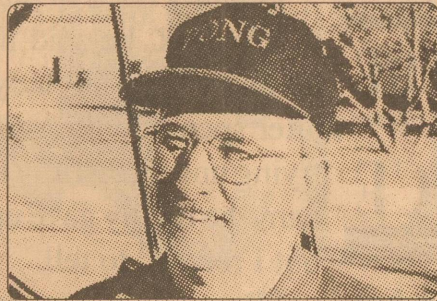


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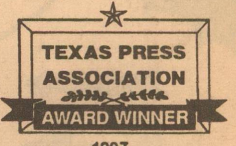
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F.Y.I.

For Your Information

On this date

On this date in 1623, the first temperance laws on the North American continent were enacted in Virginia; In 1750 "King Richard III" became the first Shakespearean play ever staged in America...it was in the Nassau Street Theatre in New York City; In 1836 Samuel Colt manufactured his first pistol...a .34-caliber "Texas" model; In 1946 Winston Churchill delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech in Fulton, Missouri.

Notable birthdays include: 1908 actor Rex (Reginald) Harrison; 1936 actor Michael Landon; 1945 track & field great Randy Matson.

News from yesteryear

The April 25, 1930 edition of the Success reported:

"West Texas Utilities has a 'Demonstration Week' coming up at the new John F. Isaacs building next door to the City Barber Shop. The Cold Control and the new Frigidair HydratorN will be demonstrated."

The June 27, 1930 edition of The Success reported, "According to County Agent L.E. Sumner several 4-H boys are feeding calves to make up a car for showing in Fort Worth next spring. Boys feed calves include Hollis McCormick, Carroll Green, Troy Springston, Albert McGinty, George Williams, Jr., Arnold Farrington, W.B. Gibson and Dee DeLong.

Meteorologically speaking

According to the Texas Almanac, the average date of the last freeze in Schleicher County is March 28th. The average date of the first freeze is Nov. 12th. Average rainfall for the Month of March totals a mere .081 inches. April and May are considerably wetter months with average rainfall of 1.78 and 2.42 inches respectively.

Odds & ends

Only about 5% of the salt produced ends up on the dinner table. The rest is used for packing meat, building roads, feeding livestock, tanning leather, and manufacturing glass, soap, ash and washing compounds.

It costs more to buy a new car today in the United States than it cost Christopher Columbus to equip and undertake three voyages to the New World.

Source: "2201 Fascinating Facts"



photo by Kathy Mankin

State bound quartet — The flute quartet consisting of (L-R) Luticia Nixon, Kate Kosub, Sarah Mankin and Tiffany Case received a 'Division I' rating at the solo and ensemble competition held at Angelo State University on Saturday, February 28.

E.H.S. band students excel in solo and ensemble contest

Eldorado High School band students traveled to San Angelo last Saturday to participate in the U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble competition. Receiving 'Division I' ratings were: Tiffany Case, Luticia Nixon, Sarah Mankin and Kate Kosub in the Flute Quartet category; Tiffany Case in the

Solo Flute category; Victor Saldivar in the Solo Percussion category; and BreeAnne Davis in the Solo French Horn category.

The six students will be competing in the State Solo and Ensemble contest. That competition will be held in San Marcos on May 30th.



photo by Kathy Mankin

State bound soloists — EHS soloists also received 'Division I' ratings at the solo and ensemble competition last Saturday. They are: (L-R) Tiffany Case, Flute Solo; Victor Saldivar, Percussion Solo; and BreeAnne Davis, French Horn Solo.

Curtis and Beach earn Carr Scholarships

E.H.S. seniors Kirk Curtis and Kim Beach learned this week that they were among 300 recipients of Carr scholarships to Angelo State University.

Kirk Curtis, son of Danny and Janet Curtis, will receive as much as \$8,000 from the Carr Foundation over a four year period.

Kim Beach, daughter of Damien and GERALYN Beach, will receive \$6,000 over four years at ASU.

In order to be eligible, students must normally be in the top 15 per-

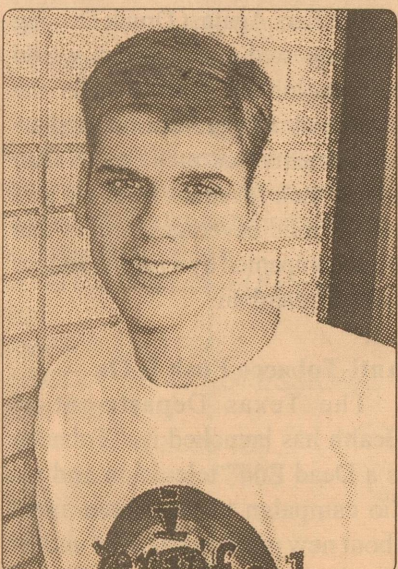
cent of their high school class, and present a combined math and verbal score of 1140 or higher on the SAT-I or a composite score of 25 or higher on the Enhanced ACT Assessment. Financial need is also a criterion for selection.

Robert G. Carr and Nona K. Carr were longtime friends and supporters of Angelo State University. Prior to their deaths they exerted a profound influence on the progress and development of Angelo State University. As final

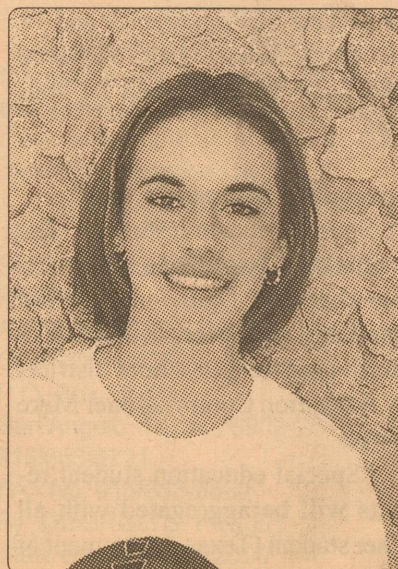
expressions of their confidence in the university and their deep commitment to its future progress, Mr. and Mrs. Carr made significant financial provisions for Angelo State University.

They bequeathed to the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, as trustees for the use and benefit of Angelo State University, significant oil, gas, and other mineral interests with the provision that these properties be held in trust for the purpose of providing academic scholarships for worthy students who are enrolled at Angelo State University. This public, charitable, and educational trust has been designated as the Angelo State University Robert G. Carr and Nona K. Carr Scholarship Foundation. Today, the principal of the trust is valued at over \$42 million.

Supported by the growing trust, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record and personal standards. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth up to \$24,000.



Kirk Curtis



Kim Beach

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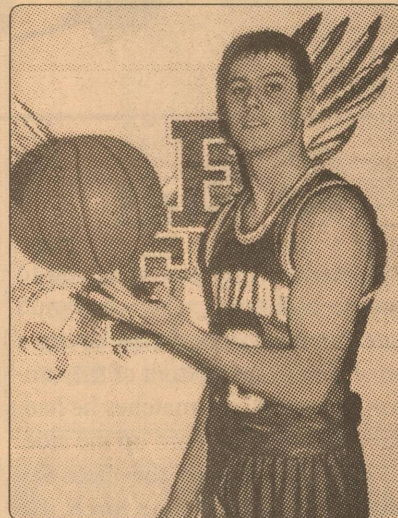
Eagles place six on All-District team

Eldorado's Zach Steele, Michael Mayo and Anthony Pina were named to the 8-2A 1st Team All-District basketball team this week. 2nd Team honors went to Kyle Hunter and Casey Snelson. Jason Richters was named to the Honorable Mention All-District team.

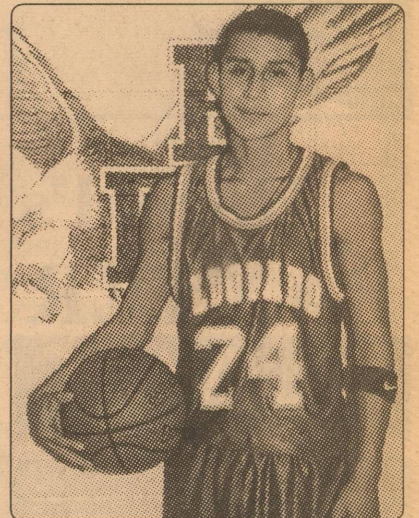
Most Valuable Player honors went to Blake Nichols of Coahoma while the Defensive Player of the Year was Justin Browne of Ozona. Will Weatherford of Wall and Dustin Faught of Ozona were named co-Newcomers of the Year. Kim Nichols of Coahoma was picked as Coach of the Year.

Other players named to the 1st Team All-District squad were: Kenny Whittenburg of Winters, Bobby Cervantez and Steven Martinez of Ozona; Josh Gaston of Forsan; Roddy Alexander of Roscoe; Robert Lain and Ryan Peckham of Coahoma; and Cory Braden of Wall.

Other 2nd Team selections were: Casey Bristow of Forsan; Jason Gwyn and Regi Roberts of Coahoma; Derek Kretschmer and Clayton Sykes of Wall; Jady Underwood of Roscoe; Brian Badillo of Ozona; and Michael Pritchard of Winters.



Zach Steele
1st Team All-District



Anthony Pina
1st Team All-District



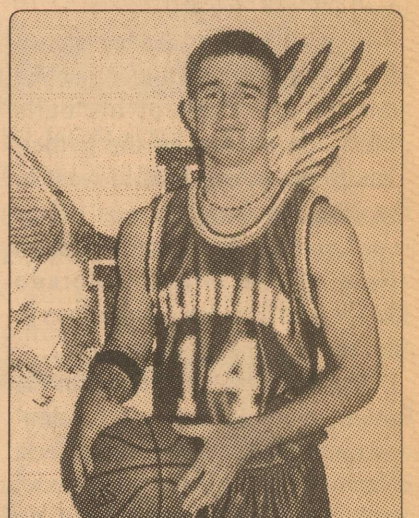
Michael Mayo
1st Team All-District



Kyle Hunter
2nd Team All-District



Casey Snelson
2nd Team All-District



Jason Richters
Hon. Mention All-District

Drug bust sends local man to jail

Jesus C. "Jesse" Garcia, 37, of Eldorado was arrested February 24 in the parking lot of a local convenience store and charged with "Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver".

The arrest was carried out by local Sheriff's Dept. personnel and officers assigned to the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Taskforce. According to investigators, a quantity of 'methamphetamine' was seized at the time of the arrest.

Garcia was booked into Schleicher County jail. After appearing before County Judge Johnny Grif-

fin, Garcia was released on \$7,500 surety bond.

Following the bust, Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran credited surveillance work by his department and Drug Taskforce officers. "We've been working closely with the Taskforce and will continue to do so," Doran told the Success.

"We took a commercial quantity of dope off the street and I for one am happy about that. Anytime we can seize illegal drugs before they get into the market it makes this a safer place," Doran concluded.

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OBITUARIES

Gregoria Lopez 'Golla' Pina

ELDORADO - Gregoria Lopez "Golla" Pina, 74, went home with the Lord on Monday, March 2, 1998, in the local Schleicher County Medical Center Nursing Home.

A short devotional service was held Tuesday, March 3, at Kerbow Funeral Home. Family visitation was at the residence of Domingo and Delia Pina. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Carlos Estrada and the Rev. Andy Anderson officiating. Burial was in the Eldorado Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 17, 1923, in Rosebud and had lived in Eldorado since age 6. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Longino, of Eldorado; two sons and their wives, Domingo and Delia Pina and Manuel and Elena Pina, all of Eldorado; a half brother, Frank Lopez of Fort Worth; three half sisters, Dora and Elizabeth Verastegui, both of Austin, and Elvia Gonzales of Rosenberg; four grandchildren, Debbie, Danny, Steven and Victor; and two great-grandchildren, Jordan Daniel and Jacob Nathaniel Pina.

Margaret Newlin

SAN ANGELO - Margaret Fowler Newlin, 80, of San Angelo passed away Monday, February 23, 1998 in a local nursing home.

Graveside service was held on Thursday, February 26 in Fairmount Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Martin officiating.

Mrs. Newlin was born October 22, 1917, in Lubbock. She was the daughter of Sheriff William C. Fowler of Rankin and Clara

Sparkman. She married E.E. Newlin Jr., December 3, 1935, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death, February 28, 1988. Mrs. Newlin was the secretary and treasurer of VoyLin Inc., a member of the First Baptist Church, the Daughter of the Nile and Order of the Eastern Star. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Mike Newlin and his wife Sandy of San Angelo; her grandchildren, Jamie Michelle Newlin of Austin and Ryan and Jared Newlin, both of San Angelo; and several nephews.

Memorial may be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch.

Moodys to sing at Agape

Pastor Walt Griggs and the congregation of Agape Assembly of God would like to invite everyone to come and hear the ministry of the John Moody family.

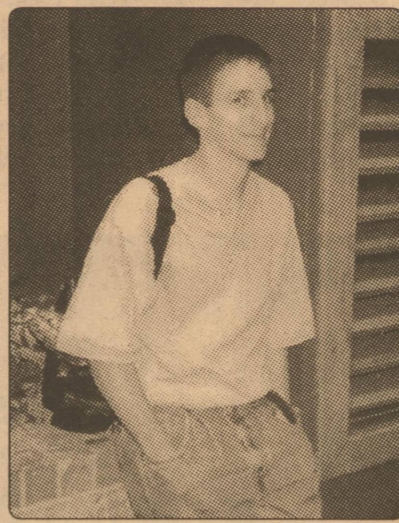
They will be singing during the morning service at 11:00 on Sunday, March 8. The Moodys are a family ministry dedicated to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through southern and country gospel music.

We invite everyone to come and be blessed by this ministry.

Jeffery Parker named ASU Junior Consultant

Jeffery Parker represented Eldorado High School at the District VIII Student Council Convention in Odessa. He was introduced to the council sponsors by Pam Stewart, the director for the 1998 Junior High/Middle School Student Council Summer Workshop at ASU.

Jeffery has been selected to be the returning ASU Junior Consultant (JC) for the workshop. Five high school students were selected from Texas to assist the consultant, Ju'Dee Kelley. At this workshop the students receive intensive training experience for becoming student leaders.



Jeffery Parker

Community Baptist Church launches audio tape ministry

Community Baptist Church has expanded its ministry of outreach with the acquisition of equipment designed to reproduce audio tapes in volume.

The church has received requests for tapes from long-haul and local truck drivers, nursing homes, hospitals, jails, and from shut-in members who cannot physically attend the services of worship. One unusual request for tapes came from a group of men who deer hunt in Schleicher County. The men live in the Abilene area and come to Eldorado each year during hunting season. They plan to use the tapes on Sunday morning while taking a break from their deer stands.

The tape ministry will operate under the leadership of the Missions

Ministry Team of the church. Tapes will contain two worship services and will be distributed free of charge to the recipients of this ministry. Others wishing to purchase a tape may do so for a nominal fee.

Concerning the his church's new ministry pastor, Dr. R. Byron Orand, said, "It is most unusual for a church in a small town and sparsely populated county to be able to reach out as far as California, Virginia, Florida, and other such places with the Gospel of Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity and humbled by the responsibility."

FBC completes Preschool building remodeling project

The First Baptist Church held a Open House Sunday, March 1, 1998 to celebrate the completion of its preschool building remodeling project.

Andy Anderson, pastor of the church, said "We remodeled the preschool area in order to meet the needs of young families in our community. We are committed to providing Bible learning activities for our preschool children in a safe, clean environment."

In addition to Sunday School and Wednesday evening activities, the church also sponsors the Building Blocks Preschool and a Mother's Day Out Program, both of which meet on Tuesday.

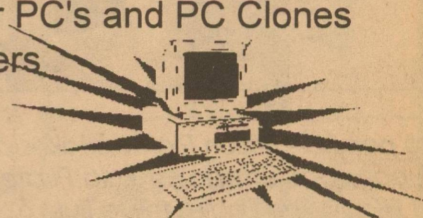
The renovated building includes a new kitchen, an enlarged classroom, seventy-seven feet of new cabinets, remodeled rest rooms, and new glass front doors. The building has also been repainted and wallpapered, and new carpet has been installed.

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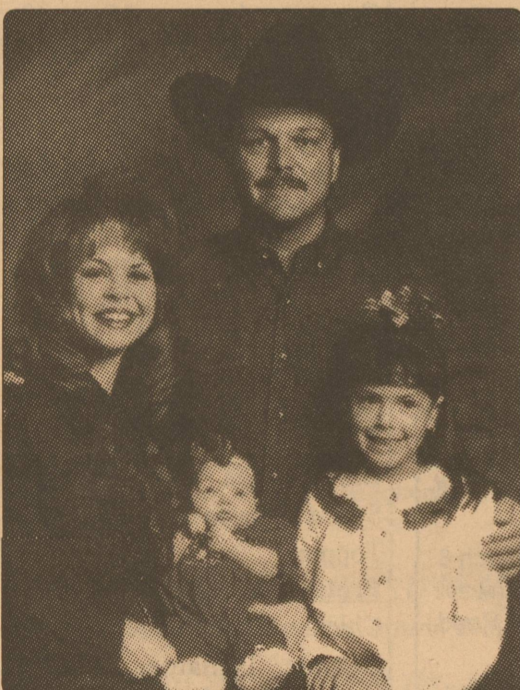
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Your consideration is appreciated.

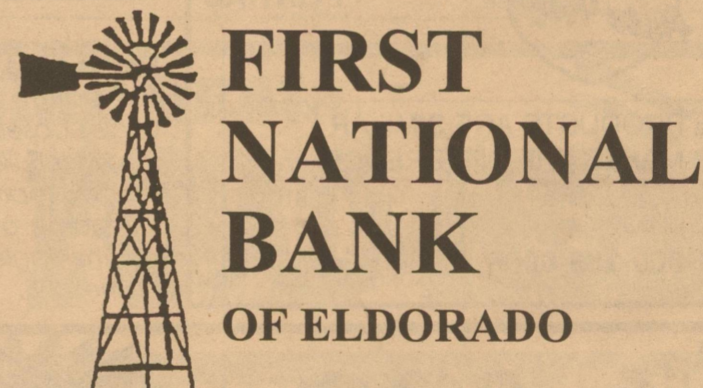
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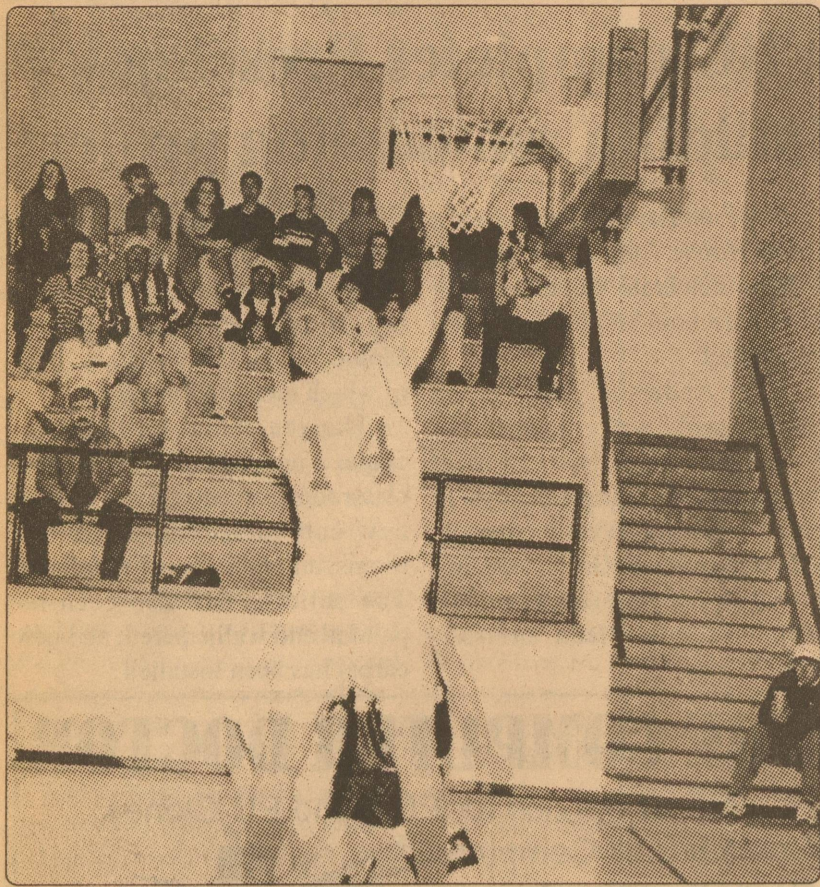


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Two points — Jason Richters takes an in-bounds pass and shoots an easy basket against Eula Pirates during the bi-district game last Friday. The Eagles fell to Eula 62-60.

Eldorado High School 1998 Varsity Tennis Schedule

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
March 6 & 7	Regional Team Tennis	San Angelo
March 13 & 14	State Team Tennis (Tentative)	Waco
March 27 & 28	Lubbock Invitational	Lubbock
April 3 & 4	Eagle Invitational	Abilene
April 6 & 9	District Tournament	Eldorado
April 28 & 29	Regional Tournament	Abilene
May 15 & 16	State Tournament	Austin



photo by Randy Mankin

Traffic jam — #50 Mark Fryar finds the lane a little congested but manages to get off a shot as the Eldorado Eagles took on the Eula Pirates in bi-district action last Friday. Eula won the game 62-60.



photo by Kathy Mankin

The 1997-98 Eldorado Eagles Junior Varsity Boys basketball team (Front L-R) William Robledo, Jason Brock, Joey Bullard, Rocky Robles, (Back L-R) Coach Larry Mitchel, Clay Whitten, Ben Edmiston, Asa Nixon, Jeff Stafford, Matt Curtis, Joseph Wink, Kenny Covarrubiaz.

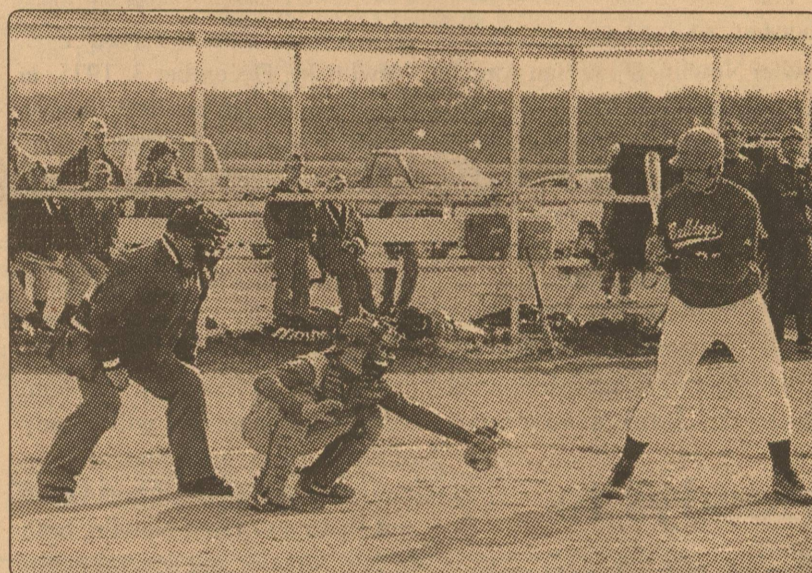


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You're out — A Miles batter was caught looking as the ball crossed the plate at his knees. Garrett Bownds is the Eagles catcher, Chris Pena was on the mound.

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Eagles hurler Chris Pena brings the ball to the plate during Eagles baseball action against the Miles Bulldogs last Saturday. The two teams tied 15-15 in the first game of a doubleheader but the Eagles won the second game 12-8.

Eldorado High School 1998 Track Schedule

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
March 7	Meet	Junction
March 14	Plateau Relays	Eldorado
March 21	Meet	Mason
March 27 & 28	San Angelo Relays (Boys Only)	San Angelo
March 28	Meet (Girls Only)	Llano
April 3	Meet	Wall
April 9	Meet	Sonora
April 17	District Meet	Roscoe
April 24	Regional Qualifiers	TBA
May 1 & 2	Regional Meet	Abilene
May 8	State Qualifiers	TBA
May 15 & 16	State Meet	Austin

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School Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Line

Monday, March 9th
Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, White Cake/Icing

Tuesday, March 10th
Beef Tacos/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Vanilla Pudding

Wednesday, March 11th
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Pork & Beans, Pineapple Slices, Brownies

Thursday, March 12th
Turkey & Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping

Friday, March 13th
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding.

Breakfast

Monday, March 9th
Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup

Tuesday, March 10th
Grape Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Wednesday, March 11th
Apple Slices, Eggs/Toast/Jelly

Thursday, March 12th
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy/Steak Fingers

Friday, March 13th
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Roll

Fast Food Line

Monday, March 9th
Chili Dogs, Pork & Beans, Applesauce, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, White Cake/Icing

Tuesday, March 10th
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding

Wednesday, March 11th
Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Pineapple Slices, Brownies

Thursday, March 12th
Taco Rolls, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit, Sweet Potato Pie/Topping

Friday, March 13th
Same as Cafeteria Line



THE WINGSPREAD

A cooperative effort of the Eldorado High School Journalism Department and The Eldorado Success

'Rural Challenge' program to begin

by Tiffany Case

The Annenberg Foundation is going to grant Eldorado a sufficient amount of money to start a rural challenge program in the Schleicher County Schools. The program is comprised of four learning modules.

Module one involves intern programs, module two consists of the R.E.A.L. (Real Entrepreneurship through Action Learning) programs, module three is the technical academy, and module four is a business incubation center.

The first module, which includes intern programs, will be offered to interested juniors and seniors. This program will allow students to work with a qualified mentor in the areas of their interests for one year. The students will be judged on their adaptability and skills in the work place.

The second module, that consists of the R.E.A.L. programs, will teach junior and senior students fiscal management, personnel man-

agement, location maintenance and choice, advertising techniques, etc. High school credit shall be given to students who will be involved in these programs.

The third module, which is the technical academy, should be offered to sophomore students that are interested in participating in module one or two during their junior or senior years. This academy will develop their skills in various forms of technology.

The fourth module, the business incubation center, will enable community members to join high school students in the pursuing of entrepreneurial ideas. This will be the place where ideas concerning new businesses are discussed as well.

These four modules are the basis of the rural challenge program. They were developed to improve the education in the Schleicher county schools. The school system is now looking into how these modules can be utilized to their full potential.



Lookin' down — The Eldorado Middle School student council was in Odessa last week to attend the District VIII Student Council Convention.

EMS Student Council wins awards

The Eldorado Middle School Student Council attended the District VIII Student Council Convention in Odessa on Wednesday, February 25. They completed the requirements for the Outstanding Student Council and D.A.S.H. (Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health) awards. The plaques will be presented at the TASC (Texas Association of Student Councils) State Convention next November in Austin.

Rolf Carawan spoke to the students about being leaders, making the best choices, and peer pressures. Comments made by the EMS students following hearing Mr. Carawan were "he told us to be yourself and never give up", "to not give up, be yourself, and don't do drugs", "you CAN change your attitude", "be yourself", "he was funny", "he cared about US", "he made me think", "I learned to keep my head up and to never give up", and "respect yourself".

They watched a slide show about the perils of drinking alcohol, using drugs, and driving an automobile or riding with a driver while under their influences. The slide show was narrated by two EMTs from Austin. Comments made by the EMS students following the slide show were "don't drink and drive", "never drink while driving", "don't do drugs", "drinking and driving don't mix", "it made me think", "it was a sad show", "It scared me. I don't even want to get my driver's license now.", "do not ride

with someone that is intoxicated", "don't drink and drive", "drinking and driving do not mix".

The EMS students attending the convention were Courtney Brown, Tony Fay, Aaron Fuentes, Will Griffin, Danielle Guadarrama, Clara Herrera, Mikinzie Holley, Travis Joiner, Tabitha Lloyd, Lori Loomis, Koda Lozano, Elibeth Montalvo, Layna Murr, Emily Newman, Selina Rojas, Courtney Sauer, and their sponsors Mrs. Parker and Miss Garlitz.

Students attend Lakeview meet

by Tabitha Garcia

On February 21, 1998 several outstanding Eldorado students attended Lakeview High School's Math and Science meet in San Angelo. This type of academic meet consists of competition in Calculator, Mathematics, Number Sense and Science.

In 10th grade Calculator, Ashley Holt placed 4th while Haley Edmiston placed 5th. In 12th grade Calculator, Lindsey Griffin astutely placed 7th. Overall, the team placed 4th out of 16 teams in class 1A-3A. In 11th grade Mathematics, Jen-

nifer Stafford placed 7th.

In 11th grade Science, Meg Anderson placed 2nd and Jennifer Stafford placed 7th. Meg Anderson was also Top Scorer in 11th grade Chemistry. In 12th grade Science, Beau Sallee placed 2nd, Lindsey Griffin placed 3rd, and Kirk Curtis placed 8th. Beau Sallee was Top Scorer in Chemistry and Physics. The Science team placed 2nd among 17 class 1A, 2A, and 3A schools.

The EHS math and science teams are working towards district UIL competition to be held in March.

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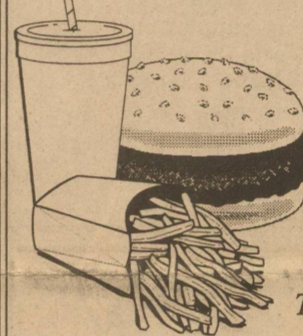
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N.H.S. holds tutorials

by Mary Adame

National Honor Society members tutored several EHS sophomores for the TAAS test during the week of February 23 - 27. These tutorials were set because the students are assorted in different math classes such as Alg. 1 & Alg. 2, geometry, trigonometry. The tutorials will allow them to get the extra help and preparation they will need for the test.

NHS sponsor Amy McCown commented, "Since all sophomores are spread in different math classes, it's hard for them to really get the full benefits of practice as in other classes. I have anywhere between 6 to 7 students show up every

night."

The TAAS test, or Texas Assessment of Academic Skills will be administered beginning March 3 and covers several academic fields including Math, Reading, and English.

NHS members giving these tutorials were Meg Anderson, Melissa Andrews, Tiffany Case, Kirk Curtis, Renee Edmiston, Macario Esparza, Vicky Esparza, Ashley Finley, Lesli Green, Lindsey Griffin, Sonia Herrera, Kaci Hunter, Yadira Iglesias, Katey Lively, Catherine Lloyd, Anna Loomis, Trisha Martinez, Jennifer Nixon, Leticia Nixon, Ginger Reynolds, Frances Saldivar, Sabrina Samuels, Andrew Sauer, Andie Sterling, and Hannah Wolfe.

EHS or NBA?!

by Trisha Martinez

The Eldorado High School gym was filled with bustling fans Tuesday morning, Feb. 24th, for an extremely special presentation. The varsity basketball team put on their NBA moves to dazzle the student body.

The team competed in a 3-point shoot-out contest while the gym rocked with rolling music. Joseph Wink, Kyle Hunter, and Michael Mayo tied with 7 3-pointers, each in only 35 seconds.

The team also competed in a slam dunk contest, which Kyle Hunter won with a perfect 10.

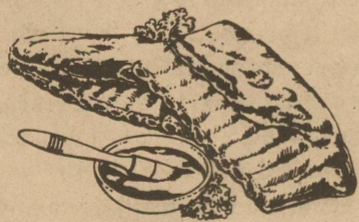
The presentation rekindled school spirit in the students for the recent basketball play-offs.

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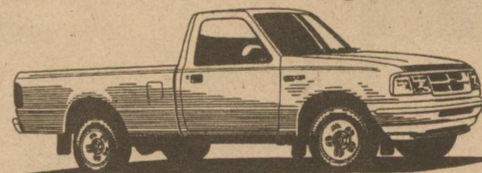
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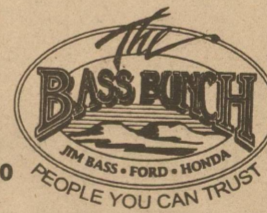
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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

As the old saying goes, this past Sunday, March 1st "Came In Like A Lamb." A beautiful day was enjoyed by 37 adults and 4 youth, Jonny Arispe, Luis Martinez, Clay Whitten and Jason Richters.

1st place went to Chris Phillips, Bill Wells, Big Chris McCravey and Charlie Pharris. They scored 52.

2nd place with a score of 54: Jon Cartwright, George Scott, Mabel Freitag and Luis Martinez.

Steve Snelson, Geneva McWhorter, Gordon Jones, Lynn Griffin and Johnny Arispe took 3rd place with a score of 57.

We had two teams with a score of 57. Score Card Play Off with Keith Nance, Richard Emmons, Ricky Griffin and Jack Halbert.

Bill Wells made a Hole-In-One on Number 5, March 1st. Congratulations, way to go!

Benefit tournament Sunday, March 8th for the Schleicher County Child Welfare Board. This is a 2-Person Tournament, 18 hole, \$20.00 per person, tee time 1 PM. Food will be furnished and

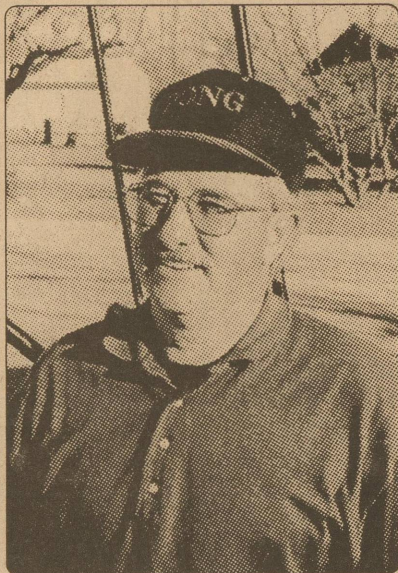
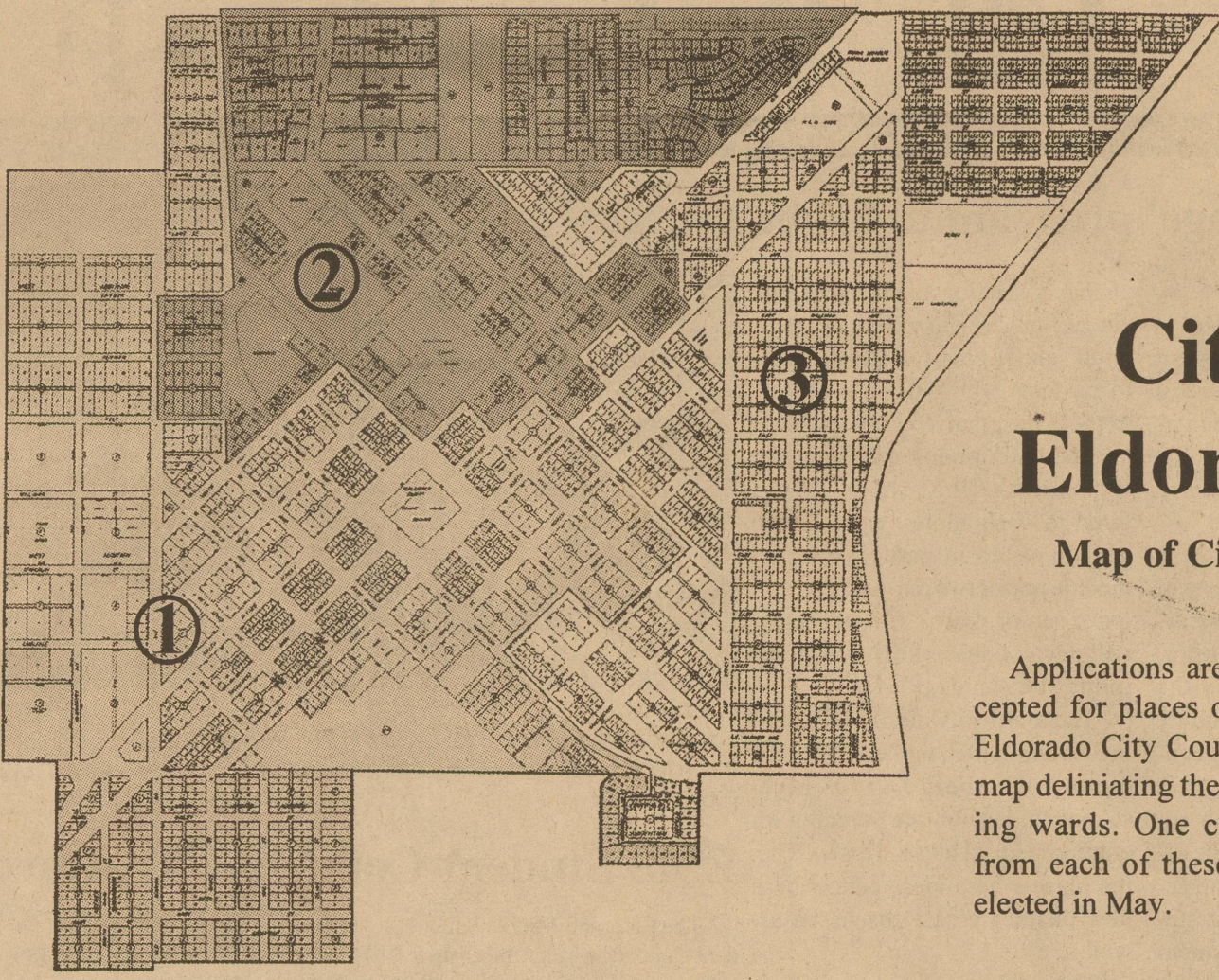


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Hole-in-One
Bill Wells

prizes will be given to first three teams in each flight. Prizes donated by Eldorado businesses. For more information call Ken Thomas 853-2815 or Bill Wells 853-3235.

Next Play Day will be March 29th as there is a 2-Man tournament on April 4th and 5th. So mark your calendar March 29th. Hope March doesn't "Go Out Like a Lion!"



City of Eldorado

Map of City Wards

Applications are now being accepted for places on the ballot for Eldorado City Council. At left is a map delineating the city's three voting wards. One council member from each of these wards will be elected in May.

Taxpayer information booklet available at Appraisal Dist. office

Ray Ballew, chief appraiser for the Schleicher County Appraisal District, offers property owners a 1998 pamphlet called Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities to help them save on their property taxes.

Published by the State Comptroller's office in Austin, the Remedies pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings.

Ballew noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as municipal utility, junior college, and hospital districts).

"Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions of-

ferred by taxing units on residence homesteads," Ballew said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it.

For example, all homeowners who owned and lived in their homes on January 1 may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those age 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes.

"A tax freeze, or ceiling, for school taxes is a benefit for homeowners once they become 65 years old," Ballew said. "New law provides that homeowners who turn 65 may apply during the year,

rather than waiting until January 1."

"An elderly homeowner's taxes that pay for public schools cannot increase above the total school tax amount on that home in the first year that the homeowner receives the over-65 homeowner exemption," Ballew continued. "But, it may increase if the homeowner improves or adds to the house, such as adding a pool or patio."

The law provides an additional school tax benefit for certain homeowners. If the surviving spouse of an over-65 homeowner is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can keep the school tax ceiling. The tax ceiling, however, does not apply for other taxing units, such as the county and city.

The surviving spouse also may retain the over-65 homeowner's exemptions offered by the local taxing units, if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death and owns and lives in the home.

The chief appraiser pointed out that homeowners age 65 or older do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Homeowners turning 65 during the year may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year from the date they turned 65, owned the home, and lived in it as their principal residence. Only those who have never had the exemption and tax ceiling—such as the surviving spouse age 55 or older—must apply in 1998.

Ballew added that any taxing unit may offer a local-option exemption that allows a percentage reduction in each residence homestead's appraised value. In 1998, a taxing unit may exempt up to 20 percent of each qualified home's appraised value. Taxing units offering the percentage exemption and the percentage they offer are Schleicher County and Schleicher Co. I.S.D.

The pamphlet also describes other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans and other disabled persons.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural or timberland owners. It is available in two forms, referred to by its location in the Texas Constitution: "1-d" or agricultural-use appraisal and "1-d-1" or open-space land appraisal.

Landowners who wish their land to receive 1-d appraisal must apply each year. The landowner must file a signed, sworn application with the chief appraiser by April 30. However, owners of land receiving 1-d-1 appraisal do not need to reapply, unless the chief appraiser requests in writing that they do so.

Because the qualifications are less strict, many landowners choose to apply for 1-d-1. However, if the land's use changes to a nonagricultural one, the period for recapturing lost taxes is five years for 1-d-1. For 1-d, the recapture time is three years for change or ownership or use.

Appraisal district staff can offer more information about special land appraisal, tax renditions, and exemptions," Ballew said.

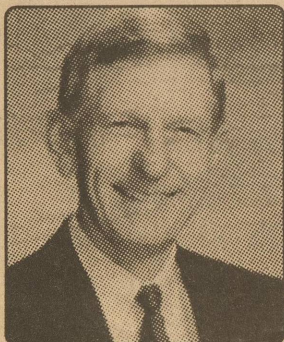
He said the Remedies pamphlet also contains information about protesting to the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is a citizen board that hears taxpayers' protests to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Another section deals with how voters can petition for an election to reduce the amount of a tax increase adopted by any taxing unit.

"I urge all property owners in the Schleicher County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about the property tax system and all possible property tax relief," Ballew said. "Remember, taxpayers must file exemption applications with the appraisal office by April 30 and any protests by June 1 of this year."

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Ladies man — Detective Dennis O'Flinn, portrayed by J.D. Doyle is surrounded by his elderly admirers played by (L-R) Melissa Murr, Rita McWhorter, Betsy Thackerson and Glenda Nix during the Way Off-Broadway Players production "Any Body For Tea" last weekend. Also in the cast were Danny Crowder, Thelma Bosmans, Gloria Swift and Raymond Mittel.

Fort McKavett annual 'Living History Day' scheduled

Things are coming together for our annual Living History Day which will be held on March 21, 1998. Fort McKavett was established in 1852 to protect settlers from Indians and to provide protection for travelers on the upper El Paso Road traveling west to California. At its peak, the post housed more than 400 soldiers. Today, the park features more than 15 restored buildings, including officers' quarters, barracks, hospital, school house, bakery and ruins of several other structures. Reenactors will be representing impressions from the Texas Revolution to the early twentieth century. We will also be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Texas State Parks.

There will be Indian Wars pe-

riod reenactors including Fort Concho's Company F of the 16th Infantry and Company D of the Fourth U.S. Cavalry, along with their wagon teams, cannon crews and laundresses. Also, the Fourth Cavalry (Memorial) from Lubbock, Fort Stockton's Living History groups, Fort Griffin's Topographical Engineers, 1880s' Saddletramps, soap makers, musicians, and blacksmiths. There will be the Texas Camel Corps, Spanish American War reenactors, and Border War period reenactors along with people representing the Texas Revolution period. Key periods in Texas History will be very well represented and the public is encouraged to come and enjoy the day. Also, the US Army will have on display an Apache helicopter, two Kiowa helicopters, a static dis-

play, and personnel to answer questions.

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the State Parks System. In 1923, Governor Pat Neff created a parks commission to oversee the establishment and operations of the Texas Parks System. Governor Neff wanted a parks system so that everyone could enjoy the outdoors in isolated regions of the state. Today that idea has evolved into the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with approximately 125 State Parks, Natural Areas, and Historic Sites.

Fort McKavett will open at 8:00 am and throughout the day there will be cavalry and infantry drills, and rifle and cannon firing demonstrations to entertain visitors. At 1:00 PM United

States Army personnel from Fort Hood have scheduled a reactivation ceremony for the Third Squadron of the Fourth Cavalry is a modern air-cavalry unit, that originated from the old Fourth Cavalry Regiment. During the reactivation ceremony troops from Fort Hood will pass and review the flag and the 1st Cavalry Division band will perform. The Fourth Cavalry Memorial units will drill after the ceremony. The day will end with the evening formation, inspection and roll call followed by the flag lowering ceremony at 4:30 PM and the park will close at 5:00 PM.

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Please plan on attending and show the strong support we have in our area.

Inviting Eldorado's retired teachers

The Menard Unit of Retired Teachers will host a covered dish luncheon on Monday, March 16th at 11:30 a.m. in the Baptist Fellowship building.

Following the luncheon, Joel Wright, the Administrator of the Retired Teacher's Residence in Waco will present the program about Stillwell along with some magic entertainment.

The Menard Unit of Retired Teachers would like to extend an invitation to retired teachers and their spouses living in the Eldorado area.



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Tennis Champs — 8th Grade Girls Singles Champion Mitiz Sessom and 7th Grade Girls Singles Champion Christina Redish show off the trophies they won at the EMS Invitational Tennis Meet held February 28, 1998 in Eldorado.

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