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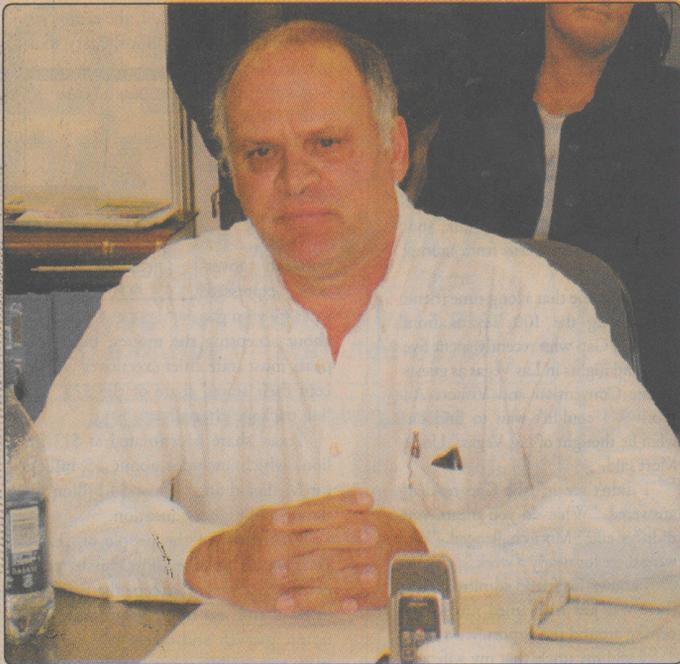


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Shane West meets with Schleicher County Commissioners to express his concerns about how Sheriff David Doran is administering the county's seizure fund. West was the Democratic candidate for Sheriff in the election held last November but lost to Doran who was re-elected to his fourth term.

Commissioners meet, approve purchase of security equipment

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday with county resident Thelma Bosmans who asked for permission for the Templo Getsemai woman's ministries group to hold an "Eldorado For Christ March" on the courthouse square on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Bosmans advised that her church will be inviting other churches to participate. Bosmans also told the court she appreciated the new lights around the courthouse. Judge Charlie Bradley and the court commended Ms. Bosmans on her effort and agreed to allow the march.

Judge Charlie Bradley then told the court he had received a report from the Concho Valley of Council of Governments concerning the area's Headstart program. The report praised the Eldorado Headstart program. Bradley said he called Susie Ramirez, the local program director, and congratulated her on a job well done.

Shane West then met with the commissioners and expressed his concerns for the way the Sheriff's Department manages its seizure fund. (See related story on Page 1)

Discussion then turned to the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS with Melissa and T.J. Rodriguez present to represent the service. It was explained that Melissa had been on hand for the county's previous meeting at which time a medivac helicopter was called to transfer a patient from the hospital.

The couple wanted to clarify that the ambulance was never called for that transfer. The Success reported in the February 12 edition that it was mentioned during that week's city council meeting that a helicopter was called to transfer an injured city employee to San Angelo because there was no ambulance available.

Judge Charlie Bradley then turned to Success reporter Kathy Mankin who was in the room and she reiterated that the reference to the ambulance being unavailable was made at the city council meeting.

Moving on to other business, the commissioners received two bids for diesel fuel, a bid of \$1.6650 per gallon from Regal Oil and a bid of \$1.6703 from Griffin Fuels. The commissioners

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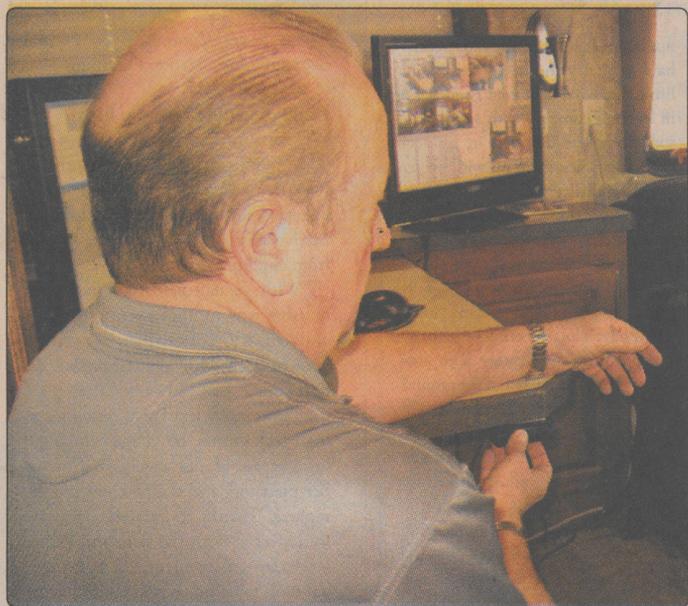


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Ray Dunn of Guardian Security Solutions of Lubbock demonstrates a panic button like the ones that are being installed in most county offices. Schleicher County Commissioners approved the purchase at their meeting on Monday, February 23.

Former candidate seeks sheriff's seizure fund records

County resident Shane West appeared Monday before the Schleicher County Commissioners court and raised questions about the way Sheriff David Doran handles his department's seizure fund.

West, who lost to Doran by a 967-356 margin in the most recent sheriff's election, distributed copies of Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. He then quoted from the document as he explained that he is seeking copies of the sheriff's seizure fund records.

While he stopped short of alleging any wrongdoing, West seemed to imply that the fund was not being properly administered by Doran and was not being properly overseen by the county commissioners.

"Where are the checks and balances?" West asked at one point.

County Attorney Clint Griffin was present for the discussion and noted that Sheriff Doran had informed him of West's request for records. Griffin said the request would be answered within the 14-day time limit called for under Texas law.

Griffin further explained that the seizure fund is routinely audited by the Texas Attorney General's office and that the Texas Comptroller would be called in if any discrepancies were found.

There is no record that the Comptroller's office has ever been asked to review the seizure fund or any of the other funds overseen by Doran.

West asked the commissioners to instruct Clint Griffin to seek an Attorney General's opinion concerning the way the fund is being handled.

County Judge Charlie Bradley said he didn't see what that could hurt and Griffin agreed to ask for the opinion.

For his part, Doran, who was out of town at the time of the meeting, acknowledged that West has formally requested the seizure fund records.

"We are complying with the Texas Open Records Act," Doran said. "Mr. West will be notified of the cost to compile and copy the documents. He can then decide if he wants us to proceed."

Doran went on to explain that the seizure fund consists of monies awarded to his department by the courts and that the money may only be used for law enforcement purposes.

"When I took office in 1996, I took steps to make sure the various funds entrusted to me, including the seizure fund and commissary fund, are properly accounted for," Doran said. "Our system

was approved by an attorney with the Texas Association of Counties, as well as our local attorney."

"As soon as the courts award seizure funds to the department, they are placed in an account at First National Bank," Doran continued. "The records, including regular reconciliation reports, are made available to the Commissioners Court and the County Treasurer. The funds are also independently audited by the county's auditing firm anytime they perform an audit."

The sheriff went on to say that the Texas Attorney General's office also requires a periodic audit report, which are compared with audit reports filed by other agencies, such as the District Attorney's office, that also receive seized funds."

Doran said he was unsure what prompted West's concerns but speculated that politics might be involved.

When asked if he supported the request for an Attorney General's opinion on how the seizure fund is being handled, Doran replied, "Absolutely! There's nothing to hide and who knows, maybe the A-G's office can offer a suggestion of how I can improve the system. If so...I'm all for that."

Prophecy of favored wife's death preceded Jeffs' 2007 meltdown

Warren Jeffs prophesied the death of Naomie Jessop, perhaps his most favored wife on January 16, 2007 while in jail in Washington County, Utah as he awaited trial on charges of Rape as an Accomplice.

Then, a mere two days later, Jeffs said the Lord awakened him and told him that Naomie had indeed been taken in death and that she was with the Lord at that time.

The problem was, Naomie Jessop, his most frequent jailhouse visitor, was still very much alive — a fact that may have contributed to what many call a mental breakdown.

What followed was series of bizarre incidents. Jeffs reportedly attempted suicide, was hospitalized and placed under psychological evaluation. He even renounced his role as prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to his brother Nephi, who came to visit him in the Purgatory Correctional Facility.

Then, during a court hearing on March 27, 2007, Jeffs attempted to approach the bench of Utah District Judge James Shumate and present him with a letter stating he was not a prophet and had improperly usurped the position.

A photo of the document, taken by a news photographer, revealed the contents of the letter. It was the public's first inkling that all was not well with the stoic fundamentalist prophet.

New details into the events of that late winter and spring were made public recently when documents, entered into evidence in 51st District Court in San Angelo, were made public when a child custody case involving Jeffs' 17-year-old daughter was dismissed.

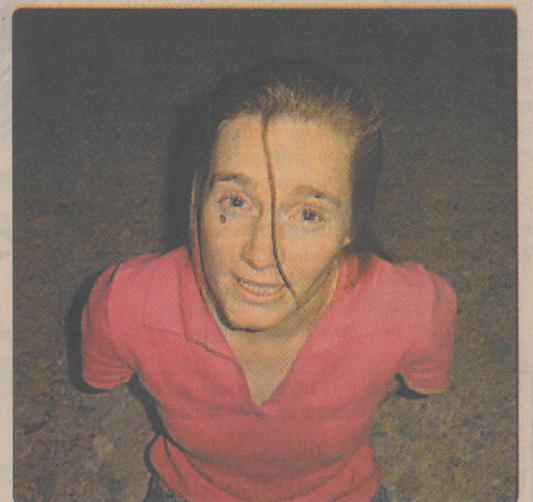
Naomie Jessop, married Warren Jeffs in 2002, shortly after the death of her first husband then FLDS prophet Rulon Jeffs, father Warren Jeffs. She is the daughter of Merrill Jessop, the man who served as overseer of the YFZ Ranch until the now famous police raid on April 3, 2008.

Naomie Jessop was almost constantly at Warren Jeffs' side during his time on the FBI's Most Wanted List. She served as his scribe and recorded many of his prophetic revelations as he traveled from state to state.

And, she was there when his run from the law ended on August 28, 2006 when he was arrested by Nevada authorities following a traffic stop near Las Vegas. The couple were riding in a red Cadillac Escalade loaded with cash, pre-paid credit cards, police scanners, wigs and other items useful when trying to hide one's identity.

It is unknown what may have prompted Jeffs' revelation that his young wife was going to die, but he was very specific about the matter.

Jeffs transcripts record that he met with a "Nevada attorney" on Jan. 16, 2007 in a conference room and was thereby able to give the



COURTESY PHOTO

Naomie Jessop, favored wife of FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs, as she appeared on August 28, 2006 when the couple was apprehended during a traffic stop near Las Vegas. Jeffs erroneously prophesied her death in 2007 and reported that her death had been revealed to him two days later. Naomie Jessop remains one of Jeffs' most frequent visitors as he awaits trial in a Kingman, Arizona jail cell.

attorney notes without a guard's interference.

The transcript continues: "I returned to my cell at 7:00 p.m., and the Lord continued to guide me what to do, learning to listen and to follow His promptings. The Lord then dictated the vision He showed me through the night, making that record before retiring. He had me offer an inspired prayer of dedicating Naomie Jeffs unto the Lord to be taken home to her reward; and also dedicating the House of God on earth over to the judgements of God to prepare the way for the rise of Zion. The Lord whispered with a witness of burning peace that his prayer was heard by the Lord and shall be fulfilled. He showed me how Naomie would be taken and when. He showed me the record that she has with her will be preserved and that she would go quickly without blood being shed, and without a police investigation."

The following evening, January 17th Jeffs continues: "He led me to be in tune with His will concerning the passing of Naomie through continued inspired dedication prayers to release her from

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Caution: Zombie Economy Ahead

Computer hackers managed to hijack a digital road sign in Austin, Texas, a few weeks ago and change its message to "Zombies Ahead."

It was a whimsical warning for that stretch of Texas road, but could have served as a deadly earnest statement about the U.S. economy. "Zombie banks" was the term for Japanese financial institutions propped up by government in the 1990s despite their basic insolvency after a real-estate bubble. These unprofitable banks, in a financial revenge of the living dead, cast a decade-long pall over Japan.

At the time, American officials like President Barack Obama's economic guru Larry Summers urged the Japanese to give up on failed institutions. Instead, Japan pumped 12 percent of its gross domestic product into saving the banks and got a "lost decade" of economic stagnation in return. Economic analysts across the board agree that the Japanese example must not be repeated, even as our lawmakers stumble into repeating it.

Members of the House Financial Services Committee flogged eight banking chief executive officers the other week, apparently without considering that some of them were already dead men walking. The CEOs were grilled about their lending practices and bonuses, when they should have been asked, "Why does your company still exist?"

The awful truth is that the financial system has at least another \$1 trillion hole in it. Either the U.S. government has to continue to try to patch it over with massive -- and perhaps ever-escalating -- injections of money ala the Japanese in the 1990s, or it has to take the painful, risky step of letting some of the big, irreparably wounded financial players go down. Neither choice is appealing, which is why Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner trotted out his muddle-through, we'll-get-back-to-you-on-details rescue plan.

As it stands now, the U.S. government is keeping alive banks that would otherwise go bust at the same time it is hectoring them about lending more money -- in other words, Japan redux. Tokyo short-circuited the natural churning of the capitalist system that is the only way to clear out failed companies and unproductive uses of capital. If the U.S. government keeps alive Chrysler and General Motors or Citigroup and Bank of America when they are no longer viable -- and have rendered themselves such through poor business choices and foolish risk-taking -- it will create a zombie economy without the capacity for self-renewal.

The financial system, of course, is fragile. We have learned that the uncontrolled collapse of an institution like Lehman Brothers is dangerous. Bankrupt banks that are truly "too big to fail" need to be taken over by the government, broken up until they are small enough to fail and sold off, with government eating their toxic assets for now. This kind of semi-nationalization can clear the decks for new, healthy banks that won't be long-term wards of the government or long-term drags on growth.

During the stimulus debate, Obama often cited Japan's cautionary example. But Japan tried a big stimulus, too, even as it left in place its zombie banks. Will Obama heed his own admonitions?

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What Goes Around, Comes Around

William Shakespeare, brilliant playwright who went through enough quills to start a feather duster factory, got it right with his oft-quoted line in King Lear.

"Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown," said the bard of Avon about this time four centuries ago.

The line rings the bell of truth yet today. There are multiple current examples in the world of politics, sports and yes, even the animal kingdom....

Let's ignore the first reference. It requires all of our fingers and all of our toes to count all the political figures who've stumbled.

In this treatise, reflections are limited to a couple of sports figures whose crowns are wobbling, as well as a famous chimp.

I'm talking about the monkey who wound up in the obituary column....

Sports reporters have been in a feeding frenzy since baseball star Alex Rodriguez admitted injecting a foreign substance into his body during his three seasons with the Texas Rangers.

He used words like "young, stupid and amateur" during his almost hour-long confession.

What he seems to desperately desire is to be cut additional slack by his fans, teammates, the media and team owners. Most of them are plumb out of slack. In short, they aren't buying his story, despite his promise to give his best shot toward regaining their confidence. Alas, his Hall of Fame aspirations likely are down the drain. Yep, A-Rod's face is "A-Red"....

In Lubbock, Texas Tech Coach Mike Leach risked much in banking at his new football coaching contract that was 10 months in the making. Perhaps he and his agent(s) should have given some thought to

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COMMENTARY

Dr. Don Newbury

ill economic winds that are blowing straight into the faces of most folks on all continents. (With our economy in free fall, millions of Americans are cutting coupons to stretch dollars. Maybe this will help Johnson and Johnson, 'cause I'm thinking that all the paper cuts must surely have band-aid sales soaring.)

That Leach was unavailable for comment in the final hours before his signing deadline fails to resonate. Seems he chose to attend a rugby match in Wales one day, and the Daytona 500 in Florida the next.

A rally for the coach drew 40 participants. This is reminiscent of folks with hired mourners at their funerals. When contracts aren't worked out short of Regents' involvement, coaching tenures are strained at best. Pity....

Even a famous monkey couldn't stand prosperity. Travis, a 200-pound chimp who dined on steak, lobster and ice cream provided by a lonely Connecticut widow, met a sad end.

A star of commercials and numerous TV appearances in earlier years, the 14-year-old was fatally shot by a policeman after he viciously attacked one of his owner's friends. Surely he slipped a cog, or maybe it was the result of a round of Xanax said to have

been administered by his owner.

Whatever, in a matter of minutes, he forfeited celebrity, crown and all. This "monkey business" is turning media grist mills faster than anything since the Scopes Trial....

Members of the Texas State Board of Education helped keep primates in the news recently with debate about creationism and evolution.

This reminds me of the story of a smart monkey who was given copies of the Darwinian Theory of Evolution and the Holy Bible.

After reading both, the monkey was dizzied by ambivalence. Was he his brother's keeper, or his keeper's brother?...

I'm hesitant to mention the name of my 96-year-old Uncle Mort immediately following "monkey talk," but my phone is still warm from talking to him.

He told me that a long-time friend was among the 100 Texans from Cranfills Gap who recently spent five days and nights in Las Vegas as guests of the Convention and Visitors Authority. "I couldn't wait to find out what he thought of Las Vegas," Uncle Mort said.

"I didn't see it," the Gap resident answered. "What do you mean, you didn't see it?" Mort challenged. "You were there for nearly a week."

"I know," his friend admitted, "But there was just so blamed much happening around the airport..."

I told my uncle that my wife and I have just returned from Las Vegas, and that we'll tell about it next week....

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Lawmakers, executives must decide how to spend federal stimulus dollars

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -- President Barack Obama on Feb. 17 signed H.R. 1, the economic stimulus package, and Gov. Perry took pen in hand to write the president a letter that made it clear he was against the stimulus before he was for it.

Other Republican governors expressed misgivings about accepting the money, but it appears most state chief executives will accept their states' share of the \$787 billion package after all.

Texas' share is estimated at \$17 billion, which includes about \$5 billion for Medicaid and almost \$4 billion for public and higher education.

"On behalf of the people of Texas," Perry wrote, "please allow this letter to certify that we will accept the funds in H.R. 1 and use them to promote economic growth and create jobs in a fiscally responsible manner that is in the best interest of Texas taxpayers. I remain opposed to using these funds to expand existing government programs, burdening the state with ongoing expenditures long after the funding has dried up."

Perry went on to express pleasure in meeting President Barack Obama in Philadelphia, and said, "I appreciate your concern for the Texans displaced by Hurricane Ike."

On the subject of Hurricane Ike recovery, Perry on Feb. 17 announced he asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to waive or extend for 180 days the deadline to file proof of loss requirements for flood insurance policyholders whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Ike.

Perry said that currently, policyholders are required to file proof of loss by March 12, but an extension would allow Texans the same amount of time to file their claims as was allowed following Hurricane Rita in late summer 2005.

"With so many Texas homes suffering flood damage related to Hurricane Ike and so many families who have not yet been able to rebuild, a deadline of March 12 is unrealistic," Gov. Perry said. "I urge FEMA to waive or extend the deadline so that Texans with flood insurance have adequate time to file their claims."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 18 said he and his staff have started looking at the federal economic stimulus bill, a 1,100 page document. He said lawmakers should be wary about relying on one-time payments from the federal government.

Speaker Joe Straus appointed a House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding.

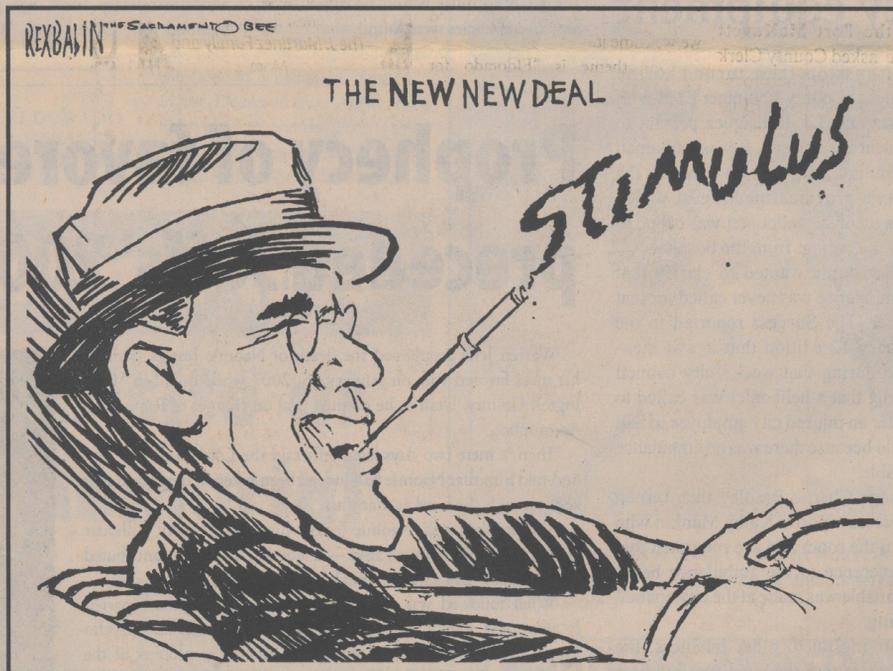
Child protection bills are filed

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith on Feb. 19 joined forces to advance state and federal legislative efforts to protect young Texans from child predators.

"With sexual predators increasingly using new technology to prey upon children, it is critical that law enforcement stay ahead of the criminals," Abbott said.

"Innovative legislative responses to high tech crimes are vital to the ongoing success of our crackdown on cyber predators and online child pornographers. Thanks to creative legislative initiatives at both the state and federal levels, law enforcement will have the legal tools we need to help protect Texas children."

Abbott expressed support for SB 689 by state Sen. Florence Shapiro and HB



A Visit to Granny's Nut House

I first met Hesta Faye Bobbitt in Crockett some years ago when I interviewed her about her collection of elephants. When the movie Dumbo came out, she bought a small replica of the mammal at a variety store. That was the first of many hundreds of decorative elephants spread on shelves and tabletops throughout her house. She is still collecting them.

Through her son Charlie I made contact with Hesta Faye again to visit with her about her pecan business. It's called Granny's Nut House.

"I'm the chief nut," she says.

Hurricane Ike took all her pecans she had planned to sell this season, but some kinfolks brought her a big batch of pecans from Alabama. She has had her business for more than twenty years.

"During the first couple of years we had this place the trees were loaded with pecans and we didn't even bother to pick them up. We didn't realize what we had. A good friend had this cracker which is old as Methuselah. He said



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

why don't you take this machine and make you some extra money. I used it for a long time, then bought another one even older than that first one. It's older than I am. Charlie knows how to work on them and keeps them in good shape."

Hesta Faye's customers come from all over East Texas and sometimes they bring her their own pecans for her to shell.

"First, you pick the pecans up and put them on racks and let 'em dry," she says. "You can't crack a wet pecan. Then you pour them into the cracker and turn the machine on. They fall into a container, then they're ready for you to get the meat out of the shell. If you let them set for about a day, then it's twice as easy to pick the

nut out of that shell. But your pecans have to be dry and free of leaves and limbs and what have you. Every once in awhile I come up with a rock that somebody has dropped in by accident. They pick them up with pickers and they pick up trash along with the pecans."

Hesta Faye does some shelling herself and sells pecans by the pound.

"I shell the pecans at night. I listen to the TV and shell pecans. Sometime I have a lot, sometimes not many. It depends on the weather as to how many you get. They fall to the ground and are picked up by hand. I bought a sweeper and thought I was going to get smart and pick them up with that sweeper. It didn't work. It picked up too much trash."

She has a sure way of keeping crows out of her pecan trees.

"My neighbor kills crows for me and I put a string on them and hang them in my trees where the other crows can see them. They don't bother my trees, but they'll strip the ones across the street."

DEATH NOTICES

Darlene Hardesty

SAN ANGELO - Darlene Fae Barrow Hardesty, 75, of Eldorado, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, in a local nursing home. Visitation is 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at Johnson's Funeral Home. Service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at First Baptist Church in Eldorado with burial in London Cemetery in London, Texas.

Mack Holley graduates from A&M

COLLEGE STATION - Diplomas were awarded to 3,182 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies. Among those recognized was James Mack Holley of Eldorado who received a Bachelor of Science degree in construction science.

County Commissioners . . .

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voted to award the bid to Regal Oil with commissioner Kirk Griffin abstaining.

The commissioners then approved a revision of the county's bank authorization policy to allow for two secondary signatures if both primary signatures are not available.

Next, the commissioners approved the purchase of a wireless alert panic button system for installation in several county offices. The price tag for the system was \$13,510.00 and will be paid for through the county's courthouse security fund.

It was explained that when the system is activated an alert is sent to the Sheriff's Department dispatch office and will override any other communications. Mary Guetersloh with Guardian Security Solutions in Lubbock was present to give the court the bid and answer any questions.

County Clerk Peggy Williams then told the court her office is currently renting a postage machine, but since the volume of the CPS cases involving the YFZ child cases has slowed down, she wanted to try the postal services program for postage. The court gave their approval.

The then went into executive session for an hour and 15 minutes to discuss personnel and lease contracts.

When the group returned to open session they did so without taking action on the personnel items. They did, however, vote to approve an amended contract with Mr. Connie Menix of Gaines County for the lease of Schleicher County School Land in that county. The 6-year lease calls for Menix to pay \$15 per acre. The lease expires December 31, 2015.

The commissioners broke for lunch then returned for an afternoon session at which they voted to allow members of the Schleicher County Airport Board to represent Schleicher County at the TxDOT Aviation Meeting held April in Austin.

The court then made a trip upstairs to look at the carpet on the second floor. Returning to their first-floor meeting room, the men tabled discussion of the carpeting until a later date. They then considered a bid for the installation of

the remainder of the lawn sprinkler system around the courthouse. The court decided to finish the sprinkler system and voted to approve the bid amount of \$18,595.00 for Phillips Irrigation Solutions.

Discussion then turned to playground equipment at the County Park. Maintenance supervisor Mike Haynes advised that the park's swings, bouncing animals and teeter-totters were in bad shape. The commissioners instructed him to dismantle the dangerous items and repair the ones he could.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo told the court that the county planning committee has been formed and has already met once to consider plans for a new pool and park.

The commissioners then appointed Judge Bradley as the county's representative to the Concho Valley's general assembly committee.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo then told the court surveyor Myrl Sudduth was in the process of surveying the Fort McKavett cemetery. He asked County Clerk Peggy Williams what the procedure and cost would be of filing a plat of the surveyed cemetery. Mayo said he was contacted by Ft. McKavett Cemetery Association member Sarah Speck to ask about the procedure. The court recommended that Ms. Speck come speak to them and voice her request.

The meeting was the second of two regular meetings held by the commissioners in February. It was chaired by Judge Bradley with commissioners Kirk Griffin, Lynn Meador and Johnny Mayo in attendance. Commissioner Matt Brown was absent.

Local 4-H well represented in recent round of Livestock Shows

by Cody Bundick

The Kerrville stock show was held January 22-24. Several 4-H members competed in the event. 4-H members who showed market goats were; David Hutto, Kairos McCollum, Keegan McCollum, Jaymie O'Harrow, and Ashby Ragsdale. Aaron Santellano exhibited a market swine. Robert Buchholz, Dalton Buchholz and Franklin Buchholz all showed registered and commercial angora goats. Also, Lane Griffin and Elizabeth Griffin exhibited commercial angoras.

Also, the Fort Worth stock show was held January 30-February 6. 4-H members showing market goats in the event were Kevin Dykstra and Davis Hutto. Davis showed the middle division Grand Champion market goat. 4-H lamb exhibitors were Ivie Kate Mynatt who placed 18th in her class and Will Mynatt who placed 11th in his. Meg Griffin showed a market steer and placed 7th in her class. Congratulations to all of

these 4-H exhibitors and keep up the hard work.

The San Antonio stock show was held February 7-10. The 4-H members that showed goats were Kevin Dykstra, Davis Hutto, Jaymie O'Harrow, and Jackson O'Harrow. Davis placed 4th with his goat and Jackson placed 8th with his. Ivie Kate Mynatt and Will Mynatt both exhibited market lambs. Ivie Kate placed 11th with her lamb. Ivie Kate and Will also competed in the sheep skillathon. Will won 1st place in the junior division and received a belt buckle. Exhibitors who showed steers were Meg Griffin, Jaymie O'Harrow, and Jackson O'Harrow. Jackson placed 11th with his steer.

These exhibitors represented Schleicher County 4-H extremely well. We appreciated their hard work and dedication and are proud to have them symbolize this county and club.

Other major stock shows are coming up soon; San Angelo-February 19-27, Houston-March 9-13, Austin-March 19-24. Good luck to all exhibitors!!!!

Taking back Eldorado for Christ

by Thelma Bosmans

Templo Getsemani is marching /walking around the Schleicher Courthouse on March 7, 2009 at 10:00 am.

Our purpose is taking back our town for Christ, to pray for our government, local, state, and national, our law enforcement, and our schools.

Basically, we just want to show that we are not ashamed of the Gospel and in Whom we have believed.

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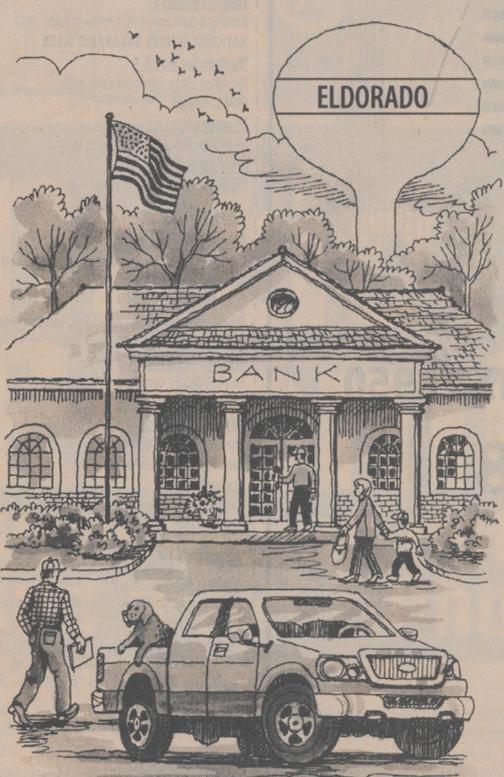
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by Linda Thielle

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2		9			7
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	6		5	8	
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	5	8			1
9			2	7	

* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hot Boy!
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Last second 3-pointer ends Eagles playoff drive

by J.L. Mankin
 Five point seven seconds. That's all that stood between the Eldorado Eagles and a Bi-District championship. The Warbirds had clawed their way back into the chase after falling behind early.

De Leon controlled the game from its onset, but found itself trailing at the end due to a late Eagle rally that tied the game at 48.

Coach Conon Emmons' decision to bleed out the final two minutes of the game seemed to be the right one as Ryan Castillo hit a shot to put the Eagles up 50-48.

When De Leon's Coach Brad Janek called a timeout there were a mere three seconds left on the clock.

The officials met during the timeout and decided that time should be added back to the scoreboard.

Coach Emmons contested the decision but to no avail. Still, the Eagles had only to keep the Bearcats at bay for five point seven seconds.

The ball was put in play and De Leon's Colt Wells did what few get the chance to, drain a three-pointer to win the game with no time on the clock. Wells took his chance and sent the Eagles home with a heartbreaking 51-50 loss.

Dustin Ramos led the Eagles with 16 points, while Ryan Cathey was close behind with 14.

Paul Martinez hit three three-pointers to finish with 9 points.

Mason Baker ended the night with six while Ryan Castillo accounted for five points.

The loss ended the Eagles season with a 17-12 record and sent the Bearcats ahead in the playoff bracket to meet the Bosqueville Bulldogs.



Miles Mikeska (R) battles a De Leon player for a loose ball during the Eagles Bi-District game with the Bearcats Tuesday night. The Eagles lost the 51-50 heartbreaker when a Bearcat player nailed a 3-pointer as time expired. Eldorado ended the season with a 17-12 record.

Burleson stepping down as Eagles A.D.

Eldorado Eagles athletic director and head football coach Johnny Burleson turned in his letter of resignation last Thursday to SCISD superintendent Billy Collins. The resignation is effective at the end of the school year but isn't official until the school board accepts it. They are slated to take the issue up at their next meeting on March 9.

Burleson coached for four seasons in Eldorado and

took the Eagles into the State 1A playoffs in 2007.

When contacted for comment Burleson said, "There are some really good people here in Eldorado. Good people and good kids. I think it is time for a change, though, for both Eldorado and myself."

The district has already begun to advertise the position and is taking applications for Burleson's replacement.

HOOP SCORES
7th Grade Girls

7th Grade Girls
 January 19, 2009
 Eldorado 07-06-08-09=30
 Miles 00-07-08-06=21
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Lisa Olivarez 2, Mikayla Ramon 15, Kimberly Sanchez 4, Maria Reyes 5 and Jordan McCulloch 4.

December 15, 2008
 Eldorado 02-02-02-06=12
 Irion Co. 11-10-05-02=28
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Mikayla Ramon 8, Odette Barrientos 2, Kimberly Sanchez 2.
 January 12, 2009
 Eldorado 10-11-10-11=42
 Menard 00-02-04-06=12
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Elizabeth Estrada 2, Lisa Olivarez 4, Mikayla Ramon 14, Macy Mikeska 4, Kimberly Sanchez 9, Maria Reyes 9.

January 26, 2009
 Eldorado 06-11-04-06=27
 Christoval 02-02-03-02=09
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Lisa Olivarez 6, Mikayla Ramon 7, Addye Chatham 2, Macy Mikeska 1, Kimberly Sanchez 2, Maria Reyes 4, Jordan McCulloch 2.

SCISD School Lunch Menu

- BREAKFAST LINE**
Monday March 2, 2009
 Blueberry Muffin, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk.
Tuesday March 3
 Biscuits & Sausage-Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk
NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
Wednesday March 4
 Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk
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Thursday March 5
 Cinnamon Rolls, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday March 6
 Pig-n-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Milk
CAFETERIA LINE
Monday March 2, 2009
 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Corn on the Cob Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits
Tuesday March 3
 Meat Sauce/ Spaghetti/Bread Stix, Tossed Green Salad, Black Eyed Peas, Mixed Fruit
Wednesday March 4
 Cowboy Beans, Corn Bread, Potato Salad Sliced Peaches
Thursday March 5
 Chalupas /Cheese Cup, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pear Halves
Friday March 6
 Chicken Burger, Baked Chips, Sliced Pickles, Orange Halves
BASKET LINE
Monday March 2, 2009
 Pizza, Tossed Salad, Carrot Stix / Dip, Pineapple Tidbits
Tuesday March 3
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Sliced Cucumbers, Mixed Fruit
Wednesday March 4
 Taco Rolls, Tater Tots, Sliced Cucumbers Sliced Peaches
Thursday March 5
 Chicken Strips/Half Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves
Friday March 6
 Chicken Burger, Baked Chips, Sliced Pickles, Orange Halves
ALL MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Judge Charlie Bradley



EHS senior Paul Martinez

Two local golfers record aces

A pair of Eldorado golfers recorded hole-in-ones Monday evening, Feb. 23rd, at almost exactly the same time. Paul Martinez, a senior at Eldorado High School, made his hole-in-one on the first hole at the Eldorado Golf Club using a seven iron. Witnesses were Roy Guerrero, Garrett Lux, and Nathan Jiminez. Moments later, Schleicher County Judge Charlie Bradley, with an eight iron, made a hole-in-one on the fifth hole, attested by Barry Lane, Johnny Doan, and Tom Gray.

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2009 EMS TRACK SCHEDULE
 February 27, Friday, Location - McCamey
 March 5, Thursday, Location - Christoval
 March 13, Friday, Location - Eldorado
 March 24, Thursday, Location - Mertzon
 April 3, Friday, Location Christoval-DISTRICT

ELDORADO JUNIOR HIGH TENNIS SCHEDULE
TOURNAMENT DATES and LOCATION
 April 4, Saturday, Eldorado Invitational, Eldorado
 April 18, Saturday, Reagan County Invitational, Big Lake
 April 25, Saturday, Ozona Invitational, Ozona
 May 9, DISTRICT, Eldorado
 Other duals could be be announced.



6th Grade Poster Winners: (L-R) 2nd place Bre Crofoot, 3rd place tie Esmeralda Ruezga and Arden Mertz.



6th Grade Poster Winners: 1st place Winner Tres Whitten.



5th Grade Poster Winners: (L-R) 1st place Tara Martinez, 2nd Clayton Arndt, and 3rd is Aaron Santellano.

ELDORADO-DIVIDE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2009 POSTER WINNERS

New withholding tables now available on IRS.gov

Most workers will see bigger paychecks this spring

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Internal Revenue Service on Monday released new withholding tables that will result in more take-home pay this spring for millions of American workers.

The new tables incorporate the new Making Work Pay credit, one of the key tax provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that became law earlier this week.

“For most taxpayers, the additional credit will automatically start showing up in their paychecks this spring,” said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. “Since employers and payroll companies will handle this change, people typically won’t need to take any additional action. The IRS will continue working to implement this and other provisions of the new law as quickly as possible.”

The new withholding tables, along with other instructions related to the new tax law, will be incorporated in new Publication 15-T. This publication will be posted to this Web site next week and mailed to more than 9 million employers in mid-March. The IRS asks that employers start using these new tables as soon as possible but not later than April 1. Most workers will see a boost in their take-home pay soon thereafter.

Eligible workers will get the benefit of this change without any action on their part. This means that workers don’t need to fill out a new W-4 withholding form to get the Making Work Pay credit reflected in their take-home pay. A Form W-4 will not need to be submitted for the automatic withholding change. Individuals and couples with multiple jobs may want to submit revised Form W-4 forms to ensure enough withholding is held to cover the tax

for the combined income. Publication 919 provides additional guidance for tax withholding.

Available for tax years 2009 and 2010, the Making Work Pay credit is 6.2 percent of a taxpayer’s earned income with a maximum credit of \$800 for a married couple filing a joint return and \$400 for other taxpayers, but it is phased out for higher income taxpayers. Most workers will qualify for the maximum credit. Because the credit is refundable (people can get it even if they owe no tax), most low-income workers will also qualify for the full credit.

Though all eligible taxpayers will need to claim the credit when they file their 2009 income tax return next year, the benefit will generally be spread out over the paychecks they receive beginning this spring and continue until the end of the year.

Many higher-income taxpayers will see little or no change in their take-home pay. That’s because the Making Work Pay credit is phased out for a married couple filing a joint return whose modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is between \$150,000 and \$190,000 and other taxpayers whose modified AGI is between \$75,000 and \$95,000.

Taxpayers will not get a separate, special check mailed to them from the IRS like last year’s economic stimulus payment.

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TPWD accepting public comment on proposed regulations

AUSTIN, Texas — In addition to presenting proposed hunting and fishing regulations at dozens of public hearings taking place around the state, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is looking to interact with constituents through an online public comment survey. Annually, TPWD recommends adjustments to hunting and fishing rules for resource management needs and increased recreational opportunity. Part of the process involves gathering

public comment, which helps the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in its final decision making on March 26. The public may get involved in the process by attending one of the 46 public hearings taking place, providing comment online or by contacting TPWD directly. The public comments section is accessible from the TPWD home page and includes summaries of some 34 potential amendments to the

state's hunting and fishing regulations, with opportunities to provide input on each proposal. A complete preamble of the proposals can be found in the Feb. 20 issue of the Texas Register. The public comment period runs through March 25. Public comment may be made by writing to Public Comment, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744, by calling toll free 800-792-1112 or email robert.macdonauld@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Texas Forts Trail ranked in Texas Top 40 tourism destinations

ABILENE — In the state's annual Top Attractions Survey for 2007, the Texas Forts Trail Region was ranked among the top 40 attractions most familiar to leisure travelers in Texas on trips more than 50

miles from their home. Among all Texas visitors, the Texas Forts Trail tied as number 33 with Port Aransas. Among non-residents, the heritage region ranked 32 of 40; among Texas residents, the Texas Forts Trail Region tied at number 38 with Fredericksburg,

the Dallas Aquarium, the Houston Zoological Gardens, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the Bass Pro Shop and the Natural Bridge Caverns. "I am delighted to see our region listed among the state's most recognizable attractions," said board

president LeAnna Schooley, "What a tremendous incentive it is to our partners and volunteers to keep up the good work."

The Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism division authorized D.K. Shifflet & Associates, Ltd of McLean, Virginia, to conduct the survey. Surveys were mailed to a panel of domestic leisure travelers that had traveled to and within Texas in 2007. International visitors and local residents were not included in the survey.

The Texas Forts Trail is a regional heritage tourism partnership with the goal of building awareness of Texas historical and cultural heritage and revitalizing local economies by increasing tourism.

The "trail" is a recommended driving route that features eight frontier forts and the ruins of a Spanish presidio. The following 29 counties comprise the Texas Forts Trail Region: Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Irion, Jack, Jones, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Mills, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Tom Green, Throckmorton and Young.

A full description of the 2007 Top Attractions Survey is available at www.travel.state.tx.us. To request a copy of the Texas Forts Trail Region brochure visit www.texasfortstrail.com.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER OFFERS A FEW TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEART DISEASE

ELDORADO — Valentine's Day may be over, but why not take a few minutes to show your heart some love by celebrating American Heart Month? Established by Congress in 1963, American Heart Month is an annual reminder for Americans to take care of their heart, and for good reason. According to recent statistics from The American Heart Association, approximately 425,000 Americans die each year of heart disease, making it the nation's single leading cause of death.

The good news is you can help keep your heart healthy by making just a few small changes:

- Don't use tobacco — Tobacco use is the No. 1 preventable cause of serious illness such as heart disease, stroke, lung cancer and emphysema
- Be physically active — Just twenty minutes of physical activity can build endurance, control blood pressure, reduce cholesterol levels, aid in weight control and reduce your risk of developing diabetes.
- Eat healthy foods — Foods high in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol contribute to atherosclerosis, which is a primary cause of heart attack and stroke. Instead, it is best to eat low fat meats, healthy greens, colorful vegetables and whole grains. Also, cut back on the salt. Experts say consuming too much salt (sodium) can cause high blood pressure in some people.
- Watch your weight — Being overweight or obese is a major risk factor for heart disease.
- Avoid excessive alcohol — One or two drinks of red wine a day may help increase "good" HDL cholesterol, but heavy drinking can contribute to high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke.

This Heart Month, join the many Americans who are taking control of their health. Learn more about your risk for heart disease by scheduling a heart (vascular) screening scan today at Schleicher County Medical Center or calling 325-853-2507 for more information.

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ACROSS	51. More leery	62. Hideous sort	5. Candle maker's material	form
1. "Animal House" group, for short	54. Road spread, in winter	63. Walden and others	6. Ruffle the feathers of	12. Lean to one side
5. Home run gait	56. Manning of the gridiron	64. H & R Block workers	7. Horatian works	13. Calls, as a bet
9. ___ down (simplifies)	57. Gladiators' venue	65. Class favorites	8. Surfacing stuff	18. Moth-___ (worn out)
14. Nevada casino town	58. 1946 Crosby/Astaire musical	DOWN	9. Offensive players in cricket	22. Some choir members
15. Verdi slave girl	60. More crafty	1. Fern feature	10. Garage capacity, often	24. Cross to bear
16. Daddy Warbucks's ward	61. "Roseanne" star	2. U.S. Grant adversary	11. ___ way, shape, or	25. Trip to the top
17. 1957 Disney classic		3. El Misti's range		27. Bowled over
19. All in knots		4. Gift from Santa		28. ___ out (like some credit cards)
20. Alumna bio word				29. It may result in a prank
21. Brewmaster's creations				30. Port of Yemen
22. Fancy neckwear				31. Stockyard calls
23. Old car named for an explorer				32. Thick-bodied fish
25. ___ mater				33. Prefix with -crat
26. Dutch settlement of 1624				34. Give a razzing to
32. Louisiana cuisine				38. Cellular network structure
35. Georgia State Fair city				39. Is in hock
36. "Much ___ About Nothing"				41. Marks, like a book page
37. Rainbow gradations				42. Fails to include
38. One of two proverbial sure things				44. Came down
39. Cookie with a lickable center				45. Goof-offs
40. Beehive State tribesman				48. Hosiery hue
41. Baker's amount				49. On one's toes
42. 1936 Olympics star Jesse				50. Heeds the alarm
43. Extra life				51. Slim-waisted insect
46. Got gray				52. Folkie Guthrie
47. Expel from practice				53. Equestrian's control
				54. Prelude to a duel, maybe
				55. Angelic glow
				58. Telly watcher's network
				59. Keystone lawman

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Mrs. O'Harrow's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Regina Alvizo, Micaela Forlano, Adan Garza, Jack Griffin, Payton Whitten. Honor Roll: Ram Barajas, Marison DeLuna, Courtney Espinosa, Julian Gandar, Riley Jones, Alexis Vallejo. Shining Stars: Julian Gandar, Adan Garza, Alexis Vallejo, Payton Whitten.
Mrs. Sessom's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Hope Barajas, Trent Collins, Laura Coronado, Makenzie Gross, Wyatt Mertz, Bobby Moreno, Erika Sanchez. Honor Roll: Cristina Estrada, Jackie Lozano, Jose Moya, Julio Narvaez. Shining Stars: Trent Collins, Bobby Moreno, Laura Coronado, Makenzie Gross, Hope Barajas, Wyatt Mertz, Cristiana Estrada, Dustin Swicegood.

THIRD GRADE
Mrs. Emmons' Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Austin Albin, Brooke Carmen, C.J. Covarrubiaz, Anthony Olivares, Alyssa Reinehart. Honor Roll: Emelie Estrada, Ryan Farmer, Hannah Fortenberry. Shining Stars: Emelie Estrada, Anthony Olivares, Alyssa Reinehart.

Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Mrs. Jones' Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Taylor Emmons, Vanessa DeHoyas. Honor Roll: Madison Arispe, Fatima Contreras, Eric Luna, Andi Morris, Emelyn Reyes, Alexis Villanueva, Logan Wong, Rogelio Zamora. Shining Stars: Taylor Emmons, Dakota Gross.
Mrs. Self's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: None. Keegan McCollum, Wiley Martin, Faith Kotsch, Jayton West, Sierra Forlano, Emmy Arispe.
FOURTH GRADE CLASSES
Mrs. Beach's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Victor Castro, Kade Creek, Luis Miguel Martinez, Will Mynatt, Emily Nixon. Honor Roll: Branda Gail Arispe, Paige Corrales, Jonathan Fortenberry, Elizabeth Griffin, Gisselle Hernandez, Jesse Ramon, Jay Ruiz, Abbi Sorrells, Jordan Stanford, Riley Umphress. All Stars: Luis Miguel Martinez.
Mrs. Dearman's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Mathias Buitron, Chase Mertz, Noah Sorrells. Honor Roll: Mikah Boone, Trace Hariman, Hudson Martin, Raymond Parsons, Marcos Ramon, Leroy Torres, Makayla Trevino, Zelenia Vasquez. All Stars: Mathias Buitron, Zelenia Vasquez.
Mrs. Edmiston's Class
 "A" Honor Roll: Franklin Buchholz, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Jess Gonzales, Davis Hutto. Honor Roll: Bernardo Cruz, Star Foley, Priscilla Gandar, Javier Garcia, Miriam Garcia, Branda Minor, Arantza Sanchez. All Stars: Sydney Covarrubiaz, Bernardo Cruz, Priscilla Gandar.

HONOR ROLL

5th Grade
 "A" Honor Roll: Lucy Adwell, Bryce Carman, Jaime Chancellor, Danielle Clark, Garrett Emmons, Grant Emmons, Cade Ledbetter, Heather Moreno, Abigail Narvaez, Jose Luis Olivares, Strait Pridemore. A-B Honor Roll: Clayton Arendt, Jesus Dominguez, Caitlin Dumas, Deonn Fuentes, T.J. Hudson, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Christian Martinez, Johnathan Martinez, Juan Martinez, Sutraira Martinez, Luisa Muniz, Megan Powell, Michael Rios, Tito Rios Eric Sanchez, Sasha Sanchez, Rylea Self, Jaxon Sheppard, Jake Swindall, Marinda Villanueva, Justin Whitten

6th Grade
 "A" Honor Roll: Stephanie Estrada, Arden Mertz, Ivie Kate Mynatt, Whitney Perez Stormi Rinehart, Tres Whitten. A-B Honor Roll: Dalton Buchholz, Jaqueline Castro Jessica Gandar, Jessica Gonzalez, Elizabeth Guerrero, Martin Iglesias, McKenzie McAngus, Brittney McCulloch, West Ramon, Esmeralda

Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Rueza, Garet Swinford
7th Grade
 A Honor Roll: Madison Albin, Addye Chatham, Lupe Pasillas. A-B Honor Roll: Michael Bilbrey, Bailey Espinosa, Reed Hariman, Jordan McCulloch, Macy Mikeska, Jackson O'Harrow, Elizabeth Olivares, Mikayla Ramon, Adriana Rios
8th Grade
 "A" Honor Roll: Camron Capps, Ryan Espinosa, Lane Griffin, Edward Hernandez, Robin Hibbs, Mary Lou Martinez, Blaine Mitchell Brian Shriver, Jessica Pasillas, Austin Stapp
 A-B Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe, Sergio Arispe, Will Barker, Cesar Cruz, Shelby Daniels, Lori Escobar, Eric Estrada, Veronica Fuentes, Nicholas Gonzales, Kasey Gonzalez Brooke Guerrero, Nikkita Herrera, Nancy Iglesias, Hagen Porras, Dylan Ramos, Hector Reyes, Diego Sanchez, Mark Sanchez, Domingo Torres, Ruben Vazquez, Kaly Villanueva, Chasity Willis

Capital Highlights . . .

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1239 state Rep. Aaron Peña, legislation embodying recommendations he made last fall. The bills would require that convicted sex offenders provide their e-mail addresses, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information to the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry.

Cornyn, Abbott's predecessor as attorney general, sponsored the Internet Stopping Adults Facilitating the Exploitation of Today's Youth (SAFETY) Act of 2009 in the U.S. Senate and Smith, a former Texas legislator, sponsored companion legislation in the U.S. House.

Health agency takes over recall

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 20 announced would take over the recall of products shipped from Peanut Corporation of America's Plainview plant after getting no response from the company to a Feb. 12 recall order.

Manufacturers, distributors and retailers believed to have received products from the company in 2008 are being notified of the recall by DSHS food safety personnel and asked to take appropriate action to protect consumers. DSHS is hoping to find additional customer lists from prior years in the company's records.

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26th Jaime Martinez, Jennifer Martinez
 27th Lacy Ragsdale, Claude Jenkins
 28th Catrina Lloyd, Dee Ann White, Gerald Lange, Doug Ward, Andre Fay, Brianah Creek, Rudy Spigarelli, Luis Santellano, Doug Ward

MARCH

1st James Mack Holley, Michael Martinez
 2nd Betty Sue McAlpine, Byron Greer, Brayton Lucas Elias
 3rd Stephanie Estrada, Lexi Ann Chatham, Andy Baker, Annette Jackson, Justin Harlin, Lois Dean, Raymond Spears Jr., Mitch Wilkerson, Levi Jones, Taven Espinosa
 4th Teresa Vasquez, Miguel Estrada
 5th Robbie Len Saldivar, Steve Minor, Kimberly Hight, Deanne Walker
 6th Christy Meador, Rosa Hill, Dwayne Caulder, Rosa Fuentes

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Did false prophecy of wife's death prompt Jeffs' breakdown?

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this life and into the hands of God. He showed me that she was on her way at 10 p.m. toward her being taken. I offered one last dedication prayer by the Lord's direction to deliver her into His hands. He told me to pray that He would show me that she was taken."

Jeffs records that on January 18, 2007: "Around 3:30 a.m., the Lord awakened me still in heavenly session and told me that Naomie Jeffs had been taken in death and was with Him. He allowed me to hear

her voice how happy she was and how beautiful father is, and that the record she had with her was hidden in the lining of her luggage...

"...The Lord continued to instruct me concerning the way I should think and conduct myself toward Naomie, saying 'Do not look back. Only look toward my presence in the fullness of Zion.'"

Jeffs goes on to write that he even received heavenly instruction about how Naomie's funeral was to be conducted. "I am to call Sunday afternoon and speak at her funeral, and

a separate session should be held at the meeting house for the people with Brother Merrill Jessop conducting both services and him dedicating the grave. I was shown she would be arriving on Saturday, and she should be buried south of where Barbara is buried. The Lord had me offer a rejoicing prayer unto the Lord."

Barbara Jeffs died at the YFZ Ranch on July 10, 2004 and was buried there. She is believed to have been the first of Warren Jeffs' many wives.

It is interesting that although most

women in the polygamous FLDS community, especially the later wives, don't use their husband's last name in public. That's been true of Naomie Jessop. Still, Warren Jeffs referred to her as Naomie Jeffs, possibly indicating his deep affection for her.

Warren Jeffs' attorneys and some of his most loyal followers apparently realized that his renunciation of his role as prophet could jeopardize their legal arguments about documents he had in his possession at the time of his arrest. They were claiming those documents were protected as religious material. Soon enough the word was spread that Jeffs had recanted and had resumed his role as prophet.

Jeffs penned a letter to two of his most loyal lieutenants, Merrill Jessop and Wendell Nielsen in which he said, "During the time of great testing and trail (sic) particularly from February 25th, until the first week of April, the Lord kept me from calling or giving any instructions..."

"I have learned by experience Lucifer has great power to deceive; and also the sweet simple visitation of the Spirit of peace of the Spirit of God is greater in power, might, joy and peace..."

Jeffs even wrote to his mother, Marilyn Jeffs at the YFZ Ranch in May of 2007 to say, "The greatest and experience I went through from January to April was a training also, and a test described in the new revelations that I am having Naomie let you read... My declarations of January and later were declarations of feeling unworthy and an anxiousness to not hold the work of God or individuals back from qualifying for eternal blessing. The Lord has given me a great deliverance in encouraging me to carry on in this mission of the redemption of Zion."

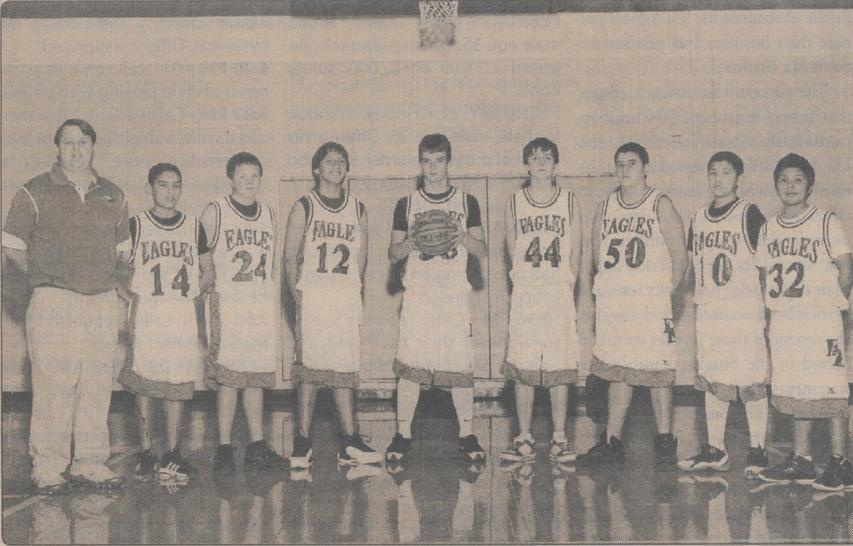
But, it doesn't appear that Jeffs was yet totally convinced of his divine calling. As late as June 11, 2007

he told Merrill Jessop in a phone conversation, "I am not the one to be the prophet, and I am not the one to continue. That is all I have to say right now. Thank you."

Jeffs faces trial in Arizona on two counts of Sexual Conduct with a Minor for his involvement in arranging and performing underage marriages among his followers.

Jeffs is also facing trial in Texas where he has been indicted for Sexual Assault of a Child, Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and Bigamy.

He remains in jail in Kingman, Arizona where as late as 2008 he continued to offer forth revelations from God and where Naomie Jeffs is still his most frequent visitor.



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2008-2009 7th Grade Basketball Team: (L-R) Coach Thomas King, Bailey Espinosa, Jackson O'Harrow, Justin Estrada, Michael Bilbrey, Reed Harimen, Tyler Martinez, Bobby Martinez and Juan Carlos Aranda. Not pictured Adrian Garcia, Ben Green and Colten Crowder.



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2008-2009 8th Grade Basketball Team: Front (L-R) #50 Lorenzo Fuentes, #10 Edward Hernandez, #20 Brian Shriver; Back (L-R) #50 Preston Rodriguez, #22 Will Barker, #33 Ben Martin, #40 Diego Sanchez, Coach Jheff Norman, #44 John Paul Galan, #12 Blaine Mitchell, #24 Dylan Ramos and #23 Rico Martinez.

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Eldorado Spotlight



Kaitlyn Bluford was one of the members of the Eldorado High School Journalism Team that participated in a Mail-In competition sponsored by MRC Enterprises. They competed with students from 26 other schools with a total of 87 participants in each journalism section. Bluford won 2nd place in Feature Writing.

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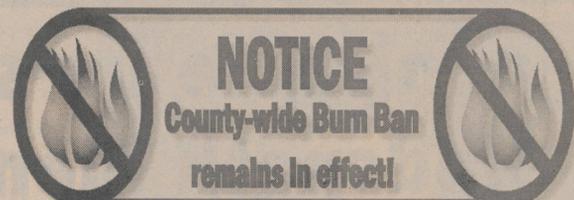
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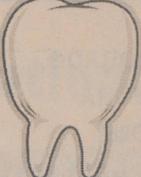
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Eldorado Woman's Club gets photo tour of Europe

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 2:30 pm. Eleven members and two guests were present. Theme for the meeting was "Trip to Italy". President Myrt Williams opened the meeting with a warm welcome to everyone. She called on René Calcote for our opening prayer. Jill Preston next led us in Pledges to our Flag. Roll call was answered with members and guests giving their daily exercise routines. Ruth Davis said she walks around a block four or five times a day. The block was a very small wooden block; Jerre Holley said June gave her an exercise book. Susan Lively rides her exercise bike—even when she goes to feed the cows; Nelva Martin rides a recumbent type bike; Linda Spence walks around the ranch when she is in Texas and also exercises when she goes home in Michigan during the summer months. Myrt Williams rides her bike everyday as it helps her knees; Nancy Lester walks around the streets where she lives and also has two Richard Simmons exercise tapes she uses.

President Williams reported that Orville Edmiston—husband of club member Charlene, had fallen and was taken to San Angelo where he had an MRI. His son Phil said he is now home and on a walker. Ruth Davis said her triplet great-grand children were at her place and one of them was bitten by a recluse spider, but he is better now. President Williams welcomed Linda Stuts and Rene Calcote and also reported that Charlene Edmiston and Florence Williams need our prayers.

Program Leader Pat Holt was unable to attend the meeting so Cathy Niblett took her place. Cathy introduced Nancy Lester as our Guest Speaker. Nancy's program was her trip to Italy and England. Nancy also told us something about when she came to Schleicher County as a Home Demonstration Agent thirty four years ago. She also gave us a very informative report on her trip to Italy and England. She and a friend, Kim

Rithey left Texas on July 5, 2009 for Europe. Besides Italy they went to England where they went to London and Dorchester. Nancy said it was a trip of a lifetime. She even cooked good Tex-Mex food, which she took with her, such as stuffed jalapeño peppers, pecans, flour tortillas, jalapeño jelly, and corn bread and also served Margaritas. She said she even cooked apple and coconut pies. She said the Italians she met were very appreciative of what she did. She took 50 jalapeño peppers and 3lbs of bacon with her for Nachos. She said over there, the meals were a very leisurely affair. She said the Italians were very appreciative of what she did. They also visited with some Americans who lived over there. She said meals were very leisurely affairs over there.

The County Commissioners who hired her were Joe Muller Christian,

Bob McWhorter, Vi Henderson, De Lux, and Thomas Richard Jones. They wanted to know if she was married because they didn't want her to move. They wanted her to marry a local man. She and Bob Lester have been married for thirty four years. She also worked in Irion County as a H.D. agent.

She had brought pictures of the places she visited in Europe. The color pictures showed some very beautiful country. We thank her for her wonderful talk about her trip and for showing us the pictures. We very much enjoyed Nancy telling us something about her trip.

After our program we discussed ideas for our annual Field Trip. The location will be given at our next meeting.

We thank our Hostesses Cathy Niblett, Susan Lively, Nelva Martin,

and Myrt Williams for the extra special refreshments of sandwiches, red velvet cake with white icing and very special chocolate covered strawberries.

Cathy Niblett arranged a great centerpiece of red flowers. The serving table and other tables were covered in red table cloths and also the plates and cutlery. A Valentine theme was the theme for the meeting. For no special reason this reporter thinks Valentine is the best of all special days so I enjoyed every bit of red.

Nancy gave us a very informative program on her trip to Europe. We thank her for telling us about the fun she and her friend had.

Our next meeting will be Tue. March 10, 2009 at 2:30 pm in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Theme for the meeting will be Fire Department-EMS.

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Combs said the state collected \$1.92 billion in sales tax revenue in

January, up 3.9 percent compared to January 2008.

"Growth in state sales tax collections remains modest," Combs said. "While overall growth has continued for the first five months of fiscal 2009, collections from important sectors such as retail trade and

construction have decreased."

Combs sent \$665.5 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 3.9 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2008.

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

Locally, the City of Eldorado received a check for \$10,724.73, that's up 3.86 percent over the January, 2008 distribution. The news was not as favorable for Schleicher County, however. The county's monthly disbursement came in at \$18,248.74, down 14.64 percent over the same period last year. Likewise the county's Health Services Tax rebate came in at \$17,898.18, down by 13.27 percent.

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

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 13.



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