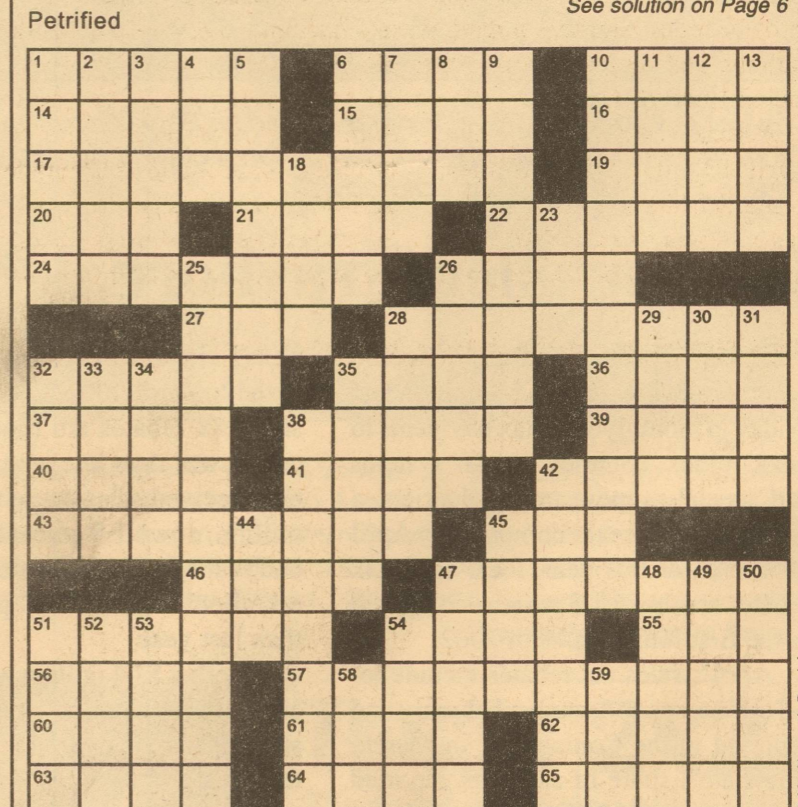
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| 15. Limburger emanation | 55. Toothpaste tube letters | 29. Slaps the cuffs on |
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OBITUARIES

Helen W. Williams

ELDORADO-Helen W. Williams, 80, of Eldorado, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2003 in a local hospital.

Graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at the Eldorado Cemetery with Chaplain Mike Andres, of Hospice of San Angelo, officiating.

Helen was born August 23, 1922, in Eldorado, to George and Ruth Williams. She was a life time resident of Eldorado.

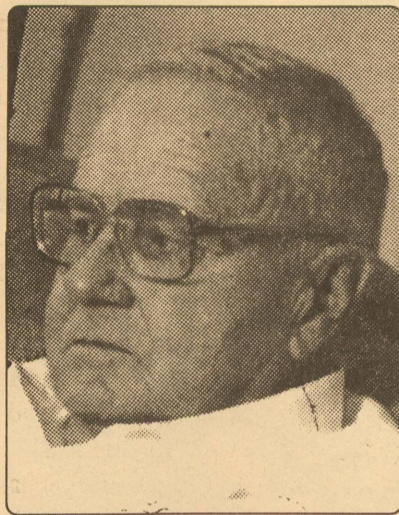
She was preceded in death by three daughters, Becky, Lisa and GeorgeAnne.

Survivors are: son Mack McAngus of Sonora.

Grandchildren: Karen Kaassen of Manhattan Beach, CA, Kelli McKinzie of Stephenville, Tim McAngus of Eldorado, Shannon West of Carrollton, Danielle Wagner of Sonora, J.R. Edmiston and Coby Edmiston of San Angelo, and Tate Evans of El Paso.

Great-grandchildren: Samantha Klaassen, Alexandra Klaassen, Conner McKinzie, Riley McKinzie, Morgan McKinzie, Carli McAngus, McKenzie McAngus and Kynley Edmiston.

George Wilford Draper, Sr.



George Wilford Draper, Sr. went to be with the Lord on Friday April 11, 2003. George was the youngest of the nine children of Nicholena Calloway Draper and Michael Lee Draper. He was born on February 14, 1922 at the family home in Pontotoc, Texas. George attended school there and graduated from Melvin High School. Upon graduating, he moved to San Angelo, Texas until he joined the Air Force on October 16, 1942. Shortly before joining the Air Force, he attended the Brady Jubilee, and it was there that he met his wife Corene Luedecke Draper. They were married on December 12, 1942.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the service on January 26, 1946, George, Corene, and George Jr. returned to San Angelo. The young family worked

on a ranch in Rocks Springs before moving to Kent, Texas to continue their ranching career. Before their second child, Mary Ann was born, George moved his family to Schleicher county. They soon established their home, and George went to work for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. It was during this time that their third child, Candi was born. George eventually retired from the ASCS office to farm and ranch. His happiest memories always involved ranching, hunting, and fishing.

George was preceded in death by wife Corene, brothers Lawrence Draper, M. L. Draper, and Leslie Draper, sisters Sadie Draper Gratzel, Lorena Draper Hughes, and Nola Draper Spivey. He is survived by their children George W. Draper, Jr. and his wife, Joan Doyle Draper, Mary Ann Elliott and her husband Efferson Elliott, Candi Draper Homer and her husband Kurtis Homer. Grandchildren include Shay Draper, Tobi Draper, Patti Thomerson Jones, Will Thomerson, Scott Homer, and Heather Homer. Surviving sisters include Helen Draper Terry and Ardelia Draper Rutherford. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. The family has request that memorials be made to The Texas Commission for the Blind and West Texas Rehab.

Prudencia Aguilar Belman

Prudencia Aguilar Belman returned to her creator on Thursday, April 10, 2003. She was born to Dolores and Aurelio Aguilar on May 27, 1911, in General Zepeda, Coah., Mexico. Prudencia came to the United States at the age of 18 months. She was a lifetime resident of Eldorado, Texas.

Prudencia married Martin Belman Sr. in July 1929. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1947. Prudencia was naturally intelligent and hardworking and was a woman of wisdom. She was a devout Catholic and soul devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

A rosary was read Sunday, April 13, at Kerbow Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, April 14, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in El-

dorado. Interment followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Prudencia is survived by her children Isidoro Belman Sr. and wife, Luz, Maria Torres and husband, Pete, Mike Belman Sr., Emma Gonzales and the late Rudy Gonzales of San Antonio, Demetrio Belman of Abilene, Lydia B. Guerrero of Eldorado, Linda Barajas Escobar and husband, Jesse, of San Angelo, Martin Belman Jr. and wife, Marisela and family, of San Antonio and Josie Cortez Knight and husband, Thomas, of Eldorado. She is also survived by her sister, Luz Moreno of Cd. Acuna and Paula Arispe of Eldorado; and brothers, Juan Gauna of Eldorado and Manuel Gauna. She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Taylor

Taylor Wedding

Dr. Patrick and Della Taylor joyfully announce their marriage April 5, 2003. We humbly ask your support through prayer for our family in Eldorado, Texas

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear American Soldier,

Defending this grand country means more than I can say. If it were not for people like you in all different circumstances, we would not be able to make choices, to be free, or to, well, anything that we take for granted, even. I don't know if you have heard of The Lost Boys of Sudan, but one of them said, "America is like a second heaven". Anyway, it is all because of people like you. Think of it-- you will be a veteran!

What is Iraq like? How does it feel to be in a war? Thank you sincerely. By the by, do you know what "Thank you" stands for?
T -- Truth
H -- Hope
A -- Amor (French for 'love')
N -- Nunc Dimittis (a blessing in Hebrew)
K -- Kingdom of God
YOU -- Jesus loves you!

I know it sounds weird, but think of it: when someone sneezes, people say, "Thank you" -- a blessing! It sounds crazy, but did you know that Jesus really loves you? It is never too late to come to Christ. There is a parable of the workers. He hired workers at different times of the day, say 10:00, 2:00 and 6:00, but at the end of the day he paid them equal amounts. It's not too late to come to Christ. He died for you, not in a war, but on a cross with three nails driven

into His feet and hands.

If you will follow me and say, "Lord, I have sinned. Please forgive me of my sins. Please take my life right now. Thank you. Amen.", Then now you are going to definitely go to Christ. Jesus loves you.
Thank you,
Thankful Torey

(Tory Griggs is a 10 year-old 4th grader attending Eldorado Elementary.)

Meals for Friends Menu



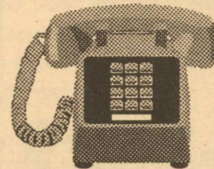
- Monday, April 21**
Swiss Steak w/ Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Corn Bread Muffins, Toss Salad, Orange Sections, Milk
- Tuesday, April 22**
Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread, Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, April 23**
Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, April 24**
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Beans, Calif. Mix Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Cornbread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
- Friday, April 25**
Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/ Tomato, Red Apple Sauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 4/17	Fri 4/18	Sat 4/19	Sun 4/20	Mon 4/21
86/51	86/60	88/60	83/58	81/49
Mainly sunny. High 86F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.

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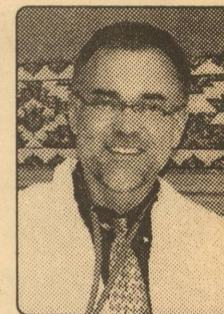
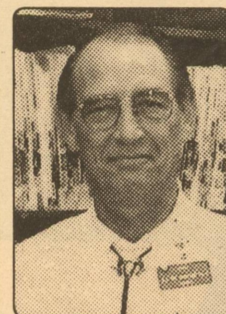
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Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2003, Community Banking Month in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition wherever.

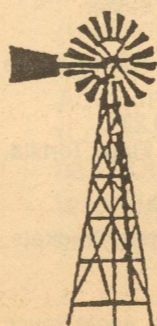
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Eagles netters claim 3rd straight 2-2A title

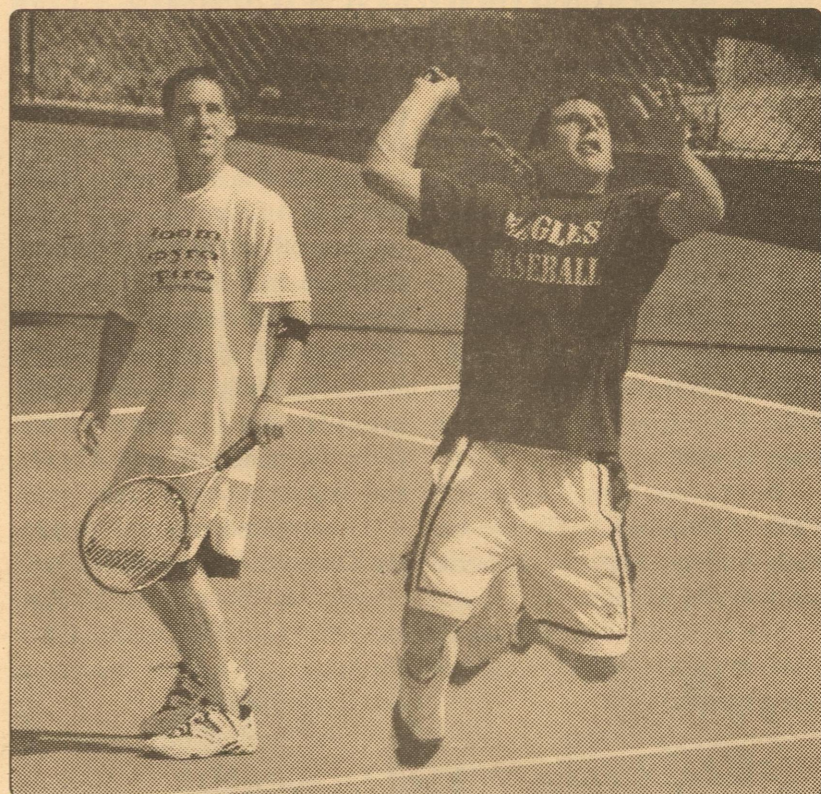
by Coach Matt Rutherford
 At the District 2-2A tennis tournament the Eldorado Eagles claimed their third overall district title in as many years in what is arguably the toughest 2A tennis district in the state of Texas. Christina Redish and Chandra Wanoreck claimed the girls doubles championship with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over their teammates Courtney Sauer and Courtney Brown. In boys doubles action Quisto Gonzalez and Buddy Greer claimed their second district title in the last three years with a 6-2, 6-0 win over the Ozona team of Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez. Bobby Phillips and Heath Andrew claimed third with a close win over the Ozona team of Kris Gray and Roland Galindo.

In girls singles action Maxie Holley claimed fourth falling to former Eldoradoan Kate Kuhlmann 7-6, 6-2 in the third place match. Kate will be representing District 2-2A at the regional tournament after she won a three set play back match against Susanna Street of Sonora. Allison Reynolds fell to the fourth seed in the semifinals of consolation in a very

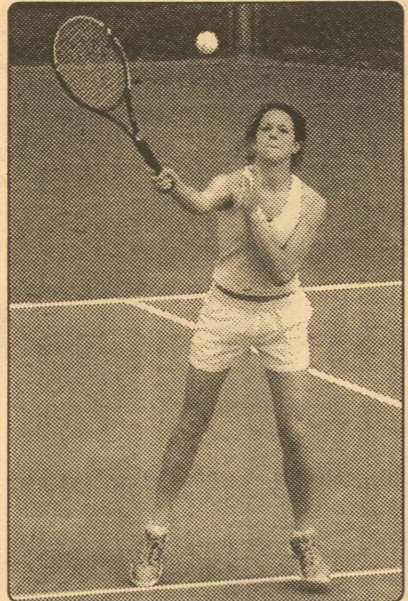
tightly contested match by the score of 8-6. In boys singles Michael Ballew was ousted by the defending state champion after an impressive first round victory while fellow teammate Shay Parker fought his way to the consolation finals before falling in another tightly contested match.

In junior varsity action Frank Edmiston and Ryan Cathey claimed the boys' doubles championship with a couple of tough wins in the semifinals and finals. In the girls division Taylor Baker and Lauren Brown placed second in girls doubles falling 7-5, 7-5 in the championship. In boys singles Caleb Nixon finished out a strong year with a couple of very tough matches.

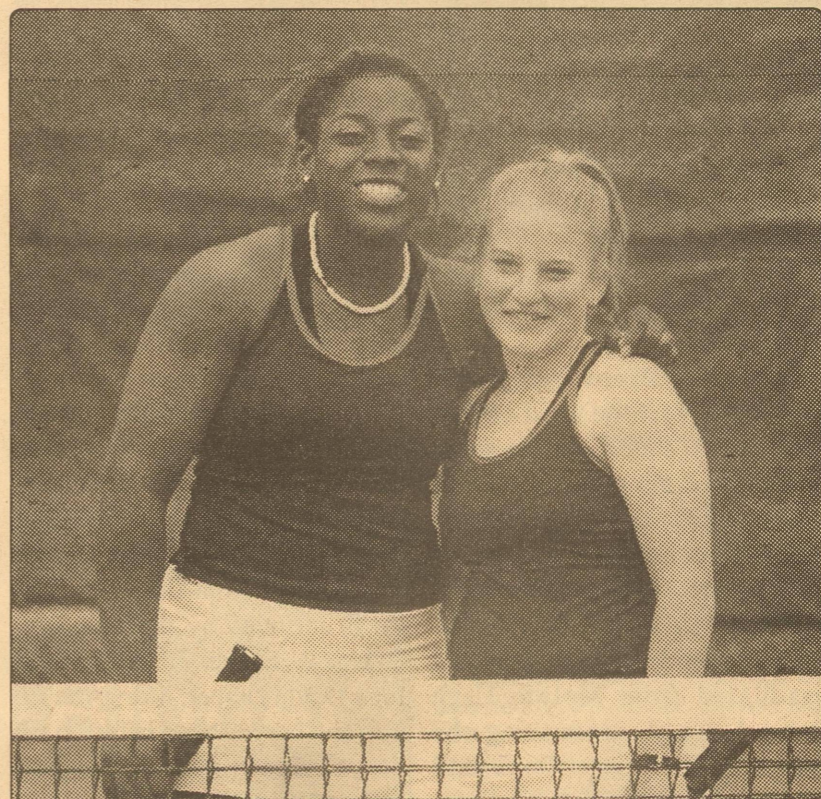
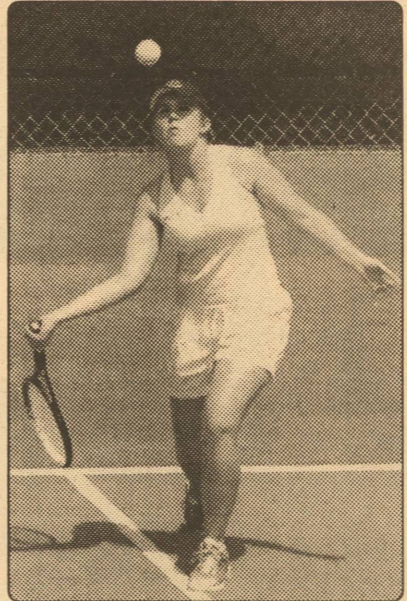
The Eagles wrapped up another season in fine fashion. This team set a precedent for tough play throughout the year successfully competing with 3A and 4A schools as well as some of the best tennis teams West Texas has to offer. We have three doubles teams who will undoubtedly continue this trend of quality play at the Region 1-2A tournament at Abilene Christian University April 23rd and 24th.



Aerial Act — Buddy Greer (L) and Quisto Gonzalez (R) won the Boys Doubles title at the Dist. 2-2A Tennis Meet. They will next compete in the Region 1-2A Meet at Abilene Christian University on April 23 & 24.



Dynamic Duo — Courtney Sauer (L) and Courtney Brown (R) placed 2nd in the Varsity Girls Doubles to teammates Christina Redish and Chandra Wanoreck at the District 2-2A Tennis Meet. They qualified to advance to the Region 1-2A Meet at Abilene Christian University on April 23 & 24.



District Champs — Christina Redish (L) and Chandra Wanoreck (R) won the Girls Doubles title at the Dist. 2-2A Tennis Meet. They will next compete in the Region 1-2A Meet at Abilene Christian University on April 23 & 24.

Eagles tracksters advance four to Regional meet

The Eagles and Lady Eagles had a good day Thursday, April 10 and all competed very well in the district track meet in Ozona.

Senior Christina Redish won the shot put with a throw of 36-7.75 and placed 2nd in the discus with a throw of 102-.5, therefore advancing to Regionals in both. Freshman Rachel Joiner placed 2nd in the high jump with a jump of 5.0' advancing to Regionals.

She also placed 3rd (8-0) in the pole vault, barely missing a trip to Regionals.

Joining Redish and Joiner at the Regional Meet will be Eagle Eric Garcia who placed 2nd in the 1600 Meter Run in a time of 4:51.26. Also, Chris Sanchez who was 2nd in shot put with a throw of 46-10.5.

Clara Herrera and Allison Reynolds competed well in the triple jump, barely missing the finals by a mere inch. Kasey Boysaw also jumped well in the long jump, barely missing the finals by 1/2 inch.

In the running events, the girls also did very well. The sprint relay, consisting of Clara, Rachel, Allison, and Kasey, ran their best time of the year and placed 5th overall. The 800 m. relay, consisting of the same girls, had some bad hand-offs, but still ran well and placed 6th. Clara Herrera was 5th in the 800 m. run. Allison Reynolds was 6th in the 100 m. dash, and Kasey Boysaw was 5th in the 200 m. dash. Rachel Joiner just missed the finals in the 100 m. dash by 2

tenths of a second. The girl's team was 5th overall which is not too bad for 7 girls! The Lady Eagles coach is Vicky Williams and the Eagles coach is Jesse Garza.

The Varsity Eagles team placed 6th with a score of 46. Reagan County placed first with a score of 136 points. Other placings included:

- 1600 M Relay: 5. Terrell Boysaw, Bobby Phillips, Frankie Arispe, Tony Chavez 3:44.20;
- Shot Put: 5. J.L. Mankin, 41-9; 6. Travis Joiner, 41-1 3/4"
- Discus: 5. Travis Joiner, 118-8
- 200 M Dash: 6. Trey Chavez 23.87;
- 400 M Dash: 3. Bobby Phillips 53.82
- 800 M Run: Eric Garcia 2:09.09
- 400 M Relay: 5. Seth Taylor, Rigo Arispe, Jordan Fay, Scott Cawley 46.86
- 800 M Relay: 5. Frankie Arispe, Bobby Phillips, Terrell Boysaw, and Trey Chavez 1:35.95.

The JV Eagles team came in 2nd in team standings with a score of 115.00. Wall team placed first with a

- team total of 203.
- 100 M. Dash: 5. Tico Robles, 11.99;
- 200 M. Dash: 4. Donnie Rodriguez, 24.87;
- 400 M. Dash: 2. Jorge Bustos, 57.82;
- 800 M. Run: 1. Jeremy Ussery, 2:15.74; 6. Frank Wipff, 2:31.38;
- 1600 M. Run: 1. Jeremy Ussery, 5:14.23;
- 400 M. Relay: 4. Koda Lozano, Tony Garcia, Andy Mejia, Kyle Taylor, 47.87;
- 800 M Relay: 3. Andy Mejia, Tony Garcia, Koda Lozano, Donnie Rodriguez 1:39.83.
- 1600 M. Relay: 2. Jorge Bustos, Frank Wipff, Jeremy Ussery, Koda Lozano, 3:50.71;
- 110 M. Hurdles: 4. Brence Minor 24.83.
- Long Jump: 4. Kolby Dombroski, 18-6.75;
- Shot Put: 1. Kyle Taylor 35-10.5; 3. Joey Hernandez, 35-4.5; 5. Manual Arispe 34-4;
- Discus: 1. Kyle Taylor, 108-4; 3. Joey Hernandez 96-0; 6. Cole Wilkerson, 92-1;
- Triple Jump: 6. Kolby Dombroski 35-8.25.

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- Monday, April 21**
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- Tuesday, April 22**
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- Wednesday, April 23**
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Lettuce & Tomato, Sliced Peaches
- Thursday, April 24**
 Soft Tacos w/ Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cake w/ Icing
- Friday, April 25**
 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Mixed Fruit
- Breakfast**
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast
- Monday, April 21**
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- Tuesday, April 22**
 Pancake on a Stick w/ Syrup, Apple Juice
- Wednesday, April 23**
 Crambled Eggs, Flour Tortilla, Orange Juice
- Thursday, April 24**
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice
- Friday, April 25**
 Bran Muffin, Cheese, Apple Sauce

Boys Academic All-District basketball team

Coach Allen Gillespie announced this week the Academic All-District Boy's Basketball for District 2-AA for the 2002-2003 season. It is based on the 3rd and 4th 6 weeks average.

Ray David Buitron, senior, 90.36; Quisto Gonzalez, senior, 95.5; J.L. Mankin, senior, 97.91, Philip Martinez, senior, 94.83, Trey Chavez, Junior 90 average and Bobby Phillips, Senior 90.5 average.

Heave, Ho! Big throw — Christina Redish won the Shot Put at the District 2-2A Meet in Ozona last week with a throw of 36-7.75. She will join three of her Eagles teammates in competing at the Region 1-2A Meet in Abilene next week.



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Breckel/McCravey wedding

Heather Hobgood Breckel and Cody Chris McCravey were married March 22, 2003 at the First Baptist Church of Wolforth Texas in a double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hobgood of Lubbock. The grooms parents are Mr. and Mrs. Chris McCravey of Eldorado.

The bride wore a traditional wedding gown and was given in marriage by her father Mr. Bobby Hobgood.

Flower girls were Carli and Cailyn Breckel daughters of the bride. Ring bearer was Trace Edmiston of Del Rio. Ushers were Mark Fryar, Westminster, CO., Rusty Stock, Midland, Landon Neal, Talequah, OK, and Jason Hobgood, Lubbock.

Matron of honor was Holly Stocks of Midland, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Makenzie Fryar of Westminster, CO and Kayla McCravey of Lubbock, sisters of the groom, Starr Hancock

of San Antonio, and Misti Hobgood of Lubbock.

The best man was Farley Dakan of Gulfport, MS. The groomsmen were Travis Whitten of Dallas, Tom Sawyer of Austin, Adam Conerly of Dallas, and Pepper Nix of San Angelo.

The reception was held at the Lubbock Club in Lubbock.

The bride graduated in 1995 from Haskel High School and received a degree in Dental Hygiene from Midwestern State University. She is currently employed as a Dental Hygienist with Grimes and Grimes Dental Office of Lubbock.

The groom graduated in 1995 from Eldorado High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Landscape Architecture. He is presently employed as project manager for architects, Developers and Contractors of Lubbock.

The couple went on a Western Caribbean Cruise. Afterwards they made their home in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Harris

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Smalley/Harris wedding

Lyndi Smalley and Stoney Harris of Eldorado were married March 8, 2003 in Eldorado at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Leonard Wideman of Eldorado officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smalley of Abilene, Ms. Brenda Smalley of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harris and Ms. Glenda Harris all of Eldorado. Grandparent of the bride is Paul Grohman of Abilene. Grandparents of the groom are Leroy Hanusch of Eldorado and Toby Harris of Grape Creek.

Maid of honor was Kristi Smalley of Abilene, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Melanie Ivy of Baird. Flower girls were Jaycee Smalley and Kalyn Smalley of Abilene, nieces of the bride.

Best man was Kary Gibson of Eldorado. Groomsman was Jon Parker of Andrews. Ushers were Chad Williams of Eldorado, cousin of the groom, Gary Gibson of Eldorado, Timothy Lemons of Lometa and Jeremy Lemons of Pampa.

Guests registry was Nikki Morrison of Eldorado, cousin of the

groom. House party at the reception were Amanda Smalley of Mansfield, Annie Smalley of Abilene, Estela Rodriguez and La Shonda Powell of San Angelo.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Baird High School and is attending Angelo State University. She is a candidate for December graduation in Elementary Education and is employed by Wild Little Indians Day Care in San Angelo.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Eldorado High School and attended South Plans College in Levelland and Howard College in San Angelo. He is employed by Griffin Fuels in Eldorado.

After a wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico the couple will live in Eldorado.



Mr. and Mrs. Cody McCravey

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Sometimes good things happen during bad times. An extraordinary handmade treasure of a quilt was donated to the Local Child Welfare Board to be used during their fundraising campaign. The full-sized quilt, a variation of a trip-around-the-world pattern, was designed and stitched by Sharon Sauer.

Community members and other who want to help the CWB better the lives of local abused or neglected children have the opportunity to win this quilt. Every donation of 12 buy one chance for the quilt raffle. (compare this to the money you pay each month for your TV subscription alone!)

The largest percentage of CWB funds is spent to assist local children who were placed with foster parents. A lesser part of the funds is used for prevention and awareness efforts. The organization has been busy mailing out brochures to everyone in the county this week. Look for your chance to help the children of Schleicher County and win an extraordinary heirloom!

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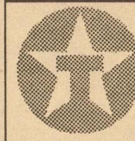
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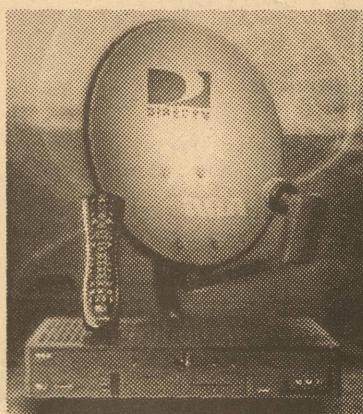


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Local Explorers get a taste of Boot Camp

12 Explorers participate in second annual academy

The Schleicher County Emergency Service Explorers post held its second annual Explorer Academy at Camp Sol Mayer last weekend. The camp, located at Ft. McKavett, hosted twelve local Explorers and nine adult advisors. Explorers faced three days of intensive team building exercises during the camp, including up close and personal encounters with three U.S. Army drill instructors who are currently stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base.

The Explorers arrived at the camp on Friday, April 11, and were welcomed by Explorer post chairman, Sheriff David Doran. Once the twelve explorers were divided into three squads, the group immediately began receiving instruction in the concept of team building, drill and ceremony.

Day two began for the Explorers at 6:30 a.m., or 0630 hrs. in military parlance, and they assembled for physical training exercises. A full morning of team building exercises followed, including exercises designed to build trust among squad members. The group also faced a challenging obstacle course.

Afternoon activities included extensive training in aspects of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Afterward, the Explorers faced the challenge of a 60-foot rappelling tower. While on the tower, the Explorers were under the direct supervision of Eldorado firefighters Joey Jones and Michael Faull. The purpose the rappelling tower was to instill self confidence in the young Explorers and to assist them in facing and overcoming challenges.

Day three of the academy brought a visit from Shannon Medical Center's AirMed-1 helicopter. The Explorers saw a demonstration of the aircraft's capabilities and received career information from the flight crews. The day ended with an intensive search and

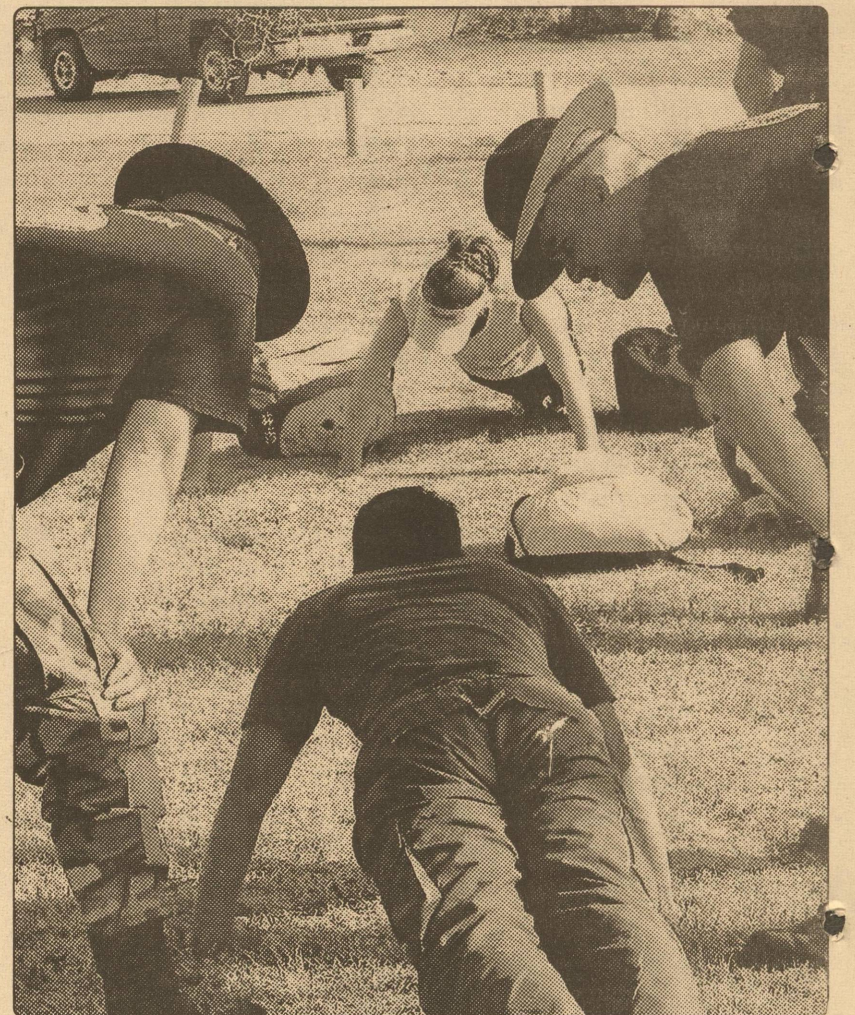
rescue exercise in which the group attempted to locate a missing person. Once the Explorers located the missing person, who had supposedly fallen into a ravine and sustained injuries, the drill switched from a search to a rescue scenario. During the exercise, the Explorers were required to locate the missing person, render first aide, and safely remove the victim from the ravine. The test put the group's Police, Fire and EMS training to a real world test.

Following the completion of the academy, Sheriff Doran noted that the 12 Explorer Scouts came away from it with a sense of accomplishment, increased team spirit and added confidence in their ability to face challenges.

Members of Explorer Post 33 include: Tony Chavez, Ashley Doran, Amy Doran, David Doran, Adrian Figueroa, Nestor Hernandez, Epolo Herrera, Michael Hill, Taylor Niblett, Sam Rodriguez and Kyle Taylor.

Post Advisors include: Sheriff David Doran, Lenette Doran, David Overstreet, Michael Faull, Belinda Faull, Joey Jones, David Olivan, Connie Andrews.

Cooks for the academy were Bobby Andrews and Bryan Doran.



Drill Sergeant — SSGT Sergeant Tony Hamblin (L) and SFC Class Scott Hammon (R) give Explorer Scout Tony Chavez their undivided attention as they put Troop 33 members through paces during physical training drills last Saturday at the annual Explorer Academy held at Camp Sol Mayer.

Eagle Scouts honored in rare quadurple Court of Honor

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Rogers once said, "The only thing wrong with scouts is that there isn't enough of them." He then pointed out that for every one hundred boys who join the Boy Scouts, only two reach the rank of Eagle Scouts. Among those achieving the rank are astronaut Neil Armstrong, filmmaker Stephen Spielberg, WalMart founder Sam Walton and Texas Governor Rick Perry.

"From this point forward," Mitchell told the four youths, "the world will see you differently. You are an Eagle Scout and that means a lot in the business world, the world of politics and the military. "So, whenever you apply for a job or submit a resume, be certain to put Eagle Scout at the top in big, bold letters," Mitchell said. "It will open a lot of doors for you." He then presented each of the scouts with an American Silver Eagle coin. All of the coins were minted in 2003.

The highlight of the ceremony came when the parents of the four youths came forward and, one by one, the young men's fathers pinned on their Eagle Badges. The brand new Eagle Scouts responded by presenting their fathers with commemorative tie tacks and their mothers with commemorative pins.

During the ceremony, the new Eagles Scouts took a moment to honor Barbara Behrens, who retired recently from the post of Scout Committee Chairperson, after serving many, many years in scouting. Behrens received a sculpture depicting the head of an American Bald Eagle. The scouts also recognized Vickie Schwiening for her efforts in organizing the Court of Honor ceremony. Gifts were then presented to Committee Chairman Robert Bybee and Steve Blaylock, Scoutmaster of Troop #232 in Midland, in recognition of their continuing efforts on behalf of scouting. They also recognized Eddie Albin, liaison to Troop #18 from its sponsoring organization, the Eldorado Lions Club. Finally, the scouts presented Scoutmaster Joe Dombroski with a custom built barbecue pit, constructed for the

occasion by Rick Schwiening.

Following the ceremony, guests viewed "memory tables" that were set up for each of the new Eagle Scouts. The tables outlined the path taken by each of the scouts as they progressed through the ranks of scouting. A barbecue reception was also held, hosted by the families of the four Eagle Scouts.

Naturally, the requirements to reach the rank of Eagle Scout are stringent. Candidates must:

1. Be active in their troop and patrol for at least 6 months as a Life Scout
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their everyday lives
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges
4. Plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to an institution, school or community
5. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
6. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review, and
7. Complete all requirements before the candidate's 18th birthday.

Interestingly, an Eagle Scout who joins the U.S. Military enters the service one rank above entry level.

Eagle Scout Kolby Dombroski is the youngest of the four, at 15. He is a sophomore at Eldorado High School and is the son of Joe and Tammy Dombroski. Jeffrey Bybee, 16, is an EHS junior. He is the son of Robert Bybee. Travis Joiner, 17, is also an EHS junior. His parents are Wayne and Shirley Joiner. Reese Schwiening, 17, is the oldest of the four. He is an EHS senior and is the son of Rick and Vickie Schwiening.

A complete list of Eldorado's twenty-six Eagle Scouts includes: J.T. Ballew, '35; M.C. Laird, '39; B.L. Humphrey, '46; Bob Sykes, '47; Claude King, Jr., '58; Jim Runge, '58; Johnny F. Griffin, '59; Herman Walker, Jr., '59; Larry Blair, '59; Roy Love, '63; Philip A. McCormick, '63; Rex McCormick, '63; David Meador, '63; Jerry Childers, '67; Keith Williams, '67; Buddy Calk, '67; Mark A. Bland, '69; James M. Holley, '69; Steve Sykes, '69; Mark Wallis, '78; Paul McWhorter, '79; Billy Gunstead, '83; Reese Schwiening, '03; Travis Joiner, '03; Jeffrey Bybee, '03; and Kolby J. Dombroski, '03.



Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

5th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Wes Brown, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa and Adriana Hernandez;
Honor Roll: Mason Baker, Ryan Castillo, Timothy Cuevas, Patricia Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Garrett Lux, Marcos Medrano, Ramiro Perez, Cory Ragon, Dustin Ramos, Hugo Rios, Greg Rodriguez, Shelsea Rojas and Austin Whitten;

6th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Victoria Fuentes, Megan Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Kirsten Stubbs and Joseph Turnbull;
Honor Roll: Tracy Brenner, Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathy, Deyanira Cruz, Marcus Garcia, Isidro Granados, Austin Grubbs, Brent Martinez, Christopher Minor, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Sara Trickett, Joel Varnadore and Corie Williams;

7th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Tyler Dombroski and Matthew Hill;
Honor Roll: Louie Buitron, Blake Chatham, Lupe Contreras, Caleb Daniels, Misti Daniels, Maygen Eubanks, Lynley Glass, Amika Gonzalez, Manny Gonzalez, J.P. Joiner, Michael Redish, Rigo Rivera, Jorge Sanchez, Clayton Sauer, Chelsey Stone, Rhapsody Swyter, Kassandra Tyler, Alexandria Vandensen and Brandy Van Horn;

8th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Kristin Mittel;
Honor Roll: Ana Cordeva, Alicia Corrales, Amy Doran, Adam Dominguez, Anna Fuentes, Sandra Garza, Byron Hibbs, Jileesa Hibbs, Neal Higgins, Brittany Jennings, Logan Jones, Liz Lacy, Felipe Martinez, Abel Montalvo, Rachel Rios, Kimberly Samaniego, Ridge Ann Suduth and Krista Troy.

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Signing autographs — Marine Corps pilots Capt. Mando Avila and Capt. Vincent Ciuccoli (pictured at left) took time last Thursday to meet with Eldorado Head Start students. They are shown autographing a toy helicopter for the children. The Marines' CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter was forced to land here earlier in the week when one of its two engines failed almost directly over Eldorado. The officers, and their crew, Cpl. William Swales and Cpl. Leo Arizabalo spent the remainder of the week, enjoying Eldorado's hospitality and getting to know its residents. A new engine was installed last Friday and the Marines took off Saturday, made a couple of circles around town and headed for the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar at San Diego, CA. The Success received news Tuesday that the crew spent Saturday night at Zuni, N.M., Sunday night at Yuma, AZ and arrived safely at San Diego on Monday morning.

Looking for a few good men — Isaiah Olivan (below) was all smiles last Thursday as he tried on Capt. Avila's flight helmet. The youngster is the son of David and Staci Olivan. He and his Head Start classmates were given a guided tour of the Marine Corps CH-46 helicopter that spent the week here awaiting repairs.

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN



Commissioners focus on rest rooms for baseball fans

Rest rooms and youth league baseball were major topics of concern for the Schleicher County Commissioners during their meeting on Monday, April 14, 2003. Mike and Becky Lux, along with Vikki Cathey, met with the commissioners on behalf of the Eldorado Youth Baseball League. They were protesting a \$100 cleaning deposit imposed on the league by the Eldorado Golf Club, which oversees the newly remodeled rest rooms and concession stand adjacent to the county's baseball fields.

Although the facilities belong to Schleicher County, the commissioners recently assigned their operation to the golf club. At that time the question of deposits was left up to the club.

Becky Lux noted that the league was being required to post a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit for use of the rest rooms during the upcoming baseball season. She told the commissioners, "It's not the money, it's the principle of the thing."

Lux told the commissioners that the golf club had decided to waive the \$100 deposit for Schleicher County ISD. She said she had been told by school board member Phil McCormick, who is also a member of the golf club, that the school could be trusted to clean up the rest rooms. The representatives of the baseball league said that

they were as trustworthy as the school and should be extended the same courtesy.

After discussing the matter, the commissioners voted to exempt the Youth Baseball League from paying the deposit and to send a letter to the golf club informing them of the decision.

The meeting was the first regular meeting of the month for the commissioners. Present for the session were commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown, as well as County Judge Johnny Griffin.

Among other business, the men met with Sarah Speck of Menard, who discussed building two "simple" roads through the Ft. McKavett Cemetery, most of which lies in Schleicher County. The men directed Road Supt. Clay Burleson to meet with Ms. Speck for instructions and gave verbal approval to install cliche roads where they were needed at the cemetery.

The court then agreed to allow Schleicher County Medical Center to use the Community Resource Center one day each month for the purpose of offering free medical screenings.

Next, a request by County

Clerk Peggy Williams for a dedicated fax phone line in her office was approved. She explained that her office receives sensitive faxes that she was concerned that, under the current fax system the information might be accidentally viewed by an unauthorized person. The court approved the \$60.50 installation fee and the \$29.55 a month phone charge.

Following lunch, the men met with EHS ag teacher Cory Stevens, as well as Sheriff David Doran. Commissioner Bill Clark did not return for the afternoon session, the remainder of the court were in attendance.

Among the items discussed was the need to paint the 300 ft. radio tower used by the county's emergency service agencies (Fire Dept., Sheriff and EMS). It was explained that Federal Communications Commission and Federal Aviation Administration regulations require the tower be painted red and white with a red light atop the structure. Texas Communications bid of \$3,450.00 for the labor and materials was approved and the work was authorized.

Judge Griffin then informed the

commissioners that Jerry D. Harris had tentatively approved the commissioners' offer regarding the lease of Schleicher County School land in Gaines County. The judge noted that Harris will have his attorney draw up a contract on the property including the agreed terms. The commissioners will then have their attorney review the contract before giving final approval.

Ag teacher Cory Steven presented to the court with a quote of \$1,081.32 for a set of 8 animal pens consisting of five 10-foot panels, four 5-foot panels and four 2-gated 10-foot panels. The commissioner authorized the purchase of 10 complete sets for a total price of \$10,813.20. The panels, which are unpainted, will be used at the Civic Center/Ag Barn facility.

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Notice is hereby given that the polling place, known as the Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003 for voting in a general election to elect Three (3) at Single Member Trustee Positions. (Positions #1, 2 & 5.)

(Notificacion a los presente, que las casillas electorales estaran situadas en el sitio conocido como el Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square, estaran abiertas desde, las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3 de Mayo de 2003 para votar en las Eleccion General para elegir un miembro para Precincto Numero 1 and Precincto Numero 2 and Precincto Numero 5.)

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 the Administration Building at 205 W. Fields, Eldorado, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.
 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 16 de Abril 2003 y terminando el 29 de Abril 2003.)

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 (Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada): Mary Doran
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Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
 (Las votacion adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera):
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A special thank you to: Fire Chief Jerry Jones, Melissa Stanford and Juacuin Rojas, Sheriff David Doran, Deputy David Olivan, Steve Torres, Cathy and Charlie Niblett, Cherie Niblett, Ashley Niblett, Erika, Mike and Nancy Sproul, John Paul and Cynthia Joiner, James Mack Holley, Randy and Kathy Mankin, Mr. Blaylock, Elementary, Kids Kampus and Headstart students and teachers, Jim and Jeff Chancellor, Roxanne Adame, Rosa Martinez and Nancy Lester.

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* A MAN APART dts (R).....	1:45 4:40	7:15 9:45
* PHONE BOOTH (R).....	1:15 3:15	7:40 10:00
* HEAD OF STATE dts PG-13.....	3:05 5:05 7:35 9:55	
AGENT CODY BANKS PG 2:00 4:30	7:05 9:20	
CHICAGO dts (PG-13).....	1:50 4:20	7:10 9:30

Times good for the week of 4/18 thru 4/24

\$6.00 Evenings Monday-Thursday

* HOLES dts (PG).....	4:15	7:00
* MALIBU'S MOST WANTED (PG-13).....	3:20	7:20
* A MAN APART dts (R).....	4:40	7:15
* PHONE BOOTH (R).....	3:15	7:40
* HEAD OF STATE dts PG-13	5:00	7:35
AGENT CODY BANKS PG	4:30	7:05
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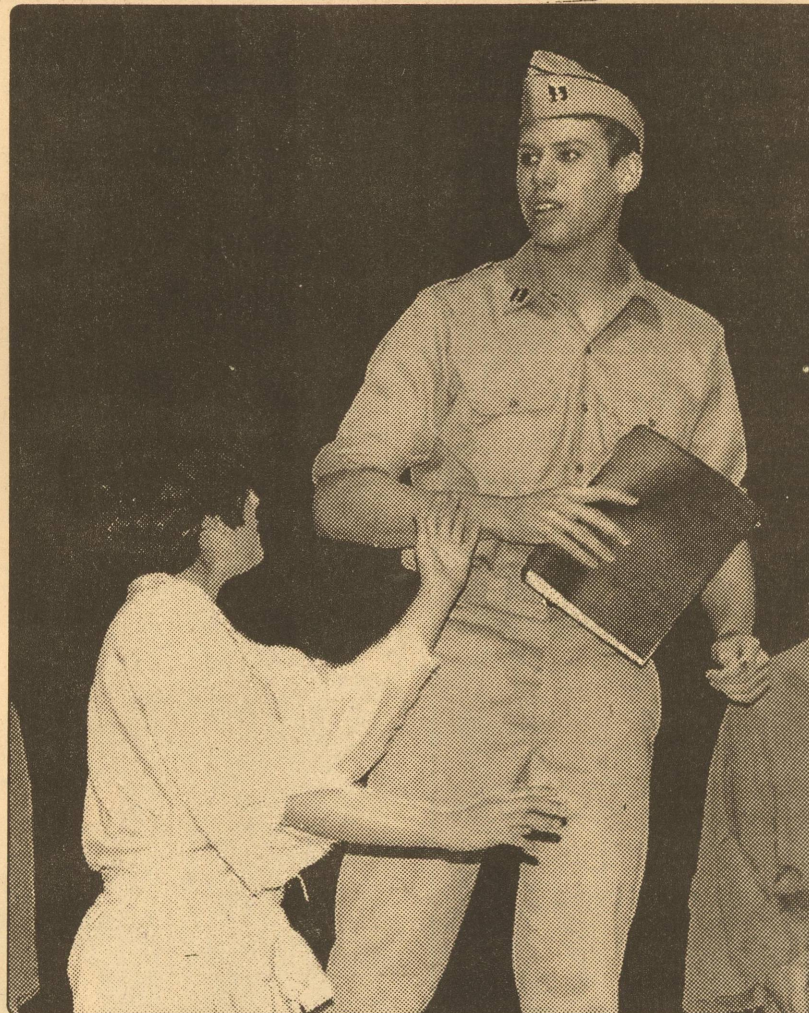
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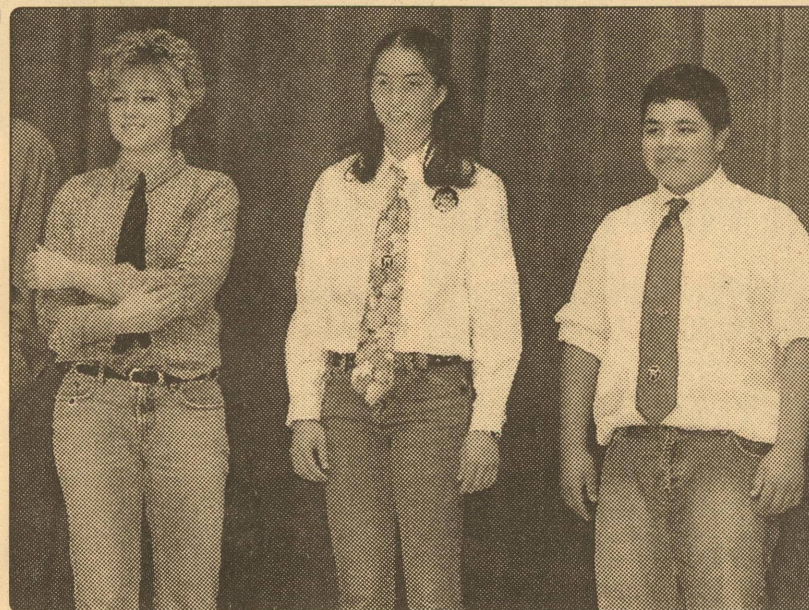
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Sayonara to "Teahouse" — J.L. Mankin was named to the All-Star Cast at the Region 1-2A One Act Play contest last Friday at Abilene Christian College. The EHS entry, "Teahouse of the August Moon" failed to advance to the State Competition, but several members of the cast and crew were singled out for recognition. Hannah Robledo, also pictured above was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, as was Travis Joiner. The play's crew (below) was named as the All-Star Crew at the Regional contest. They are (L-R) Lacey Ragsdale, Rachel Joiner and Johnny Larez.



Lady Eagles golf squad advances to Regional tourney

Eldorado's Lady Eagles golf team finished second in District behind Sonora High School. After three games Hannah Robledo first place medalist had the lowest score of 274, among the Eldorado team. Blake Snelson shot a 292 placing 5th, Mikinzie Holley placed 7th with a score of 303, Mayci Schwiening scored 342 and Emily Newman shot for a total of 358. The team total score for the three tournaments was 1205 with Sonora team total coming to 1189.

Third place Reagan County scoring a 1304. The Varsity Boy's Golf Team placed 4th with a total score of 1118. Sonora's team took 1st place with a score of 923, with Ozona coming in second with a score of 951.

Landon Nixon scored a 261, Koda Lozano scored a 258, Michael Hill scored a 281, Herrera scored a 318 and Kyle Taylor shot a 332.

District was played on Quick Sand in San Angelo, Eldorado Golf Course and Sonora Golf Course.

The Lady Eagles will be advancing to Regionals in Baird's Shady Oaks Course Monday and Tuesday of next week.



Fore! Representing EHS on the links this year are (Front L-R) Epollo Herrera, Emily Newman, Mikinzie Holley, Koda Lozano (Back L-R) Mayci Schwiening, Landon Nixon, Blake Snelson, Hannah Robledo, Michael Hill and Kyle Taylor

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Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
April 14 • Sierra, Gregorio Hernandez, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While Intoxicated.
London, Jeffrey S., male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, offense Motion To Revoke/Possession of Controlled Substance.

INCIDENT REPORTS
April 9 • 7:48 p.m. Complainant reported a person lying in the middle of the East Street. Officer responded.
April 10 • 8:01 a.m. Complainant reported a wire hanging low over the road. Officer responded and contacted phone company.
• 8:06 a.m. Complainant requested a paramedic transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS responded.
• 12:49 p.m. Complainant requested an officer check on an airplane that was having oil pressure trouble. Officer responded and found everything OK at the airport.
• 1:30 p.m. Subject requested an officer. Complainant stated their son was very sick and needed to go to the hospital. Officer and EMS 2 responded and EMS 2 reported subjects were refusing treatment and is being very belligerent. Two officers responded.
• 6:10 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated person in the store harassing customers. Officer responded.
• 10:34 p.m. Complainant on Calendar stated their husband was having trouble breathing. Officer and EMS 2 responded.
April 11 • 6:03 p.m. Complainant requested an officer for a civil stand-by. Officer responded.
• 9:17 p.m. Complainant stated a male subject who had a criminal trespass served was on their property. Officer responded.
April 12 • 2:00 p.m. Complainant requested a welfare check on one of their coworkers. Officer unable to locate.
• 10:26 p.m. Report of loud music on Colorado Street. Officer responded.
April 13 • 9:25 a.m. Complainant at convenience store reported someone had backed into their vehicle and fled. Vehicle described as a green Ford Explorer. Complainant also stated vehicle was heading south. Sutton and Val Verde counties were notified. Vehicle located in Val Verde County by Sheriff Office.
April 14 • 6:45 a.m. Complainant on Liveoak reported the sewer had backed up. City notified.
• 7:05 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person 3-4 miles on Hwy. 277 South perched inside the fence dressed in fatigues. Officer responded.
April 15 • Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.
• 8:50 a.m. Complainant at convenience store reported losing their wallet.

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Please have the required information and items ready when you apply to Patsy Kellogg at the Community Resource Center. For more information contact Patsy Kellogg at 853-2574.

Not every client will qualify for the CEAP Program. But in order to be considered for the CEAP Program the Client must provide copies of the following information to leave with the caseworker.

1. 12 month billing history of heating and utility bills.
2. Current original bill. Unpaid bill for current month.
3. Social Security card for all family members and persons living in the households.
4. Income verification for everyone in the household. Weekly-last 4 check stubs, bi-weekly-last two check stubs or monthly last check stub.

Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Johnnie Nance. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Johnnie, she and her father, Jim Nance, were celebrating her birthday with family and friends. Happy Birthday, Jonnie!

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SCISD trustees accept resignation of Principal Julie Griffin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, Apr. 14 and voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Eldorado Middle School Principal Julie Griffin. The action came after a 90-minute executive session with trustees voting unanimously to accept the resignation effective July 31, 2003, the final day of Griffin's present contract with the district.

While on the subject of personnel, the trustees also briefly discussed the possibility of combining the job of Business Man-

ager Ray Ballew with that of chief tax appraiser, his former position. On hand for the board's regular monthly meeting were trustees Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez. Trustee John Paul Joiner was absent. Also in attendance were EHS Principal Tim Seymore, SCISD Supt. Designate Mark Gesch, and Ray Ballew.

In other business, the board voted to declare two of its members, Eddie Albin and Lupe Sanchez, to be elected to office

since they were each unopposed for reelection. The trustees then announced they would canvass the ballots and certify the results of the remaining school board election at 7:30 on May 7, 2003. Trustee Phil McCormick is facing a challenge from Jan Wanoreck in that race. They noted that the winner, plus Albin and Sanchez will be sworn in at the board's regular meeting on May 12, 2003.

Next, the board voted to accept a bid of \$11,850 from D&W Mechanical Construction for relocating gas lines on the roof of the high school and auditorium. Phil McCormick cast the only vote against the measure.

The school's districts depository pledge contracts for the 2004-2005 school year were then awarded to First National Bank of Eldorado. Abstaining from the vote was Board President Jo Helen Kotsch. She is employed at the bank.

After a brief discussion and several conflicting motions and blocked votes, the board voted to

set a tuition fee of \$1,000 per semester per student for those students residing outside the school district. Eddie Albin and Lupe Sanchez voted against the measure. During the discussion, Trustee Phil McCormick stated that, in fairness to the taxpayers, an additional fee should be charged for non resident students. He noted that the state doesn't cover the entire cost of educating a student, and that local tax revenues are used to offset the shortage. McCormick explained, however that no tuition should be charged for students of school district employees.

With that, the trustees voted unanimously to waive transfer fees for 2003-2004 transfer students and to waive tuition fees of several students who parents are employees of the district.

The board then moved on to review and approved the school calendar for the 2003-2004 school year, as presented by the District Improvement Committee. One major change in the calendar is the observance of the Labor Day holiday. School will start on August 18, 2003 and will end on May 28, 2004.

Before adjourning, the board approved nine out-of-district field trips and authorized the use of school buses to transport students to and from a Project Graduation event at the X-Bar Ranch on graduation night. Supt. George Blanch then told the board that the district's student enrollment currently stands at 594.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
One step at a time — L-R Carmen Preston, Deb Joy, Jill Preston and Kim Griffin lead the middle school student council in the first four laps during the Cystic Fibrosis Walk-A-Thon which raised \$1,058 for research.

Walk-a-thon raises \$1,058 to fight Cystic Fibrosis

This past Saturday, April 12, 2003 the Eldorado Middle School Student Council hosted a Walk-A-Thon to raise money for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

Carmen Preston, a Cystic Fibrosis survivor, helped kick off the Walk-A-Thon by leading the student council in the first four laps.

Rhapsody Swyter, Jacey Sellers, Maureen Martinez, Jill and Richard Preston, Kim Griffin, Carmen and Hunter Preston, Kerry and Debbie Joy joined the student council for this wonderful experience. The student council raised \$1,058.00 and pledged to walk six and half miles, twenty six laps!

It took the group two hours and fifteen minutes to complete all 26 laps.

Student Council sponsors Tammy Dombroski and Dave Lewis were extremely impressed by the determination and work ethics of the student council with this project.

This year's Middle School Student Council members are: Kristin Stubbs, April Porras, Jorge Chavez, Rance Cathey, Tyler Dombroski, J'Lynn Barajas, Chris Minor, Marcela Huerta, Matthew Hill, Tiffany Hernandez, Alicia Corrales, Abel Montalvo, Logan Jones and Kristin Mittel.

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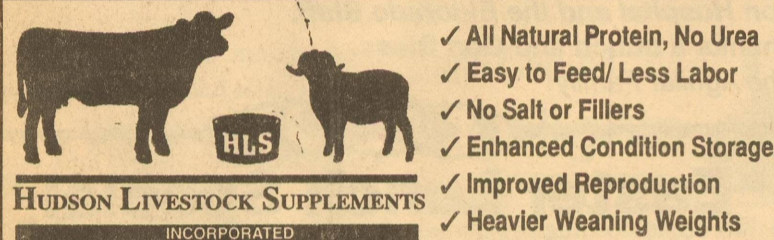
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Long ball extends Eagles record to 7-0

by Coach Gary Grubbs

Four home runs and a dominating performance on the mound from Frankie Arispe was all the Eldorado Eagles needed to get past the Ozona Lions on Tuesday.

The Ozona Lions staked an ear-

ly 1-0 lead in the bottom of the 1st, but it wouldn't last long. In the top of the second Philip Martinez singled up the middle and advanced to second on an error by the centerfielder. Martinez scored two batters later when Michael Adame produced an in-field single to short to tie the score at 1-1. The score remained 1-1 until the top of the 5th when Joe Arispe sent a 3-2 pitch over the left field fence for his second home run of the year. On the next pitch lead off hitter Trey Chavez sent a Quay Oglesby fast ball out of the park to deep left center, his fourth home run of the season. In the 6th the Eagles went long ball again off the bat of Michael Adame who blistered a pitch over the left center field fence for a

home run, his first of the season for a 4-1 lead. Again in the 7th the Eagles went deep one more time. Quisto Gonzalez hit a pitch over the left center field fence for his first home run of the year for a 5-1 lead. Frankie Arispe followed with a single down the left field line and advanced to third on a throwing error by the leftfielder. Arispe eventually would score when Philip Martinez was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to make the final score 6-1.

On the mound Frankie Arispe was dominating, moving his record to 8-0 on the year. He recorded 13 strikeouts with no walks. With the win the Eagles are now 19-4 on the year and 7-0 in district. The win insured the Eagles of a playoff position.

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EHS Scholars — (L-R) Michael Hill placed 3rd in Computer Applications, Georgina Maritz placed 3rd place in Poetry Interpretation and Courtney Sauer placed 2nd in Accounting at the District 2-2A UIL Academic Meet recently. They each advanced to the Region 1-2A Meet in Abilene last weekend.
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