

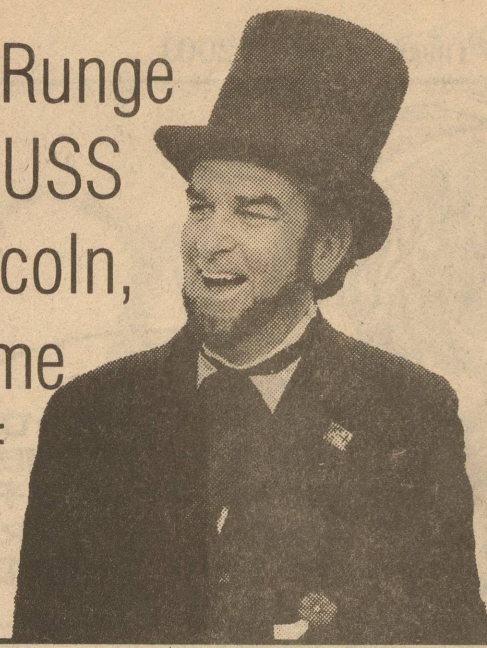
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## Spike Dykes to address Eldorado Eagles athletic banquet next Monday evening

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. During the banquet, EHS athletes will be honored for their accomplishments in the school's various sporting events.

The banquet, coordinated by the Eldorado Eagle Booster Club, will be held in the Schleicher County Memorial Building and will be open to the public. 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 are \$6 and may be purchased at the door, or they may be picked up at The Eldorado Success, Duckwall's, 1st Community Federal Credit Union, Amigo's Dream, Shot's, Star Stop, 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.

Among Dykes' many accomplishments are:

- He was the first coach to lead the Red Raiders to six-consecutive bowl-eligible seasons.
- He was the first Tech coach to direct six-straight first-team All-Americans.
- He was the first coach in 56 years to lead Texas Tech to the Cotton Bowl.
- He was the first Texas Tech coach to defeat the University of Texas five times in his career.
- He was the first recipient of Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year honors.
- He is the first coach in the nation to produce two Doak Walker Award winners.
- He has won more conference games than any other Red Raider head coach.
- He earned three Southwest Conference Coach of the Year honors.
- He was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association's Hall of Honor in 1991.

Dykes led the Red Raiders to upper division Southwest Conference and Big 12 South Division

finishes in each of his first 12 seasons at Tech, including championship (1994) or runner-up finishes in seven of those years. He became the first Southwest Conference coach TCU's Dutch Meyer (1934-36) to boast of victories over Texas and Texas A&M in two of his first three meetings. He defeated Tech's two arch rivals 10 times in all and he's the first Texas Tech coach to defeat Texas five times in his career.

Dykes' program routinely turned out quality players, including two Doak Walker Award winners, Byron Morris in 1994 and Byron Hanspard in 1996, and a Dick Butkus Award finalist Zach Thomas in 1996. In all, nine players were named as first-team All-Americans under Dykes. He also produced 60 All-SWC first team selections and 3 All-Big 12 honorees.

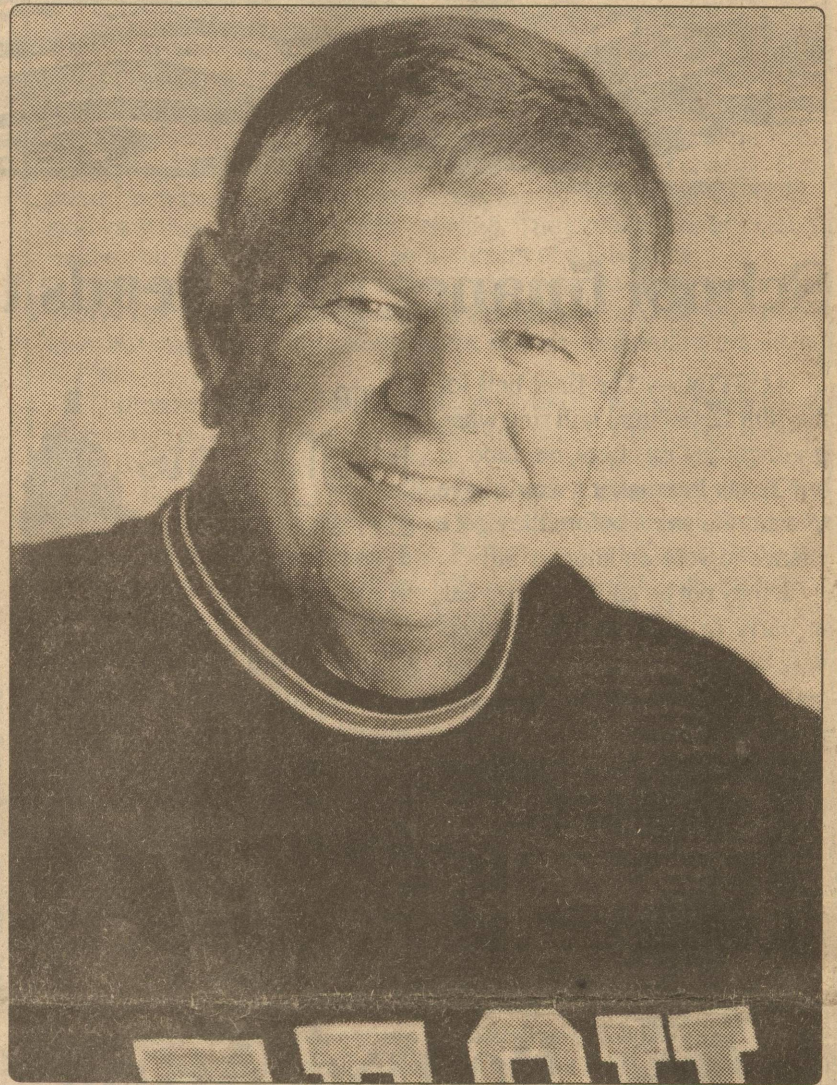
Dykes is a native of Lubbock. He played football at Rice University, San Angelo Jr. College and Stephen F. Austin, where he graduated in 1959. That same year, Dykes entered the coaching profession as an assistant coach at Eastland High School.

He served as an assistant coach in Ballinger (1960-61) and San Angelo Central (1962-63) before

taking over as head coach at Coahoma (1964-65). He held high school head coaching jobs in Belton (1966), Big Spring (1967-69) and Alice (1970-71), before taking his first coaching job in the college ranks at Texas where he served as an assistant coach from 1972-76. Dykes was an assistant coach at New Mexico in 1977 and defensive coordinator in 1978. From there he went to Mississippi State as an assistant coach in 1979.

Dykes returned to West Texas and to high school football as head coach at Midland Lee (1980-83). He served as defensive coordinator at the University of Texas (1984-86) before taking over the same post at Texas Tech in 1986. When Tech's head coach David McWilliams left at the end of the '86 season, Tech's administration wasted no time in turning the reins over to Dykes. Two weeks later, in his first game as Tech's head coach, he led the Red Raiders on to the field at the Independence Bowl, where they lost a 20-17 heartbreaker to Ole' Miss.

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COURTESY PHOTO  
**Coaching legend** — Spike Dykes, former head football coach at Texas Tech University, will be the featured speaker at Eldorado High School's athletic awards banquet next Monday evening.

## Hospital trustees agree to mediation in Sloan lawsuit

Schleicher County Hospital District trustees met Thursday evening, May 1, 2003, and voted to once again try to reach a settlement in the lawsuit brought against the district by Dr. Randall Sloan. The board agreed to a procedure called, mediation, recommended by District Judge Barbara Walthers, in which the two sides meet with a court appointed mediator. The move came three days after lawyers for the two sides were unable to agree on a jury panel. This won't be the first time that

mediation has been tried. Early on in the lawsuit, retired Judge Curt Steib of San Angelo was called in as a mediator but was unable to get the two sides together. It is unknown at this time if Judge Steib will again serve as mediator.

The approval of mediation came during the regular monthly meeting of the district board. The meeting, originally scheduled for Monday, April 28, was rescheduled due to the trial that was supposed to have begun that same day.

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## Voters choose Wanoreck in school election

Jan Wanoreck out polled incumbent Phil McCormick 81-38 in the race for Schleicher County ISD Single Member District #2. It was the heaviest turnout on record in a single member district since the old at-large system of electing school trustees was abolished more than ten years ago.

## Sheriff announces storm warning procedures

Sheriff David Doran announced that procedures are in place to warn the public in the event that a tornado or a severe thunderstorm threatens Eldorado. He noted that the siren, which routinely sounds at noon each week-day, is also used to summon volunteer firefighters. However, tornado or severe weather warnings will be conducted as follows:

1. A one minute-long siren blast followed by a pause of 20 seconds;
2. A second one minute-long blast of the siren followed by a pause of 20-seconds;
3. A third one minute-long blast of the siren followed by a pause of 3 minutes.
4. At that time if the immediate Eldorado area is still threatened by a tornado the warning sequence will begin again.

**Hard water** — A severe thunderstorm developed rapidly early Tuesday morning over central Schleicher County, dumping large hail just north of Eldorado. The hailstones at left fell at the home of Cherie Niblett while the ones below were photographed near the home of Matt Brown.

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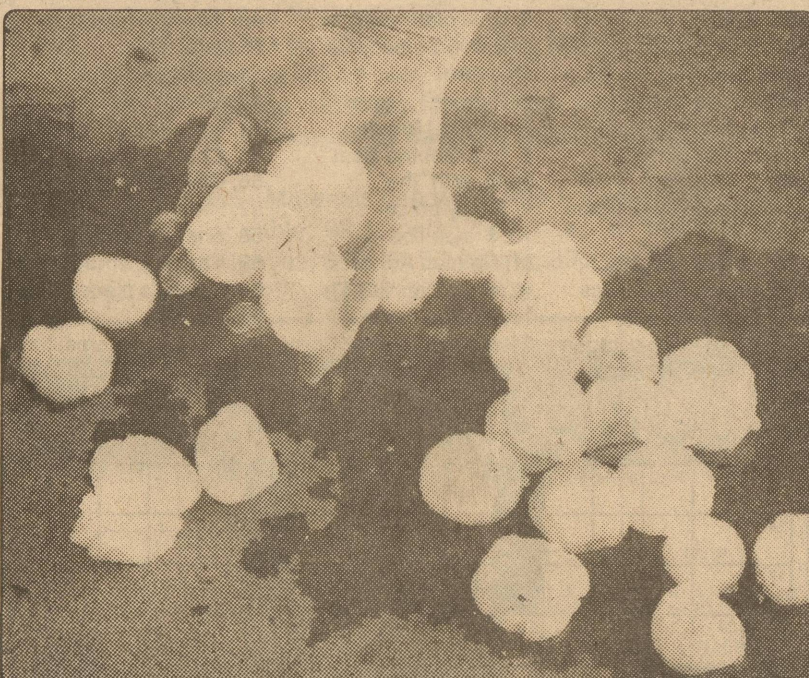


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**Would you be tough enough?** Lupe Herrera, a jailer/dispatcher at the Schleicher County Jail, went through "Pepper Spray" training last week along with other Sheriff's Dept. personnel. The spray is used in the jail, and by officers in the field, as a nonlethal way to take control of an uncooperative or unruly subject.



# Thinking of Mom on Mother's Day



## OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

As Mothers Day approaches, my Mom is in the hospital. After years of suffering with arthritis, she had knee replacement surgery this week. Knowing her as I do, I can safely predict that she will be up and around in no time. The only question remaining is whether or not she will go through with the second knee replacement once she has recovered from this one.

It's odd for me to see Mom in a hospital bed. She is usually the last one in the family to go down, although her allergies have really been bothering her lately.

Monday night, as I sat next to her bed, watching her sleep, I couldn't help but wonder how many times she had done the same for me. As a kid, I had all the kid diseases. Mumps, Measles and Chicken Pox, and with each of those, Mom was there, nursing me through it and cajoling me for missing school. Earlier, about age four, I had my tonsils out but I don't remember much about the hospital

stay except that I could have all the ice cream I wanted. And, I can recall the ride home from the hospital. Mom and her youngest sister Sharon drove me home, where I was treated to even more ice cream.

A few weeks later I was asking if my tonsils would grow back in. I'm pretty sure I wanted another go at all that ice cream.

When I was about six, I rode my new bike from the house, down a long driveway to the county road in order to retrieve the mail from the mailbox. The moment I opened the box I was swarmed by wasps.

If I had only run away, I would probably have only been stung a couple of times, but I wasn't about to leave that bicycle. Mom came running as soon as she heard my cry and met me about half way down the driveway where I was pedaling frantically toward the house, swatting wasps and screaming at the top of my lungs.

I'm not sure how long I was laid up after that experience. But I do recall spending a few days on the couch in the living room while Mom looked after me.

Through the years I gave Mom plenty of opportunities to look after me. There was an attack of appendicitis while I was in high school, an occasional black eye or bloody nose. Once, while the family was at the lake I fell while playing with some other kids and sliced the back of my head open on a boat trailer. That required several stitches and even more nursing. Then, sometime in grade school, I was hit

in the head while playing dodge ball in the gym. The ball drove my head into a post and, you guessed it, more stitches.

At one point in the first or second grade, the county nurse, who made the rounds of all the country schools, decided that I needed speech therapy. Although she was deaf as a post and read lips in order to communicate, she determined that I was a stutterer. Well, needless to say, that revelation panicked the family and Mom carried me to the West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene to be checked out.

It turned out that I really didn't stutter, the nurse simply had a hard time reading the lips of kids who were starting to lose their teeth. Still, Mom was there, making repeated trips to Abilene.

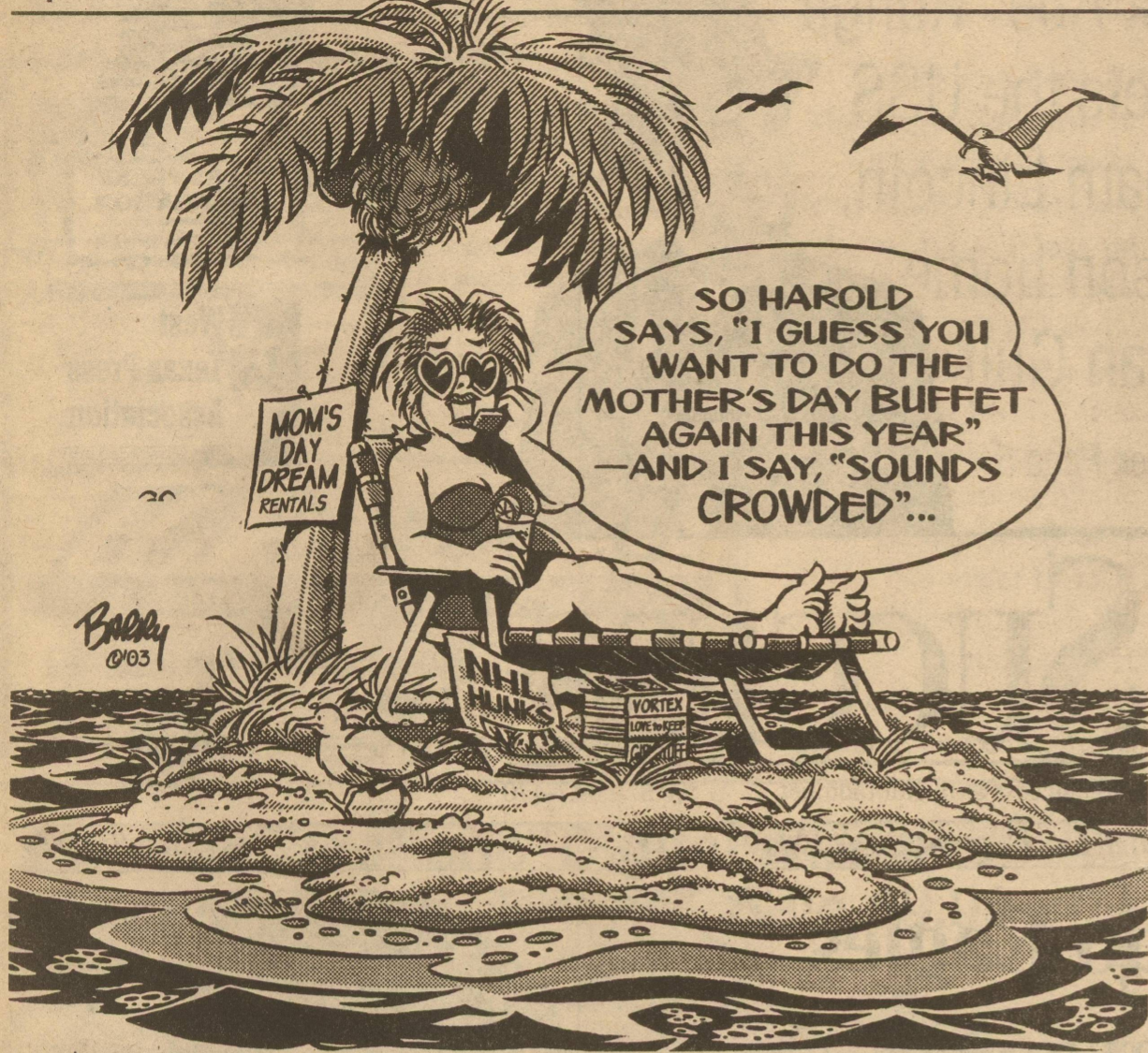
One summer, while I was in high school, Mom, my brother Mike and I were clearing brush in some pens at our hog farm. It was a scorcher and about mid afternoon I was sent to the truck to fix us all a cold drink. As I opened one of the bottles, it exploded, sending shards of glass into my forehead just above my right eye. With all the blood, I'm sure it looked like I had put my eye out. So, here we went again, back to the doctor and, yes, more stitches.

It seemed like every time I got sick or hurt, my Dad was at work and Mom had to take care of things. And, she always did.

I couldn't help but remember all of this as I sat watching my Mom as she slept last Monday evening. At one point she awoke and said, "You ought to go home and get some rest, you've got a paper to put out."

There she was, in pain, drowsy and somewhat nauseated from all the medicine, and she was thinking about what was best for me. I guess some things never change.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love you, and get well soon!



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## School finance plan heads to special legislative session

AUSTIN — The final bell for the 78th Legislature will ring when it concludes business on June 2, but Texas lawmakers won't have to wait two years before they get a chance to vote on another bill.

It may not be until late this year, or early in 2004, but lawmakers will be back in Austin for a special session to ponder school financing.

"Following the completion of

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



this session," Gov. Rick Perry said in a statement last week, "Lt. Gov. (David) Dewhurst, Speaker (Tom) Craddick, and I will turn our undivided attention to the issue of school-finance reform."

Perry said that as soon as "leadership has built consensus on a plan of action, I will call a special

session...to immediately enact that plan."

The first step in that direction came with the speaker naming a 21-member House committee to come up with a financing plan for consideration in the special session. Four ex-officio members of the committee were to be selected by Perry.

Better known as the Robin Hood plan, Texas' school financing system is more complicated than second year algebra, a complex mixture of state and local taxes.

Apportionment of that money is based on the wealth (or, in many cases, lack of wealth) of a particular school district.

The more well-to-do districts, many of which have been forced to cut their budgets while kicking in funding for the less well-off districts, don't like the current system.

The only thing that could head off a special session would be action this session. That's possible, but at this point not very likely.

The last special session was more than a decade ago in December 1992. The topic? School finance.

### Red-light runners get green light...

The House last week killed a bill that would have given cities the authority to photograph red-light runners and fine the registered owners of the vehicles.

House Bill 901, co-authored by Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford,

co-author of House Bill 901, said the defeated measure would have had an impact on the 23,000 injuries and deaths red-light runners cause each year in Texas.

The bill would have allowed cities to impose a \$75 fine for each violator. The money collected would have gone to fund hospital trauma centers and the Texas Mobility Fund.

Arguments against the bill ranged from it fostering invasion of privacy to violating due process to raising revenue in the name of safety.

What did the bill in was an amendment by Rep. Gary Elkins, R-Houston, that would have made the bill apply only to communities with fewer than 50 residents.

### You've probably noticed, but...

Gasoline prices are down. After hitting an average national high of \$1.72 a gallon for regular, the national average is now down to \$1.57 per gallon.

In Texas, the average is \$1.45 though some places are selling gasoline for more than a dime a gallon less than that.

The averages are from the Energy Information Administration, an arm of the U.S. Department of Energy.

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## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### A Senior Trip for the Graduates of Dialville High

Clarence Trotter runs a produce store between Rusk and Jacksonville. He grew up on a farm and loved it. When he finished school he went to work for a tire manufacturing company in Tyler. He missed the outdoors, so he quit his job and started growing fruits and vegetables on 75 acres of land. He furnished produce to some of the largest stores in East Texas.

"I get a lot of customers driving between Dallas and Houston," says Clarence. "Some of them have been stopping at my place for years. They tell me I have the best fruit and vegetables they've ever eaten."

He specializes in home-grown peaches, plums and grapes. His store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. He's looking forward to a good sweet potato crop this year. They're grown around Golden, near Mineola. "I've been buying them from the same man for thirty years."

He grew up at Dialville, about five miles from his store. A big swimming hole near there was called The Plunge.

"They had a big dance hall up there. They had a tire with a cable on it and you could slide down that cable into the water. It was fixed up real nice. They had the shallow parts cemented. Then on further out it was about thirty feet deep. Me and an old boy they called Tater Bug Sides used to swim down to the bottom and bring up mud. We were the only ones who could do it."

Clarence's first swimming lesson was when he was in an inner tube and some of his friends dumped him into the water. "I made it to shore OK. Since then,

I've been able to swim. I used to go down to the river, feel in those hollow logs and catch catfish with my hands. One weighed forty-six pounds."

He caught an alligator once. "It was seven feet long. And I put him in the boat, too. I brought him to Rusk and kept him for several months. He got to bothering people. I'd keep him tied to a tree, but at night he'd get out and walk across people's porches they had just painted. Then he'd try to get into their chicken houses. I finally gave him away. Ran an ad in the paper for a free alligator. Somebody came and got it."

He graduated from Dialville High School in 1956. Twelve students were in the graduating class. "We took half the seats out of the school bus, put some mattresses back there and went to Florida. Stayed gone three weeks. Only eight of us went. Four didn't go. We had little plays and cake walks to pay for the trip. We made lots of money."

"Our superintendent and his wife went with us. He drove the bus. On the way to Florida we went to New Orleans and stayed three days there, then went on down to Florida and went all over. Rented beach houses and motels. While we were on the road, those three or four mattresses were real comfortable. When we wanted to take a nap, we just laid down and went to sleep."

"We came back through George and Alabama, on into Arkansas. We spent our last night in Henderson. It was just thirty miles from home, but we still had spending money and wanted to spend it. We had lots of fun on our senior trip."

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# OBITUARIES

## Mariano Gonzalez



hua, and Miguel Gonzalez of Roswell, N.M.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Eldorado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Quisto Gonzalez, Emilio Vallejo Jr., Rolando Gonzalez, Juan Roberto Gonzalez and Arnulfo Gonzalez. Mariano V. Gonzalez was born July 12, 1929, to Mariano Gonzalez and Guadalupe Vasquez in Muzquiz Coahuila, Mexico.

Mariano migrated to the United States in 1952, to the Otto Williams Ranch near Eldorado as a ranch-hand. He married Maria Eugenia Robledo on July 12, 1957, in Muzquiz, Coahuila. His wife and children joined him in 1964. In 1970 the family moved to the Mayer-Rousselot Ranch near Sonora. In 1974, Mariano took his family to Uvalde, to take on the role of farming, but soon returned to Eldorado, Texas, in 1977, where they made their permanent home.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Eugenia Gonzalez, son, J. Enrique Gonzalez and wife, Mary Ann Gonzalez, daughter, Lidia Vallejo and husband, Emilio Vallejo, son, Raul R. Gonzalez and wife, Araceli Escobar, all of Eldorado; son, Guillermo R. Gonzalez of Jarrel, Texas; brothers, Armando Vasquez of Ojinaga, Chihuahua,

Mariano was a man of few words but had many friends wherever he would go. He was deeply loved by all his family and dear friends. He will be missed greatly, though his smile, his laughter and memories will be cherished forever.

## Hospital board

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Board Vice President Jim Martin presided over the meeting, with trustees Delia Pina, Ricky Fuessel, Shirley Joiner and Frank Williams in attendance. Trustee and Board President Randy Mankin was absent.

In other business, the trustees approved borrowing \$150,000.00 from First National Bank of Eldorado for the purchase of a new computer system, bookkeeping and clinical software.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
**Signing in** — Dr. David Bixler of Angelo State University looked on last Thursday evening as Sarah Ashley Mankin of Eldorado signed the charter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. Mankin was among 34 ASU students to be inducted into the Texas Alpha Iota Chapter of Alpha Chi.

## Sarah Mankin inducted into Alpha Chi Honor Society

Sarah Ashley Mankin of Eldorado was inducted last Thursday into the membership of Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Angelo State University.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational honor society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students. Membership into Alpha Chi is limited to junior and senior students who have the highest scholarship achievements at Angelo State University. Those selected for membership must have attained a 3.50 minimum GPA and be in the top 10 percent of their class.

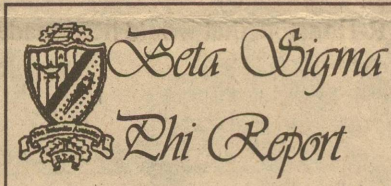
Alpha Chi is the premiere scholastic honor society at ASU and is the only honor society that is announced during the university's commencement services. Mem-

bers may compete for Alpha Chi scholarships and fellowships and are encouraged to present scholarly work at regional and national conventions.

The ASU chapter of Alpha Chi was recently named a "Star Chapter" by the group's national leadership. Only about 10 percent of the nation's more than 300 Alpha Chi chapters are recognized with the designation annually. The awards are determined based upon the local chapter's activities in supporting and in promoting the scholastic goals of the organization.

Sarah Ashley Mankin is a 2000 graduate of Eldorado High School and the daughter of Randy and Kathy Mankin. She is currently a senior at ASU, majoring in Pre-Med.

Dr. David L. Bixler of physics, Dr. Karl Havlak of mathematics and Dr. June Smith of communication are faculty sponsors of the local chapter.



by Barbara Jackson

Beta Sigma Phi sorority met on April 29, 2003 for their annual Founder's Day dinner and program. This year we celebrated the seventy-second anniversary of our founding.

Before dinner Flora Hubble lead the opening ritual and opening prayer. Member Kim'et Nelson welcomed guests and Barbara Jackson read The Founder's Day Pledge. Mary Nolen read the message from international and Dorothy Dacy closed the program by announcing the 2003-2004 theme, "Colors of Friendship".

Then the excitement rose as members opened gifts from their secret sister and tried to guess who she was. After revealing the past year's secret sister new names were drawn for the upcoming sorority year.

The chapter is pleased to welcome three new pledges, Geneva Wade, Barbara Wilson and Laura McCutcheon to their ranks.

New officers for the 2003-2004 sorority year are: president, Flora Hubble; vice president, Mary Leigh Dunagan; treasurer, Kim'et Nelson; recording secretary, Dorothy Dacy; Corresponding secretary Dorothy Clark; extension officer and telephone girl, Mary Nolen; and sunshine girl, Barbara Jackson. All these members and the three new pledges were present for the banquet held at a local restaurant.

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"Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free."  
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"I took His hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all."  
"I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play."  
"Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that place at the close of day."  
"If my parting has a left a void, then fill it with remembered joy."  
"A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these things, I, too will miss."  
"Be not burdened with times and sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow."  
"My life's been full, I savored much, perhaps my time seemed all too brief."  
"Don't lengthen it now with undue grief."  
"Lift up you heart and share with me."  
"God wanted me now, He set me free."  
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**In Loving Memory of Mariano Gonzalez**  
From The Gonzalez's Family

## Spike Dykes

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What followed was a 13-year run that saw the Texas Tech program climb to national prominence. By recruiting wisely and making good use of West Texas talent, such as Eldorado's Reagan Bownds, Dykes turned Tech in to a perennial contender. His 13 years at the helm of the Red Raiders will long be remembered by Texas Tech fans everywhere.

Since his retirement, Dykes and his wife, Sharon, have continued to make their home in Lubbock. They have three children, including sons Rick and Sonny, who are on the coaching staffs at Arizona and Texas Tech. The Dykes also have four grandchildren.

**Meals for Friends Menu**

**Monday, May 12**  
Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, May 13**  
Bar-B-Que Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk

**Wednesday, May 14**  
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Milk

**Thursday, May 15**  
Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet potato w/ Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Friday, May 16**  
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana, Milk

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# Eagles sweep Wildcats for Bi-District title

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team needed only two games in a best of three series in Pecos to defeat the Anthony Wildcats for the Bi-District title. The Warbirds pounded out 27 hits in two games, winning them both by the 10-run rule.

The Eagles were the home team in the first game on Friday, May 2, 2003, and jumped out early in the bottom of the 1st, scoring a run. Quisto Gonzalez walked to give the Eagles their first base runner. After Frankie Arispe and Philip Martinez also walked, Joey Hernandez came up with an infield single to score the Warbirds first run.

Eldorado broke the game open in the 3rd after consecutive singles by Frankie Arispe and Philip Martinez. Joey Hernandez doubled off the left center field wall to score Arispe. Michael Adame followed with a double to right center and Alan Dykstra singled to score Martinez and Hernandez. Jared Grubbs then singled to drive in Adame and courtesy runner Kolby Dombroski.

The Eagles tallied two more runs in the 4th inning, on a single by Arispe and a triple by Adame followed by a bases loaded walk to Dykstra.

Eldorado then put the game away with runs in the 5th when three singles in a row by Grubbs, Joe Arispe, and Gonzalez loaded the bases. Philip Martinez singled in Grubbs and Hernandez followed with a triple to right center to drive in two more runs. Hernandez was 3 for 3 on the day with 5 runs batted in. The game ended by the 10-run rule 12-2.

Homer Hernandez was the Eagles starting pitcher and he notched up four strong innings



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**The Bi-District Champion Eldorado Eagles** — (Front L-R) Manager Armando Guzman, Joe Arispe, Ryan Cathey, Tony Chavez, mascot Hunter Bunch, Alan Dykstra, Joey Hernandez, Jared Grubbs, (Back L-R) Phillip Martinez, Mike Adame, Kolby Dombroski, Marco Escobar, Coach Charlie Bunch, Trey Chavez, Homer Hernandez, Vic Escobar, Head Coach Gary Grubbs and Frankie Arispe. (Not Pictured) Quisto Gonzalez.

while striking out six and walking none. Hernandez improved his season record to 4-1. Philip Martinez came on in relief in the 5th and final inning. The win moved the Eagles season record to 21-7.

The next day, the Eagles were in the visitors dugout and went to bat first and they hammered out a 9-0 lead before Anthony ever got a whack at the ball. Walks to Trey Chavez, Homer Hernandez, Frankie Arispe, Philip Martinez and Alan Dykstra coupled with hits by Michael Adame, Joe Arispe, Trey Chavez, Frankie Arispe, and Jared

Grubbs being hit by a pitch accounted for the nine run outburst.

The Warbirds scored a run on a double by Phil Martinez and singles by Michael Adame and Alan Dykstra. They followed up in the 4th inning with two runs on three consecutive doubles by Trey Chavez, Homer Hernandez, and Frankie Arispe, and a single by Philip Martinez.

Eldorado added its 13th and final run in the 5th when Alan Dykstra walked then courtesy runner Tony Chavez stole second and scored on an errant pickoff throw

to get Grubbs at first. The final was 13-3 and ended by the 10-run rule.

Michael Adame went the distance on the mound for the Eagles to get the win. He struck out 9 and walked 4 and improved his overall record to 5-4. The win also clinched the Bi-District title for the Eagles and improved their season record to 22-7.

Eldorado will next face the Colorado City Wolves in Colts Stadium in San Angelo on Friday and Saturday for the Area championship. Game one of the series will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Game two is slated for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday with game three immediately following, if needed.

## 15th Annual Shannon Harbor Relays set for Friday, May 9

Come one, come all to the 15th annual Shannon Harbor Relays. The yearly event, named after former Eldorado Elementary teacher Shannon Harbor will feature 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade track athletes from Eldorado Elementary School. The youngsters will compete in a variety of track and field events. Opening ceremonies are planned for 2:30 p.m. in Eagle Stadium.

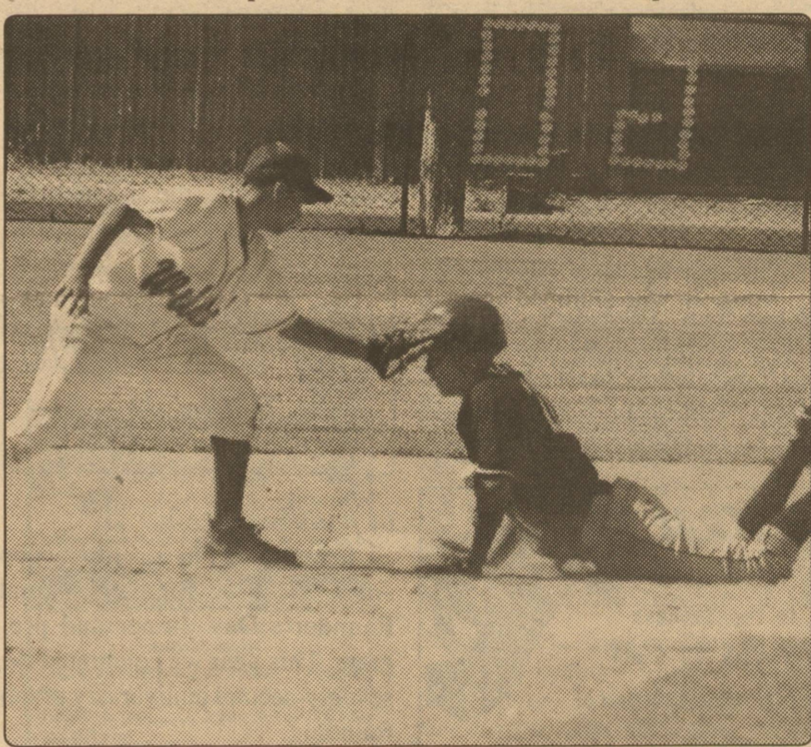


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**He's SAFE!** Phillip Martinez slid in safe under the tag of the Wildcats shortstop after hammering a double in the 4th inning of the second game as the Eagles swept Anthony in a best of three series. The Eagles won both games on the 10-run rule, 12-2 and 13-3. The Warbirds will face Colorado City this weekend for the Area championship.

## 1-Man Scramble results

by Bill Wells

On April 26-27, 2003 there were 38 golfers present for the 1-Man Scramble at the Eldorado Golf Course over two windy days.

Championship Flight: 1st-John Doam, 2nd-Robert Hernandez, 3rd-Andy Garcia.

President's Flight: 1st-Allen Probst, 2nd-Sam Henderson, 3rd Jon Cartwright

First Flight: 1st- Kirk Griffin, 2nd-Rocky Valdez, 3rd-Steve Snelson.

Second Flight: 1st-Adam Gauna, 2nd-Kerry Joy, 3rd-Bill Wells.

## School Menu

**Milk & Bread Offered**  
**Menus Subject To Change**  
**Cafeteria Line**

**Monday, May 12**  
 Corn Chip Pie, Carrot Stick w/ Dip, Pinto Beans, Dessert

**Tuesday, May 13**  
 Corn Dog, Tatter Tots, Baked Beans, Pears

**Wednesday, May 14**  
 Steak Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Dessert

**Thursday, May 15**  
 Beef Tacos w/ Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato, Pinto Beans, Dessert

**Friday, May 16**  
 Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Dessert

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

**Monday, May 12**  
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Apple Juice

**Tuesday, May 13**  
 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Wedge, Orange Juice

**Wednesday, May 14**  
 Sausage Roll, Grape Juice

**Thursday, May 15**  
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

**Friday, May 16**  
 Donut, Cheese, Apple Juice

## Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

A great day and a wonderful crowd for our Sunday, May 4th Play Day. We had 31 adults and 1 youth, Cash Lane.

1st place score 57 - Steve Snelson, Ken Newman, Gordon Emmons and Gordon Jones.

2nd place score 59 - Don Richters, Craig Guitierrez, C. R. Sproul and Nancy Lester.

3rd place score 59 - Kirk Griffin, George Scott, Lynn Griffin and John Pippen.

Score card play off for 2nd and 3rd place.

We were all thrilled when Gordon Emmons made a "Hole-In-One" on #1 hole. Keep up the good work, Gordon.

It was against my "want to" but

I decided it was time to turn once-a-month Play Days over to a younger group. I have enjoyed every minute of the 14 years I have had the Play Days, and have had great help from Geneva McWhorter, Su Scott and Danny Halbert. I appreciate all of you and I will still be around to haunt you for a long time!

Su Scott will be managing the Play Days and she will be great. Everyone keep coming out to Play Days the 1st Sunday of each month.

Next Play Day will be Sunday, June 5th.

A big "Thank You" to the Eldorado Success, they have been wonderful and do appreciate you.

## Lady Eagles netters capture Bronze at State tourney

Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer defeated Michelle Theodosis & Margaret Whitten of San Saba 6-4, 6-2, in the quarterfinal round of the State 2A Tennis Tournament before falling to Jena Maenius & Jasmine Martinez of Mason 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinal round.

Meanwhile, the Lady Eagles other doubles team consisting of Christina Redish and Chandra Wanoreck defeated Kenzie Cole & Stacey Knight of Brock 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the quarterfinal round before losing to Kristi Drennan & Salah Smith of Mason 6-0, 6-3 in the semifinal round.

## 7 Lady Eagles named to Academic All-District team

Seven members of the Lady Eagles softball team achieved Academic All-District status this year in District 2-AA. The averages are based upon grades for the 4th and 5th 6-weeks.

Among the seven were: Amanda Wanoreck 97.3; Charlotte Adame 94.4; Ashley Doran 94.3; Betsy Green 92.1; Courtney Whitten 93.2; Hope Fuentes 96.5; and Clara Herrera 100.2.

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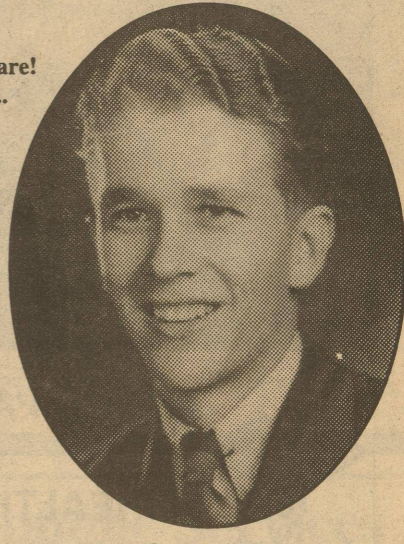




Hail to the Chief — Jim Runge dressed as Abraham Lincoln to greet the ship and his son, Ryan, who shows his dad his "candy pooping" reindeer. Like father, like son!

(May 03, 2003)  
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## Eldorado's 'Lincoln' greets the U.S.S. Lincoln

*Editor's note: The Seattle Post-Intelligencer newspaper had reporters and photographers in San Diego last week to meet the air craft carrier Abraham Lincoln as it stopped to drop off its air wing at Miramar Naval Air Station. Also waiting on the dock was Eldorado's own Jim Runge, dressed as "Honest Abe."*

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by M.L. Lyke, Seattle Post-Intelligencer Reporter

**ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN** — There was a second presidential visit aboard this aircraft carrier yesterday, but this commander in chief, unlike George Bush, had a thin, jaw-line beard, fake wart and wore a black top hat and heavy black overcoat, scored for \$7 at a garage sale.

"All right! It's Abraham Lincoln," a sailor said as he watched this "president" pass.

"Nice hat. Love it, love it!" shouted another.

The 6-foot dude in the Abe gear was Jim Runge, a quick-witted jokester who drove 19 hours from Schleicher County, Texas, to greet his son, Everett (Washington) - based Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Runge, as the ship docked at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

Ryan Runge, a 25-year-old Naval Academy graduate in administration, had no trouble recognizing his father, who stood on 18-inch stilts amid the huge, happy crowd that lined up along the dock to whoop and cheer sailors and air crews ashore.

Hundreds of USS Abraham Lincoln crew members and their families asked to pose with Runge, who bestowed his blessings on them with lofty presidential decorum.

"You made me proud these past few months," he said in an un-Abe-like Texas twang, his merry brow momentarily furrowed.

Runge, who describes himself as more than 200 years old, joked with everyone. His own experience in the military, he said, involved being drafted, going in for a physical, cutting to the front of the line and announcing that he couldn't wait to get on the plane and get over to Vietnam.

"They said, 'You're crazy.'"

"I said, 'Write that down!'"

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The Lincoln crew was due a good dose of laughter by yesterday afternoon.

After almost 10 months at sea, the 1,092-foot-long ship finally pulled into dock around 9 a.m. Anxious sailors had been waiting onboard for hours, turned out in dress whites, their duffle bags packed and ready to go. Many hadn't slept in days, victims of the "Channel Fever" that can make the final hours of tour some of the longest.

"Time seems to have slowed down since we left the Gulf for home. It seems like forever," said Jodi Maskell, part of the air crew with the Whidbey Island-based Cougars squadron who were flying home from San Diego.

Maskell, who slumped against a stack of packing boxes in the hangar bay, said she had been kicked out of her sleeping area at 4 in the morning.

Sailors in their dress whites line the rail of the aircraft carrier as the ship docks in Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

Almost 2,000 got off the carrier, including the air wings from all flight squadrons and California-based crew, joined by jubilant sailors on liberty, many headed off for bowling and burgers on base, or favorite San Diego watering holes.

Leading the parade off the boat were "first kissers," sailors who had won a lottery for the privilege of initial smooching, then new dads who had never seen their babies, followed by chiefs, officers and crewmen.

That parade will be repeated Tuesday, when the Lincoln docks at its home port in Everett.

Like racehorses at the starting gate, some sailors were hyped up and hot to go — as far away from the Lincoln as possible.

"Dum-dum-de-dum, I'm getting off this (expletive deleted) boat," one sang out as he headed out the hangar bay to the ramps leading to shore.

But some couldn't wait to get their families and friends aboard,

to show off the powerhouse carrier that launched some 16,500 missions during deployment and dropped some 1.6 million pounds of bombs during the Iraq war.

Ryan Runge was one of hundreds touring the ship with his dad — but this dad, a.k.a. Abraham Lincoln, kept getting stopped for photo ops. In a few short hours, "Honest Abe" did as much glad-handing and camera-posing as the steely-haired president who preceded him a day earlier.

Younger Runge showed off his office ("Did you get claustrophobic?" Dad asked), his sleeping area, his officer's dining area, and he described life at sea and weeks of war on "the biggest Navy ship in the world."

He told his father about shaking hands with President Bush on Thursday — "It was the highlight of my life" — and described how his office crew's mood took a dive after the ship did a U-turn from home back to the Persian Gulf on Jan. 1.

"I kept morale up by joking around," said Ryan, who is deft at heh-heh-heh vocal impersonations of Beavis and Butt-head.

Like father, like son.

Jim Runge looked at his 6-foot-4 officer son, one of six kids, proudly, then pulled out his wallet to show off his "pride and joy." The card he handed a reporter showed a picture of a bottle of Pride and bottle of Joy liquid soaps.

Jim Runge describes himself as a bore-o-phobe — he hates boredom. Back home, he works in rental equipment, but his passion is entertaining.

He owns over 100 costumes, including Uncle Sam, Elvis and the Lincoln outfit. He says he wore it to a Lions club event and a woman came up and told him, "You look just like Abraham Lincoln." She followed with, "Man, was he ugly."

He arose at 4 a.m. yesterday to assemble the outfit, carefully trimming 20 days of hair growth into

the trademark beard sans mustache.

The costume worked like a charm as he walked the rat-maze of Lincoln passageways, spreading cheer.

"What'd you do to get stuck on the ship?" he asked a kitchen worker — one of the unlucky sailors who pulled duty yesterday and missed going ashore.

Runge looked at a sober-faced worker in the steamy kitchen and smiled.

"You know," he said, pulling himself up to full presidential height, "I can get things fixed around here."

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I am an Eldorado graduate who received their Associates Degree in Nursing from Angelo State University and have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Currently, attending Angelo State University working on my Masters of Science Degree in Nursing.

As the new Hospital Director of Nursing I would like to inform the community of the progress of your medical center and staff from time to time.

Among this month's staff recognitions are: Rosa Cardona, RN and Billie Mendoza, LVN successfully completed their Pediatric Advanced Life Support; Manual Tobias LVN, Rosa Cardona RN and Ray Nell Lane LVN successfully completed their Advanced Cardiac Life Support; also, Martha Adame completed the Medication Aide Recertification.

To mark National Nurses Week (May 6-12) Schleicher County Medical Center would like to celebrate our local nurses. Local nurses are invited to for a job fair and FREE popcorn and sodas on May 12th as recognition for the amazing job you do! Let us show off our facility and our staff.

NEW POLICY-In our efforts to

**Lady Eagles golf team ends season**

The Lady Eagles Golf Team placed 5th with a team total of 784 at the Regional 1-2A Golf Tournament held at Baird's Shady Oaks Golf Course on April 22 and 23rd.

Senior Hannah Robledo placed 4th at regional with a score of 86-80-166. Hannah was the District 1-2A individual gold medalist.

Other team members were Mayci Schwiening, Blake Snelson, Makinzie Holley, and Emily Newman.

The 2003 Lady Eagles were coached by Don Richters.



Rebecca L. Silva BN, BSN, RN-C  
Hospital Director of Nursing

update our disaster preparedness plan for the community it has been necessary to revise some hospital and nursing home policies.

Update visitation policy: •Visiting hours for the hospital are from

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. If other arrangements need to be made, the Registered Nurse will have the ability to alter the visitation guidelines.

•Under no circumstances will private information be released to persons other than those designated by the patient.

• All patients will have their Patient Health Information protected from the public.

• Visitation in the Emergency Department will be strictly regulated by the Registered Nurse to better protect patient care and confidentiality.

• If visiting a patient in a semi-private room, it will be policy to ask you to leave the room while the physician and/or nurse completes their assessments.

If you have any question or comments feel free to contact me Rebecca Silva, Director of Nursing at 853-2507, ext. 129.



**2003 SCMC Volunteers** — Schleicher County Medical Center honored local hospital and nursing home volunteers at a luncheon held at the Hummer House in Christoval on April 29, 2003. The volunteers enjoyed a catered meal while viewing hummingbirds competing for the nectar. (Front L-R) Nursing Home Activities Director Annie Arispe, Anita Jones, DON, Nursing Home and Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz. (Middle L-R) Volunteers John and Joe Callison, Mary Roden and LexiAnn Chatham, Florence Williams, Louella Sauer and Shine Spigarelli; (Back L-R) Dorothy Harris, Margaret McGrath, Peggy Grelle, Bernell O'Conner, Geneva Wade, Peggy Daniels, Nook Mayo, Myrt Williams, Wenona Isacs, Rosetta Lozano, Charlene Edmiston and Norma Lynn Mund.

**The Blotter**

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

**ARRESTS**

- May 1 Longtreath, Dallas Richard, male age 60, arrested by SC Officer, offense Out of County Warrants.
- Barajas, Joe Robert, male age 25, arrested by SC Officer, offense Theft of Service. Released on \$500.00 PR Bond.

**May 4** • Aguilar, Johanna Raguel, female age 22, arrested by SC Officer, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

**May 5** • Reed, Timothy Shear, male age 31, arrested by SC Officer, offense Theft By Check. Released on \$200.00 Cash Bond.

**INCIDENT REPORTS**

**May 1** • 12:35 p.m. Complainant on County Road 316 reported a registered bull missing.

• 8:45 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on Rudd Road. Vehicle described as a white Chevy. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 4:47 p.m. Complainant reported a male forcing a female into a vehicle. Officers responded and found everything OK.

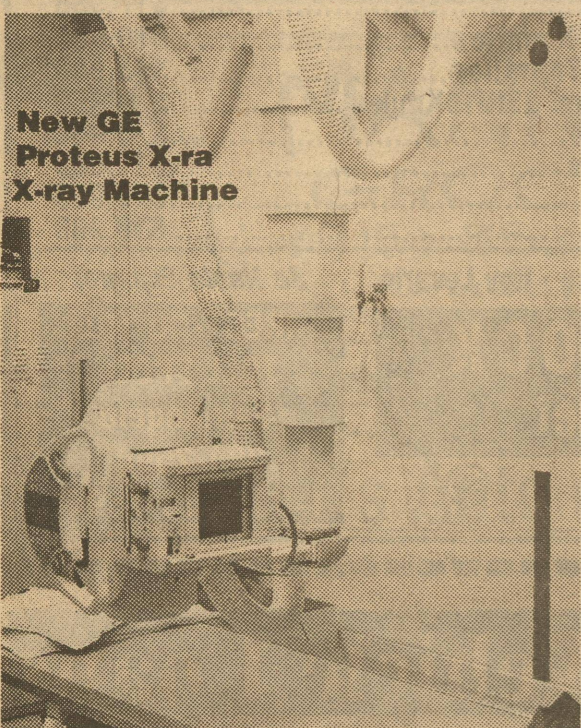
**May 2** • 2:15 p.m. Middle school principal requested to speak to an officer. Two officers responded.

• 4:25 p.m. Subject reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 6:45 p.m. Subject at Legion Field reported an individual who was drinking at the little league baseball game and yelling out to the kids. Officer responded.

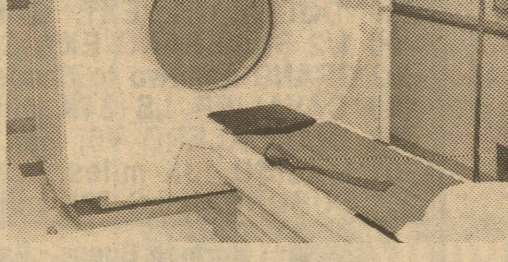
• 9:30 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$8.67. Subject was driving a silver station wagon and was heading south on Hwy. 277. Sonora and Ozona Sheriff Offices were notified.

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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)**  
Dist/Div: San Angelo

Contract 0333-02-007 for REWORKING BASE, SURFACE TREATMENTS & PAV MARKINGS in STERLING County, etc will be opened on June 04, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractors' list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 9777

**State Office**

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

**Dist/Div Office (s)**

San Angelo District  
District Engineer  
4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
San Angelo, Texas 76904  
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

"Wanna Race?"

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Morning and Afternoon Kids Kampus classes posed for the camera last Friday with EMT Juaquin Rojas and the EMS ambulance (EMS-1). Each class got to tour and ride in EMS-1. The annual program, sponsored by the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS is designed to teach the students about emergency medical personal and equipment.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Morning Kids Kampus class** — (Front L-R) EMT Juaquin Rojas, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Zelenia Vasquez, Jeremiah Geueca, Eric Wright, Strait Pridemore, Branda Gail Arispe, Solia Rojas and teacher Kristi Lewis. (Back L-R) Jaime Sauer, Jose Guerra, Justin Whitten, Garret Kessler.

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**Afternoon Kids Kampus class** — (Front L-R) Teacher Kristi Lewis, Jess Gonzalez, Byron Aycock, Walker Whitten, Keana Hernandez, Leroy Torres, Cade Ledbetter, Michael Rios, Branda Minor, Solia Rojas and EMT Juaquin Rojas. (Back L-R) Rachelle Garcia, David Marguez, Christian Martinez and Jimmy Miller.

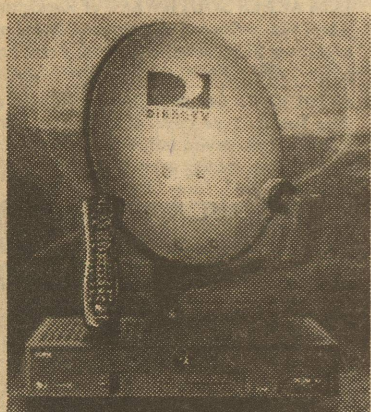


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**Roy Adame responds to letters of support**

Dear Friends and Family:

I want to thank you for supporting the service members in Iraqi Freedom. It has been my pleasure serving in the United States Navy for the past eight years.

I have been attached to Mobile Security Forces since June of 2002. MSF begin after the USS Cole attack and commissioned shortly after the September 11th

attacks on the US. We are a group of Sailors working in Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection. I have been deployed since February.

It has been my pleasure working with various service members from around the world. We are all fighting for the same reason to end the war on terrorism. Though it may be awhile before it ends, I truly believe that we will be able to

rest at ease soon.

I am currently attached to the USNS Flint, a Military Sealift Command Ship. We have been providing protection as it services the ships of the fleet.

I will be leaving the ship in a few days because the carrier group it is attached to is going home. I will still be out here, but where I don't know. I have been safe and excited to know what mission I will be tasked to next.

The members of my team (Black Team) want to thank you all for keeping us in your prayers. I will be mailing my parents a CD with pictures of MSF at work and I hope you enjoy them. They are various pictures from around the ship and some of us training before we came out here.

Thank you,  
Roy Adame



**Locked and Loaded** — Members of the US Navy's Mobile Security Force "Black Team" are ready for action. Team member Roy Adame of Eldorado is pictured center in back row.

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In Observance of  
**National Nursing Home and... Nurses Week**

Schleicher County Medical Center  
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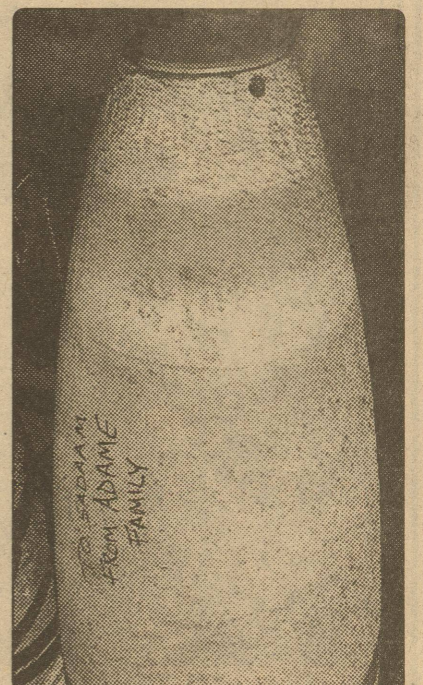
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**To Saddam with love** — A bomb inscribed with the words, "To Saddam from Adame Family" was one of many employed against Iraqi forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom.