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Redistricting County calls for redraw of precinct boundaries

by Kathy Mankin

David Mendez, an attorney with the Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel, met with the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday, April 23, 2001 to discuss his preliminary assessment of the county's need to redistrict following the 2000 Census.

Present for the meeting were County Judge Johnny Griffin, Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark and Ross Whitten. Commissioner Kirk Griffin was absent.

Mendez pointed out to the men that not only did the county lose population between 1990 and 2000, there has been a substantial shift in population within the county. Overall, the county's population declined by 55 over 10 years, to stand at 2935 in the year 2000. However the shift of people within the county is having the most impact on the need to redistrict.

Precinct #1 is currently underpopulated by 87 people or some 11.87 percent. Precinct #2 is overpopulated by 48 people, or 6.54 percent. Precinct 3 is underpopulated by 7 persons, or less than 1 percent and Precinct #4 is overpopulated by 45 people or 6.13 percent.

The variation between the precincts exceeds the 10 percent allowed by law, thereby requiring the county to redraw its precinct lines or face the possibility of a lawsuit.

After discussing several op-

tions for carrying out the redistricting process, the commissioners voted to adopt redistricting criteria (see side-bar) and to establish guidelines for individuals or groups wishing to submit alternate redistricting plans.

The court will meet again on May 21 to study proposed changes in the precinct lines. A public hearing on the redistricting plan is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2001.

In other business, the commissioners voted to purchase several pieces of mowing equipment, including a 1983, 80-horse power side-boom mower for use by the road department. The men agreed to pay \$14,500 for the TxDOT surplus machine that has 2,200 hours showing on the hour-meter. It will be used to help keep cedar and other brush trimmed back along county roads.

The commissioners also voted to purchase an LX255 John Deere tractor with a 42 inch mowing deck for \$2,900. The tractor is to be used at the county cemetery to keep growth under control. Judge Griffin pointed out to the men that the cemetery plots are considered private property and that by law the county is prohibited from mowing anything but the cemetery streets and alleys. Ross Whitten expressed his opinion that the county should continue to mowing the entire cemetery, including the private plots.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Time to redraw the lines — Schleicher County is one of three local jurisdictions considering redistricting following the release of the 2000 Census results. Here county officials are shown going over census figures and precinct maps with attorney David Mendez of Austin. Pictured are (clockwise from left) Commissioners Ross Whitten & Bill Clark, Tax Assessor-Collector Lou Ann Turner, County Clerk Peggy Williams, Commissioner Johnny Mayo, attorney David Mendez and County Road Superintendent Clay Burleson.

City Council begins redistricting process

by Pat Ragsdale

A special called meeting of the Eldorado City Council was held Monday, April 23, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The primary reason for the meeting was to consider changing city ward boundaries following the completion of the 2000 Census.

David Mendez, an attorney with the Austin law firm of Bick-

erstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel, met with the council to discuss changes in the city's population as well as shifting populations within the city's three wards. Present for the meeting were Mayor John Nikolauk, city councilmembers Richard Mendez, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor and Sherry Lux. Councilmembers Robert Bybee and Eddie Rodriguez were absent.

Attorney Mendez explained to the council that the city's overall population had declined from 2019 in 1990 to 1951 in the year 2000. He further noted that the population in wards #1 & 3 have increased while the numbers in ward #2 have declined. Mendez said the variation in the three wards exceeded the ten percent limit set by federal law and that the city would

need to redistrict in order to correct the imbalance. Mendez then gave the council a brief explanation of the federal laws governing redistricting (see side-bar) and outlined ways in which the city could bring its three-ward system into line.

After a question and answer session with Mendez, the council voted to adopted criteria for use in redistricting (see side-bar) as well as guidelines for others who wish to submit redistricting proposals. The council will meet on May 21 in order to review proposed changes in the ward boundaries. A public hearing for the purpose of seeking public input on the plan is set for Monday, June 11.

In other business, the council opened sealed bids for the con-

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Davis grabs Spelling Gold at Regional

Which of the following words is misspelled: psychobabble, quirt, thimberlig, cosmodrom or apophasis. Give up? Don't know? EHS senior BreeAnne Davis can tell you. She had to master this list and many, many others on the way to winning a 1st Place Gold Medal at the Region I-AA Academic Meet. The meet was held on the campus of Abilene Christian University on

Saturday, April 21. Next, she will travel to Austin to compete in the State Academic Meet on May 5.

Coaching Davis this year is high school English teacher Linda Thomas. With Mrs. Thomas' encouragement, Davis spent countless hours studying for the test, using a special CD-Rom based computer program.

Mrs. Thomas expressed her

pleasure with Davis' hard work. She noted that Davis faced stiff competition, winning with a score of 96 points while the student placing 6th scored 91. At the District 2-2A contest two weeks ago, Davis notched up a perfect 100 points.

When Davis gets to Austin, she will be facing seven other champion spellers. They will tackle a three-part test. First will be the proofreading section in which the students will select misspelled words from lists of five words like those listed above.

Next, the students will take a multiple choice vocabulary test drawn from a 300 word field. They will be required to provide an accurate account and analysis of each word.

The third portion of the test involves a "pronouncer" who will speak 70 vocabulary words, one every 12 seconds, taken from a 1500-word list approved by the U.I.L. Additionally, the "pronouncer" may of . choose as many as 20 percent of the words from outside the recommended list. As the words are pronounced, the students must spell them correctly.

BreeAnne Davis is the daughter of David and Tammy Davis of Eldorado.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

State Bound Speller — EHS Spelling Coach Linda Thomas posed with BreeAnne Davis after Davis won 1st Place in Spelling at the U.I.L. Region I-AA Academic Meet in Abilene. Davis will be competing in the State Meet on May 5.

School trustees meet with lawyers, discuss redistricting

by Pat Ragsdale

School Board President Phil McCormick called to order a meeting of the SCISD board of trustees at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2001. Present were were trustees Eddie Albin, Jo Helen Kotsch, Steve Sessom and Kurtis Homer. Absent were Sam Whitten and Berta Nicholson.

The council met with its attorney Sarah Leon as well as attorney David Mendez concerning issues related to redistricting following the 2000 Census. The lawyers went behind closed doors with the trustees in an executive session. The board emerged into open session without taking action on the matter.

The Success has learned that the school board will wait to act

on redistricting until the fate of a bill in the state legislature is known. If it passes, that bill would allow the school to convert from its current 7 single-member district structure to a combination of 4 single-member districts and 3 at-large seats. This would allow the school to redistrict using the lines adopted by the Schleicher County Commissioners Court.

The trustees entered into a second executive session for the discussion of personnel and reconvened in open session at 8:27 p.m. taking no action on the subject.

Upon a motion by Eddie Albin, seconded by Jo Helen Kotsch three out of district field trips were approved. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

One Person One Vote

How redistricting will be carried out locally

Four basic legal principles govern the redistricting process that most governmental jurisdictions face every ten years. Those are:

- the "one person-one vote" (equal population) principle;
- Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, requiring preclearance and applying a "retrogression" standard to minority group populations in specific districts;
- the nondiscrimination standard of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act; and
- the Shaw v. Reno limitations on the use of race as a factor in redistricting.

One person-one vote

The "one person, one vote" provision of the United States Constitution requires that members of an elected body be drawn from districts of substantially equal population. This requirement applies to the single-member districts of "legislative" bodies such as commissioners courts and other entities with single-member districts such as school boards or city councils.

While exact equality of population is not required, local political subdivisions are encouraged to create districts that vary less than 10 percent in population between the most populated and the least populated districts. To do this, a governing body is required to determine whether the populations of its single-member districts are within the 10 percent balance rule based on 2000 Census population data. If the population deviation among the districts exceeds 10 percent, the entity must redistrict or redraw the boundaries of the individual districts.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is the federal agency charged with reviewing and approving changes in election law, such as redistricting. DOJ uses the Census Bureau's recently released population data for the 2000 Census in its analysis of redistricting plans.

Single-member population figures are derived from Census Bureau units called census blocks. In urban areas, these correspond roughly to city blocks. In more rural areas, census blocks may be very large. Census blocks are also aggregated into larger sets called "voting tabulation districts" which often correspond to county election precincts.

For the 2000 Census, the Census Bureau recognized 126 racial and ethnic categories and collected and reported data based on all of them. Only eight of the categories are likely to be important in the redistricting process in Schleicher County.

Sec. 5 of the Voting Rights Act

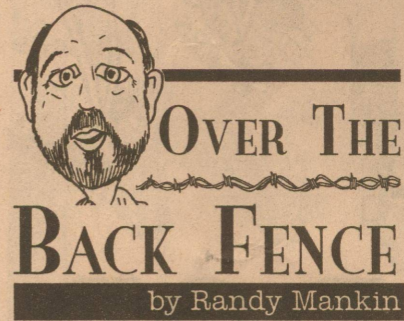
Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act requires all covered jurisdiction

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The EEOC... keeping the workplace safe for UFOs and naked Shamans

"Well, I've wrestled with reality for thirty-five years, Doctor, and I'm happy to state I finally won out over it." — Jimmy Stewart as Elwood P. Dowd in the movie "Harvey"



the case himself and the EEOC has taken it up. You might say that the undressed is seeking redress because of his unplanned egress from the premises.

"Oh, every day is a beautiful day." — Elwood P. Dowd

A man in Washington, D.C. lost his job at the U.S. Patent Office recently and now he's fighting to get it back. Paul LaViolette successfully argued before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that his bosses at the Patent Office had dismissed him, not because of poor job performance, but because of his belief in UFOs. In fairness, LaViolette also believes in other things that mere earthlings might consider to be paranormal...things like astrology, tarot cards and something he calls, electrogravitics.

LaViolette advances his unusual views on an internet web-

site at www.etheric.com. He says those views, most running contrary to prevailing scientific opinion, are what got him fired from the Patent Office.

Now, the EEOC has sided with LaViolette and has directed the Patent Office to consider reinstating him. The agency said that discriminating against LaViolette's unconventional beliefs are in essence the same as discrimination based on religion.

"After this he'll be a perfectly normal human being and you know what stinkers they are." — Cab driver to Elwood P. Dowd in "Harvey."

Meanwhile, a Huntington Beach, California man is advancing another EEOC complaint against the Boeing Company. It seems that company security guards found the man naked at the office over the Thanksgiving holiday, engaging in what they termed "shamanistic rituals." He was promptly fired for violating the company's dress code.

Unfair, said the man, and he began looking for a lawyer to represent him. When none were eager to take the job, the man filed

What's going on here, has the whole world gone crazy or are the rest of us missing the boat? I think Elwood P. Dowd would tell us that the boat long ago left the dock.

Wouldn't it be fun to tell your boss to take a hike and then point out to him that you can't be fired because Elvis is your spiritual advisor. The good folks at the EEOC have probably already done the research on that one.

Or, if you felt like staying home for a few weeks, you could tell your employer that you are suffering from stress induced by an addiction to the television show "Survivor." There's no way he can expect you to report for work until you find out if Ginger or Mary Ann gets voted off the island before Gilligan.

Then there's the Psychic Friends Network. You know, the people with the 1-800 number who will tell your fortune over the telephone, provided you have a valid credit card number. How can any employer expect you to work on a day your psychic friend says is bad for you. If he does, just dial 1-800-EEOC.

"Well, Harvey has overcome not only time and space but any objections." — Elwood P. Dowd

Bill to help state historic sites making progress

AUSTIN — Texas has 120 attractive and interesting state parks and historic sites. But anyone who has visited a park lately would agree that they could be better.

Parks have had to make do with skimpy maintenance budgets, and the results are showing.

But Senate Bill 305, approved April 17, will mandate a sweeping analysis of the state's land and water conservation needs and a plan to improve things.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



Also required under the bill is that Parks and Wildlife Department place more emphasis on its historical holdings, referring to them in the future as historic sites, not parks.

The bill also prohibits the agen-

cy from using alcohol or tobacco advertising in its publications.

Bullock Museum open

After what's known as a "soft opening" last week, the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum officially opens to the public at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The grand opening will feature live music, historical reenactments and educational activities.

Located at 1800 N. Congress Ave. in Austin, the cost for admission to the museum exhibits is \$5 for adults but is free for children younger than 18. Tickets to the IMAX Theater, the Texas Spirit Theater and the Journey into Amazing Caves are extra.

To learn more about the new museum, check out its website at www.TheStoryofTexas.com.

Job hunting?

High tech companies are still laying off Texans right and left, but on large employer based in Austin is seeking qualified applicants.

The job comes with a high performance car and a pistol, shotgun and rifle.

Knowing that it's going to be hit hard in the next few years with a wave of Baby Boomer retirements, the Department of Public Safety is planning six new recruit schools in the next two years?

The agency is so serious about getting new applicants that it's putting advertising bumper stickers on its patrol cars.

Borrowing from the "My child's an honor student and such-and-such school" concept the DPS bumper stickers say: "Become a State Trooper" and give a toll-free number for interested applicants to call, 866-TXTROOP (866-898-7667.)

The next recruit class starts Sept. 3. Even though that class is almost full, other classes will be following and it's not too early to get the application process under way.

Free civics lesson

Next time someone you know complains about some governmental issue, from taxation to law enforcement, try using a story popular with Austin lobbyists.

First, ask the person to name the seven dwarfs. Chances are, they will know all the names, or at least most. Next ask if they can name the five Marx brothers. This is a little trickier, but most people can come up with the names. Then ask if they can name the Tree Stooges.

Finally, and to make the point, ask them if they can name the nine members of the Texas Supreme Court. Or the U.S. Supreme Court, for that matter.

The sad fact is that most people have an easier time ticking off the names of Walt Disney characters than elected officials.

Bottom line, the lobbyists say, if you want good government, a first step is not being Dopey when it comes to knowing the names of the people elected to represent you.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Thunderbird Southwest

"We get a lot of people who are reminiscing in life." Those are the words of Lance Herrington of La Grange, who deals in Thunderbirds.

"Everybody thinks of the Thunderbird as a small two-passenger vehicle with a porthole window and a Continental kit on the back. They only made that three years: 1955, 56 and 57. The '55 was the first one out to compete with the Corvette and it outsold the Corvette ten to one. It almost ruined the Corvette.

"The Thunderbird was a personal luxury car. It was not a sportscar. They made a total of fifty-three thousand of the two passenger model. They sold for thirty-one hundred dollars, which was a lot of money back then. You could buy two sedans for that. Sales lagged for awhile because of the price. They went to the four passenger in fifty-eight and the sales just sky-rocketed.

"There are approximately twenty-two thousand still on the road out of the fifty-three thousand. And that's one of the reasons why the values are up on them. They made some of them super-charged. Those go in excess of a hundred thousand dollars. I've seen one go for a hundred and fifty thousand. Not bad for a car that sold for thirty-one hundred dollars new."

Lance had a manufacturing company in Houston with thirty-five employees. When the oil bust came twenty years ago, he lost everything except his yellow '57 Thunderbird. He felt sorry for himself for about a week, then moved to Sugarland and started doing full restorations on Thunderbirds. He was there fourteen years, then moved to La Grange.

"We're basically a mail order company for parts for the old Thunderbirds and mid-fifties Fords. We're having parts manufactured all over the country to update the old vehicles. We put in modern radios, suspension, air conditioning and tires. You have the looks of the old cars and the handling of the new ones."

His customers range in age from fifty-four to sixty. About forty people a day stop at his huge showroom full of fifties' cars and memorabilia just outside La Grange. His 800 number is 722-TOYS.

He has driven his '57 T-Bird for nearly forty years. "The license plate on it kind of symbolizes how I feel about the car. It's LUV BRD. Lovebird. We've put 281 thousand miles on it. They are made to drive, not keep in garages."

He sells all over the world. Last year he shipped cars to Australia, France, England and Belgium. "The man in Brussels asked me 'what if the vehicle isn't what you say it is?' I told him we'd send him a round trip ticket if we misrepresent the car in any way. He called back and asked me if I would take the price of the round trip ticket off he price of the car. We did and he's happy. He has sent us other customers.

"I guess we've built a reputation. On many of our overseas sales, the people never come in to see the car. We send them a video and still photographs. They take us at our word and so far they haven't been unhappy."

He has other cars besides Thunderbirds, like a 1956 Chevy wrecker and a 1954 Police car complete with whip antenna and siren he uses in parades. "It's a fun, fun business. It's a pleasure coming to work."

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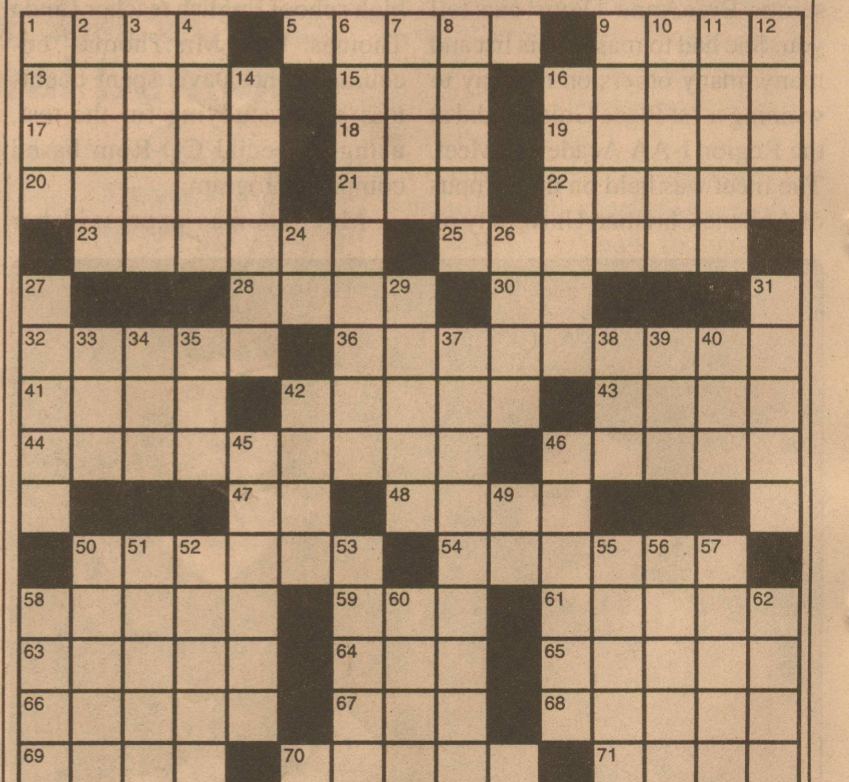
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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Four members of Beta Sigma Phi met on Monday, April 23, 2001 in the home of president Linda Lindsey. As the sorority year winds down there was not a large amount of business to discuss. Plans were finalized for the upcoming Founder's Day Banquet. Members will meet at the home of Flora Hubble at 6:15 p.m. on April 30th and all will travel to Sonora for the program and Dinner.

The program on Teddy Bears was given by Mrs. Lindsey. One of the true teddy bear "pioneers" was Margaret Steiff, a young German woman stricken with polio. Because she loved being around children she made a tiny elephant toy for the children to play with. This evolved into her starting her own toy firm, Steiff Company in

about 1880. Seven years later her nephew sent her a sample bear. She shipped a bear to the United States and was asked to make 3,000, thus the soon-to-be famous teddy bear was launched! When Theodore Roosevelt's daughter used the bears as decorations in her wedding someone asked him "say Teddy, what species do these bears belong to?" Not knowing Roosevelt replied, you really got me there, so I think they must be a new species called "Teddy" Bears. The press picked up on this little story and released it in various newspapers. As a result, the little bears became known as Teddy Bears.

After the program the hostess served vegetables, chips, dips and cake to Mary Jenkins, Dorothy Dacy and Barbara Jackson who won the door prize, a white teddy bear.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Middle School X Files-5th Six Weeks Honorees: Front: (L-R) 5th Grade: David Ramirez and Chelsey Pridemore; 6th Grade: Candace Engdahl and Chris Smith; Back (L-R) 7th Grade: Nestor Hernandez and Taylor Baker; 8th Grade: Blanca Huichapa and Nathan MacDonald. Each six weeks, a Middle School boy and girl from each grade level are selected by their teachers who considered the students to have put EXTRA effort into their classroom work. The X File students receive a coupon for an individual pizza compliments of Pizza Pro.

2000 was a great year for Texas hummingbird watchers

AUSTIN, Texas — Hummingbird watchers were treated to an exceptional year in 2000 with observations of 17 of the 18 species documented in Texas, according to the Texas Hummingbird Roundup survey. Only the green-breasted mango was absent.

"It was a great year for the program", says Mark Klym, coordinator of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup with Texas Parks and Wildlife, "and we are learning a lot about hummingbirds and their ecology through our roundup volunteers."

In its seventh year, the Texas Hummingbird Roundup enlists volunteers to conduct backyard surveys that help biologists learn more about the range, distribution, favored sites and feeding habits of the 18 hummingbird species found in Texas. The roundup enables hummingbird enthusiasts to conduct field research and report their findings to TPW biologists.

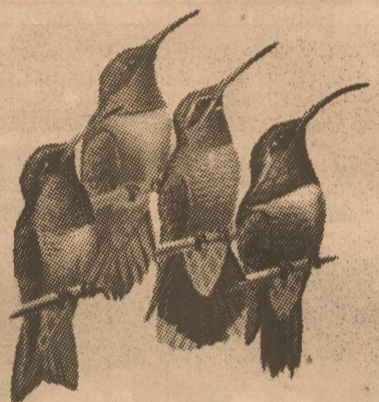
Volunteers are provided survey forms, feeder tips, scarlet sage seeds and "A Quick Reference Guide to Texas Hummingbirds" in return for a \$6 donation. Upon completion of the survey, roundup participants receive a decal and a newsletter that documents the results of the year's roundup. Anyone who is interested in hummingbirds is encouraged to participate, Klym said.

Last year, 1,148 volunteers participated in the roundup, with 38 observers in 19 counties having hummingbirds visit over the winter months. Six species of hummingbirds recorded for the state visit primarily in the winter, and as more Texans keep their feeders active, more reports are received about these birds.

According to Klym, the most common species in Texas by far is the ruby-throated hummingbird. Males are dark-green-backed with a ruby-red throat over a white breast. Females are dull-green-backed and white-breasted. Although found primarily in the eastern part of the state, large numbers of migrant ruby-throats along the Texas coast bring throngs of bird-watchers to Rockport in September.

While ruby-throated hummingbird migrations attract attention in the east, it is the large number of species that draws hummingbird enthusiasts to West Texas. In the Davis Mountains, as many as nine species may be seen in late summer and early fall. Rarities such as the Berylline hummingbird and the Costa's hummingbird add to the excitement, Klym said.

Roundup participants also answer questions about the favorite plants of hummingbirds. This year, as in all previous years, the strong preference was for the salvia species, with lantana, coral honeysuckle, hibiscus, Turk's cap and



trumpet vine all showing frequently on the reports. These plants are all common native Texas plants, while hummingbird bush, a commonly sold non-native plant, placed fourth on the list. Observers reported shrimp plant, a group of plants commonly used by hummingbirds in Central America, very infrequently.

Surprises in last year's census included Lucifer hummingbird and white-eared hummingbird, traditional West Texas species, observed and photographed in Fredericksburg and a late fall broad-billed hummingbird in Howard County. In West Texas, a rare visit by a Costa's hummingbird was recorded in Brewster County, while Jeff Davis County was visited again by a Berylline hummingbird.

Information on participating in the Texas Hummingbird Roundup can be found on the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nature/birding/humrunup.htm>). For more information contact Mark Klym at (800) 792-1112.

**HAPPY
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Anna Maria Cordova
Love,
Francisca, Merced, Hervey, Hevin,
Shawn, Michael Solis

West Texas Boys Ranch plans 1st annual bluegrass festival

West Texas Boys Ranch will hold its 1st annual Bluegrass at Boys Ranch Festival Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20.

Bands from across the state will entertain bluegrass fans of all ages at the ranch located 17 miles west of San Angelo, Texas. Artists appearing include; Big Sandy, Concho Grass, Hickory Hill, Rocky Creek, The Gore Brothers, Wildwood Valley Boys and Illrd Generation. Bands will play throughout the weekend beginning Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets will be

available at the gate. Prices are \$5 for Friday and or Sunday and \$10 for Saturday. Children under 12 get in free. Saturday morning a West Texas Biscuit Breakfast with all the trimmings will be served by some of West Texas finest chefs.

West Texas Boys Ranch is a real working ranch home to 40 school age boys. A charitable organization operated solely on donations, West Texas Boys Ranch holds annual fund-raisers to solicit donations and raise awareness of the boy care program.

Concho Valley Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Television host Doris Winkler will be the featured speaker at the 14th annual Senior Spring Fling and Expo May 16 at the San Angelo Coliseum and Exhibits Building. Master of ceremonies for the event will be Pat Attebery, well-known West Texas television personality.

Winkler, who hosts the syndicated "Senior Report" seen in the area on KLST-TV, will speak on issues important to seniors at 1 p.m. in the coliseum.

The event, which features as its theme "The Many Faces of Aging," will include educational and informational booths, health screenings, door prizes, entertainment and other activities in the coliseum. Lunch will be served in the exhibits building.

Also, the winners of the fifth annual Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame will be announced, one from Tom Green County and one from the rural Concho Valley counties. The Senior Spring Fling, which typically draws more than 1,000 people from throughout the Concho Valley, is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

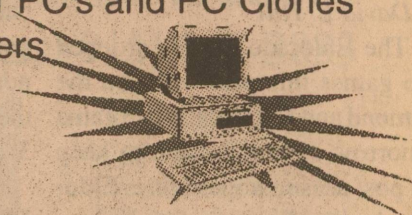
The program will be held under the auspices of the Area Agency of Aging of the Concho Valley, the Concho Valley Retired Senior Volunteer Program and San Angelo's Senior Services Division. Lunch this year will cost \$2 for people aged 60 and over and \$5 for people under 60. Other activities are offered free of charge. Lunch tickets should be purchased prior to May 4. They are available at the AAA offices, 5028 Knickerbocker Road; RSVP, 3001 S. Jackson; Rio Concho Manor East and Rio Concho Manor West;

Baptist Memorial High Rise; Christian Village; and at several nutrition sites.

People may order lunch tickets by mail by sending payment and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to RSVP, 3001 S. Jackson St. in San Angelo.

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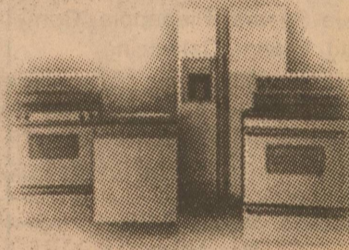
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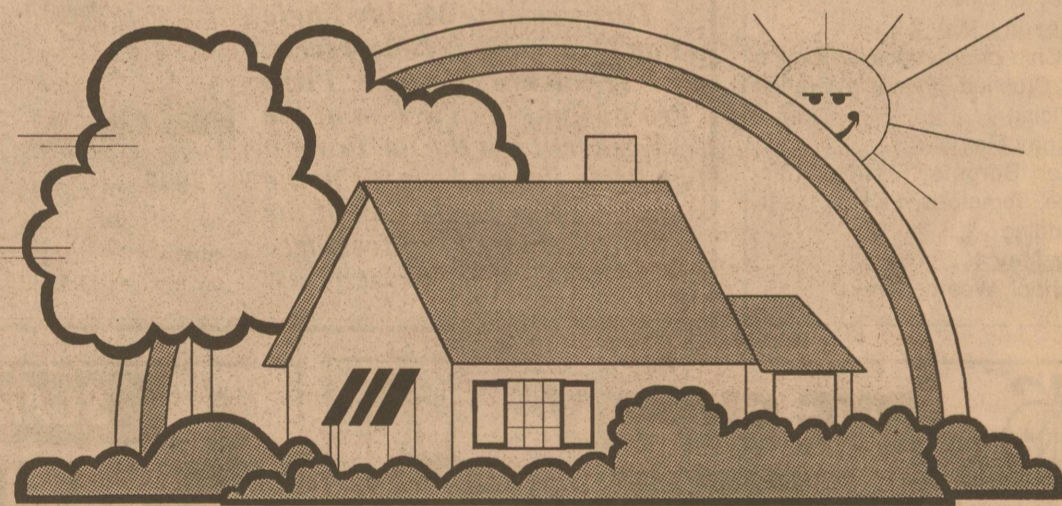


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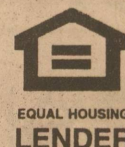


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Eagles nine in "must win" situation

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles dropped two games this past week on the diamond and face a must win game tomorrow against Mason to keep the post season hopes alive. Eldorado lost to Junction last Friday, 12 to 3, and then lost a heart breaker to Sonora on Tuesday, 6 to 5.

Eldorado traveled to Kimble County last Friday afternoon to take on the gold and black Eagles of Junction. The game can be summed up in one half inning. Eldorado took a 3 to 0 lead after the first half of the 1st inning and all looked well for the Eagles. Then, disaster struck. The bottom half of the first for Junction saw EHS commit several errors and give up a grand slam. After the smoke cleared, Eldorado found itself down 11 to 3 after the first inning. EHS calmed down after the inning and played good base-

ball, however, the 9 run deficit and good pitching by Junction would not allow the Eagles to get back in the game. The final score was 12 to 3, Junction.

Pitching for Eldorado was Mike Adame, Homer Hernandez, Will Robledo, and Manuel Hernandez.

Robledo went 4 for 4 in the game, Rocky Robles and Manuel Hernandez each had singles.

Coach Molina said after the game, "We settled down after a terrible first inning. Junction's pitcher did a good job of coming back after giving up 3 in the first. Today just wasn't our day."

With the loss, Eldorado found itself at 4-4 in district play tied for third.

Tuesday, Eldorado traveled to Sonora to take on the second place Broncos. Eldorado had a great crowd at the game to support the green and white. The game was a pitchers duel with Sonora getting on the board first with 2 runs in the second. The Eagles left several runners on base in the second, third, and fourth innings, then tied the game in the top of the 5th, 2-2.

Sonora then scored 3 runs in the bottom of the 6th to take a 5-2 lead going into the top of the seventh. Mike Adame got on to lead off the inning for Eldorado. Will Robledo followed up with a 2 run home run to bring EHS within 1. Ramon Barajas then got on base and eventually scored the tying run when John Espinosa got a double.

With no outs, and runners at first and third, Jason Brock popped up a bunt that was caught by the

short-stop, who then doubled up Espinosa at third for two away. Robles was then picked off at first for the final out of the inning with the score tied 5-5. Then in the bottom of the seventh, Sonora got a home run from their lead off hitter for the win.

Manuel Hernandez went the distance for the Eagles on the mound and pitched a good game.

Offensively for the Eagles, Barajas (2), Robles (2), Brock, Hernandez, all had singles. Espinosa had a double and Will Robledo got a home run.

After the end of the game, EHS fans and players looked on in disbelief as the Eagles had played a very good game, fought back for the tie, and then saw the game get away on the first pitch in the bottom of the seventh. Coach Molina said, "This was very tough for these young men. But we are not out of the hunt. We have to regroup and get after Mason on Friday, at home."

Eldorado will take on the Mason Punchers at Eagle Field tomorrow afternoon. The playoff scenario is very simple and very familiar. Eldorado must win tomorrow and then come back and play Mason in a play in for third place. Exactly the same position the Eagles basketball team faced only a few weeks ago.

Coach Molina said of the game Friday, "We need everyone out there, in the stands, in their cars, cheering this team, so we can have the opportunity to play again next week." WEAR YOUR GREEN AND BE LOUD!



Ryan Cathey (R) placed 2nd and Logan Neal (L) placed 1st in the 8th Grade Boys Singles division of the District 2-2A Middle School Tennis Tournament held here last Saturday.

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(R-L) Allison Reynolds and Chandra Wanoreck won the 7th Grade Girls Doubles division of the District 2-2A Middle School Tennis Tournament held here last Saturday.

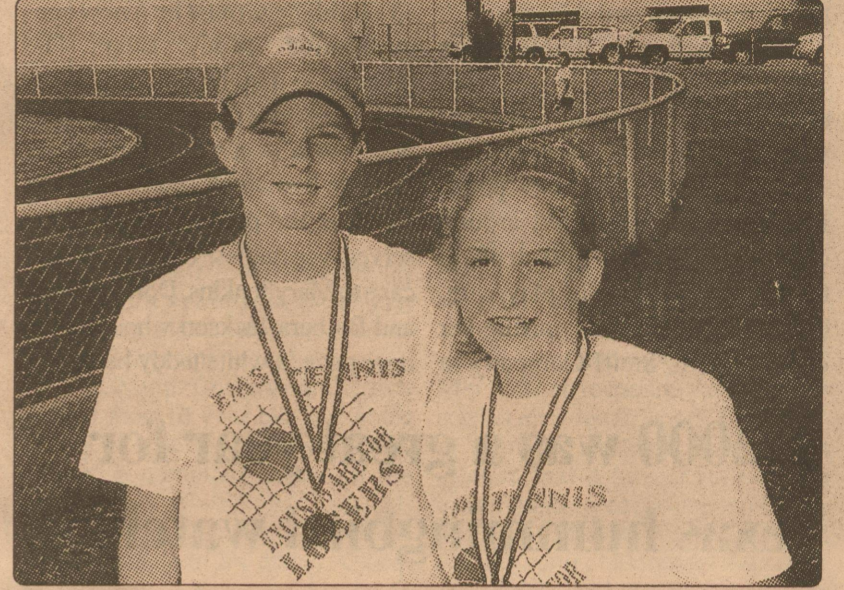


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(R-L) Michael Ballew and Frank Edmiston placed won the 7th Grade Boys Doubles division of the District 2-2A Middle School Tennis Tournament held here last Saturday.



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(R-L) Maxie Holley and Taylor Baker placed 3rd in the 7th Grade Girls Doubles division of the District 2-2A Middle School Tennis Tournament held here last Saturday.



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Emily Newman placed 3rd in the 8th Grade Girls Singles division of the District 2-2A Middle School Tennis Tournament held here last Saturday.

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School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, April 30

Meat and Macaroni Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Sliced Pears, Cornbread, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, May 1

Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, May 2

Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Dill Pickle Spears, Pineapple, Cornbread, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, May 3

Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding

Friday, May 4

No School, Weather Day

Breakfast

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

Monday, April 30

Mixed Fruit, French Toast/Syrup

Tuesday, May 1

Pineapple, Cream of Wheat, Toast/Jelly

Wednesday, May 2

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, May 3

Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Friday, May 4

No School, Weather Day

Fast Food Line

Monday, April 30

Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Sliced Pears, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, May 1

Chili Crispos/Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, May 2

Corn Chip pie, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Crushed Pineapple, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, May 3

Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding

Friday, May 4

No School, Weather Day



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Sonora	6	3	
Mason	5	4	
Eldorado	4	5	
Junction	3	6	
Grape Creek	1	8	

Eldorado Youth Baseball			
	W	L	
Majors	3	0	
White Sox	1	1	
Braves	0	3	
Tigers	1	1	

Braves 5 - Tigers 1
White Sox 7 - Tigers 1

Eldorado Youth Baseball			
	W	L	
Minors	2	0	
Astros	1	1	
Rangers	1	1	
A's	1	1	
Blue Jays	0	2	

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City Council meeting held

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struction of a recycling center building. The only bids received came from Curtis Odell of San Angelo. He bid the work both as turn-key construction and as labor only. After discussing the options, City Administrator Randy Mankin recommended the council award the labor only bid to Odell for construction of a 40 x 50 ft. building with an attached 50 x 20 ft shed. The council agreed to the recommendation and accepted Odell's bid \$15,000 to construct the building with the city providing all material.

The recycling center will be constructed on the vacant lot immediately behind the City Hall and the city shop. The lot was recently purchased from First Presbyterian Church, giving the city ownership of the complete block. Funds for the construction will be provided by a grant through the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then reported that, as per the council's previous instructions, she had sent each of eight rural customers on the city's rural gas pipeline a bill for their pro rata share of line loss in the year 2000 and the first quarter of 2001. She noted the loss totaled \$3,400.00 with most of that

amount coming in 2001 after the large increase in gas rates.

Randy Mankin then presented a final bill from Seidel Construction for paving work begun last summer. Mankin explained that heavy rains in the fall prevented completion of the work until two weeks ago. The council authorized payment. Mankin then told the council that he and City Superintendent Jack Dean would be recommending a second round of paving at an upcoming meeting so that the council may call for bids. Also, repairs to the paving around the school were discussed. It was noted that work on that project will be delayed until the end of school.

Next, the council discussed repairing the city's John Deere tractor and by consensus directed Mankin to have the machine repaired. They further agreed to share the cost of repair with the school on a 50/50 basis. Before adjourning, Mayor Nikolauk announced the next council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2001. The change from Monday to Tuesday reflects the necessity to canvass the votes following the local election. There being no further business the council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

In the Eye Of The Beholder: Nancy Powell admiring a painting provided by one of the 8th through 12 Grade students during the "Ten for the Arts" art show held Saturday, April 21, 2001 in the Old Bank building. The art show received \$1,200 in sales. One half of the funds will go to the Art Department at the High School for art supplies for next year and one half will go to the artists.

Area 4-H Members to take part in District Roundup

SAN ANGELO — Five-hundred youth from 23 area counties are expected May 5 for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Annual; District 7 4-Hers from 9-19 years-old test their skills against their peers and their own performance in previous contests. The event also enables them to practice their citizenship and leadership skills in a new environment.

The Roundup Awards Assembly is set for 1:30 p.m. in the ASU gym. The ceremony tops a full morning of events that are to include: Soil Judging, Range and Pasture Grass ID, Horse Quiz Boll,

a fashion show, and method demonstrations.

Other contests held earlier that are part of Roundup and their respective locations include: Horse Judging, Stephenville; Rifle Contest, Burner; Wool and Mohair Judging, Eldorado; Range Evaluation, Lampasas; Consumer Decision Making, Brady; and A Livestock Judging (May 1), Mason.

Winners from the District show qualify for state competition June 11-15 on the Texas A&M University campus at College Station. Qualifying teams or individuals must have placed first or second in the senior division for youths 14-19 years-old. Juniors, those 9-13 years-old, don't compete beyond the district level.



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Promoting the Boys Ranch — Lawrence "Bub" Williams, executive director of West Texas Boys Ranch was in Eldorado last week to address the Eldorado Lions Club. He updated the club on activities at the ranch and invited those interested to stop by for a visit.

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When you visit the fair, look for the Classroom Wish List display to see how you can help build your

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Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, April 30

Country Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Juice, Lime Rice Swirl, Milk

Tuesday May 1

Oven Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Squares, Milk

Wednesday May 2

Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday May 3

Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Corn and Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Cornbread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday May 4

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•Along Came A Spider (R)	2:30 5:00 7:30 9:50
Pokemon 3 (G)	2:15 4:40 7:05 9:15
Exit Wounds (R)	2:20 4:50 7:10 9:30
The Mexican (R)	1:40 4:15 6:55 9:35
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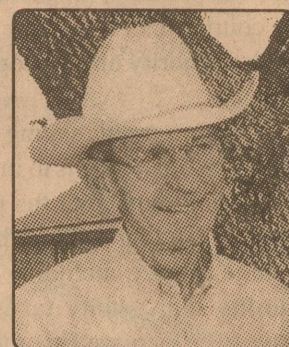


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County Commissioners Court meeting

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Next, the men met with county extension agent Nancy Lester who came representing the Civic Center Planning Board. She updated the commissioners on the board's progress and presented copies of the rules and fee schedules currently in place at community meeting places in Crockett and Sutton counties. Lester said that members of the planning board will be meeting with various civic clubs in order to seek input on the need for a new civic center.

At that point, Judge Griffin asked if the school's newly rebuilt ag building would be large enough for use as a civic center. He then asked Mrs. Lester to meet with SCISD board president Phil McCormick regarding the possibility of the school district turning the new ag building over to the county for this purpose.

Judge Griffin went on to say that in regard to a new civic center, the commissioner court wants to follow the will of the majority of the people in the county.

Lester agreed, saying that the planning board wants to inform the entire community of the pros and cons of funding and building such a large project, including the possibility that county taxes would have to be increased in order to pay for the structure.

Next, the men noted that additional work needs to be done at the county airport before paving can begin on the runway. A recent inspection revealed that road base, down on the runway for more than a year has begun to "fluff up" due to recent rains. It was explained that the base would need to be bladed and rolled again before paving can commence.

The commissioners voted to contract with Reece Albert Construction, the same company that will be paving the air strip, to carry out the needed work. They agreed to pay up to \$3,000 for the project.

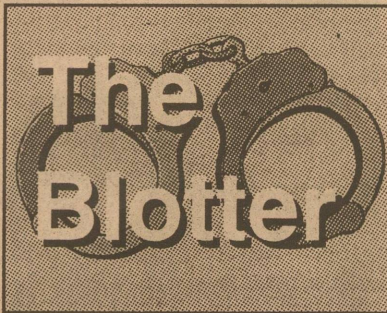
Johnny Mayo the offered a motion to hire Reece Albert to haul road base for the golf course at \$4.85 a ton. Bill Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The golf club will be paving the golf cart trails as soon as road base material can be obtained.

The court then called for bids for one transport load of diesel fuel with the bids to be opened at the next meeting on May 7, 2001.

Next, Judge Griffin explained that the Social Security representative will no longer be coming to Eldorado. This will require anyone needing assistance with their Social Security to travel to San Angelo.

Before adjourning, the men reviewed correspondence from a concerned citizen who voiced opposition to the construction of a residential treatment center in the county. The center under consideration would house drug & alcohol abusers as well as sex offenders. The men reviewed the letter without discussion.

Before adjourning, the commissioners reviewed and approved the county's bills.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at 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 19 • Collett, Tammy Lee, female age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charge local warrant. Released time served.

Crook, Bonnie Dean, female age 41, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

Dale, Clarence Edward, male age 41, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

Gillespie, Harold T. Jr., male age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense/Driving While License Suspended). Released on \$1,000 and \$2,000 Surety Bond.

April 20 • Jenkins, Christopher L., male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

April 21 • Bailey, Michael James, male age 24, hold for Irion County,

charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.

Salinas, Jose A. Jr., male age 26, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Wachsmann, Laura, female age 21, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on a \$1,000 Surety Bond.

April 23 • Ogden, Melissa Sue, female age 25, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant for Theft. Released on \$500 PR Bond.

Collett, Tammy Lee, female age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant for Theft. Released on \$500 PR Bond.

REPORTS

April 17 • 4:46 p.m. Burglar Alarm reported at residence. Two officers responded and owner called the Sheriff's Office and advised everything was OK.

April 18 • 3:15 a.m. Auto recovery agent reported to the Sheriff's Office that they will be impounding a vehicle.

6:45 a.m. Request to call the city and report a sewer was backing up in the alley. City employee was contacted. Complainant notified.

7:52 a.m. Complainant reported that their 15 year old son would not get for school. They advised they needed a complaint made for the record.

7:07 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

April 20 • 8:30 a.m. Complainant reported they had taken their lawn mower to get fixed over 3 weeks and has been unable to get it back. Officer responded and was unable to locate. Complainant called back at 2:00 p.m. and advise they found the owner and demanded their mower back and the owner gave it back, not fixed.

4:15 p.m. Complainant came to Sheriff Office to report that two children riding their bikes on North Divide had been chased and bitten by a dog. Dog was placed back in it's yard.

April 21 • 2:20 a.m. Complainant reported loud music. Officer responded.

2:15 p.m. Parent requested a welfare check on daughter. Officer responded.

9:42 p.m. Complainant came into the Sheriff's Office to report a broken window on a door on Main Street They were concern the rest of the glass might fall out so they taped the window.

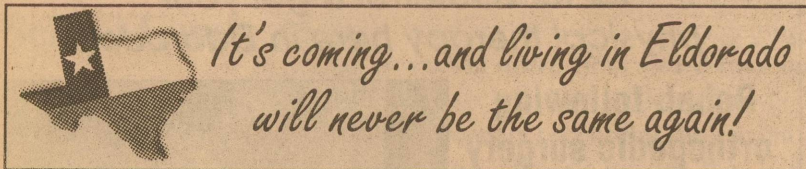
11:15 p.m. Complainant requested a welfare check on one of their employees. Complainant stated that the subject should have been at work at 10:45 p.m. Subject does not answer phone. Officer responded and found employee OK.

April 22 • 4:25 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on an elderly couple walking on the highway 10 miles east on Highway 190. Officer responded and subjects were looking at the flowers and taking pictures.

6:30 p.m. Complainant at local grocery store reported a possible shoplifter. Officer responded and female subject escorted to Sheriff Office.

April 23 • 6:03 p.m. Complainant advised that a female subject had asked them to call the Sheriff's Office because there was a house on fire just north of Eldorado. Two officers, EMS2 and two fire trucks responded. 6:16 p.m. Contact was made with resident just north of town and they advised that they had a controlled burn. All units disregarded.

April 24 • 1:44 p.m. Complainant reported that she has not seen her son since he left for school the morning of 4/23/01. Complainant requested time be logged.




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tions, including Texas, to "preclear" any changes to voting standards, practices, or procedures before they may take effect. So, all local governments within the state, as well as the State of Texas itself, are required to preclear any voting change, including their redistricting plan. Preclearance may be obtained by submitting a redistricting plan to DOJ for examination and preclearance, or a local jurisdiction may obtain a declaratory judgement from a special three-judge panel in federal district court in Washington, D.C. Submission to DOJ is by far the most common and usually the least expensive method for obtaining preclearance.

Retrosession is the legal standard DOJ applies during preclearance review of redistricting plans. In effect, it considers whether a minority group will be made worse off by a proposed redistricting plan. To do this, a proposed plan is compared against a "benchmark." In most cases, that benchmark is a local jurisdiction's prior district or precinct boundary, with the consideration using the new 2000 Census data. In adjusting the boundaries of districts, the burden falls on the governmental entity to demonstrate that a less retrogressive plan could not reasonably have been drawn.

Sec. 2 of the Voting Rights Act

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act forbids a voting standard, practice or procedure from having the effect of reducing the opportunity of members of a covered minority to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice. In practical terms, this nondiscrimination provision prohibits redistricting practices that result in packing minorities into a single district in an effort to limit their voting strength. Also, fracturing minority popula-

tions into small groups in a number of districts is prohibited if that fracturing serves to diminish the overall voting strength of a minority.

Shaw v. Reno Standards

In the Shaw v. Reno line of cases that began in 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court applied the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to redistricting plans and determined that race alone may not be considered when redistricting. Since that ruling the following principles have emerged:

- race may be considered;
- but race may not be the predominant factor in the redistricting process to the point that traditional redistricting principles become subordinate;
- bizarrely shaped districts are not necessarily unconstitutional, but the bizarre shape may be evidence that race was the predominant consideration in the redistricting process;
- if race is the predominant consideration, the plan may still be constitutional if it is narrowly tailored to address compelling governmental interest such as compliance with the Voting Rights Act; and
- if a plan is narrowly tailored, it will use race no more than necessary to address the compelling interest.

Redistricting Criteria

In the case of Schleicher County and the City of Eldorado, the two entities have each opted to hire the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan Keaver & McDaniel to assist them in the redistricting process. They have each adopted the following redistricting criteria:

1. Where possible, easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
2. Communities of interest should be maintained in a single district, where possible, and at-

tempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.

3. To the extent possible, districts should be composed of whole voting precincts. Where this is not possible or practicable, districts should be drawn in a way that permits the creation of practical voting precincts and that ensures that adequate facilities for polling places exist in each voting precinct.

4. Although it is recognized that existing districts will have to be altered to reflect new population distribution, any districting plan should, to the extent possible, be based on existing districts.

5. Districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2000 federal census. In no event should the total deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed ten percent.

6. The districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional, as well as a geographical dimension.

7. Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.

8. The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid retrogression in the position of racial minorities and language minorities as defined in the Voting Rights Act with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise.

9. The plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting so as to create a liability under section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

In the case of Schleicher County I.S.D. the school board met with the district's attorney, Sarah Leon as well as attorney David Mendez, on Monday night but took no action. It is believed the school is awaiting the outcome of legislation in Austin that would allow the school to change from a 7 single-member district system to a 4 single-member district and 3 at-large district system. If adopted, this would allow the school's single member district boundaries to follow the same lines as those adopted by Schleicher County.

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Rep. Turner likely to lose West Texas counties to Redistricting

Though the House Redistricting Committee has proposed major changes to his district, State Representative Bob Turner, (D) Voss, said that he shares with the voters in the new district the same concerns about the issues facing Central Texas.

"The concerns of the new district are very similar to those that I have worked on for the people in the current District 73," Turner said. "Protection of our water, rural economic viability, public education and rural health care will not change regardless of the fact the map presented by the Committee

on Redistricting is a work in progress and still subject to change."

Under the Committee's proposed plan, Representative Turner's district would gain Mills, Hamilton, and Coryell Counties; keep Coleman and Brown Counties; and lose Bandera, Concho, Crane Crockett, Ector (part), Edwards, Kimble, Llano, Mason, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, Upton and Ward Counties.

"There is a major downside to the federally driven redistricting process, which is the fact that our legislative districts must change to

reflect changes in population," Turner said. "This can cause us to lose counties where we have developed close ties over the past ten years. I will miss the opportunity to serve the people of my old district as many of these folks have become close friends. But, by the same token, I look forward to meeting and representing the people of the counties in the new district."

A 10-year veteran of the Texas House, Turner serves as Chair of the Committee on Public Safety. He also serves on the Committee

on Land & Resource Management. In addition, he is a member of the House Veterans and Military Affairs Caucus, the Texas Conservative Coalition, the Texas Rural Coalition, the Rural Caucus and the Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. The Representative also served as a member of the Interim Select Committee on Ag Policy.

"Some of the issues I am working on this session are to create an Office of Rural Economic Affairs, a Rural Health Care Incentive Program, a career plan for Correctional Officers and to create a statewide water plan, Senate Bill 2."

"The plan the Committee on Redistricting presented is a fair one that will meet the State and Federal requirements," Turner said. "Only one County line is out by a district (Brazoria County) and the plan creates nine House member "pairings" throughout the state due to slow growth in certain areas. This plan is designed to benefit Texas, not political parties, which is of the utmost importance to me."

When the House Redistricting Committee has approved the plan, it will be scheduled for a vote by all of the members of the House.



Lady Eagles Softball — The Lady Eagles Softball team posed for this team photo last week. Team members include (Front L-R) Jennifer Bybee, Hallie Greer, Jennifer Rodriguez, (Back L-R) Amanda Wanoreck, Jessi Calcote, Tana Williams, Kristina Prater, Miltzi Sessom, Cristie Jo Belman and Heather Homer.

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Pedator awareness workshops scheduled across West Texas

SAN ANGELO — The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring four "Predator Awareness Workshops" across West Texas during the next several months. The workshops are meant to bring producers up-to-date on the latest in predator-related management, research, and population dynamics. Animals discussed include: coyotes, feral hogs, foxes, bobcats, and mountain lions. Participants are eligible for six continuing education units (CEUs) credit toward a Private Applicator License recertification.

Meeting sites, dates, and the area served by each location are: May 10, Rankin (Upton and Terrell Counties); May 17, Wingate

(Runnels and surrounding counties); July 17, Alpine (Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties); and July 19, Del Rio (Val Verde County).

The agenda topics and times are similar at each site, but the actual curriculum will be tailored to each area's specific wildlife and livestock predator threats.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. The morning program starts at 8:30 a.m. with a "Predator IQ" pretest and CEU paperwork. Ken Cearley, San Angelo based Extension wildlife associate, will be the early morning speaker. He will present "Appreciating Predators???" and conduct a lab practical on interpreting physical evidence of predation.

A 15 minute break at 10 a.m. will give way to a number of predator biological profiles. These will be presented by video and by Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service (TWDMS) staff. Cearley will wrap up the morning session with a talk on predator control and wildlife management.

Following a catered lunch, Cearley will open the afternoon program with an update on the "Predators in the Classroom" school curriculum enrichment project. The program will then split into four 20-minute concurrent predator control demonstrations taught by TWDMS personnel.

Session A is "Non-Lethal Approaches"; Session B is "Leg Hold Traps and Snares"; Session C is "M-44 Device and Livestock Protection Collars"; and Session D is "Aerial Gunning and Calling".

Participants will reconvene following the concurrent sessions to hear a spokesman from the Texas Department of Health speak on predators as disease vectors. Cearley will follow with "A Code of Ethics for Predator Management."

The remainder of the day will feature the topics: "Preventing Illicit Use of Pesticides in Predator Control Programs"; "Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board Update"; and "Predators: A Matter of Perspective".

A post-test and CEU paperwork conclusion will conclude each of the meetings by 5 p.m. To register and for further information, contact the respective county Texas Agricultural Extension Service Office or reach Ken Cearley at: Phone; (915) 653-4576 or E-mail; kcearley@ramu.edu.

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