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## Community seeks answers to questions about new neighbors

### Authorities suspect local ranch tied to FLDS

As word filtered out of Eldorado last week that a three-building compound under construction north of Eldorado might be connected to a polygamist group known as the Fundamental Church of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), media outlets from across the state, as well as Arizona and Utah, flooded into town to hear what Flora Jessop, a children's rights activist, would have to say at a press conference last Thursday.

The news that many of them sought, broke first on the front page of last week's Eldorado Success. The story, and its accompanying photo were picked up by a number of daily newspapers, including the Salt Lake City Tribune, which has closely followed the FLDS in the Arizona/Utah border towns of Colorado City, AZ and Hilldale, UT.

Jessop explained to reporters that she had grown up as a member of the FLDS and that she escaped from the group at age 16 after church leaders forced her to marry her cousin. She said that 28 of her brothers and sisters remain in the group.

Forced underage marriage, sexual abuse of children, welfare fraud, tax evasion, tax fraud and child labor violations, were but a few, of the allegations that Jessop leveled against the FLDS. She explained that the registered owner of the ranch in question, David Steed Allred, is a member of the FLDS and has close ties to its prophet, Warren Jeffs.

Allred is the only shareholder listed

on the articles of incorporation for a company called YFZ, L.L.C., a limited liability corporation. YFZ bought more than 1,300 acres of ranch property some 4 miles outside of Eldorado on County Rd. 300 (Rudd Road.)

At the time of the purchase, Allred told local residents he came into contact with that he would be building a hunting retreat on the property. He said it would be a place where he could entertain his corporate clients.

The first indication local officials had that something might be amiss with Allred's story came on Feb. 26 of this year when Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Warden Marco Alvizo entered the ranch to investigate an alleged hunting violation. At that time, he cited William Benjamin Johnson, 28, of Hilldale Utah, for hunting without a license. The following day, Johnson paid a \$253.00 fine to Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle.

It was about that same time that local pilots began noticing three large buildings being erected on the YFZ ranch. Rumors about the buildings, which bear little resemblance to most Schleicher County hunting camps, spread quickly across town.

Then, on March 4, 2004, ABC TV's Primetime Thursday aired an interview with Flora Jessop in which she outlined her efforts to rescue underage girls from forced marriages approved by the FLDS church. Jessop claimed that the church and its leader, Prophet Warren Jeffs,



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**On camera** — Print journalists, jostled with radio and TV reporters during a press conference held here last Thursday for a chance to question Flora Jessop and Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran about a three building compound that is being constructed north of Eldorado. Jessop said that she has positive proof that the ranch, owned by YFZ L.L.C., is connected to the Fundamental Church of Latter Day Saints, based in Colorado City, AZ and Hilldale UT.

keeps young girls in virtual slavery, forcing them to marry, often within their own family, and have children of their own while in their early to mid-teens.

A Schleicher County viewer saw the television program and was convinced that the buildings going up north of Eldorado, and the secretive nature in which they were being built, were somehow connected to the FLDS. He telephoned Jessop to tell her of the construction and urged her to investigate.

Jessop did just that, contacting Success publisher Randy Mankin and Sheriff David Doran to ask questions and share information with the men.

What followed was a whirlwind investigation that is still ongoing. But, as the national media began to get wind of the story, it became evident to all involved that the investigation would not remain a secret for long. The Success broke the story early on Wednesday afternoon, March 24, putting its Thursday edition on sale a day early. The Salt Lake City Tribune, which exchanged photos and information with the Success, broke the story nationally the following day.

During the Thursday press conference, held in front of the Schleicher County Jail, Flora Jessop continued to press her case against the FLDS. With a dozen TV cameras and numerous radio and print reporters gathered around, Jessop was asked how convinced she

was that the FLDS is coming to Eldorado.

"I don't think they're coming," she replied, "I think they're here."

Jessop went on to say that the ranch's registered owner David S. Allred is related by marriage to FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs and that he represents Jeffs and the FLDS in a number of businesses. She noted that Jeffs once recorded an audio tape titled "Yearning for Zion" and speculated that the ranch name YFZ is an abbreviation of that title.

For his part, Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran tried to calm local citizens and assure them that his office is monitoring the situation at the YFZ ranch.

"Flora has provided us with a lot of information and I find her to be very credible," Doran said. "However, at this time we have no firm evidence of any wrongdoing associated with the ranch. If and when we have evidence that a law has been broken out there, we won't hesitate to act."

Following the 20-minute press conference, the audience, consisting of about a hundred local citizens and about fifty journalists, gathered in several small clusters, asking questions and speculating about the future. "Why did they come to Texas," one lady asked Jessop.

"I don't know," she answered, "but

it may have been a mistake." Jessop went on to tell the group that the FLDS controls the government and law enforcement in Colorado City and Hilldale. "They may not be prepared to deal with law enforcement agencies that they don't own."

On Tuesday, Sheriff Doran advised the Success that he has continued to gather information about the YFZ ranch, its ownership and possible connection to the FLDS. "The vast majority of what I have seen leads me to suspect that yes, the ranch is connected to the FLDS," Doran said. "Can I prove that in court and do I have evidence that Texas laws have been broken? No."

Doran went on to explain that his department has access to resources and investigative personnel from various state and federal agencies. "All we have to do is call on them, but we need evidence," Doran concluded.

Law enforcement problems might not be the only concerns on the minds of the owners of the YFZ ranch. The Success has learned that representatives of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality want to visit the ranch to determine if it has adequate septic system or sewer facilities. Also, there remains the question about licensing future water wells through the Plateau Underground Water District.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Interested officials** — Law enforcement and governmental officials from Texas and Arizona listened intently during a press conference held in Eldorado last Thursday by Flora Jessop, a child rights activist from Phoenix, AZ. The men include (L-R) Texas Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long, Mojave County, AZ Supervisor Buster Johnson, and Texas 51st District Attorney Stephen Lupton.



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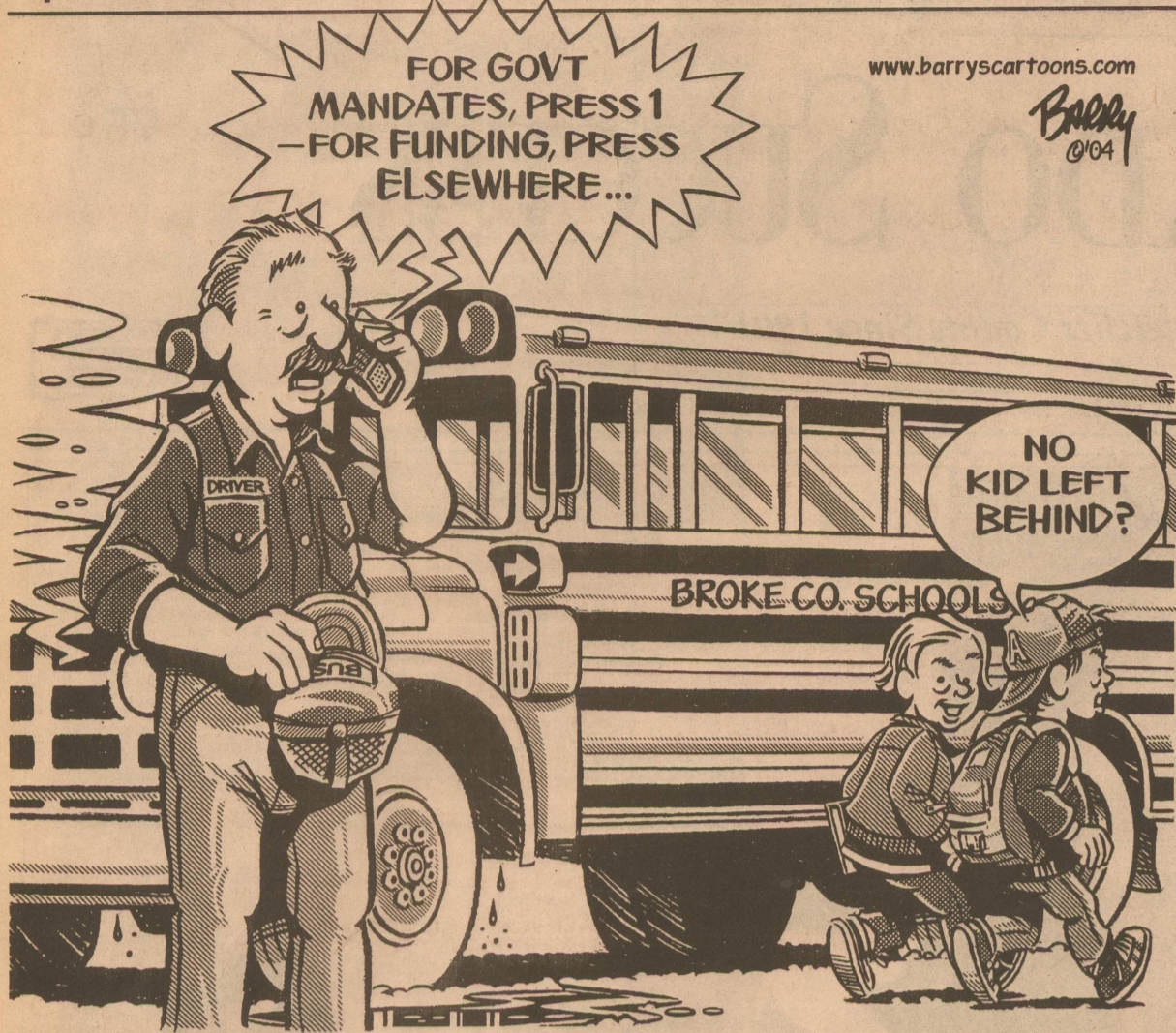
**Working the soil** — Women, wearing long blue dresses, tilled the soil recently even as construction continued nearby on three three-story buildings at the YFZ Ranch some four miles north of Eldorado on County Road 300 (Rudd Road.) YFZ official David S. Allred told local residents that he intended to build a corporate hunting retreat on the land. Last week, a child rights activist named Flora Jessop claimed the facility belongs to the FLDS, a polygamist group from Utah and Arizona.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE

**Prophet's Compound** — FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs reportedly lives in luxury in this multi-storied complex of homes and apartments located in Colorado City, AZ. Published reports in a number of Rocky Mountain area newspapers reveal that Jeffs took over as Prophet of the Fundamental Church of Latter Day Saints following the death of his father, Rulon Jeffs. That's when he was said to have moved into this palatial estate and took several of his father's widows to be his wives.



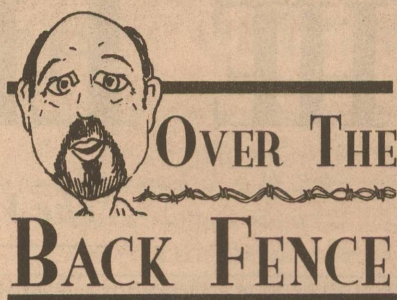


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## Poor Randy, he never gets a break!

Randy has been understandably busy this week and we've given him a week off from his column writing duties. But, that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun at his expense. The following is one of Randy's columns that first ran on May 22, 1997. Enjoy!



by Randy Mankin

One morning last week as I peered bleary-eyed at myself in the bathroom mirror, Miss Kitty, our house cat, brushed against my leg. She was weaving figure eights around my feet, purring all the while. It was nice and quiet that morning and all seemed right with the world. But the tranquility didn't last.

As I reached to hang up my towel, my arm bumped a stick of deodorant sitting on a shelf above the sink. The sequence of events that followed can only be described as pandemonium.

You see, when the deodorant toppled, it caught the end of my toothbrush which extended slightly past the edge of the shelf, sending it arching through the air, tumbling end over end as it headed for the toilet. So, I leaned out

and intercepted the flying toothbrush, rescuing it from its water fate.

If only the story ended here. But it doesn't. For you see, the sudden rush of movement spooked Miss Kitty and she decided to depart for sunnier climes. Unfortunately for me, her exit route carried up my leg. Even more unfortunate was the fact that I still hadn't put on my pants.

I did succeed, however, in prying Miss Kitty loose from my leg... just in time to throw her over my head as I fell backwards over the toilet bowl. On the way down, I managed to hang on to my toothbrush as I collide with everything in the room.

Miss Kitty touched down on my chest and proceeded to peel out as she headed for the door, which, of course, had been slammed shut in

the melee. So, there I was, flat on my back, battered and bruised, trying to fend off a ferocious house cat with a toothbrush.

I staggered to my feet and determined to apprehend the cat which was now huddled in the corner of the shower, growling at me. And, after much coaxing, Miss Kitty finally let me pick her up. I tried to calm her done and turned toward the door. But when it swung open, the aforementioned deodorant stick slid across the floor and beneath my foot.

The next thing I remember, I was on the floor again, the cat was gone and I was wondering how explain it all to Kathy.

A day or two later, I related the story to a person I had once considered as a friend. The turncoat laughed and laughed. Then he urged me to stage the entire thing again and video tape it "You could win a lot of money on America's Funniest Videos," he said.

He's probably right. I've seen some awfully boring stuff win big bucks on those shows. And, I do have a pretty good camcorder.

Now if I can find that cat "Here kitty, kitty, kitty..."

## Every American should go to Washington, D.C.

My parents took me to Washington, DC when I was in the seventh grade. The thing that I remember most about that trip was that there were no overhead wires. All the utility lines were underground. I don't know why that stayed with me. I guess somebody pointed that out to me and I thought it was neat.

In thirty years or so I'd like to know what impressions my 13 year old grandson Jackson had when my wife and I took him to the nation's capitol over the recent spring break. Washington is an attractive city.

We found the city easy to navigate. The Metro system takes just a few minutes to be able to use it. Cabs stop for you better than they do in New York City. Tourist attractions are grouped together so you can visit as many as half a dozen in a single day.

The first morning in the capitol we walked to the White House from our hotel. Congressman Charlie Stenholm arranged for us to tour it. Tours are not as easy to get as they used to be. He met us at the gate at 7:45 AM and led us to the entrance. About the only thing we could have in our possession when we went in was our



by Tumbleweed Smith

wallets. No cameras or even ball point pens were allowed inside. The White House is beautiful and we got to see several rooms.

The Washington Monument, near the White House, was our next place to visit. We booked a 10 AM tour. We rode an elevator to the top and that's where the significance of our nation's history hit me square in the face. The words written on murals and etched in stone are extremely patriotic and emotional. I think to really understand our country, a person needs to go to DC.

From the monument we went to the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum. We saw Dick Rutan's Voyager, the plane he built and flew around the world non-stop and non-refueling. It was special because we had heard him speak recently. I took a picture of Jackson standing by Apollo Eleven, the spacecraft that took the first Americans to the moon.

We then went to the new hot spot in Washington, the Spy Museum, where I was able to tell Jackson what I did in the Army. Then we went to the Viet Nam Memorial, perhaps the most haunting place we visited. When I teared up, Jackson gave me comforting pats on the back. Across the way was the Lincoln Memorial. When Jackson teared up there, I patted him.

We did all this in one day. After dinner, we put warm water in the bathtub and all three of us soaked our feet.

The next day we went to the Capitol building and took a tour arranged by Senator John Cornyn. We got to sit in the gallery and see and hear debate on national issues.

The most moving part of the trip was at the Museum of American History.

We saw people working on preserving the flag that flew over Fort McHenry and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner.

We saw Ford's Theater and the bed where Lincoln died. We toured Mount Vernon. We saw dinosaurs at the Museum of Natural History. I think our grandson will remember this trip. I know I will.

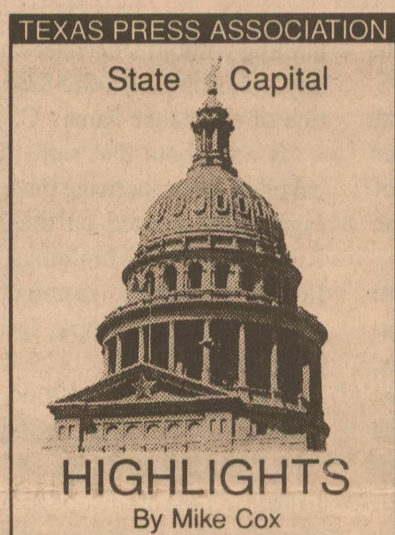
## Troops rally support for Texas military bases

AUSTIN— School finance and the ongoing Travis County grand jury investigation into campaign funding issues figure in most state political news stories these days, but troop movements are continuing in preparation for the coming "war" to preserve military spending in Texas.

The stakes are the economic well-being of some Texas communities, and the campaign is proceeding on schedule, with the balloon set to go up in May 2005. That's when, with the presidential elections over, the list of military installations targeted for closure will be announced.

The beginning of the big battle still more than a year off, here are some recent "troop movements" affecting Texas:

- Last week, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld certified to Congress that the military believes it has nearly a quarter more base capacity than it needs. Specifically, he said, the Army has 29 percent excess capacity, the Air



Force 24 percent and the Navy and Marines 21 percent. The nation could save billions of dollars by 2011 in reducing those percentages, he said.

- U.S. Sen. John Cornyn suggested that Texas could be just the place to station the thousands of troops expected to be moved back to the U.S. from abroad.

"Texas has the space, the facilities, the weather and the quality of life our troops deserve and

need to most effectively defend our nation," the senator said after making his proposal to Rumsfeld and other military officials.

- U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz — worried about the three naval bases in the Corpus Christi area — introduced a bill that would postpone any base closures until 2007, but observers did not give the measure much chance of passage.

- A delegation from El Paso, which has had an Army garrison since 1848, went to Washington to make its case for the continuation of Fort Bliss.

Since 1988, the military has closed 97 installations across the nation. Texas currently has 17 military bases contributing a total of \$49 billion to the state's economy.

### Report cards out...

Most Texas school children got their report cards last week, and in a figurative sense, so did Texas' educational system.

The Texas Education Agency reported that preliminary results of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) showed that 91 percent of the state's third-graders passed the standardized reading test this spring.

That's a two-point increase over last year's test, even though the test this year was more challenging. Last year, pupils had to get 20 out of 36 questions right. This year, the standard was 23 out of 36 questions, the TEA said.

Slightly more than a third of the students achieved the "commended performance" level by missing no more than two questions. Last year the percentage was 26.

The 9 percent of students who did not pass the test will get two more chances and will receive additional help in learning to be better readers. Last year, by the third try, 96 percent of the state's third-graders had passed the test.

### Coastal grants announced...

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has announced \$7.4 million in grants to be used in combating coastal erosion.

The General Land Office said Texas has 229 miles of significantly eroding beach. Shrinking beaches, the GLO said, significantly impact infrastructure, wildlife and even public health.

Money made available through the grants will be used to add sand to the dry portions of beaches, widening them by up to 300 feet. Sand also will be added underwater.

The Legislature approved funding for the program in 1999.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1. Makes smooth	50. Took command	70. Half the checkers	8. Rain-delay rollout	29. "Yankee Doodle Dandy" composer
6. Boozehounds	51. On dry land	71. Reduced by tuber	9. Zigzag downhill	30. Prized violin, briefly
10. Jungle swingers	55. Thanksgiving	72. Do penance	10. Skipper's "Stop!"	32. Hoppy brew
14. Vacant look	57. Words to a fleeing criminal		11. One of a 1492 trio	34. Quaff with fruitcake
15. October birthstone	63. Vocal quality		12. Have a pie delivered, say	36. Mine yield
16. Perfume container	64. Light bulb, in comics		13. Part of a pie	37. Dosage unit
17. Sub detector	65. Composer Bruckner		21. Tears to bits	38. Land in the ocean
18. "Will be," in a Doris Day song	66. Composer		22. Like a 45-degree angle	39. Ballot punchout
19. Opposing	67. Baker's need		25. Brand for Fido	41. Emcee's spiel
20. Question from a supermarket bagger	68. Type of sax		26. Do a trucker's job	42. Says grace, e.g.
23. U-turn from WSW	69. Three feet plus,		27. Some Wall St. traders	47. Pre-cable hookup
24. Gas pump number			49. Grand (Freeport's island)	51. Fur tycoon
25. "Eureka!"			52. Potbelly, for one	53. Put a sharp edge on
28. SASE, e.g.			54. Precedes the headliner	56. Painter Claude
30. Dallas sch.			55. "Shall we?" response	58. Out of action
31. "Croft: Tomb Raider"			60. Neighbor of Vietnam	59. "Shall we?" response
33. "___ call us ..."			61. "Beetle Bailey" pooch	62. In need of mending
35. Debate issue			62. Born, in bios	
40. Phrase of professional survival				
43. Comedic Ole				
44. Petri dish gel				
45. Raines of film				
46. Beachgoer's goal				
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## Beta Sigma Phi Report

by: Barbara Jackson

Barbara Jackson was hostess when six members of Kappa Delta chapter of BSP met for the March 23, 2004, business meeting.

The Founder's Day banquet was set for April 27 at a local restaurant. All members are encouraged to attend the April 13th, meeting in the home of Mary Nolen as officers will be voted on at this time.

Flora Hubble gave a program on current world events. She discussed how she felt about happen-

ings in the world today. War and terrorism were worrisome to her. Most of us were in agreement.

The hostess served pizza and cokes to; Kim'et Nelson, Dorothy Dacy, Dorothy Clark, Laura McCutcheon, and Ms. Hubble who also won the Sunshine gift.

As members left there were sprinkles of rain on this cool spring night. Always a welcomed thing in West Texas. There have been some warm days and fruit trees are now blooming in Eldorado.

## Wells donates drawings to benefit Child Welfare Board

It's April and that means it's "Child Abuse Prevention Month". The Schleicher County Child Welfare Board is having the second annual fund raising raffle to help us assist children and families in Schleicher County. This year the prize will be a set of four framed pen and ink prints from local artist Bill Wells.

These will be on display at the 1st National Bank. We will have a limited public mailing this year.

If you wish to donate and want a raffle ticket, send your donation and name to Route 1, Box 52C, Eldorado, Texas, 76936. Each \$12 donated buys one raffle ticket. The drawing will be held May 10, 2004.

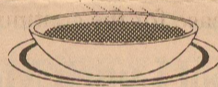


## Easter Sunrise Service planned

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance will be sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 11. The service will begin at 7:00, and will be held outside at the Me-

morial Building, weather permitting. Breakfast will be hosted by the Templo Getsemani Church. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, in Scripture, in prayer, and in praise.

### Meals for Friends Menu



#### Monday, April 5

Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

#### Tuesday, April 6

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Choc. Cake, Milk

#### Wednesday, April 7

Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk

#### Thursday, April 8

Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

#### Friday, April 9

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Catharina Gower Harris and Tomas Allen Hans

## Harris/Hans to Wed

Catharina Gower Harris of Eldorado, Texas and Tomas Allen Hans of San Angelo, Texas announced that they will marry on Friday, April 16, 2004 at San Angelo Visitor's Center.

The bride-elect is the daughter of George and Hani Atun Gower of Eldorado. She is a graduate of Eldorado High School and is currently employed with Banc First.

The prospective groom is the son of Blake and Geneice Roberts of San Angelo, Texas and Terry Hans of Amarillo. He is a graduate of Wall High School and is currently employed with Lowe's Home Centers.

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## No This Not An April Fool's Joke

Thursday, April 1, 2004 (no this is not an April Fool's Joke) the public can view an art show in the art room at the High School-across from Elementary wing. This is also an art sale to benefit the Art Department and student. The time is 5:00-6:00; categories are water color, color pencil, pen and ink, scratch board, pencil, and illusion design.

Also we have some old yearbooks for sale for \$5.00 up to 2003. Come to the Art Department any time to buy old yearbooks.

Thanks,  
Bill Wells, Eldorado Art Department and Photo Journalism Instructor

*Casa Arispe will be closed after 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and closed all day Sat. 10<sup>th</sup>, and Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Easter.*

We will open 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.  
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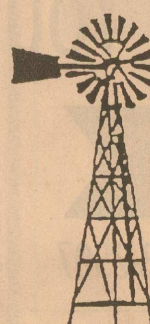
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**New Baseball Scoreboard** — Delwin "Pud" Greer (foreground) with Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative helped a Creek Roustabout Service crew guide the new baseball score board into its new spot last Thursday. The SCISD board of trustees voted recently to accept the \$11,000 score board donated by David Creek. In all, Creek has donated over \$20,000.00 in labor and material toward renovating the High School Baseball field. Southwest Texas Electric donated their employee and truck for the installation.

**Ozona M.S. Tennis Tourney**

by Coach Teresa Baker-Shirley

The junior high tennis players traveled to Ozona Saturday. We were not able to begin play until about 10:45. Once the rain/drizzle dissipated, we all worked together to squeegee the courts and get the players on the courts. It was supposed to be a double elimination tournament, but because of the rain delay it became a single elimination.

Players that advanced and placed were the following:

7th grade division winners are: Corey Williams placed 4th in the singles girls division and Rance Cathey placed 3rd in the boys division. Austin Grubbs and Milo Vallejo placed 2nd in the 7th grade boys double division.

8th grade division winner in boys doubles were Richmond Adame and Michael Redish who placed 4th.

Other Eldorado participants: Tracy Brenner, April Porras, Lindsey Pridemore, Veronica Belman, Marcela Huerta. 8th Girls: Macy Chatham, Blake Chatham, Liana Danford, Chelci Pridemore, Kassie Tyler

Representing the boys: Marc Garcia, Jorge Mata, and Clark Meyer.

The Eagles will represent Eldorado at the district meet Sat. April 3 in Big Lake.

**EHS hosts annual Invitational**

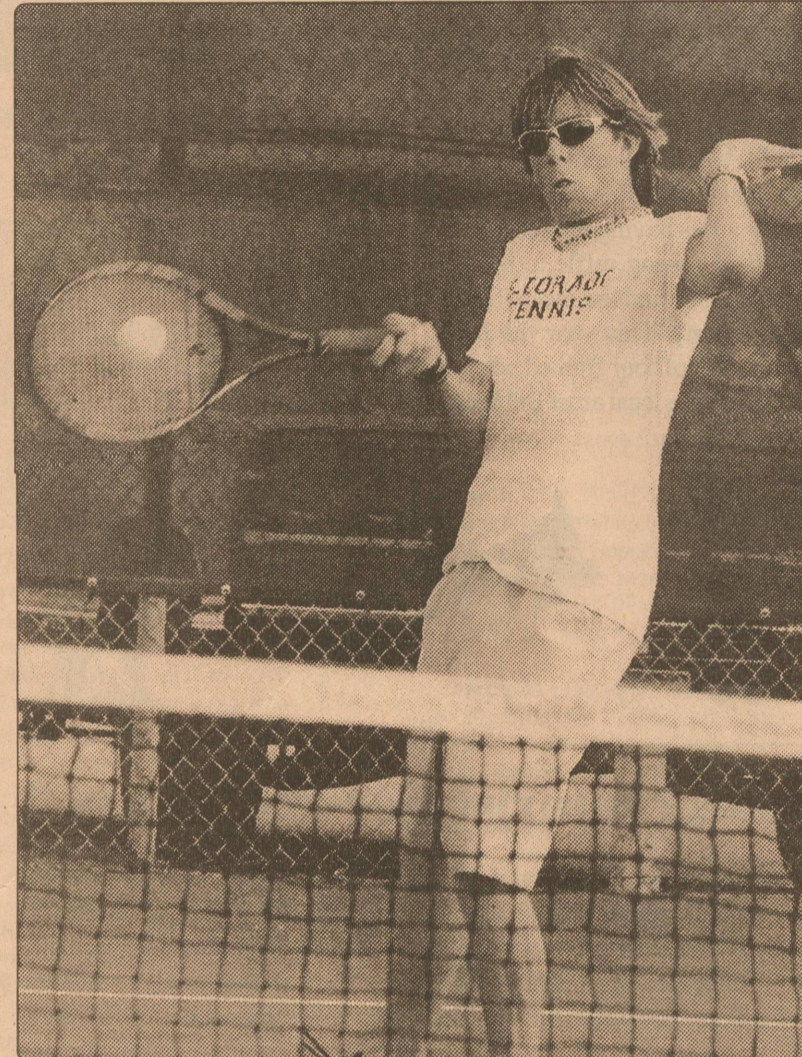
by Coach Matt Rutherford

The Eldorado Tennis Team placed third in the Eldorado Invitational behind Ozona and Sonora, respectively. It was a close battle with the young Eagle team (only one senior and one junior on varsity) losing to Ozona by 17 points and Sonora by 12.

Leading the way for the Eagles were the doubles teams of Chandra Wanoreck and Maxie Holley who placed 2nd, Michael Ballew and Shay Parker who placed third, and Ryan Cathey and Frank Edmiston placed fourth in a closely contested match with their own teammates. Allison Reynolds had an impressive tournament finishing fifth in girls singles and Lauren Brown finished seventh while Russel Cathey had a great tournament to finish fourth.

In boys singles Abel Montalvo finished eleventh. Other members of the Eldorado Varsity and Junior Varsity teams who participated were Mark Bybee, Logan Jones, Luis Almazan, Liz Lacy, Kristin Mittel, JC Rodriguez, and Kim Samaniego. Taylor Baker was resting an injury. These players have made great progress this season.

The tennis team will travel to Mason this weekend and will then host the district tournament at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo next Monday and Tuesday.



**Your not getting that one by me** — Senior Shay Parker and his partner Michael Ballew inched out 3rd place in the Boy's Double's Division at the Eldorado Invitational this weekend.

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**Tuesday, April 6**  
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**Wednesday, April 7**  
 Biscuits, Sausage, Choice of Juice, Jelly, Milk

**Thursday, April 8**  
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Friday, April 9**  
 Good Friday Have A Nice Holiday

**BASKET LINE**

**Monday, April 5**  
 Corn Dogs, Whole Kernel Corn, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, April 6**  
 Steak Burger, French Fries, Sandwich Salad, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits

**Wednesday, April 7**  
 Chef Salad, Crackers, Diced Ham, & Cheese Cups, Sliced Peaches, Cho. Pudding w/ Topping

**Thursday, April 8**  
 Bar-B-Que on a Bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Easter Cake

**Friday, April 9**  
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**CAFETERIA LINE**

**Monday, April 5**  
 Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, April 6**  
 Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits

**Wednesday, April 7**  
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Sliced Peaches, Choc. Pudding w/ Topping

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# Eldorado 3rd graders polish off TAKS test

The Third Grade students, teachers, staff and parents of Eldorado Elementary School are to be commended. The students participated in the second administration of the Third Grade TAKS Reading test and the results are fantastic. This is a portion of the High Stakes Testing Battery Texas schools are judged on each year. This test required each student to show their ability to read or risk being retained in the Third Grade.

There were 46 students in the third grade at test time. Forty-three students were tested, two will be tested using the State Developed Alternative Assessment and a Third was exempt due to Limited English Proficiency. Of the 43 students who were tested, 100% met the minimum standard for passing. Twenty-four of the students tested met the Commended standard of achievement. This is a higher standard reserved for the best performers across the state.

In addition to the rigor of the test, these students have faced and overcome many additional challenges this school year. Their lives were heavily impacted by the tragic bus accident that affected so many in our community, due to one of the teacher's immediate family mem-

bers being involved in the accident. The students and teachers worked through the grieving and recovery and loss of her dad with Ms. Sessom. As the pain from the previous tragedy began to dull and become manageable a second tragedy occurred with the loss of Mitzi.

The students and staff met the adversity head on with a commitment to not lose the focus on student success. Parent, staff and substitutes were committed to supporting student learning and providing an educationally nourishing environment for these students. The results would suggest that all were successful.

At least, part of the success may be contributed to the vision and focus of Principal Bob Wanoreck. Mr. Wanoreck took a risk last year and decided the best approach for his students was to loop the teaching staff. Looping is the design in which the same teacher will stay with the same group of students for a period of years. In this case, the third grade teachers this year were the second grade teachers last year. The teachers



## School District Update

by Mark Gesch

were teaching the same students for a second time. Relationships had been built between the students, teachers and parents. There was no guess work to determine what the students needed because the teachers knew where the students were in their school work and their ability from previous school year. This approach contributed to the stability of the educational environment for the students.

The teachers and staff of Schleicher County ISD are extremely dedicated to education and to the community. This provides each student the best opportunity for success. Education is a process of enlightenment and creating opportunities to apply new knowledge to meet new challenges. Schleicher County ISD is a high quality school district because of the people in Schleicher County who continually rise to meet the challenges as they come. Congratulations to the future leaders of Schleicher County on their Third Grade Reading Test.

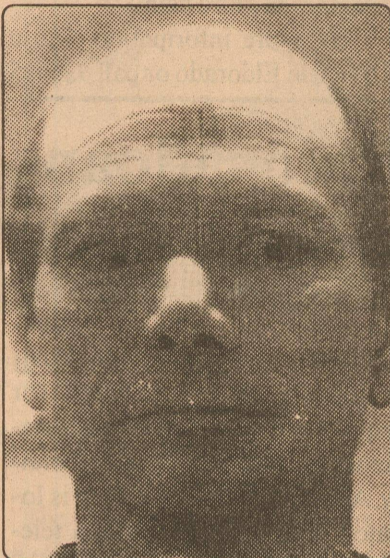
## Former D.A. charged with possession of marijuana

Former 112th Dist. Attorney J.W. Johnson, 52, of Sonora, was arrested here last Thursday by DPS Trooper Danny Nunez on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and a charge of displaying a fictitious registration on a motor vehicle.

According to Nunez, Johnson was traveling northbound on U.S. 277 at 5:45 p.m. some 8 miles south of Eldorado when he was pulled over for speeding. At that time Nunez found that the registration sticker displayed on Johnson's 1999 Lincoln actually belonged to another car.

A subsequent search revealed a small quantity of marijuana in Johnson's checkbook, Nunez said. He also found a quantity of off-white powder in the car's trunk that he believed to be a controlled substance. The powder, weighing less than a gram, has been sent to the DPS laboratory for analysis.

Johnson was booked into the Schleicher County Jail where he



COURTESY PHOTO  
J.W. Johnson

remained overnight. He was released on a \$1,000 and a \$2,000 surety bond the following day.

Johnson was the 112th District Attorney, serving Sutton, Crockett and Pecos Counties until 1997. Nunez said that Johnson told him he owns a car dealership in New Braunfels.

## Students see narcotics program

On Wednesday, March 24th, Sgt. Bryan Baxter of the San Angelo Narcotics Division came to E.H.S. for a presentation to Coach Gillespie's Government classes. The presentation lasted about 3 hours and was held in the EHS auditorium.

Sgt. Baxter was accompanied by Officer Eddie Rodriguez of the Irion Co. Police Dept. Sgt. Baxter has been in law enforcement for 13 years, is trained and has participated in SWAT, has worked in places like Austin and Waco, and has performed undercover narcotics work. He related personal experiences to the students, discussed the law and preparation of crime scenes, cases, and testimony. He also talked about various penalties on all types of al-

cohol and drugs and showed various Power Point presentations and videos. He talked about the dangers, things to watch out for and drugs that are presently on the increase such as Ecstasy.

Sgt. Baxter brought with him a display on various drugs and drug paraphernalia, a flak jacket, and other tools of law enforcement. The students had plenty of time to ask questions. The presentation was highly informative and interesting.

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## To The Voters of Schleicher County

The Run-Off Election is fast approaching, with early voting being April 5th through 8th, and, the election on April 13th.

I would like to emphasize, again, that each voter consider the importance of knowledge of the office being sought, as well as the experience that the candidate has in that office. Therefore, I highly recommend Betty Robles for Tax Assessor-Collector. She has been in the tax office for more than seven years and has experience in each phase and duty the office entails.

As for tax collections, the County Commissioners have never, in my twenty-three years here, made any proposal to me, or my predecessor, to give up the county collections. It has never been an issue. I believe it is vitally important that a person, who is elected by the tax payers, be the one to collect taxes for the county.

According to the Texas Tax Assessor-Collectors' Procedure Manual, "the basic duties and responsibilities of the County Tax Assessor-Collector are assessing and collecting taxes, registering and licensing motor vehicles, and registration of voters". Betty Robles already has the knowledge to perform all these duties and responsibilities.

Each vote is most important, so, I urge everyone to take advantage of the privilege of voting.

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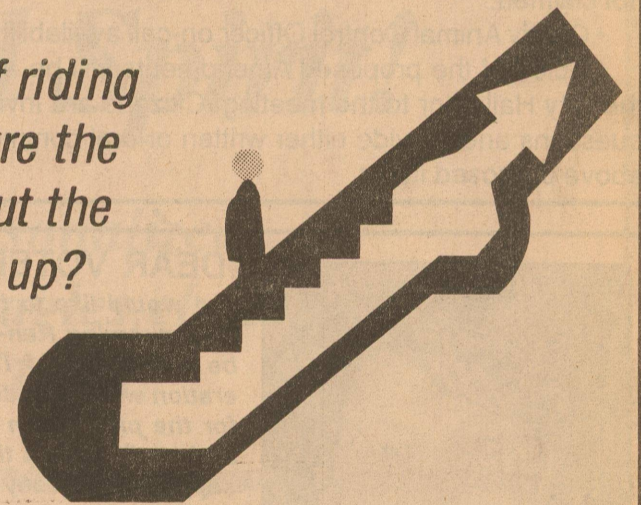
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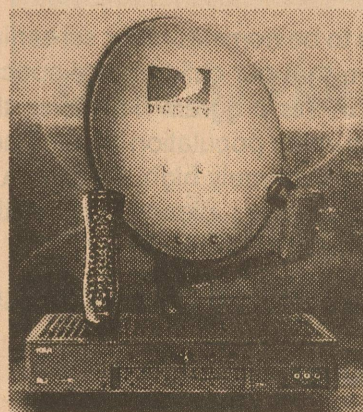
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Each county within the state receives a base allocation of federal dollars starting at \$106,000. This money will be used as cost-share incentives to implement priority practices within the county. This year's priority concern, as identified by the Program Development Group, is pricklypear control.

Schleicher County also receives additional funding through EQIP to provide technical and cost-share assistance for Special Resource Concern Areas. Over 1.3 million dollars is available to carry out conservation practices within the South Concho and Spring and Dove Creek Watersheds. At the present time there are very few applications being made and all interested individuals are urged to come in and sign up as soon as possible. Brush control, fencing, livestock pipelines, water storages and wells are just some of the conservation practices that can cost-shared within these special project areas.

Cost-share rates are set at 50% of an average cost. Landowners and operators can have multiple EQIP contracts on their land, so if you already have a contract you can still sign up to do additional conservation work needed. The local NRCS employees will review the application and ranking procedure with you and explain the program in more detail.

For more information, you can come by the office at 510 S. Divide in Eldorado or call 325-853-3535 Ext. 3.

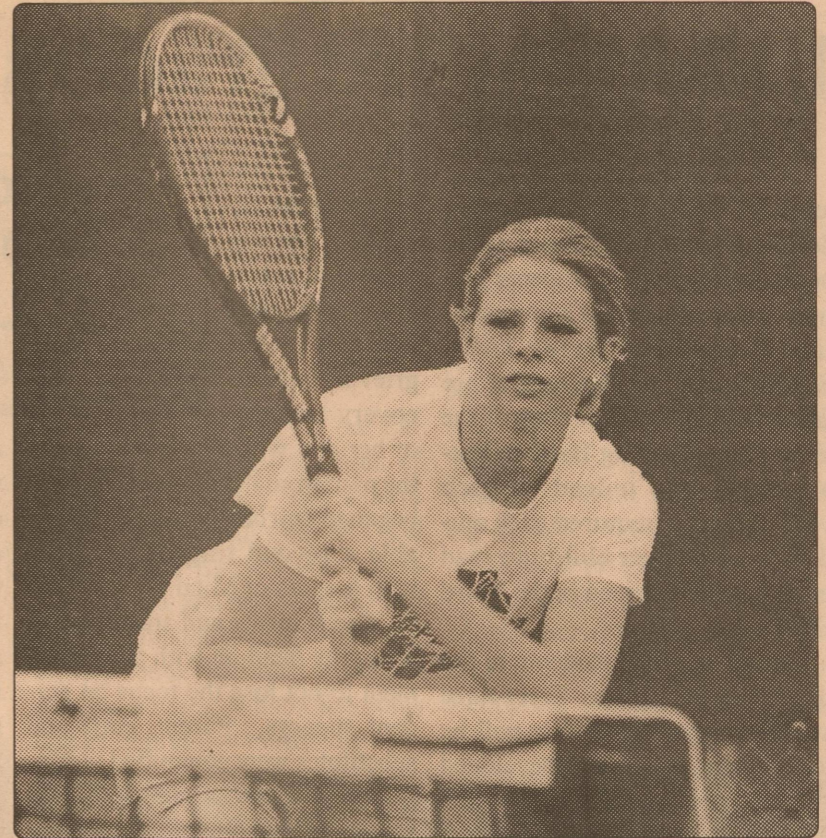


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Right back at ya!** — Allison Reynolds charged the net to put away a volley during the Eldorado Invitational Tennis Tournament held here last week. Allison placed 5th in the Girls Singles division.

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ELDORADO

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 12, 2004, regarding proposed Amendment #11 to Utility Ordinance #104-96. The Amendment addresses the following items:

- Increase in residential water deposit from \$60 to \$100 with commercial deposits to be \$200 for water and \$200 for gas. Re-assignment of deposits between customers will be restricted.
  - Require cleanouts on the private portion of customer sewer lines on all new construction.
  - Require photo ID (i.e. driver's license) or two alternate forms of identification prior to opening an account for utility services.
  - Provide courtesy water and gas shutoffs requested by City customers during business hours will be done as time allows, except in case of emergency. All non-emergency after-hour shutoffs will be billed at a rate to be established by the City Council.
  - Revise the billing schedule for damages to City owned property.
  - Limit use of the City's sewer tape to City sewer customers only during the normal work week.
  - Restrict residential mobile homes from parking and being occupied for more than 72 hours prior to obtaining a proper permit.
  - Establish normal operating hours for the City Landfill.
- In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 12, 2004, regarding proposed Amendment #1 to Animal Control Ordinance #102-02. These items are being considered:
- Clarify procedure for claiming animals impounded by the Animal Control Officer.
  - Clarify adoption procedure for animals impounded and not claimed.
  - Clarify Animal Control Officer on-call availability.

Copies of the proposed Amendments will be available at the City Hall prior to the meeting. Citizens are invited to ask questions and provide either written or oral comment on the above proposed items.

### Eldoradoans seek answers

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Jessop has returned to Phoenix, where she continues to monitor things here in Eldorado. Buster Johnson, a county supervisor (equivalent to a county commissioner in Texas) for Mojave County, AZ, where Colorado City is located, told the Success in a telephone interview Tuesday that he had traveled to Eldorado with Jessop to show his support for her and for the work that she is doing. "She can be a little abrasive and a little pushy," Johnson said, "but she's on the side of the angels in this one and I'm going to stand behind her."

Before taking office in Mojave County, Johnson was a Sheriff's Deputy in Los Angeles County, CA. "I carried a badge for a long

time, and I saw a lot of stuff in those years, but I never had to deal with anything like the FLDS," Johnson said. "You guys really need to support your cops because they have an uphill battle."

Johnson notes that he has pushed for funding for a Sheriff's Dept. substation in Colorado City, AZ. "Right now our deputies have to drive 180 miles to get to Colorado City," he said. "But, now we've got the funding and we're going to open a substation so that the citizens don't have to rely on the Colorado City PD that is dominated by the FLDS."

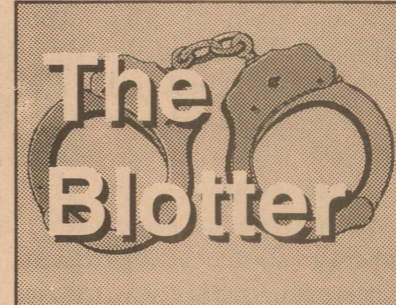
He also said that state offices like Child Protective Services will be housed in the substation in hopes of assisting underage girls who want to escape from forced marriages and a polygamous life style.

*The Success has made repeated attempts to contact David S. Allred, Warren Jeffs and, FLDS attorney Rodney Parker. Those calls have not been returned.*

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

#### ARRESTS

- **March 24** • Garcia, Arlene Yaras-deth, female age 19, offense DPS warrants. Arresting officer S.C. deputy. Released Fines Paid.
- **March 24** • Garcia, Hector, male age 18, offense No Drivers License, and No Liability Insurance. Arresting Officer S. C. deputy. Released Fines Paid.
- **March 25** • Harris, Bennit Douglas, male age 41, offense Parole Violation. Arresting officer S.C. deputy.
- **March 25** • Johnson, John Weldon Jr., male age 52, Possession of Marijuana (less 2oz.), and Fictitious Registration, arresting officer DPS trooper. Released on (2) \$1000.00 Surety Bonds.
- **March 26** • Barrandy, Christopher D., male age 34, offense Bench Warrant. Arresting officer S.C. deputy.
- **March 27** • Herrera, Miguel Angel,

male age 21, offense Public Intoxication. Arresting officer DPS trooper. Released with Citation.

• **March 27** • Moreno, Jose Ventura, male age 19, offense Driving Under The Influence, Minor In Possession, and Open Container. Arresting officer DPS trooper. Released to Border Patrol.

• **March 27** • Waldrop, Kara Lee, female age 41, offense Unlawfully carrying a Weapon, Possession of Control Substance (less than 1 gram). Arresting officer DPS trooper. Released on \$5000.00 and \$2000.00 Surety Bond.

• **March 30** • Sanchez, Adrian, male age 28, offense Driving with Suspended License. Arresting officer S.C. Deputy. Released on \$1000.00 Surety Bond.

• **March 30** • Maltos, Ramiro, male age 54, Driving with Suspended License. Arresting officer S.C. officer.

#### INCIDENTS

- **March 25** • 7:20 a.m. Complainant reported vandalism at the High School, officer responded.
- 9:27 p.m. Complainant requested a officer go by and check on his mother's trailer house, officer responded.
- **March 26** • 10:31 a.m. Hospital requested a ambulance for a basic transfer to Shannon, EMS responded.
- 3:35 p.m. Complainant requested a ambulance for his mother, EMS responded.
- 5:12 p.m. Hospital request for a basic transfer to San Angelo, EMS responded.
- 8:13 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver, officer responded.
- 8:14 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with officer, officer responded.
- **March 27** • 2:36 a.m. Complainant called and requested a welfare check on his wife, units responded.
- 10:10 a.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off, officer responded.
- **March 28** • 12:09 a.m. Complainant call to report loud music from her neighbors, officer responded.
- 8:45 a.m. Complainant reported a skunk on his property, officer responded.
- Complainant requested an officer for civil standby, officer responded.
- **March 29** • Complainant called to advise that there was no electricity towards the West Side of town, officer responded.
- Complainant called and reported a individual outside her home suspicious, officer responded.



### DEAR VOTERS OF SCHLEICHER COUNTY

*I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the upcoming Run-off Election April 13, 2004. Early voting will be April 5-8, 2004. I'd also like to remind you to take into consideration when you do vote that I have been Deputy Tax Assessor for the past seven years and have the experience, knowledge, and qualifications the tax office requires. Your consideration and support are greatly appreciated.*

*Quiero tomar esta oportunidad par recordar a todos de la Segunda Elección Primaria el día 13 de Abril 2004. Puede votar temprano Abril 5-8, 2004. Quiero que también tome en cuenta que e estado yo en esta oficina por los últimos siete anos. Tengo la experinciá y conocimiento necesaria que se requiere para ser Asesora de Impuestos. Agradezco si continuarán dando su apoyo en la Segunda Elección Primaria el día 13 de Abril. Thank you/Gracias*  
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## Middle School Gifted and Talented Program Nominations

As part of the school district's policy, all students are eligible to be nominated for screening for the Gifted and Talented program. As parents, we all believe that our children are special and so we feel that they will be easily identified for inclusion in this program. However, the state identification standards say that approximately 2-5% of the entire population is gifted and talented. Accordingly, the standards for identifying students are extremely high. If you would like to nominate your child for this testing and placement in this program, please come to the middle school office and get a nomination form and return it by April 8, 2004.

### Las Nominaciones del Programa Talentoso de la "Middle School"

Como parte del distrito de escuela, todos los estudiantes pueden ser nombrados para la selección para el programa Talentoso. Como padres, todos nosotros creemos que nuestros niños son especiales y nosotros sentemos que ellos sellan identificados fácilmente para la inclusión en este programa. Sin embargo, los estándares de identificación del estado dicen que aproximadamente 2-5% de la población es talentosa. Por consiguiente, los estándares para identificar a estudiantes son extremadamente altos. Si usted quería nombrar su niño para este programa y la colocación en este programa, por favor de venir a la oficina de la "Middle School" y obtener una forma del nombramiento y regresar la forma no mas tarde que el 8 de Abril de 2004.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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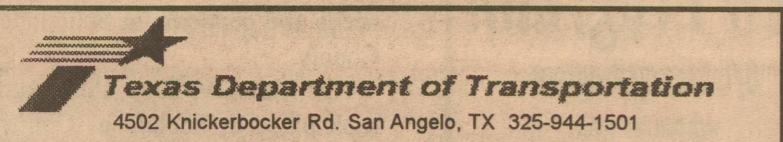
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Your special friendship to Bill meant so much to all of us. Our thanks to Doctors Lucas and Perez, nurses, hospital staff, and nursing home nurses, Annie, Anita, aids and office personnel who were so great to Bill and Family. You will forever be in our prayers.  
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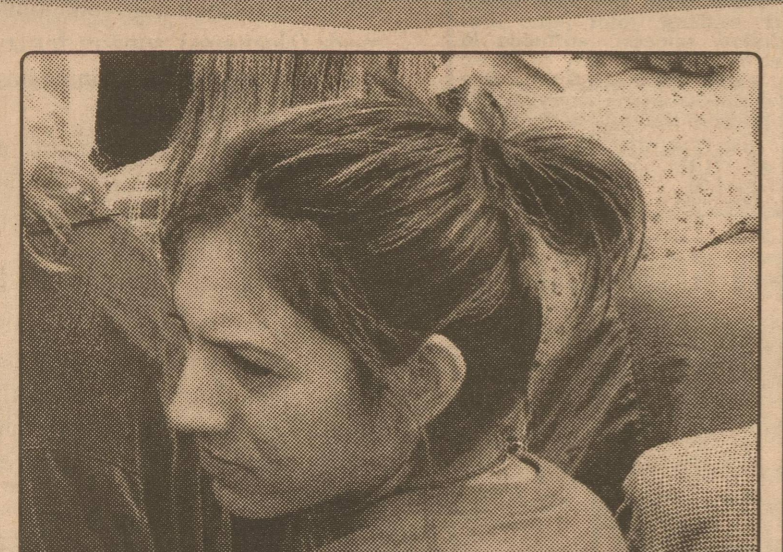
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Polling places are:  
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**Up and over** — Rachel Joiner jumped a personal best of 5'6" to place first place in the high jump Saturday March 20th during the Iraan Track Meet. All other competitors where out at 5'0". She also placed 6th place in the pole vault.

**EHS tracksters compete in Iraan & McCamey**

**Iraan Track Meet March 20, 2004 Varsity Boys**

Shot Put: 4. Chris Sanchez, 45-9  
5. High Jump: 4. Terrell Boysaw, 5-10  
8. 100m: 6. Rigo Arispe, 11.58  
800 Relay: 6. John Fay, Tony Garcia, Rigo Arispe, Trey Chavez, 1:37.81  
200m: 3. Trey Chavez, 23.65  
1600m: 4. Eric Garcia, 4:55.7

**Varsity Girls**

Pole Vault: 6. Rachel Joiner  
High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner, 5-6  
1600 m and 3200 m: 8. Alicia Corrales

**JV Boys**

Shot Put: 2. Manuel Arispe, 36-4  
4. Joey Hernandez, 33-5  
discus: 4. Manuel Arispe  
Triple Jump: 5. Jorge Bustos, 36-5  
Long Jump: 1. Jorge Bustos, 17-8  
3200m: 6. Artie Montalvo, 12:33.25  
400 Relay: 2. Juan Garcia, Nestor Hernandez, Andy Mejia, Donnie Rodriguez, 48.65  
800m: 4. Frank Wipff, 2:21.2  
100m: 1. Juan Garcia, 12.05  
800 Relay: 1. Donnie Rodriguez, 1:41.56  
400m: 1. Jorge Bustos  
1600m Relay: 2. Nestor Hernandez, Frank Wipff, Artie Montalvo, Jorge Bustos, 3:44.2

**McCamey Track Meet March 26, 2004 Varsity Girls**

High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner, 5.2  
Triple Jump: 4. Clara Herrera

**3200m Run: 6. Alicia Corrales**

**Varsity Boys**

Shot Put: 2. Chris Sanchez, 46-9  
Discus: 6. Chris Sanchez, 114-10  
Pole Vault: 3. Tony Chavez, 10-0  
Triple Jump: 6. Terrell Boysaw, 36-3 3/4  
High Jump: 6. Terrell Boysaw, 5-6  
800m: 4. Eric Garcia, 2:11.24  
100m: 2. Rigo Arispe, 1.44  
800m Relay: 5. John Fay, Tony Garcia, Rigo Arispe, Terrell Boysaw, 1:39.74  
400m: 5. Terrell Boysaw, 56.64  
1600m: 3. Eric Garcia, 5:13.14

**JV Boys**

Shot Put: 3. Manuel Arispe, 6  
Marcus Hinojosa  
400 Relay: 2. Juan Garcia, Nestor Hernandez, Ricky Mercado, Donnie Rodriguez, 48.58  
100m: 2. Juan Garcia, 12.02  
800 Relay: 2. Juan Garcia, Nestor Hernandez, Ricky Mercado, Donnie Rodriguez, 1:44.56  
200m: 2. Donnie Rodriguez, 24.98

**Major livestock shows close out another season**

For the past several months, Schleicher County 4-H members have been participating in the various major livestock shows in Texas. This past week marked the end of this run as the last show came to an end. We are very proud of our young exhibitors and look forward to next year. I have tried to keep you abreast of the accomplishments as they happen and list below are the results from San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo.



by Scott Edmonson

During the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo, many of our 4-Hers participated in various events. In the Junior Goat Show, Jaymie O'Harrow took 8th place honors in his class while Briley Ledbetter won 15th. Other exhibitors in the goat show were Wes Brown, Lauren Brown, Kevin Dykstra, Carli McAngus and Allison Reynolds.

In the Barrow show, Josue Chavez took 4th place honors with his pig. Other exhibitors included Mason Baker, Jorge Chavez, Marcus Hinojosa and Carli McAngus. In the Steer show, Meg Griffin won 1st place with here steer. Other exhibitors included Justin Friar and Jeffrey Friar.

In the Lamb show, exhibitors included Neal Higgins, Carli McAngus and Ridge Ann Sudduth.

In the Rabbit show, Ashby Ragsdale tool 1st place and 4th place honors in class 9 of the Holland Lops and she also took 7th place honors in class 11 Holland Lops. Other exhibitors were Tracy Brenner and John Cody Brenner.

In the Junior Boer Goat Show, Marty Powell to 1st place with his 12-24 month old full blood doe and

also took 1st place with his 2 year old full blood doe. In the Open Boer Goat Show, Haley Higgins placed 4th in the 12-24 month old full blood doe class. Other exhibitors included Neal Higgins, Miles Mikeska and Macy Mikeska.

At the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the competition was tough as usual. Barrow exhibitors included: Marcus Hinojosa, Josue Chavez, Robert Chavez and Mark Bybee. In the lamb show, exhibitors included: Neal Higgins, Haley Higgins, Meg Griffin, Ridge Ann Sudduth and Mark Bybee. Jaymie O'Harrow Represented us in the Goat show while during the Steer show, Will Griffin took 14th place with his AOB. Other steer exhibitors were: Meg Griffin, Justin Friar and Jeffrey Friar.

At the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo in Austin, the final show of the year and the first time Schleicher County has been eligible for this show, Marcus Hinojosa competed in the barrow show and Justin & Jeffrey Friar competed in the steer show. Jaymie O'Harrow competed in the goat show and placed 6th.

**Future forum names issues**

The Schleicher County Extension Office recently hosted a Texas Community Futures Forum. The purpose of the forum was to solicit and prioritize citizens' opinions about the most important needs and concerns in Schleicher County.

On March 9, 2004, this forum took place in Schleicher County and representatives from th School, City, County and County Residents participated in the event. Scott Edmonson, Schleicher CEA-Ag/NR served as the facilitator for the event. As a result of this meeting, the following critical issues were identified.

Water - Protection of our underground resources and maintain adequate water supply.

Employment Opportunities - Nurture new business development to create more job opportunities within the county.

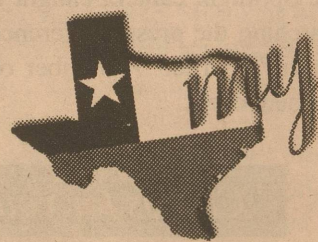
Economic Concerns - Explore economic development in non-agricultural/oil related area's and continue promotion of existing businesses.

Quality Environment - Promote an overall sound community environment including community pride (clean-ups), support for law enforcement and maintaining hospitals and health care.

Education - Education of our youth about agriculture and offer distance learning classes and continuing education opportunities.

These are the top 5 issues identified and will be utilized for future Extension programming efforts. For more information about the Texas Community Futures Forum, please feel free to call the office at 853-2132.

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