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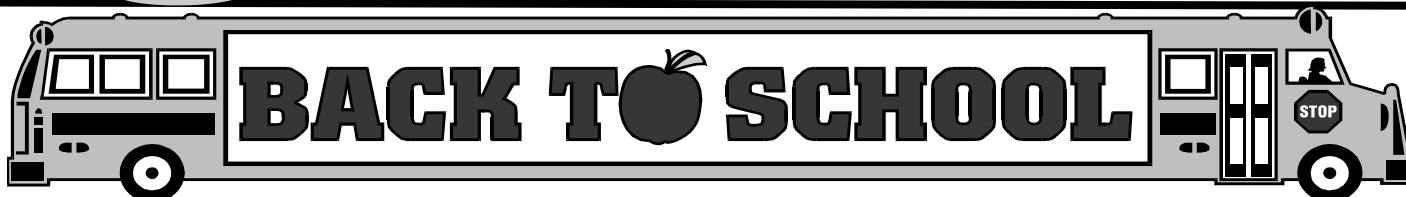
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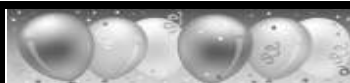
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By Rich Taylor

I hope everyone enjoyed your summer despite the heat and lack of rain. Greetings and welcome to any new residents of our community.

Congratulations to the winners of the Exemplary Homes Competitions in May and August. It took special effort to maintain the appearance of your homes and yards during the terrible drought we have suffered most of the year. We will honor the winners at our Exemplary Homes Party at the Clubhouse and Pool on September 26.

SPECIAL NOTE: The party will be on Saturday, September 26, rather than September 19 as stated in earlier editions of the Sunburst.

All winners please mark your calendars for September 26 to join the other winners from 6 PM to 8 PM for great food and wonderful door prizes. As a special treat this year, in addition to the many door prizes donated by area businesses we have purchased a **\$200 Gift Card from Lowe's** to be drawn as a grand prize.

Your EDHA Board has decided it is time to give the Clubhouse a much needed facelift. We have completed the repainting of one room and have plans to repaint the full interior of the clubhouse, as well as the support posts and roof over the entry way. We are looking for volunteers to help with this task. I will coordinate the overall project but will need a lot of help. Several board members and others have already volunteered to work with me. If you would be willing to help, please call me at 415-3814 so we can arrange a suitable schedule.

Volunteers are also needed for our Cellular On Patrol (COP) Program. You can contribute to the safety of the neighborhood by patrolling with a partner as little as once a week. Learn more by attending the monthly COP meeting at the clubhouse the third Monday of each month.

Looking to the future, our annual meeting of members of the association will be held on October 12. We are an association of volunteers whose combined efforts are vital to maintain the appearance and value of all aspects of the community. Your participation is vital in many ways. Come to the meeting and learn how you can be involved. We will elect Area Representatives for areas One, Three and Five. Watch for a letter during September with more information. We are also looking for someone to coordinate maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and facilities.

Yours for a better El Dorado,
Rich Taylor

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FOODS THAT ADD UP TO SMART BACK-TO-SCHOOL SNACKING

(ARA) - As parents start stocking up on school supplies, they also are reloading their kitchen cabinets and pantries with healthy foods for their children's snacks and lunches. Indeed, along with pencils, paper and scissors, snack foods are a big part of back-to-school shopping lists.

Navigating their local store, parents have plenty of snack options from which to choose. But when it comes to a formula for snacks that are both healthy and appealing, the equation becomes more challenging.

There are pluses and minuses to many snack foods available today. Some are designed for a child's sweet tooth, appealing to youngsters but laden with not-so-good-for-you ingredients. Others are geared for convenience, with attractive and convenient packaging for busy parents that can also be more costly at the checkout line. And while there are many snacks created for health benefits, those foods may stay in the bag or - worse yet, in the garbage can -- once kids get to school, because they don't taste as good as "regular" snacks.

To be sure, the multiple choice of back-to-school snacks and lunches becomes harder when factoring in all of the variables of taste, health, convenience and affordability. With that in mind, a "study guide" for snacking can help parents ace the task of sending students of all ages off to school with foods that are graded both good and good for you.

Sum up servings

One way to ensure proper serving size - and hence keep children within recommended consumption guidelines - is to look for pre-portioned packaged products. Over the past few years, more 100-calorie packs of various snack foods have entered the marketplace. These keep portion sizes in check and help on-the-go parents who appreciate the convenience of simply putting a bag in a lunch box. To provide convenience and portion control to its customers, for example, Snyder's of Hanover offers a wide variety of items in its 100-Calorie Lunch Pack line, including MultiGrain Southwest Cheddar and French Onion Sunflower Chips and Peanut Butter and Cheddar Cheese Pretzel Sandwich Lunch Packs. Such snacks add up to healthier options versus other salted snacks like potato chips and cheese puffs.

Multiply healthy ingredients

As any parent, caregiver or teacher who reads food package labels can attest, many snack foods contain ingredients that are not considered wholesome or healthy. When shopping for back-to-school snacks, parents can scan packages for items containing better-for-you ingredients, like multi-grain pretzels and sunflower chips or Veggie Crisps, that provide a greater nutritional punch along with the crunchy flavor that kids love. Youngsters - whether pre-schoolers or high schoolers - won't notice any difference.

Subtract cost

These days especially, price is a concern for all parents as they must purchase back-to-school supplies. Parents can take advantage of special seasonal promotions as they stock up for school snacks and lunches, whether it's clipping manufacturers' coupons from the newspaper and mailings or searching for in-store sales and offers. Snyder's of Hanover, for its part, is placing a special coupon book in more than 1.5 million Lunch Packs. The coupon book includes \$7.50 in coupons from brands like Jif-To-Go, Crayola, Juicy Juice, Dole Fruit Bowls, Eggland's Best, Marzetti's and its own Snyder's of Hanover products, among with a \$5 subscription offer for 12 months to "Parents" magazine. In addition, consumers can get a chance to win a \$3,000 scholarship.

Divide and conquer

Although kids are notoriously loyal to certain foods, mixing up school snacks can cut down on complaints and keep snack-time and lunch-time at school interesting. As we head into the 2009-2010 school year, a wide variety of snack foods is available, with multiple flavors and varieties within single product lines. Today's peanut butter, for instance, can be tomorrow's cheddar cheese, and that element of surprise can be a welcome addition for a student's school day.

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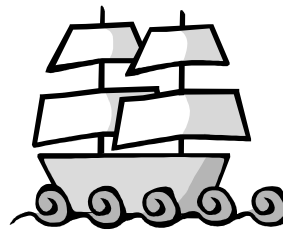
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Submitted by Cindy Garrett

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El Dorado Homes Association Calendar

September	1st Monday 2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Saturday	Pool Closes on Labor Day Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting Exemplary Homes Party
October	1st Saturday 1st Tuesday 2nd Monday 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Garage Sale National Night Out Annual Meeting COP Meeting
November	2nd Monday 3rd Monday 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting COP Meeting District 10 Neighborhood Alliance Meeting
December	2nd Monday 2nd Saturday 2nd Week 3rd Monday	Neighborhood Meeting Breakfast with Santa Christmas Light Judging COP Meeting

El Dorado Exemplary Homes Campaign 2009, Part Two

About the Exemplary Homes Campaign

By Eric Meyer

The Exemplary Homes Campaign is a way to recognize and thank those residents who help make El Dorado a nice place to live through payment of their annual association maintenance fees and by keeping a well maintained home and property.

The guidelines for participation in the event are pretty simple: just pay your annual association maintenance fees and keep up your property's curb appeal by having nice landscaping and high maintenance standards.

The campaign is divided into two phases, where 30 exemplary homes are chosen in May and 30 more are chosen in August. Since many residents don't pay their annual maintenance fees until summer, when the pool opens, May's winners are limited to those residents who paid their maintenance fees in 2008 and August's winners are limited to those who paid their fees in 2009.

To determine which homes are awarded Exemplary Home status, the six neighborhood association area reps nominated 8 to 11 homes in each of their respective areas. Then an independent panel of judges, who do not live in El Dorado and who do not know last year's winners, scored the nominees. The scores were then averaged and the 5 homes with the highest scores in each area were given the title of Exemplary Home.

The winners receive a temporary yard sign announcing their status as an Exemplary Home and also an invitation to the Exemplary Homes Party on September 26, from 6 to 8pm at the neighborhood clubhouse and pool. At the party, food and beverages will be served and all winners will have a shot at winning fabulous door prizes which were generously donated by the event's sponsors listed on the opposite page.

Meet the Judges

The Exemplary Homes Campaign judges spent hours driving all over El Dorado scoring those homes nominated by the area reps to be Exemplary Homes. The judges were:

Herb Smith is a retired minister from the MacArthur Park Church of Christ. He and his wife Joy have lived in Northern Hills for 32 years. They have been involved in the Neighborhood Association for a number of years as area representatives, yard of the month and Herb has served as president of the association. They continue to be involved by driving for COPS on a regular basis.

Sheila Clark is a resident of Valencia and an active member of the Valencia neighborhood association. In previous years, Sheila has generously volunteered to judge Christmas lights and decorations as well as organize such events for her neighborhood.

Kay Morris is retired after 30 years as an accountant for Southwestern Bell. She works part time doing book keeping and administrative tasks. Kay resides in northwest San Antonio.

Exemplary Homes May 2009

Area I Exemplary Homes

4806 El Presidio
12514 La Aventura ☺
12518 La Aventura
12503 La Manana
12507 La Manana

Area II Exemplary Homes

4823 El Gusto
4906 El Gusto ☺
4915 El Gusto
12615 Prima Vista
12703 Prima Vista

Area III Exemplary Homes

12511 La Bahia ☺ ☺
5014 Risada
5018 Risada
5023 Sierra Madre
5119 Sierra Madre

Area IV Exemplary Homes

12414 La Albada
12419 La Albada ☺
4903 La Barranca
12414 La Lira
12422 La Lira

Area V Exemplary Homes

12306 Gran Vista
5315 La Cieniga
12011 Las Nubes ☺
12111 Las Nubes
5323 Los Palacias

Area VI Exemplary Homes

5319 El Tejano ☺
5331 El Tejano
5339 El Tejano
5418 El Tejano
5422 El Tejano

☺ High Score Per Area
☺ ☺ Highest Score Overall

Exemplary Homes August 2009

Area I Exemplary Homes

12519 La Aventura
12514 La Manana
12603 La Plata
12535 Prima Vista ☺
4803 Sierra Madre

Area II Exemplary Homes

12614 La Bahia
12611 La Noche
12614 La Noche
4911 La Posada
12726 Via Perfecto ☺

Area III Exemplary Homes

5102 Encanta ☺
5106 Encanta
5117 Encanta
5019 Risada
5103 Sierra Madre

Area IV Exemplary Homes

12803 El Sendero
12406 La Albada
12423 La Lira ☺
5206 La Barranca
5222 La Barranca

Area V Exemplary Homes

12310 Gran Vista
5218 Linda Colonia
12110 Los Cerdos
12118 Los Cerdos ☺
5311 Los Palacias

Area VI Exemplary Homes

5247 Cerro Vista
12419 Gran Vista ☺ ☺
12423 Gran Vista
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The lifeguards and the gate keepers have been faithful in spite of the high temperatures.

The picture ID program had some glitches that I think we can avoid next year. Volunteers that helped gave a lot of their time so graciously. The response from our pool members was very positive. Next year will be easier. Thanks for all the support.

Even though the pool closes on Labor Day we will remain open for pool parties, and adult swim as the weather permits. Some volunteers may open the pool sporadically for family swim, but I have no way of telling you when, since it is voluntary.

See You Next Summer,

Linda Garris



Goodbye to an El Dorado Pioneer John Hezel September 10, 1934—July 19, 2009

John Hezel moved his family to El Dorado in 1969. Theirs was among the first 6 or 7 families in the El Dorado and the first family in Area 2. In fact, on their first night in their new home, they were welcomed to the neighborhood by a bull in the backyard. John and his wife of fifty years, Joann, raised five children, most of whom were active in El Dorado as lifeguards, babysitters and on the swim team. The Hezels have been long-time supporters of EDHA, and have been extremely active in the Association over the last forty years. John is survived by his wife Joann, his children Debbie, Mary, Diane, Jim and Brad, and their families, which include fifteen grandchildren.

John Hezel, you will be missed.

Notes from the Principal By Susan Peery & Krista Walker

Welcome back to the 2009-2010 school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer making family memories. We have been busy preparing for another successful year. El Dorado is a RECOGNIZED campus in a recognized DISTRICT!

Construction Update

As you can see, our parking lot is under construction. This was approved at the end of May 2009 so the construction worked hard to ensure that it was ready for drop off on Monday morning, August 24. The landscaping, portions of the sidewalk, and canopied waiting areas will soon be completed. The parking lot now has one entrance (Leonhardt side) and one exit (Nacogdoches side). The new addition to the right of the front entrance is our brand new clinic. The new wing, including an enlarged gym, is still on target for completion by Spring Break.

New Faces

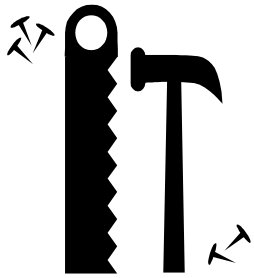
Mrs. Staufert was promoted to Principal at Dellview Elementary for the 2009-2010 school year. Krista Walker is our new assistant principal. She is a passionate educator and attended El Dorado as a child. The following is her message to the community:

"I feel honored and privileged to join the El Dorado family as the new assistant principal! As a former Mustang student, I have experienced first-hand the positive environment created at this amazing school, and I look forward to working with this community to ensure success for all children."

"I am a former Mustang! I attending kindergarten and first grade at El Dorado before transferring to Woodstone, and continuing on to Wood and Madison. Upon graduation from Texas Lutheran University in December 2001, I began my teaching career with Judson ISD. My teaching positions have included Title I math, first grade, Master Teacher, Math Facilitator, and most recently, the Instructional Intervention Teacher at Larkspur Elementary. In May 2009, I received a M.Ed. in school administration from Trinity University."

"I look forward to building relationships with all of you in an effort to maximize the achievement for all children at El Dorado!"

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I was just thinking...
By Jamie Gifford

Anyone who was paying attention was probably aware that a homeless woman was frequently present in El Dorado over the past few years. Some people probably already know that she passed away on April 5, 2009. What most people likely don't know is that she was an El Dorado resident for many years, and she grew up in her family home on El Domingo. Perhaps this is why she spent so much time in El Dorado. I'm sure it felt like home—a safe haven.

Her name was Susanne Koebele, known to her family and friends as "Bissy." As a girl, she was the quintessential tomboy. She was the undisputed fastest runner at El Dorado Elementary in the late 70's. She was an expert at building forts; forts in the yard, forts along the paseo, forts near the lake, you name it. She had the coolest slumber parties, and spent hours upon hours on her backyard trampoline. She taught me to make a grilled cheese sandwich, although her technique was interesting, to say the least. She was with me when I got in big trouble at age 11 for "running the streets."

As an adult, I encountered Susanne dozens of times. I did not recognize her as my childhood friend and, frankly, considered her a nuisance. I did not learn her identity until after she died.

Certainly, Susanne had many issues. You know, the ones that typically accompany homelessness, but she was a person. A daughter. A sister. A friend. A neighbor.

Perhaps she wasn't such a "nuisance" after all.

Welcome Wagon

If you have a new neighbor, or if you ARE a new neighbor, please contact your Area Representative or our Welcome Wagon Chairperson. If you are unsure of your area, please contact the Welcome Wagon Chairperson or any board member listed on Page 2 of this publication. We would like to personally welcome all new neighbors and provide information about the community and the El Dorado Homes Association, but we can't do that if we aren't alerted as families move into the neighborhood.

Thank you for your support.



El Dorado
Helping Hands

We have a core group of volunteers available to assist senior citizens and/or people with disabilities who need a little help with small tasks. If you are interested in joining this effort as an "El Dorado Helper," or if you are in need of a "helping hand," please contact Jamie Gifford at 655-9594 or:

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Condolences to the Henri family on the passing of Rudolph's mother, Olga Henri, on July 5, 2009.

Back Fence Neighbors

Many El Dorado properties border the lake or a grassy area. My lot backs onto the watershed leading to the lake. The cement under my fence was tagged with graffiti once but I cleaned it as soon as I saw it. My neighbors over across the waterway would be likely to see graffiti on my back fence before I would, but would they contact me? Could they? Could they identify my house after only seeing it from the rear?

As an experiment, I got in the car and drove around trying to identify the house behind me and it was not easy. Because of the layout of the streets around the lake, it was not on the next street over, but rather two streets over. Even after finding the most likely house, I was not certain I had the right one. I could picture my back fence neighbors being equally confused driving around trying to identify my house.


Therefore, I spent about \$6 putting a discrete black house number on my back fence. I wanted numbers that would be visible if you were looking for them, but would not intrude on the view and spoil the natural look of the waterway. I hope this will make it easier for my back fence neighbors to notify me if there is ever a problem, so I can fix it right away and they will not have to look at it. I would like to encourage others to consider doing the same.

— Carol C.

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A BIG thanks to all you faithful EDHA supporters and a special thanks to you first timers. We hope this is just the beginning of your support for this neighborhood.

In May, several volunteers had a day of fun and a nice lunch at the clubhouse when we did an organized walk through all the streets to communicate the needs of our community. We met a lot of nice people and were able to raise the awareness of what the Association does for all of us.

If you haven't renewed your membership, it is never too late. Just check the back page of your award quality Sunburst.

If you have a desire to work with the Membership Committee, please call Lola Olsmith at 657-0086 or Joyce Mere at 637-0149.

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Recipe of the Month

7up Cake

3 C. sugar
3 C. flour (sifted 3 times)
3 sticks butter or oleo (margarine)
3/4 C. 7up
5 large eggs
1T. Lemon extract

Cream sugar & butter adding 1 egg at a time until well blended. Add flour slowly, beating well at each addition. When smooth, add 7up and extract. Bake 60-75 minutes at 325 degrees. Test cake with toothpick or skewer at 1 hour. When done, remove to wire rack and let cool 30-45 min. Invert on wire rack (cake should drop out easily). Sprinkle sparingly with confectioners sugar, if desired.

Submitted by Gwen Sampson,
What's Cooking in El Dorado,
August 1976

Thousand Oaks Branch Library 4618 Thousand Oaks Dr. 657-5205

The Thousand Oaks Branch Library reopened for service on July 27 following two weeks of renovations. The project, funded by Certificates of Obligation and City capital funds, included replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system; roof repairs; installation of new carpet; new interior and exterior painting; parking lot repairs and re-striping; renovation of the restrooms; a bike rack at the front of the building and a lighted flagpole. With its renovations and its new amenities like Wi-Fi and self-checkout kiosks, the "new" and improved Thousand Oaks Branch Library is ready to serve our neighbors.

5 BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN BANNED SOMEWHERE IN AMERICA OVER THE PAST 124 YEARS:

- ◆ *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain
- ◆ *The Grapes of Wrath*, by John Steinbeck
- ◆ *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker
- ◆ *The Golden Compass*, by Philip Pullman
- ◆ *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (and all the other books in the Harry Potter series), by J.K. Rowling

Celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Books Week, from September 26. Go to the American Library Association's website, ala.org, for more information.

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE



The first weekend in October will again be advertised in the San Antonio Express-News for the El Dorado Community-wide Garage Sale.

Our neighbors in Valencia and Northern Hills are also planning neighborhood sales that same weekend. Start planning now for your participation so you can take advantage of the traffic the combined sales will draw.

Each participating residence must obtain a permit. It may be purchased at the Community Link Service Center, 11220 Perrin-Beitel, Suite 112. Phone 207-5156.

For questions, please call
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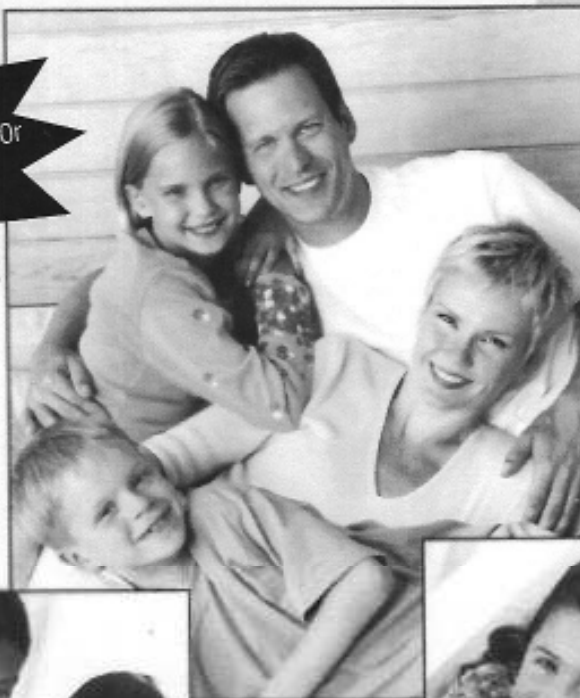
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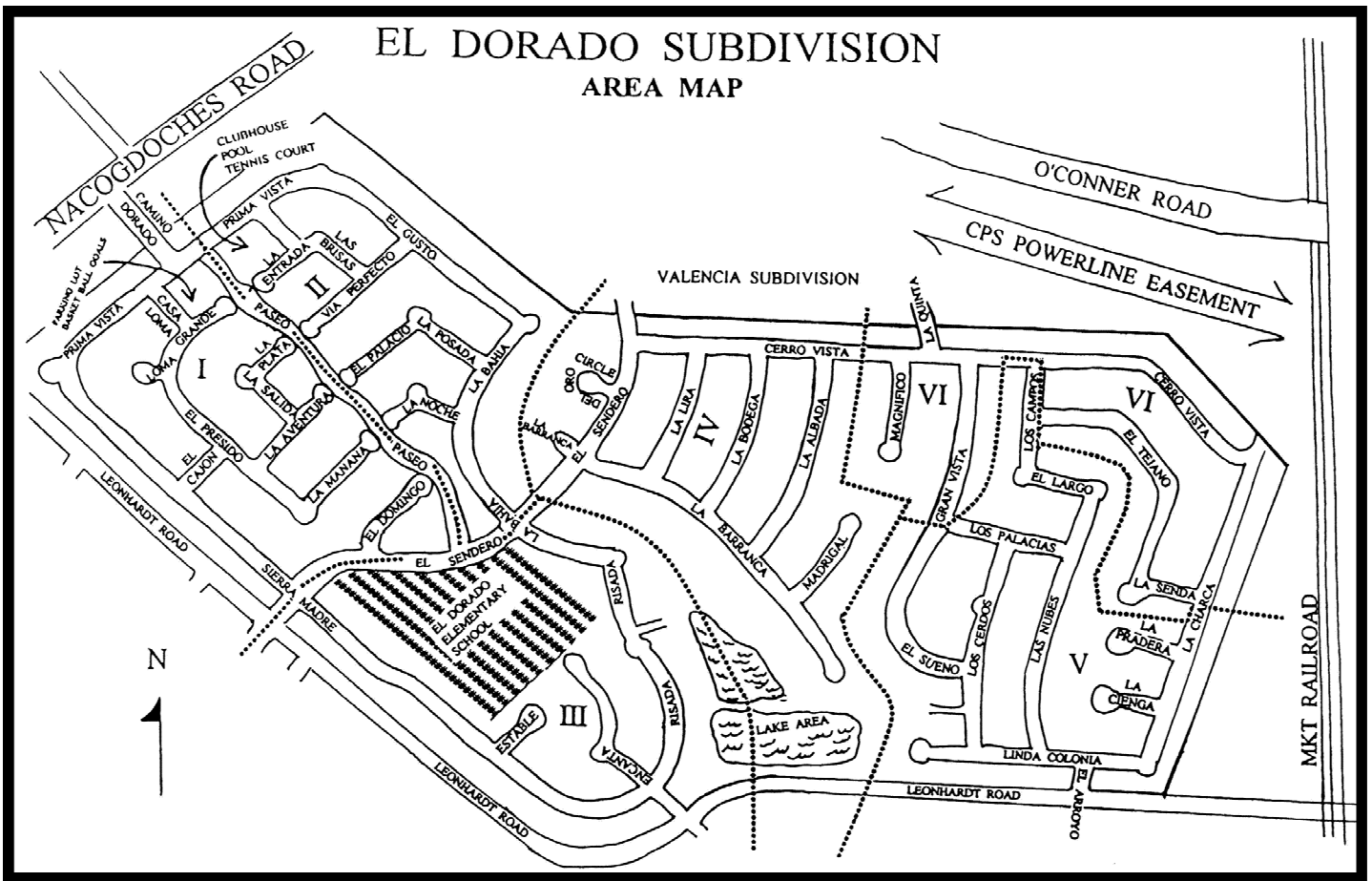


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