

Council

center does business, but a clear understanding in written form will be beneficial for both parties," said Holland.

Holland will meet with ELRC Board President Lonnie Sommerlatte who will take the provisions of the contract of services to his Board for approval.

Holland will bring the negotiation provisions back to Council before a final decision is reached.

Council also discussed a street sign survey conducted by Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb, noting problems and making recommendations.

The inspection included:
•Replacement of missing and damaged signs;

•Signs in dire need of cleaning;
•Sign poles leaning excessively;
•Signs with graffiti on them;
•Signs needing only routine repair;

•The new construction of traffic control signs;

•The new construction of street signs with one per intersection; and
•Signs being completely hidden by tree limbs.

Webb found 75% of all the signs in the City were in need of cleaning with 153 separate sign problems being identified.

Recommendations as to the quantity of each type sign that would need to be purchased were 95 individual street signs, 39 stop signs, 14 yield signs, 12 small four-way signs mounted under stop signs, three school children crossing signs, two dead end street signs, two children playing signs; and one each no parking sign, truck route sign and slow children sign.

Webb also stressed the Eagle Lake Police Department needs an accurate City map to carry out its duties.

"With the boot camp coming in and a soon-to-be prison, I would like to be able to successfully plan with these private agencies escape and

search policies, as well as plan strategies for surveillance and raids with other agencies," said Webb.

According to Webb, without an accurate map, setting up search containment perimeters and other planning efforts will be very difficult.

Council asked Webb to prioritize his recommendations. Work will proceed on those problems that can be corrected through the Public Works Department.

Holland reported that County Judge Vince Slominski called a meeting with city managers of Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar following the announcement by Laidlaw concerning the closing of its Altair site.

Laidlaw will continue taking municipal waste into the year 2001. The facility's capacity to manage non-hazardous industrial waste is expected to exist through the spring of 1999.

Columbus and Eagle Lake will be most affected with the closing since Weimar presently operates its own

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transfer station and hauls to Austin.

Thoughts on sharing a transfer station with Columbus were discussed. Locations of other landfills and costs will be investigated.

The possibility of help from the County also was mentioned.

Privatizing the City's garbage collection was discussed as another possibility.

"No matter what we do, the price is going up," said Holland.

In other business, Council:

•Ordered a general election to be held May 2 for the purpose of electing a mayor and two aldermen.

•Set mileage reimbursement for the use of personal vehicles for City business at 31¢ per mile; and

•Learned from Colorado County Central Appraisal District that only 81.69% of the City's taxes have been collected as of the end of Jan. Taxes collected total \$310,795.44 with \$69,677.14 outstanding.

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Cotton was later transported to CDC for confinement.

At 8:03 p.m., Officer Lattimore was sent to Third Street in reference to an assault. He met with the victim and gathered information.

The victim later declined to file charge and no other action was taken.

In addition to the above calls, Eagle Lake officers responded to calls of loud music, civil problems, juvenile problems, funeral escorts, suspicious persons, unwanted persons, 9-1-1 hangups and delivered emergency messages.

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Water

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to allow a partnership for progress into the 21st century. Stated another way, he has traded a fist for a handshake, which will produce a lifetime of benefits for the citizens of Central Texas. He is to be commended."

Besides water rights, the Garwood acquisition also includes an existing low-water dam, two pump stations and 170 miles of irrigation canals, which the LCRA will operate.

This will be the third irrigation district operated by LCRA in the

coastal counties; Gulf Coast Water Division, providing water to farmers in Matagorda and Wharton Counties, and Lakeside Water Division, which also distributes water to the same area.

The purchase will not reduce the amount of water for agriculture. LCRA will commit to make water available to farm 19,000 acres for at least 10 years and freeze water rates to Garwood farmers for at least five. Irrigation from 1993 to 1997 at Garwood averaged 18,400 yearly.



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
RUN-IN WITH FUNGAL NAIL

People who frequently run or otherwise exercise vigorously on their feet face an often hidden, sometimes painful problem: onychomycosis, or fungal nail. This is due to the pounding that is inflicted on the nails, combined with the warm, moist atmosphere inside the shoes — perfect for growing fungal infections. Symptoms of onychomycosis include discoloration (usually yellowing with black or brown) and thickening or flaking of the nail. While the condition by itself may not cause pain, running with fungal nails can be very uncomfortable. Fortunately, improved treatments for onychomycosis, notably some newer oral antifungal medications, can bring the condition under control. Other options include topical agents and in severe cases, surgery.

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P.S. As many as one in 25 Americans has fungal nail. Among runners and the elderly, that percentage is much higher.

Police

gard of stop sign and no insurance were issued.

At 10:59 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to Clark Street in reference to criminal trespass. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 11:39 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main in reference to an intoxicated woman drinking on the premises. When he arrived, the subject had already left the premises.

Officer Crume was dispatched to E Street in reference to a theft. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

Sgt. Knox, while on patrol on FM 1093 and FM 3013, noticed a pickup in the west side ditch. The owner arrived to help get the vehicle out. There was no vehicle damage, property damage or injury, therefore no other action was required.

At 6:09 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to B Street in reference to a juvenile with a gun. The juvenile was brought to the police department, turned over to the juvenile probation department and later transferred to a juvenile detention center.

On Feb. 22 at 12:15 a.m., Officer Bill Lattimore was advised by Wharton Hospital of a possible assault. A search was made, but no victims were located.

At 4:25 p.m., Sgt. Knox conducted a traffic stop on E. Main which resulted in the driver, Samatha Rene

Key, being arrested on an outstanding county warrant. After processing, Key was transported to CDC.

Officer Lattimore, at 10:33 p.m., was sent to Murphy Street about a disturbance. The subjects were contacted, but they both advised they were just arguing and the matter was settled.

While working traffic control at a bar on Fairview Street at 12:11 a.m.,

Nurse

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advancing the role of the nurse practitioner as well as insuring that the standards of the profession are maintained.

This may be done through involvement in professional organizations and through participation in health policy activities at the local, state, national and international levels.

Nurse practitioners serve as health care resources, interdisciplinary consultants and patient advocates.

Regarding their cost effectiveness, nurse practitioners can see 30 patients a day at an average cost of \$35, resulting in over \$250,000 a year.

A practitioner averaging four patients an hour can generate \$140 an hour or \$268,000 a year.

Since the average starting salary of a nurse practitioner is about \$56,000 a year, the money they generate is about

Officer Risk was advised of a person with a gun.

Jarrett Dwayne Baugh of Sweeney was found with a gun and arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon, processed and transported to CDC for confinement.

On Feb. 23 at 9:46 a.m., Officer Ochoa conducted a traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of Odell Cotton for outstanding DPS warrants.

five times their cost.

Additionally, NPs can provide accessibility to rural areas by promoting better distribution of health care services.

They can reduce patient waiting time and allow physicians more time for difficult cases, thus allowing more time for patients with the health care provider.

By stressing preventive health care and counseling and educating patients, NPs reduce the frequency and duration of costly hospitalizations.

Lastly, the legal counsel to the AMA stated that midlevels could be "one of the best malpractice prevention tools available."

As such, NPs are shown to be cost effective and have positive impact on health care delivery.

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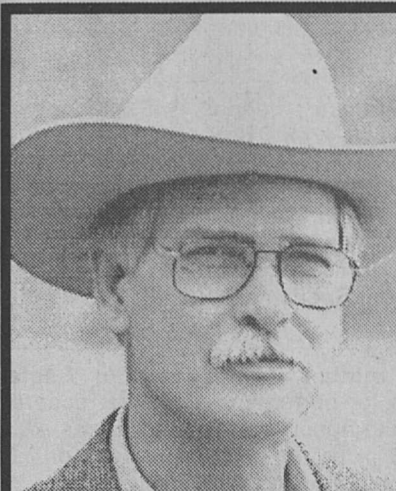
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Jim Kearney

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Served 10 years on Colorado County Water Council

EDUCATION
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