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Spring
Forward
Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 9, 2008!

Set clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday evening.

Schleicher County voters cast their ballots in Texas Primary

For the first time in a long time the votes of Texans mattered in a presidential primary. Indeed they mattered in both presidential primaries, but more so in the Democratic Primary where New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Illinois Senator Barack Obama were slugging it out for supremacy in the battle for delegates and the Democratic nomination.

Clinton claimed a popular vote win in Texas, but the convoluted process by which the state's Democrats divvy up their delegates, meant she would gain very little, if any, in the delegate count and Obama would finish the night with virtually the same lead he held before the first vote was cast on Tuesday.

Texas mattered in the Republican Primary, too, as the Lone Star State, coupled with Ohio, Vermont and Rhode Island, gave Arizona Senator John McCain enough delegates to secure the GOP nomination. Less than an hour after the polls closed in Texas, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, the last of McCain's serious challengers, officially withdrew from the Republican race.

Locally, Schleicher County's numbers mirrored those statewide. A large turnout in the Democratic primary gave Senator Clinton 180 of the 360 total votes cast. Barack Obama tallied 140 votes.

Meanwhile, Republicans experienced a big turnout, too. In fact, the 263 people who voted in the Republican Primary were 89 more than the number who voted in both primaries combined only two years ago.

Of that number, McCain received 138 votes while Huckabee tallied 100.

But there were no contested races here in Schleicher County.

County Tax Assessor/Collector Jeanne Snelson was re-elected with 315 votes in the Democratic Primary. Likewise County Commissioners Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo, Jr. were returned to office with 49 and 86 votes, respectively in the Democratic Primary.

Clint Griffin was unopposed on the Democratic ballot for County Attorney and received 288 votes. Neither Griffin, nor any of the previously mentioned local Democrats will face a Republican challenger in November.

There will two races decided in November, however. The Democrats cast 302 votes for Charles Bradley for County Judge while the Republicans cast 185 votes for Joe Ed Spencer for the

same office despite the fact that Spencer remains hospitalized after suffering a stroke a few weeks ago.

Bradley and Spencer are vying to replace County Judge Johnny Griffin who is planning to retire.

There will also be a sheriff's race here in the fall. Incumbent Sheriff David Doran received 211 of the 263 Republican votes cast while challenger Shane West tallied 208 of 360 Democratic votes.

Also in the Republican Primary, incumbent U.S. Senator John Cornyn won his party's nomination with 82 percent

of the vote. Cornyn also polled well here in Schleicher County winning 195 to 36 over challenger Larry Kilgore.

Cornyn will face a Democratic Challenger. At press time Richard J. "Rick" Noriega held a sizeable lead over three opponents, in the Democratic Primary but it was unclear if he would win by a large enough margin to avoid a runoff.

Phyllis Sauer and Kathy Mankin were elected to serve as local Democratic and Republican County Chairs, respectively.

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Jeffs pleads not guilty to Arizona charges

Warren Jeffs, the embattled leader of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, appeared in a Kingman, Arizona courtroom on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, and entered not guilty pleas to a series of sex charges stemming from his involvement in arranging marriages between three underage girls and his older male followers.

Courtroom observers noted that Jeffs appeared gaunt. His attorney acknowledged recently that he has been undergoing a self-imposed hunger strike.

Still, Jeffs managed a smile as he entered Mohave Superior Court Judge Steven Conn's courtroom. He replied, "Yes," when asked by the judge if he was Warren Jeffs. Otherwise, Jeffs sat quietly and let his lawyer, Mike Piccarreta, enter the not guilty plea.

Judge Conn then scheduled a pre-trial hearing for March 19.

That is likely when Piccarreta will ask for a change of venue. The Tucson-based attorney has made no secret of his desire to move the trial away from Kingman and Mohave County. Piccarreta has stated publicly that Jeffs can not get a fair trial in Mohave County.

Jeffs is the head of an estimated 10,000 member strong FLDS church based in Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona. The two towns are actually a single community that straddles the Utah-Arizona border. Colorado City lies at the northernmost edge of Mohave County, some 135 miles north-northeast of Kingman, the county seat.

But, the Grand Canyon blocks a direct road between the two towns. Travelers going by car from Colorado City to Kingman must first drive north into Utah, then turn southwest on Interstate 15 and drive to Las Vegas. From there, U.S. 92 heads south-southeast across the Hoover Dam on its way to Kingman, a 4 1/2 hour drive covering 266 miles.

Jeffs made the trip by air, however. He was picked up by Arizona authorities from the Utah State Prison at Draper where he is serving two consecutive 5-to-life sentences following his conviction

last fall on two accomplice to rape charges. Jeffs was flown to Kingman where he is being held without bail.

Despite the fact that Utah was the first to try Jeffs in a court of law, it was the Arizona charges that first sent Jeffs on the run. He was eventually named to the FBI Ten Most Wanted List after Utah joined the case then a federal grand jury indicted him on a charge of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

If Jeffs is convicted in Arizona, he could face up to 27 years in prison. He is charged as an accomplice in four counts of incest and four counts of sexual contact with a minor in an indictment handed up last year. He also was arraigned on two additional counts, one of sexual conduct with a minor and one of conspiracy to conduct sexual conduct with a minor from a case filed in 2005.

Last year's charges result from alleged arranged marriages of a 50-year-old man to one of his 17-year-old relative and a marriage between a 19-year-old man and his 14-year-old cousin — the same marriage that led to the Utah conviction.

Should Jeffs be convicted on the federal charge of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution he would be facing a five year prison sentence and a \$250,000 fine.

Here in Schleicher County, Jeffs followers continue their prodigious building campaign at the YFZ Ranch.

Recent aerial photos show that work continues on a number of buildings and that construction has begun on the ranch's wastewater treatment plant. The proposed facility recently received approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Many believe that a large influx of Jeffs followers into the YFZ won't occur until the wastewater plant is complete.

The ranch is currently paying the City of Eldorado to dispose of its wastewater and hauling the effluent to the city's sewer plant.

Construction at the YFZ began in 2004. Since that time Jeffs faithful have created a new town on the property.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Hit it if you can!

Lady Eagles pitcher Bridgett Mitchell struck out five last Friday and held the Reagan County Lady Owls to only two runs during the Umpire's Tournament in San Angelo. Meanwhile, the Lady Eagles bats came alive as Girls in Green notched up a 23-2 victory.

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Sheriff: Be Storm Aware, Be Storm Prepared

The arrival of March usually means two things in Schleicher County, gusty winds and the possibility of severe thunderstorms.

While there may not be much we can do about the wind except to tolerate it, the best way to prepare for stormy weather is to be aware and be prepared.

Sheriff David Doran asks citizens to note the following procedures:

1. Three 1-minute blasts of the warning siren is meant to alert the public to threatening weather or other equally hazardous situations.

2. Persons should take cover immediately and tune your radio and/or TV to a local station; listen for sirens, or verbal warnings over police mobile public address systems.

3. One 3-minute blast of the siren signals and All Clear meaning that the danger has passed.

During severe weather - The Schleicher County Sheriff's Office, along with the Emergency Management Coordinator Jerry Jones, sends storm spotters out to monitor weather for possible signs of tornadic activity.

The Sheriff's Office maintains communication with the National Weather Service in San Angelo, receiving up-to-the-minute doppler radar reports.

Weather information is then relayed to weather spotters to assist them in making an informed decision in the event a public warning needs to be activated.

The Sheriff's Office also monitors the TLETS (Texas Law Enforcement

Telecommunications System) and broadcasts up to the minute weather information to emergency services. They also monitor the doppler radar via the internet and National weather Service Broadcasts.

When seeking shelter during a storm, find a basement, storm cellar, or a strong interior room on the first floor of your home. Likewise find a sturdy basement or interior room or hallway of a public building. Stay away from windows or open doors.

Do not attempt to ride out a storm in a vehicle or a mobile home. You will be safer taking shelter in a ditch or low-lying area.

Public shelter is available in the basement of the Schleicher County Memorial Building.



Wrong time to lift the embargo

In the wake of Fidel Castro's resignation, it is not difficult to find pundits dismissing the Cuban embargo as a Cold War relic supported only by a handful of old men in Little Havana, "hard-liners" who have somehow taken control of U.S. foreign policy between domino games at the nursing home.

Pundits and congressmen, I should say. "I wonder what twisted new rationale they will create to continue their failed policies," says Jose Serrano, the South Bronx Democrat, about those crotchety right-wing *viejos* down in Miami. His press release actually compliments the Cuban dictator: "This important figure defies the attempts of his critics to paint him simply as a power-hungry authoritarian. Instead, it proves that Castro sees clearly the long-term interests of the Cuban people."

Yes, a member of the United States Congress, explicitly and without shame, defending an internationally condemned violator of human rights. And Serrano is not even Republican.

Serrano was one of more than 100 congressional representatives who sent a letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice calling for a "complete review of U.S. policy" because the current policy "leaves us without influence at this critical moment."

You see, Castro's resignation brings the possibility of "a new chapter," Arizona Republican Jeff Flake, another signatory, tells us. "Whether that new chapter will be open, however, largely depends on a new approach to Cuba by the U.S. government," he says.

So don't fault Cuba's 49-year-old, one-party, Marxist-Leninist, Maximum-Leader system for failing to embrace democracy. Blame America first.

And Flake is not even a Democrat. Actually, what would really leave the United States without influence in Cuba is to unilaterally lift the embargo without preconditions, as some have urged.

There would be no better gift for an essentially unchanged Cuban regime than re-established trade with the United States or (their fondest hope) a friendly normalization of diplomatic relations. The Havana leadership hopes that with U.S. backing, the system can perpetuate itself for a generation. And that is why the embargo cannot be reduced to an outdated policy favored by a couple of old guys in Miami. The embargo cannot bring democracy to Cuba, but lifting it at the wrong time can keep democracy out.

Still, Cuba is in a moment of uncertainty, or at least less certainty than there was before Fidel Castro became ill. Should U.S. policy just proceed unaltered as if nothing had happened?

There have been calls for an incremental lifting of the embargo, calibrated on what actions Havana takes. "If the Cuban leadership begins opening Cuba to meaningful democratic change, the United States must be prepared to begin taking steps to normalize relations and to ease the embargo of the last five decades," went Barack Obama's statement on Castro's resignation.

Nothing new there. The embargo has always rested on the premise that if Havana moves toward democracy, Washington lifts the embargo.

Which is all that Miami is saying anyway.

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Change



by Francis Shrum

The buzzword these days is "change."

Nobody really knows what it means, mostly because it has the chameleonlike ability to conform to whatever any particular individual is feeling at any particular moment.

Mostly, it just means "elect me president."

It always makes me scratch my head in amazement that we can be so naive as to believe that if we elect any man, or woman, to the office of president, they can really bring about substantial "change."

The reason it can't happen is simply because change doesn't mean the same thing to everybody. Even if someone could produce an equitable, prosperous, utopian social order in the United States of America, someone would be unhappy about it, and guess what would be the first thing they demand? Change.

So here we are again, in the throes of this political madness that sweeps the nation every four years as we watch the presidentially hopeful peacocks strut upon the stage, slinging mud and insults at one another while preaching grand words of hope, destiny and unity to the audience.

Of course, once a grand peacock is selected, then the audience gets to throw mud at him, or her, so that they are so busy trying to dodge the filth and keep their feathers clean that they never actually get anything done.

My point is that it really doesn't matter who we elect as president. He or she will stride into the big white house on the hill, only to find that they will be sharing the furniture, dishes and historic digs with a long line of predecessors.

Not much of a change. Especially not for Mrs. Clinton. Of course, they will also inherit a lot of other things, like a contentious opposing political party that will rip and tear at anything they try to do.

They will be walking onto the deck of a huge ocean liner running a full speed, and it won't be slowed down, let alone turned around, by just one person — especially a person trying to lead a country with the battle lines clearly drawn

down the middle of the aisle.

The war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the economic-stimulus package, Medicare reform and immigration control — or the lack of it — are issues that have already been stirred into the smelly soup simmering on the stove for the presidential supper.

It's not like our new leader will be given an opportunity to write his own music — he or she will be handed the baton to an orchestra already seated. Their only choice will be how the music is conducted.

At this late hour, not much opportunity for effective change, either good or bad, awaits them. As the years of our stewardship of this marvelous piece of real estate called the United States have rolled by, we've perfected the art of passing the buck from one administration to the next.

Still, change may not be such an impossible idea after all. Since we've passed the buck for so long, a little spare change is just about all that is left.

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Record voter turnout predicted in primary

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Turnout for the March 4 primary elections likely will reach a record number.

Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson, the state's chief elections officer, on Feb. 27 projected an overall turnout of 26 percent of the registered voters in Texas. That is 3.3 million voters.

The previous record came 20 years ago in the 1988 presidential primaries, with 2.7 million Texas voters casting ballots.

To predict turnout, the secretary of state's office factors in early voting from Texas' 15 most populous counties: Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, Collin, El Paso, Denton, Hidalgo, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Williamson, Nueces, Galveston and Cameron. About 60 percent of all voters in Texas are registered in those counties.



Candidates push hard for Texas

Texas continued to prove itself a battleground state for presidential candidates in the last few days leading up to the March 4 primaries.

Polls pointed toward a close finish in the race between U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, vying for the Republican presidential nomination, spent time and energy in delegate-rich Texas.

Candidates seesawed back and forth between Texas and Ohio, a state sharing the March 4 date for its primaries.

Senate panel hears 'Gaps' update

The Senate Education Committee met Feb. 27 to hear from state education officials about the implementation of reforms passed by the Legislature last session.

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes reported on the "Closing the Gaps" initiative, a program to increase college enrollment and graduation rates for all Texas high school students.

Paredes said the state is on track to meet its enrollment goals by 2015, adding 235,000 more college enrollees as of 2007. Also, he said, minority enrollment is up since 2000, with an increase of 49 percent for Hispanics and 38 percent for African-Americans.

College completion rates were also up, said Paredes, increasing by 152,000 degrees in the last seven years. Again, the largest percentages of growth were among minorities, with a 67 percent increase in college graduation for Hispanics, and 44 percent for African Americans.

DPS gives details of cocaine bust

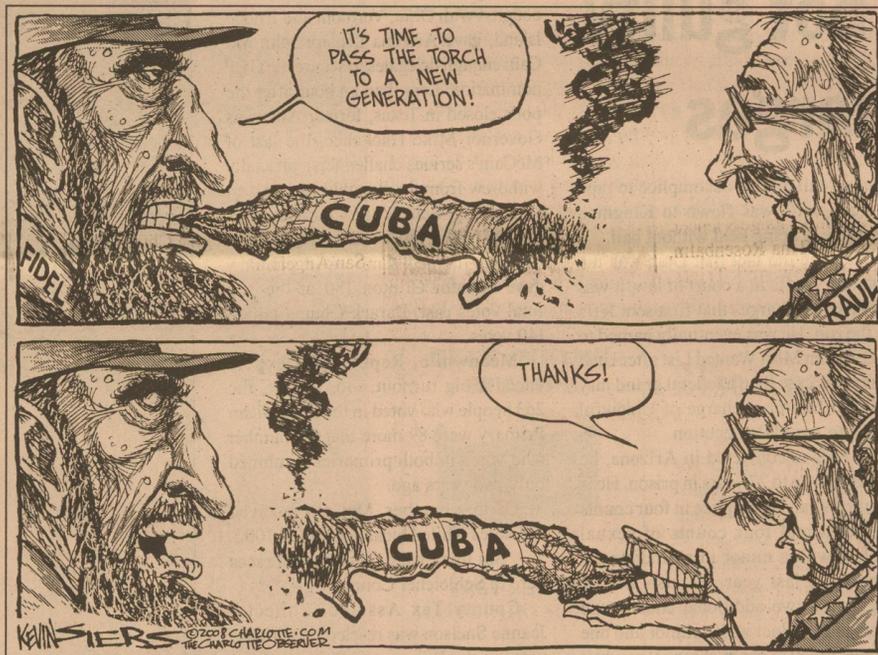
The Texas Department of Public Safety announced Feb. 27 it seized 360 pounds of cocaine after DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers stopped a flatbed tractor trailer for a routine inspection.

The cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$3 million, was discovered in 142 individual packages in a secret compartment in a flatbed trailer.

The stop and seizure occurred Feb. 24 on U.S. 90 about 18 miles west of Brackettville at the Kinney County and Val Verde County line, a DPS spokesperson said.

A Piedras Negras, Mexico, resident was arraigned Feb. 26 in Del Rio on federal drug charges in connection with the seizure.

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The Rio Grande Valley

I have spent some time in the Rio Grande Valley. I've seldom been able to get down there in the winter, the time you're supposed to go. It seems that I always go the valley during the hot summer months. This year, though, I've managed to get there in the winter. I get to conduct a workshop on interviewing for the Valley Byliners, a writing group in Harlingen. I love the valley.



by Tumbleweed Smith

- It is a place of sunshine and citrus and gentle people.
- It is friendly and welcoming and has an unhurried charm.
- It's the Gladys Porter Zoo and the lighthouse at Port Isabel.
- It's giddy sun seekers from Canada's snowfields.
- It's old church bells and caring hands shaping a perfect tortilla.
- It's the heady fragrance of gardenias and orange blossoms.
- It's the warmest winters west

of the Mississippi.

- It's a night sky filled with sparkling stars.
- It's towering palm trees lining highways and oleander bordering boulevards.
- It's picturesque fishing villages and shrimp boats in the gulf.
- It's tropical plants and exotic wildlife.
- It's cities like Pharr, San Juan and Alamo, Donna, Weslaco and Mercedes.
- It's the longest bridge in Texas and the state's newest port.
- It's the site of the last battle of the Civil War.

- It's where you're not sure where Mexico ends and Texas begins.
- It's the muted sob of the Inca dove and the exuberance of the chachalaca.
- It's an aloe vera farm and the feel of soft sea breezes.
- It's jacaranda, hibiscus and ebony trees.
- It's a slow pace, fiestas and mariachis, King Ranch and drowsy afternoons.
- It's South Padre, where sails billow in the wind and dolphins provide an escort.
- It's the Rio Grande River and celebrations with piñatas.
- It's countless miles of unspoiled wilderness and the beautiful splendor of sunrise.
- It's a place where the bougainvillea blooms and the people are happy.

OBITUARIES

James B. Dennis

BRADY - James B. Dennis, 69, died Sunday, March 2, 2008, by Heritage Funeral Home of Brady.

Survivors include daughter Denise Chasak of Round Rock; son Russell Dennis of Grand Prairie; brother Ethan Dennis of Eldorado; and sister Mary Sparks of San Angelo.

Matilde "M.R." Garcia

SAN ANGELO — Matilde "M.R." Garcia, 79, of San Angelo passed away Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, in a local nursing home. Rosary was Sunday, March 2, 2008, in the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel.

Mass of Christian burial was Monday, March 3, 2008, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Joe Choutapalli, officiating. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

M.R. was born March 14, 1928, in Eldorado, Texas, to Alvino and Jesusita Rivero Garcia. He worked at Southwest Aircraft as a mechanic for many years and at Angelo State University as a groundskeeper until he retired.

He married Maria Alvrado in Eldorado on Dec. 12, 1951. He was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and loved sharing his gift of music as a member of the Spanish choir for many years.

M.R. is preceded in death by his parents; eight brothers; two sisters; and one granddaughter, Carey Holmes.

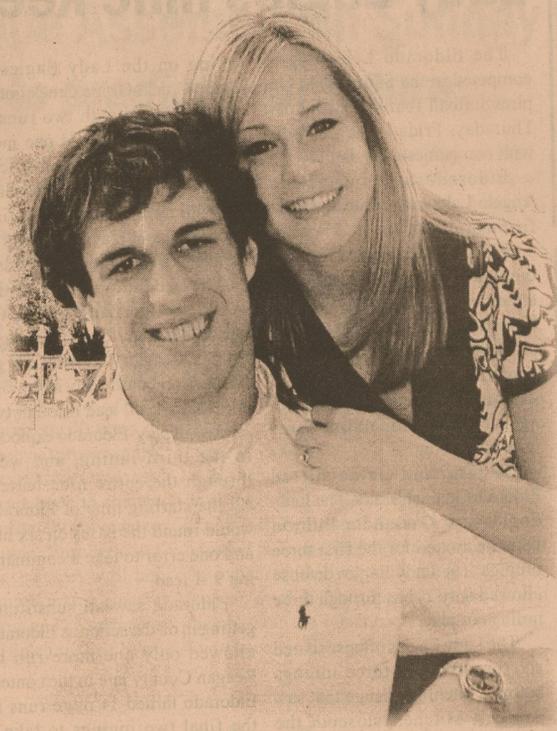
Mary Vivian Keys

ELDORADO - Mary Vivian Keys, 84, of Christoval, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, in San Angelo. Graveside service was Friday, Feb. 29, in Ivy Cemetery in Christoval.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Keys.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Linda Keys of Mertzon; son and daughter-in-law Dean and Carol Keys of Schamburg, Ill.; daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Kenneth Bilbo of Christoval; sister Dorothy Broussard of Longview;

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Alison Marie Sproul and Travis Lee Dawson

Sproul/Dawson Engagement

Nancy Sproul of San Angelo and Mike Sproul of Eldorado are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Marie Sproul to Travis Lee Dawson, son of Billy Jack and Janie Dawson of Valera, Texas.

Alison is the granddaughter of Robert and Therese McClelland of Georgetown, Texas, and C.R. and JoAnn Sproul of Eldorado.

Travis is the grandson of Jackie and Linnie Dawson of Coleman and Glenda Gassiot and the late Maurice Gassiot of Valera, Texas.

Alison is a 2006 graduate of Eldorado High School and is currently attending Angelo State University. She is planning a career in Nursing.

Travis is a 2003 graduate of Panther Creek High School in Coleman, Texas. He will be graduating from Howard Payne University in May, with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science, and plans to teach and coach.

Their wedding will be June 14th at College Hills Baptist Church in San Angelo.

Felicidades
 3rd

 Jessica Marie Garcia
 Love Daddy, Mommy
 Tany, Juan, Pete, Laura
 Garcia

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, March 10**
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk
- Tuesday, March 11**
Barbecue Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/Pineapples, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk
- Wednesday, March 12**
Fried Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk
- Thursday, March 13**
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk
- Friday, March 14**
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 by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **
 * Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

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Lady Eagles nine keep up their winning ways

The Eldorado Lady Eagles competed in the San Angelo Umpires Softball Tournament this past Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with two games each day.

Eldorado took on the San Angelo Lakeview JV team on the first morning of play.

Eldorado scored six runs in the first three innings while only allowing 2 runs by Lakeview. Eldorado pitcher Amy Alvizo pitched a complete game and record five strikeouts. Eldorado's defense allowed 11 hits but managed to hold runners on bases without scoring.

The second game pitted Eldorado against Brady. The Lady Eagles saw Cassandra Buitron take the mound for the first three innings. The Lady Eagles defense allowed only 2 runs through three innings of play.

The Lady Eagles offense scored six runs through three innings before a pitching change that saw Bridgett Mitchell closeout the remainder of the contest. Cassandra Buitron retired 5 batters and Mitchell would come in to retire 5 of her own.

The Lady Eagles tallied three more runs in the later innings to record their second win by final of 9-2.

Friday's action saw Eldorado

taking on the Lady Eagles of Grape Creek. Grape Creek got on the scoreboard with two runs in the second inning and one more in the third to take a 3-0 lead. Eldorado scored two runs back and trail by one entering the final two innings of play, but would be unable to overcome a 4-2 loss.

The second game of Friday would see the Lady Eagles taking on the Lady Owls of Reagan County. Reagan County would get on the scoreboard early in the first and take a 1-0 lead through two innings of play. Eldorado exploded in the third inning, and went through the entire nine batters. All the starting nine of Eldorado would round the bases on six hits and one error to take a commanding 9-1 lead.

Eldorado saw all substitutes getting in on the action as Eldorado allowed only one more run by Reagan County late in the contest. Eldorado tallied 14 more runs in the final two innings to take a 23-2 lead before time was called in the contest. Pitcher Bridgett Mitchell received five strikeouts in the contest.

Saturday's action saw Eldorado taking on the Amarillo Palo Duro Lady Dogs. The first inning started with a bang when catcher Haley Higgins took a 0-1 pitch over the

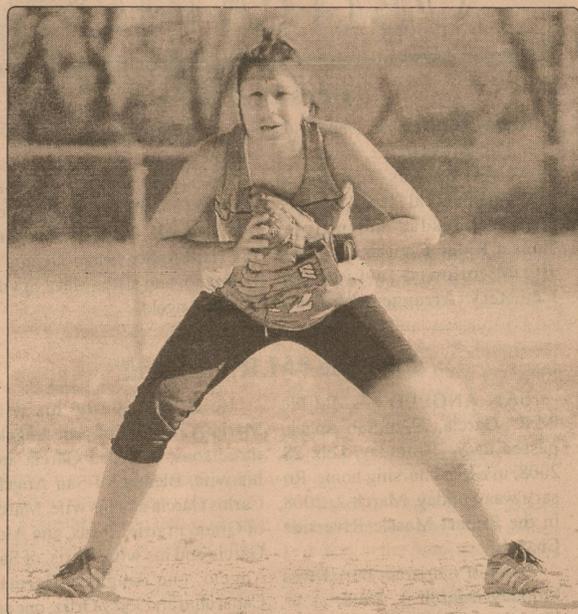


PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
 Cassandra Buitron watches a pitch from her third base position last Friday as the Lady Eagles softball team defeated Reagan County 23-2 in tournament play.

left field fence for a 3 run homerun. Eldorado scored 12 runs through three innings of play and allowed only 5 hits in the game. Eldorado cruised easily to victory by final of 12-0. Pitcher Bridgett Mitchell recorded six strikeouts and the

defense allowed only 6 hits in the contest.

The final contest of the evening saw the Lady Eagles taking on the Lady Broncos of Sonora. Sonora and Eldorado each traded runs through one inning of play. The Lady Broncos scored two runs in the top of the third that were aided by two errors by the Eldorado defense.

Eldorado managed one more run in the 4th inning and left eight runners stranded on bases in the final three innings. Eldorado's stranding the runners on base proved to be costly as two double plays by Sonora's defense preserved the Lady Broncos defeat over the Lady Eagles.

Eldorado's record with the final game loss moved to 8 wins and 6 losses on the year. Next action for the Lady Eagles will be the district season opener next Tuesday at home versus the Lady Bulldogs of Miles beginning at 4pm.

Eagles nine whip Bulldogs, fall to Junction

Garrett Lux pitched a one hit during Eldorado's 12-2 victory over Brady last Tuesday evening.

Lux pitched five innings with one hit and two runs scored. Only one run was earned while Lux

struck out seven batters, and allowed five on base on balls.

Eldorado started the scoring early taking an 8-1 lead after two innings of play.

Brady scored a second run dur-

ing the third inning but couldn't muster any more points in the final two.

Eldorado clenched the ten run rule with four runs in the fifth inning.

Eldorado ended the game with 12 runs off of 13 hits and had four errors.

Lalo Sanchez ended the game going 2 for 3 with a double and one RBI.

Jorge Mata went 2 for 3 with three RBI's. Manny Gonzalez went 2 for 3 as well with two RBI's and two stolen bases, and Miles Mikeska managed a double.

The Eagles then dropped a game against Junction on Friday 14-5.

Eldorado took a 2-1 lead after the first two innings of play, but couldn't hold on as Junction's bats lit up during the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. During that stretch Junction outscored Eldorado 12 to 3.

Louie Buitron went 2 for 3 from the plate with a double. Emillo Valjejo also went 2 for 3 with a double.

Dustin Gauna managed 2 for 4 with a double as well.

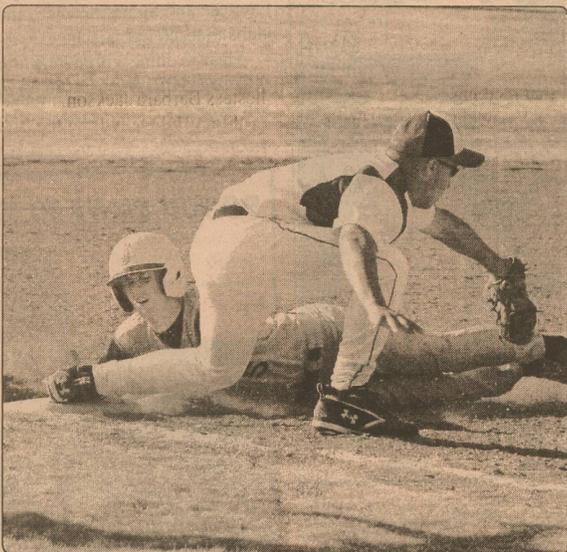


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 Anthony Mata covers 3rd base to get a force out on a Junction runner during varsity baseball action here on Friday, February 29th. The Eagles fell to Junction 14-5.

EHS tracksters run in Ozona

March 1, 2008
 Ozona Relays

Varsity Boys Team Totals:

1. Wall 2. Iraan 3. Ozona 4. Crane 5. Eldorado 61 points 6. Reagan County 7. Grape Creek 8. McCamey.

Tim Maskill: 2nd, Shot Put-40'11 1/2"; 4th, Discus-117' 2 1/2"
 Wes Brown, 2nd, Long Jump, 19'10"; 2nd, 100 Meter-11.20.

400m Relay: 3rd, Petey Garcia, Ivany Sanchez, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown - 46/92

800m Relay: 4th, Petey Garcia, Ivany Sanchez, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown - 1:40.29

Tyler Dombroski: 4th, High Jump - 5'4"

Dustin Ramirez: 4th, 400M-66.96;

Ryan Castillo: 4th, 200m - 4:17; 6th Triple Jump-31' 1 1/2"

Miles Mikeska: 6th, 400m-58.18

Josh Hash: 6th, 1600m - 5:16.45

Varsity Girls Megan Crownover: 6th, Long Jump-14' 7"; 6th 300m Hurdles- 60.0

Junior Varsity Boys Ben Wipff, 23rd, Shot Put -33'6"

Hugo Rios: 4th, Discus 89' 5 1/2"

Jesus Sanchez: 4th, 300m; Hurdles-52.89; 6th, 100M Dash-12.17

Juan Carlos Escobar: 5th, 400m- 62.61

Briley Ledbetter: 6th, Shot Put-32' 1/2"

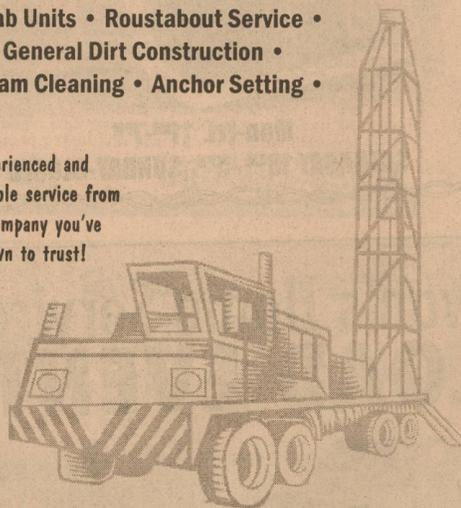
Anthony Mata: 6th, Long Jump-16'8 1/2"

Marcus Medrano: 6th, 300m Hurdles 64.18

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OBITUARIES

Mozelle Parks Williams

Mozelle Parks Williams, our beloved "Nonnie" went to be with her Lord on Sunday, February 24, 2008. She joined her husband of 62 years, John Sidney Williams, who preceded her in death by only two months and prepared her way.

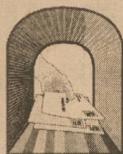
Mozelle was born in Eldorado, Texas to Ward and Hazel Parks. She spent her life lovingly nurturing, raising, and caring for her family. She accompanied her husband on many moves as his career unfolded. They moved to Houston where he eventually took early retirement. They have lived in the Houston/Katy area for over 35 years. Through those years, Mozelle did volunteer work including many years of volunteering at Katyville Retirement Center.

Mozelle was devoted to her family and friends. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by 3 sisters Marjorie Parks Alexander, Maurine Parks

Rust, and Lois Parks Van Vleet and 1 brother, W.C. Parks. Left to celebrate her life and continue her and her husband's legacy are daughters: Jacquelyn McDonald (husband, George) and Avan Blair both of Houston; her cherished grandchildren: Jared Lord, Lacie Johnson (husband, Charlie), Cody Blair and Matt McDonald; one sister, Fern Humphrey of Austin, Texas; many beloved nieces and nephews. Additionally she is survived by her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Martha Dell Thornton and Stuart Williams and her best friend since elementary school, Janice Ratliff all of San Angelo, Texas.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Katy.

The family asks that memorial donations be made to a favorite charity or to Special Funds at New Hope Presbyterian Church.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Surprised to learn of county's decision

Dear Editor,

My tenure on the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce board came to an end last month. The new President of the Chamber is Fred Hernandez. One of his goals is to have the area towns come to Chamber meetings and do a talk on items of interest and goings on in their respective towns. The last meeting was a great presentation by Eden and Brady. They both did a great job of promoting their towns and special events.

Fred called me last week and asked if I would contact my dad and see if he could get Jim Runge to do the next meeting and update San Angelo on the Running of the Bull, and the El Goatarod or anything else he had going on to promote Eldorado. In fact, Congressman Conaway remarked to me after one of the events, that he

was glad to see small towns were putting on events like this.

Shortly after that I found out Jim was no longer allowed to put on his shows. I am amazed that when most counties are trying to bring commerce to town Eldorado chooses to cut off successful events. I am sure much thought was given and all facts were investigated prior to the decision to discontinue these events.

Eldorado will still have a chance to promote itself at a chamber meeting. I will continue to promote Eldorado as I have in the past, it is just a shame there will be fewer reasons for people to come to town and spend money. I hope that those that complained have come up with events to take their place to help bring people and money to Eldorado.

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David D. "Burro" Griffin

ELDORADO - Service for David D. "Burro" Griffin, 78, of Eldorado was Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, at the Presbyterian church in Eldorado. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Mr. Griffin was born May 28, 1929, to James Alfred and Mabel Kerr Griffin. He passed from this life on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at his home.

Burro was a Korean War veteran and worked for over 30 years as a cement contractor.

He is survived a son and daughter-in-law, J.D. and Lynda Griffin

of Linden, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Steve Marling of Lake Cherokee, Texas; one sister, Mary Virginia Bracken of Emmitt, Idaho; one brother, James A. Griffin of Hobbs, N.M.; and he is also survived by seven grandchildren, Jameson, Chris and Shane Griffin, Raecann Porter, Jovan, Kadee and Caleb Chamber; three great-grandchildren, Jady Griffin, Rocky Powe, and Samuel Martin; several nieces, one nephew, and his very good friend, Linda Gonzales.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Members of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Delmer and Barbara Jackson on February 26, 2008. Since several members were absent due to prior commitments there could be no votes, but those present discussed the up-coming Founder's Day banquet in April. Also discussed was officer elections to be held during the first meeting in March and hopefully all members will be present for that meeting.

President Glenda Harris was present to conduct the meeting.

Dorothy Dacy read the minutes from the previous meeting and gave an interesting program on "Dogs" and the benefit of having pets. It is known that petting a dog can lower the blood pressure. She showed many pictures of the different breeds of dogs.

Flora Hubble was also present to enjoy refreshments of ham salad sandwiches, chips and strawberries and whipped topping served over angel food cake served by the hostess Barbara Jackson.

Flora Hubble will be the hostess for the March 11th Meeting



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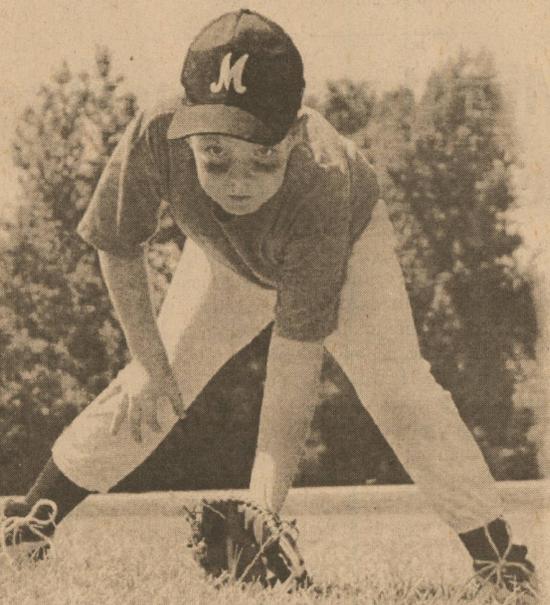
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Griffin named to Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION, March 4, 2008 – Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall 2007 semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

Among those appearing on the Dean's Honor Roll is William Curtis Griffin, a junior from Eldorado, majoring in Animal Science.



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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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1. Struggle for air
5. Louver part
9. Easy mark
14. Director Kazan
15. Tropical tuber
16. Coffee allure
17. Doll's cry
18. Call from the flock
19. Be a buttinsky
20. Much graffiti writing
23. "___ Miz"
24. Prospector's find
25. Like billiard balls, at start of play
29. Full of zip
31. Ltr. ctr.
34. Containing gold
35. "___ means war!"
36. Bocelli delivery
37. Stand firm
40. Clock sound
41. Hideous sort
42. From now on
43. Set a price at
44. Pesky flier
45. Tends to the turkey
46. Too rehearsed
47. Met, as a poker bet
48. Car-carrying ferry, e.g.
55. Place for a lock

DOWN

1. Idaho, the ___ State
2. [sigh]
3. Bonehead
4. Carson's predecessor
5. Hung in
6. Tiffany offerings
7. Turf
8. Braxton of R&B
9. Danish, e.g.
10. ___ Becker ("L.A. Law" role)
11. Bugs or Daffy
12. Los Angeles woe
13. Talk too much
21. Smart ___ (wise guy)
22. Vinland visitors
25. Haile Selassie devotee, briefly
26. Items in lots
27. Neck spasm
28. Gun's recoil
29. Owing the pot
30. Bench material
31. Pigsty sound
32. ___-nez glasses
33. Caravan stop-overs
35. Forum wear
36. Gets grayer
38. Scout's rider
39. Shoulders warmer
44. Ship's kitchen
45. Biblical ass rider
46. Robert of Led Zeppelin
47. In a way, slangily
48. Super review
49. "Don't bet ___!"
50. Vintner's valley
51. Wished undone
52. OTC part
53. Greek salad need
54. Rushing group, for short
55. One with a beat
58. Violinist ___ Bull

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Eldorado High School Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

9th grade
"A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo, Mason Baker, Morgan Barker, Kaitlyn Bluford, Miles Mikeska, Jaymie O'Harrow, Ashley Paulson, Lauren Rubio and Ben Wipff
"85 and Above" Honor Roll: Deisy Aranda, Zack Brame, Treyor Harrington, Allyson Jarrett, Josh Jurcecek, JR Martinez, Carli McAngus, Bailey Minor, Lourdes Pasillas, Joseph Rubio and Michael Rubio

10th grade
"A" Honor Roll: Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Timmy Cuevas, Emily Espinosa and Patricia Hernandez
"85 and Above" Honor Roll: Hunter Alvizo, Leslie Arispe, Dylan Dombroski, Krista Galindo, Adriana Hernandez, Clarissa Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Aubrey Martinez, Maureen Martinez, Kadie Niblett, Dustin Niblett, Dustin Ramos, Audrey Rubio and Jaron Vasquez.

11th grade
"A" Honor Roll: Meg Griffin, Claudia Pasillas and Corie Williams
"85 and Above" Honor Roll: Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Deyanira Cruz, Kevin Dykstra, Juan Carlos Escobar, Victoria Fuentes, Marcus Garcia, Isidro Granados, Haley Higgins, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore, Maria Sanchez and Kirsten Stubbs

12th grade
"A" Honor Roll: Tyler Dombroski, Maygen Eubanks, Amika Gonzalez, Chelsey Pridemore and Rhapsody Swyter
"85 and Above" Honor Roll: Richmond Adame, Blake Chatham, Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Leslie Cruz, Erika Estrada, Manny Gonzalez, Diana Hernandez, Chelsey Hill, Marcela Huerta, Chomper Huichapa, Jorge Mata, Janelle Pechacek, Michael Redish, Cindy Sanchez, Lalo Sanchez, Steven Trevino and Desiree Valeriano

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by Rene Calcote

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HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

2nd Grade
Mrs. Meador's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Tricia Carter, C.J. Covarrubiaz, Wiley Martin, Conley Niblett, Anthony Olivares*, Erica Santellano*
Honor Roll: Emelda Arispe, Alyssa Reza, Monica Sanchez*
Mrs. O'Harrow's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Brooke Carman, Ashley Dumas*, Hannah Fortenberry, Eric Luna
Honor Roll: Ryan Farmer, Dakota Gross, Alexis Villanueva, Rogelio Zamora*
Mrs. Sessom Class
"A" Honor Roll: Sierra Forlano*, Alyssa Rinehart, Logan Wong
Honor Roll: Austin Albin*, Madison Arispe, Fatima Contreras, Emelie Estrada, Roman Gonzalez, Makenzie Gross, Kiki Guerra, Faith Kotsch, Bobby Moreno, Mark Muniz, Amalio Villanueva

3rd Grade
Mrs. Jones' Class
"A" Honor Roll: Mathias Buitron, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Kade Creek*, Branda Minor*, Emily Nixon
Honor Roll: Travis Carter, Bernardo Cruz*, Jonathan Fortenberry, Katya Gonzalez, Sarah Jackson, Audry Nolen, Raymond Parsons, Arantza Sanchez, Makayla Trevino, Riley Umphress.
Mrs. Hernandez's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Mikah Boone, Nicoles Flores, Davis Hutto, Hudson Martin, Noah Sorrells*, Jordan Stanford*
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Honor Roll: Branda G. Arispe, Reagan De Hanis, Canyon Faull*, Elizabeth Griffin, Marcos Ramon, Leroy Torres.
Mrs. Self's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Chase Mertz, Will Mynatt, Jess Gonzales.
Honor Roll: Rachelle Garcia, Star Foley*, Franklin Buchholz, Victor Castro, Luis Miguel Martinez

4th Grade
Mrs. Edmiston's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Bryce Carman, Jaime Chancellor, Danielle Clark, Deonn Fuentes, Sutairra Martinez
Honor Roll: Clayton Arendt, Byron Aycock, Caitlin Dumas, Cade Ledbetter, Heather Moreno, Crystal Pina, Michael Rios, Jaxon Sheppard, Justin Whitten
Mrs. Beach's Class
"A" Honor Roll: Jr. Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Abigail Narvaez*, Jose Luis Olivares*, Strait Pridemore*, Rafael Ruezga
Honor Roll: Christian Martinez*, Jimmy Miller, Megan Powell, Tito Rios*, Aaron Santellano, Rylea Self, Jake Swindallj

Angel Food Ministries now seeking volunteers

Angel Food Ministries has been serving Eldorado for several years. It provides food for a minimum charge to those who want to participate in the program. Angel Food is available to everyone and there are no financial restrictions and people can purchase as many boxes as they wish.

Eldorado has become a host town. For every box sold, Eldorado is given a dollar which is turned over to the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance.

The next dates to order a box are March 11-14 at the Resource Center from 9-4. For more information call 853-2574.

Anyone wanting to volunteer please call Janet Felver at 853-2814.

The wind is blowing... it must be time for the Plateau Relays

Eldorado's Plateau Relays will be held this weekend. Please note that the High School Relays will be held on Friday while the Middle School Relays will be held on Saturday.

There will be 11 teams competing in the high school division of the Plateau Relays on Friday, including, Eldorado, Forsan, Greenwood JV, Irion County, Miles, Nueces Canyon, Paint Rock, Panther Creek, Rankin, and Wink. Field events will get underway at 3 p.m. while running events will start at 4 p.m.

Seven teams are slated to participate in the Middle School version of the Plateau Relays on Saturday, including Bronte, Cornerstone, Eldorado, Forsan, Irion County, Miles, Robert Lee, and Rocksprings. Field events are slated for 10:00 a.m with running events scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support these young athletes.

Ministry on Wheels seeking donations

"Ministry On Wheels" was started in 1997. This ministry provides meals on Saturday noon and holidays. Not only to the elderly but to convalesce and anyone that needs a meal. The F.U.M.C. did this service for a year, having weekly fund raising lunches at the church. With the help of the Ministerial Alliance, seven churches took over this service. The support now comes from donations from the community.

The F.U.M.C. is still the host church. In the summer of 1999 we served 1,100 children meals on the courthouse lawn. The following summer, the school took this service over and began serving lunches to children for the first time.

The following churches take part in this ministry. They are F.U.M.C., Catholic, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Templo Getsemani, Church of Christ and Community Baptist.

Donations can be mailed to "Ministry on Wheels" P.O. Box 678, Eldorado, TX 76936.



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Teen Challenge due at Agape Assembly on Sunday

Your past does not have to predict your future

It was in 1958 that the pastor of a church in a small Pennsylvania town made a decision that changed his life and thousands of other lives. It seems like such a simple decision. A part of his usual daily routine was to watch a couple of hours of TV in the evening. Since he wanted more of the Spirit of God in his life and in his ministry, he decided to commit those two hours to prayer and the study of God's Word. That commitment has brought blessings to countless lives.

One evening, as he prayed, the small town pastor, David Wilkerson, was distracted by a news magazine lying on his desk. It had the picture of five youths from New York who were on trial for crimes committed during gang activity. He could not get away from the idea that he was to go to New York, make contact with those young men, and bring them to Christ. Many have read the book or seen the movie "The Cross and the Switchblade," based

on David Wilkerson's experience with gangs in New York City which led to the beginning of Teen Challenge.

Today many thousands world-wide have been delivered from various addictions while in a Teen Challenge program. You have the opportunity to hear first-hand stories of deliverance from men enrolled at the San Antonio Teen Challenge Center. They will be in the Sunday morning service at Agape Assembly of God this week.

Teen Challenge is celebrating 40 years of operation this year and has gone through many improvements since its beginning. Over the years, the program has been open to change involving methods, but definitely not open to change in the basic message. Enrollees, are told from the beginning that they will not be successful in the program with a sincere commitment to Jesus Christ and an openness to the moving of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Independent studies from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, from the University of Tennessee, and from Northwestern University have shown that the results from Teen Challenge programs far exceed results from other rehabilitation programs.

Come meet men from the San Antonio Teen Challenge Center on March 9, 2008, in the 11 AM service at Agape Assembly of God, 502 E. Warner Avenue in Eldorado. In addition to giving testimonies of how God has moved in their lives, the men will also minister in song.

Handmade Christian-related crafts will be on display and available for purchase. Making and selling these crafts is a way that those enrolled in Teen Challenge help contribute to the expenses involved in the program. A fellowship meal will be provided by the church members at the conclusion of the meeting. Everyone is invited.

Help Big Bend Ranch Round-up the Longhorns

PRESIDIO, Texas — Big Bend Ranch State Park's most popular program — the Texas Longhorn Cattle Drive — is on the horizon. The spring round-up of the park's Texas State Longhorn herd will be held April 3-5.

Twice a year up to 25 "city slickers" from throughout the state and around the world come to participate and experience a piece of Texas' cultural heritage. The three-day event allows one to experience life as a cowboy and lasso a lifetime of memories.

"If you're looking for a genuine taste of the wild, Western range life," says Colorado travel writer Christine Loomis, "the Big Bend Ranch State Park cattle drive is about as real as it gets."

Participants have the opportunity to see cattle in the rugged and remote pastures of the 300,000-acre ranch, learn how the herd is moved with horses and help drive the historic longhorn herd to ranch headquarters, where they can take part in branding calves, recording lineage and practicing the traditions of the North American cowboy culture, according to park interpreter Marvin Steinback.

The park supplies all necessary tack, horses and gear, along with guides. People from all walks of life and with little riding experience have participated in the pro-

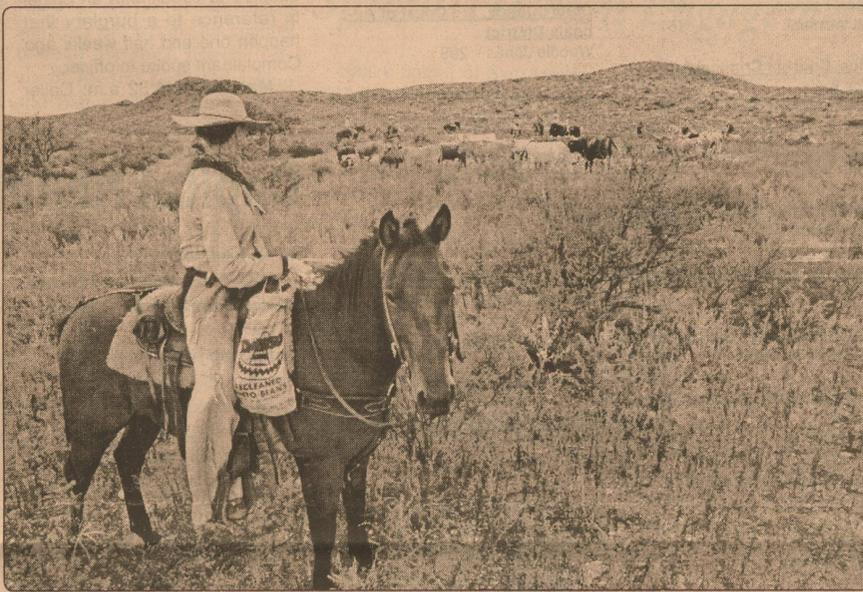


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Drivers move Longhorn cattle during the Spring Round-up at the Big Bend Ranch Round-up. The Texas State Longhorn herd will be gathered again on April 3-5. Cowboys or Cowgirls interested in participating are encouraged to contact Big Bend Ranch State Park at 432-358-4444.

gram. Guests have come from as far away as Australia, Canada and England to experience this legacy of the Old West.

The cost of the three-day event is \$975, which includes horse and tack, park entry fee, lodging/camping fees, meals and the assistance of park wrangler guides. Big

Bend Ranch is located northeast of Presidio off Texas Highway 170. Reservations are required.

To find out more or to reserve a spot on the cattle drive, visit: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/finadest/parks/big_bend_ranch/ or call Big Bend Ranch State Park at (432) 358-4444.

TSU lists fall distinguished students

Chelci Rodriguez, a 2006 graduate of Eldorado High School made the Distinguished Student list for the fall 2007 semester at Tarleton State University. Rodriguez is studying Interdisciplinary Studies and is the daughter of Leo and Sylvia Rodriguez.

Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 GPR and no grade lower than a C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a C. All must be in good standing with the university.

Celebrate Texas History Month

AUSTIN — The spirit of Texas is alive and well in March as the state pays homage to its vibrant past during Texas History Month. Celebrating the month of Texas' Independence, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages people to explore the state's dynamic historic landscape. Texas History Month honors Texans who helped shape the history of the state and acknowledges significant historical events.

Join in the fun at the Texas Independence Day Parade, Saturday, March 1 in Austin. Sponsored by Celebrate Texas, the parade commemorates the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836, and the state's subsequent recognition by

the United States as an independent nation. Other events include a 5K fun run and a celebration in the Capitol rotunda.

Celebrate Texas is a nonprofit corporation whose goal is to encourage and promote the education of the public about Texas Independence Day and the history of the state and its people.

Another way to observe Texas History Month is to plan a spring break trip through the Texas Independence Trail Region. This heritage travel region is a historic journey through gripping battles and memorable deeds as Texas struggled for its freedom.

For more information on the Texas Independence Day Parade or for other ways to celebrate Texas

History Month, contact Celebrate Texas at 512/288-5506 or visit their web site at www.celebratetexas.org. For a free Texas Independence Trail Region brochure or other heritage travel guides, please call 866/276-6219 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

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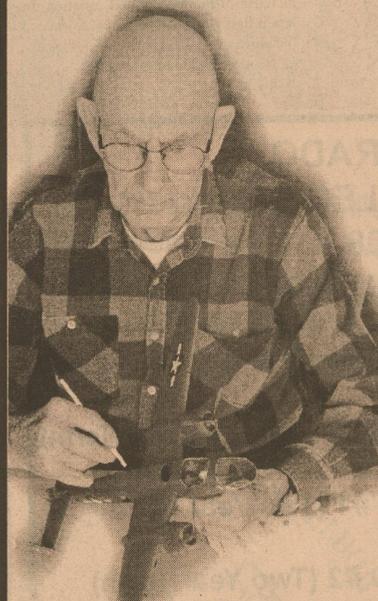
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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY 263 TOTAL VOTERS

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Rudy Giuliani 3
Mike Huckabee 100
Duncan Hunter 1
Alan Keyes 0
John McCain 138
Ron Paul 13
Mitt Romney 2
Fred Thompson 3
Hoa Tran 0
Uncommitted 1

U. S. Senator
John Cornyn 195
Larry Kilgore 36

U. S. Representative District 11
Mike Conaway 230

Railroad Commissioner
Michael L. Williams 199

Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Wallace B. Jefferson 195

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7
Dale Wainwright 189

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8
Phil Johnson 186

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
Tom Price 182

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4
Robert Francis 35
Paul Womack 151

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9
Cathy Cochran 175

State Senator, District 28
Robert Duncan 199

State Representative District 53
Harvey Hilderbran 219

Chief Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals
Ken Law 187

District Judge, 51st Judicial District
Barbara Lane Walther 199

District Attorney, 51st Judicial District
Stephen Lupton 200

County Judge, Unexpired Term
Joe Ed Spencer 185

Sheriff
David R. Doran 211

Republican Party Chair
Kathy Mankin 212

Republican Referendum

1. Immigration For 235 Against 5
Federal, state, and local officials should be required to enforce U.S. immigration laws in order to secure our borders.

2. Photo ID For 227 Against 9
The Texas Legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.

3. Controlling Government Growth For 215 Against 19
Every governmental body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official state of emergency.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY 360 TOTAL VOTERS

President
Christopher J. Dodd 2
Barack Obama 140
Hillary Clinton 185
John Edwards 14
Bill Richardson 2
Joe Biden 5

United States Senator
Richard J. (Rick) Noriega 125
Gene Kelly 85
Rhett R. Smith 39
Ray McMurrey 28

Railroad Commissioner
Art Hall 45
Mark Thompson 163
Dale Henry 46

Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Jim Jordan 228

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7
Sam Houston 184
Baltasar D. Cruz 94

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8
Susan Criss 157
Linda Reyna Yanez 108

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
Susan Strawn 222

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4
J.R. Molina 214

Chief Justice, 3rd Court of Appeals District
Woodie Jones 209

County Judge, Unexpired Terms
Charles Bradley 302

County Attorney
Clint Griffin 288

Sheriff
Shane West 208

County Tax Assessor-Collector
Jeanne Snelson 315

County Commissioners, Precinct No. 1
Johnny Mayo, Jr. 86

County Commissioners, Precinct No. 3
Kirk Griffin 49

Democratic Party Chair
Phyllis Sauer 271



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. Accidents 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

No arrests reported.

INCIDENTS

February 27 • 1:18 p.m. 911 Caller requested an officer to check on subject who appeared to be intoxicated. Officer responded.

February 28 • 3:40 a.m. 911 Caller requested an officer about a domestic violence.

• 11:09 a.m. Caller reported setting up a pulling unit at end of runway at airport.

• 7:20 p.m. Gas drive off reported at convenience store in the amount of \$76.67. It was a white 2001 Chevy regular cab pickup.

• 8:19 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer in reference to a burglary that happen one and half weeks ago. Complainant spoke to officer.

March 1 • 11:32 a.m. Caller

stated damages had been done to fence on CR 2129.

• 8:23 p.m. Caller reported a gas drive off in a black Nissan Frontier. Officer notified.

March 2 • 2:00 a.m. Church doors were left open. All lights and heater were on but no one was found in church.

• 4:43 a.m. Caller requested an officer to the corner of Cottonwood and Brooks Street. Couple was walking down the street and female kept yelling for help. Officer responded.

• 2:47 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Office reported a high speed chase started over in Kimble County. Subject driving a ninja style motorcycle. Subject was wearing a black back pack and dark colored helmet.

• 11:05 p.m. Schleicher County Medical Center requested a ambulance for ALCS transfer to San Angelo.

March 3 • 5:04 a.m. Caller reported that they saw some flames or a glow in the distance five miles out on Hwy. 915.

4:48 a.m. Theft reported an business south of Eldorado.

• 8:00 p.m. Caller reported a skunk on the school grounds by Administration Building. Officer notified and was unable to locate.

March 4 • 12:54 a.m. Caller requested an officer at convenience store for a fight in progress. Officer responded.

4:37 p.m. Caller reported a grass fire on County Road 350 and FM 2084.

Capital Highlights...

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DPS Narcotics investigators are continuing the investigation.

On the job injury report released

The Texas Department of Insurance on Feb. 26 released statistics for on-the-job injuries in 2006.

According to the report, the number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work in private industry in Texas increased by nearly 5 percent compared to 2005.

Although 3,230 more of these types of injuries and illnesses were reported in 2006 compared to 2005, the 2006 total is less than the numbers reported in 2004 and 2003, the agency said.

Plenty of flu to go around

The Texas Department of State Health Services' latest flu report,

for the week ending Feb. 23, classifies flu activity in Texas as "widespread."

The classification applies when there are increases in flu-like illnesses and recent lab-confirmed flu cases in at least half of the state's regions.

DSHS reported "widespread" flu activity for the same week last year.

Disaster proclamation renewed

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 29 renewed a disaster proclamation, originally issued Jan. 29, to address the threat of wildfires across the state. He identified 32 additional counties as threatened or impacted by wildfires, making a total of 216 counties at risk. To date, fires have destroyed homes and burned more than 500,000 acres.

BIRTHDAY LIST MARCH

- 6th Christy Meador, Rosa Hill, Dwayne Caulder, Rosa Fuentes
- 7th Johnna Joiner, Tyler Corley, Frances Peters, Jordan Pina
- 8th Candice Andrews, Justin Edmiston, Teresa Marie, Barajas, Cassidy Arendt
- 9th Jade Cortez, Michael Peters, Ryan Farmer, Myrt Williams, Vicente Pina
- 10th Emily Espinosa, Curtis Wilson, Dora Mankin, Isabelle Martinez, JR. Rodriguez, Raul R. Gonzalez, Whitney McGinnes, Michael O'Daniel, Donna Daniels, Juan Galan, Jan Bailey, Irene Minor, Jorge Arispe, Fonzie Villanueva
- 11th Peggy Grelle, Brandon Languell, Cooper Meador
- 12th Amy Mejia, Travis Whitten, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Michael Lloyd
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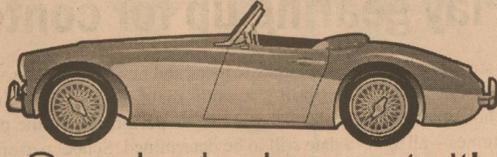
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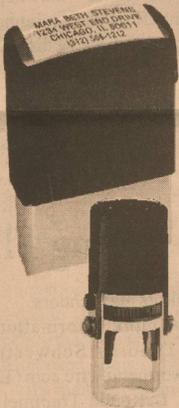
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DPS reminds Spring Break drivers to slow down, drive sober

DPS troopers in the Valley and South Texas will have extra officers on duty in March, looking for Spring Breakers who are speeding, driving drunk or not wearing safety belts.

"The drinking age in Texas is 21. When it comes to underage drinking and driving, Texas has a zero tolerance law," warns Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "If you're under 21, you face criminal charges and suspension of your license if you drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in your system."

DPS troopers remind Spring Break travelers to make sure drivers are well-rested. Other safety tips include: leaving in plenty of

time to get to your destination, obeying the speed limit and checking your vehicle before you leave to make sure all parts are in good working condition.

Here are the criminal charges that could arise from an arrest for DWI:

- First offense (Class B misdemeanor): fine of up to \$2,000, jail term of three days to six months, license suspension from three months to one year. If the judge opts for probation, an alcohol education program is required within six months or the driver license is automatically suspended until the class is completed.
- Second offense (Class A misdemeanor): fine of up to \$4,000

and/or jail term of 30 days to one year, mandatory three days in jail even if probation is granted, license suspension from six months to two years.

- Third offense or intoxication assault (third degree felony): fine of up to \$10,000, penitentiary term of two to 10 years, license suspension of six months to two years.
- Intoxication Manslaughter (second degree felony): fine of up to \$10,000, penitentiary term of two to 20 years, license suspension of six months to two years.

DPS estimates that a first-offense DWI costs at least \$3,180 and could cost as much as \$17,000, not including surcharges, lost work time and any liability costs.



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Cast and Crew of 2008 OAP "Tom Jones" (seated L-R)—Lauren Rubio, Tanja Hibbs, Cindy Sanchez, Corie Williams, Darci Graves, April Porras, (standing L-R)—Chelsey Pridemore, Aaron Parsley, Macy Chatham, Miles Mikeska, Blake Chatham, Timothy Maskill, Kaleb Murr, Ben Wipff, Michael Redish, Marty Powell, Tyler Dombroski, Rolando Gonzalez, Dylan Dombroski and Jim Mammarella.

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EHS One-Act Play gearing up for contest

Eldorado High School Theatre students are busy—memorizing lines, developing new accents, perfecting their timing, and learning how to move in some incredible-looking period costumes—all to get ready for this year's One-Act Play Contest.

Auditions were held in November and the cast and crew have spent countless hours since then in preparation for the first round of competition. Zone Contest will be held in Menard on March 13. Other schools competing in the Zone competition include: Christoval, Irion County, Menard and Miles.

Director, Luann Shipman, chose Tom Jones by Charlotte Brown as this year's production. It is a rip-roaring British comedy of errors that demands a great deal of energy and attitude! It also requires very stylized, broad acting, bordering on melodrama. The students are having great fun creating these boisterous, sometimes preposterous characters.

Recently Tom Jones loaded up the bus and headed to Mason for a One-Act Play Festival. This type of clinic is a great opportunity for students to feel the pressure of contest before the actual day. Students perform the play under contest conditions and in front of a judge who then provides immediate feedback.

Critique Judge, Jim Mammarella of San Antonio College, while complimentary, did give the students

some fantastic ideas and new things to try. "Go for the absurd," was his main suggestion for this play.

Tom Jones will be performed for the public at a date still to be determined. School performances will be presented on Wednesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:20 p.m.

But the main focus is on Thursday the 13th, when months of hard work are judged by one man, on one day. Only two of the five competing plays will advance to the next level of competition. District contest will be held the week following Spring Break, on March 27th in Forsan.

The Cast are as follows: Partridge-Tyler Dombroski, Bridget - Lauren Rubio, Squire Allworthy- Kaleb Murr, Deborah/Lady Bellaston - Blake Chatham, Jenny Jones-Macy Chatham, Captain Blifil/Justice Dowling-Marty Powell, Blifil-Dylan Dombroski, Tom Jones-Miles Mikeska, Mr. Western-Ben Wipff, Sophia Western - Corie Williams, Miss Western-Cindy Sanchez, Honour/Mrs. Fitzpatrick-Darci Graves, Mrs. Whitefield/Nancy-Tanja Hibbs, Highwayman/Constable-Michael Redish and Mr. Fitzpatrick/Servant-Timothy Maskill.

Crew are as follows: Stage Manager-Chelsey Pridemore, Lights-April Porras, Sound-Rolando Gonzalez, Spotlight-Aaron Parsley, Alternate-Mason Baker.

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21st Annual Senior Spring Fling

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