

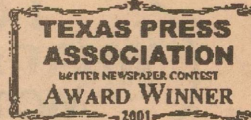
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STATE CHAMPIONS

Newman & Redish Claim State 2-A Doubles Title

The road to the 2002 State Tennis Tournament began a year ago for Gentry Neman and Christina Redish, at the 2001 State tourney. That's when Newman, and her partner Kayla McCravey, defeated Redish, and her partner Lindsay Beach, 6-2, 6-4 to claim the State Championship in an all-Eldorado final match.

Since then Newman and Redish have been doubles partners. Early in the season it became clear to everyone who was paying attention that they were determined to return to the final match at the State Tourney, this time as partners. Enroute to realizing their dream Newman and Redish met and promptly dispatched some of the very best doubles teams in the

state. But, the challengers that gave Newman and Redish the most trouble were their teammates, Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer. The two EHS doubles teams were a major part of the school's State Championship season in Team Tennis. But, once the U.I.L. season rolled around the two girls teams became adversaries.

"It is a tennis coach's dream to have two teams this good," said EHS Coach Matt Rutherford. "They push one another and everyone gets better."

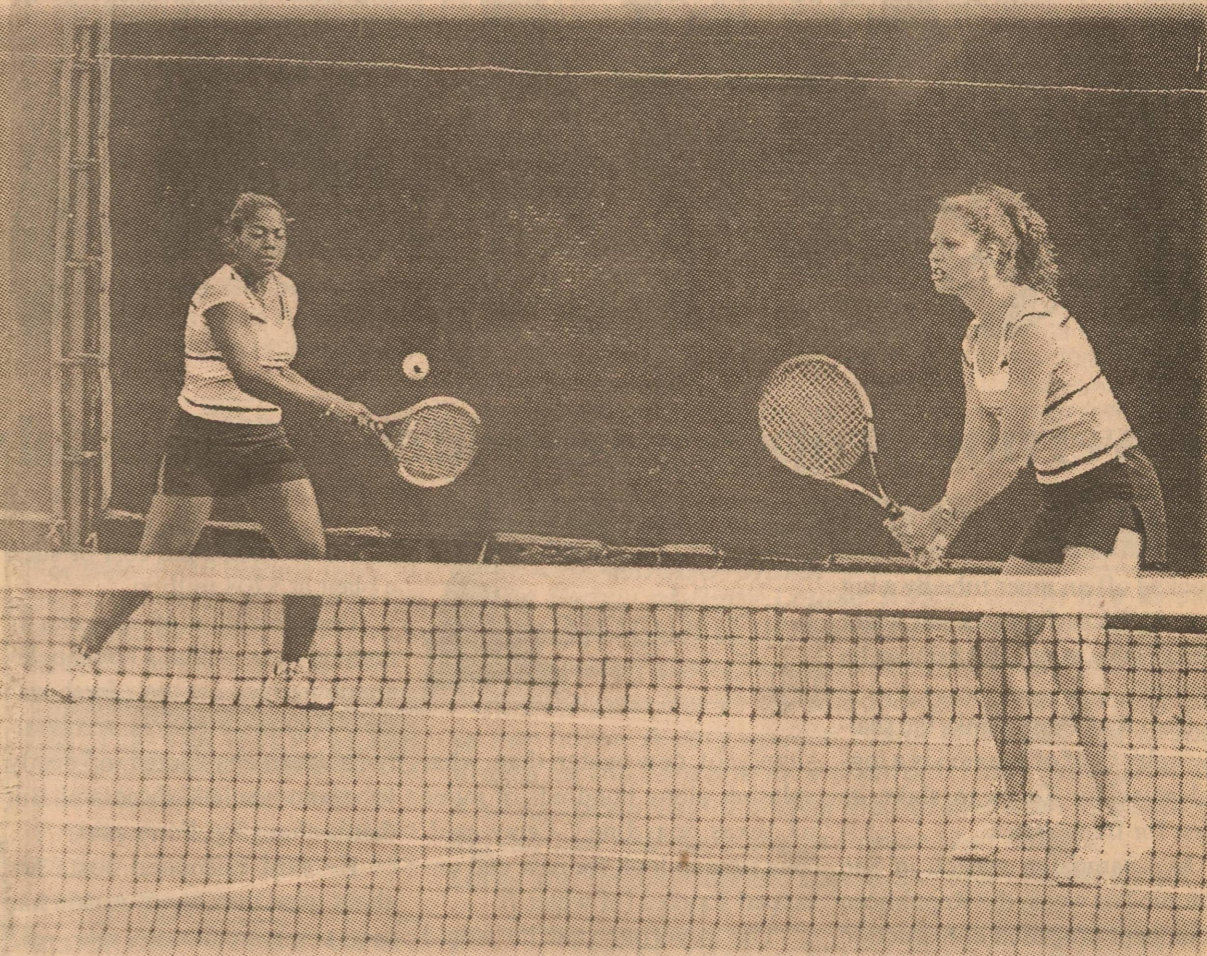
The hard work paid off and Newman and Redish advanced from the District 2-2A Championship to the Region 1-2A Championship then, this week, to the State

Tennis Tournament in Austin. There they defeated Jenna Payne and Jessica Castaneda of Floydada 6-2, 7-5 to claim the State Championship.

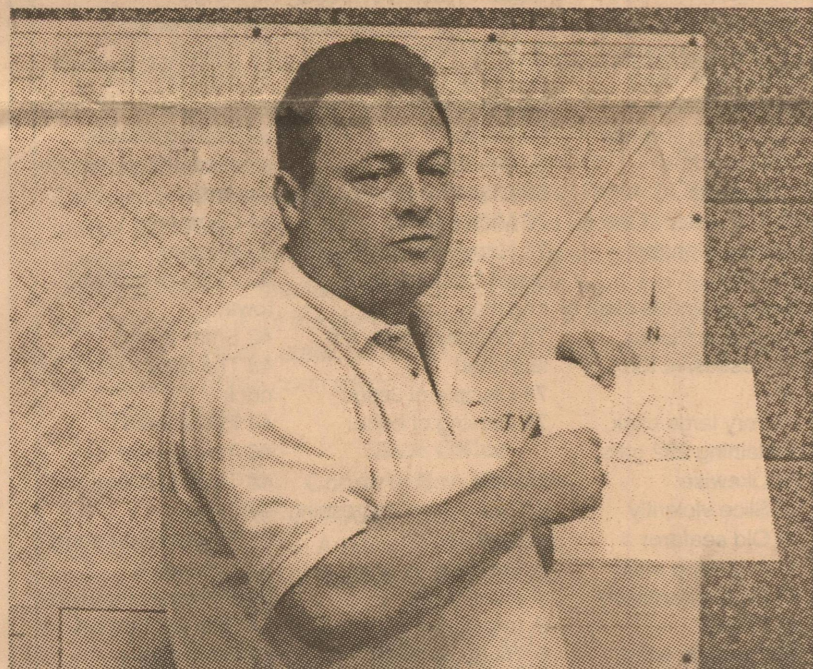
Newman and Redish reached the final round by defeating Sarah Smith and Lauren Jarvis of Grand Saline 6-1, 6-1, in a quarterfinal match. They then faced Shelby Zadow and Erin Fourrier of Van Alstyne and defeated them 6-0, 6-3 in the semifinal round.

The win capped a stellar high school career for Gentry Newman, who will be graduating later this month. Looking back, she can count two consecutive State Doubles titles.

While this may have been Christina Redish's first State Championship, it wasn't her first appearance in the final match, and it likely won't be her last since she is a junior with another year of eligibility. However, just like last year, Redish will have to adapt to a new partner. The last one worked out so well that she probably won't mind the challenge.



Dynamic Duo — Christina Redish (L) and Gentry Newman (R) won the State 2-A doubles championship Tuesday at the U.I.L. State Tennis Tournament in Austin. The tourney was held on the Penick-Allison Courts on the campus of the University of Texas.



Here's where we would like to put it — Dennis Sedlachek, representing Broadwing Communication, showed the Eldorado City Council a map Monday night, marked with a route his company would like to use while installing a fiber-optic cable through town.

City council okays fiber-optic cable route

After nearly a year of bargaining, the Eldorado City Council came to terms Monday night with Broadwing Communications Company, and El Paso Global Network, and settled on a route that a new fiber-optic cable will take as it passes through the city. Dennis Sedlachek, was on hand to speak for the companies as he and City Administrator Randy Mankin outlined the deal that they had hammered out only hours earlier.

As part of the deal, El Paso Global Network will pay a \$750 application fee for a permit to work in the city's public rights-of-way. The company will also be required to pay the city a onetime inspection fee of \$2,000.00. That will offset the cost of city personnel who will supervise the contractors as they work near the city's buried water, sewer and gas lines.

An annual fee of \$4,634.50 will be paid to the city for the next ten years for use of the rights-of-way. At the end of the 10-year period, a new agreement will have to be negotiated.

Mankin explained that one sticking point had been the areas outside the city limits where the city maintains utilities, particularly in the Orient Heights neighborhood. He said that the city would be inconvenienced as much in those areas, as they would inside the city limits. Mankin noted that the area is within the city's extra-territorial jurisdiction, as recognized by state law and said that Broadwing and El Paso Global eventually agreed to compensate the city for the aggravation.

After hearing from both men, the council voted unanimously to pass two ordinances. The first ordinance states the city's intention to allow the construction of fiber-optic cables and conduits within city rights-of-way and outlines some of the terms under which agreements can be made. The second ordinance specifically outlines the terms under which Broadwing and El Paso Global may work in and occupy the rights-of-way.

The only thing remaining now

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Joiner & Kotsch win school board election

John Paul Joiner and Jo Helen Kotsch were selected by local voters Saturday from a field of five candidates to fill two seats of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees.

Joiner was the top vote getter, with 230 votes. Kotsch received 166 while Lee Ann Higgins polled 138 votes. Victor Belman received 49 votes and Timothy Vasquez received 25. In the at-large format, the two candidates with the most votes are elected. In all, 319 voters cast ballots in the election with 145 of those coming during the Early Voting period. 174 individuals voted during Election Day voting on Saturday. Complete election results are listed below.

This will be Joiner's first term on the board. Kotsch, was the only incumbent.

Interestingly, one of the candidates, Victor Belman, is a plaintiff in a lawsuit brought against the school district, challenging the legality of the two at-large seats on the seven member board.

A settlement in that lawsuit appears to be in the works. If and when it is finalized, the school district will go through the redistricting process again and abandon the 5-2 (five single-member district, two at-large) voting scheme in favor of a 6-1 plan.

	Early Voting	Election Day	TOTAL
Joiner	106	124	230
Kotsch	76	90	166
Higgins	63	75	138
Belman	20	29	49
Vasquez	11	14	25

Lubbock man killed in motorcycle accident on Toe Nail Trail

Joe Charles Harrington, 54, of Lubbock, was pronounced dead at 1:15 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2002, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, after sustaining head injuries in a motorcycle accident on FM 2084 (Toe Nail Trail). Harrington was riding his 1999 Harley Davidson motorcycle northbound when he struck a deer in the roadway. Harrington's passenger, Delanie Ruth Courtney, 29, also of Lubbock, was taken by Schleicher County EMS ambulance to Shannon Hospital where she reportedly underwent treatment for a several broken bones and other injuries.

The Schleicher County Sheriff's department received a 9-1-1 call reporting an accident near the Schleicher/Tom Green County line

on FM 2084. Since it was unclear exactly where the accident had occurred, deputies from Schleicher and Tom Green counties were dispatched to the scene. Likewise, an ambulance was dispatched from each county and units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department were called out. Department of Public Safety troopers Robert Bybee and Kevin Wright also responded.

Emergency personnel arrived at the scene, which was less than a mile inside Schleicher County, to find Harrington and Courtney lying in the roadway, near the wrecked motorcycle. The AirMed-1 helicopter was summoned to the scene to transport Harrington to San Angelo. Courtney was taken

by Schleicher County EMS ambulance.

DPS Trooper Robert Bybee investigated the accident. He reports that Harrington was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident but that the helmet came off, allowing Harrington's head to strike the roadway. Courtney was also wearing a helmet, however, her helmet stayed on during the accident, possibly saving her life.

According to witnesses at the scene, Harrington and Courtney had been seen earlier in the evening at a bar in Ft. McKavett. They were believed to be returning to San Angelo.

Harrington was co-owner of Harrington-Gragson Construction in Lubbock.



Mangled Harley — DPS Trooper Robert Bybee investigated a motorcycle accident on FM 2084 that claimed the life of Joe Charles Harrington, 54, of Lubbock. The wreck occurred after the bike collided with a deer less than a mile from the Tom Green County line. Delanie Ruth Courtney, 29, also of Lubbock was a passenger on the motorcycle. She was taken by Schleicher County EMS ambulance to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Seinfeld!? How will we ever break the news to the folks in Mayberry?

TV Guide magazine is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and to mark the occasion its editors decided to compile a list of the top 50 TV shows of all time.

The decision is proving to be controversial, to say the least. "Seinfeld," the 90's hit that claimed to be about nothing, topped the list, prompting many observers, including me, to wonder about the sanity of the TV Guide editors and/or the integrity of the process by which they made their selection.

In my opinion, the greatest television series of all time was "The Andy Griffith Show." It placed 9th on the TV Guide list. Okay, I can live with 9th. Another fan favorite, "I Love Lucy" ranked second, just ahead of "The Honeymooners" and "All in the Family." Each of them are very deserving of the honor. But, "The Sopranos," "60 Minutes," "The Late Show with David Letterman," and "The Sim-



psons" all finished ahead of "The Andy Griffith Show." Something smells funny here!

"The Waltons" didn't even make the top 50 but "The Twilight Zone," "Rosanne," and "Rocky and Bullwinkle" were on the list, ranked 26th, 35th and 47th, respectively. "Oprah," and "Donahue," made the list. So did "The X-Files," "The Defenders," and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

Looking over the list I've noticed that "Late Night with David Letterman" ranked ahead of "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson." Also, "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" ranked above "The Dick Van Dyke Show," and "The Ed Sullivan Show" placed ahead of "The Carol Burnett Show."

Interestingly, "Star Trek: The Next Generation" made the list at #46 while the original "Star Trek" series failed to materialize in the transporter.

I think it is also noteworthy that news shows like "60 Minutes," and "Nightline" made the list while sports shows like "ABC's

Wide World of Sports" are nowhere to be seen.

Three really good series, "The Cosby Show," "Hill Street Blues," and "Cheers" were on the list, but ranked well below other, more dubious selections. "Bewitched" made the list at #50 but, alas, "I Dream of Jeannie," "Gilligan's Island" and "The Beverly Hillbillies" did not.

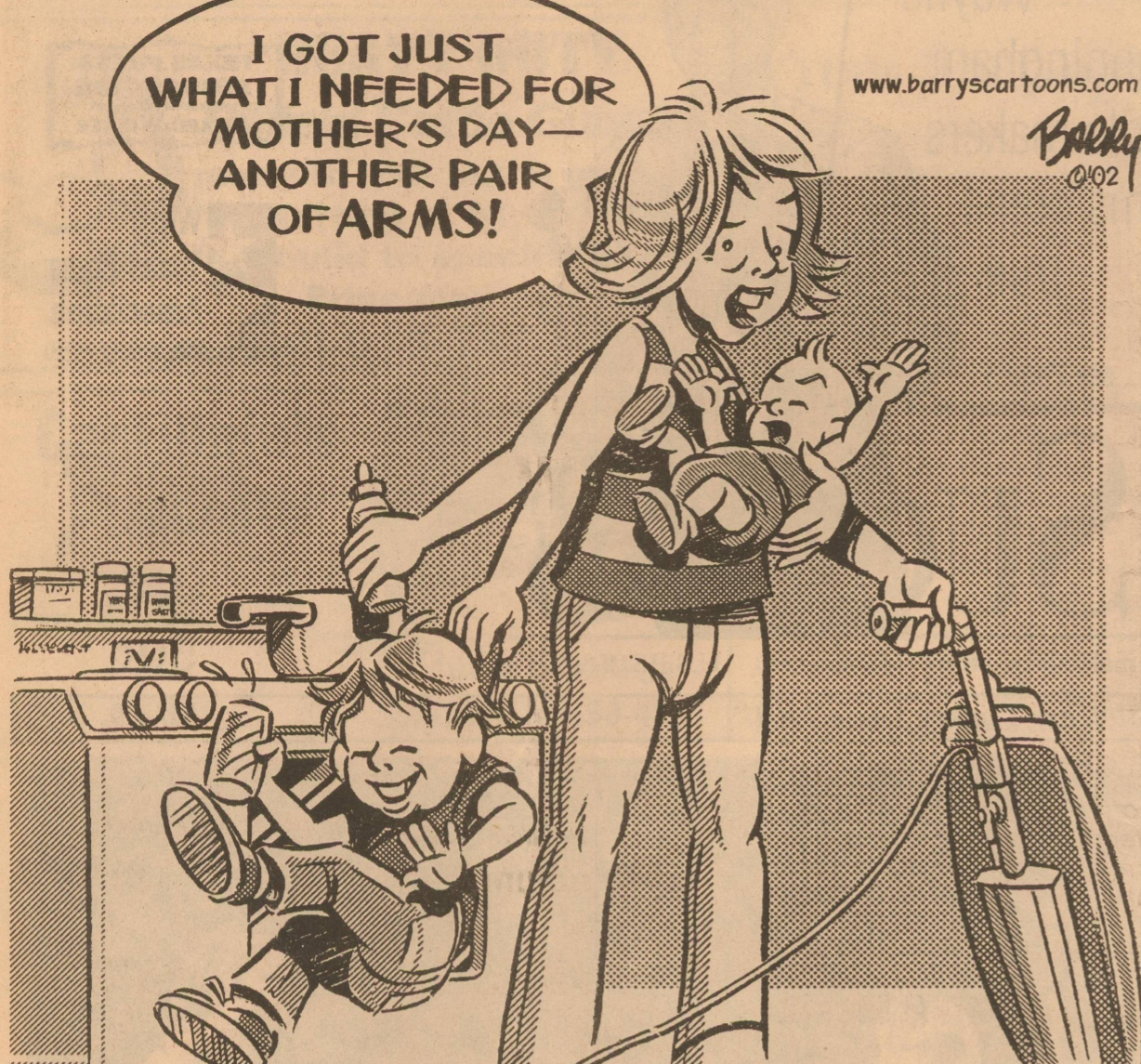
To its credit, and possibly in an attempt to salvage a small bit of prestige, TV Guide has decided to let the public vote on the top show of all time. Understand, the powers that be won't allow you to add a show that didn't make the magazine's top 50...for example a show like "Little House on the Prairie." But, they will let you pick which of their top 50 you think should be ranked #1.

To cast your vote, visit the TV Guide website at:

<http://www.tvguide.com/50th>

At this point "Bonanza" is well ahead in the voting with 20 percent. But "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" is second with 16 percent, followed by "The X-Files" at 11 percent, "The Simpsons" and "Seinfeld," both at 7 percent, and "M*A*S*H" at 4 percent.

If you have access to a computer, I would urge you to log on and vote. By the looks of things, Andy, Barney and all the good folks in Mayberry can use the help.



Governor proposes seawater plant to solve water woes

AUSTIN — Anyone ever knocked off an inner tube by a big wave in the surf knows salt water doesn't taste good. But salt can be removed.

Gov. Rick Perry thinks the shallow, salty Gulf of Mexico is a logical place for Texas to slake its thirst for fresh water.

In a campaign speech in San Antonio last week, the Republican incumbent proposed construction of a high-volume desalination plant to make seawater potable.

"There is no greater potential

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



supply of new water than what splashes along hundreds of miles of Texas coastline," Perry said. "It's time to look for new and untapped sources (of water.)"

The governor said he would like to see tax-exempt bonds earmarked to pay for private construction of a desalination facility capable of processing 25 million gallons of water from the Gulf every day.

He estimated the cost of such a plant at \$208 million.

Desalination of seawater is nothing new — that's how nuclear submarines get their fresh water — but the process traditionally has been considered too costly to be commercially successful. But that is changing, Perry said.

He said estimated costs are about what the City of Austin has as its commercial water rate — \$3 per thousand gallons.

A \$110 million desalination plant under construction in Tampa Bay, Fla. will produce 25 million gallons of fresh water daily at an estimated cost of \$2.50 per thousand gallons.

But that is a \$1 a gallon increase over present costs there.

The governor said he has asked the Texas Water Development Board to work with Texas' regional planning groups and private entities to develop a plan for the state's first large-scale coastal desalination plant.

Perry said that down the road desalinated water could be carried inland from the Texas coast along the utility easement that is part of

the proposed Trans Texas Corridor, a new transportation system of toll highways, freight and high-speed passenger train tracks and utility transmission facilities.

Water woes not theoretical along the border

Though Perry's water plan is a future possibility, water problems on the border are a present reality.

Texas' two big international reservoirs, Lakes Amistad and Falcon, stand at only 21 percent of capacity. A year ago, the two impoundments were 28 percent full.

Unless an unexpected flow of water surges down the Rio Grande soon, farmers and fishermen may see the two lakes reach record low levels this month.

Part of the problem is reduced flow of water from Mexico into the Rio Grande, a matter currently in dispute between that country and the U.S.

Under a 1944 treaty, Mexico is supposed to allow 350,000 acre-feet of water (one acre-foot amounts to 325,851 gallons) into the Rio Grande each year.

The U.S., in turn, must allow 1.5 million acre-feet from the Colorado into the international river.

This country has been providing its share, but Mexico, blaming a persistent drought, has not.

Bottom line: Water is a big issue in Texas and it will continue to become more important as the state population grows.



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Georgetown's Palace Gets Its Glitter Back

The Palace Theater in Georgetown opened in 1926 to show silent films. When talkies came in a couple of years later, the theater had standing room only crowds.

In a small town, the movie house was the main entertainment venue. The Palace, just a block away from the Williamson County court house, was a prominent downtown structure. It had a long and productive life as a movie house. Television took its toll, of course, so did the big multi-screen cinemplexes in nearby Austin. The Palace closed in the late 70's.

Some residents couldn't stand the thought of their precious theater closing down, so they bought it and formed an organization to start a renovation project. About 75 volunteers went to the theater to do everything from scraping chewing gum off the floor to painting the walls. The Palace reopened and started showing movies and offering live productions.

The group got serious in 1998 and started a capital campaign to raise money for some major updating. The theater closed for two years during the remodeling. It was an enormous task. The back wall was removed to allow bulldozers to come in and level the floor. It had been designed for movie audiences. The new floor can accommodate people who attended live theater as well.

In the course of the work, the equipment uncovered a flowing spring. The water had to be divert-

ed away from the theater. The total cost of the renovation is a million and a half dollars.

The Palace is the only Art Deco building on Georgetown's nationally recognized historic town square. It opened with a Gala Performance last October. It seats 300 people in comfortable, renovated seats restored in 1930's style. The Palace has state of the art sound, lighting and film projection equipment.

The Georgetown newspaper wrote an editorial in December of 1990: "A palace of dreams. That was what the local movie house represented to young people in Georgetown. Without the Palace, it is hard to imagine what would have sparked the creative and questing urges of thousands of youngsters who grew up here during the Depression, World War II and the drought-plagued 50's."

The Palace gets lots of use. "We're trying to average 20 nights a month," says Sonja Asendorf, board secretary. "We have quite a variety of events. Everything from weekly Gospel and Country Western music programs to movies and stage productions. We also rent the theater to groups needing an auditorium."

Georgetown has plenty of talent. Sun City, a retirement community, regularly stages variety shows featuring residents. Nearby universities and colleges also contribute to the talent pool.

"The Palace is a community gathering place," says Sonja.

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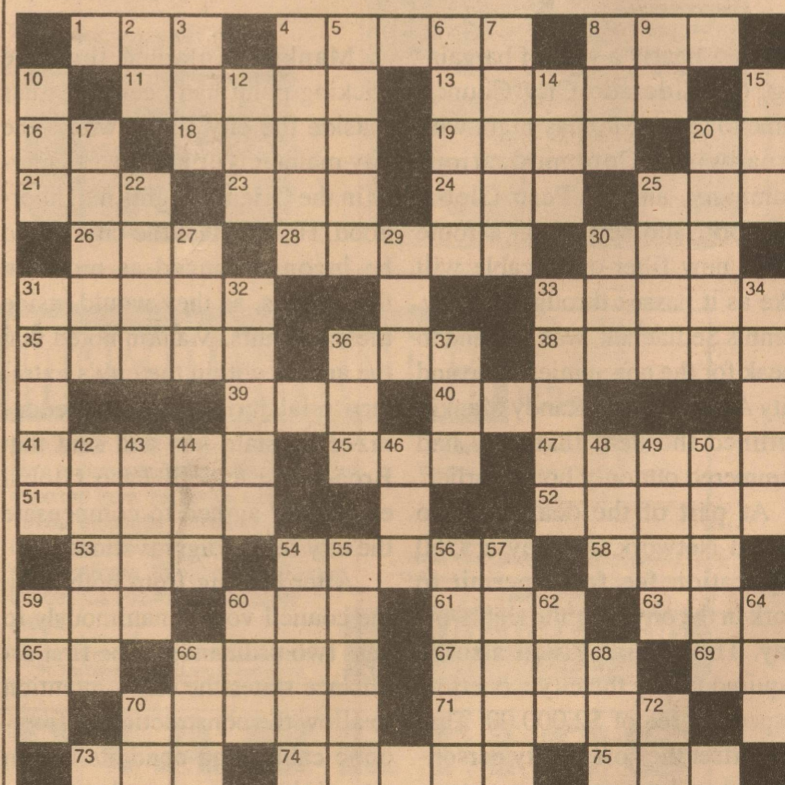
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| 11 System of numbering pages | 63 Associate in Applied Science degree | 27 Single |
| 13 Largest artery | 65 Preposition expressing a rate | 29 In the past |
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| 20 17th letter of the Hebrew alphabet | 70 Microphones | 33 Brisling, usually smoked or canned like sardines |
| 21 Point | 71 Narrow strip of water made for boats or for irrigation | 34 Compress |
| 23 Leguminous plant of the genus Pisum | 73 Where rockets are launched | 36 Wager |
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OBITUARIES

Jackson Sparks

BARNHART — Jackson Sparks, born Nov. 28, 1922, in Salt Gap passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2002.

He was married in Concho County to Lula Dean Rainwater on Nov. 21, 1940. He was preceded in death by his wife on Nov. 26, 1998.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, May 7, at the Barnhart Cemetery.

Jackson is survived by two sons, J.R. and wife, Lynda, and Jackie and wife, Donna, all of Mertzon; six grandchildren, John Sparks of Midland, Wes Sparks of Mertzon, Cody Sparks of McAllen, Lori and Levi Sparks of San Angelo and Chris Rusche of San Angelo; four great-grandchildren, Johnny and Sarah Sparks of Midland, Grayson Sparks of

McAllen and Dawson Sparks of Mertzon; two brothers, Walter and Theo Sparks; a sister, Jessie Vilers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Oran Harkleroad of Barnhart, Bob Bissett of Ozona, Bill Avery of Barnhart, Bill Crawford of Ozona, John Kruska of Paint Rock, Ed Martin of Kerrville and Lloyd Comer of Mason.

Jackson was a longtime rancher of West Texas and loved and embodied the cowboy life and ways. He will be greatly missed his family and countless friends.

He was a resident at the Schleicher County Nursing Home. The family requests memorials be made to Schleicher County Nursing Home or VistaCare Family Hospice.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Thanks for all your help — Schleicher County EMS paramedic Tim Vasquez presented EHS principal Ken Newman with a plaque and thanked him for his support of the local emergency services organizations. Newman will be stepping down as principal at the end of this school year. The presentation was made at the conclusion of a mock accident program, staged to coincide with the high school prom.

Farm Bill interpretation program scheduled

by Scott Edmonson
County Extension Agent - Ag

SAN ANGELO — The long-awaited farm bill has cleared the House and Senate conference committee and specific details can now be examined. Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled a "Farm Bill Interpretation Program" at 9 a.m. May 17 in the Texas A&M University San Angelo Research and Extension Center's auditorium to help producers and Ag lenders better understand the ramifications of the new farm bill.

"Basically, what we've done over the last several months is speculate on what the new farm bill would contain and what the many changes would mean to producers," said Dr. Jason Johnson, District 7 Extension economist. "Now, we have the details of the bill in place. We've designed this program specifically to help producers and lenders understand the effects of the farm bill on the agricultural-economic climate of West Texas and what specific actions producers need to take in order to take full advantage of the farm policy provisions."

Johnson said Dr. Joe Outlaw will conduct the program. Outlaw is an Extension economist with the Agricultural Food and Policy Center at Texas A&M University, College Station. Dr. Outlaw has been

monitoring the farm bill debate and has been assigned responsibility for coordinating the farm bill educational program for producers.

The program will start with a general overview of the farm bill and its program and crop commodity changes. The overview will be followed by an explanation of the target prices, loan rates, fixed payment rates, counter-cyclical program, base and yield updating and payment limits.

"We'll also talk about the farm bill's considerable conservation-related program changes and what producers need to do to speed up the processes associated with these changes," said Johnson.

For further information contact Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist at San Angelo at (915) 653-4576.

Riley Gene Pence

Riley Gene Pence joined her creator at the age of 14 months. Riley Gene passed away on May 3, 2002, in Corpus Christi, Texas, with her mom and dad by her side.

Riley Gene entered this world on Feb. 22, 2001, and will forever be in the hearts of her family and friends. Riley Gene began her life facing many challenges and overcoming many battles. She was constantly surrounded by family and friends that loved her with all their hearts. She was dedicated on July 8, 2001, at the First Baptist Church in Llano, Texas.

Riley Gene was named after her paternal great-grandfather, William Riley Pence, and her maternal great-great-grandfather, E. N. (Gene) Edmiston.

Riley Gene will lay to rest at the feet of her great-great-grandfather in Eldorado, Texas, where she will begin learning from him for eternity. Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 5, at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado, Texas.

Interment will be in the Schleicher County Memorial Cemetery.

Riley Gene is survived by her parents, Cory and Denise Pence; grandparents, Diane Pence of Mason, Dale Pence of Floresville, and Brian and Loretta Edmiston of Eldorado; great-grandparents, Verna Lee Hofmann of Mason, Sadie Pence of Abilene, and Orval and Charlene Edmiston of Eldorado; aunts and uncles, Chandra and Austin Skero of Comstock, June Muniz of Palmer, Alaska, and Lori and Don Sexton of Lubbock; and cousins, Jordan and Jarett Skero of Comstock, Kyle and Nicole Sexton of Lubbock and Brice Muniz of Palmer, Alaska.

Pallbearers were Steve Foster, Mike Gassiot, Seth Martin III, Kyle Wanjura, Rivers Schara, Bill Edmiston and Kyle Sexton.

Memorials may go to Brackenridge Children's Hospital, c/o Children's Foundation, 601 East 15th, Austin, TX 78701.

Madeline Faye Raney

BIG SPRING — Madeline Faye Raney, 43, of Mesquite died Saturday, April 27, 2002, at her residence. Service was Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at First Baptist Church of Coahoma with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements were by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Raney of Mesquite; daughter, Jennifer Foster of Norman,

Okla.; son, Sean Foster of Roanoke; parents, E.A. and Licille Richters of Coahoma; brothers, Dewayne Richters of Alvarado, Don Richters of Eldorado and Dena Richters of Coahoma; and sisters, Linda Coates of Forsan, Veta Spears of Coahoma and Shirlene Topping of Austin.

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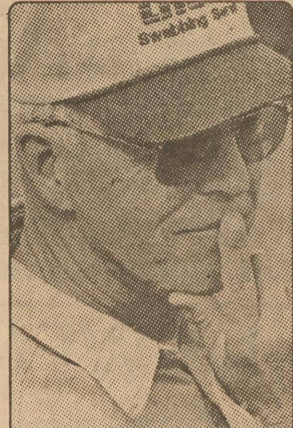
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2002 Shannon Harbor 4th Grade Relay Winners: (Front L-R)-Marty Powell, Cindy Valdez, Jayce Sellers and Dustin Ramos; (Back L-R)-Petey Fuentes, Gregory Rodriguez, Mrs. Melissa O'Harrow, Hervey Solis, Garret Lux, Shane Young, Adriana Martinez, Samantha Dominguez, and Marcus Medrano. On Thursday, April 25 all three fourth grade classes competed against each other in a relay. The winning class gets to keep the trophy until next years competition.

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Bentwood Country Club to sell

The Trustees of the Shannon Estate Board have entered into an agreement for the sale of Bentwood Country Club and Estates to Richard G. Fagin, a trustee of the South Harbor Corporation and Business Operation Support Systems, Inc., announced Lee Sanders, managing trustee, Shannon Estate. The selling price will remain undisclosed.

"The sale of Bentwood Country Club comes at a time when the Shannon trustees are refocusing business efforts on the guardianship of the Shannon estate set forth in Margaret Shannon's will," Sanders said.

The sale should close in approximately 60 days, Sanders said. Current employees and memberships will not be affected.

"Bentwood Country Club will continue providing the fine service that is its tradition. Employees and members will continue to enjoy the benefits of associated with this country club," Sanders said.

Golf Play Day
by Mabel Freitag

Wind forty miles per hour, sand getting in our eyes, but, other than that, we had a great Play Day, Sunday, May 5th with thirty three (33) adults. So nice to have a new couple join us, Mane and Sky Tucker from Mertzon. They were guest of Nancy Lester, Mane is County Agent in Inios County.

1st Place Score 58 - Krik Griffin, Guy Crippin, Charlie Bradley and Cindy McGinnis.

2nd Place Score 60 - Ross Whitten, George Scott and C. R. Sproul.

3rd Place Score 62 - Cy Griffin, Su Scott and Tommy Hunley

Score card play off for 3rd place with tram of Tip Finley, Bob Wanoreck, Ricky Griffin and Nancy Lester.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, June 2nd.

Happy Golfing and Keep that "smile on your face"

Booster Club appreciation dinner slated May 23rd

The Eldorado Athletic Booster Club will host a hamburger party on May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Gym. Due to the overwhelming success the club has had in the past year, it is time to stop and say thank you to everyone for their time, hard work and donations that have come our way.

Anyone who is interested in the Booster Club or anyone who just likes hamburgers is invited to attend. There will be a Booster Club sign up table for those who what to join.

Come join us and support our kids. There will be no cost to attend. Please contact Sandra Robledo or Bill Hodges if you expect to attend. Phone numbers are 853-2408 or 657-4114.

A special presentation will be made to the Supporter of the Year during the party. Thanks for your continued support.

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The Eldorado High School All-Sports Awards will be held in the High School Auditorium, Monday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments will follow.

School Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, May 13
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, May 14
Burrito, Mexican Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cupcake w/ Icing

Wednesday, May 15
Smorgasbord, Manager's Special Day

Thursday, May 16
Supper Nachos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit

Friday, May 17
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Breakfast
1/2 pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, May 13
English Muffin, Cheese

Tuesday, May 14
Dry Cereal, Crackers

Wednesday, May 15
Cinnamon Roll, Pkg. Crackers

Thursday, May 16
Pop Tarts, Sliced Cheese

Friday, May 17
Dry Cereal, Crackers

Fast Food Line
Same as Cafeteria Line

Fiddle maker's wish comes true during Eldorado visit

Wayne Cunningham has an abundance of patience. You see, he makes fiddles and has waited for years to hear one of them in the hands of an experienced player. His dream came true recently while visiting his cousin, Weldon Davis and his wife, Ruth at their home near Eldorado.

Wayne and his wife Frances live in Trumbull, Texas, just east of Dallas. They have four grown children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Wayne admits that making fiddles may seem like an unusual hobby, especially when there's no one around to play them. He plays the mandolin and says that fiddles are keyed much the same as a mandolin. So, he manages to scratch out a tune on his hand crafted instruments, but not as well as he would like to.

Wayne's journey toward being a fiddle maker began not as a wood worker, but as a machinist. He said that many times he would become bored while metal was in the press so he started whittling and then carving things out of wood. Things like links of chain carved from a broom handle or wooden cages with a wooden ball inside, carved he says with a smile, from a single piece of wood.

When asked how he managed to get the ball inside the cage he answers, "Why, the ball was already there. I just whittled the wood away from it."

One day Wayne's friend, Joe Smith offered to sell him an old Steiner violin. The label inside the instrument said that the violin was made in 1699. Wayne couldn't pass up the deal, so he bought the instrument and took it to a violin maker in Dallas. The man told him that Steiner died sometime before 1699, so the instrument had to have been made even earlier.

It was during the visit to violin maker's shop that Wayne was bit by the fiddle making bug. He purchased a piece of wood from the man, took it home and started carving. "I just felt like there was a fiddle in that piece of wood," Wayne says. "So, that's when it all began."

Well, it may have began then, but Wayne's transition from ma-

chinel to fiddle maker took several years.

"I started carving that piece of wood, but I just couldn't finish it," says Wayne. "It laid around my garage for years."

After Wayne retired, he found the old piece of wood and started carving again.

"I've made five so far," Wayne says with a laugh, "and I'm not through yet."

Wayne says that the first of his five fiddles didn't have a very good tone, so he gave it to his daughter for use as a wall hanging. But the next four, well...those fiddles are something entirely different.

The belly of one of the fiddles was carved from the end of a Cypress water trough that had been brought to Tom Green County by Ruth Davis' grandfather in 1900. The back was carved from Redwood and it is a work of art.

So are the other three. Each of them is finely carved from beautiful wood and finished in such a way as to show off the wood grain.

Wayne explains that he has never had a lesson and hasn't even taken an old fiddle apart to see how they are made. His fiddles are hand crafted, using only a few purchased parts.

Tuning pegs are difficult to make, Wayne says. Since the strings are wound up on the pegs, and they are used to tune the instrument, the wood must be very strong. Strong enough, he says, so that they won't break.

On one of his violins, Wayne fixed the problem by dusting off his machinist skills and turning out some metal tuning pegs. The metal pegs don't look very good, Wayne says, but they work.

One of Wayne's fiddles has a fifth string. "It's a 'C' and it gives the fiddle a much lower tone," Wayne says.

And, what could you do with a fiddle without a bow? Wayne made one of those, too. He says he pulled the hair out of an old mare's tail.

Occasionally, Wayne comes to



PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN

Making beautiful music — Wayne Cunningham of Trumbull, Texas has wished for years to hear one of his handmade fiddles played by "someone who knows what they're doing." He got his wish recently while visiting his cousin Weldon Davis in Eldorado, when Patty Strauch drove up from Sonora to play the instruments for Wayne.

visit Weldon and Ruth Davis in Eldorado. It was during one of those visits that Rick and Lori Stricklan stopped by. That's when Wayne explained that while he was very proud of how the fiddles look, it was his heart's desire to hear how good they could really sound in the hands of someone who knew what they were doing. At that point, Rick Stricklan told him that he knew just the person, Patty Strauch of Sonora.

A few weeks later, Wayne returned to Eldorado. Patty Strauch, and her husband John Henry, were eager for the chance to see the hand made fiddles and could hardly believe their eyes when Wayne brought them out.

Patty noticed right away that the fiddles didn't have chin rests. Wayne explained that an accident many years ago prevented him from using his left shoulder to squeeze a fiddle against his chin. Instead, he ties a cord around his neck to hold the fiddle.

Patty quickly fashioned a folded towel into a chin rest and began to play. As she pulled the bow

across the strings on one of Wayne's fiddles, the most beautiful sound emanated from instrument. Wayne Cunningham smiled broadly, sank back in his chair and soaked up the music that poured forth over the next couple of hours.

Later, Wayne asked Patty how much she thought the fiddles might sell for. "They're priceless," she answered "They are one of a kind and are a true pleasure to play."

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11th Austin "Fifi" Herrera, Judy Christian, Lynna Mikeska, Nancy Lester

12th Teresa Poynor, Rosetta Lozano, Lindsey Koenig, Cory Edmiston, Glenn Parker

13th Angi Fitts, Bob Lester, Dusty Riggs

14th Eloisa Gutierrez, Joella Parker, Juan M. Montalvo Jr., Martin Torres, Neal Higgins, Traci Stricklan, Jeanne Snelson, Sharon Lemons

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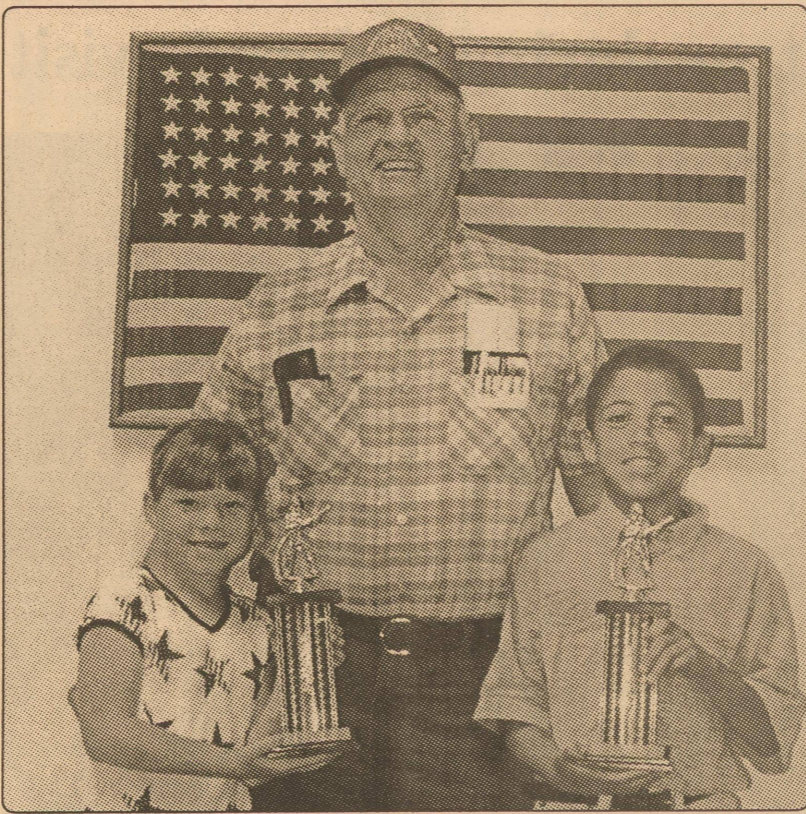
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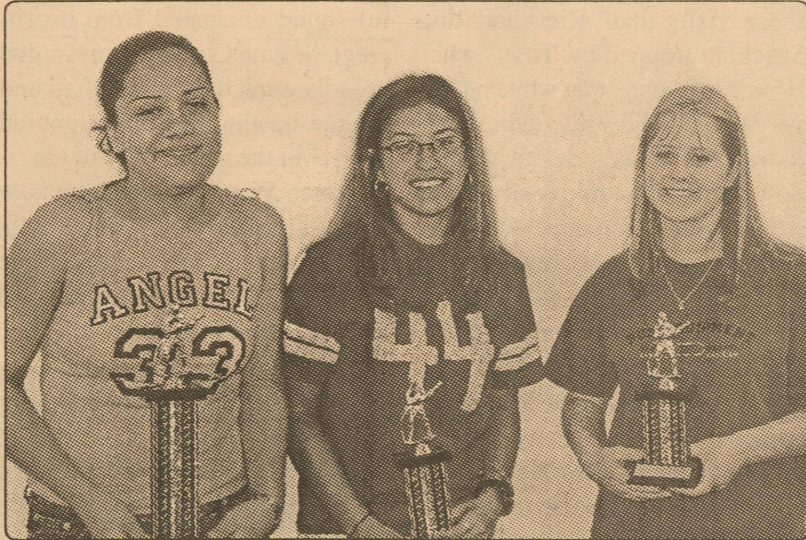
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Regional Fire Prevention Poster Winners—Eldorado's Fire Chief Jerry Jones (C) recently presented the Regional Fire Prevention Posters Winners Trophies to elementary students Ashby Ragsdale, 2nd Grader (L) and Tony McCord, 4th Grader (R). Ashby Ragsdale received a 2nd Place Trophy in the 1st and 2nd Grade Division and Tony McCord placed second in the 3rd and 4th Grade Division. These students posters were chosen as winners during the Hill Country Firemen's Association Convention held in Eldorado recently. These posters will advance to the state fire convention to be held in June.



Regional Fire Prevention Poster Winners: High School Division winners were recently presented to Eldorado students by Fire Chief Jerry Jones. Their posters were chosen during the Hill Country Firemen's Association recently. They are (L-R) 1st Place, Xochitl Esparza; 2nd Place, Hannah Robledo and 3rd Place, Kimberly Hight. These students posters will advance to the state fire convention in June.

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 5 • Roman, Rolando, male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge Local Warrants. Released Time Served.

REPORTS
April 30 • 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported loose livestock in the bar ditch south of town. Officer responded.

• 5:49 p.m. Complainant requested an officer for a vehicle that was parked in front of business. Complainant stated that it was a Chevy pickup occupied by one male. Male subject was asleep in side of truck with an open container and the truck was running. Officer responded.

• 7:23 p.m. Subject stated that there was a reckless driver going around the baseball field and golf course, upsetting parents along with complainant. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 9:22 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle out on County Road 431. Complainant stated the vehicle would be a older model van, brown and tan in color. Subject thought it was smuggling something. Officer unable to locate.

• 10:23 p.m. Store employee stated that there would be a crew working inside grocery store until 2 a.m.

May 1 • 12:05 a.m. Complainant stated that there was loud music keeping them up. Officer responded.

• 7:35 a.m. Complainant reported vehicles speeding through the school zone. Officers were notified.

May 2 • 8:37 a.m. Complainant reported a person lying on the ground on Hill Street. Subject was not sure if subject was alive. Officer responded and found the subject lying on the ground and seemed to be intoxicated. Complainant who reported the subject was very uncooperative and would not give his name or phone number. Of-

ficer was advised to use caution.

• 12:55 p.m. Subject wanted to advise the Sheriff Office that during lunch time several High School students were speeding in the area of Brooks and Oaks.

• 8:03 p.m. Complainant reported locking both sets of keys in their vehicle. Complainant was informed that the Sheriff Office only unlocked vehicles if a child is inside or an emergency.

May 3 • 7:35 p.m. Complainant requested a welfare check on an elderly male subject. Officer responded.

• 11:26 p.m. Tom Green County reported a major vehicle accident. Three officers, EMS 2, Fire Department, DPS Troopers and Air Med responded.

May 4 • 1:27 a.m. Complainant stated that her younger sister and a friend had sneaked out of the house between 12:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Subject also stated that they may have left in a red Eagle Talon driven by one of the subject's sister. At 3:55 a.m. Complainant called back and stated that both subjects had been located. Officer responded.

• 7:00 a.m. Complainant on County Road 414 reported that around 1:00 a.m. two vehicles were racing and one vehicle knocked down the entrance to the property owner's ranch.

• 2:45 p.m. Complainant reported several boer goats out on FM 2129. Goats were placed back into the pasture by officer. Dispatch left message with possible owner.

• 5:40 p.m. Complainant from Eagle Pass reported that their vehicle was struck by a rock on the highway and broke their windshield.

• 5:29 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about getting some their daughters things back. Officer responded.

May 5 • 2:24 a.m. Officer requested a file be made on a wanted subject. Subject evaded officers when approached. Officer requested assistance. Three officers responded on assistance.

• 8:47 a.m. Subject requested to speak to an officer about a family member who had possibly been threatened by a neighbor. Officer responded to the call.

• 11:15 a.m. Complainant on FM 2084 reported a vehicle had a blow-out and had traveled through the fence line. Officer responded. Wrecker contacted by request of owner. No injuries.

• 2:35 p.m. Subject reported a vehicle with a flat tire and requested an officer to get behind the vehicle with its lights on since the vehicle was still on the roadway. Officer responded and vehicle was no longer there.

• 6:43 p.m. Complainant reported a line down. Officer responded and reported that the line was a telephone line and phone company was contacted.

• 9:40 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to find their son and ask him, to come home. Officer responded.

May 6 • No Time Officer advised that he had picked up a juvenile and had taken them to school.

• 1:13 p.m. High School requested an officer in regards to a student. Officer responded.

• 8:09 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle on fire 5 miles on Hwy. 277 South. Officers and Fire Department responded. Officer advised that the vehicle was North of Eldorado, not South. 8:16 p.m. All fire units were disregarded, fire was put out.

• 9:20 p.m. Complainant reported some kids in an empty apartment. Officer responded.

10:10 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. Officer and fire department responded. Fire started due to a bird caught in the lines.

• 10:27 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a 15 year old boy pushing their daughter down. Officer responded.

May 7 • 11:43 a.m. Complainant on Rudd Road reported a deer on the side of the road whose head was cut off. Game warden notified.

• 8:49 p.m. Complainant stated that a male subject had gone over to their residence and started cursing and yelling. Subject stated that male subject ran through the closed gates in his green Ford Expedition. Subject also may be intoxicated and drove through the pasture. Officers responded.

ATTENTION!

To the people of Eldorado and Schleicher County:
TXP, Incorporated, an oil and gas company in San Angelo, has applied for a permit for an injection well on the Mrs. C.C. West etal Estate Lease, just west of the City of Eldorado. This well will be very near the City's water wells and I believe it could pose a danger to our water supply.

What you can do...
The Railroad Commission of Texas will hold a hearing into this issue on May 24, 2002 at the following location:

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH RATES

Pursuant to Section 104.103 of the Texas Utilities Code, TXU Lone Star Pipeline (TXU LSP), a division of TXU Gas Company, hereby gives notice of intent to establish a supplemental firm transportation rate and an interruptible transportation rate designed to recover the costs of constructing and operating a 76.5-mile, 24-inch pipeline extending from the Bridgeport area in Wise County to the junction of Lines W and W7 in Denton County and then in an easterly direction to the junction of Lines D 17-9 and D9 in Collin County, hereinafter called the "Northside Project." The supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate are proposed to be charged upon the initiation of service on the Northside Project. The proposed supplemental firm rate constitutes a major change and will result in an annual increase in the revenues of TXU LSP of approximately \$9.8 million. These revenues will represent an 8% increase in the total revenues of TXU LSP.

The proposed supplemental firm transportation rate will be applicable to all firm transportation customers contracting for capacity on the Northside Project. The only current customer directly affected by the supplemental firm transportation rate will be TXU Gas Distribution. No other customer has agreed to contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project. The supplemental firm rate may, however, indirectly affect all residential and commercial customers served by TXU Gas Distribution in the state of Texas. The supplemental firm rate will be assessed to TXU Gas Distribution for its contracted capacity on the Northside Project in addition to the city gate rate approved in the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8976. The supplemental firm rate may then be passed on to TXU Gas Distribution's residential and commercial customers. If any other transportation customers contract for firm capacity on the Northside Project, those customers may also pay the supplemental firm transportation rate in addition to any other applicable rates charged such customers.

TXU LSP also proposes an interruptible transportation rate for the use of the Northside Project. To the extent that shippers other than firm transportation customers use the Northside Project, they will be charged this interruptible rate. TXU LSP proposes to reduce the proposed supplemental firm transportation rate charged to firm customers on the Northside Project through an annual revenue crediting mechanism based on revenues from the interruptible rate approved in this proceeding.

Construction of the Northside Project is estimated to be completed in approximately 23 months after approval of this rate application. The proposed supplemental firm rate and interruptible rate will be effective on June 4, 2002, but will not be charged until the initiation of service on the Northside Project and will be charged for an initial seven year period. TXU LSP further proposes to reconcile the projected capital costs with those actually incurred and to adjust the supplemental firm transportation rate and interruptible transportation rate accordingly.

A Statement of Intent to make such change has been filed with the Commission in GUD Docket No. 9292 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress, Austin, Texas, and at the offices of TXU LSP at 301 South Harwood, Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Gas Distribution. Any affected person may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before June 17, 2002. Any person or agency that has a justiciable or administratively cognizable interest in this proceeding who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be June 17, 2002.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
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)
District: San Angelo
Contract 0036-03-028 for RETRACE PAVEMENT MARKINGS in REAL County, etc will be opened on June 05, 2002 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 Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District 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.
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- (4) 1985 Gold Buick SW vin # 1G4AH35R2F6466200
- (5) 1983 Yellow Merc 4/dr vin # 1MEBP95F4DZ639956
- (6) 1979 Gray Chevy 2/dr vin # 1Z37J9R466395

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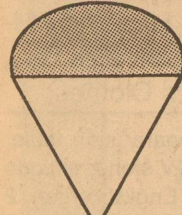
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is for the two companies to apply for a permit to begin construction.

The meeting was the council's regular monthly session. Present for the discussions were, Mayor John Nikolauk and council members Robert Bybee, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor, Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez. Also in attendance were City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Jack Dean. Several members of the public were on hand for a discussion about a proposed animal control ordinance. They included Rex McCormick, Ricky Huichapa, Arturo Hernandez, Rogelio Rodriguez, Robert Sanchez Josie Knight and Bill Hodges.

In taking up the topic of the animal control ordinance, the council was retracing its steps. At last month's meeting, the group voted to table discussion of the proposed ordinance after Sanchez, Rodriguez and Hernandez appeared before the council and raised objections to parts of the ordinance they said would restrict their right to raise game roosters within the city. The men were present again Monday night and Robert Sanchez offered a compromise which he said would allow them to continue raising their birds. The compromise called for privacy fences to be built in order to protect neighbors, along with a three-step punishment section that

advanced from verbal warning to a fine and finally to removal of the birds.

The council looked over the compromise but did not seem willing to accept it. Neither did they choose to move forward with the proposed ordinance, opting instead to table it again, until a later meeting. Two citizens, Bill Hodges and Josie Knight spoke to the council in favor of the ordinance and urged them to take the initiative and do something to solve the problem of stray animals and widespread chickens in town.

In other business, the council approved a budget amendment that will make funds available for the purchase of the city's old landfill site. The city is currently leasing the site and has agreed to purchase it for \$20,000.00.

The council then heard updates from Utility Superintendent Jack Dean and City Administrator Randy Mankin who advised them of work being carried out in the various city departments. Mankin noted that preliminary questions about expanding City Hall had been resolved favorably and that

he would try to schedule a discussion with an architect for a future meeting. Mankin stressed the importance of making sure the building meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The council authorized two resolutions relating to grant applications and asked for a meeting with the board of the Eldorado Housing Authority to discuss the granting of a waiver to the fees the authority is required to pay in lieu of property taxes. They also took care of swearing in newly elected members, including Mayor Nikolauk, and council members Toni Sudduth and Tommy Minor.

Discussion then turned to the need to appoint a person to fill the vacant council position in Ward

#1. Mankin advised the council of two people who had expressed an interest in being appointed. Council member Robert Bybee mentioned two other individuals, but the council wasn't ready to take formal action. Instead, they asked that Mankin get the word out prior to the next regular meeting that a vacancy exists and that the council will be considering persons to fill the vacancy.

The group briefly discussed the need for a special meeting in order to take up discussion of the proposed Animal Control ordinance. Mankin asked that the council let him know if and when they wanted such a meeting so that an agenda could be posted and the meeting could be publicized.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Milk

Thursday, May 16

Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potato w/ Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, May 17

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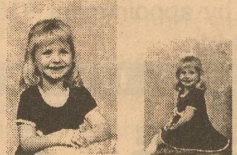
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