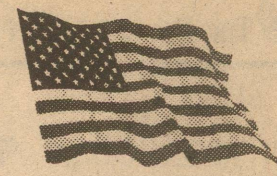


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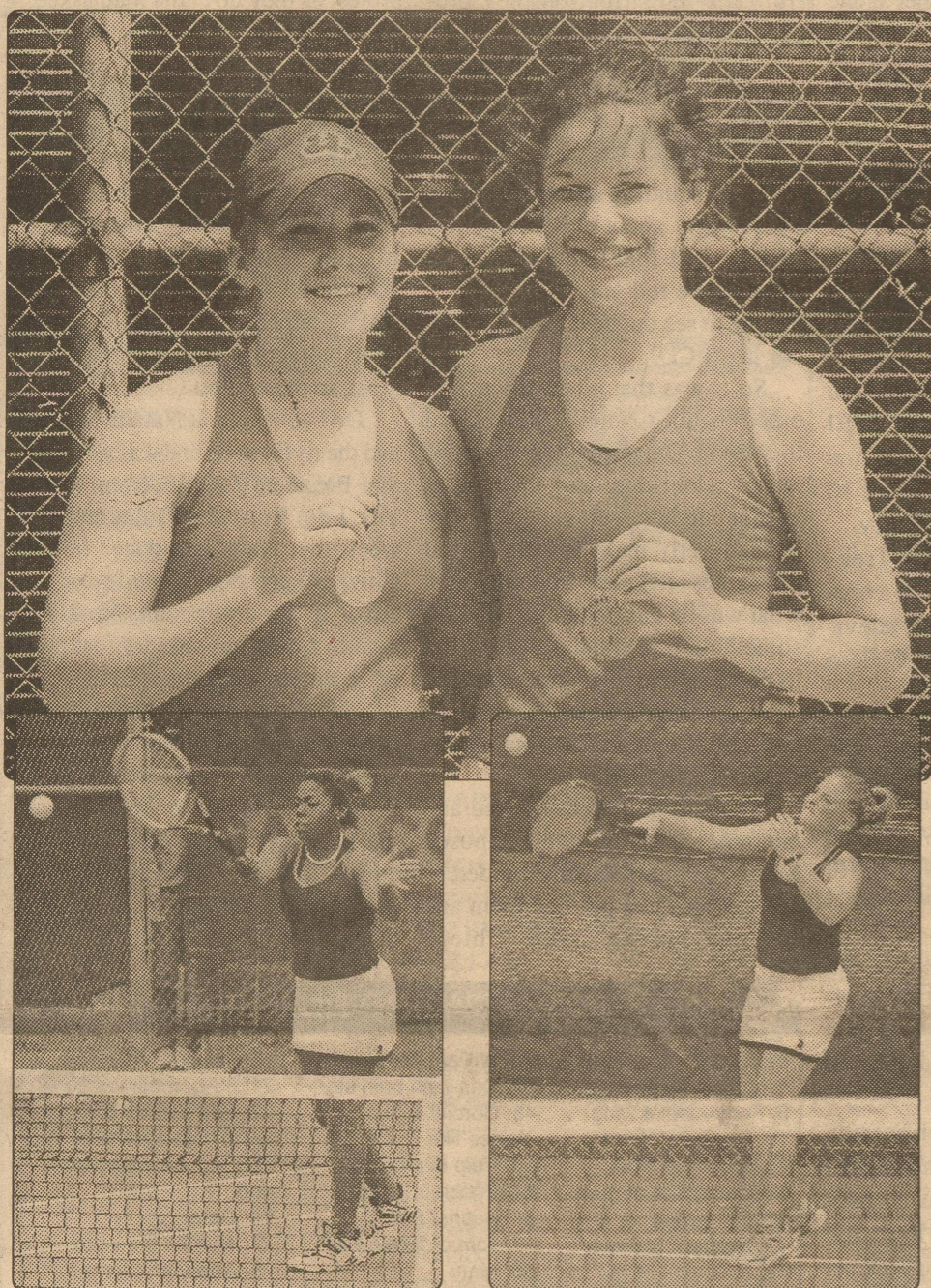
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Best of the Best — Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer (top L-R) showed off their Region 1-2A doubles championship medals last week after defeating their teammates (bottom L-R) Christina Redish and Chandra Wanoreck in the Regional finals match. Both teams will advance to the State 2A tennis tournament in Austin next week.

Brown and Sauer claim Regional doubles title

Redish and Wanoreck claim Silver for State tourney berth

Sending a girls doubles team to the State tennis tournament in Austin is nothing new for Eldorado High School. Neither is it new for Eldorado to send two girls doubles teams in the same year. What is new, however, is for a girl to make it to the tourney for a third straight year, and with three different partners. That's the story this year for Christina Redish, the EHS senior, who along with partner Chandra Wanoreck, claimed the silver medal at the Region 1-2A tennis tournament in Abilene last week. And, to the surprise of no one who has followed Eldorado tennis through the years, the girls only lost when they faced another team from Eldorado, that of Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer, or as they are known to their fans, the two Courtneys.

Redish not only made history with her third straight trip to the State tennis tourney. She is also the first Eldorado athlete to ever qualify for the State in two sports. She placed 2nd at the Region 1-2A track meet in the Shot Put and

will be competing in that event in Austin, as well.

Redish first made it to the State tennis tourney in 2001, when she and partner Lindsay Beach fell in the state final match to teammates Gentry Newman and Kayla McCravey. Redish teamed up with Newman in 2002 and together they won the State 2-2A doubles championship. This year, Redish returns to the State tourney with partner Chandra Wanoreck.

But, the two Courtneys will be there, too. After losing to Redish and Wanoreck several time during the season, including the match for the District 2-2A championship, Brown and Sauer turned their game up a notch, attacked the net relentlessly, and surprised their teammates in the Regional final match. Brown and Sauer won the match and claimed the Region 1-2A gold medal 6-4, 6-3.

Brown and Sauer reached the final match by defeating the team of Lindsey and Dominguez of Fort Hancock 4-6, 6-

0, 6-4 in the tournament's opening round. They next dispatched the team of Dunlap and Long from Floydada, 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinal and defeated the team of Goodheart and Short of Eula 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinal match.

Redish and Wanoreck advanced to the final round by eliminating the team of Lord and Robertson of Eastland 6-0, 6-1 in the first round. They then defeated Griffen and Reddy of Floydada, 6-2, 6-0 in the quarterfinal and held off the team of Isaacs and Gullett of Canadian 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in the semifinal match.

The Eagles girls didn't have a monopoly on the tennis action, however as Quisto Gonzalez and Buddy Greer competed in the Boys doubles division. Gonzalez and Greer defeated the team of Carr and Estrada in first round and dropped the team of Esterling and Vickers of Post 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinal match. Gonzalez and Greer then fell 4-6, 0-6 to the team of Tjaden and Obrey of Olney. They then defeated Bennett

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Sonora jail escapee caught in Tucson

Area law enforcement officers are breathing a sigh of relief after an inmate, who escaped from the Sutton County Jail last Saturday, was apprehended Tuesday in Tucson, AZ. Philip Kenton Davis, 27, of Spring, TX, managed to escape from the Sonora lockup when he and two other inmates were allowed into the jail's "sally port" for a recreational break. That's when the other two prisoners lifted the sally port gate high enough for Davis to slide under and out to freedom. Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher believes the escape is the first

such incident in 15 years.

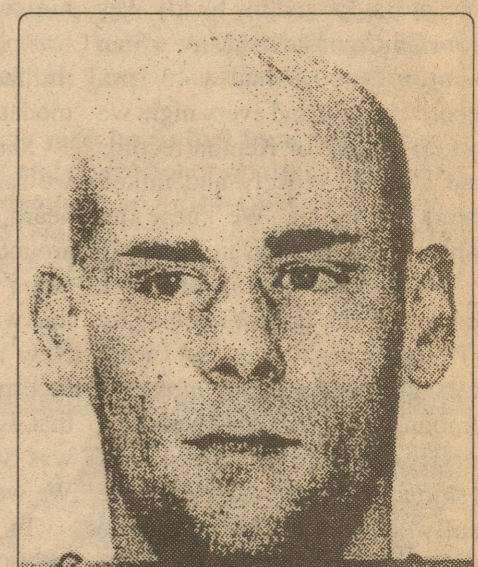
As word of the escape was relayed to area law enforcement agencies, manpower and equipment were quickly shifted to Sutton County where a manhunt was quickly organized. Texas Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long of Ozona was called in, as were DPS officers and a helicopter from Midland and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Road blocks were hastily thrown up on all roads leading into and out of Sonora. The officers manned the roadblocks from 4:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. the following morning. Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran provided night vision equipment for the hunt, but tracking dogs were not brought in due to the difficulty of the using the animals in town. There were several sightings of Davis, in and around the area of the Sonora Golf Course.

A witness later reported making contact with Davis west of Sonora where he was attempting to get a ride and jail clothing was found not far from there at a roadside park. Officials concluded that Davis, originally from Arizona, was attempting to get back there in order to hide out with friends or family.

A self-avowed "white supremacist," Davis has a long rap sheet, including 63 arrests and 4 prison sentences. Among his previous convictions was one for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Some found it hard to believe that Davis simply vanished from the Sonora area. Standing 6 feet tall and weighing 175 lbs with a head shaved bald, Davis wasn't likely to fade into a crowd. Plus, the fact that he was wearing "jail shoes,"

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SUTTON COUNTY

BUSTED — Phillip Kenton Davis, 27, of Spring Texas, escaped from the Sutton County Jail last Saturday. He was apprehended on Saturday in Tucson Arizona and extradition proceedings to return him to Texas have already begun.

Commissioners meet, discuss Civic Center and swimming pool

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, April 28, 2003, and among other items of business, discussed the need to connect the sewer at the county Civic Center to the City of Eldorado's sewer system. They also discussed the operation of the county swimming pool.

Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown were on hand for the meeting, as was County Judge Johnny Griffin. The men met briefly with Kevin Stanford about fencing the livestock feeding area near the Civic Center. After looking over Stanford's quote on material and labor, the men decided to table the issue without further discussion.

Coach Rene Valeriano then met with the commissioners to discuss the swimming pool. Valeriano, who will be oper-

ating the pool this summer was seeking permission to paint the inside walls of the pool. He was also needing a key to the pump and valve room. After okaying the work Valeriano requested, the commissioners heard that life guards will soon be certified and the pool will soon be open for school parties. The pool will open to the public on May 17. It will be closed each Monday but will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Valeriano said he would be offering swimming lessons and would schedule 1 night a week for ladies night out. Valeriano noted that there have been some inquiries about family passes, however, for now, admission at the pool will be \$1 per child.

Next, engineer John Voller represent-

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Voters to decide school board seat

Voters in Schleicher County ISD Single Member District #2 will go to the polls on Saturday to decide the race between incumbent school trustee Phil McCormick and challenger Jan Wanoreck. The race is the only contested election in the county this election cycle. Voting will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Schleicher County Memorial Building and will continue through 7:00 p.m.

As is customary, the results will be posted in the window of the Success office as soon as they become available. Returns will also be listed on the newspaper's website. Just logon to www.myeldorado.net.

Sloan lawsuit against Hospital District delayed

The long awaited trail between Dr. Randall Sloan and the Schleicher County Hospital District was derailed Monday before it could begin when lawyers for the two sides failed to agree on a jury. The names of one hundred local citizens were randomly selected a month earlier by 51st District Judge Barbara Walther and Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran. That number dwindled to less than 40 by the time the case was

called on Monday.

Routine questioning of the jury pool members ended with enough of them being eliminated that it became impossible to seat a 12-person jury to hear the case. At that point, Judge Walther dismissed the jury pool and thanked them for their service.

The next opportunity for the court to hear the case in Schleicher County appears to be in October. Due to the

lack of air conditioning in the court room, the judge usually schedules jury trials in the months of April or October.

The lawsuit brought by Dr. Sloan against the hospital district alleges that the district violated the terms of a contract when he was discharged on Dec. 31, 2000. The hospital district denies the allegation and has asked for a jury trial.



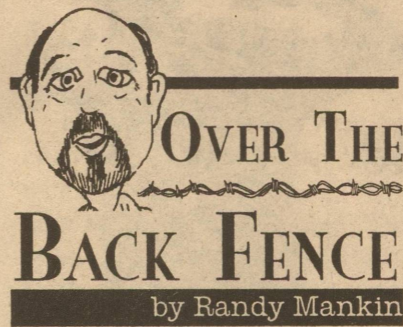
Senseless damage — Vandals broke out the windows and caused other damage to this county maintainer and another county tractor last weekend. The equipment was parked on County Road 316 over the weekend. The damage was discovered on Monday.

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Freedom of speech, ain't it grand?



to honor themselves, or on one of the countless talk shows where they hold court, America's new royalty looked down its collective nose at ordinary folk.

Despite the fact that the freedom of speech guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment did not extend to her while she stood on foreign soil and lampooned the U.S. President, Natalie Maines, the lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, will likely be viewed by posterity as one of a mere handful of individuals to significantly advance that precious freedom.

It wasn't the words she spoke, nor the venue in which she chose to utter them, but the immediate and overwhelming backlash that followed her words which caught everyone off guard.

Not in recent memory had anyone dared to challenge a celebrity. For decades, the glitterati had been bulletproof and they demonstrated their invulnerability every time they found themselves in front of a camera or a microphone. Whether at one of the countless award shows where the celebrity elite routinely turn out

records. It isn't fair, Maines' frustrated defenders argued, she was only saying what most of us believe.

America just turned its back on them and smiled as the Chicks' hit single, "Traveling Soldier" fell like a rock from the number one spot and all the way off the Country Music charts. It was the fastest and steepest decline in popular music history and entertainers in Hollywood, New York and Nashville began to wonder if what was happening to the Dixie Chicks could happen to them?

When a group of former Dixie Chicks fans chose to protest Maines' remarks by crushing a stack of their CDs with a John Deere tractor, a TV reporter asked the tractor driver why he was trampling on the Chicks' freedom of speech.

"Ain't I got just as much right to protest as they do?" the man asked. The reporter turned to the camera, made a derogatory remark about the word "ain't" and stated that some people clearly don't understand the First Amendment.

I submit that Americans have always understood First Amendment. It's just that they have recently learned that sometimes they can best make themselves heard by hitting their detractors where it hurts the most, in the wallet.

Do I believe that Natalie Maines had the right to say she was ashamed that President Bush is from Texas. Yes, I do. But, when I learned this week that Natalie and her fellow Chicks were posing nude on the cover of Entertainment Weekly, I couldn't help but wonder just how deep her shame could be.

Natalie will be back in Lubbock soon, waiting tables and wondering what happened to her career. I doubt if she will ever realize how she single-handedly launched a chain of events that could forever end the monopoly celebrities once held in the field of public discourse.

Auto insurance bill requires drivers to mail in proof

AUSTIN — The Senate has passed a bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, that he says will make it a lot harder for drivers without liability insurance to beat the system.

As it is, the state estimates only 75 to 80 percent of Texas drivers carry the required coverage. Under Bivins' bill, the Texas Department of Transportation would be required to randomly check about a half-million drivers a year to see if they are covered.

Drivers receiving a mail request to furnish proof that they are insured could receive a fine of up to \$250 and forfeiture of their vehicle registration for failing to

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

The bill still has to make it through the House and then be signed by the governor, but Bivins has said the measure has a good chance of becoming law.

Some minds are changing...

The granite Capitol is still intact, but cracks have begun to show in the resolve of Texas Republicans set to not raise taxes in the face of the nearly \$10 billion budget deficit.

"There's not any way in the world I could ever support a bud-

get like the House passed out," Sen. (and former lieutenant governor) Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said last week. The senator went on to say he could vote for a tax hike.

Big buckles, big hair, big picture...

"Texas: The Big Picture" will be premiering May 3 at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum on the north side of the Capitol complex.

Commissioned by the state and the Texas State History Museum Foundation, the 39-minute film explores, in the words of the museum, "the myth, majesty and magnitude of the Lone Star State." And that's not hyperbole — aerial shots of the Davis Mountains and downtown Houston on a partly cloudy morning are spectacular on the big IMAX screen.

A big belt buckle and big hair contests are among the festivities set to precede the premiere. For more information on the impressive film, check www.TheStoryofTexas.com or www.texasthebigpicture.com.

'Beam me up, Scottie!'

Captain's Log, Star Date April 2003: We are orbiting the Planet Texas, where no one should ever underestimate the likelihood of

even seemingly innocent activities to explode into controversy.

Earlier this month, the House Border and International Affairs Committee voiced no opposition when Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, brought up his bill to rename El Paso's portion of Interstate 10 in honor of Gene Roddenberry.

Roddenberry, for non-Trekkies, was the creator of the enormously popular Star Trek television series. He was born in El Paso in 1921 and died in 1991.

The bill to immortalize the science fiction writer by naming a major east-west thoroughfare in his honor was expected to make a soft landing on the House Local and Consent Calendar because it was not controversial.

That status lasted until the morning after the committee meeting, when news of the proposal became generally known in El Paso.

Since then, Roddenberry's memory has been taking verbal photon torpedoes and phaser blasts. He was born in El Paso, but did not stay in Texas, opponents of the proposal say.

Now, says border committee chair Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, House Bill 949 is "no longer a slam dunk."

Stay tuned for the next exciting episode, "Klingons Invade."



ROLLING ALONG

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Following Stan Kenton

It was a four-day odyssey of artistry in rhythm. I was a freshman at Baylor and my buddy Wes from Chicago had made me a Stan Kenton fan. He had a 45 rpm record changer and every night we put on a stack of Kenton records and listened closely and talked about the music. We knew the names of all the guys in the band.

When Stan Kenton played a concert on the Baylor campus on a Thursday night, Wes and I were at the concert hall early in the afternoon, acting like jazz musicians ourselves. I wore a beret and a Mr. B shirt and an overcoat. I guess we really looked the part because stage hands setting up the stage asked us how we wanted the chairs. We told him where the trombones should go, the trumpets, the saxes and so on.

When Stan and the band members started to arrive, we quickly made ourselves available for any errands Stan the Man might want us to run. Sure enough, he handed us a twenty dollar bill and asked us to go to Baylor drug and get a sandwich for Candido, the bongo and conga drum player. We were thrilled to be doing something for Stan. We encouraged the person on the grill at Baylor to hurry, that we were on a mission for Stan Kenton. We made it back to the auditorium in record time.

The band was on a Texas tour and would be in Fort Worth Friday night, San Antonio Saturday night and Houston Sunday night. We decided to go to all of his appearances. In Fort Worth, we went to the Worth Hotel where the band was staying. In the lobby we visit-

ed with Frank Diorio, Kenton's stage manager. He asked us to take him to the Casino, where the band was playing for a dance. We were thrilled beyond words to accommodate him.

Saturday night in San Antonio we sat in a big concert hall and heard the music we loved. It was around noon on Sunday, while Wes and I were traveling to Houston, that we got behind a Lincoln with New York plates. We wondered if that might be Kenton. We passed that Lincoln and sure enough, it was Stan. He saw us and waved. We were ecstatic.

In Houston we were feeling pretty good and went backstage and visited with June Christy, Kenton's vocalist and other members of the band. By now we were old friends. I'm a Kenton fan to this day.

One of the proudest moments I've ever had was doing an interview with Stan Kenton for Monitor, the weekend show on NBC radio. Ed McMahon, the announcer for Monitor at the time, promoted the interview the week leading up to the weekend broadcast. During NBC Radio News on the hour, the network ran a spot saying something about my interviewing Stan on Monitor next weekend.

I interviewed him while working in Des Moines, where Stan played a dance. My wife and I went. Hardly anybody danced. They crowded around the stage to hear the music. The biggest thrill with Stan came when he played a concert in Big Spring. He came over to my house and we sat on our deck and visited.

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in

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OBITUARIES

Rosalie Virginia Dees Swift

Rosalie Virginia Dees Swift, 85, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, in a local nursing home. Graveside service were held 2 p.m. Monday in Crane County Cemetery in Crane. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include son, Jerry Swift of Eldorado; and sisters, Dorothy Niemann of Nacogdoches, Gertrude Barker of Fort Stockton, Rosemary Turnbull of San Angelo and Ruth Jeffrey of Manford.

Wallace "Wally" Marburger

WILLISTON, N.D. — Funeral services for Wallace "Wally" Marburger, 78, a longtime Williston resident, were held Monday, April 24, 2003, at the New Hope Wesleyan Church in Williston with the Rev. Erin Youngs and the Rev. Steve Norby officiating. Interment followed in the Riverview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Fulkerson Funeral Home.

Wallace Marburger was born in Alexander the son of Walter and Martha (Gajewski) Marburger on Feb. 10, 1925. He was raised on the family farm and educated in the Williston school system. He graduated from Williston High in 1943. Wally was inducted into the U.S. Army on Nov. 29, 1945, in Amarillo, Texas. While in the service, he served as an aircraft engineering technician. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Victory Medal and Army Occupation Medal (Japan). He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant at Fort Lewis, Wash., on Dec. 18, 1946. After his military career, he returned to Williston where he worked for a time at Stockman Motors in the mechanic division.

A lifelong dream of flying, which started at the age of 14 and successfully performing his solo flight at the age of 15, continued to intrigue and occupy Wally. He and a brother started the first flight school in the area in 1945. In 1948 Wally began Marburger Spraying Services, an agricultural aerial spraying service, which continues

to provide spraying services in the area. Wally's son, Rick, succeeds him. This occupation completely inspired Wally and if he was not at home, he was in the air or under a plane doing the mechanics and checks for his planes or anyone else. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with all those who had an interest in flying and was life long friends to many in the area with the same interests. He was once part of the "Flying Farmers" local.

Wally and Patricia Houston were married on Oct. 14, 1950, in Williston. They have raised their family here and have continued to make Williston their home these many succeeding years. Wallace and Patricia served actively in their church in earlier years.

Wallace Marburger died Thursday, April 24, at the Mercy Medical Center in Williston.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia; one son, Rick, of Williston and his children, Jacob and Tessa; a daughter, Debra Marburger of St. Paul, Minn.; a brother, Ivan Marburger of San Dimas, Calif.; a sister, Laverne Spellum of Albuquerque; and numerous nieces and nephews, including David Marburger of Shallowater, Texas and Kathy (Marburger) Mankin of Eldorado, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Alden, Calvin and Floyd; and two sisters, Lillian Chandler and Lorraine Marburger.



Bill Clark and Ingrid Self PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Self/Clark wedding planned

Ingrid Self of San Angelo and Bill Clark of Eldorado will be married on Saturday, May 3, 2003, at the Gazebo on Main Street in Eldorado. The couple's

children, Meagan, Caitlyn & Danielle will participate in the ceremony as witnesses. Judge Jimmy Doyle will officiate. A reception will follow.

Germania offers scholarship in memory of Sherry Yates Lux

A scholarship of \$500. will be awarded to honor the memory of Sherry Lux, a long-time Germania Insurance agent and a tireless community volunteer in Eldorado. The award is given by the present Germania agent and local Chapter Secretary Phyllis Sauer.

Application Deadline is May 15, 2003. The recipient can be either a current graduating high school student or a community member and must be a Schleicher County resident, must enroll in a junior/community college or trade school and must show strong community/volunteer involvement.

The award recipient will be announced June 1, 2003. Applications are available at Germania Insurance, 5 W Gillis, in Eldorado, and at the at the EHS Counselor's Office. Top candidates may be asked for an interview.

For further information or for application forms, contact Germa-

nia Farm Mutual Insurance, Phyllis Sauer at P.O. Box 578 Eldorado, or car 325-853-3068



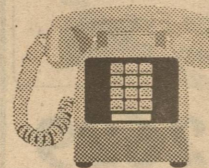
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Eldorado Forecast

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A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High near 90F.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.

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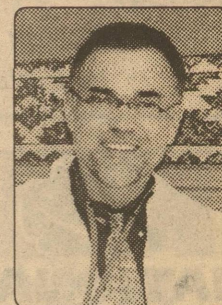
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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Dorothy Clark

Seven members met in the home of Dorothy Clark on April 15th. We talked about Founders Day which will be April 29th. at the local Hacienda Restaurant.

Flora Hubble gave a program called "Our Place in the Modern World".

We also were honored to have two guests attend our meeting. We welcomed Geneva Wade and Barbara Wilson.

Refreshments we enjoyed were Tuna sandwiches, chips, and strawberry short-cake.

The Sunshine Gifts were won by Dorothy Clark and Mary Nolen.

Mother's Tea

Elementary school mothers are invited to a Mother's Tea on Tuesday, May 6th. This is for the Moms of Kids Kampus through 4th grade students. You are welcome to join us for muffins, fruit, coffee and juice, come and go, from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. You will be welcome to visit your child's teacher and classroom.

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Tuesday, May 6
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Chocolate Cake, Milk

Wednesday, May 7
Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Milk

Thursday, May 8
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Cornbread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, May 9
Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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Eagles warm up for playoffs with 7-3 win over Crane

Despite a three-game slump at the end of the district 2-2A schedule, the Eldorado Eagles enter the State 2-2A playoffs with a 20-7 record and a #8 ranking in the Texas High School Coaches Association poll.

The Warbirds prepared for the playoffs by defeating the Crane Golden Cranes 7-3 last Friday night in Colts Stadium at San Angelo. Big innings in the 2nd and 6th produced seven runs and four Eagle pitchers combined for a three hitter.

Timely hitting produced four runs for the Eagles in the bottom of the 2nd. Philip Martinez lead the inning off with a walk and Homer Hernandez followed with a bunt that fell just out of the reach of the pitcher to put runners at first and second. Michael Adame followed with a sharp single to left to score Martinez but Homer Hernandez was thrown out trying to advance to third. Alan Dykstra reached first on an infield single to put runners at first and second. Joe Arispe walked to load the bases before Trey Chavez doubled home two runs but was thrown out trying to advance to third for the final out of the inning.

The Warbirds struck for three more runs in the 6th inning. Frankie Arispe was hit by a pitch to start the inning and stole second base.

Philip Martinez then doubled to right center to put runners on second and third. Homer Hernandez then reached first on a fielders choice to the shortstop scoring Arispe. With two outs Jared Grubbs singled off the end of the shortstop's glove, scoring both Martinez and Hernandez to stake the Eagles to a 7-1 lead.

The Eagles pitched four pitchers on the night with no one pitcher going more than two innings. Philip Martinez pitched the first two innings allowing no runs and striking out three. Homer Hernandez pitched the next two allowing no runs on one hit. Michael Adame followed giving up one run on no hits, the only run scoring on a passed ball. Frankie Arispe pitched the following inning giving up two runs while striking out three.

The Eagles defense was strong all evening particularly the outfield trio of Quisto Gonzalez, Trey Chavez, and Joe Arispe. The Eagles improved to 20-7 on the year.

The Eagles will travel to Pecos tomorrow night where they will face Anthony in a 3-game series for the Bi-District title. The first game begins at 7:00 tomorrow night (Friday) with game two beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. If needed, game three will immediately follow.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
I've got it, I've got it — Philip Martinez hauled in this pop fly last Friday night to help the Eagles to a 7-3 win over the Crane Golden Cranes in a practice game in Colts Stadium.

Eagles send two girls doubles teams to State 2-A tournament

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and Rodriguez of Floydada 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7) in a marathon third-place match to claim a Bronze Medal.

Eldorado two girls doubles teams will next compete at the State 2A tennis tournament beginning on Monday at the Lakeway World of Tennis Center, just outside of Austin. Quarterfinals and Semifinals matches will be held on Monday, May 5th with the Finals matches being held on Tuesday, May 6th

Sauer and Brown are scheduled to face Michelle Theodosis and Margaret Whitten of San Saba in the Quarterfinal round. Meanwhile, Redish and Wanoreck will face Kenzie Cole and Stacie Knight of Brock in their quarterfinal match.

Interestingly, Eldorado's tennis rival, Mason High School will also be represented by two teams in the

State tournament. They will face teams from Franklin and Big Sandy Harmony High Schools in the quarterfinal rounds.

Results for the two Eldorado doubles teams will be posted on the Success website as soon as they are final. Just log on to www.myeeldorado.net for up to the minute results.

Dykes slated to appear at EHS Booster Club athletic banquet

Spike Dykes, former head football coach of the Texas Tech Red Raiders, will be the featured speaker at the Eldorado Eagles Athletic Awards Banquet on Monday, May 12, 2003.

This year's banquet will be held in the Schleicher County Memorial Building where a delicious meal of barbecued KC steak, sausage and chicken, with all the trimmings is planned. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet at \$6 and may be purchased in advance at the Eldorado Success, Duckwall's, 1st Community Federal Credit Union, Amigo's Dream or at the SCISD Administration office on W. Fields Street.

Dykes, who led the Red Raiders football squad for 13 years, is the school's winningest coach. He took over a faltering program and built it into a perennial winner, all the while continuing to recruit in West Texas. Dykes steered the program as it made the successful transition from the Southwest Conference to the Big 12 Conference, perhaps the strongest football conference in the nation.

Redish makes EHS history by advancing to State in shot put

Christina Redish, EHS senior, and daughter of Mack and Angie Redish of Eldorado, is the first Eldorado athlete to ever qualify for State UIL competition in two sports. She and her partner, Chandra Warnock (see story on Page 1) have advanced in girls doubles tennis, and she will be competing in the Shot Put at the State 2A Track Meet.

Redish won the right to advance to Austin by placing 2nd at

the Region 1-2A meet last week at Abilene Christian University. Her throw of 39-5.5

Redish also competed in the Discus at the Regional meet, placing 9th with a throw 99-8.

Also competing at the Region 1-2A meet was EHS freshman Rachel Joiner who placed 5th in the High Jump with of 5-0.

Eric Garcia placed 6th in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 4:52.5.

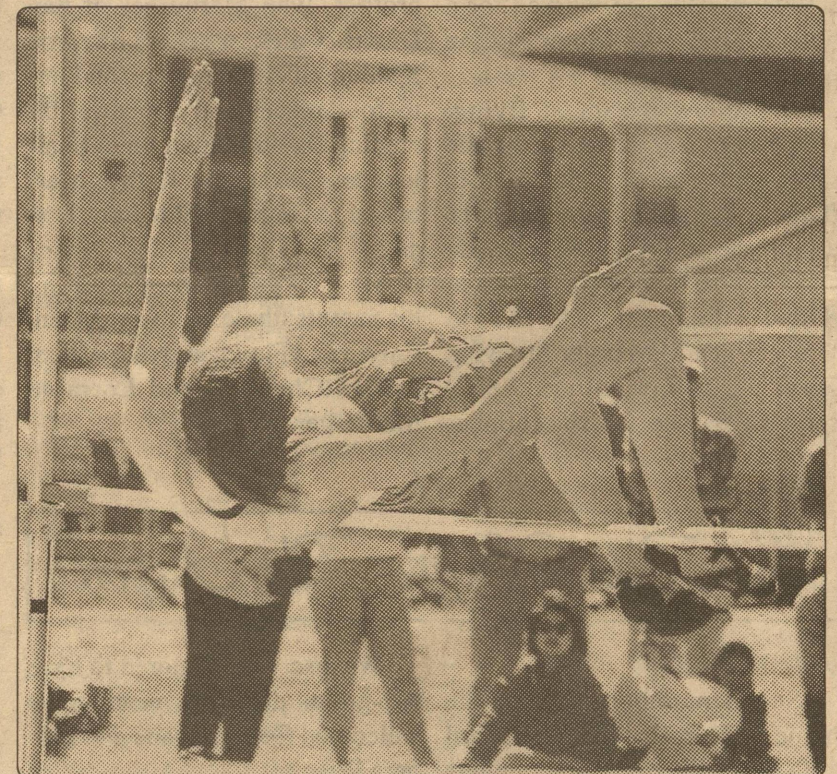


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
High flying — Rachel Joiner cleared 5'0" to place 5th at the Region 1-2A Track Meet in Abilene last Friday. The EHS freshman was only 2 inches short of a trip to the State Meet in Austin.

2003 Jr. High District tennis results listed

Eldorado Eagles played in Big Lake for district on Saturday, April 12, 2003.

Russell Cathey took home the silver in the 8th Grade Boys Singles. Abel Montalvo took home the bronze.

8th Grade Doubles Richmond Adame and Sammy Estrada took 2nd place with double partners David Hernandez and Cash Lane placing 3rd.

In the 8th Grade Boys Singles second division Logan Jones placed 1st, Mark Bybee placed 2nd

and Adam Dominguez placed 4th. In doubles Raul Rios and Neal Higgins placed 2nd.


7th Grade Doubles partners Michael Redish and J.P. Joiner took consolation.

Also participating were Kristin Mittel, Kimberly Samaniego, J.C. Rodriguez, Mariana Guzman, Sandra Garza, Liz Lacy, Britney Jennings, Krista Troy, Chelci Sellers, Louis Amazon, Linley Glass, Blake Chatham, Chelci Pridemore, Macy Chatham, and LiAna Danford.

Kimberly Samaniego received consolation in the 8th grade Girls Singles at the Ozona Tennis Meet April 5th.

Coach Teresa Baker stated "Everyone did a great job and played their best."

School Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
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Monday, May 5
Burrito w/ Chili & Cheese, Mexicali Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Diced Pears

Tuesday, May 6
BBQ Sandwich w/ Relish, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Dessert

Wednesday, May 7
Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches, (MS/HS Choice: Beef Stew & Cornbread), Potato Chips, Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fruit

Thursday, May 8
Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Dessert

Friday, May 9
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Pineapple Chunks

Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast

Monday, May 5
Blueberry Muffin, Cheese, Pineapple Juice

Tuesday, May 6
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Orange Juice

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Honey Bun, Cheese, Apple Juice

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Sadie Santellano of Eldorado suffers from Scleroderma and she would like her friends and neighbors to know about her illness.

First of all, Scleroderma is not contagious. It is a chronic and disabling disease that is often misunderstood. A simple explanation is "hardening of the skin" but that is very misleading. Scleroderma is a disease that can effect internal organs, just as it attacks the skin. Two Greek words, Sclera and Derma to translate to "hard skin."

A casual observer can notice the skin changes of people who are afflicted by Scleroderma. The face tightens and shines, making it all but impossible to break into a smile. Skin on the fingers and hands can become so taut that a person can lose the ability to grip a fork or hold a pencil.

Scleroderma can involve internal organs. The same process going on with the skin can emmesh the lungs in strands of scar tissue so dense that the victim struggles for air. Scar tissue in the esophagus

makes swallowing painful and troublesome. In the digestive tract, the disease inhibits the absorption of nutrients.

Scleroderma can cause joints all over the body to throb with pain. Kidney involvement can lead to high blood pressure and even kidney failure.

Morphea is a variant of Scleroderma. Unlike the type that attacks both skin and internal organs, Morphea remains localized in the skin.

While seemingly rare, Scleroderma is far more prevalent than Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, and a host of other better known and better understood diseases. Approximately four times more women than men develop Scleroderma during early and middle age.

Scleroderma is a disease which can result in death. No one knows what causes the disease and unfortunately, there is no therapy that will stop or reverse the illness. So far, there is no cure for Scleroderma.



New deacons — Craig Nolen, Tommy Minor and David Creek were ordained as Deacons last Sunday at First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

County commissioners meet

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ing the firm of Hibbs and Todd met with the commissioners and discussed steps that will be necessary to connect the sewer line from the Civic Center to the city's sewer system. He noted that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will require the work to be approved a licensed engineer. Voller estimated the cost for the project at \$15,000 to \$20,000. Voller noted he would meet with the City Administrator Randy Mankin to discuss the best way to approach the project.

Road Superintendent Clay Burleson then sought and received permission to spend \$11,000 from his budget for the purchase of a 4,000 gallon steel tank to replace an leaky aluminum tank on the county water truck.

Burleson went on to say that he has yet to receive a bid from Seidel Construction for the paving of Mary Street. And the commissioners authorized the expenditure of \$20,000 for crushed rock road base material

from Reese Albert Construction. The material will come out of the Mike Moore pit.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to reimburse the City of Eldorado \$492.76 of dues in the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Coalition.

Before adjourning, discussion turned to the need to construct pens and a livestock feeding facility near the Civic Center. Local contractors Lanis Mikeska and Roy Gene Lloyd were on hand for the discussion during which time questions about the bidding process arose. Commissioner Matt Brown and County Agent Scott Edmonson had already drawn up plans and specifications for the facility, however, their research revealed only approximate prices for material with no labor included.

Commissioner Bill Clark told the group he would prefer printing a public notice in the newspaper asking parties interested in submitting a turnkey bid to meet with the commissioners at their next meeting on May 12. The men took no action on the matter, however.

Oliver inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma physics honor society

Alana Oliver of Eldorado was one of seven physics students at Angelo State University to be inducted into the Sigma Pi Sigma, National Physics Honor Society, on Thursday, April 10th.

The seven students represent the 83rd-89th students inducted into the chapter since it was started there and Oliver is one of only ten females to ever be asked to join the prestigious society.

Sigma Pi Sigma is a national honor society for physics majors and minors. It is a member of the

Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliated society of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Membership in Sigma Phi Sigma is limited to individuals who have completed 12 advanced semester hours of physics and who have maintained a 3.25 overall GPA and 3.5 GPA for all physics classes. Membership in the Society of Physics Students is also required.

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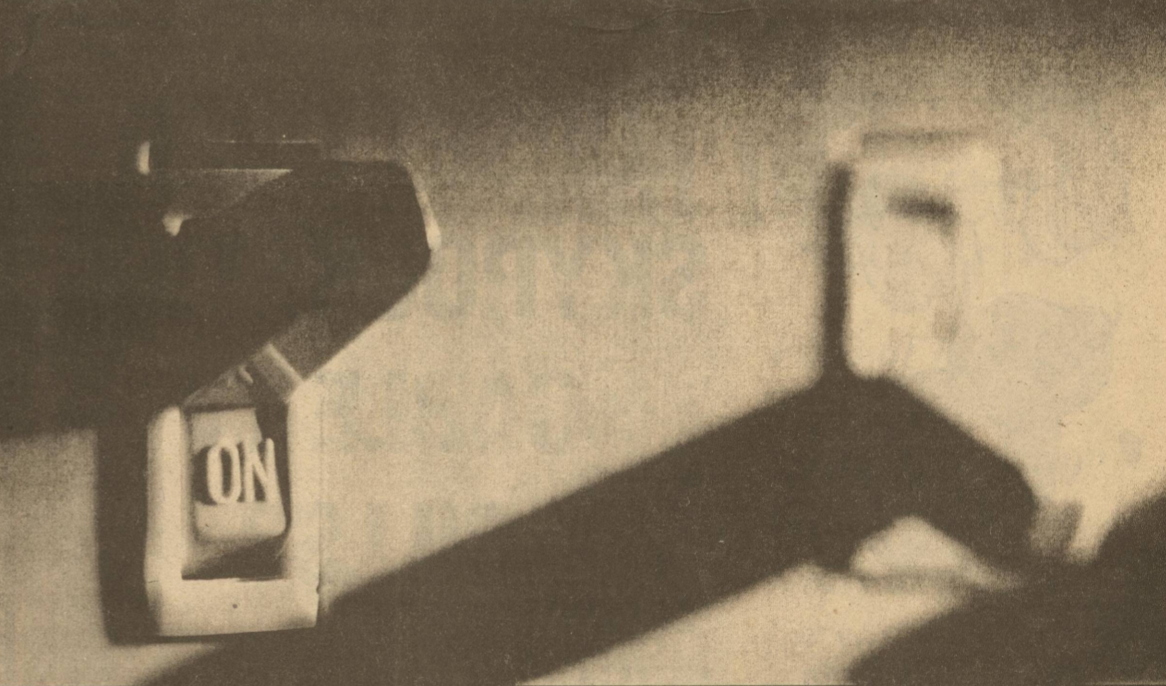
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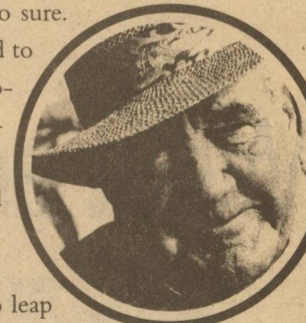
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Escapee caught in Tucson

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or flip-flops, as they are commonly called, made it unlikely that Davis could elude his pursuers on foot, but he did.

Officers believe that Davis was trying to get to Arizona before he was arrested and that he continued moving in that direction once he escaped the jail. He was reportedly awaiting trial in Travis County on a charge of burglary of a habitation when he broke into a church into a church in The Woodlands on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, and stole a woman's purse and car keys. The keys gave Davis access

to a 2002 Toyota automobile, the car he was driving when officers in Kimble County spotted him later that evening. They managed to pull Davis over near the Kimble/Sutton County line, but he drove away at a high rate of speed just as officers approached the car.

A message to be on the lookout for Davis was then forwarded to Sutton County. At that time, DPS Trooper Donald Van Zandt joined the pursuit and ran Davis down after a 10-mile chase at speeds in excess of 115 mph. At one point, Davis pulled over for Van Zandt but refused the trooper's orders to get out of the car. As Van Zandt, armed with a shotgun, approached the Toyota, Davis sped away again, but the trooper quickly caught up to Davis again, this time at a roadside park, where the suspect had abandoned his car and fled on foot.

Van Zandt chased Davis on foot, but momentarily lost him in the darkness. Just then, the trooper found the fugitive hiding under a cedar bush. Davis was arrested and booked into the Sutton County Jail and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest and DWI.

Now, Davis also faces charges for escape, a 3rd degree felon that carries a penalty of 2-10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

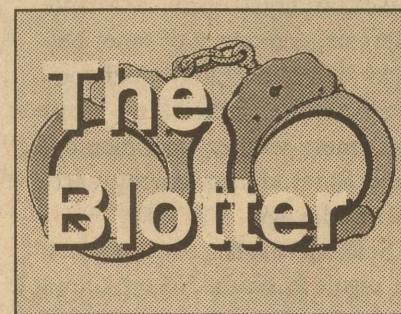
Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher noted Davis' long criminal record made it unlikely that he would remain free for long. "Guys like him can't stay out of trouble," Fincher told the Success. "We were sure we would be seeing him again."

The Success has learned that extradition procedures are already underway in hopes of returning Davis to Texas so that he may stand trial on the various charges against him.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Winners of the 3rd Annual Chivo Cook Off-L-R Lee Jimenez, Toni Martinez and Richard Adame took home 1st place honors during the 3rd Annual Chivo Cook-Off hosted by Templo Getsemini Honor Bound Men's Ministry, Saturday, April 26, 2003.



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

ARRESTS

April 22 • Porter, Brady Jason, male age 20, arrested by Irion County Officer, offense Theft, hold for Irion County. Released on \$1,500.00 Surety Bond.

April 22 • Dutchover, Angel, male age 47, arrested by Irion County Officer, offense Unpaid Child Support. Hold for transfer.

April 25 • Cantu, Ruben Talian, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, offense Motion To Revoke/Tom Green County. Transferred to CRTC.

April 26 • Harris, Gina Roseann, female age 36, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on a cash bond.

INCIDENT REPORTS

April 22 • Complainant called to advise an individual had called their business from out of state and threaten their employees and his own wife.

• 7:56 p.m. Hospital called for a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

• 8:51 p.m. Complainant called on to report loose livestock. Officer responded.

• 10:00 p.m. Complainant reported a person parked illegally at the Eldorado Place Apartments in an handicapped zone. Officer responded and was unable to locate subject.

April 23 • 12:38 a.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from apartments. Officer responded.

• 1:00 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to assist an motorist on Fields Street. Officer responded.

April 24 • 8:54 a.m. Complainant

reported a reckless driver in a green Chevrolet pickup. Officer responded and found driver. Everything code 4.

• 12:09 p.m. Complainant on E. Cottonwood reported their cell phone missing.

April 25 • 9:56 p.m. Complainant requested their residence to under house watch. Complainant and husband got into a fist fight earlier of this date and husband was going to the residence to retrieve property. Complainant did not want a dispute to arise. Officer responded and no complainant was filed on the fight.

• 10:59 p.m. Complainant reported a party and loud music. Complainant reported several minors at the location. Officer responded and was unable to locate subjects.

April 26 • Complainant requested an ambulance to their home. Subject was complaining that their whole body was in pain. Officer and EMS1 responded.

• no time-Complainant reported someone had broken out windows of a maintainer on County Road 316.

• 9:40 p.m. Minor accident reported. Bill Smith of Ft. McKavett was traveling South on Toenail Trail and ran into a black calf which was standing in the middle of the road. He was driving a 1996 Ford F-250. No injuries. Wrecker and officer responded.

April 27 • 6:08 a.m. Complainant reported a trailer parked at the intersection of Brooks Street. Sheriff Office notified FFA teacher.

• 10:45 a.m. Complainant on S. Main reported loud music coming from an alley between S. Main and S. Cottonwood.

• 4:38 p.m. Complainant reported they would be having a controlled burn north of Pave Paws.

• 4:26 p.m. Officer advised someone had broken the flag pole at the Middle School. Officer responded.

April 28 • 7:27 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for their sister. Officer and EMS responded.

• 8:39 p.m. Complainant reported they would have a controlled burn at residence on Depot Street.

April 29 • 7:55 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle had run into a utility pole on the corner of Hwy. 277 North and Dixie Drive and had left the scene. Officer responded and subject was located. Subject was Alex Sanchez, who was driving a 1999 Ford pickup.

• 12:45 p.m. Convenience store employee reported a female shoplifter. Total amount \$3.00. Two officers responded and a citation was issued.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

"Wanna Race?"

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BIRTHDAY LIST

May
1st Joe Christian, Isaac Saldivar, Richmond Adame
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3rd Martha Lively, Ramiro Buitron, Ryan Adame,
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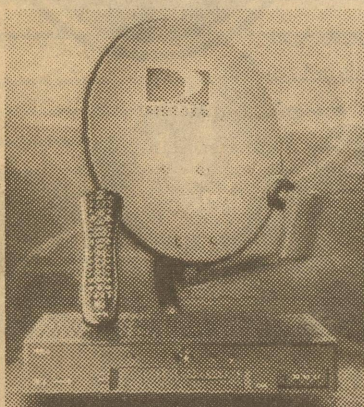
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Ronald J. Griffin filed in the County Probate Court of Schleicher County, Texas, on the 24th day of April, 2003 Application to Determine Heirship.

Said Application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next after expiration of ten days from date of publishing this citation, the same being the 12th day of May, 2003, at the Schleicher County Courthouse, Eldorado, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Probate Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in Eldorado, Texas, this the 24th day of April, 2003.

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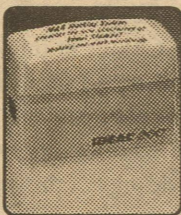
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Eldorado Spotlight



The Eldorado Spotlight shines this week on freshman Mary Ann Moreno. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Mary Ann she was playing Red Rover with other students on the courthouse square while celebrating "Dia de los Ninos." The event was sponsored by the Los Nuevos Amigos, a school club.

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Our Pen Pal Soldier
L-R 4th Graders Eloy Bustos, Samantha Brown, Kymberlin Conn and Trina Gayler read eagerly the response to their letter from Casey Poyner who is stationed in Kyrgyzstan. These 4th graders along with many of their classmates send letters to local soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, stationed overseas. Airman Poyner's response was the first they have received. See letter at right.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Local airman responds to letters from 4th graders

Eldorado 4th graders were excited to learn last week that letters they had sent to U.S. troops overseas were being received. The news came in the form of a letter back to them from Casey A. Poyner, an EHS graduate of 2000 and an airman in the U.S. Air Force. Please see letter below:

Dear Samantha, Trina, Kymberlin and Eloy,

Thank you so much for the letters that you wrote me. It was nice to get mail from someone other than immediate family members.

First of all, I am not in Iraq but I know that the soldiers in Iraq do get mail. I am in Kyrgyzstan, which

is not very far from Afghanistan. My job in the Air Force is an aircraft loadmaster. The duty of a loadmaster is to inspect and supervise the loading of airplanes and then to fly with the load to a different location and to download the cargo.

Did you hear about the personnel airdrop that they did in Iraq? Well, I do that also. I airdrop personnel, equipment and containers out of C-130 airplanes.

I also thought I would tell you that I too am from Eldorado. I was in the Class of 2000. Thank you again for your letters.

Sincerely
Casey A. Poyner

The Eldorado Woman's Club News

by: Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Thursday, April 10, 2003, 9:30 a.m. at the Memorial Building. Our April meeting was our annual Field Trip. This year we traveled to Fort McKavett. Eleven members and three guests were present.

John (Gabe) Schooley, Texas Park Ranger Eh. Tech II, met us in the Visitors Center at the hospital building and acted as our guide. Gabe conducted us on a truly memorable tour of some of the area and buildings of this very special post that was a vital part of the Texas Forts defense system.

Fort McKavett began in 1850 and was first occupied in 1852. Active from 1852 thru 1859, abandoned during the Civil War from 1861 until it was reoccupied in 1867 and was active until its final abandonment in April, 1883.

Gabe told us at one time there were 400 men stationed there and the post had 85 buildings. He said General of the Army William Tecumseh Sherman called Fort McKavett "the prettiest" post in Texas. The general was in Texas in the spring of 1871 on an inspection tour of Texas frontier posts.

Buildings we toured were the hospital building, the morgue and a latrine behind the hospital, a furnished lower ranking officers quarters along officers row, the parade ground which was surrounded by officers row, the site of the enlisted mens quarters, field office's quarters and in the same area was the bandstand where many concerts took place. Fort McKavett was a regimental post and had three bands. Our last stop was the school house.

The current post map shows fourteen different places of interest. At each place Gabe told us many interesting facts about each place. He truly loves his job and made our tour extra special giving us such a wonderful historical tour.

A few of the highlights were the Exhibit Rooms at the Visitors Center, the real life looking mannequin that was an exact replica of a Buffalo soldier stationed at the post and was donated by a now living grandson who had the mannequin copied from a photo. The information about the responsibilities of the post doctor, the instruments he used and the hazards of trying to keep the people at the post healthy and the lack of sanitary conditions was something else to hear about. We especially enjoyed the furnished living quarters

and Gabe explaining about living conditions in these quarters.

The parade ground was a very special place for at its center was a 62 foot flag pole that was placed on the highest place on the post and has a guide wired with four wires each pointing exactly N,E,S, and W. At night a lighted hurricane lamp would be hoisted up the flag pole and could be seen from miles away.

Gabe showed us a block of Black Tea. Each small square was brewed then cane sugar was added. Gabe said this brew tasted like Dr. Pepper. He also showed us shoes worn by the Infantrymen. There were no left or right shoe so the soldier had to soak their shoes in the river and wear them until they dried to fit their feet. He told us many more interesting facts and the listener could almost imagine being a part of the past and living at the post.

We thank Gabe for an extraordinary tour. The planners of this restoration have made an important part of Texas history a valued place to appreciate our rich heritage.

We were also privileged that J.J. (Jimmy) Martin and Caroline Runge opened the St. James Episcopal Church for us. They told us some of the Churches history. It's a very unique church and shows the loving care that has been given this worthy church. Parishioner Mr. Stokes donated a special stained glass window titled St. James and parishioner Jim Runge made two small stained glass windows to flank the St. James.

Our special lunch was prepared and served by Jimmy, his mom Nelva, Caroline and some other members of our club. Our last meeting for this club year will be Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building club room.

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