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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Change it again** — Attorney Jose Garza (L) offered Schleicher County ISD trustees an option Monday night, agree to change its newly adopted 5 single-member district and 2 at-large voting scheme or face a lawsuit brought on behalf of a number of local citizens, four of whom were in the audience.

## SCISD challenged on 5-2 redistricting plan

**Trustees appear to accept 6-1 compromise plan**

SCISD trustees initially chaffed at the idea of compromising with a group of citizens who threatened a lawsuit to stop implementation of the school's redistricting plan. However, the Success has learned that after a lengthy meeting Monday night, the board subsequently agreed to a compromise offered by the citizens' attorney, Jose Garza of San Antonio.

It is unclear at this time how much, if any, of Garza's legal fees the district will be paying. However, in return for the settlement, Garza and his clients will agree not to oppose the school board election slated for May 4. Instead, once the election is decided, Garza will assist SCISD in amending the current redistricting plan so that the district moves to a six single-member district and one at-large district voting scheme, sometime prior to the 2003 elections.

Monday night's meeting was a tense one for all concerned, as Garza faced the trustees and advised that he was prepared to bring a lawsuit against the school on behalf of his clients. Garza said the lawsuit could be avoided if the district would agree to abandon a newly adopted redistricting plan which created five single-member districts and two at-large seats.

Garza told the trustees that he had been contacted by a group of concerned citizens from Schleicher County after the school district had voted to drop its seven single-member district and adopt the 5-2 plan. He said that although two predominately Hispanic districts were maintained under the plan, the Mexican-American population of one of the districts had decreased by 8 percent. Garza said the decrease was of great concern to his clients. Another concern Garza expressed was the perception that racially polarized voting had contributed to the defeat of a Hispanic candidate for county commissioner in the recent Democratic Primary.

Garza told the school board that his client's concerns and observations had been submitted to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) prompting the agency to request additional information from the school district as recently as March 27. Garza said that the DOJ has not given "pre-clearance" to SCISD's redistricting plan and since it has 60 days to respond to the latest information, it is unlikely that "pre-clearance" will be received in time for the May 4 election to be held legally. Garza ended his presentation by offering a compromise which, if agreed to by a Federal District Judge, could still allow the May 4 election to go forward. Garza proposed that the school district join his clients in asking the DOJ to approve a six single-member district, one at-large seat voting scheme. Garza said that if an agreement could be reached, the two sides could ask Federal Dis-

trict Judge Sam Cummings to issue a court order, clearing the way for the use of the 5-2 plan in the May 4 election. The two sides would then jointly petition the DOJ to approve the 6-1 plan for use in the 2003 election. Garza said that an amicable solution would allow for early voting to begin as scheduled on April 17.

At that point school trustee Eddie Albin asked Garza if the concerned citizens he was representing were the same concerned citizens the school has sought advice from during the redistricting process in 2001. Albin stated for the record that during three public hearings held by the school board, only one individual, Victor Belman, had expressed an objection to the 5-2 plan.

Garza said that he had spoken with three individuals, all three of whom had participated in the school's redistricting hearings. He said that each of the three were troubled by the 8 percent reduc-

tion in the one Hispanic district.

At that point local citizen Thelma Bosman told the trustees that she and Marie Barrera had indeed agreed to the 5-2 plan during the hearings. However, she said that they may have been naive to believe that a Hispanic candidate could be elected under such a system. "Now, when we saw Albert's (Torres) election, I don't know what happened," Bosmans said. "Albert felt very sure, and he did all the foot work to get elected...but he didn't get elected."

Bosmans noted that Victor Belman had always opposed the 5-2 plan and that she had not listened to Belman in the beginning. "But, after seeing what this election, that was scary," Bosman said. "If we are ever going to get anyone else other than Berta (Nicholson) elected, then I have to change my position."

"Marie is changing her position. We want Mexican-Americans

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## Question of raising game roosters delays adoption of animal control ordinance

A proposed animal control ordinance, that has been under consideration for several months, was tabled by the Eldorado City Council Monday evening, after three local men expressed their concern that the ordinance would unfairly interfere with their right to raise game chickens in town. Arturo Hernandez, Robert Sanchez and Rogelio Rodriguez explained that they had been raising game chickens and roosters in town for several years and explained that their birds are clean and free of disease. Also, the men noted that their birds are not allowed to roam free and therefore are not likely to be the cause of complaints received at City Hall.

Sanchez told the council that much of the proposed ordinance was good and urged them to carry on with their efforts to control stray dogs and cats. However, he added that his chickens and roost-

ers don't pose a danger to humans and asked that a compromise be struck so that the ordinance, once adopted, would not prohibit the raising of game birds in the Christian Addition.

At that point, Mayor John Nikolauk advised the men that complaints about chickens, as well as other stray animals, come from every part of town and that the city council is hoping to enact a comprehensive animal control ordinance that will address several areas of concern. He noted that enforcement of previous ordinances usually happened only after a formal complaint was filed by a citizen. Under the proposed ordinance, a verbal complaint would be turned over to a certified animal control officer for investigation and action, as allowed under the ordinance. The animal control officer could also initiate investigations based on

violations he personally observed, the mayor stated.

City Administrator Randy Mankin briefly outlined some of the key sections of the proposed ordinance. They include:

- 1) Pets must be licensed by the city, and then only with proof of a current rabies vaccination
- 2) No more than 4 pets (dogs, cats or any combination) may be kept at a residence without a multiple-animal permit from the city.
- 3) Violators of the ordinance may be cited by the Animal Control Officer with possible fines ranging from \$50 to \$500.
- 4) Those cited will have the option of paying a \$25 fee, or appearing in court to contest the citation.
- 5) Livestock such as cattle, horses, sheep, pigs and goats, as well as chickens and other domestic fowl may be kept in town only af-

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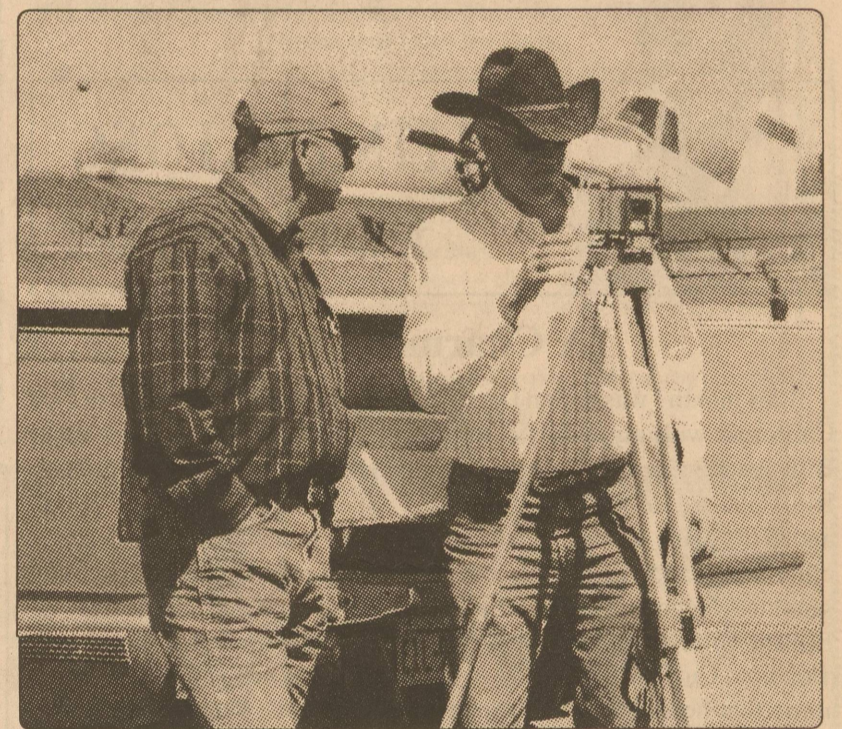


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**Right on the money** — Schleicher County Commissioners Ross Whitten and Kirk Griffin check the grade on an asphalt pad at the county airport where new T-hangars will soon be built. The men inspected the site Monday before voting to purchase material with which to construct the hangars.

## County moves ahead with airport hangar project

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court paid a visit to the county airport Monday during their regular bi-monthly meeting and inspected the site where aircraft hangars will eventually be built. Of concern to the commissioners was the amount of deviation in the level of the asphalt paved pad on which the hangars will be constructed. Commissioner Kirk Griffin set up a survey transit and determined that there is only one-inch of difference in the level of the pad, from one end to the other. This news served to ease concerns about the amount of cement curbing that would be needed.

The men returned to the courthouse and voted unanimously to accept a bid of \$21,814.73 from Mueller Steel of Ballinger for material with which to construct six T-hangars. It was explained that the han-

gars will be 190 feet in length with wheeled doors. The building will be grey in color with green trim.

The commissioners also voted to advertise for bids to install cement curbing and construct the hangars. (See bid specifications on Page 6) The bids will be opened at the commissioners' next meeting on April 22.

Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Ross Whitten were on hand for the meeting. So was County Judge Johnny Griffin. Among the court's other business was a meeting with County Extension Agent Nancy Lester representing the Chamber Pride Committee. Lester was seeking the county's assistance in the annual city-wide clean up day on April 26. The men agreed to the request and directed county crews

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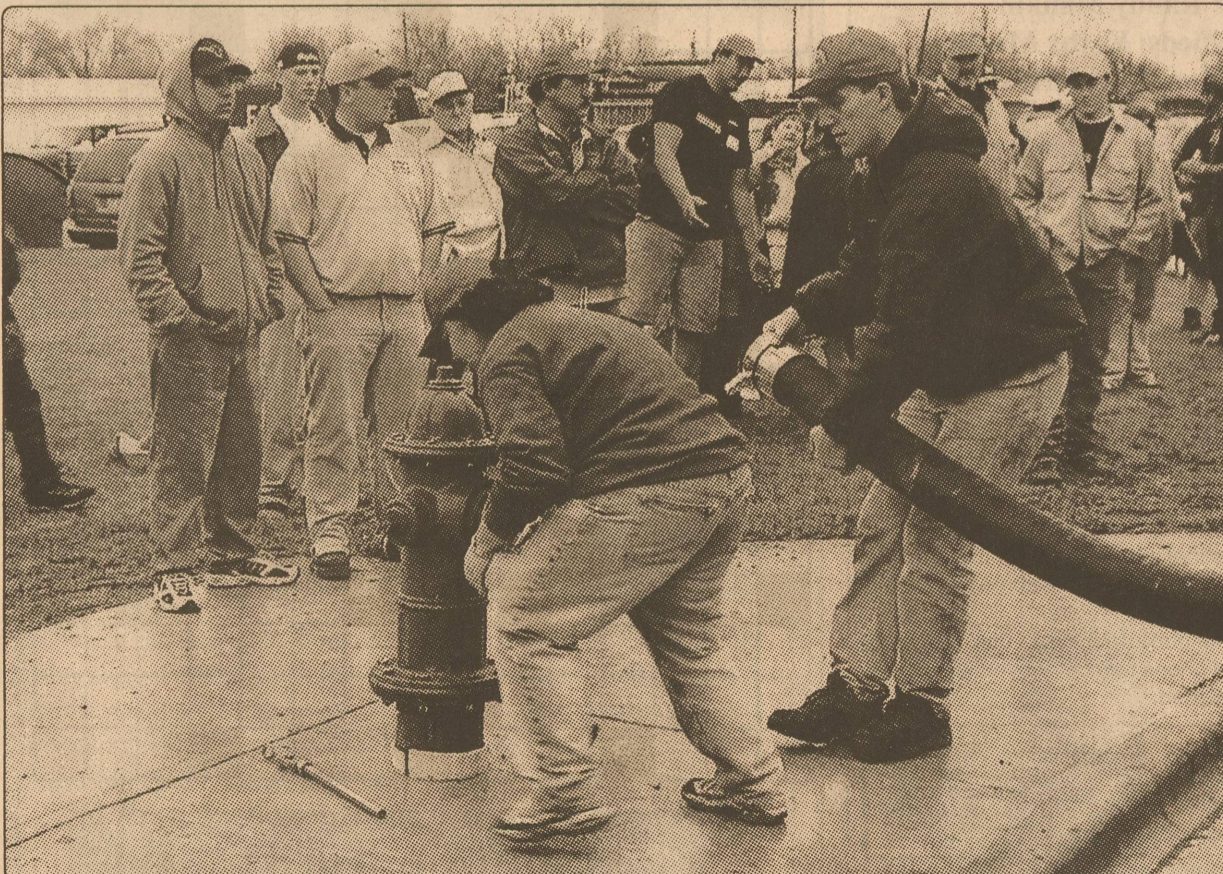


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**Hurry, hurry, hurry** — Eldorado volunteer firefighters Maria Hernandez and Michael Felver participated in the pumper races during the Hill Country Firemen's Association Spring Convention, held here last Saturday. Although the local teams were prohibited from winning since they were hosting the races, they competed anyway, going first in each race in order to familiarize the other departments with the local equipment.



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## School finance committee studies statewide property tax

Legislature convenes in January, Sherwood Forest once again will be dangerous territory for Robin Hood.

In this case, of course, Robin Hood is not a clever road agent in green tights who robs from the rich and gives to the poor, but the metaphor used for the state's complicated school finance system.

That system essentially does the same thing by funneling tax dollars from the richer school districts in Texas to the poorer districts.

Because of that, the formula has had plenty of sharp-tipped arrows sent in its direction since the funding plan's adoption in 1993.

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

Sticking with metaphors, more are in the quiver. A new plan, proposed last week by acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff at a meeting of the Legislature's Joint Committee on School Finance, would depend on a statewide property tax to balance funds between districts with ample income and districts without.

A proposal is not a reality, but it's a starting place. Bottom line: School finance will be a huge issue next session no matter who gets elected governor.

### Perry gets cops, loses doctors...

For the first time in its history, the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, better known as CLEAT, has endorsed a Republican gubernatorial candidate, Rick Perry.

The organization, which represents some 13,000 Texas police officers, said it didn't like Democratic candidate Tony Sanchez' take on prison funding.

But many of the state's doctors (the Texas Medical Association has some 30,000 of them on its membership list) are pulling the plug on any support for Perry in retaliation for his surprise veto last year of a prompt payment bill aimed at insurance companies.

Longview Dr. John R. Coppedge, who said he had raised \$100,000-plus for Perry over the years, recently announced his support for Sanchez. Other doctors are expected to prescribe the same medicine for the governor.

While Texas has more police officers (40,000-plus) than doctors, the men and women with M.D. behind their name have more political contribution money to spend.

### Static over electric deregulation.

Public Power Pool, a group

representing Texas local governments, has filed a petition with the state Public Utility Commission seeking reimbursement of money they say has been lost because of delays in being converted to new electrical suppliers.

The filing was on behalf of 46 local governmental entities across the state.

The simple version of their argument is that they signed contracts under the state's electric deregulation law that are not yet being honored because of delays. Because of that, they say, they have lost millions of dollars in rate savings.

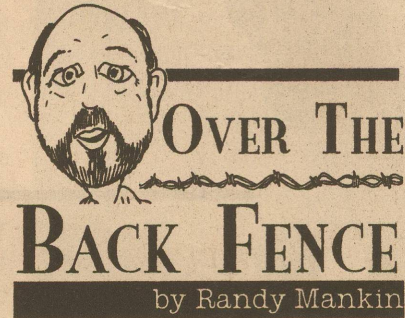
### Equal access follow-up...

The news last week that Playboy magazine is planning a "Girls of Enron" issue. Playgirl magazine has responded to that with plans for a "Guys of Enron" photo spread.

Talk about losing a suit. And no, this was not an April Fool's gag. Former employees of the bankrupt once-upon-a-time Texas business giant stand to make a little money off their career misfortune by literally losing their shirt.

All this proves that despite the lackluster economy, capitalism is doing just fine.

## Just when you think you've learned a thing or two



didn't improve very much.

"In which country are Panama hats made?"

Who in the world would call them Panama hats if they were made somewhere other than Panama, I asked myself.

My answer...Panama. Correct answer...Ecuador.

"From which animal do we get cat-gut?"

Obviously from cats, I thought. But instantly knew that it couldn't be so I replied, "Cattle."

Correct answer...sheep and horses.

"In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?"

It was at this point that I knew it was hopeless. My knowledge of Russian history being that of an average West Texan, I could only recall seeing very old film footage from the Russian Revolution. In the film everything was covered with snow. Still, Moscow lies pret-

ty far north I thought and snow wouldn't be unusual in late October. Also, I was deluding myself with the reverse psychology argument again and replied, "Russians celebrate the October Revolution in October."

Correct answer...November.

After that I gave up. Here are the remaining five questions and answers.

What is a camel's hair brush made of? *Squirrel fur, of course.*

The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? *None other than man's best friend, a dog.*

What was King George VI's first name? *Albert.*

What color is a purple finch? Can you believe it? *Crimson*

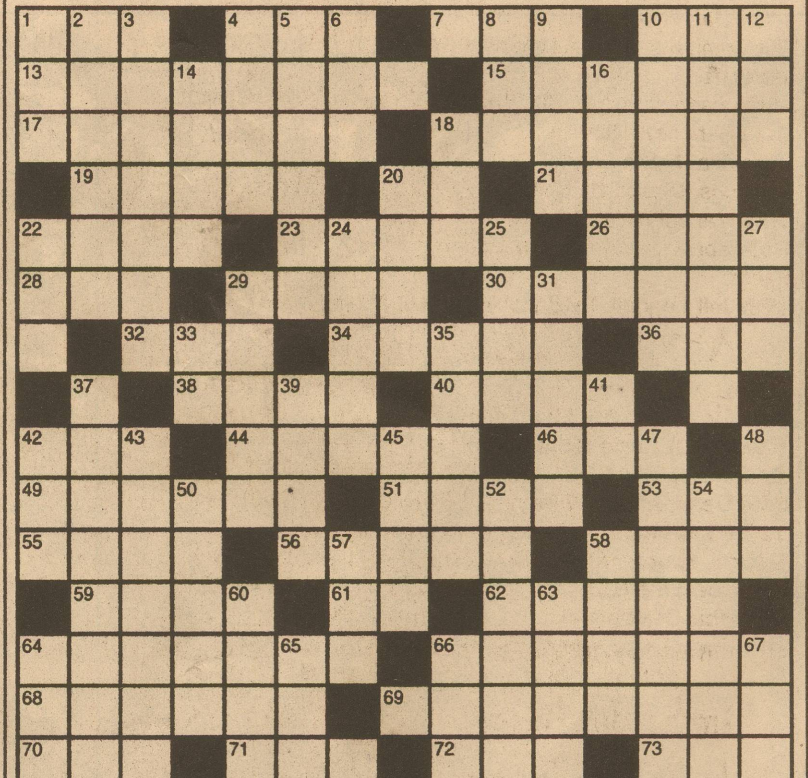
Where are Chinese gooseberries from? *New Zealand*

Who first proposed Daylight Savings Time and what prompted the idea? *Michaelangelo while painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in 1510. He reportedly suggested the change in hopes of altering the schedule of church officials thereby keeping them out of his way while he worked.*

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Of a female
  - 4 In or of the month preceding the present one
  - 7 Turf
  - 10 A shag rug made in Sweden
  - 13 Frozen dessert
  - 15 Chinese silk plant
  - 17 Blackthorn fruit flavored gin
  - 18 African nation
  - 19 Bowed
  - 20 Berkelium
  - 21 Wing-shaped
  - 22 The capital and chief port of Qatar
  - 23 Electronic mail
  - 26 Lab burner
  - 28 Exist
  - 29 Black tropical American cuckoo
  - 30 Containing acid
  - 32 Fish eggs
  - 34 A brief but vigorous fight
  - 36 Pismire
  - 38 Blush wine
  - 40 Tear violently
  - 42 Long feathered scarf
  - 44 Breastfeed
  - 46 Adult male swan
  - 49 Maltreat
  - 51 Swear in commitment
  - 53 Revolutions per minute (abbr.)
  - 55 Sieve tube
  - 56 Discernment
  - 58 A line made of twisted fibers or threads
  - 59 Term of enlistment
  - 61 A negative
  - 62 O.T. mother-in-law of Ruth
  - 64 Attack from above
  - 66 Staircase platform
  - 68 Cants over
  - 69 Prison term
  - 70 Female swan
  - 71 Ratite bird
  - 72 Possessive form of "it"
  - 73 Malacopterygian
  - 24 Cheapskate
  - 25 Previous
  - 27 Dissemble
  - 29 Immeasurably long periods of time
  - 31 Spiral-shelled gastropod
  - 33 Conjunction introducing an alternative
  - 35 Delicacy
  - 37 Explosive
  - 39 Edible fat
  - 41 Doctor's degree in osteopathy
  - 42 Major component of denim overalls
  - 43 Loser
  - 45 Passable
  - 47 Dark brown liquid element belonging to the halogens; found in seawater
  - 48 A doctor's degree in dental medicine
  - 50 Turnaround
  - 52 Renter
  - 54 Aristocrat
  - 57 Conjunction used to connect words
  - 58 Cipher
  - 60 Charge per unit
  - 63 Social insects
  - 64 Small Egyptian cobra
  - 65 School of thought
  - 66 Garland
  - 67 Mousse

See solution on Page 6



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### A Charmed Life

Last month I was in San Diego, California with my wife's cousin Bill. We flew out there in one of Bill's planes. He's a gadget freak and in the plane we listened to satellite radio and made calls on a satellite telephone. We stayed with Bill and Billie Russell, some Navy friends of Cuz Bill. They live in a house that nestles into the side of a hill. You can sit at their kitchen table and look out at the Pacific.

When Bill Russell picked us up at the airport, he gave us a quick tour of the city. He took us to a popular surfing area, then to a park that overlooks the city. Who wouldn't want to show off San Diego? It is one beautiful place. Palm trees and blooming flowers line major thoroughfares and the city is sparkling clean. The climate is near perfect. The temperature seldom gets below 40 or over 80. The city receives only about ten inches of rainfall a year, but because of the humidity from the ocean, things grow well there. Early morning fog usually burns off by ten o'clock.

Bill Russell built 4 planes in his garage: two sail planes, a Glassair and a Lancair. He is in charge of nearly 300 volunteers at an air museum near the San Diego zoo. He and Billie have been married 35 years. They are both in their mid-70's. Billie is an excellent cook. The first night we were there, she fixed fried squid steaks. The next morning we had gourmet waffles. Tough life.

While Billie was showing me around her house, she told me, "My grandkids just think I make cookies and all. They don't really

know what an interesting life I've had. I think I'll write a book about some of my experiences."

She should. If you see Billie, you can immediately sense she is a special person. She is extremely outgoing and has the ability to make strangers feel at ease in her presence. When she was growing up in Illinois, she saw an advertisement for a talent agency that was looking for models. "When I got there, here was a line of beautiful well-dressed girls, all sitting very properly and quietly. I had pigtails and a country pinafore and didn't look anything like those other girls. I started talking to them because that's my nature."

Soon the girls were laughing at Billie's wit and humor. The talent agent came out and told those beautiful girls they could all go home. He called Billie into his office and hired her. That was the beginning of a glamorous career. Billie took out her portfolio and showed me magazine covers and ads with her picture. Major publications had write-ups about her. In Europe she had a Jaguar and a love affair with an Italian movie director. When Bill was stationed in the Orient, Billie did a lot of traveling by herself. She had plenty of adventures.

Once when she was single she was on a plane and the president of a soft drink company spotted her and asked her to join him in the lounge for a drink. She ended up sitting with him in first class, then spending some days with him and some of his executives and their wives at a resort.

"Stuff like that has happened to me all my life."



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## Sabrina Samuels enjoying semester internship at Disney

EHS graduate Sabrina Samuels is currently a senior at Texas Tech University where she is majoring in zoology. However, Samuels is spending this semester as an intern at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Upon arriving at Disney World, Samuels underwent two weeks of training before beginning work in the park where she has the interesting job of teaching children about insects, spiders, and other small creatures. She also teaches the youngsters about conservation.

She began working in the park on March 20. Now, each of her work days begin with "awakening" which is when the park opens for business. Then, Samuels and her colleagues go out into the park with small animals in clear plastic containers. The interns let the park's guests get an up close and personal look at spiders, tarantulas and scorpions, among other things. During this point in the day Samuels says that she routinely visits with 200-600 people. She says that one of her goals is to make the point that all animals, big or small, are important.

The remainder of Samuels' day is spent with children at Discovery Club Spots. Each of these spots target children ages 3-8 and offer the children a wide array of activities that underscore the importance of conservation. For example, in Dinoland there is an area where kids can put dinosaur bones back together. There, Samuels gives a presentation on "Sue" the

largest and most complete T-Rex dinosaur ever found. She tells the children that extinction is forever and helps them to understand the need to take care of the wildlife that we have today, in hopes of saving them from the fate of the dinosaurs.

Another of the Discovery Club Spots is called "Harambe School" and is set in a simulated African eco-system. There Samuels teaches about the Empior Scorpion and the Giant African Millipede and explains how important they are to their native environment.

"It is amazing how much the adults with the children learn from our activities," says Samuels. "They get all excited to learn ways to help out our environment and to help animals."

Samuels says she is also considering volunteering at an animal rehab center or at the Central Florida Zoo.

Sabrina Samuels is the granddaughter of Faye and Eugene Gibson of Eldorado.

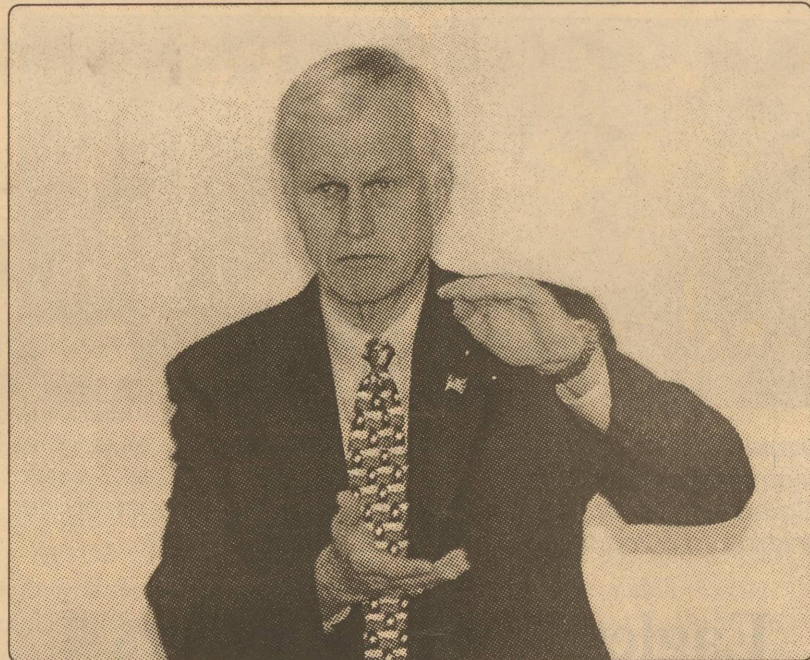


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**About this much** — U.S. Representative Charlie Stenholm met with a group of about 35 local residents last Thursday at the Schleicher County Memorial Building. The congressman, who will represent Schleicher County beginning in January, provided he wins reelection, fielded questions ranging from the Farm Bill that is currently pending in the Senate to unfunded government mandates and NAFTA. He is shown here responding to a question about international trade.

## Summer jobs for youth

The Schleicher County Rural Trust, Schleicher County ISD, and the Concho Valley School-to-Work Partnership are announcing the beginning of their 2002 Summer Jobs Program. The program seeks to provide high school students with summer job experiences. In Schleicher County, the program is subsidized 50% through the Annenberg Rural Trust Fund.

All high school students are eligible to enroll in this program, but placement is not guaranteed. To participate, students must attend an orientation, fill out proper application forms, and show responsible on-the-job behavior. The student orientation will be held on April 17th, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the HS library.

Students interested in participating need to attend the student orientation meeting. Employers interested in hiring students (part-time or full-time) should contact Ilse Williams, Rural Trust Direc-

tor, SCISD, 853-2514 ext. 235.

To see more about last year's program, look in our school's website: [www.scisd.net](http://www.scisd.net) and click on summer jobs.

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There will be a Tricycle Parade Contest, so decorate, and design your tricycles creatively.

**Golf Play Day**

by Mabel Freitag



We had 28 adults and 1 youth, Cash Lane out for our regular Play Day this past Sunday, April 7th. We started playing at 1:30 and by 3:30 the clouds started coming in from the West and by 4 o'clock the rain started along with tornado alerts. Golfers scrambled to the Club House and the airplane hangers waiting for the rain to end. Everyone finally decided to go home as we were afraid we couldn't complete our play.

The rain was wonderful and really needed. Our next Play Day will be Sunday, May 5th.

Happy Golfing and hopefully everyone received some much needed rain.

**It's A Girl**

*Kellie and Randy Spears are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Khamille Kwon Spears, born Sunday April 7, 2002 at San Angelo Community Hospital. Khamille weighted 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 1/8 inches in length. Khamille was welcomed home by her proud grandparents Mary and Raymond Spears and her Uncle Raymond Spears Jr.*

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- Tuesday, April 16**  
Bar-B-Que Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday, April 17**  
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Milk
- Thursday, April 18**  
Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potato w/ Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, April 19**  
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana, Milk

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- APRIL**
- 11th Colton K. Lively, Gentry Newman, Rachel Pool
  - 12th Clay Whitten, Debbie Griffin, Harper Hargraves, Jo Ann Heffernan, Henry Robles
  - 13th Meg Anderson, Madison Avery Albin, Christina Galvan, Christina A. Gonzalez, Kevin Nance
  - 14th Dan Halbert, Peggy Whitten, Pat Cummins, Ariana McKay Martinez
  - 15th Randy Mankin, Bill Freitag, Jose Sanchez, Nita Quintana, Maria Lopez, Cora Hastings, Mason Sudduth
  - 16th Marivel Avila, Sherlene Robinson, Dustin Stewart, Johnny Factor
  - 17th Jeff Leggett, Fred Robles

## ANNIVERSARIES

- APRIL**
- 11th Mr. & Mrs. Joe Max Edmiston
  - 12th Don & Susie Richters, Jerry & Gloria Swift
  - 14th Dean & Vicki Williams
  - 15th Mr. & Mrs. Ray David
  - Buitron, Eugene & Vera Bradshaw
  - 16th Joe Ed & Mary Jo Hill, David & Blanca Charboneau

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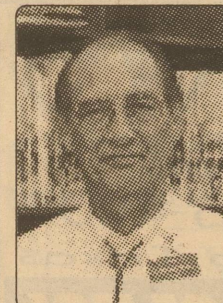
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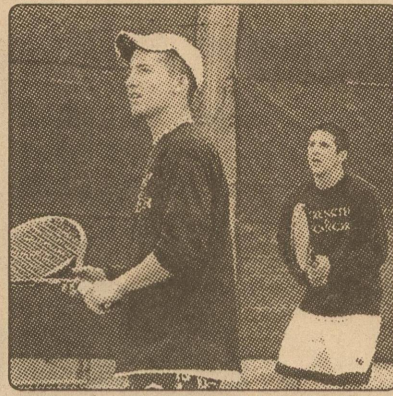
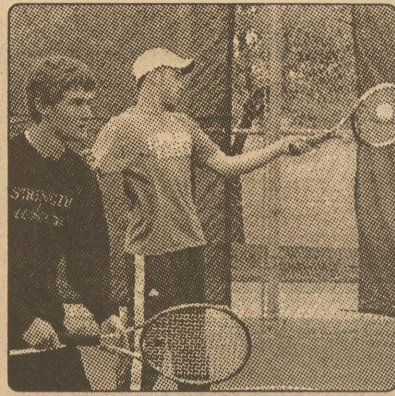


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**Double trouble for opposing teams** — Both Eagles boys doubles teams, Bobby Phillips & Thomas Ballew (left) and Buddy Greer & Quisto Gonzalez (right) advanced to the Regional Tennis Tournament after finishing 1st & 2nd at the District 2-2A Tourney on Tuesday.

## Eagles tennis advances 4 doubles team to Regionals

by Coach Matt Rutherford

The Eldorado Eagles swept the doubles competition at the District 2-2A Tennis Tournament this Tuesday to win the over all district title. Thomas Ballew and Bobby Phillips defeated teammates Buddy Greer and Quisto Gonzalez 7-5, 4-6, 6-2 in the boy's championship. While Gentry Newman and Christina Redish defeated teammates Courtney Sauer and Courtney Brown 6-3, 6-2 in the girls championship. This marks the third consecutive district doubles title for Newman.

Ballew & Phillips, Greer & Gonzalez and Redish & Newman made their way to the finals in convincing fashion, but the story of the day belonged to Sauer & Brown. After a rain delay on Saturday Sauer & Brown trailed Mason's doubles team of Lehmborg and Moore 5-2 in the semifinal match. Adding to the drama was the fact that Sauer & Brown had lost to the Mason duo 6-1, 6-2 in the Mason Invitational. However, when play resumed in the

semifinal match on Tuesday Sauer & Brown took control of the match. After falling 2-6 in the opening set the Eldorado girls swept past Mason 6-3, 6-4 to advance to the final round against their teammates, Newman & Redish..

In boy's singles Wesley Jones capped off a stellar tennis career at EHS by defeating teammate Logan Neal in the third place match 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

In girl's singles action, Emily Newman fell to the eventual champion, Caitlin Glenn of Wall in the quarter finals while Lacy Ragsdale lost a tough match to the 4th place finisher.

In JV action Dillon Greer placed 1st in boys singles while Robbie Young grabbed 3rd. The duo of Shay Parker & Ryan Cathey placed third in JV doubles while Heather Homer & Betsy Green placed fourth.

The four varsity Eagles doubles teams will continue their season on April 24 and 25 at the Region 1-2A Tournament in Abilene.

## Lady Eagles golf squad advances to Regional tourney

Eldorado's Lady Eagles golf team finished second in District behind Sonora High School. Hannah Robledo had the lowest score, 179, among the Eldorado team. Blake Snelson shot a 209, Mikinzie Holley was at 191, Brittany Key scored 205 and Toni Martin shot a 221. The team total score for 18 holes was 781 with Sonora team total coming to 725. Third place Mason scored a 824. Mayci Schwiening placed as a medalist scoring 249 and will be traveling to Regionals as an alternate.

The Varsity Boy's Golf Team placed 3rd with a total score of 671. Sonora's team took 1st place with a score of 602, with Wall coming in second with a score of

661. Andrew Anderson will advance to Regional's as an individual medalist with his score of 155. Michael Ramirez scored a total of 172, Koda Lozano score 167, Wesley Jones scored 185 and Tanner Haynes scored 189.

Eldorado JV Boy's Golf team scored a total of 825. Ross Hodges scored a 210, Scott Homer scored a 201, Landon Nixon scored a 183, Jeffrey Bybee scored a 238, and Neal Brenner scored a 251.

The Lady Eagles team and Andrew Anderson as an individual will be competing at the Regional tourney, to be held on the Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird, Texas on April 22 and 23rd.



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**Let's go golfing** — Members of the EHS girls golf team include (L-R) Mikinzie Holley, Blake Snelson, Hannah Robledo, Brittany Key, Toni Martin and Mayci Schwiening.



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**Happy golfers** — Members of the EHS boys golf team include (L-R) Andrew Anderson, Michael Ramirez, Koda Lozano, Ross Hodges, Wesley Jones, Landon Nixon, Scott Homer and Tanner Haynes.



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**Dynamic Duos** — Both Lady Eagles doubles teams, Gentry Newman & Christina Redish (front) and Courtney Sauer & Courtney Brown (back) will advance to Regionals after finishing 1st & 2nd at the District 2-2A Tournament on Tuesday.

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**Monday, April 15**  
 Lasagna, English Peas, Dinner Rolls, Pears

**Tuesday, April 16**  
 Chicken Fajitas, Shredded Lettuce & Tomato, Fruit, Pudding w/ Topping

**Wednesday, April 17**  
 Beef Stew w/ Cornbread, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crushed Pineapple, Rice Krispie Treat

**Thursday, April 18**  
 Chicken Spaghetti, Whole Kernel Corn, Peach Halves, Dinner Rolls, Brownies

**Friday, April 19**  
 B.B.Q. Sandwich, French Fries, Pickles w/ Onions, Orange Halve

**Breakfast**  
 ½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

**Monday, April 15**  
 Coffee Cake, Cheese

**Tuesday, April 16**  
 Dry Cereal, Crackers

**Wednesday, April 17**  
 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese

**Thursday, April 18**  
 Dry Cereal, Crackers

**Friday, April 19**  
 Donut, Packaged Crackers

**Fast Food Line**

**Monday, April 15**  
 Chef's Salad w/ Ham, Crackers (8), Pears

**Tuesday, April 16**  
 Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Lettuce & Tomato, Pudding w/ Topping

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## Boom...Boom...Boom Sheriff's Department to clamp down on loud car stereos

With the growing popularity of super-amplified car stereo systems, more popularly referred to as boom boxes, comes a corresponding increase in the number of complaints to the local Sheriff's Department. In response to those complaints, Sheriff David Doran announced this week that his officers will begin enforcing City of Eldorado ordinance, that outlaws offensive noise or music within the city limits.

The ordinance, adopted in 1993, prohibits amplified sound that can be heard at a distance of fifty feet from its source. This includes car stereos. The ordinance also prohibits other offensive noises between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m.

Exempted from the ordinance are public address systems used in announcing sporting events, bells and/or chimes used as part of an established church's wor-

ship service, periodic amplified music used in conjunction with festive activities staged in public buildings for public enjoyment and entertainment and amplified music or speech incidental to public events celebrating holidays and local events of general interest.

Violations of the ordinance are punishable by fines of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000.00. The ordinance also allows for the assessment of court costs in cases where individuals are convicted under the ordinance.

Sheriff Doran notes that a separate state law reinforces the city ordinance. He said that the public has grown tired of nuisance boom boxes and advises persons currently using the devices to, "Use a little common sense and turn down the volume before it ends up costing you a lot of money!"

## School board faces challenge on new redistricting plan

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"We need representation," Bosman said in conclusion.

At that point Board President Phil McCormick told Bosman that he appreciated her position but pointed out that current trustee Sam Whitten, Jr. ran unopposed for office and was elected in a predominantly Hispanic district.

At that point the board went behind closed doors for an hour and a half long executive session with their attorneys Sara Leon and David Mendez. Once the board emerged into open session the school's attorneys left to consult with each other at another location.

The board then went into another executive session for about an hour to discuss personnel. When they returned to open meeting the trustees voted to accept the resignations of art teacher David Charboneau and science teacher Robert Jay.

David Charboneau tendered his resignation to the board in a long letter explaining that he has taught high school art for the past three years and has pursued a teaching certificate through the Panhandle Alternative Certification for Educators Program and the Professional Development Excel test. He further told the board that he had been scheduled to take the Art Excel in March but was forced to change the test date due to family emergencies. He added that he is scheduled to take the Art Excel test on May 4th and that he intends to reapply for the High School Art position.

It was noted that science teacher Robert Jay will be leaving his post at the end of the current school year. Board President Phil McCormick noted Jay's long history as an administrator and teacher at SCISD and expressed the board's appreciation to Jay.

Next, high school math teachers Amy Rutherford and Ann Reeb updated the board on their efforts to improve the low TAAS scores of some of their Algebra I students. The teachers explained that they are currently researching an alternative math curriculum that might, when combined with improved reading skills, help the students to advance and eventually pass the upcoming TAKS test. The TAKS test is scheduled to replace the current TASS test.

Finance Director Loretta Edmiston then reviewed the district's financial reports and noted receiv-

ing \$2,500.00 for the Annenburg Grant Program. The board approved the financial reports as well as a list of transfer students for the 2002-2003 school year.

The board then heard an update from high school librarian Debbie Griffin concerning the receipt of \$43,558 in technology grant funds. She said the money will be used to install a portable wireless classroom in the middle school.

The board next voted to sell two high-mileage buses and a pickup with a blown motor. The vehicles will be auctioned away in Abilene on May 4. The trustees also okayed five out-of-district field trips.

Superintendent George Blanch then told the board that student population is holding steady at 623 and asked the board to keep May 16 open on their calendars for the annual teacher's appreciation banquet.

At that point, the trustees went into their third executive session of the evening, meeting with attorney Sara Leon. The meeting ended with the board voting to canvass and certify the results of the May 4th trustee election on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 a.m. They also voted to swear the new board members and reorganize the board of trustee on May 13, 2002 regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

## EMS district track results

April 5, 2002

**8th Grade Boys Results:** Team Totals: 5. Eldorado 68; 2400 M Run: 2. Jeremy Ussey 8:51; Shot Put: 2. Kyle Taylor 38-0; 4. Frank Wipff 36-9.5; Discus: 1. Kyle Taylor 135-9; 4. Andy Mejia 134-2; High Jump: 6. Jeremy Ussey 4-10; 800 M Run: 2. Frank Wipff 2:32.32; 100 M Dash: 4. Andy Mejia 12.05; 300 M Hurdles: 5. Mier 50.16; 200 M Dash: 5. Kyle Taylor 26.28; 6. Jorge Bustos 26.65; 400 M Relay: 4. Michael Ballew, Andy Mijia, Jorge Bustos, Kyle Taylor 50.26; 1600 M Relay: 5. Jeremy Ussey, Jorge Bustos, Michael Ballew, Andy Mejia 4:16.91

**7th grade Boys Results:** Team Totals: 5. Eldorado 47; 2400 M Run: 5. Rodriguez 10:20; Shot Put: 6. Hernandez 31-2; Discus: 6. Hernandez 79-11.5; Long Jump: 6. Russell Cathey 14-7.5; Triple Jump: 4. Montalvo 30-0; 110 M Hurdles: 3. Jones 21.73; 5. Abel Montalvo 22.39; 400 M Dash: 6. Artie Montalvo 1:04.90; 200M Dash: 5. Russell Cathey 28.20; 1600 M Run: 6. Rodriguez 6:18.64; Pole Vault: 5. Neal Higgins 6-6; 400 M Relay: 4. Issacs, Cathey, Hernandez, Montalvo 55.26; 1600 M Relay: 3. Higgins, Montalvo, Hernandez, Cathey

**8th Grade Girls Results:** Team Totals: 2. Eldorado 126; Shot Put: 1. Taylor Baker 27-9; Discus: 1. Taylor Baker 70-3.125; Long Jump: 1. Micaela Gonzalez 15-1.5; High Jump: 1 Rachel Joiner 4-10; 800 M Run: 6. Melinda Hernandez

3:01.95; 110M Hurdles 6. Heather Powell 22.60; 100 M Dash: 1 Rachel Joiner 13.05; 400 M Dash: 2. Allison Reynolds 1:07.68; 1600 M Run: 3. Amber Valdez 6:43.90; Pole Vault 1. Rachel Joiner 7-0; 400 M Relay: Micaela Gonzalez, Rachel Joiner, Amber Valdez, Allison Reynolds 55.43; 800 M Relay: 4. Taylor Baker, Samantha Rodriguez, Amber Valdez, Melinda Hernandez 02:09.26; 1600 M Relay: 2. Allison Reynolds, Rachel Joiner, Samantha Rodriguez, Micaela Gonzalez 4:39.53

**7th Grade Girls Results:** Team Totals: 6. Eldorado 19; 2400 M Run: Alicia Corrales 11:07; 800 M Run 6. Tiffany Hernandez 3:08.45; 1600 M Run: 4. Alicia Corrales 6:48.15; 400 M Relay: 6. BoAmber Gentry, Anna Fuentes, Tiffany Hernandez, Holly Ford 1:03.10; 800 M Relay: 6. BoAmber Gentry, AnnaFuentes, Kristin Mittel, Holly Ford 2:20.34; 1600 M Relay: Anna Fuentes, Tiffany Hernandez, Alicia Corrales, BoAmber Gentry 5:48.84

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# Commissioners agree to move ahead with airport hangars

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to cooperate with the clean up. Next, County Agent Scott Edmonson met with the commissioners and distributed information about the Extension Service's Commissioners Court training that will be held in Abilene in May. He also presented to the men with drawings of a proposed new animal feeding facility near the present county Ag barn. The commissioners discussed the plans briefly with Edmonson and asked that he visit with high school Ag teacher Cory Stevens about the subject. Edmonson also spoke to the court about the need for a new copy machine in the County Extension office.

The commissioners then received two bids for a new 2003 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser. The low bid of \$21,288.00 was awarded to Jim Bass Ford in San Angelo.

Next, the commissioners heard from Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle who updated them on funds taken in by his office each month. Doyle advised that on average his office receives \$25,000 a month

due to tickets issued by the Sheriff's Department and fees generated when the department serves papers for his court. He explained that the money helps offset the cost of providing attorneys to indigent prisoners, as mandated by the courts. He further noted that the court had hired OMNI, a private collection agency, five years ago to assist in collecting traffic fines. Doyle explained that the agency accesses the Department of Public Safety computer system and thereby is able to collect traffic fines that might otherwise not be collected.

Judge Johnny Griffin added that the Sheriff's Department does not receive proper credit for the funds it generates since the money flows into the county coffers through Judge Doyle's office. It was explained that the county gets to keep 60-70 percent of the money, with the remainder being forwarded to Austin to pay state fees.

Judge Doyle added that the money is used to pay the salary of a courthouse secretary, replace

computers, purchase office supplies and cover unexpected expenses. At that point Commissioner Bill Clark said, "Reading between the lines Judge Doyle is trying to inform us that the Sheriff's Department budget appears proportionally overblown when actually it is funding itself but not getting credit for it."

Sheriff David Doran then met with the commissioners and updated them on construction of a vehicle impound yard and shooting range near the county cemetery. Doran distributed a diagram of the facility and explained that the shooting range back drop is being constructed from donated railroad cross ties. He noted that the City of Eldorado transported the cross ties to the site. Doran advised that a portable building is being equipped with toilet and a lavatory. A 500-gallon poly septic tank and drain field lines were currently being installed at the site a prisoner. He pointed out to the commissioners an eighty foot by eighty foot metal privacy fence will be constructed to enclose the property for aesthetic reasons since the facility is nearby the cemetery and will be used as an impound yard for seized vehicles and other property kept by the department.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones then informed the commissioners that the local fire department has applied for a \$200,000.00 grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a multi-purpose fire truck. Jones advised that if the grant application is successful it will require a 10 percent local match but that the department had enough money to supply the required match. Jones added that the vehicle will be greatly needed as U.S. 277 is upgraded in the Ports-Plains project. Also the possibility of an upgrade along U.S. 190 and the activation the Longhorn

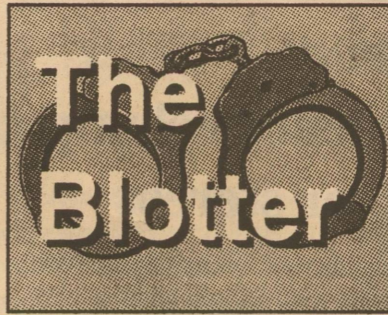
Pipeline will also create more need for the truck. In a related matter, Jones asked for a master key to the Memorial Building so that the Fire Department can open the basement rooms in the event of a tornado warning.

In other business, Treasurer Karen Henderson submitted her quarterly and investment report. It was reviewed and approved by the court.

After adjourning during mid afternoon, Commissioners Clark and Mayo joined Judge Griffin at 5:15 for a public hearing to discuss Colonia grant funds. Grant consultant Kay Howard was also on hand to explain to four interested citizens, Steve Nelson, Peggy Williams, Thelma Bosmans and Lydia Vallejo, the process that would be followed in seeking grant money to help build sewer and water lines for the Orient Heights Addition. It was noted that similar grant applications have been rejected several times in recent years.

Howard explained that the City of Eldorado has agreed to assist the county if the grant is successful. The hope is that sewer lines can be extended in the Orient Heights area and that a lift station can be installed so that neighborhood residents can convert from septic systems to city sewer services. Howard further explained that in the future property owners who choose to upgrade or replace their existing septic systems will be required to comply with new and very stringent guidelines from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. She said that at the present time most of the property owners in the area would be required to purchase additional acreage in order to comply with the rules.

Howard noted that converting to the city sewer system is a much more attractive option. She added that low income families would bear little if any expense under the project and that the city has agreed to waive sewer tap fees for all other residents who agree to make the switch during the time the project is underway.



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

### ARRESTS

April 4 • Seller, Jennifer L., female age 30, arrested by SC officer, charge Theft By Check. Released on \$500.00 Surety Bond.

April 5 • Martinez, Freddie, male age 44, arrested by SC officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

Corona, Mary, female age 44, arrested by SC officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$500.00 Surety Bond.

April 9 • Blades, Chad Duane, male age 32, arrested by SC officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (<2 ounces). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

### REPORTS

April 3 • 1:44 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance because they believed they were having a heart attack. EMS responded.

• 7:48 a.m. Complainant stated a 77 year old female possibly having a heart attack. Officers and EMS 2 responded.

• 6:50 p.m. Complainant of Rabbit Road reported a cow loose in the middle of the road. Officer responded.

April 4 • 10:27 a.m. Complainant reported a loose calf on FM 1829. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 2:26 p.m. Complainant reported theft of merchandise from home on Rudd Road. Items taken include X-Box, 3 Games, and a DVD kit. Estimated value \$500.00. Officer responded.

• 7:30 p.m. Complainant reported kids playing with fire on Robinson Street with no adult supervision, and requested an officer to check it out. Officer responded.

• 9:20 p.m. Complainant reported loud music at apartments on East Field Drive. Subject stated the

music had been going on for days and requested an officer to have music turned down. Officer responded.

April 5 • 1:45 a.m. Officer reported a door at local building was unsecured and requested the owner be contacted.

• 10:00 a.m. Complainant requested that Criminal Trespass Notices be served on two female subjects.

• 7:08 p.m. Subject reported that he had tried to pick his daughter for visitation for the weekend and she would not go with him.

• 8:37 p.m. Complainant reported a car parked illegally in a handicapped parking space at the football field. Officer responded.

April 6 • 5:16 a.m. Complainant stated that there was a male subject following them and they had a Criminal Trespass Order on them. Complainant wanted an officer to meet at their residence in case male subject followed them home. Officer responded. Complainant called back stating the male subject had left.

• 6:49 p.m. Complainant on Colpitts reported several men were drinking beer and urinating in front of neighbor's yard. Officer responded.

April 7 • 10:25 a.m. Complainant reported male subject trespassing and making phone calls that he was coming to their home. Officers responded and papers were served.

• 3:24 p.m. Complainant at apartments on East Field Drive reported a lady screaming for help. Officers responded.

• 7:28 p.m. Complainant on Highland Ave. requested to speak with an officer about their family being harassed by a female subject that is blocking the roadway. Officer responded.

• 7:51 p.m. Complainant reported a gray or silver car has been trying to run them off the road and also been flipping them off. Officer responded.

• 10:01 p.m. Male complainant on Highland Ave. reported a subject harassing him. Officer responded. Officers responded.

April 9 • 8:47 a.m. and 2:17 p.m. Complainants reported loose goats 2 miles south on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

• 2:57 p.m. Complainant reported a black cat at their door and will not let them get out of their residence. Officer responded.

• 5:11 p.m. Complainant requested an officer check on a fire on Depot Street. Officer responded and reported subjects were burning brush.

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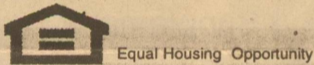
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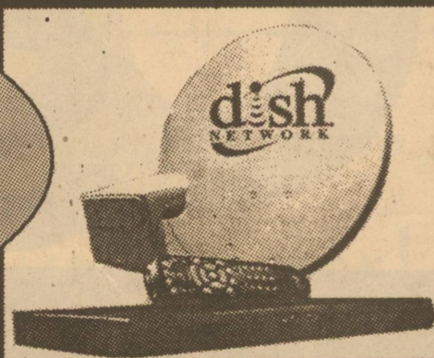
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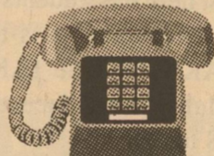
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The county will furnish the metal building and parts, the concrete, the ditching and pier hole drilling of the foundation. The bids are for labor only.

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# City council tables discussion of animal control ordinance

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ter a Livestock Permit is acquired.

6) Specific requirements for square footage of pen space as well as distance from neighbors is spelled out in the livestock portion of the ordinance.

7) Stray animals as well as dangerous animals may be impounded by the City.

8) Animals may be humanely euthanized by the Animal Control Officer after being impounded for five working days.

Robert Sanchez told the council that the provision restricting chickens to coops not less than 100 square feet in size would serve to effectively prohibit the raising of game birds in town. Once again Sanchez asked the council to compromise on the issue. At that point Mayor Nikolauk asked Sanchez to research the issue and to return to a future council meeting with a compromise that he could live with. At the same time, the mayor, urged Sanchez to consider the feelings of those who disagree with him on the issue.

With that, the council voted

unanimously to table discussion of the ordinance until a future meeting but briefly took up the discussion later in the meeting when Bill Hodges arrived and told the council that he supported their efforts to adopt an animal control ordinance. Hodges said that those who question the need for such an ordinance need only drive up and down the streets of Eldorado. He also mentioned Mertzon, which he said has no animal control enforcement, as an example of why the city should adopt a strong ordinance.

Present for the meeting were council members Robert Bybee, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor, Dora Bosman and Richard Mendez as well as Mayor John Nikolauk, who called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, Utility Superintendent Jack Dean and grant consultant Kay Howard were also in attendance.

In other business the council voted unanimously to authorize the expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the purchase of the city's old landfill. It was explained that the city had

leased the site for years and that in recent weeks negotiations have been under way with the Enochs family concerning the sale. Randy Mankin explained that one stipulation that he supported was that an old compressor building located on the property is to be made available to the 4-H Club for activities relating to shooting sports.

Next, Kay Howard updated the council on several issues related to water and sewer improvement grants. First, she collected signatures necessary for work to begin on a water improvement project this summer. The city received a grant to fund the work last year. Howard then outlined several grant options for the future, including several that would have the city cooperating with the county to upgrade water service and extend sewer services into the Orient Heights neighborhood, which lies just outside the city limits.

Ms. Howard also discussed a \$50,000.00 planning grant that would fund the preparation of a city-wide planning document. She explained that the city stood a good chance of receiving the grant, provided the council authorized an application for it. She further added that an outlay of as much as \$3,750.00 in matching funds would be required for the grant. Other grant options were discussed and the council agreed to continue studying options related to all of them. In the end it was decided that public hearings would be called as more substantive information on the grants became available.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean then updated the council on work in the various city departments. He noted that work on several streets in the north part of town was progressing and that construction continues on a new animal shelter, near the city wastewater treatment plant. Dean said that he intended to have the shelter complete by June or July, so that it could be put into service if and when an animal control ordinance is adopted.

City Administrator, Randy Mankin then updated the council on information he received last week about a coalition of communities, calling itself the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition, that is working to upgrade U.S. Highway 190 to a 4-lane road. Mankin explained that contacts with members of the coalition had been promising. He expressed his desire

to attend a future meeting of the coalition and the council agreed. Mayor Nikolauk, as well as other members of the council, also expressed an interest in attending one of the meetings.

Mankin then advised the council about work on a sewer plant improvement project. He told the council that a fabric curtain will be installed to divide the first sewer plant pond into two ponds, and that an aerator will be installed to help infuse more oxygen into the plant.

Next, the council authorized Mankin to accept a price index adjustment on telephone franchise agreements. The Texas Public Utility Commission is allowing cities to increase franchise fees by approximately 1 percent. Mankin noted that the new program will allow the city's telephone franchise fees to keep pace with inflation. Last year, before the city joined the program, the city's telephone franchise fee had not increased for more than three decades.

The council then briefly discussed the need to enlarge City Hall. Mayor Nikolauk explained that the city has outgrown the current facility and that it was time for the council to consider other options. City Administrator Randy Mankin suggested that the current building could be enlarged by adding on an addition on the south side. He explained that the building could be made to face the south, toward the Post Office, and that the area currently used to park employee cars could be used as a new parking lot. The need for a fireproof vault for city records was also a concern, as well as a larger meeting room for the city council. The council agreed, and voted unanimously to authorize Mankin to pursue a building expansion. He was directed to consult with an architect and to report back at a future meeting.

In other business the council voted to cancel the May 4th election since there are no contested races on the ballot. They also discussed the possibility of appointing a person to fill a vacant seat on the council, but reached no decision.

Before adjourning, the council then went into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The session ended at 9:59 p.m. with the group voting in open session to authorize a 50 cent per hour pay raise for one city employee.



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**What's that white stuff?** Hail covered the roadway 5 miles south of Eldorado on FM 2596 (McIntosh Rd.) Sunday after a violent thunderstorm passed through the southern portion of Schleicher County. The National Weather Service in San Angelo issued a Tornado Warning in connection with the storm, however no serious damage was reported.

## Co. Extension Office to host pesticide applicator training

by Scott Edmonson  
County Extension Agent-Ag

The Schleicher County Extension office will be hosting a Pesticide Applicators Training and Testing here on Monday, April 15, 2002 at the Extension Office. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude around 3:00 p.m.

This training is for those in-

dividuals who have not acquired a Private Pesticide Applicators License and wish to do so. This course is free of charge but there is a \$50 fee to acquire the license from the Texas Department of Agriculture if you pass the test. For more information, please feel free to give me a call at 853-2132.

## Crops workshop slated for April 16 in Memorial Building

by Scott Edmonson  
County Extension Agent-Ag

There will be a crops workshop on Tuesday, April 16, 2002 at the Memorial Building. The program will begin at 1p.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. There will be two CEU's available for those individuals with a Pesticide Applicators License.

The theme for this year will be forages. Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist will be on hand to discuss forage production and how we might use them in this area. Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist will discuss insects related to forage production and Wade Polk, Extension Risk Management Specialist will talk about the economics of forage production.

For more information, please contact the Extension office at 853-2132.

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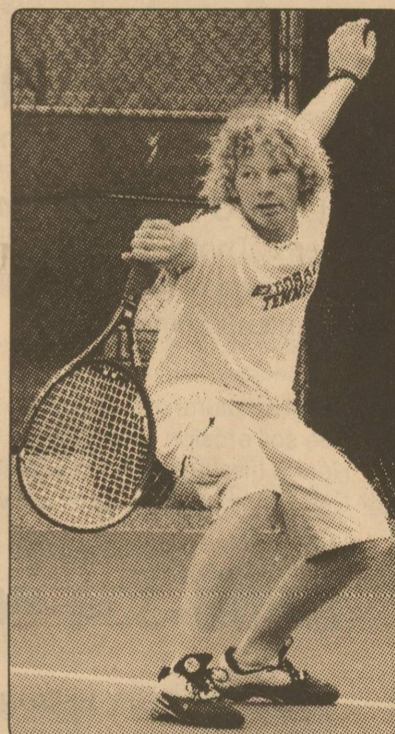


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**Heavy hitter** — Dillon Greer placed 1st in the JV boys singles division of the District 2-2A Tennis Tournament in San Angelo on Tuesday.

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(A los votantes registrados del Schleicher County, Texas):  
Notice is hereby given that the polling place, known as the Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2002 for voting in a general election to elect two (2) at Large Board of Trustee Positions.  
(Notificacion a los presente, que las casillas electorales estaran situadas en el sitio conocido como el Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square, estaran abiertas desde, las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Mayo de 2002 para elegir dos miembros para posiciones a lo largo en la Eleccion General.)

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(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en):  
the Administration Building at 205 W. Fields, Eldorado, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 and ending on April 30, 2002.  
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 17 de Abril 2002 y terminando el 30 de Abril 2002.)  
Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(La solicitud para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a):  
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(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada): Mary Doran  
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