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## Blanch to stay on as SCISD superintendent

### Former San Angelo ISD superintendent Dr. Joe Gonzales among applicants

George Blanch has found it difficult to leave Schleicher County. Blanch retired as SCISD superintendent in May of 2003, but was called out of retirement in the spring of 2004 when Mark Gesch was placed on paid leave. Blanch has served as the school's interim superintendent ever since.

Now, the Success has learned that SCISD trustees want to hire Blanch back on a full-time basis and they plan to name him as their lone finalist for the job as early as next week.

The news comes on the heels of Monday night's school board meeting where Eldorado resident Thelma Bosmans expressed concerns that the hiring process hasn't been handled fairly. She said that a qualified applicant had applied for the job but was not considered.

Bosmans later told the Success that former San Angelo ISD superintendent Joe Gonzales inquired about the position but was told it had been filled, even though the application deadline had not expired.

Gonzales confirmed Bosmans account on Tuesday when he told the Success that he had indeed called the SCISD offices and was told the position had been filled. Gonzales said he thought it was odd since the application period was still open. He said he faxed his resume anyway and followed up by mailing a copy to SCISD.

Gonzales, who spent four turbulent years at the helm of the San Angelo school district, said he was approached by representatives of the League of Unit-

ed Latin American Citizens (LULAC) about the Schleicher County superintendent position. "They said there were a lot of issues there that need addressing and I thought I could help," Gonzales said. "Now I learn that the position is filled. This whole thing is highly unusual."

While in San Angelo Gonzales came under fire from some of his trustees as well as members of the San Angelo Parental Rights Organization. He left San Angelo at the end of the 2000-01 school year and was later indicted by

a Tom Green County Grand Jury on eight charges of theft by a public servant. Seven of the charges were dropped by District Attorney Steve Smith and the eighth was set aside after Gonzales agreed to repay the San Angelo school system \$1,576 for overpayments he received in 1999.

Gonzales left San Angelo to head up the McAllen school district, which bought out his contract when news of the San Angelo indictment was made public.

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## County fathers receive tax freeze petition

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, February 14, 2005, at the county courthouse and voted unanimously to acknowledge receipt of a petition calling for a special election on the question of freezing property taxes for senior citizens and handicapped residents of the county. The commissioners asked that Tax Assessor/Collector Jeanne Snelson, who serves as the county voter registrar, verify the number and authenticity of signatures on the petition. It was noted that some of the signatures may have been recorded outside the time frame allowed by law and one commissioner, Johnny Mayo, openly questioned whether his mother, whose name appears on the petition, had actually signed the document.

If valid, the petition begun here last year by Brigitte Rogers of Sonora, would require the county to hold an election so that the voters might decide the tax freeze issue. Ms. Rogers currently represents Schleicher County on the Texas Silver Haired Legislature. The petition reportedly contains 114 names, exceeding the 95 names required by law.

County Judge Johnny Griffin presided over the meeting, which was attended by Commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark. Several other elected officials were on hand, including County Clerk Peggy Williams who read the minutes of the commissioners' previous meeting. The men approved the minutes as presented.

Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle then appeared before the commissioners, representing the Eldorado Game Association. Doyle explained that the group had voted to donate 100 folding chairs and as many as 10 folding tables to the county for use at the Civic Center. The commissioners asked Doyle to thank the game association and voted to accept the donation.

Next, the commissioners heard from Kerry Joy, who asked them to consider livestock-proofing four cattle guards on the county road that passes through his ranch. He noted that goats can walk across the cattle guards and asked that angle iron be welded across the 4-inch pipe runners in order to prevent goats from crossing. After a brief discussion of the matter the men voted to upgrade the cattle guards on Joy's property as an experiment and to handle future requests on a case by case basis.

In other business the commissioners voted to rescind their previous decision to replace three aging air conditioning units on the county jail after it was learned that the price tag would greatly exceed the \$25,000 they had expected. Instead the men authorized Sheriff Doran to repair the one broken unit and they said they would begin budgeting for the replacement of

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## ELDORADO'S GATE



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

What at first may appear to be an orange frame supporting an orange curtain, is in reality the latest addition to Jim Runge's Hysterical District. Here Runge shows off his creation, a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the "mentality" of New York City, where environmental artist Christo has erected 7,500 of the saffron-colored structures in Central Park.

## Filing period begins for local elective offices

The filing period for positions on four local governmental entities began last week and continues through close of business on Monday, March 7, 2005.

Seats on the Eldorado city council, Schleicher County ISD board of trustees, Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees and the Plateau Underground Water District board of directors will be decided by voters on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

One member of the Eldorado City Council has signaled his intention not to seek a place on the ballot. Bill McCutcheon told the Success on Wednesday that he won't be running adding that he hopes a good candidate will step forward to take his place. Long-time council members Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez are also up for reelection this year.

School trustee Jo Helen Kotsch is up for reelection in SMD 6, so is John Paul Joiner, who holds an at-large seat on the school board.

Seats held by hospital district trustees Randy Mankin, Shirley Joiner and J.D. Doyle are up for election this year. So is a seat that has remained vacant since the death of Frank Williams, last year.

The at-large water district seat held by Pat Jackson be decided this year, as well.

A joint election will be held Saturday, May 7, 2005 in the Memorial Building. Early voting begins on April 20 and runs through May 3.

Applications for a place on the ballot are available at the city, school, hospital and water district offices.

## Rumor of mass voter registration by YFZ residents proves untrue

A rumor that 600 people residing at the YFZ Ranch registered to vote recently when they obtained Texas driver's licenses in San Angelo has turned out to be unfounded. The story swept through town late last week prompting numerous calls to the Success office.

Schleicher County Tax Assessor/Collector Jeanne Snelson, who also serves as the county's voter registrar, refuted the story. She said that her office had received a number of calls last week asking about the story.

Snelson's deputy Jennifer Henderson demonstrated how she closely monitors voter registration, including those who register when they obtain a driver's license. She noted that the information is transmitted to the Secretary of State's office in Austin and then back to Schleicher County via data link.

"Believe me, if we had received 600 we would have known it," Henderson said.

In fact the office had received fewer than twenty registrations in recent

weeks, none of them with an address at the YFZ Ranch. Neither were any of the registrants transfers from Arizona or Utah. Most residents of the YFZ Ranch reportedly moved here from Colorado City, AZ and Hildale, UT, a town that straddles the line dividing the two states.

Monitoring voter registration is by no means the only thing keeping the Tax Assessor/Collector's office busy. Jeanne Snelson explained that her office is currently verifying the signatures on a petition the county received that calls for an election regarding a property tax freeze for senior citizens and disabled residents. The petition's 114 signatures exceeds by 19 the number called for by state statute — 5 percent of the county's 1,899 registered voters.

Snelson and Henderson must now verify each signature to determine if it matches the signature on the official voter's registration list if the signature was received within the proper time frame.

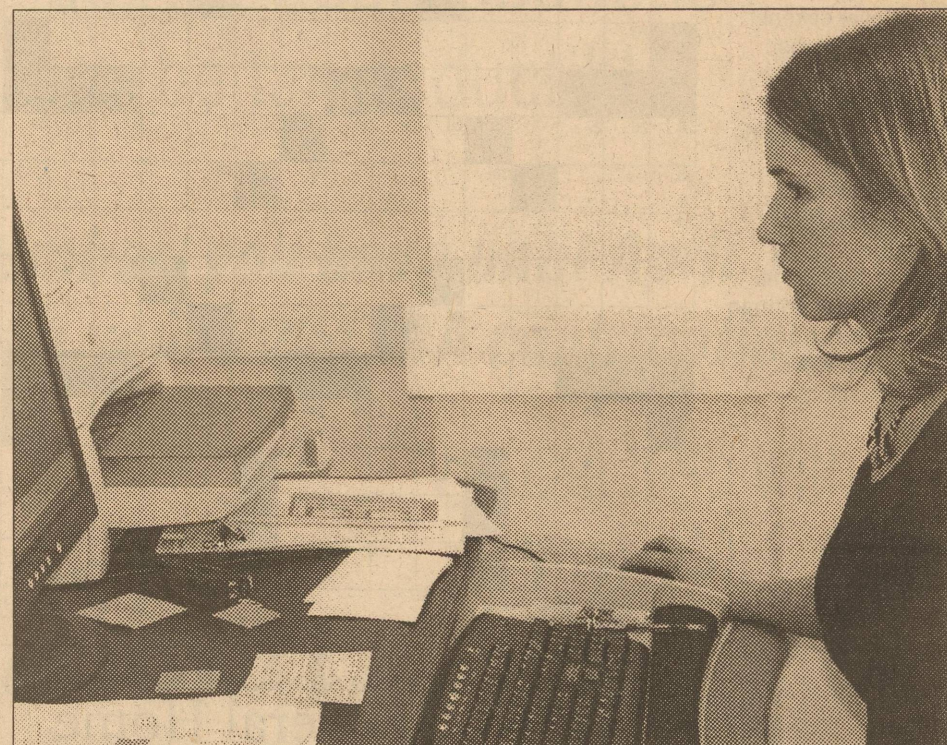
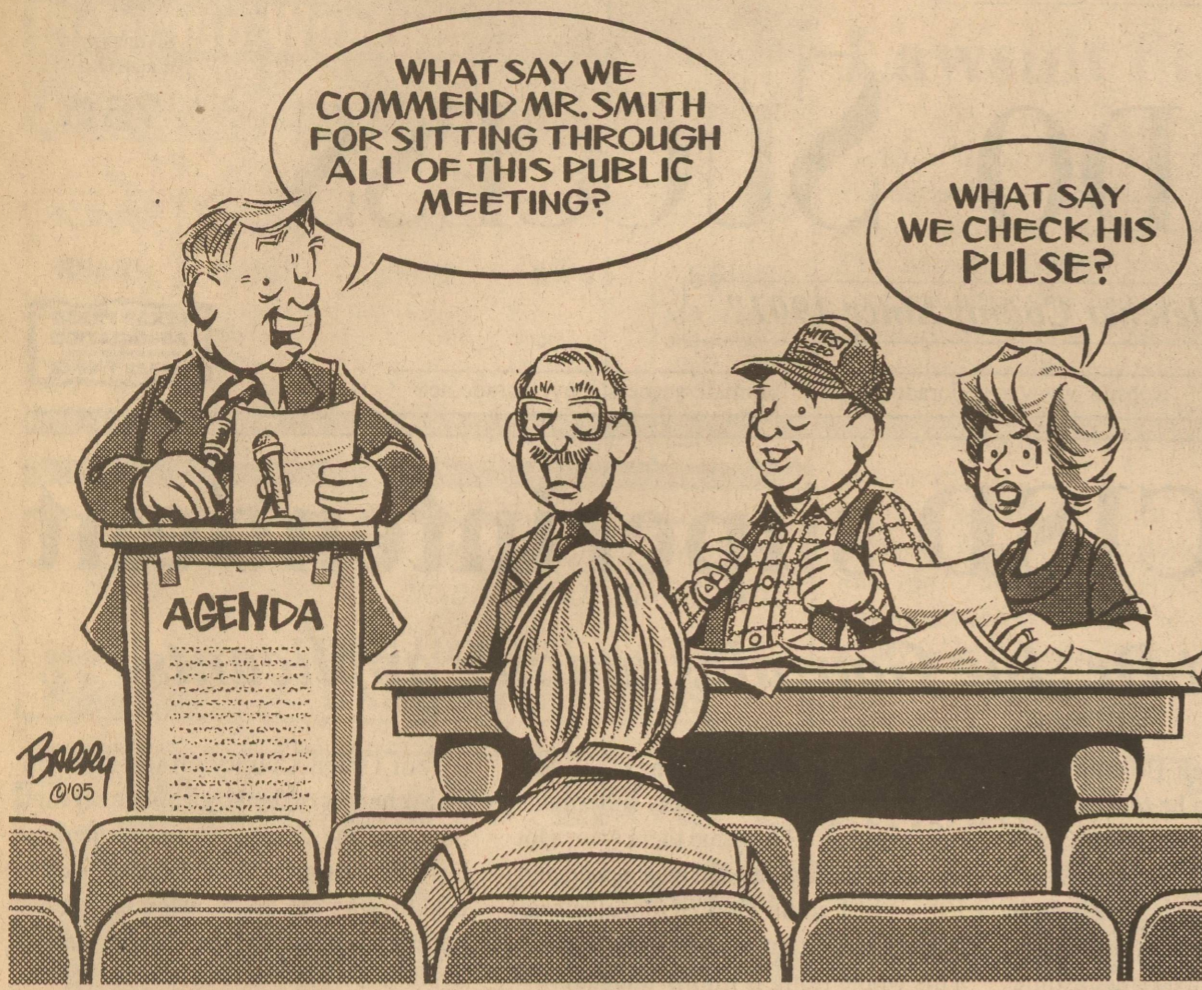


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Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector Jennifer Henderson looks over a list of newly registered voters. Among the things she checks for is dual registration, to determine if a new Schleicher County voter is still registered to vote in another jurisdiction.



## Hondo's poem about Luckenbach daylight

Hondo Crouch, the only folk hero I've ever known, died nearly 30 years ago but he left behind some words that are still being printed in the Luckenbach Moon, a monthly publication in the little village he made famous. His poem LUCKENBACH DAYLIGHT reflects his outlook.



by  
Tumblweed  
Smith

into somethins...and sometimes big brown bears turn into just brown rocks.  
"Daylight in the wintertime is when little drippin' icicles get a new hold on their host...and Jack Frost is busy rolling up his carpet that covers the hills we love so.  
"Daylight in Spring is when little old ladies are thinkin' 'bout puttin' on big ol' bonnets and long sleeves to hide the sun...and little young ladies are thinkin' 'bout takin' off all their clothes to lie in it!—Scare me!

"And Mama's thinking about pullin' the shades in the livin' room-where nobody has really ever lived-so the sun won't sadden the colors of the rug.

"A Luckenbach daylight is that magic time of day when there's just thousands of insignificant miracles happenin'. Little quiet night feet are softly remembering their way home...And soon their little delicate night tracks will be erased by big fussy day ones.

"And the squakin' mockin' bird will wake the sun. And the sun will tell the mama hoot owl it's time to fuss her big-eyed babies to bed.

"And all the stars that were admired last night will take a back seat in the bus...And the fantastic firefly will be just a bug. But a giant weed will turn into a beautiful sunflower!

"Little empty lunch pails are meetin' full ones on the freeway.  
"Sad folks wake up and say, 'Nuther day.' I wake up and say 'There she is again! There it is! I get on my knees and pat the earth and say 'God, you done it again! God, you done good! Thank you, feller...friend.'"

Hondo was a friend of mine. We shared some good times that are now good memories.

## Warning: dates on the calendar are closer than they appear

I've made it a practice in recent years to jot down the clever, and sometimes outlandish sayings I hear from my friend D.W.

I can't and won't reprint most of them. Believe me, you wouldn't either. But...there are literally hundreds that are safe for use in mixed company. Here are few good ones:

*War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*

We all can't be heroes. Somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go marching by.

*The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.*

Teamwork is important - it allows you to blame someone else.

*Smith & Wesson: the original point and click interface.*

Smoking is one of the leading causes of statistics.

*The best way to stop a runaway horse is to bet on him.*

Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.



*The trouble with ignorance is that it picks up confidence as it goes along.*

The best way to dampen enthusiasm is to charge for admission.

*Quando omni flunkus moritati - when all else fails, play dead.*

God created man to fill a need for companionship. Man created language so he could complain to God.

*If people would stop trying so hard to be happy they would have a much better time.*

You can skydive without a parachute, but you can't do it twice.

*Sure, I hear voices, but it's okay, sometimes they come up with good ideas.*

Depression is what you get when you realize that your whole purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others.

*Worry is a poor use of vivid imagination.*

An intelligent man thinks about everything he says. A fool says everything he thinks.

*When you're up to your ears, it's best to keep your mouth shut.*

With a sufficient amount of fear, even a pig can fly.

*I don't know what's worse, ignorance or apathy. Come to think of it, I really don't care.*

If a man comes along and steals your wife, the best revenge is to let him keep her.

*Dates on the calendar are closer than they appear.*

When in doubt, do what the politicians do...guess.

*For every problem there is one solution that is simple, neat and absolutely wrong.*

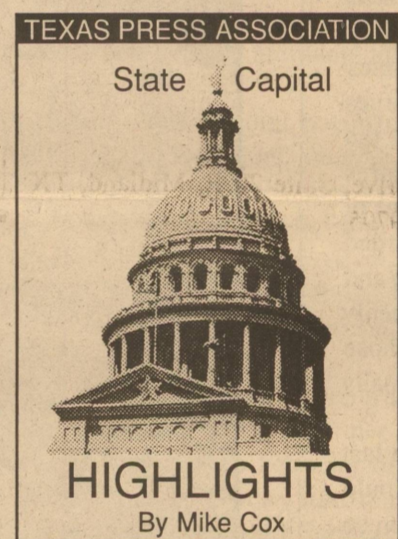
## Senate bill would crack down on identity theft

AUSTIN — One month you notice that your bank statement has not arrived when it normally does. Or maybe your bank or credit union unexpectedly turns down your loan application.

Maybe you aren't your complete self anymore: Someone has assumed your identity, at least your Social Security or driver's license numbers, and is illegally making use of your once-good credit. Generically, it's called identity theft and state officials say the problem is growing increasingly worse.

With that in mind, Sen. Juan Hinojosa (D-McAllen) has filed Senate Bill 122, a bill that would enable the attorney general's office to pursue legal action against anyone who swipes credit card information or personal checks. The bill also would allow the AG's office to seek restitution and even to impose penalties on firms that allow a security lapse in regard to someone's personal information.

For more information on identity theft, check the AG's Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/idtheft.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/idtheft.shtml).



nett (R-Dallas) released a 60-page report last week that longtime House member Talmadge Heflin had not provided the Legislature "clear and convincing evidence" of election irregularities; Heflin withdrew his challenge.

**Legislature considers fountain of youth...**

Rep. Rob Eissler (R-The Woodlands) has filed a bill that would accomplish what various hopefuls have tried for centuries — the restoration of youth.

As it is now, when someone turns 21, they can legally buy an alcoholic beverage at any hour on their birthday, even at 12:01 a.m. But if it passes, House Bill 36 would give a minor seven more hours of youth, postponing the dawn of a person's legal drinking age to 7 a.m. on their 21st birthday.

**More sober news for imbibers...**

House Bill 50 would give city, county or state police officers authority to set up sobriety checkpoints and stop motorists at random to check for drunken drivers. Previous attempts to pass a similar bill have failed, but the buzz is that it has a better chance this session.

Texas is one of only 10 states without such a law. Mothers Against Drunk Driving says states with similar laws have experienced reductions in fatal DWI crashes.

**Call of the wild...**

For those who feel the call of the wild, but still want to keep in touch, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department now offers free wireless Internet service at five state parks.

Should pleasure take you to Choke Canyon State Park, Blanco State Park, Balmorhea State Park, Goose Island State Park or Ray Roberts Lake State Park, be sure and take your laptop if you want to mix in a little business by checking your e-mail from your tent or trailer or wherever.

After a free trial period, park visitors will have to pay a fee for the wireless service. If the service proves popular, TPWD says it will look into expanding it.

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### Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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- Taste or smell, e.g.
- Old phone feature
- Hawaiian coffee area
- Lagoon former
- \_\_-over (cursory glance)
- Stratford's river
- Some soft drinks
- Bread for a gyro
- Roomy dress
- "Hurry!"
- Fair-hiring letters
- Stink to high heaven
- Fail to get
- TV sked abbr.
- Collar stiffener
- Hydrocarbon suffix
- Lunar valley
- \_\_ Gay (historic B-29 bomber)
- Multiskilled worker
- At the summit
- Director Forman
- Do lunch
- Send again
- Badminton barrier
- Dorothy Gale's dog
- Barge \_\_ (interrupt)
- Suffix with computer
- Daredevils on tethers
- Pro \_\_ (free, in legalese)
- New Mexico art center
- Meters and liters
- Tough-guy actor \_\_ Ray
- \_\_ nice place to visit ...
- "Ziegfeld Follies," for one
- Othello was one
- Isaac Hayes's "South Park" character
- Former majority leader Lott
- Thames
- \_\_ contendere
- Candidate lists
- Borden spookscow
- Inside info
- Handkerchief ltr.
- Troupe member
- Car contracts
- Japanese writing system
- In the strike zone
- Zilch
- Colony insect
- Recurring theme
- \_\_ out (dwindles)
- Houlihan's rank
- Cockamamie
- Religious spin-offs
- Exploding-cigar sound
- "It's \_\_ a day's work"
- Where broncos buck
- Golf shoe feature
- Can't help but
- Activity at a 32-Down
- Vogue rival
- The \_\_ diamond
- Tribal symbol
- Like some justice or license
- High schooler, usually
- Not o'er
- Gush forth
- Western tie
- Bring to ruin
- "No way, \_\_!"
- Letters on a B-1
- Tear apart
- Zap with a phaser
- See 29-Down
- Get hard

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# OBITUARIES

## Charles Giddon Pharis

ELDORADO — Charles Giddon Pharis passed away on February 11, 2005, at his home in Schleicher County, Texas, at the age of 91 years. He was born February 1, 1914 on the Rancho Rio in Sutton County, Texas the son of James M. "Jim" and Elizabeth Whiddon Pharis.

He attended Sonora Schools, graduating in 1932 and attended Sul Ross College in Alpine, Texas. He worked as a Ranch Foreman for the Sol Mayer Family for most of his life.

Charlie married Barbara Ruth Ward on August 5, 1942 in Fort Stockton, Texas. She passed away April 28, 1969. Charlie re-married on March 14, 1972 to Doris Terry

at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and his first wife. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and children: Connie Mayes, Dennis Terry, Melvin Terry, Deana Brown and Alvin Terry; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, all donations be made to Vistacare or a charity of your choice.

Graveside services were, at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, 2005 in Sonora Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gordon Emmons, Richard Emmons, Bill Doran, Leo Rodriguez, Rick Stricklin and Ronnie Mittel.

## Maurice E. Valis

SAN ANGELO — Maurice E. Valis, 67, of San Angelo passed away Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, in the Robert Massie Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Stine, nephew, officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Maurice was born Feb. 20, 1937, in Eldorado, Texas, to Frank and Clara Valis. He married Liz Lindley on Sept. 9, 1955, in San Angelo. He worked for Modern Way Grocery as an assistant manager, Foremost Dairies in Odessa, then 22 years as general manager of 4C Distributing Company. He finished his career as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service before retirement.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Valis, and a sister, Dorothy Krieger.

Survivors include his wife, Liz Valis; three daughters, Cindy Rogers and husband Don of Midland, Kathy Williams of San Angelo and Sherri Wolff of the Woodlands, Texas; mother, Clara Valis of Lockhart, Texas; brother, Martin Valis and wife Lil of San Angelo; mother-in-law, Bernice Newberry of San Angelo; grandchildren, Julia Baker, Chelsea Williams, Whitney Sawyer, Craig Wolff, Camron Wolff and Tyler Rogers; great-granddaughter, Michaela Baker; and numerous family members.

Pallbearers were Daniel Vrabel, John Rufenacht, Harvey Fuchs, Bill Stephenson, Steve Stephenson and John Frock. Honorary pallbearer was Joe Black.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association at 10 Desta Drive, Suite 20 E, Midland, TX 79705.

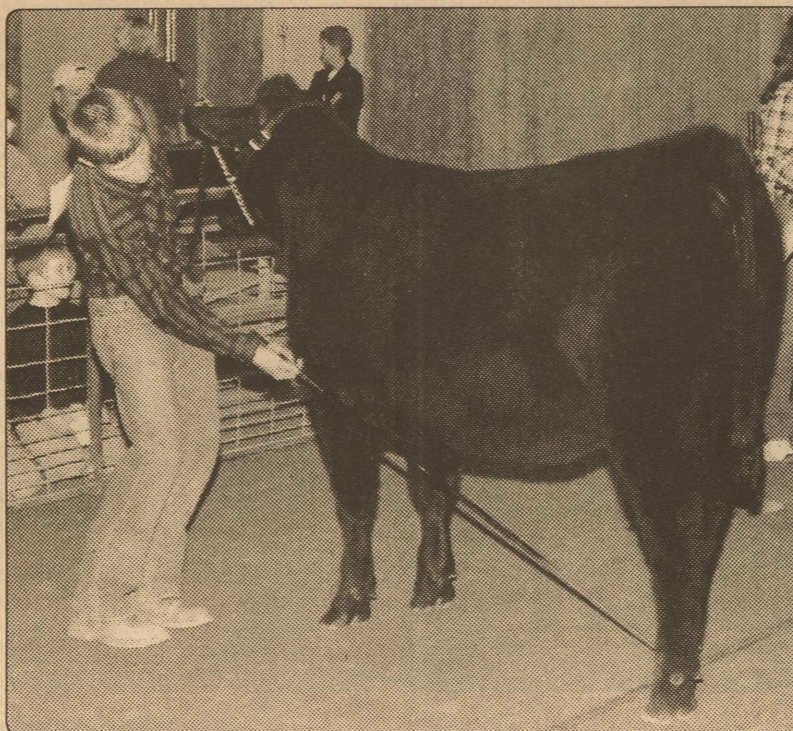


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Mark Bybee of Eldorado is pictured here with his Reserve Champion Angus heifer at the Schleicher County 4-H Show last month. He took the same heifer to the Fort Worth Livestock show and placed 3rd in the Junior Breeding Beef Show.

## Local 4-H & FFA members show livestock at Ft. Worth

by Scott Edmonson & Will Self

Schleicher County 4-H and Eldorado FFA members recently participated in the 2005 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo in Fort Worth.

Mark Bybee exhibited his Angus Heifer during the Junior Breeding Beef show and took 3rd place honors with her. This is the heifer he purchased using a scramble certificate from San Antonio last year.

In the steer show, Jeffrey Friar place 7th with his Angus Steer. Other steer exhibitors were; Meg Griffin, Will Griffin and Justin

Friar.

Things were pretty tough in the barrow show and we had some tough luck. Those members participating were: Marcus Hinojosa, Robert Chavez, Jorge Chavez and Josue Chavez. From here we go on to San Antonio. Good luck to all the 4-Hers going there.

## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, February 21**

Closed for President's Day!

**Tuesday, February 22**

Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Bread, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk

**Wednesday, February 23**

Ground Beef Steak, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn w/ Peppers, Hot Rolls, Carrot Salad, Applesauce, Milk

**Thursday, February 24**

Veg. Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/ Cottage Cheese, Van. Pudding, Milk

**Friday, February 25**

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## Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Glenda Harris

Beta Sigma Phi met Monday, February 14, 2005 at the home of Mary Leigh Dunagan. There were nine members and one guest, Jane Finley, who joined together to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day with the annual salad supper.

The meeting began after all enjoyed a delicious meal. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Mary Nolen and the Treasurer's report was given by Barbara Jackson.

Mary Leigh Dunagan discussed an up coming trip to Lake Buchanan to see the American Eagles that nest in the area. Ideas of what the club might want to do

were also discussed at that time.

Following the business meeting Mary Leigh Dunagan was elected as the 2005 Valentine Queen. Following this event Kim-et Nelson was presented the Sunshine gift. Afterward, everyone opened their secret sister Valentine gifts. Gifts ranged from the traditional candy to an apple tree. It was hoped that the person who gave the apple tree had a hole to go with it.

The meeting then closed with the announcement of the up coming meeting on Feb. 22 at the home of Geneva Wade. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Pledge rituals and a ritual of jewels ceremony is planned for that meeting.

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Yasmin Ramirez

from Mommy, Daddy & Sister

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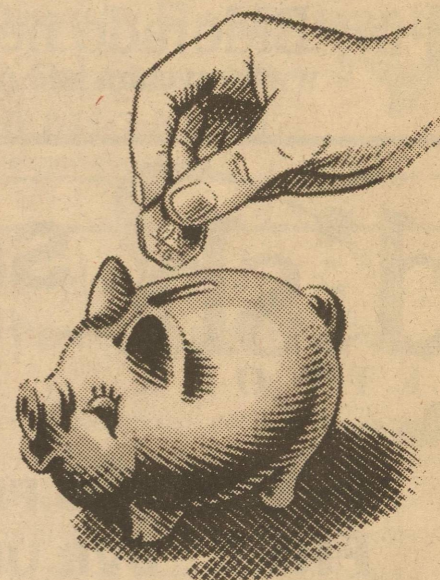
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2005 7th Grade Basketball Team: Front L-R: Victoria Garza, Patricia Hernandez, Meagan Self, Adriana Hernandez; Back L-R: Crystal Hamilton, Maureen Martinez, Clarissa Hernandez and Emily Espinosa.



2005 7th Grade Basketball Team: Front L-R: Dustin Ramos, Anthony Mata, Ramiro Perez, Mason Baker, Jr. Trujillo, David Tirado and Tony McCord; Back L-R: Juan Medrano, Dylan Dombroski, Hugo Rios, Wes Brown, Shane Young, Ivanz Sanchez, Ryon Castillo and Coach Larry Mitchel.

**E.H.S. 2005 GOLF SCHEDULE**

Date	Site	Teams
Feb. 21	Sonora	Boys
Feb. 22	Sonora	Girls
March 1	Big Lake	Girls
March 2	Big Lake	Boys
March 15	McCamey	Boys
March 30	Eldorado	District
April 7	Mason	District
April 13	Quick Sand	District

**2005 Eldorado Eagles Baseball Schedule**

Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Teams
Feb. 19	12:00 p.m.	Menard	Menard	V/JV
Feb. 21	4:00 p.m.	Menard	Eldorado	V
Feb. 24 - 26	TBA	Sonora	Sonora	V
Feb. 28	4:00 p.m.	Sonora	Eldorado	V
March 1	4:00 p.m.	Miles	Miles	V
March 3 - 5	TBA	Eldorado	Eldorado	V
March 7	5:00 p.m.	Sonora	Sonora	JV
March 8	4:00 p.m.	McCamey	Eldorado	V
March 10	4:00 p.m.	McCamey	McCamey	V
March	TBA	Alpine	Alpine	V
March 12	12:00 p.m.	McCamey	Eldorado	JV
March 14	4:00 p.m.	Reagan County	Reagan County	JV
March 15	4:00 p.m.	Reagan County	Eldorado	V
March 18	4:00 p.m.	Junction	Junction	JV
March 18	6:30 p.m.	Junction	Junction	V
March 21	4:00 p.m.	Ozona	Ozona	JV
March 22	4:00 p.m.	Ozona	Eldorado	V
March 24	4:00 p.m.	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	V
March 28	4:00 p.m.	Sonora	Eldorado	JV
March 29	5:00 p.m.	Sonora	Sonora	V
April 1	4:00 p.m.	Wall	Wall	V
April 2	TBA	Ozona Tournament	Ozona	JV
April 4	5:00 p.m.	Reagan County	Eldorado	JV
April 5	5:00 p.m.	Reagan County	Reagan County	V
April 8	5:00 p.m.	Mason	Eldorado	V
April 9	12:00 p.m.	Lakeview	Eldorado	JV
April 12	6:30 p.m.	Ozona	Ozona	JV
April 12	4:00 p.m.	Ozona	Ozona	V
April 15	5:00 p.m.	Junction	Eldorado	V
April 16	10:00 a.m.	Junction	Junction	JV
April 16	5:00 p.m.	Mason	Mason	V
April 18	5:00 p.m.	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	JV
April 19	5:00 p.m.	Grape Creek	Eldorado	V
April 22	5:00 p.m.	Wall	Eldorado	V
April 23	12:00 p.m.	Lakeview	Eldorado	JV
April 23	1:00 p.m.	Wall	Wall	V
April 25	5:00 p.m.	Sonora	Sonora	JV
April 26	5:00 p.m.	Sonora	Eldorado	V

Dates and Times are subject to change

**E.H.S. 2005 TENNIS SCHEDULE**

Date	Meet	Site
Feb. 18-19	Levelland Flighted	Levelland
Feb. 25-26	Ozona Super 8	Ozona
March 4 & 5	Regional Team Tennis	San Angelo
March 11 & 12	State Team Tennis	Round Rock
March 18 & 19	Eldorado Invitational	Eldorado
March 24	Eldorado Flighted	Eldorado
April 1-2	Abilene Invitational	Abilene
April 4-5	District	Mason
April 10-21	Regionals	Abilene
May 2-3	State	Austin

**Eldorado 2005 Jr. High Tennis Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 24	Dual	Ozona	4:30 p.m.
March 1	TRI	Eldorado	4:30 p.m.
March 19	Sonora Tournament	Sonora	
March 25	Ozona Tournament	Ozona	
April 2	Dist. Zone Tournament	Big Lake	8:30 a.m.
April 8 & 9	Mason Invitational Tour	Mason	
May 6 & 7	Mason Team Tennis Tour	Mason	

**ELDORADO 2005 TRACK SCHEDULE**

Date	Meet	Site	Teams
Feb. 26	Comanche Relays	Ft. Stockton	VB, VG
March 5	Frank Hubbell Memorial Relays	Junction	VB, VG, JVB
March 12	Open		
March 19	Bronco Relays	Sonora	VB, VG, JVB
March 24	Cotton Patch Relays	Wall	VB, VG, JVB
April 2			
April 8	Ozona Relays		VB, VG, JVB
April 14	District	Sonora	VB, VG, JVB
April 22	Regional Qualifiers		
April 29	Regional Meet	Abilene	
May 6	State Qualifiers		
May 13	State Meet	Austin	

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**Tuesday, February 22**  
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**Wednesday, February 23**  
 French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Thursday, February 24**  
 Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk  
**Friday, February 25**  
 Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**BASKET LINE**  
**Monday, February 21**  
 Steak Fingers, French Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Peach Slices  
**Tuesday, February 22**  
 Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Pear Halves  
**Wednesday, February 23**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit  
**Thursday, February 24**  
 Steak Burger, Fries, Sandwich Salad, Cowboy Cookies  
**Friday, February 25**  
 Hamburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves  
**CAFETERIA LINE**  
**Monday, February 21**  
 Chili Dogs, Fritos, Cole Slaw, Pork-n-Beans, Peach Slices  
**Tuesday, February 22**  
 Crispy Taco's, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pear Halves  
**Wednesday, February 23**  
 Pork Chops, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Hot Rolls, Mixed Fruit  
**Thursday, February 24**  
 Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Tossed Salad, Cowboy Cookies  
**Friday, February 25**  
 Hamburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

# School board opts to cut two high school positions

School trustees met Monday night, Feb. 10, 2005, and approved the elimination of two high school teaching positions.

While recommending the cuts, interim Supt. George Blanch explained that they were necessary due to declining enrollment and the state's changing school finance structure. One of the high school's two Special Education positions will be eliminated. So will the director of the Alternative Education Program (AEP campus).

It was noted that the AEP program will continue but will be moved to each of the district's three campuses where teachers who are assigned two planning periods will serve as staff.

Employees affected by the cuts may qualify for other positions within the district. Otherwise they will be recommended for discharge or non-renewal of their contracts.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

with EHS students LiAnna Danford, J.P. Joiner and Lalo Sanchez appearing to demonstrate a "Lego Robot" they had built and had taken to a robot competition held recently in Austin.

Trustees present for the meeting included Board President Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Jan Wanoreck and Kurtis Homer. Trustees John Paul Joiner and Lupe Sanchez were absent.

Principals Bob Wanoreck, Kara Sue Garlitz and Maela Edmonson were also on hand, along with the school's business manager, Ray Ballew. Others in attendance included librarian Debbie Griffin, Edie Niblett and Ilse Williams.

During the financial reports, Ray Ballew explained that the district has received 95 percent of its tax revenue for the year. He also noted that 37 percent of the school's budgeted funds have been expended. The board listened

without comment before voting to approve the financial reports. They also approved the minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting.

The trustees then voted to call for a school board election on May 7. It was noted the SMD #6 seat currently held by Jo Helen Kotsch and the at-large seat held by John Paul Joiner will be up for election.

Next, the training hours each trustee received between May 1, 2003 and Feb. 1, 2005 were made public. The totals are as follows: Wanoreck 36.75; Albin 34.25; Kotsch 24; Homer 20.75; Joiner 16; Sanchez 12; and Nicholson 7.

The board then approved the appointment of Bessie Jones as Election Judge for the May 7 election with Rachael Nixon being appointed as Early Voting Clerk.

An hour-long executive session followed for the discussion of personnel and administrative and program director contracts. When the trustees returned to open session they voted to approve contracts for high school, middle school and elementary school principals Bob Wanoreck, Kara Sue Garlitz and Maela Edmonson. They also approved contracts for Band Director Timmy Williams and Athletic Director Gary Grubbs.

No formal action was taken on agenda item "F" concerning the employment contract for interim Supt. George Blanch. (See related story on Page 1)

Before adjourning the board heard from Blanch regarding district enrollment. He noted that, as of Feb. 4, 2005, there are a total

of 573 eligible students enrolled district-wide with 231 of those being in elementary. The middle school has 167 students enrolled and the high school has 175. The 9th grade is currently the largest class in EHS with 49 students.

The next regular meeting of the board is slated for Monday, March 21, 2005. A special meeting is likely to be held next week, however, at which time it is believed the trustees will name interim Supt. George Blanch as the sole candidate for the full-time superintendent position. (See related story on Page 1)

## Clara Herrera earns academic honors at HPU

BROWNWOOD- Howard Payne University announces that Eldorado native Clara Herrera was named to the Dean's List for the 2004 fall semester.

Students must earn a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List.

Clara is a 2004 Eldorado High School graduate and is the daughter of Fidel and Delia Herrera.

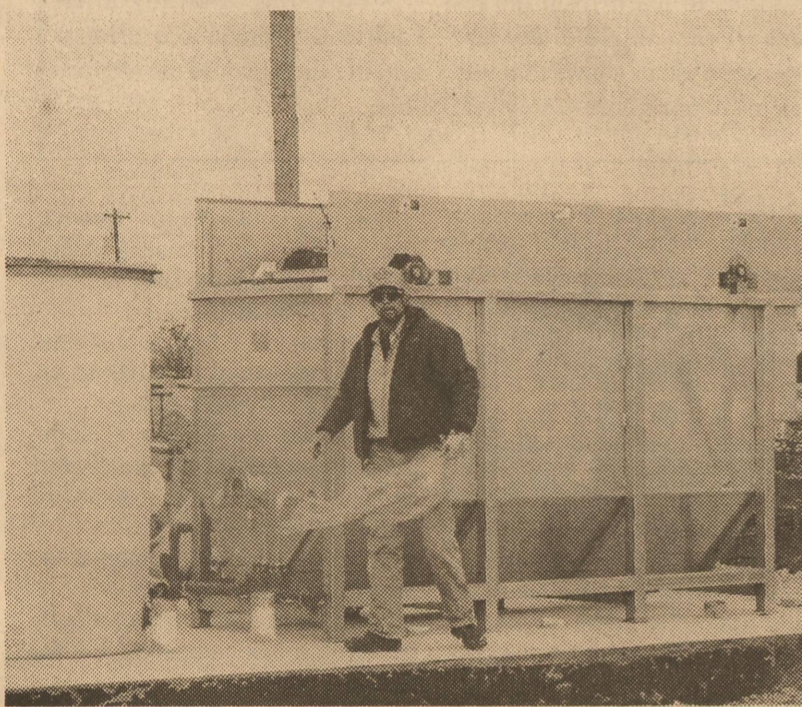


PHOTO BY STACI CORTEZ

City of Eldorado wastewater plant operator Joe Lee Luttrell worked last Thursday on installing new treatment equipment at the sewer plant. The "DAF" unit will inject a polymer and dissolved air solution into the treated water before it is discharged from the facility. The equipment is designed to algae, which has caused the city problems for years.

## County commissioners meet

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one new unit each year for the next three years.

Judge Griffin noted that having to buy A/C units that comply with the Jail Standards Commission regulations adds considerably to the cost. He explained that new regulations banning the use of a certain type of freon coolant will make most units obsolete in the near future. He suggested, and the commissioners agreed, that it would be better to repair the old unit and wait until the new guidelines take effect.

The commissioners then received 25 sealed bids for the purchase of a new pickup for the Sheriff's Department. The men took time to compare individual option packages before settling on the low bid of \$22,083.00 for a 2005 Chevrolet 4-wheel drive pickup from Scoggins-Dickey Chevrolet in Lubbock.

When it came to receiving sealed bids for a one-year electric power contract, the commissioners rejected a bid from First Choice when County Attorney Raymond Loomis expressed concerns about the bid. They also declined to accept a bid from WTU Retail because the bid came in after the deadline and was not sealed. The commissioners will advertise again for bids in hopes of receiving them at their Feb. 28 meeting.

Civil engineer David Todd, representing EHT engineering in Abilene, met with the commissioners to discuss a contract for engineering services for the upcoming sewer system upgrade in the Orient Heights neighborhood. The county recently received a grant through the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs that will pay for most of the project,

including Todd's fees. The commissioners voted unanimously to contract with Todd who told them that the project would likely begin in early summer.

Likewise the commissioners executed a contract with A & J Howco of Lubbock for grant management services.

A request to provide road base for the school's baseball field was discussed with the commissioners agreeing to provide caliche for the project. Road Superintendent Clay Burleson was asked to coordinate with school personnel and carry out the work at his own discretion.

A request from Jim Runge to upgrade some of the electrical outlets on the courthouse square to accommodate 220 volt service was presented by Judge Griffin. No decision was reached on the matter.

Next, the commissioners voted not to participate with Tom Green County in a program to collect delinquent fines. The county already has a law firm that pursues delinquent fines at no cost to the county. The men also voted to pay a \$37.40 landfill fee for garbage taken to the city landfill. After the meeting was over, it was learned that Mayor Nikolauk had said the bill had been issued in error and that the city would waive the fee.

Before adjourning the commissioners reviewed and signed off on the county's current bills. They approved County Treasurer Karen Henderson's quarterly and annual report and they authorized the payment of \$167.48 for utility bills for an indigent citizen.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for Monday, Feb 28, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. on the first floor of the county courthouse.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

### FEBRUARY

- 19th Dustin Ramos, Patrick Fuentes, William Robledo, Matt Peters, Carlos D. Estrada, Abby Fuentes, Randy Beach, Sharon Ussery, Edward Dominguez, James Beach, Karen Ussery
- 20th Bridgett Mitchell, Lee Gillaspay, Richard Adame Jr., Manuel Martinez, Wes Adkins, Yasmin Ramirez
- 21st Chelsey Martinez, Orval Edmiston, Luiz Martinez
- 22nd Eric Cheatham, Peggy Daniels, Emilio Valejo Jr., Heather Nixon, Jimmy Powell, Josh Young, Ricky Fuessel
- 23rd Mike Prater, Caleb Daniels
- 24th Abelardo Montalvo, Marina Lozano, Toni Martin, Amanda Wanoreck, Susie McAngus, Danny Sanchez
- 25th Tammy Dombroski, Georgina Caldwell, Shanna Edmiston, Kymm Nixon, Velma Tyler
- 26th Jaime Martinez, Jennifer Martinez, Ann Schooley, Tanner Robledo, Quincy Weddle
- 27th Lacy Ragsdale, Mary Adame, Rosemary Adame, Claude Jenkins, William Reeb, Larry Fay
- 28th Catrina Lloyd, Lauren Brown, Dee Ann White, Gerald Lange, Doug Ward, Andre Fay, Brianah Creek, Rudy Spigarelli, Luis Santellano
- 29th Juan Montalvo Sr.

### MARCH

- 1st James Mack Holley, Michael Martinez
- 3rd Andy Baker, Annette Jackson, Justin Harlin, Lois Dean, Raymond Spears Jr., Mitch Wilkerson, Levi Jones, Taven Espinosa

## ANNIVERSARIES

### FEBRUARY

- 20th Ramon & Martha Adame, Rudy & Teresa Perez
- 21st Candi & Kurtis Homer
- 22nd Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Perez
- 23rd Bill and Becky Rankin
- 24th Jose Lino and Benita Fuentes
- 27th Jimmy & Nancy Powell
- 29th Martin & Cathy Torres, J.R. & Dianna Goodrum

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Rebecca "Beckie" Silva, MSN, RN, FNP attended two of the advanced level programs, one for Family Nurse Practitioner and the other as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

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## Superintendent's position

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He now works as a consultant and says he is interested in returning to public education.

"I am an academician with a degree in foreign language," Gonzales told the Success. "Over the period of 42 years I've held every job you hold at a school, from janitor to coach to superintendent."

Ironically, Gonzales said he drew the ire of one San Angelo school trustee over the hiring, or non-hiring, of a football coach.

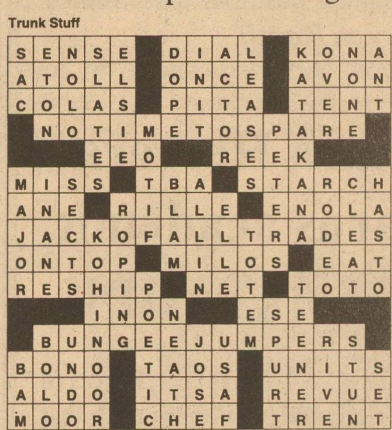
That trustee, he said, later led the opposition against him which resulted in the criminal charges.

"Isn't it funny, it always comes back to football," Gonzales said.

For his part, Supt. George Blanch noted that a number of individuals had applied for the job. SCISD trustees apparently wanted hire Blanch at the Monday night meeting, but decided to wait. The agenda contained an item titled "Consider employment and contract of the present interim superintendent."

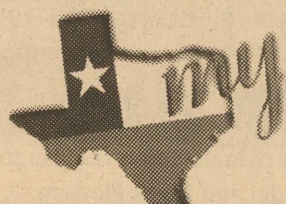
Blanch noted that Texas law requires the school board release their list of finalists twenty-one days before voting to hire a superintendent. "To keep this thing legal they decided to wait an announce a finalist," Blanch said.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2



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**Weekly Scripture**  
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2 Timothy 2:11-13

## Conaway cosponsors Border Security Act

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Congressman Mike Conaway today issued the following statement following House passage of the Real ID Act. This measure would implement much-needed driver's license reforms, close asylum loopholes, enhance border security, and strengthen deportation laws.

"Today, in Congress, we acted to secure our borders from terrorists and protect American families so that no terrorist can obtain an official state drivers' license. Congress acted responsibly to close identification loopholes that exist in the drivers' license processing system. We cannot forget what happened on September 11, 2001, when terrorists used airplanes to carry out the most horrific act that we have ever witnessed on our soil. We must continue to learn from the lessons of that terrible day and pass good, strong laws that will help us in our effort to stay safe.

Today, we did just that." According to press release issued by Conaway's office, the Real ID Act will boost U.S. border security by:

- Requiring ID applicants to provide proof they are in the country legally;
- Requiring identity documents to expire at the same time as the expiration of lawful entry status, preventing those who have illegally entered or are unlawfully present in the U.S. from having valid identification documents;
- Strengthening judges' ability to determine whether the asylum seeker is truthful. This provision codifies the factors immigration judges use to assess credibility;
- Requiring the completion of the San Diego 14 mile border fence on the US-Mexican border; and
- Providing that any alien contributing funds to a terrorist organization would be deportable.

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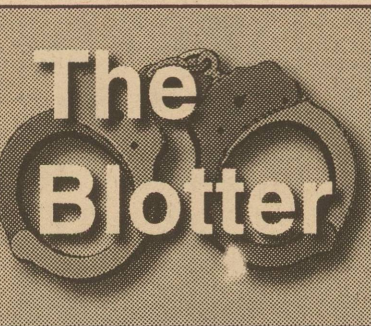
## 51st District Court Report

District Judge Barbara Walther held court Wednesday, February 9, 2005, in the Schleicher County Memorial Building, where she heard several criminal and civil cases.

The judge handed down verdicts in two of the nine criminal cases on the docket. Included among those were:

Mary Sylvia Rodriguez was sentenced to 365 consecutive days in state jail with a \$750 fine and \$100 restitution with credits on time served. Rodriguez plead guilty on a motion to revoke for the failure to report correct information and pay fines on probation.

Charles William Johnson was sentenced to 4 years deferred adjudication probation with a \$1,000.00 and \$140.00 restitution on a 3rd degree felony possession of a controlled substance greater than 1 gram but less than 4 grams.



**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

**February 9** • Fay, Tony Alexander, male age 21, arresting officer S.C. deputy, offense Out of County Warrant. Released to Tom Green County.

**February 11** • Olguin, Juan Jr., male age 20, arresting officer S.C. deputy, serving 13 days.

**February 12** • Barthol, Todd Martin, male age 25, arresting officer S.C. deputy, offense No DL and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Released with citation.

**February 12** • Contreras, Vaile Marie, female age 21, arresting officer S.C. deputy, offense DWLI.

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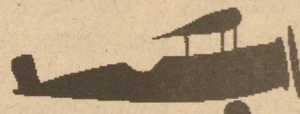
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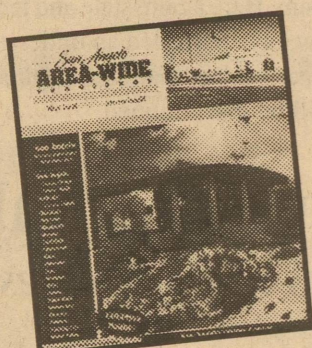


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## Lawsuit filed against prolific e-mail 'spammers'

Spam is one of the most disrupting, pervasive problems facing consumers on the Internet today. The Attorney General's office receives numerous complaints about spam every day. Unwanted, unsolicited e-mail clogs computers of Texas consumers and Texas businesses, wasting precious time and money.

Ryan Samuel Pitlylak, a University of Texas at Austin student, and Mark Stephen Trotter of California are named in the Attorney General's federal lawsuit as controlling PayPerAction L.L.C.,

Leadplex L.L.C. and Leadplex Inc., three companies registered in Nevada. Since Pitlylak and Trotter established PayPerAction L.L.C. in 2002, it has operated over 250 assumed names, leading internet users to believe they are being deluged by different companies soliciting for services. A popular spam watchdog group, SpamHaus.org, ranks the defendants as the fourth largest illegal spam operation in the world.

The lawsuit filed under the federal Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003 (CAN SPAM), which carries penalties of \$250 per violation, up to \$2 million. The suit also alleges violations of the Texas Electronic Mail and Solicitation Act, which allows for penalties of up to \$10 per unlawful e-mail or \$25,000 per day, and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, which authorizes penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation.

The lawsuit maintains that the defendants engaged in the common, but illegal, practice of using misleading subject lines that give recipients the false impression the e-mail contains information specific to them. By law, such

promotional e-mails must clearly indicate they are advertisements and cannot use misleading subject lines to trick recipients into opening them.

In passing the CAN-SPAM law, Congress recognized spam as a growing threat to the convenience and efficiency of e-mail. Internet service providers reported to Congress that unsolicited e-mail accounted for more than half of all e-mail traffic in 2003, up from an estimated 7 percent in 2001.

At best, consumers are harried by straightforward but intrusive attempts to sell real services and products. But in addition, they are tempted by shady and deceptive offers that are too often outright scams or frauds. Worse, consumers are repeatedly baited by increasingly sophisticated tricks designed to steal personal financial information, a practice known as "phishing".

A significant portion of spam received by consumers is adult in nature, raising concerns for parents about the appropriateness of material that their children might be exposed to.

You can take steps to reduce and manage the flow of unwanted e-mail into your mailbox. If your

current e-mail address is receiving an extremely large volume of spam, you are already on a number of active mailing lists. You are probably being spammed from all over the world. You might want to weigh the benefits of closing your account altogether and starting over with a new one, which you can then protect. Although it is inconvenient to change your e-mail address, wading through a large volume of unsolicited mail is time-consuming, too, and no authority in the world today is in a position to stop all the spammers who may be targeting you once your e-mail address is in wide circulation.

Use the "remove" feature with great caution. A reputable business concerned about customer relations will honor your request to be removed from their list. However, it has been standard operating procedure among unscrupulous spammers for years to use the remove feature to identify active mailboxes. The reality is, when you use the remove feature, you may be inviting more, not less, spam. Here again, state and federal law have outlawed an undesirable practice, but that doesn't mean it will be discontinued.

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## Sales tax collections continue to climb Comptroller says monthly data reflects holiday sales

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today reported that state sales tax collections rose for the 17th consecutive month in January. The state collected \$1.39 billion in sales tax revenue, up 6.1 percent compared to January 2004.

Also, Strayhorn returned \$502.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.2 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2004.

"These numbers indicate that Texas' recovering economy had a positive impact on holiday season sales," Strayhorn said.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include some earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or an-

nual basis. The Comptroller sent \$344.4 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 5.5 percent compared to February 2004 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$28.5 million, up 6.4 percent.

Eighty-nine special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$14.2 million in sales tax, up 7.2 percent compared to February 2004. Nine local transit systems received \$115.6 million in February sales tax payments, up 4 percent compared to a year ago.

Locally, the City of Eldorado's numbers improved by 13.81 percent as compared to February of '04. Schleicher County and the Schleicher County Health Services Tax monthly collections climbed 39.88 and 32.97 percent, respectively. The Health Services tax is collected by the county for the am-

balance service, and other related expenses.

Locally, only the City of Eldorado's year-to-date rebates are in the red, and that only slightly with a .6 percent decline. (See chart below)

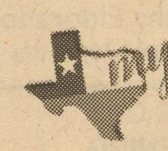
State sales tax revenue for December, and January sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales made in November and reported to the Comptroller in December.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html).

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 11 and will be reported the following week in The Success.

February 2005 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	Feb. '05	Feb. '04	% Change	2005 YTD	2004 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$8,827.22	\$7,798.76	13.81%	\$14,473.22	\$14,561.91	-0.60%
Schleicher County	\$9,695.91	\$6,931.38	39.88%	\$17,655.73	\$12,251.12	44.11%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$9,290.39	\$6,986.67	32.97%	\$17,287.45	\$12,307.16	40.46%



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## Tornado drill slated for March 3rd at 10:05 a.m.

Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have a way to receive a warning? Do you know what to do?

At approximately 10:05 a.m. on March 3rd, the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning. We will transmit this warning through NOAA Weather Radio. Some of your local radio and TV stations and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. We will cancel this practice tornado warning at 10:20 a.m.

We will issue the warning for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble and Mason counties.

Schleicher County Emergency Manager is Jerry Jones.

## Schleicher County Annual Report for the Year 2004 by Karen Henderson - Schleicher County Treasurer

FUND	BALANCE JAN 1, 2004	RECEIVED FROM TRANSFERS	RECEIVED FROM AUTO LICENSE	RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTION	RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL RECEIVED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TOTAL DISBURSED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2004
GENERAL FUND MMIA*	886,867.59								1,026,214.26
GENERAL FUND	27,877.12	173,343.00		1,372,152.37	300,365.36	1,845,248.73	1,719,158.54	70,209.00	21,232.64
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FUND	1,595.06	10,000.00			13,367.03	23,367.03	23,715.61		1,246.48
RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND	1,653.58				14,731.18	14,731.18	9,389.10		6,995.66
COURTHOUSE SECURITY M.M.I.A.*	33,579.80								43,026.98
COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND	10,396.63				6,418.04	6,418.04	1,702.38		5,671.11
ROAD & BRIDGE M.M.I.A.*	101,547.16								102,243.15
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	70,591.23		155,659.85		240,878.41	396,538.26	430,569.57	183,000.00	35,863.93
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING FUND	3,913.71	22,000.00			12,435.05	34,435.05	35,425.64		2,923.12
HEALTH SERVICES M.M.I.A.*	9,142.44								29,342.07
HEALTH SERVICES FUND	19,951.37				105,793.78	105,793.78	78,158.02		37,387.50
JUSTICE OF PEACE M.M.I.A.*	43,789.88								34,214.20
JUSTICE OF PEACE FUND	15,117.15				26,284.55	26,284.35	45,394.00		3,583.38
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL M.M.I.A.*	11.47								252.23
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL FUND	202.07			48.88	1.28	50.16			11.47
MEALS PROGRAM M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEALS PROGRAM FUND	535.57	16,709.00			33,099.57	49,808.57	49,348.99		995.15
FARM*MARKET M.M.I.A.*	164,658.43								185,051.34
FARM*MARKET ROAD FUND	25,622.64	43,000.00		249,977.65	1,186.26	294,163.91	295,883.15		3,510.49
LATERAL ROAD FUND	14,105.64				14,079.28	14,079.28	14,105.64		14,079.28
AIRPORT M.M.I.A.*	22,604.84								5,941.03
AIRPORT FUND	2,162.26	19,000.00			16,006.47	35,006.47	44,896.09		8,936.45
SELF-INSURANCE M.M.I.A.*	101,517.91								112,693.56
SELF-INSURANCE FUND	0.00	10,000.00			1,175.65	11,175.65			0.00
HOT CHECK FUND	990.08				5,381.91	5,381.91	5,281.80		1,090.19
INTEREST & SINKING M.M.I.A.	18,157.38								14,650.98
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	0.00			37,734.22	239.38	37,973.60	41,480.00		0.00
CONTINGENCY FUND M.M.I.A.*	208,931.03								58,695.06
CONTINGENCY FUND	0.00	130,000.00			2,315.29	132,315.29	282,551.26	218,015.10	0.00
CIVIC CENTER REMODELING FUND M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
CIVIC CENTER REMODELING FUND	1,593.80	10,598.50				10,598.50	12,192.30		0.00
TOTAL SECURITIES*	1,590,807.93								1,606,078.10
TOTAL FUNDS	194,307.91	434,650.50	155,659.85	1,659,913.17	793,758.49	3,043,369.76	3,089,252.09	471,224.10	133,767.61

THE ABOVE STATEMENT AS COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED:   
KAREN HENDERSON, SCHLEICHER COUNTY TREASURER