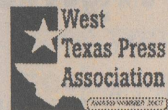


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Commissioners consider dimming courtyard lights

Just in case you haven't noticed, the new lights surrounding the Schleicher County courthouse are very bright. But, they are cost effective, according to maintenance supervisor Mike Haynes, who reported to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday that the 220 volt bulbs cost less to operate than standard 110 volt bulbs. He said the county saves \$206 per year with the new lighting.

Haynes went on to explain that Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative has recommended an adaptor that would allow the use of 110 volt bulbs so that the lights wouldn't be as bright.

The commissioners wondered if brighter bulbs couldn't be used near the courthouse and dimmer bulbs used for the remainder of the fixtures.

For his part, Sheriff David Doran explained that he prefers the brighter lights, which he said made the courthouse grounds more secure.

Haynes was told to purchase some of the adaptors and see how the dimmer

bulbs work out.

The commissioners then took the opportunity to visit with Sheriff Doran about courthouse security, before moving on to other business.

Election administrator Brenda Mayfield advised the commissioners that the software for the Automark voter assist terminals is going to cost \$2,375 more than expected for the 2009 election cycle. The commissioners authorized the expenditure over and beyond \$2,080 budgeted for the purpose.

The commissioners agreed to keep the accounting firm of Jones, Hay, Marshall and McKinney under contract until the 2006 audit is completed. After that, Judge Charlie Bradley will be looking for a new auditing firm.

It was noted that the county has been auditing its books every two years, but the auditors are running behind.

Moving on to other business, the commissioners approved bank authorizations for all new office holders for the

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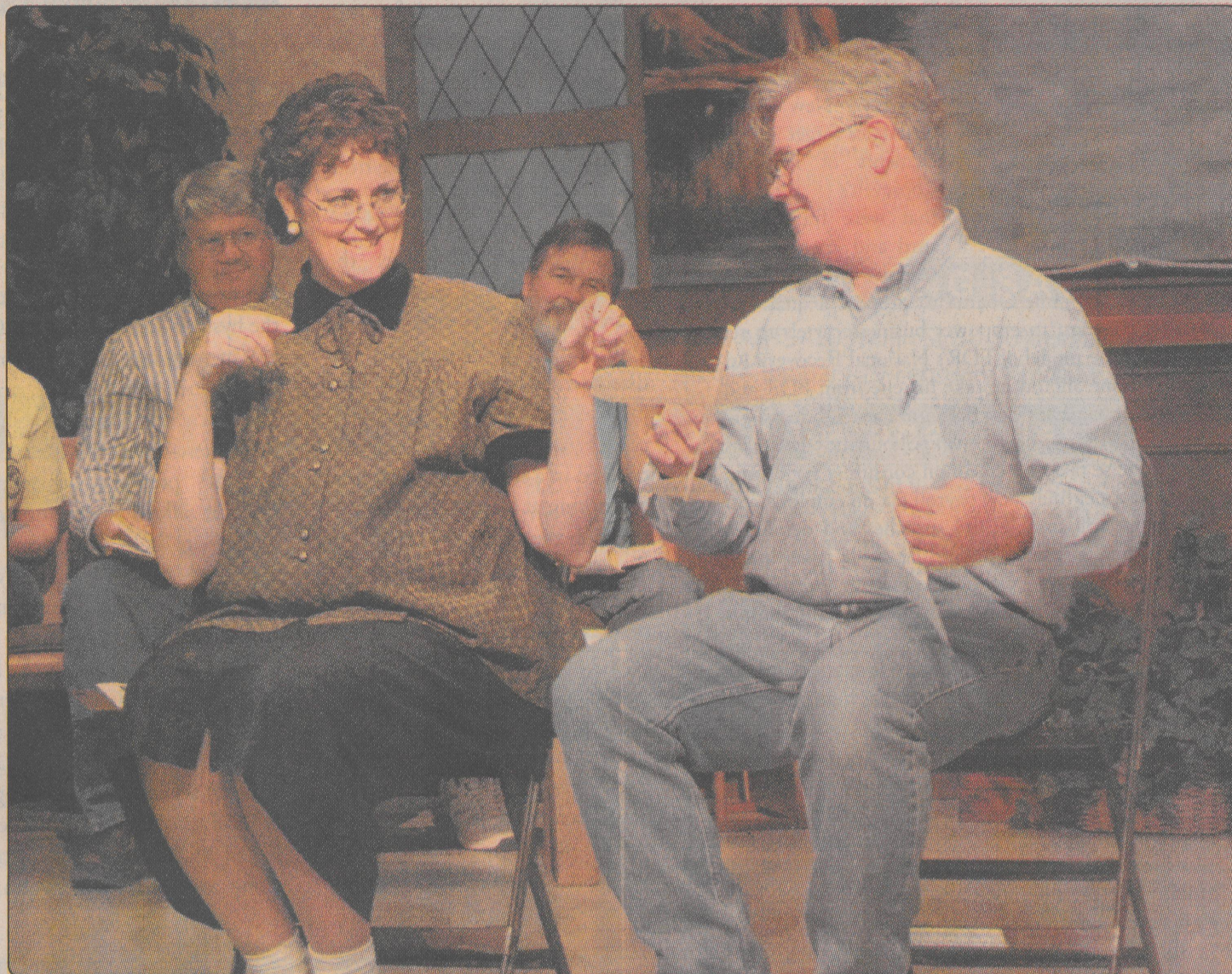


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Kara Sue Garlitz and Charlie Bradley, veterans of the Way Off Broadway Players have new roles this season as June Sanders and Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe in the 2009 production of "Smoke On The Mountain Homecoming."

"Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" slated for February at Ratliff Civic Theater

The Way Off Broadway Players will present their 2009 production of "Smoke On The Mountain Homecoming" were the gospel-singing Sanders Family is back together again.

There's a rite of passage at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe, played by Charlie Bradley, is giving his last service. He's been called to preach in Texas, and he's already bought a cowboy hat and is preparing to ride into the sunset with his wife June (Kara Garlitz) who is eight months pregnant. Dennis Sanders (Wade Shirley) will take over as Mount Pleasant's pastor. Join the Sanders Family as they send Mervin and June off in style, with hilarious and touching stories and twenty-five toe-tapping Bluegrass

Gospel favorites.

Come and see new and old faces of the Sanders Family, including the twins, Dennis and Denise (Vickie Schwiening), and of course the loveable Ms. Maude (Danny Crowder) and Ms. Myrtle (Kathy Mankin.)

Performances will be Fridays 8:00 pm; Saturdays 8:00 pm; Sundays at 3:00 pm; February 13--February 15; Dinner Theater February 14th ONLY, (two seatings) February 20--February 22; February 27--March 1.

Theater Box Office will be open Mon.-Fri 2:00 pm-5:00pm, beginning February 2-27. Call or come by the theater office (115 SW Main). Limited seating. Tickets/must be prepaid.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

County employees, friends and family looked on as retired Judge Johnny Griffin jokingly chastised Judge Charlie Bradley for presenting him with a clock as a retirement gift. Griffin was presented with a clock and money clip from Schleicher County employees and elected officials in recognition of his 30 years of service to the county during a reception held Monday afternoon, January 26 at the Memorial Building. Bradley also presented Griffin with an autographed copy of "BARBARA JORDAN, Speaking the Truth with Eloquent Thunder" by Max Sherman.

YFZ Ranch leader, spokesman questioned by minor's lawyer

Natalie Malonis, the ad litem attorney appointed to represent 17-year-old Teresa Jeffs, daughter of FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs, won the right last week to question YFZ Ranch overseer Merrill Jessop and the ranch's spokesman, Willie Jessop.

Malonis met with Merrill Jessop and his attorney on Friday, January 23 in the Schleicher County Courthouse where the deposition got underway. When

Jessop exercised his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, Malonis sought a ruling from Judge Barbara Walther, who heard the request by phone.

The judge reportedly compelled Jessop to answer some of Malonis' questions. However, Jessop continued his Fifth Amendment pleadings, prompting Judge Walther to schedule a hearing for Monday,

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Local Family Clinic to offer extended hours on Thursdays

Schleicher County Family Clinic will be offering extended hours on Thursdays beginning on Thursday, February 5th.

The clinic will remain open from 5 to 7 p.m. by appointment only.

The new hours are offered as a convenience for local residents whose work or school schedules make it difficult for them

to come to the clinic during regular hours.

Once again, the clinic will be open on Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. beginning next week. The extended hours are available by appointment only.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 325-853-3137.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Hustle for the Ball

Miles Mikeska managed to save this loose ball Monday night as the dove out-of-bounds in pursuit of the sphere. Mikeska tipped the ball back to one his teammates during the Eagles game with Menard. The Yellowjackets prevailed 55-51 in the district contest despite spirited play by the Eldorado boys who battled back from a 29-10 halftime deficit.

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Do we really want another New Deal?

Barack Obama's lefty admirers are agitating for a new New Deal. We'll know that we've achieved that blessed state when the government destroys 6 million baby pigs - turning many of them into grease and fertilizer (anything but food) - to prop up the price of pork. Or when it plows under a quarter of the South's cotton and slaughters pregnant cows.

American agricultural policy remains perverse to this day, but nobody is calling for the willy-nilly destruction of American crops and livestock as a means of checking deflation and fostering economic recovery. New Deal nostalgics forget all the elements of Franklin Roosevelt's program that were frankly absurd and economically ruinous.

Should we want Obama to propose a quasi-militaristic program to empower business cartels to set prices, on the model of FDR's National Recovery Administration? Should he take his cue from FDR and prosecute businesses that discount their products, giving strapped consumers a break? Should he triple taxes, hiking excise taxes on common consumer goods and imposing an entirely new payroll tax on employment? Should he crib from FDR's speeches and demonize business and investors? Should he create government make-work jobs and pay people to clear trails in the national parks and unemployed artists to paint murals in post offices?

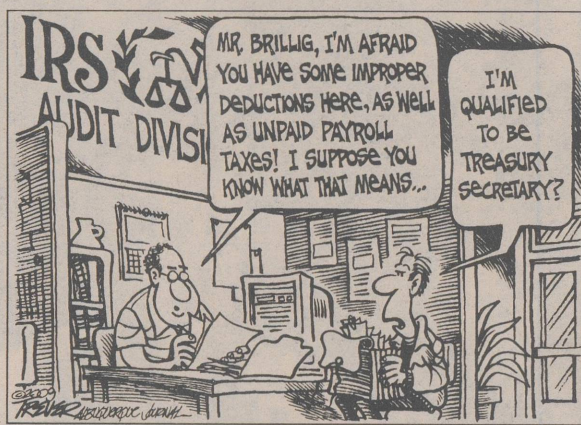
The New Deal has been much discussed lately as the country has plunged into its worst financial crisis since the 1930s. And an amazing event has occurred: The left has admitted that the New Deal did not in fact -- as all Americans learned in their schoolbooks -- end the Great Depression. For the longest time, the New Deal coasted on a glorious reputation that shielded it from its record. As Mark Twain remarked, "Once a man acquires a reputation as an early riser, he can start sleeping until noon every day."

In 1938, the unemployment rate was back to 19 percent, as the country swooned into "the depression within the depression." FDR's advocates say the problem was that, after economic gains, he pulled back too soon on his program of deficit spending. As Jim Powell, author of "FDR's Folly," points out, this concedes that FDR had failed to foster a business climate strong enough for recovery. (Have any of Obama's boosters noticed, by the way, that a program of massive deficit spending that will be quickly rolled up as soon as the economy begins to recover is "exactly" what Obama is proposing now?)

Most analysts agree that World War II ended the Depression. The left tries to appropriate the war for the New Deal by characterizing it as simply a public-works program writ large -- as if global cataclysm, with millions killed, countries overrun by invading armies and major cities reduced to rubble, is just the thing we need to get an economy moving again.

FDR was a prodigious political talent, whose high spirits and well-chosen words inspired the public, and a man of great personal courage. He left his imprint forever on American government, for better or worse. He was an exceptional wartime leader. Much can be said in his favor -- except he didn't end the Great Depression. Barack Obama, take note.

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Flick, Al Gore and other climatologists

Do you remember the movie, "A Christmas Story?"

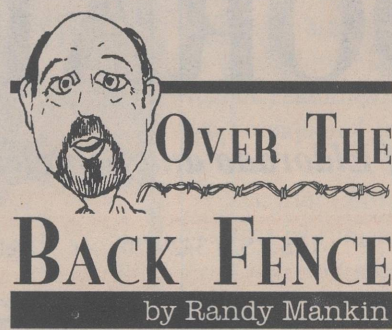
You know, the one where young Ralphie and his pals convince their friend Flick to stick his tongue to a frozen flagpole.

I was reminded of that scene late Tuesday night as I left the office and headed home. A fine mist was falling and a thin sheet of ice was rapidly forming on everything exposed to the north wind.

"Global Warming!" I muttered to myself as I cleared the ice from the driver's side window of my pickup.

Interestingly, Al Gore, the godfather of global warming, appeared before a congressional committee on Wednesday to discuss the very topic. The hearing had been delayed by a day because Washington, D.C. was also covered in a sheet of ice and snow, prompting at least one reporter to question the validity of the theory that won Gore his Nobel Prize.

I remember as a youngster, the newspapers and news magazines were full of stories about the impending Ice Age, replete with statistics and graphs to reinforce the inevitable conclusion that the Earth was getting colder by the day. There were even artists renderings of glaciers sweeping across the land, obliterating everything



that lay in their path.

Naturally, the gloom and doom headlines lead to a series of scholarly books being published on the subject. Then Hollywood got involved and the pending Ice Age became the cause du jour.

As more and more data is coming forward debunking much of the hysteria surrounding the Global Warming craze, the purveyors of pop science seem to be changing their vocabulary. Climate Change is their latest catch phrase.

That's pretty smart, actually, since it allows for temperature swings in both directions and opens up more opportunity for aspiring Nobel Laureates and/or wannabe climate czars.

Of course, there have been many other fads and/or crazes. Flying saucers, overpopulation, nuclear winter, and/or chemically mutated sea monsters crawling out of Lake Erie, have all been the subject of quasi-scientific speculation, along with tsunamis, volcanoes,

earthquakes, toxic waste, killer asteroids and irradiated vegetables.

But none of them have captured the world's imagination like the prospect of global warming.

Perhaps that's because the bulk of the Earth's population lives within spitting distance of an ocean. Rising temperatures mean rising sea levels and rising sea levels mean...well you get the picture.

None of this changes the fact that I should have brought a coat to work with me on Tuesday. As I headed home that night, my windbreaker wasn't quite getting the job done.

Maybe that's what put me in mind of Flick and his flagpole dilemma.

I seriously doubt Flick cared much about the environment, but he did manage to use his very personal environmental issue as an opportunity to scream loudly and flail his arms, thereby attracting attention to himself.

Did Al Gore do any less?

In light of the recent revelations that the globe isn't warming nearly as quickly as we were led to believe, perhaps the Nobel Committee should retrace its steps.

Or, maybe they could just confer a special award on Flick, a true pioneer in trumpeting the effects of climate change.

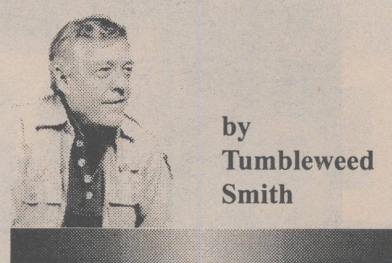


Some T&P Railroad Trivia

During the past year, I've been working on a video documentary about the Texas and Pacific Railway. The Heritage Museum in Big Spring will have a T & P exhibit in March and the video will be shown as part of that. I've run across some fun stuff: Gene Autry was a telegraph operator at Tioga, Texas for one of the small lines running into the T & P. The town of Allamore in far west Texas is named for a T & P telegraph operator, Alla Moore. Some say the T & P stood for Time and Patience.

Jay Gould, the owner of the T & P in the 1880's, instructed his cook, Aunt Kate, to make some French-fried potatoes. He kept sending them back, telling her they were not up to his standards. So Aunt Kate took a straight razor and shaved a potato into tissue-thin slices and put them in a kettle of boiling grease. The result was the first potato chip. Jay Gould once gave his manager in Dallas a car. But the thing caused so much consternation among horses and people he seldom drove it.

A runaway train at Baird caused a three-locomotive collision in 1947.



by
Tumbleweed Smith

A group of Chinese men working on the railroad died in a train accident near Odessa and were buried in a mass grave. The spot is known as Chinamen's Grave.

The railroad agent at Gordon wore a pistol in the early days of the railroad because train robberies were so common.

Between Marshall and Hallsville there is an area of small hills. In the early days of the railroad the area was known as The Alps. Low-powered trains sometimes lost cars that would roll down the hills. The engineer was known to sing "Near My God to Thee."

East of Colorado City a huge buffalo was blocking the tracks. It bowed its head like it was going to attack the steam engine. The engineer didn't want to get his locomotive scratched, so he let loose with a

loud hiss of steam and the buffalo sauntered off the tracks.

In Pecos, cowboys made a roadmaster dance by shooting bullets at his feet. All along the railroad in its early years cowboys shot out lights in train stations. Later the lights were turned off at night. One paymaster was scared because he had heard that a Texan had to kill a man before breakfast in order to enjoy his food.

In early days railroad ties were not secured in the dirt and someone said you could grow a crop of corn in the floor of the coach.

One little place ten miles west of Kent is known as Boracho, probably a misspelling of the word borracho, which means drunk in Spanish. It got its name during the construction of the railroad. The crew of the T & P, building west, was beating the competing Southern Pacific, building east. It was a race to see who could reach El Paso first. The SP crew donated several wagon-loads of whiskey to their rivals and took the lead while the T & P crew was sleeping off the effects of the three-day drunk.

Governor asks lawmakers to support property rights

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 22 urged lawmakers to add an amendment to the state constitution to fortify property owners' rights against abuses of eminent domain.

In a speech to the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Austin, Perry mentioned legislation already in effect that protects landowners.

"Through Senate Bill 7, we made it clear that Texans will not tolerate taking land for economic development or giving it to a private developer. Unless we take action on these protections, private property rights in Texas will begin to erode and undermine the very character of our state."

Texas lawmakers passed SB 7 in 2005 after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in Kelo v. New London (Conn.) ruled that government entities could use eminent domain authority for economic development projects rather than traditional public uses. The bill prohibits acquisition of land for non-public use, such as commercial development or private purposes.

The governor was joined by state Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. Rob Orr who will propose legislation to fortify property rights, and Susette Kelo, plaintiff in the Kelo v. New London case.

Duncan plans to propose a constitutional amendment to prevent private property from being taken for economic or private development purposes. If passed by the Legislature, Texas voters would vote for or against the measure in a constitutional amendment election in November. A constitutional amendment is much harder to undo than a regular statute.

"Government shouldn't use eminent domain to take someone's land without trying to buy it from them first," Perry said. "It is wrong for any government to make a lowball offer, then respond to an owner's righteous refusal by taking the land. The government owes land owners a genuine good-faith negotiation, not a land grab."

In other matters, the governor is scheduled to deliver his State of the State Address to a joint session of the Legislature in the House Chamber on Jan. 27.

The Texas State Constitution compels the governor to "give to the Legislature information, by message, of the condition of the State" as well as to "recommend to the Legislature such measures as he may deem expedient" at the commencement of each session of the Texas Legislature.

Revised 'corridor' plan unveiled

At an annual transportation forum in early January, Amadeo Saenz, director of the Texas Department of Transportation, unveiled a report, "Innovative Connectivity in Texas / Vision 2009."

The report is available online at www.dot.state.tx.us. It lists revised guidelines for development of the "Trans-Texas Corridor" and describes the transformation of the original proposed project, a 4,000-mile network of nearly quarter-mile-wide corridors combining toll roads, railroad tracks and utility lines.

An excerpt from the report says the private firm Cintra Zachry is helping TxDOT on a master development plan that is "a living document that will be updated over the next 50 years as transportation needs change."

Cintra is a global company based in Madrid, Spain, and Zachry is based in San Antonio.

SBOE amends curriculum words

The State Board of Education voted
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OBITUARIES

Rita Trevino

ELDORADO - Rita Trevino, Roberto Garcia; sisters Stefana 78, from Eldorado, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan 19, 2008. Mrs. Trevino was born in Austin, Texas. She lived in Sonora for a short while but most of her life she lived in Eldorado.

Rita was married to Fernando Trevino in Muzquiz Coahuila. He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1997.

Mrs. Trevino loved to live out in the country where most of her children were raised. She loved tending to her chickens, sewing and most of all, cooking. When grandchildren were asked what they will mostly remember about her, they all agreed - her cooking.

She was a loving mom and grandmother and a very dedicated church member of Templo Getsemani where she made many friendships, especially her pastors Peter Thornton and wife Maria, whom she considered family.

She is survived by one brother

Roberto Garcia; sisters Stefana Garcia Campos and Francisca Garcia Martinez; daughters Lourdes Capuchina and husband Jesse of Sonora, Texas, Blanca Martinez and husband Baldemar Martinez of Fort Worth, Rosa Robles and husband Mario Robles of Eldorado, and Dora Trevino of Eldorado; her adored son, Fernando Trevino and wife Alma of Sonora, Texas; daughter Becky Barajas and husband Jesse of Ingleside, Texas. Luby Barajas and husband Ramiro Barajas of Ingleside, Texas; 15 grandsons and seven granddaughters, and 12 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be her six sons-in-law. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren. She was a loving friend, mom and grandmother and will be dearly missed.

Funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 22, at Agape Church in Eldorado, Texas. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.



Leah Brooke Minor

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It's A Girl!

Brence and Ashley Minor are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Leah Brooke, born January 14, 2009 weighing 8 pounds and being 19 inches long. Leah's sister is Mýa Nichole and proud grandparents are Tommy and Beverly Minor, and Bryan and Mary Doran, all of Eldorado.

SC Senior Citizens Board meets, elects new officers

Five members of the board met on January 22, 2009 to elect a new President. Members present elected Sarah Yates as the new president to replace Juanice Orr who moved away. Director Carol Gault reported on happenings since the last meeting and the board discussed the need of a bake sale to replenish funds. It was voted to hold the bake sale on April 10th. Watch this paper for ads nearer to the date of the sale.

Members present for the meet-

ing were: Luz Valero, Ives Swain, Peggy Grelle, Maria Torres, and Barbara Jackson in addition to Sarah Yates and Carol Gault.

The center presently delivers meals to 26-31 shut-ins and serves about 12 seniors during the lunch hour.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY February 2, 2009
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk.

TUESDAY February 3rd
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/Pears

WEDNESDAY February 4th
Oven Pork Chops, Noodles, Carrots, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk.

THURSDAY February 5th
Meatloaf w/Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY February 6th
Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.

DEATH NOTICES

Lela Anne Brooks Hawkins

SAN ANGELO — Lela Anne Brooks Hawkins, 77, of San Angelo passed away Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009.

Service was Wednesday, Jan. 28, in Johnson's Funeral Home. Burial followed in Mule Creek Cemetery.

Survivors include her son, Billy T. Hawkins and wife Chrystal of

San Angelo; a sister, Iris Hamiter of San Angelo; an aunt, Jake Abernathy; two daughters, Sheri Anne Hawkins, and Tina Stasey and Reggie Morales of San Angelo; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Iris Hamiter of San Angelo; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Victor Edmund Englert

FORT STOCKTON — Victor Edmund Englert, 88, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, in Fort Stockton. Funeral was held Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Fort Stockton Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Englert; sons Bill Englert and wife Joan of Montgomery, and Jerry Englert and

wife Linda of Snyder; a brother, Reuben Englert and wife Ruby of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He and his wife moved to Eldorado in 1951 to try ranching. A severe drought ended that effort and the couple moved to Fort Stockton in the fall of 1956.

SAGHS members to discuss Soiled Doves of San Angelo

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society proudly announces Suzanne Campbell, head, West Texas Collection of the Porter Henderson Library at ASU is the speaker for the February 2009 meeting.

Ms. Campbell's informative presentation will reveal colorful history

about Annie Black and her girls at the SAGHS monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Christian Life Center of the First Baptist Church, 20 East Harris Avenue.

For more information call (325) 942-5741 or (325) 944-8403, or email at SAGHS,Inc@gmail.com.

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7th Grade Girls Basketball Team placed 2nd at the Rocksprings 7th Grade Tournament held January 17, 2009 in Rocksprings. Members are Madison Albin, Megan Reel, Lisa Olivarez, Adrianna Rios, Lupe Pasillas, Mikayla Ramon, Odette Barrientos, Addye Chatham, Amber Shipman, Macy Mikeska, Kimberly Sanchez, Maria Reyes Elizabeth Estrada, Jordan MacCulloch and Coach Teresa Shirley.



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7th Grade girls place 2nd in Rocksprings Tourney

The 7th grade Lady Eagles placed 2nd in the Rocksprings Jr. High Tournament held January 17, 2009 in Rocksprings. Leaky won first place.

The Lady Eagles won against Junction in the first round 34-13. Top scorer was Mikayla Ramon who made 16 baskets, 6 in the first quarter.

Lisa Olivarez scored 6 points. Adrianna Rios and Maria Reyes each scored 4 points each. Kimberly Sanchez and Madison Albin scored 2 points. After winning against Junction the girls moved on to play Leaky who beat Rocksprings. Eldorado lost to Leaky 19-43. Top scorer in

this game was Mikayla Ramon with 11 points. Maria Reyes score 4 and Madison Albin and Odette Barrientos scoring 2 points each. The Lady Eagles each received a 2nd place medal. The 7th grade Eagles took 3rd place in the same tournament against Bracketville.

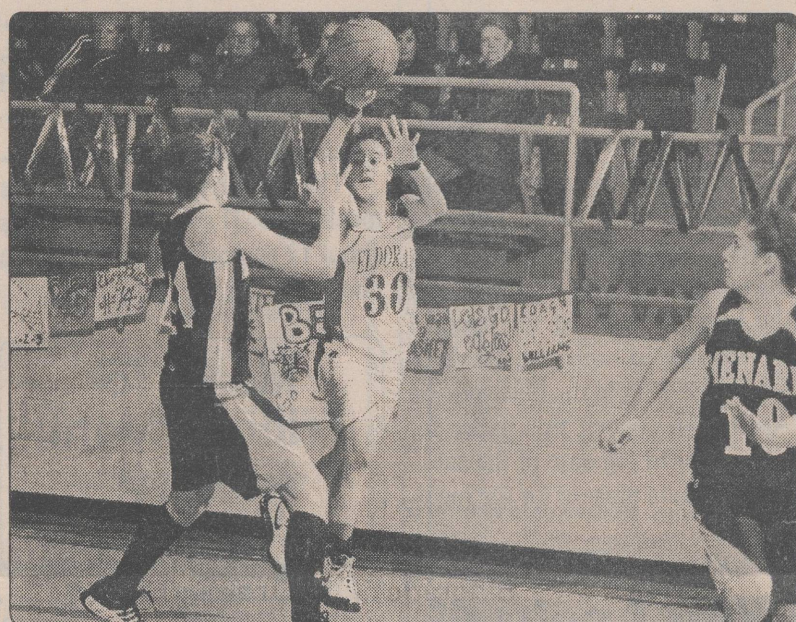


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Aubrey Martinez passes the ball inside as the Lady Eagles take on the Menard Lady Yellowjackets on Tuesday night. Menard won the game 44-42 on a last second shot.

Lady Eagles fall to 2-4

by J.L. Mankin

The Lady Eagles district record fell to 2-4 this week with losses to Irion County and Menard.

Eldorado ran into an Irion County team Friday that was hitting its stride as the Lady Eagles fell 33-61.

Eldorado was never within striking distance in the contest as they were able to break into double digit scoring in only one quarter. Mertzson marked up quarters of 14, 13, 17 and 17 points to secure their win.

Allyson Jarrett led the Lady Eagles in scoring with 14 points in the game.

Brianah Creek finished the night with six points.

Haley Higgins and Kadie Niblett had four points, while Aubrey Martinez finished with three.

Bridgett Mitchell rounded out the scoring with two points.

The loss set the Lady Eagles back with a 2-3 record heading into their game against Menard on Tuesday.

Eldorado started off their game against Menard with a 12-7 lead after the first quarter of play.

A slump hit the Lady Eagles during the second quarter as Menard rallied their way back to tie the contest heading into the half.

The Lady Eagles were edged out during the third quarter allowing Menard to score 13 points to their 10.

The local girls fought to keep the game within reach before Menard broke down Eldorado's press and hit a last second shot to take the two point win.

Martinez led the team with 13 points on the night.

Higgins and Creek both tallied up eight points, while Niblett finished the evening with six points.

Jarrett was good for four points, while Corie Williams rounded out the teams scoring with three.

The Lady Eagles will travel to Miles Friday with their game slated for 6:30 p.m.

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 Wednesday February 4
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 Thursday February 5
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 Wednesday February 4
 Cowboy Beans/ Cornbread, Carrot Stix / Dip, Potato Salad, Sugar Cookies
 Thursday February 5
 Chalupas / Cheese Cup, Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pear Halves
 Friday February 6
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chilis, Sandwich Salad, Apple Halves

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ALL MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Eagles face setback with pair of district losses

by J.L. Mankin

The Eldorado Eagles Varsity Boy's basketball season faced two set backs over the course of Friday and Tuesday's games.

The first set back came against Irion County as the Warbirds fell on the road 70-65.

The Eagles held a slight advantage heading into the half, but let that lead slip away in the third quarter.

During that period Irion County out scored Eldorado 21-9.

The Eagles made a fourth quarter push, but could not find the points it would need to knock off the Hornets on their home court.

Rance Cathey led the team in scoring with 27 points in the game.

Mason Baker finished the evening with 20 points.

Josh Jurecek, Eloy Bustos and Ryan Castillo each ended the evening with four points.

Miles Mikeska and Dylan Dombroski each had three points on the night.

The Warbirds were forced to play Menard at an earlier time Tuesday evening due to inclement weather conditions.

The game, which ended 55-51 in favor of the Yellowjackets, put the

Warbirds district record at 2-2 on the season.

The game started off slow for Eldorado with Menard getting off to a quick 16-4 jump going into the second quarter.

The Eagles would tack another six points onto that total to make it a 29-10 game heading into the half.

Eldorado's toughness was evident during the third quarter as the team rallied back behind the 13 third quarter points from Cathey.

The Eagles placed 23 points on the board in the third quarter and 18 in the fourth. This was while holding Menard to 13 in each stanza.

Menard found all the points it needed though as the Warbirds found themselves in foul trouble and just out of reach of the win.

Dustin Ramos led the team with 22 points.

Cathey came alive during the second half scoring all of his 16 points, while Baker finished the night with nine points.

Castillo totalled two points, while both Paul Martinez and Jurecek hit one free throw.

The Eagles will next travel to Miles Friday in hopes of improving their record to 3-2 in district play.

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You should know that Mammograms save lives!

by Courtney Barbee, County Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences

Mammograms can cut breast cancer deaths as much as 1/3. That is why the American Cancer Society recommends women aged 40 and older be screened for breast cancer with a mammogram once a year. A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. It is the best method used to detect breast cancer early and prevent death since the cancer is easier to treat at that point. Using a mammogram for breast cancer screening can reduce death from breast cancer by about 20-35% in women aged 50-69 years old.

Due to education about breast cancer, more women are getting mammograms, and the death rate has gone down. However, low income, rural women are at greater risk for dying from breast cancer since fewer of them get mammograms. There are a variety of reasons why low income, rural women may not be getting mammograms. Among them is the fact that they may not have easy access to mammogram screening facilities. Another reason is the cost keeps them away. Others may just want to avoid the chance they may find out that they have breast cancer.

Unfortunately, as women get older, their chance of developing breast cancer increases.



County Agent's Update

by Courtney Barbee

With increasing age, it becomes even more important to be screened regularly. While screenings may not be as readily available in some rural areas, it is often available in nearby medical centers. Find out if a local hospital does breast screenings. If not, contact a larger urban hospital and inquire if they have mobile mammography units that go out into your rural community, and when and where they will be in your area. For individuals who may not have transportation to medical services, check to see if your area might have a service to transport rural citizens to urban locations that provide more services. There may be a fee for their service, but that fee may be waived for persons who meet certain income requirements.

If cost is a factor, check with your local clinic and inquire if they offer the Breast and

Cervical Cancer Service (BCCS) program. This is a program the Centers for Disease Control funds to assist low income women. To qualify for the program, a woman must be low-income as defined by BCCS policy, uninsured, under age 65, a Texas resident, and a U.S. citizen or qualified alien. To find out if you qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram and Pap test and where to get screened in your area, call 1-512-458-7796. For women over age 65 and some who may be specially qualified, know that screening mammograms are covered once every 12 months.

If you are an individual who just does not want to know if you have breast cancer, remember that early detection does save lives. The death rate for breast cancer is greater among low-income, rural women as a whole because they are the ones not getting mammograms.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas are working together to inform Texas women about breast cancer prevention. For more information on how to access resources and to schedule a mammogram in your area, contact your Courtney Barbee, County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences at (325) 853-2132.

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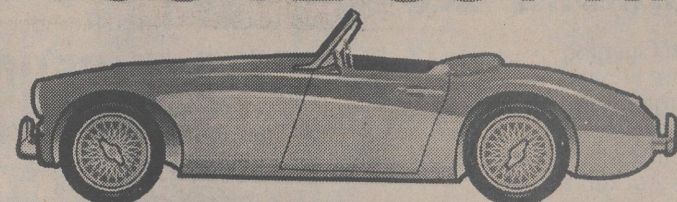


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DPS offers winter weather emergency checklist

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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES FOR VEHICLE

- Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, including mittens and hat
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries, booster cables
- First-aid kit, high-calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter for de-icing roadway
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, tow rope and shovel

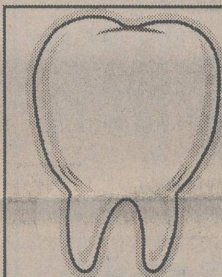
EMERGENCY TIPS FOR HOME

If heavy ice on power lines cuts off utility service, be extremely careful using generators or gas powered equipment. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless, deadly and can build up in a matter of minutes. Do not use generators, charcoal grills or gas grills inside the house, garage or other enclosed space. Do not try to heat the house using a gas range or oven. Be

prepared at home or work with these supplies:

- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio, extra batteries
- Emergency supplies of food, water, medicine, medical supplies and items needed by babies or the elderly
- Heating fuel in the event fuel carriers cannot get through
- Properly ventilated emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater
- Fire extinguisher, smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector.

For more winter weather preparedness information, see: <http://www.weather.gov>.



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CEM-infected stallion confirmed in Texas

AUSTIN — The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) reports that laboratory tests have confirmed that a stallion in Texas is infected with contagious equine metritis (CEM), a highly contagious venereal disease of horses.

The Texas-born quarter horse had spent the 2008 breeding season in Kentucky, where CEM was detected in a stallion during routine testing in mid-December. As of January 15, a total of nine infected stallions have been detected: four in Kentucky, three in Indiana, and one each in Wisconsin and Texas. All of the infected stallions have epidemiological links to one or more CEM-infected equine during the

2007 or 2008 breeding season. State and federal authorities are continuing to seek the source of the infection.

At least 38 states are involved in a nationwide epidemiological investigation and testing of about 275 horses that may have been exposed to CEM through natural breeding or artificial insemination.

The disease can be spread among stallions, if strict biosecurity measures are not maintained during the collection of semen. CEM is not routinely spread through casual contact or shared boarding facilities, and horses can be treated with disinfectants and antibiotics to wipe out the infection.

Potentially exposed and infected equine animals are being held under movement restrictions by state animal health authorities, until they test negative for the disease or they complete veterinary treatment and are certified as CEM-negative.

Currently, the TAHC is working with accredited private veterinary practitioners to test another stallion and 21 mares with potential exposure to CEM. In some cases, CEM may cause infected mares to abort.

CEM is not known to affect humans. The equine disease was first detected in the U.S. in 1978, then again in 1979. In both instances, the limited outbreaks were eradicated.

Russian earthquake rattles TDA Lab

GIDDINGS — State workers at the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) metrology lab in Giddings, Texas, became concerned yesterday when some of their measuring equipment started fluctuating in strange ways.

"We were puzzled by the abrupt changes and first assumed there was some sort of electrical power

problem," Harvey Fischer, TDA Metrology Coordinator said.

The super sensitive scales were actually picking up tremors from an earthquake halfway around the world. On Thursday, Jan. 15, just before noon CST, a 7.3 magnitude quake struck the Kuril Islands off the coast of Russia. Forty-five minutes later the shock wave

created by the quake and traveling through the earth's surface was picked up at the Giddings lab.

"I always knew our state-of-the-art equipment was in great working order and sensitive to the slightest weights, but I had no idea it was so powerful it could pick up tremors from an earthquake thousands of miles away," Agriculture

Commissioner Todd Staples said.

The United States Geological Survey Center confirmed the lab was picking up tremors from the massive quake. The area of the earthquake's epicenter is sparsely populated, and there are no reports of deaths.

TDA's Weights & Measures program operates the metrology laboratory. The lab calibrates all types of standards and weighing devices to meet the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technologies.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Haley Higgins puts up a shot over Menard defenders as the Lady Eagles hosted the Lady Yellowjackets on Tuesday night. The Menard girls won the contest 44-42 on a last second basket.

Four Eagles receive nod for post-season honors

The Eldorado Eagles football team placed for players on the All-West Texas Team as selected by the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Dustin Gauna, a 5-10, 220 lb. senior, picked as the team's Tight End while 6-1 260 lb. senior Timmy Maskill made the team as an Offensive Lineman.

Junior running back, Wes Brown,

5-9, 160 lbs., was also selected for the offensive squad.

On the defensive side of the ball, Eldorado sophomore Miles Mikaska, 5-11, 175 lbs. was selected as a Linebacker.

Dakota Rawls, a sophomore from Bronte, was the only other sophomore named to the team. Hew qualified for the team as a punter.

County Commissioners...

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2009 fiscal year.

It was then noted that community members Nancy Lester, Syllas Polite, Kim Albin, Katy Meador, Lupe Sanchez, Stacy Haynes and Doug Garvin have agreed to serve on the Master Park and Open Space Planning Committee in order to provide input on a park for a new swimming pool and park complex. The list was approved by the court and the names will be sent to Tom Brown with Naismith Engineering who was hired to implement the plan.

Kary Gibson, the newly elected president of the Eldorado Game Association, stopped by to ask the commissioners if they would consider purchasing new wireless public address system for use at the Civic Center and Rodeo Arena. Commissioner Kirk Griffin indicated the supported the purchase of a "deluxe system" for \$3,220 and suggested the county closely monitor the use of the system. With that the commissioners voted to authorize the purchase.

The commissioners then discussed and amended a rental agreement with the Eldorado Game Association, effectively waiving future rental fees for the Civic Center. It was noted that the association has purchased new tables and chairs for the center and otherwise help to improve the facility.

County Road Superintendent Clay Burleson next asked if his crews could demolish the old roadside park on County Road 301 (Old San Angelo Highway.) Burleson advised that the park is frequently used as a dumping ground. It was agreed to place the item on a future agenda for consideration.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson then distributed the annual financial report for 2008 for the commissioners to review.

Judge Bradley then asked if a security company could come

and give the court demonstration on metal detectors and the commissioners agreed to schedule a demo.

Sheriff Doran advised that in addition to court metal detectors the county consider installing panic buttons in the various county offices. The county has a special security fund established for the items, which could be purchase without touching the county's regular budget.

Judge Bradley then asked County Attorney Clint Griffin to write a new lease agreement for the Schleicher County ISD school lands in Gaines County recently released by former tenant farmer Jerry D. Harris. The commissioners will consider the new lease agreement at a special meeting on Friday, January 30th.

It was noted that the county has received \$326,796.62 in new invoices from ad litem guardians and attorneys for representing the YFZ children in the civil cases. To date the State Comptroller has reimbursed Schleicher County in the amount of \$576,226.88 for fees involving the YFZ.

County Extension Agents Cody Bundick and Courtney Barbee then visited briefly with the court about leaving the tables and chairs set up in the portion of the Civic Center used by the 4-H Shooting Sports from week to week. The commissioners had no problem with that arrangement.

The meeting was presided over by County Judge Charlie Bradley with Commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin, Lynn Meador and Johnny Mayo in attendance. Deputy Clerk Sarah McNealy, and Treasurer Karen Henderson were also in attendance.

Other than the special meeting called for 9 a.m. on Friday, January 30th, the commissioners will next meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Schleicher County Courthouse.

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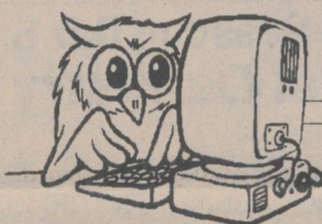
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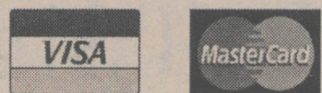
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10. "Woe _"	66. "Slung" dish	4. "What's _ for me?"	11. Time on the job	26. Guinness serving
14. Without support	67. Lady's escort	5. Rink fake	12. Mutt's woe	27. Ruler division
15. Went like heck	68. Drum accompanying a sitar	6. Reply to "Who's there?"	13. Pelted on Halloween	28. Commotion
16. For men only	DOWN	7. Voting "nay"	18. One-named artist	29. Pit goo
17. X is the symbol for this	1. Seemingly bound-	8. Sun or moon	19. Small warbler	31. _ down (criticizes)
20. Walks feebly			23. Whack job	33. Movie studio sights
21. Place to hit a bucket of balls				34. Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
22. Pewter, in part				35. Mole, to a gardener
24. Like many wedding tuxes				36. Pseudo-cultured
25. Duller of the senses				38. Caboose's place
30. Turn topsy-turvy				39. Fabric fuzz
32. Pop's Ronstadt				40. _-mo replay
33. Well-worn pencil				44. One way to pay
34. Massage locale				45. Hammer end
37. X indicates one				46. Walk of Fame implant
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42. Hellenic H's				48. Hello hello
43. Top-tier invitees				49. Frosty coatings
44. "No bid," in bridge				51. Bloodhound's lead
46. Lacking consistency				54. Boss Tweed lampooner
47. Elliot's Silas				55. Utah ski resort
50. Gussed-at fig.				56. Wild guess
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53. Two-deck game				58. "Diana" singer Paul
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1st Gene Johnson, Mark Lloyd, Lesa Kennedy, John Paul Joiner, Mark Lloyd, Jimmy Gilstrap, Melissa Andrews, Brittany Reyes
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Tax tips for Armed Forces Reservists and National Guard members

DALLAS — Reservists and National Guard members work hard to keep our country safe and should be sure to take all the deductions and credits for which they qualify.

"Some tax breaks and a review of your current tax situation may result in a bigger refund or less taxes to be paid come tax time," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Don't put off doing your tax return until the last minute—do your homework at IRS.gov and see what you might be missing."

If you are a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces and you travel more than

100 miles away from home in connection with your performance of services as a member of the reserves, you can usually deduct your travel expenses as an adjustment to income on line 24 of Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, rather than as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. Include all expenses from the time you leave home until the time you return home. The deduction is limited to the amount the federal government pays its employees for travel expenses.

For federal tax purposes, you are a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces if you are in the Army, Navy, Marine

Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard Reserve, the Army National Guard of the United States, the Air National Guard of the United States, or the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service.

Sanford said to check into the e-file and Free File programs at IRS.gov. "E-file plus the option of direct deposit into your bank account is the fastest and safest way to get your refund," he added. In addition to getting refunds in as little as 10 days, the error rate of an e-filed return is less than one percent compared to 20 percent for a paper tax return. IRS e-file is the most efficient way to prepare your taxes, particularly taking into consideration

the 2008 tax law changes. About 70 percent of taxpayers can prepare and file electronically for free when they enter through IRS.gov and use Free File. Click on the blue and green Free File icon at IRS.gov to find out more.

Many members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, and Free File automatically calculates the EITC for them. EITC is a refundable federal tax credit intended to offset taxes paid by low-income workers. It is one of the most successful tax credit programs, helping lift millions of working Americans above the poverty level. The maximum amount of income you

can earn and still claim the earned income credit has increased. You may be able to take the credit if you earned less than \$38,646 (\$41,646 for married filing jointly) if you have two or more qualifying children; \$33,995 (\$36,995 for married filing jointly) if you have one qualifying child; and, \$12,880 (\$15,880 for married filing jointly) if you do not have any qualifying children.

Last year the average refund was \$2,429. IRS e-file meets the

needs of nearly all taxpayers, no matter how complicated or simple their returns are. E-file helps taxpayers take advantage of the tax credits available to them to maximize their refunds during these tough economic times. For more information about these topics and others for military members, see IRS Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift, and Car Expenses, and IRS Publication 3, Armed Forces Tax Guide, both available for download at IRS.gov.

Sen. Hutchison announces \$14 million for Texas airports

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Texas' senior Senator, today announced \$13,923,679 in U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) funding to maintain and repair airports in five Texas cities.

"To best serve the transportation needs of Texas communities, upgrades and repairs must be made to our airports to ensure the safety and security of air travelers," said Sen. Hutchison. "This funding will help expand and improve air services and positively impact residents in these communities."

According to the DOT, these

grants will be used to provide noise mitigation measures and expand and rehabilitate airport runways, taxiways and aprons. The following airports will receive funding:

- Laredo International Airport, Rehabilitate Apron, \$3,540,981;
- East Texas Regional Airport, Expand Apron, \$3,424,621;
- San Angelo Regional - Mathis Airport, Rehabilitate Taxiway, \$3,074,621;
- Midland International Airport, Rehabilitate Runway, \$2,583,456;
- George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Noise Mitigation, \$1,300,000.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Taking a break Natalie Malonis and attorney Jon Davis side step a TV camera crew as they left the Schleicher County Courthouse Friday morning. Natalie Malonis is ad litem attorney for 17 year old Teresa Jeffs, daughter of Warren and Annette Jeffs. Malonis subpoenaed Merrill Jessop and Willie Jessop for depositions. Merrill Jessop deposition was held in Schleicher County Courthouse Friday, January 23, 2009.

Lawyer's questions delayed by 5th Amendment assertions

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January 26th in her San Angelo courtroom.

YFZ Ranch and FLDS Church spokesman Willie Jessop was deposed by Malonis in San Angelo on Monday morning. He, too, asserted his Fifth Amendment rights to some of the questions, putting Malonis back on the phone with the judge.

Soon enough, Jessop and his attorneys were called to join Malonis in Walther's court where Willie Jessop was put on the stand as the judge considered his Fifth Amendment pleadings one by one.

The courtroom session, which began about 2 p.m. lasted until nearly 10 p.m. at which time Judge Walther said she would rule on the assertions but did not indicate exactly when.

Malonis told *The Success* on Tuesday that she expects the depositions of Merrill Jessop and Willie

Jessop will continue once the judge issues her ruling.

Malonis filed papers to give Teresa Jeff's mother, Annette Jeffs, managing conservatorship over the girl who will turn 18 in July. At that time she will become an adult and can manage her own affairs.

Annette Jeffs was present in Eldorado on Friday for Merrill Jessop's deposition.

In addition to the depositions of Merrill and Willie Jessop, Malonis is seeking copies of Annette and Warren Jeffs' income tax returns and financial documents, pay stubs and other records relating to their financial resources.

Malonis previously sought and obtained a Temporary Restraining Order preventing Willie Jessop from contacting Teresa Jeffs. As part of the most recent filings, Malonis asks that the restraining order remain in effect until the custody case is settled.

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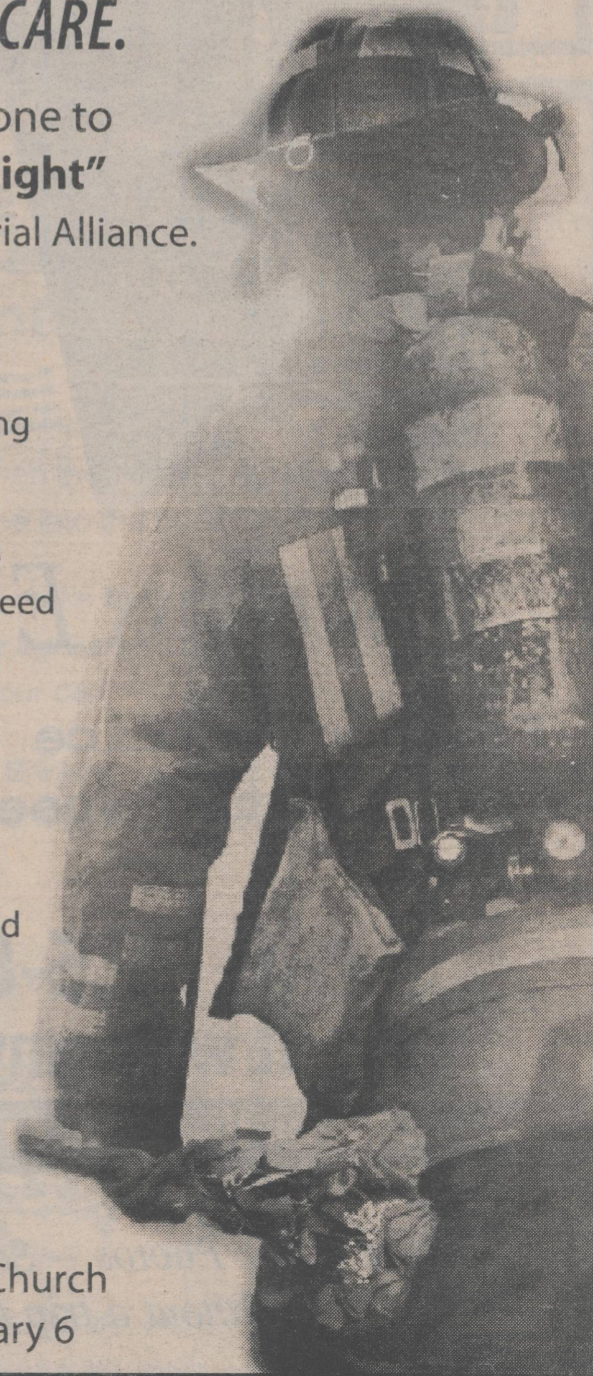
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TWC launches new Veterans employment initiative

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has launched a major new initiative designed to assist veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan in their transition back to the civilian community.

The new initiative is the Texas Veterans Leadership Program (TVLP). "Returning veterans deserve our utmost appreciation, and we must honor their service by easing their reentry into the Texas workforce," said Texas Governor Rick Perry. "The military provided them training and leadership experience in high-pressure situations and taught them their devotion to unit integrity.

Now the state of Texas will ensure that their unique skills are applied and further developed within our economy, helping them succeed in the next phase of their

lives." Support for the new initiative has come from throughout the state executive branch and legislature. Key supporters include Governor Perry, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, and TWC Chairman Tom Pauken.

"Governor Perry and I want Texas to serve as the model for the nation in welcoming our veterans home as they return to civilian life," said Chairman Pauken. "The best means of thanking them for the sacrifices they have made for our state and nation is to put in place a road map for their successful re-integration into civilian life." He notes that the new program is modeled after the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, a successful national program that he established while working in the Reagan administration.

Chairman Pauken frequently describes the TVLP as a program of veterans, pointing out that all field representative of the TVLP are veterans of Iraq, Afghanistan, or both. The program's director is retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Jason Doran, who was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in combat while serving in Iraq.

The TVLP provides one-on-one assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining employment, education, health care, and other benefits earned through the veteran's military service. The program can be tailored to meet a veteran's specific needs.

Employers are key contributors to the program's success. The TVLP works with individual employers to identify skills, talents, and educational requirements that the employer needs from new

employees. The TVLP then assists individual veterans to tailor their skills, talents, and education level to meet the identified needs of employers. The goal of the TVLP is to assist both employers and veterans by helping to match an employer who needs a qualified employee with a veteran who is the most qualified candidate for the job.

Eligible veterans, their family members, and interested employers are encouraged to obtain more information by contacting the local TVLP representative, Steven Gologowski by phone, (325)653-2321, ext. 1288, or by email, steven.gologowski@twc.state.tx.us. More information about the program is also available from the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) VET-TEX1 (888-838-8391), or the Texas Veterans Leadership Program web site, vets.texasworkforce.org.

Capital Highlights...

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unanimously Jan. 23 on science curriculum changes for public schools.

As a result of the vote, the current language "strengths and weaknesses" pertaining to scientific theories of evolution will be replaced

with "analyzing and evaluating." The term "strengths and weaknesses" has been criticized by the scientific community as a soft point for creationist views to be worked into the curriculum.

Samples of recently filed bills

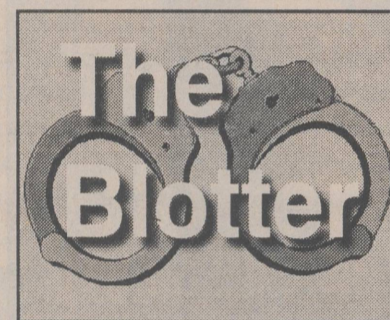
Rep. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, filed HB 720 on Jan. 22, legislation he said would give more small businesses an exemption from the state business tax. Current law exempts businesses with revenue under \$300,000 and gives discounts to those who make up to \$900,000. Under Creighton's bill businesses that have under \$1 million in revenue would be exempt from the tax.

Stimulus idea evokes criticism

Texas stands to receive in the neighborhood of \$30 billion if Congress passes a proposed \$825 billion stimulus package backed by President Barack Obama.

But Gov. Perry and other officials have criticized the proposal, calling it bad policy.

However, if Texas gets the money, it would more than make up current projected shortfalls in the state budget for 2010-2011.



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 may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

JANUARY 23 • Moya, Norberto, male age 22. Offense serving 5 days. Released 1/27, time served.

JANUARY 25 • Fuentes, Alberto Jr., male age 18. Offense DWI. Released 1/26 on \$1,000. surety bond.
JANUARY 25 • Holsey, Michael Brandon. Offense DWLI. Release 1/26 on \$1,000. surety bond.

INCIDENTS

JANUARY 21 - 7:18 PM • Caller requested an officer to location. Officer responded.

JANUARY 22 - 6:59 AM • Female called to see if person was picked up. Male had not made it home. Said she would check with hospital.

5:05 PM • Caller reported theft of a

cell phone. Officer investigated. **JANUARY 23 - 11:13 AM** • Caller requested to speak to an officer.

9:23 PM • Dispatcher requested an officer to location of burglar alarm that had sounded. Officer responded everything was OK.

JANUARY 24 - 2:55 PM • Caller reported a criminal trespass. Officer responded criminal trespass was served on Hugo Rios.

5:48 PM • Officer reported 2 helicopters running cattle through two fences. One black and the other blue with gray accents.

JANUARY 25 - 10:24 PM • Caller reported an under age person possibly drinking with some older men. Officer responded and discovered mother of minor was present.

JANUARY 26 - 12:46 AM • Caller requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

6:21 AM • Caller was calling to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

5:55 PM • Caller reported a pickup pulling a trailer that had the tailgate dragging the roadway. Officer dispatched.

9:44 PM • Caller reported someone spotlighting near a company yard. Officers responded.

JANUARY 27 - 2:32 AM • Caller reported a fire at plant. Firefighters paged out.

11:21 AM • Caller reported loud music. Officer notified.

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There are several risk factors in contracting cervical cancer. Women who smoke are almost twice as likely to develop cervical cancer. A virus—the human papilloma virus, or HPV, is believed to be the most common cause of cervical cancer. Family history also plays a role in developing cervical cancer. Women whose mothers or sisters have had cervical cancer are more likely to get the disease themselves.

The Pap test or Pap smear is an important tool for the early detection and prevention of cervical cancer. It can detect abnormal cells and early cervical cancer, which can be treated successfully. It is recommended that women receive yearly Pap tests beginning three years after they become sexually active, but no later than 21 years of age.

Rebecca "Beckie" Sullivan, Family Nurse Practitioner at Schleicher County Medical Center is available along with our other providers for cervical cancer screenings and questions you may have regarding cervical cancer. For additional information, or to schedule an appointment call 325-853-3137.



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Our Grand Total for 2009 was \$6,125. and this exceeded the total for 2008. Great job Eldorado.

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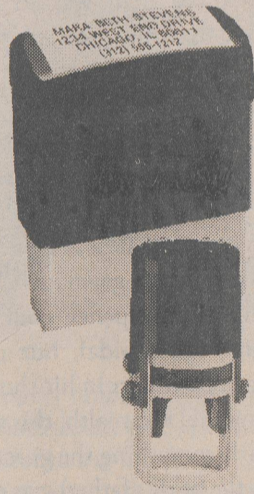
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This group of Eldorado citizens, and special guest speaker, cancer-survivor and Hero of Hope Sue Sorrels of San Angelo, met January 15 to plan for the 3rd Annual Relay for Life at the Middle School Library. Teams are being formed and begun their strategy for fund raising for this year's relay. They invite you to participate as one of their teams members or form your own. This year's Relay For Life will take place on May 15-16th at the Eldorado High School Track. This year's goal is \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society.

3rd annual Relay for Life slated May 15-16

What is Relay for Life? Relay for Life is a Celebration - a unique, challenging and fun way to raise money for the American Cancer Society and to raise awareness of cancer in the community. Relay for Life is the signature event for the American Cancer Society. More than just a fund-raiser, the event brings together families and friends to celebrate those who have conquered cancer and to remember those who have not.

Relay for Life is an overnight team event in which walkers or runners compete against each other to raise the most money and to travel the most miles. Participants alternate, ensuring that one member of each team is on the track at all times. Teams consist of 8 to 15 people representing various businesses, civic groups, social organizations, church groups

or families. While Relay for Life is in progress, a community party atmosphere is created by team members camping out and enjoying entertainment, food, games and camaraderie.

This year Eldorado Teams want to attain Five Star Relay Challenge Banner. They have to complete the criteria for the five stars Fight Back, Fundraising, Survivorship, Standards and Advocacy.

So Eldorado in the past you have shown your compassion and raised over \$45,000 the last two years. The goal for 2009 is \$25,000 and they need your help in all kinds of areas. If you are interested in making a donation or becoming a part of a team please contact Helen Brame for more information at 325-853-3036 or l.h.z.brame@att.net. Mark May 15-16 on your calendars!

Be cautious when giving kids cold or flu meds

(SPM Wire) Cold and flu season can be tough on kids and their parents.

Doctors are urging parents not to give children under the age of 6 over-the-counter cough and cold medications. They can have serious side effects.

"Some 7,000 children end up in the emergency room each year because of problems associated with these medicines," says Dr. Esther Yoon, general pediatrician in the

Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases, University of Michigan Health System.

To ease pain from a harsh cough or throat pain, use over-the-counter acetaminophen and ibuprofen in age-appropriate doses, Yoon says. For blocked noses, use nasal saline drops and a bulb suction to loosen and remove mucus or have the child blow his nose.

For coughs, give the child a teaspoon of honey or corn syrup if older than one. Give the child warm fluids like water, apple juice and chicken broth.

Take the child into the bathroom

and run a hot shower. Steam relaxes airways and helps with coughing.

Increase humidity in the home to reduce congestion and coughing.

Kids should be well hydrated, have good nutrition and get enough sleep.

"Children should get plenty of vitamin C and E to help fight germs and a multivitamin is also helpful," Yoon says.

If symptoms continue for more than five days, take the child to a doctor. If a child is having difficulty breathing, is wheezing or is younger than three months old with a fever, he should be seen right away.

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

3	1	8	6	2	5	4	9	7
7	6	2	4	1	9	8	5	3
4	9	5	8	7	3	2	6	1
9	2	7	1	4	6	5	3	8
5	8	4	9	3	2	1	7	6
1	3	6	5	8	7	9	4	2
8	7	3	2	9	4	6	1	5
2	5	9	3	6	1	7	8	4
6	4	1	7	5	8	3	2	9

Something Old, Something New



"I Didn't Know That" by Karlen Evins

Always a bridesmaid, never a bride, I loved Julia in My Best Friend's Wedding.

As producer for my own best friend, who's wedding happens just next month, I decided to research bridal traditions and expressions, tracing their origins, if for no other reason, to provide fodder for the maid of honor's toast come rehearsal dinner time:

Something old, something new
Something borrowed, something blue...

(Here's letting you in...Who knew there was a catch? How was I to know we seldom spoke the phrase in its entirety...which would also include):

A silver sixpence in her shoe.

Now there's a clue! The word sixpence frames the date. It helps to know there was once a coin minted in Britain (circa 1551), worth six cents, (go figure), for which the

Victorian rhyme was "coined" to ensure fortune and wedded bliss.

Something old refers to family. Ties to the past, blessings from ancestors-- both living and dead--this part of the expression is both prayer and blessing.

Something new represents the future...bright hopes for the bride in her new life.

Something borrowed (family Bible...a handkerchief) was to remind the bride of friends, touchstones in times of need. Meanwhile, (and pay attention, as I think we miss this) this borrowed item was to come from one happily married friend, who likewise lends her happiness to the couple starting life anew.

Something blue hails to Roman times. The ultimate symbol of love and loyalty, it's curious to note that before the 19th century, blue was the color of choice for the bridal gown itself.

As for that sixpence coin, this tradition wasn't bridal, but rather the groom's to insert in his shoe. Ultimate symbol for wealth, this token was clearly something the groom (or perhaps the bride's father) was going to need, if for nothing else than to pay the wedding bills!

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