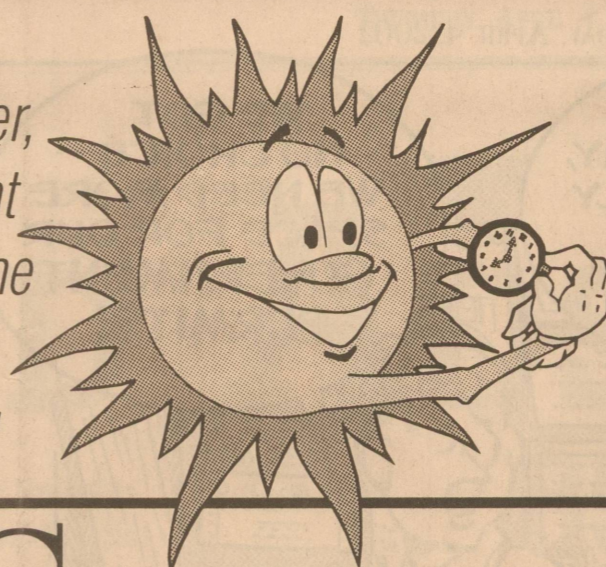


Middle School hosts annual tennis tourney

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Remember, Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday morning



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Central Texas group pushing upgrade of U.S. 190 to 4 lanes

Defense Dept. supports route to link military bases

The prospect of an upgrade of U.S. 277 to a four-lane highway is already looming in Eldorado's future. Now, comes word that U.S. 190 is also a candidate for upgrade to four-lane status. A coalition, calling itself the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition, which includes several cities and counties along U.S. 190, and with the apparent support of the U.S. Department of Defense, is working toward that end.

If the group gets its way, U.S. 190, stretching westward from Temple to Killeen, San Saba, Menard and Eldorado, would be included in the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System. The road would then turn south on U.S. Highway 277 and intersect with Interstate Highway 10 at Sonora. Fort Hood near Killeen would be linked to Fort Bliss near El Paso by a four-lane highway.

Among the members of the coalition are several members of the Central Texas Council of Governments. San Saba City Manager Joe Ragsdale said that cities and counties along the proposed route should consider supporting the coalition's efforts.

The route would also continue east from Temple, traveling through Bryan, Huntsville, Livingston and Jasper before crossing into Louisiana. There the route would serve Ft. Polk and England Industrial Airpark near Alexandria, LA.

A web of other highways is also being promoted as part of the coalition's plan, including links to Beaumont, where most Army deployments involving Ft. Hood or Ft. Bliss personnel are likely to embark, as well as the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station and Ingleside Naval Station. A secondary 4-lane route, to relieve congestion on Interstate Highway 37 is proposed to run from Sequin to Corpus Christi.

Polk County Judge John Thompson told the Success in a telephone interview that the upgrades proposed by the coalition duplicate roadways proposed by the U.S. Department of Defense.

"In the event of a rapid deployment, traffic congestion in and around Austin and San Antonio could severely hinder the Army's response time," Thompson said. He noted that an Army 4-star general has already signaled support for the project.

Thompson, along with several members of the coalition appeared at the February 28, 2002 meeting of the Texas Highway Commission on February 28. Thompson told the commissioners, "The Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System has been conceived to meet the transportation needs of this region's military facilities and deploying combat commitment through military forts. We for many years relied on rail system for movement of commercial freight. It served us well but it's reaching its designed capacity and in some cases exceeding that capacity. Fort Hood is home to

50,000 personnel and seven miles of motor pools filled with combat power that must be able to deploy effectively to perform missions around the world."

Thompson told the Success that upgrading U.S. 190 would also relieve congestion along overcrowded stretches of Interstate 35. "Diverting commercial truck traffic, as well as military traffic, away from San Antonio, Austin and the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex, would help relieve some of the federal government's air pollution concerns in those cities."

Thompson said he and other coalition members welcome support from towns like Eldorado. He noted that Eldorado and Schleicher County, with their recent success with the Ports-to-Plains Coalition, could bring valuable experience to the newly formed coalition.

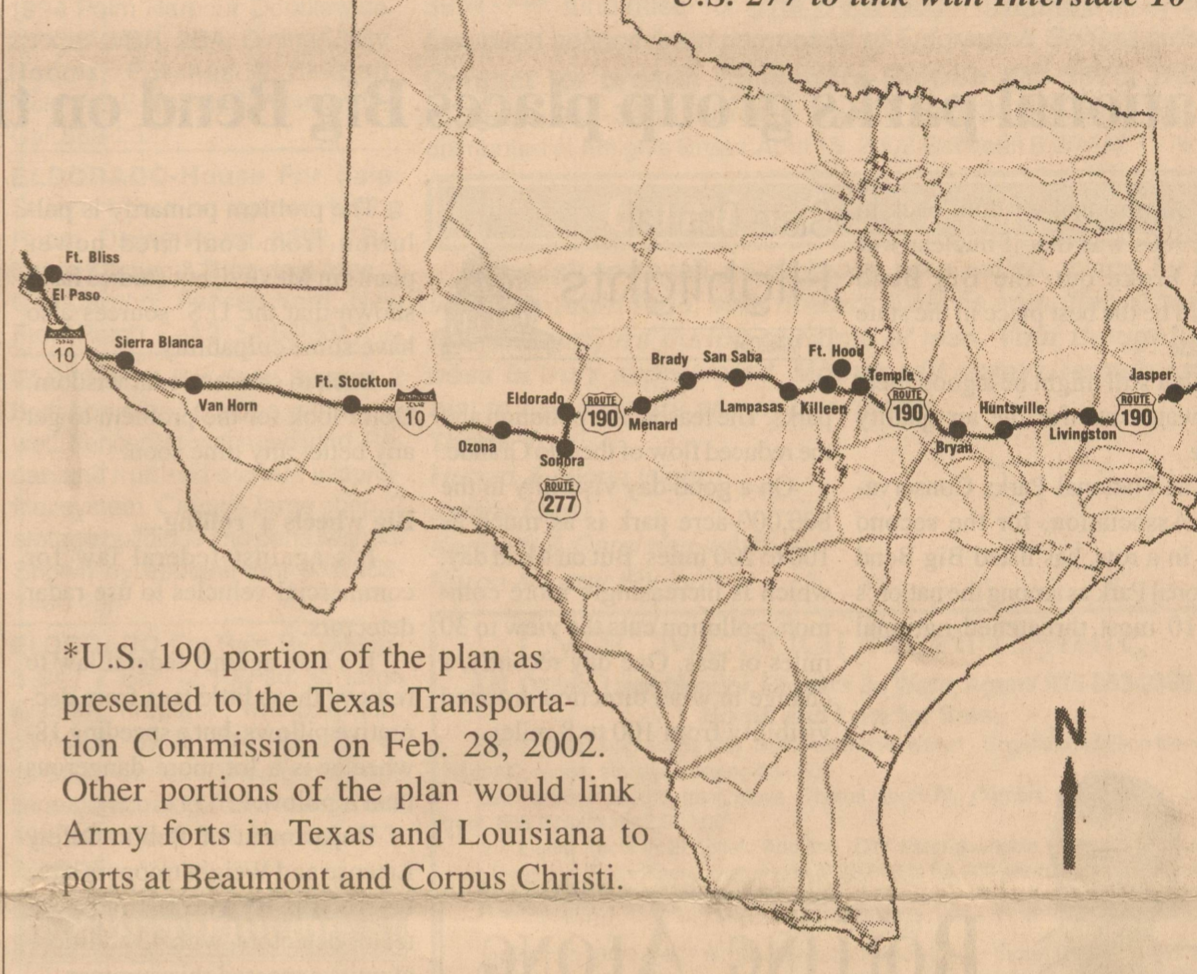
"We feel like we have a strong proposal," Thompson said. "The military supports it and TxDOT is listening. All we need to do now is keep up the pressure."

Rojas benefit fund at FNB

A fund to benefit Violeta Rojas has been set up at First National Bank to receive donations in the wake of a personal tragedy. For more information please contact the bank, Rev. Leonard Wideman or Dr. Patrick Taylor.

Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System*

Proposed inclusion of U.S. 190 & U.S. 277 to link with Interstate 10



*U.S. 190 portion of the plan as presented to the Texas Transportation Commission on Feb. 28, 2002. Other portions of the plan would link Army forts in Texas and Louisiana to ports at Beaumont and Corpus Christi.

Traffic stop results in seizure of \$10,000 cash

Sheriff Deputy Jason Chatham stopped a 1995 Toyota for speeding on Wednesday, March 27, 2000, and ended up seizing \$10,000.00 in cash. Chatham said that the car was headed south on U.S. 277 when he stopped it four miles south of Eldorado. When he asked for permission to search, the car's two male occupants, ages 19 and 22, reportedly gave their consent. That's when Chatham found \$10,000.00 in cash, hidden in the men's pockets. Each man had \$5,000.00 concealed in their jeans, Chatham said.

Although a thorough search of the car failed to turn up any illegal drugs, a drug dog from the Rio

Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force alerted on the money, indicating the presence of a narcotic substance on the cash. Chatham said he then notified 51st District Attorney Stephen Lupton of the situation and received permission to seize the cash.

The money was booked into evidence at the Schleicher County Jail and the driver of the '95 Toyota was ticketed for speeding. The two men, reportedly both from San Angelo were then released.

Chatham noted that District Attorney Lupton has filed papers necessary for a forfeiture hearing to be called. He also advised that his investigation continues and

that criminal money-laundering charges could still be filed against the two men at a later date.

In the meantime, the cash stays in the safe at the county jail. If the forfeiture hearing is successful, much of the money could go to the local Sheriff's Department and could be used to purchase equipment needed by the department.

Sheriff David Doran complemented Chatham's diligence as the men counted out the cash on Chatham's desk. "This represents the third major seizure of drugs and/or drug money in the past three months," Doran said. "Jason has been working very hard to help get this stuff off the street."



Drug money — Sheriff Deputy Jason Chatham counted out \$10,000.00 in cash he seized last week after a traffic stop four miles south of Eldorado.



J. L. Mankin All-Star Cast



Travis Joiner All-Star Cast



Cristie Jo Belman Honorable Mention All-Star Cast



Betsy Green All-Star Crew

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN

EHS One-Act Play places 4 on All-Star Cast

"Pinocchio Commedia," Eldorado High School's entry in the U.I.L. One-Act Play Contest, was chosen as an alternate last Thursday night by judge Betty Hukill after the District 2-2A One-Act Play Contest in San Angelo. Hukill chose plays from Sonora and Mason high schools to advance to the Area round of competition.

Four members of the EHS cast and crew were singled out for individual honors, however. J.L. Mankin and Travis Joiner were each named to the All-Star Cast. Cristie Jo Belman was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star

Cast and Betsy Green was named to the All-Star Crew.

The play was a zany comedy version of the classic Pinocchio tale. Performed in a style similar to that employed by itinerant acting troupes in the 1600s, "Pinocchio Commedia" tested the talents, and endurance of its cast. Each of the EHS actors played the part of one such acting troupe, who in turn played parts in the Pinocchio story.

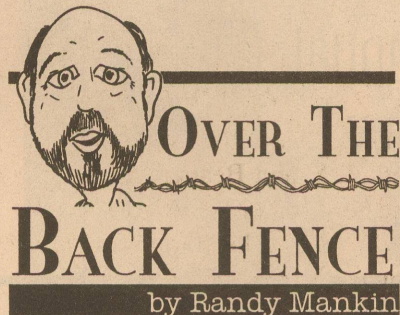
Tana Williams played Arlecchino, the play's narrator, who also performed as a crickets. Amanda Wanoreck played Pedrolina, who played a fool and a donkey. Pantalone, who

took on the character of Geppetto the wood carver, was played by Mitchell Cole. J.L. Mankin was cast as Pulcinella, who in turn played the Evil Puppet Master.

Cristie Jo Belman played the part of Columbina, who plays a spirit. Will Whitten was Razullo, who performed the part of a fox. The cat was played by Beltramo who was played by Mayci Schwiening. Travis Joiner was Pinocchio, who played a wooden head.

Crew members were Betsy Green, Ashton Murr and Anna Troy. Kara Sue Garlitz was the play's director.

It's simple math: The + IRS = Theirs



them to the Internal Revenue Service and write on the envelope, 'Now you have everything.'

A new arrival, about to enter the hospital, saw two white coated doctors combing the flower beds. "Excuse me," he said. "Have you lost something?"

"No," replied one doctor. "We're just getting ready to do a heart transplant for an IRS agent, and looking for a suitable rock."

Did you ever notice: If you put the two words "THE" and "IRS" together, it spells "THEIRS"?

Okay, okay...here's a couple the IRS agents will enjoy.

The owner of a small deli was being questioned by an IRS agent about his tax return. He had reported a net profit of \$80,000 for the year.

"Why don't you people leave me alone?" the deli owner asked. "I work like a dog, everyone in my family helps out, the place is only closed three days a year, and you want to know how I made \$80,000?"

"It's not your income that bothers us," the agent said. "It's these deductions. You listed six trips to Bermuda for you and your wife." "Oh, that," the owner said, smiling. "I forgot to tell you - we also deliver."

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today.

I have long believed that payroll deduction should be eliminated and that everyone should sit down on April 15 and write out a check to pay their income tax. That way they could see what their government is really costing them.

Then, we should move all Congressional and Presidential elections to April 16, while it's all still fresh on our minds.

As much as Americans dislike paying income tax, there is probably a worse fate...working for the IRS.

IRS agents bear the brunt of our anger this time of the year and all because they enforce the rules our elected representatives put in place. They also put up with know-it-all newspaper columnists who write columns like this one.

IRS Stories

A businessman on his deathbed called his friend and said, "Bill, I want you to promise me that when I die you will have my remains cremated."

"And what," his friend asked, "do you want me to do with your ashes?"

The businessman said, "Just put them in an envelope and mail

Well, it's that time of year again when bleary-eyed Americans everywhere work feverishly trying to beat the April 15 deadline for filing income tax returns.

I have mixed emotions about paying income tax. On the one hand, the fact that I owe income tax means that I have had an income, and for that I am extremely grateful. On the other hand, by the time April 15th rolls around, I have already paid property tax, self-employment tax, sales tax and fuel tax, just to name a few. Then there are the government fees such as driver's license, hunting license, vehicle registration and safety inspection.

Woody Guthrie may have believed the words when he wrote them, "This land is your land, This land is my land, from the Redwood Forests to the New York island," but he never tried to get into Yellowstone Park without paying an admission fee.

Texas is the third most popular travel destination in the U.S., following California (No. 1) and Florida (No. 2.) Dallas gets the most in what the state agency calls "destination spending," followed by Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, El Paso, the Rio Grande Valley and Corpus Christi.

As the old Texas chamber of commerce saying goes: A tourist is worth more than a bale of cotton and a whole lot easier to pick.

Highlighted...

In the figurative sense, a lot of people lost their shirts in the collapse of Houston-based Enron Corp.

Now Playboy Magazine would like to take pictures. The magazine is planning a "Women of Enron" edition.

The same magazine also is getting publicity in South Texas. One of the hottest contests in the state is a runoff for Senate Dist. 20 between Corpus Christi lawyer Barbara Canales-Black and McAllen State Rep. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa.

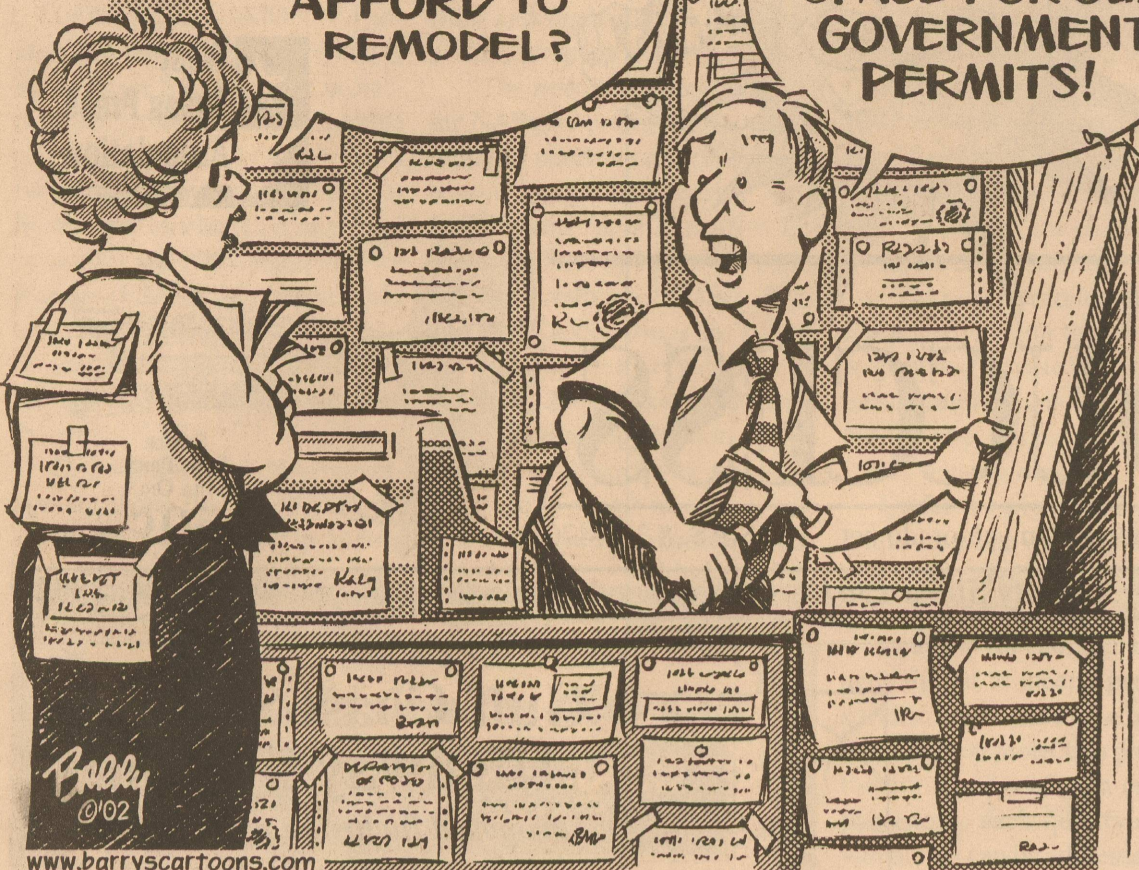
Last week Canales-Black began running ads charging that Hinojosa had done legal work for Playboy.

And, though the Playboy factor is a new touch, some things about South Texas don't change: A state district judge has impounded voting materials in Frio County and is moving to impound ballots that will be cast in the April 9 runoff.

All this is part of an investigation by the local district attorney, who says he is looking into allegations of criminal conduct in the March 12 primary.

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IN THIS SLOW ECONOMY, CAN WE REALLY AFFORD TO REMODEL?



National parks group places Big Bend on threatened list

Conventional wisdom back in the 1960s was that if nuclear war ever broke out, the Big Bend would be the best place in the state to hide.

That still might be a good idea, but watch out for the air quality there.

The National Parks Conservation Association, for the second year in a row, has listed Big Bend National Park as among the nation's top 10 most threatened national

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

parks. The reason: Air pollution and the reduced flow of the Rio Grande.

On a good day visibility in the 800,000-acre park is as much as 100 to 200 miles. But on a bad day, which is increasingly more common, pollution cuts the view to 30 miles or less. One day recently, a change in wind direction dropped visibility from 100 to 8 miles.

The problem primarily is pollution from coal-fired power plants in Mexico, but studies have shown that the U.S. sources also have some culpability.

Back to conventional wisdom: Don't look for the problem to get any better any time soon.

Big wheels a' rolling...

It's against federal law for commercial vehicles to use radar detectors.

It's also against federal law to remove those little tags from decorative pillows, but a speeding 18-wheeler is a lot more dangerous than a pillow.

Department of Public Safety License and Weight troopers have been equipped with 101 radar detector detectors, with 43 additional units expected this summer.

"The combination of size and speed can make large trucks a lethal combination," DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. said in announcing the grant-funded purchase of the detectors. "Because of their vehicle's sheer mass, truck drivers have a special responsibility to drive safely."

"Hopefully, this additional enforcement tool will make them think twice about violating the speed limit."

Ya'll come...

Tourists equal money for Texas. Domestic and international visitors injected \$40.4 billion into the state's economy in 2000, according to the Texas Department of Economic Development.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring's Downtown Model Railroad Is Up and Running

In October of 1991, Doc Hardy started constructing a model train display in a building on Big Spring's Main Street. He was a model railroad buff and was looking for a way to display some HO Gauge trains. He got with the Big Spring Downtown Association folks and they supported the idea. Doc Hardy worked on the project four or five hours a day for nearly a year. He told me at the time "I don't guess it'll ever be finished. I keep adding to it all the time. I see something I think would make it better and I get it. Besides that, people are always bringing stuff by."

He included many Big Spring landmarks in the display. He has a replica of the old Big Spring freight depot and a miniature version of a local mountain called Signal Peak. He has a complete city laid out with hotels, residences and all types of businesses. Doc died five years ago and the building with the elaborate model train display went dark and stayed that way until last year when a retired philosophy professor came to town. His name is Jack Harrison and he loves model trains.

"I was looking for a hobby and naturally thought of a model railroad, since I've had several N-Gauge railroads of my own for thirty years."

Hearing about the display, he began looking for someone to talk to about buying the setup for himself. He found out the building and its contents were owned by Big Spring Main Street and the small trains were not for sale.

When a Main Street representative showed him the display, Jack caught his breath. "It was the

biggest HO railroad I had ever seen in person."

The board member showing Jack around said they were looking for someone to restore the railroad and run it. "You've found him," Jack replied.

Jack made an inventory and discovered the replacement value to be nearly \$11,000. On the 900 feet of track were 42 diesel locomotives, 10 steam locomotives and 117 pieces of freight and passenger cars. An additional \$2,000 worth of structures, people and scenery, along with a 6-unit roundhouse with a turntable were included in the count.

Jack spent nine months bringing the display back to life. It opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony to an enthusiastic crowd. Jack shows the display to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM or by appointment. There is no admission charge, but contributions are accepted.

He especially welcomes school groups. "I think five year-olds are some of the smartest people I know," he said. "I have fun with them."

He has replicas of the Harry Potter train, the 150 mile-an-hour train of the future and the Texas & Pacific steam train that first came to Big Spring in 1881. Jack gives some railroad history to anyone who seems to want to hear it. He tells how the railroad was built across Texas and how it replaced the stagecoach.

The Doc Hardy Memorial Railroad is located at 123 Main in Big Spring, just a block up the street from the Union Pacific railroad tracks.

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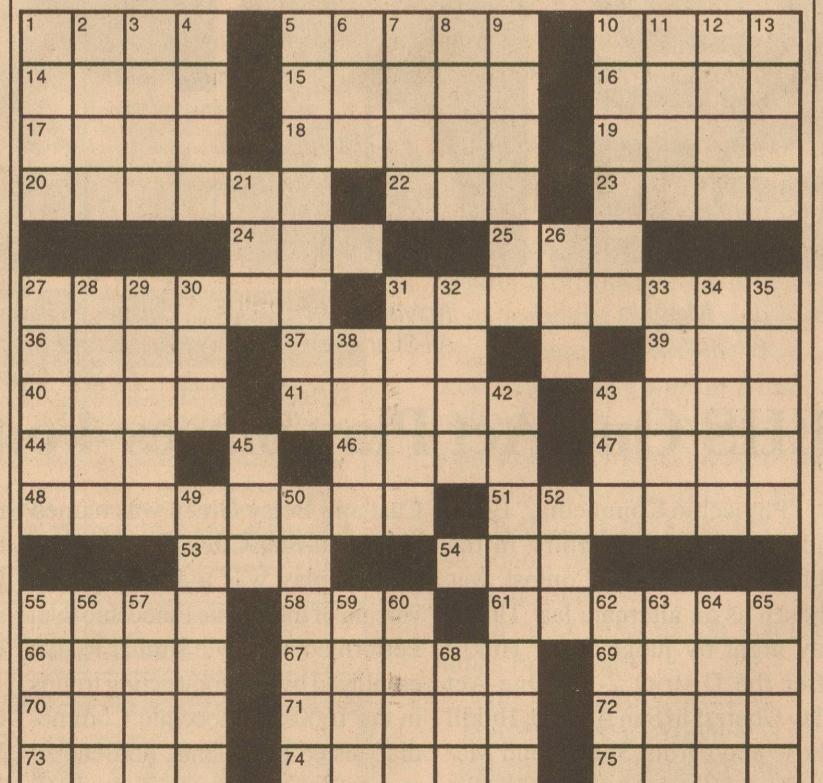
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Suggestive of impropriety
 - 5 A compact mass
 - 10 Egg on
 - 14 Medicinal plant
 - 15 Tissue layer
 - 16 Protoctist
 - 17 Body fluid
 - 18 Churns or seethes
 - 19 A condition requiring relief
 - 20 Youngest son of William the Conqueror
 - 22 Pituitary hormone
 - 23 Extinct heavy flightless bird related to pigeons
 - 24 East northeast compass reading
 - 25 Firey residue
 - 27 Egyptian beetle
 - 31 Discourage
 - 36 Scuff of the neck
 - 37 Foreshadow
 - 39 A metal-bearing mineral
 - 40 To a small degree
 - 41 S. Ukranian city
 - 43 Greek goddess of the earth, mother of the Titans
 - 44 1950's auto decoration
 - 46 A brief stay in the course of a journey
 - 47 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
 - 48 Placental mammal
 - 51 Coarse or crude
 - 53 Slang referring to racing an engine
 - 54 Globe or ball
 - 55 Strikebreaker
 - 58 Native Australian dialect
 - 61 Verse line
 - 66 Talipot palm leaf, used for writing paper
 - 67 Automaton
 - 69 Railroad bum or tramp
 - 70 Horse with a brownish coat
 - 71 Legal defense
 - 72 Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
 - 73 City in Lebanon
 - 74 Design theme
 - 75 The fourth of the seven canonical hours; about noon
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Reckless
 - 2 Downwind
 - 3 Maize
 - 4 Twelvemonth
 - 5 Ship servant
 - 6 Health maintenance organization, for short
 - 7 Building block
 - 8 Nothings
 - 9 Dishes of boiled or baked buckwheat
 - 10 Mahatma
 - 11 Margarine
 - 12 Matured
 - 13 Carpentry joint
 - 21 Affirmative reply
 - 26 Resort hotel
 - 27 State of complete confusion
 - 28 Compartment
 - 29 Caricaturing
 - 30 Drench flax
 - 31 River outlet
 - 32 Keel on
 - 33 Cook with dry heat, usually in an oven
 - 34 Gaelic nationality
 - 35 Watery-eyed
 - 38 Sail spar
 - 42 Alcoholic drink taken before a meal as an appetizer
 - 43 Voltaic language
 - 45 Brewage
 - 49 Sophisticated
 - 50 Evergreen Indian shrub called Tanner's Cassia
 - 52 Outer garment
 - 55 Classify
 - 56 Furnish or fulfill
 - 57 Wing-shaped
 - 59 Long, single-edged knife of Philippine origin
 - 60 Obituary, for short
 - 62 A unit of electrical conductance
 - 63 Supported or held in a certain manner
 - 64 Wild mountain goat of Eurasia
 - 65 Mud hen
 - 68 Religious cult of West Indies

See solution on Page 6



This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

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EMS tracksters compete at Hubbell Relays in Junction

March 1, 2000
7th Grade Boys Results: 400 M Relay: 5. Eldorado 50.26
 Shot Put: 4. Marcus Hinojosa 32-10.5; 6. Marcus Hernandez 31-6
8th Grade Boys Results: 2400 M Run: 2. Jeremy Ussery 9:02.52
 Shot Put: 2. Kyle Taylor 40-5; High Jump: 6. Michael Ballew 4-10; Triple Jump: 6. Allison Reynolds 27-4

Middle School netters host annual tennis tourney

Eldorado Middle School hosted the annual Junior High School Tennis Meet on Friday, March 29, 2002. The weather was warm and breezy as students and parents from Eldorado, Mason, Sonora, and Ozona enjoyed the day.

Chandra Wanoreck placed first in the 8th Grade Girls Singles (8-3), Jessica Moore of Ozona placed second, 3rd place went to Tifnee Nesloney of Mason. Consolation went to Chantel Arippe of Sonora. Also participating were: Christy Martinez of Sonora, Katy Lelimer of Mason and Allie Bean of Ozona.

8th Grade Girls Doubles 1st Place Medal went to the team of Dockel and Smith (8-4) of Mason. Taylor Baker and Allison Reynolds of Eldorado medaled silver with

Maxie Holley and Lauren Brown of Eldorado sewing up the bronze. Consolation went to Dominguez and Morales of Mason. Also participating were: Onate and Larson of Ozona, Samaniego and Waggoner of Sonora, Hedgecock and Pacheco of Sonora and Tobar and Taylor of Ozona.

8th Grade Mixed Doubles gold was given to Kimbriel and Ramirez (8-8) of Mason. The silver went to Babin and Jordan of Mason and the bronze went to James and Fierro of Ozona.

8th Grade Boys Singles: 1st Place went to Lopez of Ozona (8-1). Second place medal went to Barthelymy of Sonora. Third place winner was Rippy of Mason (8-2). Consolation: Caleb Nixon of Eldorado (8-6). Also participating were: D. Ramirez of Mason, Espino of Ozona and M. Vaqueza of Sonora.

8th Grade Boys Doubles 1st place medalist were Michael Ballew and Frank Edmiston (8-1); Second place went to Bjork and Vargas of Mason; Smith and Feinler of Sonora took 3rd (8-1). Consolation went to Walston and Tambunga of Ozona (8-2). Also participating were: Fleming and Schurssler of Mason, Badillo and Harris-Cane of Ozona, Love and Martinez of Sonora.

7th Grade Boys Singles Russell Cathey of Eldorado placed 1st (8-4). Second place went to Abel Montalvo of Eldorado. Third place went to Jordan Long of Ozona (8-

4). Consolation went to Shane Love of Sonora (8-3). Also participating were: Jake Maenius of Mason and Matthew Bullard of Ozona.

7th Grade Boys Doubles gold medal went to Martin and Lehmborg of Mason (8-5). Silver went to Mayfield and Gray of Ozona. Third place medal went to McGinn and Toone of Mason (8-1). Consolation went to Eldorado doubles team Cash and Estrada (7-7). Also participating were Fierro and English of Ozona, and Tijerina and Ochoa of Ozona. Richmond Adame and Mark Bybee of Eldorado beat Fierro and English 8-2 and then lost to Eldorado's Cash and Estrada.

7th Grade Girls Singles: 1st place went to Bailey Blair of Mason (8-0); 2nd place went to Jena Teasley of Sonora. 3rd place Felicha Gamez (8-0). Consolation went to J.C. Rodriguez of Eldorado (8-2). Also participating were: Lauren Pool of Ozona, Jillian Bro-sard of Sonora, Farran Wilson of Ozona and Kimberly Samaniego of Eldorado who beat Wilson 8-2 and lost to Teasley 8-2.

7th Grade Girls Doubles gold medalist's were McMillan and Crouch of Mason (8-1). Silver went to Kruse and Radtke and the bronze went to Duran and Higdon of Sonora (8-3). Consolation went to McDaniel and Hernandez of Ozona (8-3). Also participating were Buchanan and Skinner of Ozona and Chadwick and Sanchez

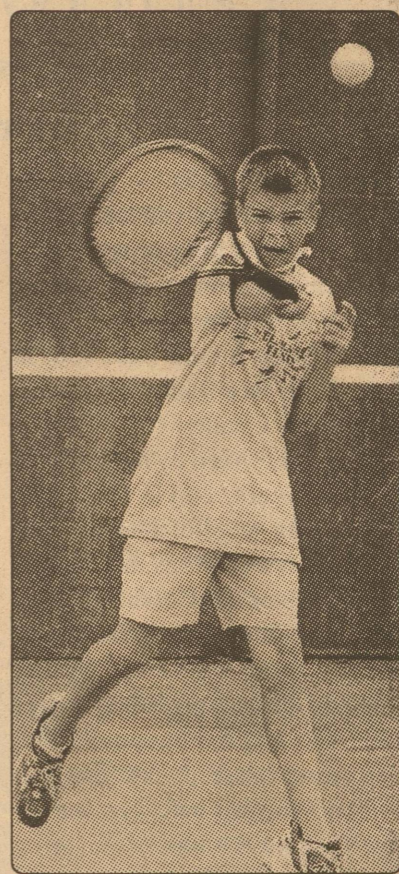


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Back at ya' — Russell Cathey returned a volley Saturday during 7th grade boys singles action at the Eldorado Middle School Tennis Tournament. He went on to place 1st in the event.

of Sonora. 7th Grade Mixed Doubles 1st place went to Grace and Osborne of Mason (8-2). 2nd place medalist were Dutton and Simon of Mason. 3rd place went to Drew Bosman and Kristen Middle of Eldorado. Vargas and Morris of Ozona also participated.

Correction

A updated Academic All-District list was released this week by EHS basketball coach Alan Gillespie. EHS boys basketball players named to the team include Tony Fay, Johnny Herrera, Wesley Jones, Thomas Ballew and Bobby Phillips.

To qualify for the Academic All-District Team, student-athletes must maintain a 90 grade point average, while maintaining their athletic proficiency.

School Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
 Menus Subject To Change
 Cafeteria Line

Monday, April 8
 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Sliced Peaches
Tuesday, April 9
 Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pudding w/ Topping
Wednesday, April 10
 Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Dinner Roll, Yellow Cake w/ Icing
Thursday, April 11
 Supper Nachos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit
Friday, April 12
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cowboy Cookies

Breakfast
 ½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast
Monday, April 8
 Muffin, Pkg. Crackers
Tuesday, April 9
 Dry Cereal, Pkg. Crackers
Wednesday, April 10
 honey Bun, Cheese
Thursday, April 11
 Dry Cereal, Cheese Crackers
Friday, April 12
 Biscuit, Peanut Butter, Jelly

Fast Food Line
Monday, April 8
 Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Sliced Peaches
Tuesday, April 9
 Beef Tacos, Shredded Lettuce, Tomato, Crushed Pineapple, Pudding
Wednesday, April 10
 Cheese Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, yellow Cake w/ Icing
Thursday, April 11
 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Mixed Fruit
Friday, April 12
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Cowboy Cookie

Eagles baseball team 1-1 in district play

The Eldorado Eagle Baseball team has been very active over the last couple of weeks. The Eagles opened District play last week and are currently 1 and 1 in District thru last Friday. (see line scores below)

3/26/2002
 EHS.....0101002 - 4
 Miles.....611100X - 9
 1B-Phillip Martinez 2, Scott Cawley 2, Homer Hernandez, J.R. Arispe, 2B-Alan Dykstra

3/8/2002
 EHS.....000002 - 2
 C. City.....4360X - 13
 1B-J.R. Arispe, Tony Chavez; 2B-Virgilio Escobar

San Saba Tourney
 EHS.....0101110 - 4
 Florence.....0000700 - 7
 1B-Mike Adame 2, Homer Hernandez, Frankie Arispe; 2B-Phillip Martinez, Kolby Dombroski

EHS.....0000000 - 0
 Lago Vista.....1111030 - 7
 1B Phillip Martinez, Travis Lively, Virgilio Escobar

District Play
 3/22/2002 at Wall
 EHS.....00000 - 0
 Wall.....3443X - 14

3/26/2002
 EHS.....001134 - 9
 Grape Creek.....010200 - 3
 The Eagles were led by Phillip Martinez with a home run. Other hitting stats were not available (will be in next weeks article).

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
He's safe! — Mike Adame beat the throw to 3rd last Tuesday as the Eagles defeated Grape Creek 9-3. The win moved the Eagles district record to 1-1.

Amigo's Dream Restaurant WILL BE OPEN
 Saturday, April 6 from 10AM-4PM to accommodate the Hill Country Fireman Association Convention. Come and join us for lunch.
 All proceeds will be donated to Quisto Gonzalez for his trip to Houston. Quisto was invited to participate in the 2002 national Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, July 23 - August 1.
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Academic U.I.L. - Science Team District Winners—L-R: Courtney Sauer, Dest Sudduth, Tana Williams, Lori Loomis and Travis Joiner. These students placed 1st as a Science Team at the District U.I.L. Meet last week. They will travel to the Regional meet in Abilene on April 20th.



Academic U.I.L. - Mathematics Team District Winners—L-R: Josh Trejo, Dest Sudduth, Lori Loomis and Travis Joiner. These students placed 1st as a Math Team at the District U.I.L. Meet last week. They will travel to the Regional meet in Abilene on April 20th.



Academic U.I.L. Spelling & Vocabulary Team District Winners—L-R: Laurie Almazan, Luis Munoz, Layna Murr and Emily Newman. These students placed 1st as a Spelling and Vocabulary at the District U.I.L. Meet last week. They will travel to the Regional meet in Abilene on April 20th.



Academic U.I.L. Individual Medalists District Winners — L-R: Maria Hernandez-Current Issues & Events (3rd) and Literary Criticism (2nd); Josh Trejo-Number Sense (1st); Lori Loomis-Editorial Writing (3rd) and Persuasive Speaking (3rd) and Dest Sudduth-Calculator Applications (1st). These students will advance to regionals in Abilene on April 20th.

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Twenty-eight teams competed in the Two Man Select Shot Tournament on March 23rd & 24th.

Championship Flight:
Saturday Results; 1st Place score 57 - Doan and Doan, 2nd place score 57 - Abbot and McBride, 3rd place score 59 - Hull and Smith, 4th place score 59 - J. Bailey and J. Bailey.

Sunday Results; 1st place score 59 - Gray and Warnock, 2nd place score 60 - Doan and Doan, 3rd place score 60 - Abbot and McBride, 4th place score 61 -

Cartwright and Finley.

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Saturday Results; 1st place score 60 - Nikolauk and Nikolauk, 2nd place score 61 - B. Bailey and Cravens, 3rd place score 63 - Payne and Enriquez, 4th place score 63 - Halbert and Martinez.

Sunday Results; 1st place score 62 - Payne and Enriquez, 2nd place score 62 - Halbert and Martinez, 3rd place score 63 - B. Bailey and Cravens, 4th place score 64 - C. Gutierrez and V. Gutierrez.

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EMS Profile



Melissa M. Stanford
EMT / Office Manager

Melissa and her husband Kevin moved to Eldorado in 1998 from Austin. She was employed by Schleicher Co. EMS in May 1998 as Office Manager. Melissa received her certification as EMT in Jan. 1999. The Stanfords have a 2 year old daughter, named Jordan.

Why EMS? I enjoy helping people. I have been involved with various volunteer organizations in the past and after moving to Eldorado I saw the real need for more EMT's to help the community.

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Renditions: All property owners have the right to render their property to the Appraisal District. A rendition is a written document stating the name and address of the owner, the legal description of the property and may contain an estimate of the value. It must be submitted to the District between January 1 and April 16.

Protests: All property owners with real or personal property that has increased in valuation by \$1000 or more will receive a notice of appraised value. These notices will be mailed in May. If the property owner is dissatisfied with the value set by the district he should contact the Appraisal District to discuss the valuation. If the question is not resolved, he may appeal to the Appraisal Review Board for an adjustment. That protest must be filed by May 31, or within 30 days of the notice, whichever is later.

Homeowners: The Texas Legislature and many local government entities have allowed for part of the value of a homestead to be exempted from taxation. If you have a homestead exemption there is no need to re-file. However, if you have purchased a different home since January 1, 2001 you will need to file for this exemption. If you have questions or need an application you should contact us at the address or phone number listed below.

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Quarterly Payments and Tax Deferral: If you are 65 or older and have applied for the homestead exemptions for senior citizens, you may pay your current taxes on your home in four installments. Homeowners who are disabled and apply for homestead exemptions also may pay their home taxes in installments. If you are over 65 years of age and are unable to pay your property taxes on your homestead you may be able to defer payment. For additional information contact the Appraisal District at the number listed below.

Farmers and Ranchers: Landowners who are using their land for commercial production of food or fiber may be entitled to receive a special appraisal on their land, which is based on agriculture production. The land must have been utilized for farming or ranching for five of the last seven years and be currently devoted to agricultural use. If you have not been receiving Ag use appraisal on your land in the past and wish to apply, you may receive an application by contacting us at the address listed below.

Disabled Veterans: You may qualify for a property tax exemption if you are either (1) a veteran who was disabled while serving with the U.S. armed forces or (2) the surviving spouse or child (under 18 of age and unmarried) of a disabled veteran or of a member of the armed force who was killed while on active duty.

Filing Deadlines

Renditions.....	April 15, 2002
Homestead Exemption.....	May 1, 2002
Other Exemptions and Agricultural Valuation.....	May 1, 2002

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• SORORITY BOYS (dts) (R)	5:00 7:20 9:40
• SNOW DOGS (PG)	2:30 4:55 7:30 9:25
• RETURN TO NEVERLAND (G2:45)	
• DRAGONFLY (dts) (PG-13)	4:40 9:45
• JOHN Q (R)	1:55 4:30 7:00 9:30
• I AM SAM (PG-13)	2:00 7:05

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Showtimes for Monday-Thursday

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The test runs from June 4 through August 27. It is designed for buck kids only. Kids must have been born between January 1 and March 31 to be eligible.

Breeders may enter no more than 25 animals each. Producers planning to put goats on the test should contact test officials on later than May 15 so proper amounts of vaccine and feed may be obtained and pen allotments can be assigned. When possible, all of a breeder's goats will be penned together.

All goats will be fed for a ten-day warm-up period to allow them to adjust to feeding conditions before the test begins. Goats must arrive at the MIR Center between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. May 23 through 25 to be considered for the test. Animals may be brought earlier if prior arrangements are made, but no goats will be accepted after May 25.

When delivering goats, breeders should know their entries' sire, birth date, birth type (single, twin, triplet), age of dam, breed or percentage of Boer blood.

The initial weigh-day is set for June 4. The second and third weigh-days are July 2 and 30 respectively. The final weigh-day completes the test on August 27. Owners may pick up their animals on August 28.

Breeders will be required to pay \$100 per head, in advance. The fee covers feed, veterinary costs, facilities, and management.

For more information contact Angelo State University's Drs. Mike Salisbury or Brian May at (915) 942-2027 or Drs. Dan Waldron or Frank Craddock at San Angelo's Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center (915) 653-4576.

As information becomes available, it will be placed on the test's website at www.angelo.edu/faculty/msalisbu/goatstest.htm.

HCFA Fire Convention set for Saturday

Representatives of 23 area fire departments will converge on Eldorado Saturday morning for the group's Spring Convention. Members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department will host the convention at the Schleicher County Memorial Building and on the Courthouse Square. Eldorado firefighter Jerry Felver serves as President of the HCFA.

Following a welcome by Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk, the firemen will conduct a business meeting. Afterwards, it will be fun and games on the square as various hose team and pumper races will be held.

Among the department's expected to participate will be: Ballinger, Bangs, Brady, Brownwood, Brownwood Lake Dam, Coleman, Early, East Concho, Eden, Eldorado, Eola, Grape Creek, Lake Brownwood, Magnolia, Mason, Menard, Melvin, Ozona, Rowena, Sonora, Sterling City, Wall and Winters.



Rodeo Cowboy — First Grader, Tyler Martinez posed for his grandmother Della Herrera after the 15 Annual Rodeo held at the Elementary Gym on Wednesday, March 27.

The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

March 28 • Hall, Marrie Denise, female age 29, arrested Sutton Co. DPS, charge Possession of Control Substance. Released to Sutton County.

March 30 • Cervantes, Patricia Zaragoza, female age 34, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant Dallas County.

Carranza, Delores, female age 39, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant Taylor County. Released on \$1,500 Bond.

April 1 • Frank, Mark Patrick, male age 36, Bench Warrant.

REPORTS

March 27 • 8:15 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transport. EMS 2 responded.

• 10:28 a.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$24.58. Vehicle was a truck pulling a trailer. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 10:35 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance and then cancelled the ambulance. Officer responded.

• 1:00 p.m. Complainant reported an emu was on the side of the road eating in front of oil service company on Hwy. 277 South. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 3:15 p.m. Officer reported seizure of \$10,000 U.S. currency during a traffic stop.

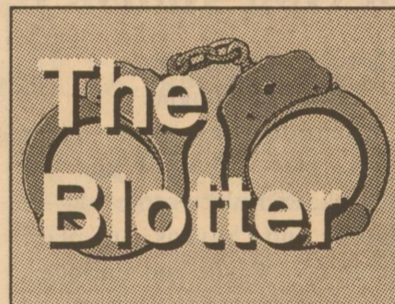
• 6:05 p.m. Complainant on Warner reported kids between the house next door and the school building. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

March 28 • 5:22 p.m. Complainant on E. Warner called 911 requesting an ambulance for a barely conscience male. Officers responded along with EMS 1.

• 6:45 p.m. Complainant 17 miles out on Hwy. 190 East reported 17 Nubian Boer goats missing, dark red in color. Last seen on Monday.

• 7:10 p.m. Complainant reported to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 7:30 p.m. Complainant stated



that their attorney had told them to file on their ex-wife over custody of their daughter for the weekend.

• 7:59 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

March 29 • 10:56 a.m. Complainant called 911 reporting a fire in their home. 10:58 a.m. Complainant called back and stated the fire was out.

• 11:19 a.m. Complainant on Concho St. reported they had found kids breaking windows at their house and needed an officer to respond.

• 2:45 p.m. Complainant on County Road 2128 reported a black cow missing from their ranch. Cow has yellow tag on left ear.

March 30 • 1:45 a.m. Complainant reported four men drunk making a lot of noise at an apartment. They left in a old gray model Oldsmobile.

• 8:50 a.m. Lost dog, a black and white Border Collie with a bob tail. Blue collar with rabies tag. Answers to "Good Girl." Dog afraid of thunderstorms. Missing from Poplar Street.

• 10:34 a.m. Complainant called 911 reporting a 90 year old male on the ground screaming. Caller requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 9:09 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle broke down on Farm Market Road 864. Two men were seen walking. Officer responded.

March 31 • 1:52 a.m. Hospital called requested an ambulance to go to apartments. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 11:45 a.m. Complainant reported excessive noise from a truck in the neighborhood.

• 1:27 p.m. Complainant stated that a vehicle is stuck in the mud by their father-in-law's fence off McIntosh Road. Officer and wrecker responded.

• 6:53 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for their father. EMS 2 and officer responded to call.

• 10:48 p.m. Complainant reported hearing gun shots eleven miles out on Hwy. 277 North. Officer responded and found everything OK.

April 1 • 11:30 a.m. Complainant on El Paso Street reported that their dog had been shot and is dead.

• 12:58 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle with a man inside stopped in the middle of the roadway in front of the video store. Officer responded.

• 6:50 p.m. Complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls. Officer responded.

April 2 • 3:15 p.m. Subject reported four loose goats by carwash and Old Sonora Road. Officers responded and contacted owner.

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We wish to thank all of those who called, came by to visit, brought food, sent flowers & cards and offered comfort and prayers during our time of loss. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated. Mother will always remain special in our memory and in our hearts.

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The City of Eldorado will hold a Public Hearing on proposed Animal Control Ordinance #10202. The Ordinance is proposed to regulate, restrict or prohibit, if necessary, animals; to protect the public health of the community from unvaccinated, diseased, stray, roaming, dangerous or wild animals; to make unlawful acts of animals that interfere with the enjoyment of property or the peace and safety of the community; and to carry out any other lawful duties authorized by state laws and applicable ordinances.

Said Public Hearing shall be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, April 8, at the City Hall.

Citizens are invited to provide written or oral comment or ask questions at said hearing. For further information, please contact the City Hall at 853-2691 during regular working hours, Monday through Friday. Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary

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New regs mean short time-frame to secure NAP coverage

Growers of Noninsurable Crops Need to Act Now

COLLEGE STATION — Federal regulations published today set the stage for better risk protection for growers of noninsurable crops, but leave only a short time for producers to take advantage of the benefits available for crop losses in 2001 and 2002. Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices stand ready to accept applications from producers for coverage available through the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP).

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including

fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops.

"The new regulations governing NAP give producers the opportunity to purchase affordable protection against crop losses," says John Fuston, State Executive Director for FSA in Texas. "It's critical that producers file their 2001 and 2002 applications for coverage and pay their service fees by April 18, 2002. Like crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone," he says.

NAP coverage requires a ser-

vice fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out-of-pocket expenses for any producer will not to exceed \$900, even if production occurs in more than three counties. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers.

"The new, streamlined program has already begun to benefit Texas growers. To date Texas has dispersed more than \$212,000 for NAP crop losses incurred in 2001," Fuston says.

Under the previous NAP program, coverage was only available when catastrophic losses occurred in a widespread area. New provisions allow for individual coverage tailored to meet a producer's specific needs and allow for a customized crop protection plan. With the elimination of area crop loss provisions, each qualifying individual loss can be addressed based on its own merits.

"Because FSA has the ability to protect against individual losses, response time is quicker and payment to the producer will be at the end of the growing season," says Fuston.

As outlined in the regulations, maintaining eligibility for 2001 and 2002 crops requires producers who otherwise would be late in filing the application apply and pay service fees within 30 days of publication of the rule. NAP continues to require reporting of crop acreage, yields and production as a condition of eligibility. In addi-

tion, producers are required to report losses the earlier of 15 days after damaging weather occurs or the date loss becomes apparent.

"Good record-keeping by producers is becoming increasingly more important. This is especially true for NAP because accurate records ensure producers receive the best coverage available under the program," says Fuston.

Fuston explained, if producers timely filed a notice of loss for the 2001 crop year they may be eligible for NAP benefits. However, if this notice of loss was not filed within 15 calendar days of the disaster or the loss became apparent, then the producer is not eligible for 2001.

In addition to filing applications for coverage and paying fees within the next 30 days, NAP crop producers have the opportunity to certify their 2000 crop production to both support their proven yields and submit 2001 crop production records to substantiate loss claims.

"The window of opportunity for NAP coverage for 2001 and 2002 is now down to less than 30 days. So I would encourage interested producers who timely submitted notices of loss on 2001 crops to apply for coverage by April 18, 2002, and encourage 2002 NAP producers to heed this deadline as well," Fuston states.

For more information about NAP and other FSA administered programs, contact your local USDA Service Center or visit the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.



Rodeo Royalty — Addye Chatham of Eldorado (L) won the Mutton Bustin' at the San Angelo Rodeo recently with a score of 91. For her efforts she received a championship belt buckle and will soon receive a \$65 pair of Justin Boots. Sunni Cate McCormick of Eldorado (R) was named Rodeo Princess and participated in the presentation of the belt buckles. They are shown here posing with Miss Rodeo Texas Kara Brown. Brown later claimed the Miss Rodeo USA title.

Cowgirl Clown — Taylor Klee of Eldorado participated as a Rodeo Clown during the Mutton Bustin' competition at the San Angelo Rodeo recently.



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United States Golf Register chronicles holes-in-one

The United States Golf Register was established in 1998, when businessman and golf enthusiast James Bowen discovered that there existed no official national registry devoted to recording and archiving the extraordinary feat of a hole-in-one. Bowen found that golfers who hit a hole-in-one were surprised and disappointed that not one official source was interested in chronicling their achievement, even though it is estimated that a hole-in-one is hit in only one in

33,000 holes. Fascinated by the odds, and determined that the achievement merited recognition, Bowen set out to establish an official register and historical record for all holes-in-one, past and present, achieved on US soil.

By launching an official national registry, Bowen created an organization dedicated to identifying, registering, and archiving holes-in-one. We are interested in preserving history. We believe an ace to be a historical event, and we want to treat it like one, says Bowen. We are devoted to historical preservation, and this archive represents an excellent compliment to ones golfing career.

The United States Golf Register is the custodial body of holes-in-one in the U.S. Registration is free, and there are no dues to pay once registered. Bowens registry has gained such national attention, that this historical record is archived at the United States Golf association, annually.

Registration can be done via the website at:

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 (A los votantes registrados del Schleicher County, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling place, known as the Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2002 for voting in a general election to elect two (2) at Large Board of Trustee Positions.

(Notificación a los presente, que las casillas electorales estaran situadas en el sitio conocido como el Memorial Building, Schleicher County Courthouse Square, estaran abiertas desde, las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Mayo de 2002 para elegir dos miembros para posiciones a lo largo en la Eleccion General.)

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(entre las 8:00 de la manana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 17 de Abril 2002 y terminando el 30 de Abril 2002.)

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(Nombre del Secretario(a) de la Votacion Adelantada): Mary Doran

Address (Direccion): P.O. Box W

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Issued this 11th day of February 2002.

(Emitada este dia 11 de Febrero, 2002

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