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Blame it on Baghdad - Two juveniles told investigators that they vandalized two SCISD gymnasiums because the were convinced that the war in Iraq would lead to the end of the world and they wanted to "have a little fun." The fun caused more than $\$ 5,000$ in damages, including the mess pictured above.

County okays $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ for chapel, Civic

## - Center costs more than expected

Normally, few if any members of the public attend the twice-monthly meetings of the Schleicher County Commisings of the Schieicher Court. Monday, wasn't normal,
sioners sioners Court. Monday, wasn't normal,
though as the room was crowded to overflowing with citizens interested in buildflowing with citizens interested in a chapel at the local cemetery. ing a chapel at the local cemetery.
Among those in attendance were - Wenona Isaacs, Juanice Orr, Helen AIdridge, Norma Lynn Mund, Dorothy Clark, Dorothy Harris, Bill Hodges, William McCutcheon and Brian Edmis-
ton. Also on hand for the discussion was ton. Also on hand for the discussion was San Angelo architect Gary Donaldson.
As the group discussed the need for a shelter where funeral services could
son pictures of similar structures that already exist in Big Spring and Coleman. It soon became evident that the audience members preferred the Big Spring chapel, built to resemble a small country church with arched windows and a bell tower
It was noted that the chapel would not need to be enclosed, thereby allow ing breezes to cool the structure during the hot summer months, while blocking the cold north winds during the winter
As the discussion continued, Judge Johnny Griffin suggested that a chapel could be built directly behind the cemetery's main entrance, in line with the Continued On Page 5


The devil's in the details - Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin (standing) and (L-R) Commissioners Matt Brown and Kirk Griffin and contractor Micky McCrea look over plans for converting the county's current agriculture McCrea look over plans for con
building into a new civic center.

## Vandals trash school gymnasium

Two juveniles face charges in connection with a burglary and vandalism in and around two SCISD gymnasiums. The youths were taken into custody by Chief Deputy George Arispe on Friday, March 21, 2003, and were transported to the Tom Green County Juvenile Detention Center.
Authorities first learned of the vandalism at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, when school officials called to reficers found that burglars had gained access to the middle school gym through access to the middle school gym through
a window in the girls locker room. From a window in the girls locker room. From
there, they left a trail of mischief and there, they left a trail of mischief and
mayhem through both the middle school mayhem through both the middle school
and high school gymnasiums. and high school gymnasiums.
An assortment of cleaning chemicals
were dumped on the floor in the main-
tenance office in the new gym and fire extinguishers were discharged in hallways, locker rooms and coaches offices. Also, obscene graffiti was sprayed on at least one office door.
Most of the damage came in the middle school gym, however. That's where the vandals poured five gallons of clear floor wax on the floor in another office and dumped several athletic uniforms into the mess. Among the damaged uniforms were: 48 t-shirts, 10 football jerseys, 10 football pants, 8 sweatpants and 15 basketball jerseys.

The damage spread to a nearby weight room where the burglars, unable to gain access to the room, pushed several fluorescent light bulbs through a hole in a wall. The bulbs fell to the floor and broke in-
side the weight side the weight room.

Deputy Arispe noted that several clues pointed toward two juveniles, one from Eldorado, and a second from Del Rio. He said that one of the youngsters told him that events surrounding the war in Iraq had convinced them that the in Iraq had convinced them that the
world was coming to the end and that world was coming to the end and that
they decided to "have a little fun," bethey decided to "ha
fore the end came.

The two youths face felony charges of burglary and criminal mischief. Arispe noted the charges are both state jail felonies due to the amount of damage. He said that the school placed a price tag of $\$ 5,097.00$ on the damage, including the price of clean-up and repairs.
The youths were released into the custody of their families on Monday, custody of their
March 24, 2003.

## Hospital continues to upgrade equipment

## For first time in recent years, facility doesn't use its tax subsidy

February was a profitable month for Schleicher County Medical Center, in fact, it was the first profitable month that any of the current members of the board of trustees can recall.

The hospital's financial picture has been steadily improving recently, with the facility requiring less and less of its tax subsidy to pay the bills. But, February's numbers came as a pleasant surprise at Monday night's meeting of the board. The hospital, nursing home and clinic were in the black, the trustees learned, operating without tax subsidy
during Febraary during February.
"There were times when I wondered if this day would ever come," commented board president Randy Mankin. "It is a pleasure to announce to the taxpayers of Schleicher County that, for this month at least, this hospital cost you nothing."

Much of the turn around is being attributed to recent upgrades in equipment. The board learned that the hospital's new x -ray and ultrasound equipment, as well as the recently acquired spiral CT-scanner, are contributing dramatically to the facility's bottom line. Dr. Patrick Taylor was present for the meeting and noted that, thanks in great meeting and noted that, thanks in great
part to the new equipment, patients that part to the new equipment, patienst that
once were sent to San Angelo for diagonce were sent to San Angelo for diagnosis and treatment, can now be treated locally.

The encouraging financial news came just in time for Dr. Taylor and Ram Perez, R.N., as they asked the board to consider upgrading the hospital's telemetry equipment. They explained that the facility's current equipment represents 1970s technology and urged the board to replace it. The new system the men recommended would allow the heartbeat, respirations and blood oxygen levels of as many as four patients at a time to be monitored remotely at the nursing station.
After noting that the new equipment will allow even more patients to be treated locally, the board decided to purchase a system and they voted unanimously to call for bids for a new telemetry system. Sealed bids will be opened during a special meeting at 12:00 noon on Monday, April 14, 2003.


This is the one we want - Ram Perez, R.N., addressed the Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees Monday night and urged them to upgrade called for bids on new equipment that will allow nursing staff to mond called for bids on new equipment that will allow nursing staff to monitor

Trustees present for the meeting inTrustees present for the meeting in-
cluded Randy Mankin, Shirley Joiner, Delia Pina, Ricky Fuessel and Jim Martin. Trustee Frank Williams was absent The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. and the group immediately entered into an executive session with attorney James Kosub to discuss pending litigation. While behind closed doors the group also took up the subject of contract negotiations. They returned to open session about 90 minutes later without taking action on either matter.

Also present for the meeting were Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor, hospital consultants Andy Freeman and Jerry Hulin as well as Pam Madole, a certified public accountant.

Among other business, the board moved to improve employee benefits. They authorized a group insurance plan for district employees and voted to open a day care center in house adjacent to the hospital. It was explained that em ployees who choose not to sign up for
the group health insurance will be allowed free medical service at the facility, equal to the amount of premiums. Concerning the day care center, it was explained that child care will be offered only to hospital district employees and that they will be required to pay $\$ 1.50$ per hour for the service.

Next, the trustees took up the discussion of the district's finances. It was noted that the hospital had recorded $\$ 305,701.00$ in revenue during the month of February, more than the hospital has ever received in any single month. The revenue pushed the hospital's bottom line more than $\$ 11,000$ into the black, allowing more than $\$ 67,000.00$ in tax revenue to stay in the bank.

A look at the district's statistics revealed that business is up in the clinic as well as the hospital. An occupancy rate of 48 percent in the hospital was cause for much discussion among the trustees. As recently as four years ago,

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## When did the world get so crazy?

Consider, if you will, that
"Rap" music, once the bastion of inner city black youths, is now inner city black youths, is now
dominated by a white kid from Kansas City named Michael Mather, or as he prefers to call himself, Eminem. While, at the same time, the world of profes ronal golf, for years the precis of wealthy white guys clothed in sweaters and plaid pants, now
stands in awe of a young black stands in awe of a young blat
golfer named Tiger Woods.
Meanwhile, Germany, the naton whose imperialistic tendencries twice dragged the world into global conflict, now views the
United States as militaristic with a bent toward world domination.
Then there's France, yes, France, the nation that looks down its nose at we lowly Americans... try that wants nothing to do with Americans, or anything that even

More state agencies could end up on chopping block

AUSTIN - With bomb-sniffing dogs and their handlers circling the building and metal detectors
inside the main entrances, the busiinside the main entrances, the busi-
ness of state government continuses inside the Capitol as the 78th Legislature deals with issues of money and law.
To cope with the ongoing budget issue, lawmakers are continuing to look at strategies to reshape the state bureaucracy.
Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, has said that every state ageny needs to be looked at by the Legislature so that members can find and remove overlapping efexpending tax dollars may find hemselves eliminated or folded into other agencies by the end of


## Rolling Along

## A Collection of Cookie Jars

When you enter Gale's Sweet the top), the Wizard of Oz, Harry Shop in Big Spring you're treated and to a colorful, whimsical dis play of 453 cookie jars.
light lunch or baked goods are amazed at the different types of cookie jars. "I didn't know there were so many," says one. "They make you feel good just looking
at them," says another. "I started collecting
I started collecting them thin teen years ago when my mother
gave me one my grandmother had," says Gale Pittman, owner of the bakery and the
cookie jars. "It's a Disney. I have lots of Disney jars.'
He keeps a record of every singre cookie jar. "When I get one, I
take a picture of it and put the piccure in a big notebook.
He buys them and people bring them to him. "Usually when someone is cleaning out their parents' house they'll see a cookie jar and they won't sell it or throw it away. They bring it here so people can to look at the cookie jars.
The display is constantly bringing comments like the one a worman from Fort Worth made the other day: "

A bakery is a great place to display cookie jars. They just sort of go together. He has Elvis cookie jars, a complete set of Pillsbury
jars (one giggles when you open

With Tumbleweed Smith

he session on June 2 .
Swinford's House Bill 2, drafted vaguely so that committee acton can sort out a plan, is expectthe suggestions for improved state government efficiency discussed earlier in the session.

Among those are merging the Texas Railroad Commission into the Public Utility Commission and of Economic Development. The state's Aircraft Pooling Board also which it does not recover One of the better quotes from

Potter, Marilyn Monroe, I Love Lucy, even one in the shape of a popular one, with all the farming we have around here."
His jars include snowmen, teephones, teapots, cars, ducks, bears, Oreo cookies (four of those), Uncle Sam, Tweety Bird (that one talks when you open the lid) taxicabs, a police car with Andy and Barney beside it, Snoopy, M\&M's, ing with the the shape of a buildfront of it. The I Dream of Jeannie cookie jar has Jeannie inside it. He wont sell any of his jars.
Not all of them are on display. Some are under counters until he builds more shelves to hold them. He never puts cookies in them. "I do at home," says Gale.
Some people won't believe they're cookie jars. "I have three or four cookie jars that look like purses. One lady wanted to buy one, thinking it was a purse, but I lid her they were cookie jars."
He put one Elvis cookie jar on layaway at a store. When he went o pick it up, that jar had been disI asked Gale what's going to eventually happen to going to "Some people have asked for he people have asked for one and fold them to put their name inside it. When I die, they can have
it. The rest are going to the muse-
um."
last week came from Swinford: "If showing that 89 percent of the
you look at all the bills filed every third-graders who took their first you look at all the bills filed every 'third-graders who took their first session, you'll find half of them required knowledge assessment
are assigning some little goofy tests are assigning some little goofy tests earlier this month passed.
deal for some state agency to cardeal for some state agency to carlies keep picking have nothing whatsoties that have nothing whatsoever to do with their core functions."

One brag we'd never want..
Every Texan knows Texas is big state, but the nonprofit organization Population Research Institate has concluded that the entire world population could be accommodated inside Texas - with pen y of elbow room for everyone. Texas has about 262,000 square miles, and with the world's population at more than 6 billion people, the institute calculated that still have 1,217 square feet in as. A family of five would as. A family of five would get
6,085 square feet.
With demographers estimating that Texas will have nearly 34 mil today) by 2030, the institute's figtoday) by 2030, the institute's figuses don't make that projection
seem quite as crowded.

TAKS test scores are in... Whoever reached the conclu-
sion that all the world's population could be squeezed into the Lone Star State had to use math to get there. Making that sort of calculation may not be much beyond the abilities of the average third grader.

The Texas Education Agency has announced preliminary results Gran

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TEA had predicted that 85 percent of the children would pass the English version of the test and that version. As it was, 82 percent of he children passed the test in One
em quite as impressive: To pass he test, students must get 56 pernt of the answers right. (Back and most school administrators were taking tests, a 56 on a test ranslated into a big, fat, red F.) An effort was made last year o set the passing level at 67 perThe bar is expected to be raised or future tests.
longtime lawmaker dies... Rep. Irma Ranger, 71, died of rain cancer in Austin on March 18. The Kingsville lawmaker was he first Mexican-American wooelected to the Texas House of The South Texas Democrat had been a member of the House since .Gov. Rick Perry will set a pedi le election date for Rangel's w-vacant District 43, which exends from Kingsville to the Rio ठ


FOver The Back Fence

## cult ely suggests an American

 culture...France the holier-thanas the cradle of civilization itself as the cradle of civilization.... this same France now says through its ambassador to the United Nations that we Americans are aloof with a tendency toward arrogance.Consider also the protesters Consider also the protesters
who take to the street wanting who take to the street wanting
peace, who then become violent peace, who then become violent
when the police ask them not to block intersections. When patient in an ambulance died recently after protestors blocked the street leading to a hospital, one of the protest organizers commented, "One life is a very small price to pay for peace."
Or, how about the animal rights activists who demand civil rights be extended to every manner of mammal, amphibian and marsupian. Just ask one of them if a hu-
man fetus is actually a baby and see what they say.
Then there's the Dixie Chicks Their hit song about a soldier who lost his life in Vietnam was creeplost his life in Vietnam was creep-
ing up the charts toward the numbber one spot when their lead singer, Natalie Mains of Lubbock, er, Natalie Mains of Lubbock,
walked out on a stage in England walked out on a stage in England
and told the audience that she disand told the audience that she disagreed with this country's policy on Iraq and was ashamed that President Bush was from her home state.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { golf, I do know talent when I see } \\ \text { ate. } & \text { integer has plenty of it, Eminem, } \\ \text { I'm sorry, but I don't under- I'm sorry to say, doesn't. }\end{array}$


Circular Reasoning


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stand. I can't make sense of the world anymore, or maybe it's simply passed me by.

Still, I have a few ideas about how things should be handled, and since I figure my opinions are as good as anyone's, here are a few them.
First, I think that when we're hrough in Iraq, we militaristic Americans should direct our cities to the condition Germany's in at the end of World War II. You know, the war that they started and we finished. They obviously don't appreciate the trillions of dollars we spent rebuilding their two-bit country, so, let's undo it.
As for France, I propose anothamphibious landing at Normandy. Without either telling the French that we're coming or asking their permission, let's land our troops, dig up our dead, and bring them home. Their sacrifice apparently isn't appreciated in France anymore... Belgium either. What about the Dixie Chicks? right to say anything has every right to say anything she wants about this country and its presi-
dent. But, when she exercised the right before a foreign excised that right before a foreign audience, lost all respect for her
s for the others, the animal rights activists and the war protestrs. Leave them alone. This countics, but no longer. He their annext time one of them holds up an mbulance, I'd run him over

Oh, yeah, let's not forget Emmem and Tiger Woods. While I neither listen to rap music nor play golf, I do know talent when I see 24. "A Boy Named Sue"
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## Obituarils

## Robert Skurlock

SAN ANGELO - Robert sisters: Katie Cunningham and Skurlock of San Angelo, and for- Grace Caveness both of Mason, *merly of Mason, passed away on Emma Behrens of Kerrville and Tuesday, March 18, at the age of Dorothy Brawley of Florida. He is 85 . He was born August 25,1917 , also survived by two nephews in Bandera, Texas, to R.C. Skur- David Behrens of Eldorado and lock and Lettie Jones Skurlock. On Frank Behrens of Kerrville. February 15,1947 , he married Nell Funeral services were held Behrens. They ranched together graveside at the Gooch Cemetery until their retirement. On May 6, in Mason on Monday, March 24, 2002, Nell preceded him in death. 2003 with Brother Ray Ash offi-
Mr. Skurlock is survived by his ciating.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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An open letter

## the Dixie Chicks:

Earlier this week, while per Erming in London, you stated that you were ashamed that our Presiwonder if you realized how many Americans would be listening. This American was listening. This Texan is ashamed that you come from my state.
I serve my country as an officer in the United States Navy. Specifically, Ffly F-14 Tomcats off carriers around the world, executing the missions that preserve the very freedom you claim to exercise. I have proudly fought for my country in the skies over Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan without regret.
Though I may disagree whole heartedly with your comments, will defend to the death your right to say them, in America. But for publicly criticize our Commander publicly criticize our Commande Would you have so willingly made those comments while performing for a patriotic, flag-waving crowd of Texans in Lubbock. I would imagine not.
How dare you pocket profits off songs about soldiers, their deaths and patriotism while criticizing their Commander in Chief abroad, even while they prepare to freedom of speech.

Please ask yourself, what have you done to deserve that sacrifice? Do not try to justify your comments by claiming that you made them only because you care about innocent lives. Never once in our history have we committed troops to war for the purpose of taking innocent lives. We do it to protect - innorld leaders of the late 1930's had the vision and courage of our present Commander in Chief, perpresent Commander in Chief, per-
haps the evil men who caused the death of millions in WWII would death of millions in WWII would harm a soul. The potential loss of harm a soul. The potential loss of millions of lives in the future at the hands of today's evil men ne cessitate actio


Monday, March 31
Country Fried Steak, Baked Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice Milk
Iues
Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, Orange Halve, Lemon Squares, Milk
Wednesday, April 2
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Diced Potatoes,
Carrots, Tossed Salad w/ Tomato Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk Thursday, April 3
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread Fruited Gelatin, Milk
Friday, April 4
Beans, Tortillas, Crehamy Co, Pinto Fruit Salad, Milk

I am returning to you each an every Dixie Chicks CD and cas-
Never again will I allow my funds to support your behavior. All you have done is to add your name to growing list of American "Ce ize that who have failed to real ize that they have obtained thei successes on the backs of the
American blue-collar workers such as our servicemen and wom

To Natalie Maines: Thi Texan...this American will continue to risk his life to guarantee your freedoms. What will you do to de-
t. Layne McDowell

## Yearly cleanup day slated

 for Friday, April 4thy Nancy Lester
All Extension Agent
All Eldorado residents are be-
ing encouraged to participate in the Great Texas Trash Off on Friday, April 4th.
Local sponsors include Eldorado Pride, Schleicher County, the City of Eldorado and the Texas Agicultural Extension Service. We will have two major goals. The first goal is to clean up large items frash and debris. The second oal is to encourage the pecond f trees and other life giving lants. We will be emphasizing hose that do not require large mounts of warg County Judge, Johnny Griffin County Judge, Johnny Griffin, Clay Burleson, have stressed that Clay Burleson, have stressed that he County will be happy to pick any a items in the alleys on April th but cannot go on private property. If you have any, large items that need to be picked up, please call the County Extension Office at 853-2132 and we will try to help make arrangements for pickup. Unfortunately, we do not have any

he county to
The City of Eldorado landfill will be open Saturday, April 5th also, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Remember to cover your load with tarp before going to the landfill. All volunteers are asked to meet at the Extension Office at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 4th, to sign p. For more information on the Cleanup Effort, please call Nancy Lester at the County Extension Office at 853-2132.


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Right back at ya' - Lady Eagles netter Chandra Wanoreck is shown here in recent tennis action. She and her partner Christina Redish helped the Eagles tennis team to a 2nd Place finish in the

## Warbirds netters place

## 2nd at Big Lake tourney

The Eldorado Tennis team fin- barely missed out on the medal ished second in the twenty one team round falling in the quarterfinals Reagan County Invitational this to the eventual fourth place team weekend by dominating the dou- in split sets.
bles draws. Chandra Wanoreck, Michael Ballew also fell in the .with a little help from partner Chris- quarterfinals to the eventual runtina Redish, won the girls doubles ner up while Maxie Holley, Laudivision while Courtney Sauer and ren Brown, and Taylor Baker all Courtney Brown placed third. played well while exiting in their In the boys bracket Quisto second round matches. Shay ParkGonzalez and Buddy Greer er also fell in the second round. squeaked by teammates Heath The Eagles travel to Fort StockAndrew and Bobby Phillips to ton this weekend to face some claim the boys championship. fierce competition in preparation Ryan Cathey and Frank Edmiston for the district tournament.

## Christina Redish named

 to All-West Texas teamChristina Redish has made
basketball for Eldo wo All-Tournament teams this School, to be named to the All past basketball season. She has West Texas Basketball Team. been named to her 4th All-District With a scoring average of 20 team. Christina is a senior now, points and 12 rebounds. She was and after being nominated her called, "One of the best scores in Sophomore and Junior year to the West Texas", by the sports writ-All-West Texas Basketball team. ers. Christina is the daughter of Last week, Christina was only the Mack and Angie Redish and the second young lady that has played sister of Michael Redish.

The EHS One-Act Play "Teahouse of the August Moon" will compete at the district contest in Ozona on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to make the trip to Ozona and cheer on Eldorado's young actors and actresses!

## Eagles nine soar to

## 3-0 start in loop play

Abig 2nd inning which saw the tinez then followed with a double Eagles score seven runs and the to left center that plated Gonzalez strong pitching of Frankie Arispe and courtesy runner Kolby Domwas all the Eagles needed to get broski to account for the other two March 21, 2003. Ths on Friday, runs in the big seven run 2 ne 2nd propelled the Eagles to an 8-1 other run in the bottom of the 5 th other run in the bottom of the 5th The Eagles went down quietly score after three passed balls. in the bottom of the 1st, but the The Lions could muster onl ind was a different story. Philip one Lions could muster only 2nd was a different story. Philip one run on three hits. Their lone Martinez reached first when he run coming in the 4th. The Lions was hit by a pitch. Joey Hernan- where held down by the strong dez followed with a walk and Mar- pitching of Frankie Arispe who tinez reached third on a passed ended the game with 13 strikeouts.
ball. Homer Hernandez then drove Arispe set the Lions down in ball. Homer Hernandez then drove Arispe set the Lions down in orMartinez in with a sacrifice fly to der in five of the seven innings and left field to give the Eagles a 1-0 only faced four batters in the othlead. With two outs Michael er two innings. The Lions only Adame drove in Hernandez with reached third base twice and seca single up the middle. Jared ond twice against Arispe. With the Grubbs then followed with a sin- win the Eagles move to 14-4 on gle over the shortstop's head to the year and more importantly $2-0$ drive in Adame. After a walk to in district.
Trey Chavez, Quisto Gonzalez The Eagles then defeated So was hit by a pitch to load the bases. nora 1-0 on Tuesday, March 25, Frankie Arispe then hit the next 2003, to move their District 2-2 prubbs the middle to drive in mark to 3-0. See next week's and Chavez. Philip Mar- cess for details on that game.

## JV Eagles tame Ozona Lions

The JV boys defeated the Ozo- once with a double, Frank Wipff na Lions 14-10 on Monday. The Ea- scored twice with a double and a gles were led by a balanced attack single, Frank Edmiston scored at the plate, and some strong pitch- once with one hit, Ryan Cathey ing from three different players. scored once with a hit, and MichaThe Eagles scored five in the el Hill recorded a hit. The Eagles bottom of the 1st, four in the 3rd, showed a very balanced attack two in the 4th, and four in the 6th. throughout the game.
The Eagles lead the entire game On the mound Ryan Cathey before the Lions tied it up at ten a started and pitched two strong in piece in the top of the 6th. The nings recording three strikeouts Eagles responded with four runs He was relieved by Andy Mejia in the bottom of the 6th to put the who pitched two innings recordgame away at $14-10$. Every posi- ing two strikeouts. Caleb Nixo tion in the batting order scored at who also caught the first four inleast one run. Jorge Bustos scored nings finished by pitching two in twice with one hit, Tony Chavez nings. Caleb Nixon recorded five
scored twice with a double, Kol- strikeouts in his two innings of by Dombroski scored twice with work. The Eagles are scheduled to one hit, Luis Hernandez scored face Sonora on next Monday

## EMS tennis results listed

Mason, March 21, $2003 \quad$ Girls Singles: 2. J.C. Rodrigu8th Grade
Girls Singles: 2. Kristin Mittel; Girls Doubles: 3. Lynley Glass Boys Doubles: 3. Cash Lane and Chelcie Pridemore,
nd David Hernandez; Participants were Kimberly Sa Boys Singles: Logan Neal; Participants: Krista Troy, Tiffay Hernandez, Britney Jennings. Sandra Garza, Liz Lacy, Mark By bee, Chelci Sellers, Neal Higgins, Blak, Maygen Euba and Macy Chatham.

Tennis Tournament
March 22, 2003 8th Grade
Boys Singles breaker)
Boys Doubles: 3. Richmond Adame and Artie Montalvo, solation. Adam Dominguez and Sammy Estrada

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Super Nachos, Pinto Beans, Mixed
Fruit, Jello w/ Topping
Chicken Spaghetti, Whole Kernel
Corn, Lettuce \& Tomato Salad, Dinner Roll, Pudding w/ Topping Thursday, April 3 Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, 'Friday, April 4
Friday, Aprill 4 . Griled Ham \& Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce \& Tomato, Orange Halves Breakfast
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## Sheriff's Dept. receives two grants totaling \$29K

will be able enforcement officers $\$ 17,000$ is paying for new, highwill be able fo take advantage of tech equipment to assist local of
some new tools as they battle ficers with drug investigation. crime in Schleicher County, thanks Part of the equipment includes to two grants received by the a device that officers can use to Schleicher County Sheriff's De-- peer inside fuel tanks, or into hard Tpartment. The first grant, provides to reach places under and inside $\$ 12,000$ for four in-car cameras vehicles. A second piece of equipwhile the second grant of $\$ 17,000$ ment, a density meter, assists ofhelps the department purchase ficers in determining if there is some high-tech tools to use in drug anything hidden behind fenders or interdiction.
The $\$ 12,000$ grant for the incar cameras was made possible by Along with the equipment, logram administered by the Texa- in its proper use. Deputy Jason Dept. of Public Safety. The grant ment Tuesday Sheriff Doran outwill pay for the purchase and in- lined the grants that paid for oull stallation of four camera units in he department's patrol cars.
Sheriff David Doran noted that the cameras will give his officers the capability of video taping traffic stops, as well as other investigations. "It's a tool we are pleased to have and will put to good use," Doran stated. The second grant, obtained through the Technology Transfer rogram, Office of Counter-Drug Technology Assessment Center took awhile to receive. It was first applied for in March, 2002. But, according to Sheriff Doran, it was worth the wait. The grant, totaling Just a year prior to the two grants discussed here, the Sheriff's Dept. received a $\$ 10,000$ grant il of Governments whicy Coun replacing a 30 -yen which paid for peater.
Iknow that law enforcement represents a major portion of the county's budget," Sheriff Doran id while showing off the new equipment. "That's why we purey thery grant we can. Any moner sources, is raise through oth have to ask our taxpayers to pro vide."


Open wide and say, Aaaah - Depity Jason Chatham demonstrates a new scope that allows local officers to
drugs inside fuel tanks or other hard-to-check places.

County funds chapel, moves on Civic Center

- $\frac{\text { Continued From Page } 1}{\text { memorial flag poles. A small park- }}$ ing area, was also considered. There was also talk of a casket pedestal and a sound system. In the end, Commissioner Bill Clark offered a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to $\$ 50,000.00$ with which to build a chapel. The motion, seconded by Matt Brown, passed unanimously
Already, private funds are com-
ing in to help offset the cost of construction. William McCutcheon noted that he and his mother, Isabella McCutcheon would each donate $\$ 500$ to the project and Wenona Isaacs noted that others have expressed an interest in contributing. The idea of acknowledging donations with an engraved plaque on the structure was also
- As the idea of donations or memorial offerings was discussed Judge Griffin explained that the county cannot solicit donations. He suggested that a committee be attendance that could meet with Donaldson to decide on plans for the chapel. The committee could also solicit funds. As the discussion wrapped up, Wenona Isaacs, who first suggested the idea of Wing a chapel told the commissioners, "If your go
Since the meeting, the Success has learned that a committee has been formed and that a bank account for the Chapel is being es tablished so that donations may be accepted. Persons seeking more information are asked to contact Mrs. Isaacs at 853-3709.

Commissioners present for the

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Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin. Along with County Judge Johnny Griffin, other county officials in attendance were Sheriff David Doran, Treasurer Karen Henderson, Clerk Peggy Williams and Road Supe tendent Clay Burleson.
Almost as soon as the commissioners had decided to spend money building a chapel at the cemetery, they learned that the cost of converting the Ag Barn into a Civic Center has gone up by more than $\$ 45,000.00$. Architect Henry Schmidt and building contractor Micky McCrea met with the commissioners to explain that prices for heating and air conditioning equipment, electrical, siding, roofing and insulation have gone up since the men began considering the project last summer. At that time they estimated the cost of the project at $\$ 282,968.00$. That figure has now gone up to \$328,330.00.
Commissioner Bill Clark, who made his opposition to the project clear at recent meetings, was upset with the news. He told his fellow commissioners that he sees increases in employee health insurance and other expenses looming in the county's futures.

The other commissioners were not swayed, however and the group voted 3-1 to accept the new, higher bid, with Bill Clark casting the sole dissenting vote. It was also explained during the discussion that the county is likely to spend another $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 15,000$ to complete installation of a sewer system and connect it with the City of Eldora-

The project is being funded, in
large part, with proceeds from cer-
unty issued in November. The certificates raised some $\$ 335,000$ or the county, an amount that will be paid back over a 10 -year period at interest rates ranging from 2.25 to 4.35 percent.

In other business, County ExIn other business, County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson met with the commissioners to discuss constructing animal feeding ens at an area near the Civic Center facility. The site for the pens has already been prepared, however, plans have yet to be agreed upon. Commissioner Matt Brown agreed to assist Edmonson in reworking the existing plans and obtaining quotes for construction. In the meantime, the men explained that the county is in no hurry to dismantle or relocate the existing pens, located adjacent to Civic Center.
The court then voted unanimously to offer a lease to Gaines County farmer Jerry Harris for land that the commissioners oversee in the county on behalf of Schleicher County ISD. If Harris accepts the new lease, it will expire on Dec 31, 2007. He must also agree to other requirements specified by the court.

Before adjourning, the commissioners authorized County Clerk Peggy Williams.to hire summer workers through the school's approved an inter-local agreement with the City of Eldorado that will allow both to qualify for any wrant allow both to qualify for any grant nder the new Hocome availabl under the new Homeland Security Department. The agreement calls on the two jurisdictions to coop-
erate with their equipment and manpower in the even of a natural

## Eldorado Elementary

Pre-Kindergarten \&
Kindergarten Round-Up
April 15th, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Elementary Kitchen Pre-K is for children who will be 4 years old as of Sept. 1, 003.

Kindergarten is for children who will be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2003.

- Please bring your child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization record.

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Pre-Kindergarten Redada
15 de Abril, 8 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cocina Elemental Pre-K es para los ninos o ninas que cumpen Cuatro (4) anos para el primero (1) de Septiembre, 2003.

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## Birthdal List

## 7th Juan Garcia Sanchez, Stuart

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31st Joey Bullard Etheredge, Justina Rodriguez APRIL
1st Brandon Dresner, Tina Dresner, Courtney Mankin, Middleton, Toni Whitten, Emily Newman, Anna McCann, Billie Mendoza
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| SPC JEFF L. Johnson |  |
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## Eldorado Lions Club lists 2002 accomplishments

The Eldorado Lions Club re- 190 East

## leased a list of projects and accomDonation to Project Gradua

 ing 2002. Among these were: - Sponsorship of the EHS Aca- chaperones were Lions Club mem demic Excellence Recognition - Purchase of 18 angels from the Angel Tree- Donation to the 4-H Jr. Live stock Show
- Donation to the West Texas Rehab
- Sponsorship of "Learning for Life" mentor system thru ISD and Boy Scouts
- Renewal of Boy Scout Troop 18 Charter Club
-Annual broom sale fund rais-
- Payment of International Li ons Club dues
- Provision of eye exams and - Fundiases for 3 individuals
- Funding of 5 scholarships for
HS seniors
- Highway

lease contact Schleicher County Second Hand Rose $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Volunteer EMS at 853-3456 or } \\ & \text { come by } 305 \text { East Murchison. Pre- }\end{aligned}$ (onsio̧пment

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- Held many excellent pronoon meetings at Acsa, Drea Restaurant.


## EMS offering

ECA courses
locally
Schleicher County Volunteer EMS will be sponsoring an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA)
course beginning on April 8, 2003. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., through May 17, 2003 (this will be the only Saturday). The ECA course provides classroom
and skils instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), choking, bleeding, shock, bandaging, splinting, childbirth, injury, illness care for infants and children and various other emergency subjects. The tuition for the course is
$\$ 100.00$ including the cost of the textbook. For more information registration is required. Register early the class is limited.

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## Hospital trustees meet

Continued From Page 1 the hospital routinely averaged member Frank Williams, who had ened been appointed to an unexpired less than 1 percent occupancy. term, did not file for election. In other business, the board Next, the trustees appointed voted to reaffirm its commitment Marka S. Dempsey to serve as the to the Schleicher County Commu-district's dietician and they re-apnity Network and discussed steps pointed B.A. "Ike" Whitten, PAthat were being taken for wireless C , to the hospital's active mediInternet service to be offered for cal staff. They also approved sevsale to the public. They also voted eral additions to and deletions to cancel the May 3, election since from the hospital's formulary, a only three candidates had filed for list of medications recommendthree two year terms. Those can- ed by the medical staff.
didates are Delia Pina, J.D.Doyle Before adjourning, the board and Randy Mankin. In setting approved the renewal of a mediaside the election, the board de- cal professional liability insurclared that the three candidates ance policy and asked trustee were elected to office Interesting Shirley Joiner to sugrest guide ly, mo fild for ither of two lines for transfers between the ly,

placed on a subject. Subject is not placed on a subject. Subject is no Officer responded.
-11:15 a.m. City of Eldorado reported a grey Craftsman lawn handles missing. The tires on the back do match the front. Est. value. $\$ 125.00$. Officer responded. - 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a semi truck hauling gravel broke heirwindshield. Subject was stopped and the driver of truck
gave subject insurance informa tion.
-6:22 p.m. Subject requested an officer to assist a family with children that had a flat tire and no equipment to change it.

9:25 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious juvenile near the football field. Officer responded. March 21 - 6:40 p.m. Com plainant re an officer.
no time Complainant requestdo an officer for a Civil Standby for fused to go with complainant after okayed by mother. Child refused to go with grandmother, therefor child was left with mother. Officer was present.

- 7:52 p.m. Complainant on Hwy. 190 East reported a' black Angus cow on roadway. Officers responded to locate owner.

March 22 - 6:47 p.m. Complainant reported someone possibly breaking into a residence on sponded and found everything OK

- 1:45 p.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist 4 miles south on Hwy. 277. Officer re-
sponded.
March 23 • $5: 55$ p.m. Complainant reported they would be having a controlled burn.
March $24 \cdot 3: 40$ p.m. Subject requested to speak with an officer about a stolen bike. Officer responded. Subject called the Sher-
iff Office again stating the subjects who where accused of taking the who where accused of taking the
bicycle were yelling bad words to them and their family members. Subject wanted to file charges.

March $25 \cdot$ Subject reported a stranded individual on Hwy. 27 South. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

- 9:10 a.m. Complainant requested an officer for a Civil Standby.
- 3:12 p.m. Subject reported having a control burn at the Bailey
4:02 p.m. Subject reported a
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Notice to All Persons Having Claims Against the Swatzell, Deceased Notice is hereby given tha original Letters Testamentary for
the Estate of Coleen Stevens the Estate of Coleen Stevens
Swatzell, Deceased, were Swatzell, Deceased, were
issued on March 24, 2003, in Cause No. 1587, in the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas to Sally (Swatzell) McWilliarms.
The post office address for mailing of claims is: Saily (swatzeli) McWinams,
Independent Executor co Rash, Chapman, Schreiber \& Porter, L.L...P. 2112 Rio Grande Austin, TX 78705 512/474-0954(Fax) Al persons having claim against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them manner prescribed by law. Dated this 24th day of March

By: Mark B. Schreiber Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE FOR BIDDERS The Schleicher County ing sealed bids on one seized vehicle. The vehicle is a: 1992 PONTIAC (ROLLOVER)
VIN. \# 1 G2HX53 VIN.\#1G2HX53L2N1210929 Bids must be received no March and will be opened at 10:00 Tuesday, 1st of April 2003 at Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 4 South Divide, Eldorado, Texas 76936 Telephone (915) 853-2737. Vehicle can be seen at BJ's Wrecking Yard.

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department reserves the
right to accept or reject all bids.

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Schleicher County Medical Center
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## Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Ashton Murr. She received a Division " Rating in Trombone Solo at the UIL Regional Solo and Ensemble Contest held recently.
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## Trustees hire Gesch to lead SCISD into the future

The Schleicher County ISD Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez. board of trustees met Monday, Trustees John Paul Joiner and Ber March 24, 2003 ànd voted unani- ta Nicholson were absent. mously to hire Mark Gesch as the Also on hand were Superintendistrict's new superintendent of dent George Blanch, principals Bob schoois. Gesch will begin at SCISD Wanoreck and Tim Seymore, as well basis, and will officially take over who suggested that the board amend as superintendent on June 6. Gesch, its budget by $\$ 566,327.00$ to fund his wife, Robbin and son Jordan construction projects from money were on hand for the meeting. (See on reserve in the fund balance. Trustphoto on Page 3) ee Phil McCormick questioned why An earlier meeting, held on the school's books listed more than March 19, saw the board conduct $\$ 1$ million in the fund balance. Supt. Me school's segular monthly busi- Blanch told McCormick that the the school's regular monthly busi- Blanch toud McCormick that the meeting included Jo Helen Kotsch, the 2002 audit. The trustees voted Eddie Albin, Phil McCormick, move the money and to approve the

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district's financial reports. Next, the trustees reviewed bids for upgrading heating and ed electrical wiring, for the high school and auditorium. The trustees accepted a bid from D\&W Mechanical in the amount of \$19,800.00 for installation of the heating and air-conditioning units and their bid of $\$ 13,500$ for installation of the electrical wiring for the units. The board refused the only bid of $\$ 27,239.40$ from Dou-
cet Plumbing for the re-installing cet Plumbing for the re-installing of the gas lines. They instructed in each classroom at a cost Mr. Blanch to seek another bidder. $\$ 21,000$. The board reviewed the The need to relocate gas lines is recommendation, but took no ac The need to relocate gas lines is recommendation,
due mainly to the installation of a tion on the matter. seamless metal roof on the high Next, Librarian Debbie Griffin school wing and auditorium
The board then
The board then voted to supThe board then voted to sup- $\$ 130,000$ grant through the Beau-
port the position of the Texas As- mont Foundation for wireless lap-
sociation of School sociation of School Boards regard- top for the elementary. The board ing the issue of school vouchers. approved the request.
TASB is opposed to the use of ouchers.
Next, the board took up the issue of bids for auditorium lighting $(\$ 11,500)$ and a sound system ( $\$ 24,900$ ). Board President Jo Helen Kotsch said that she recognized the need for the lights and sound system but said "I want us to keep in the back of our mind, that we may faced a 12 percent decline in state funding along with our declining student population." A motion by Eddie Albin, seconded by Kotsch to table discussion of the items failed 2-3 with Phil
McCormick, Kurtis Homer and McCormick, Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez voting against. Then, saying that the items had been on the back burner too long, Phil McCormick offered a motion to approve the bids. That motion
also failed with also failed with Albin, Sanchez and Kotsch voting against it. Only McCormick and Homer support-
ed the measure.
The matter of waving the
$\$ 1,000.00$ transfer fee for out of
county students was briefly dis cussed but was tabled. It will be taken up at a subsequent meeting. Maintenance Superintenden John Kotsch then informed the board of problems with air conditioning and heating units currently being used on the 2nd thorough 4th grade wing of the Elementary building. Both units are more than 0 years-old, Kotsch stated, and years-old, Kotsch stated, and will be difficult to repair. Mr Kotsch recommended replacing each classroom, at a cost of $\$ 21,000$. The board reviewed the
sked permission to pursue 30,000 grant through the Beau-

Nlosed-door executive session to
discuss contracts of professional employees and program directors. Upon returning to open session, the trustees voted to approve the recommendations of the adminis tration, subject to assignment.
During the information item section Superintendent George Blanch stated the student enrollment is holding at 600 and that the 2002 SCISD property value listing came to $\$ 197,215,561.00$. Also discussed was a list of the top 20 delinquent taxpayers. Sharp Image $\$ 31,069.12$ in overdue taxes, according to documents information distributed during the meeting. Next it was noted that trustees Lupe Sanchez and Berta Nicholson will have no opponents in their bid for reelection. The only contest race is that in SMD \#2 where Jan Wanoreck has filed to rul against Phil McCormick.
The board also received a le ter from Pamela L. West, an accountant with Education Service Center XV. In the letter, West praised Supt. Blanch and his business office staff for an "exception free" audit for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2002.

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Eldorado Eagles track results
Mertzon Track Mee March 7,
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800 M Run: 3. Eric Garcia 2.08:5. 800 M Relay: 4. Scott Cawley, Jordan Fay, Rigo Aripse and Landon
6.4 400 M Run: 5. Terrell Boysaw, 200 M Run 3. Trey Chavez 24.08 1600 M Run: 3. Eric Garcia,
Shot Put: 3. Chris Sanchez Shot Put: 3. Chris Sanchez
11.25 and 6. J.L. Mankin, $42-10$. Mertzon Track Meet March 7, 2003 Junior Varsity Eldorado's Junior Varsity Team placed cia, Andy Melia : and Kyle Taylor Gar-

800 M Run: 2. Jeremy Ussery 2.2:09; 4. Frank Wipff 2.21:87; 110 M High Hurdles: 2. Brence Minor 21.8;
100 M Run: 2. Tony Garcia 12.05, Robles 12.67;

## 800 M Relay: 3. John Fay, Tony

 Garcia, Andy Mejia and Kyle Taylor 300 M Hurdles: 2. Brence Minor 52.6;200 M Run: 3 . Donnie Rodriguez
25.6, 6.Tony 25.6, 6. Tony Chavez 27. Andy Mejia, Jeremy Ussery and Frank Andy Mejia, Jeremy Ussery and Frank High Jump: 1. Jeremy Ussery 5-6; Shot Put: 1. Kyle Taylor 37-3.50, Manuel Arispe 35-5; Discus: 1. Kyle Taylor, 5. Manuel
Arispe 88-9.50:

EHS varsity girls track results -

Mertzon Track Meet March 7th, 2003 March 7th, 2003 19; 100 M Run: 4. Clara Herrera, 800 M Run: 4.Clara Herrera, 2:39; 400 M Run: 6. Rachel Joiner, 67.2; Kasey Boysaw, 69.0; 100 M Run: 8. Rachel Joiner 13.7;

Triple Jump: 7. Clara Herrera 30-5; Triple Jump: 7. Clara Herrera 30-5; High Jump: 2. Rachel Joiner 4-
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6. Kasey Boysaw

Triple Jump: 7. Clara Herrera 31 -
3.25.
Pole Valt: 5. Rachel Joiner $8^{\prime}$. Lady Lion Relays
March 20, 2003
March 20, 2003
400 M . Relay: 3 . Clara Herrera, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, \& Kasey Boyśaw, 53
800 M. Relay: 3. Clara H., Rachel J., Allison Reynolds, \& Kasey Boysaw 55.39.
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Long Jump: 5. Kasey Boysaw, 13'4;
Triple Jump: 4.Clara Herrera, 30'8; High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner, $4^{\prime} 10$.
Shot Put:

1. Christina Redish, Shot Put: 1. Christina Redish,
37'3; 5. Taylor Baker, 29'3;
Discus: 2. Christina Redish, 111'7; 6. Taylor Baker, 82 '4.

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