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COURTESY PHOTO

That's a big building — Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe looked over one of three buildings being constructed on the YFZ Ranch, some four miles north-northwest of Eldorado on County Rd. 300. Arispe joined Sheriff Doran, Chief Tax Appraiser Scott Sutton and Appraisal District President Phil McCormick (seen in the background) in touring the site Monday. Construction workers can also be seen working on the exterior of the middle building.

Schooley murder trial begins Monday

Jury selection is slated to begin Monday morning, April 19, in the Clifford Schooley murder trial. The trial is scheduled in District Judge Barbara Walther's courtroom in the Tom Green County courthouse in San Angelo.

Cliff Schooley Jr., 53, of Eldorado, stands accused of killing his father, Clifford Schooley, Sr., 79, on February 12, 2003 at the family ranch in the eastern portion of Schleicher County.

Schooley reportedly telephoned the Schleicher County Sheriff's office that day to say that he had killed his father. Chief Deputy George Arispe was the first officer to arrive at the scene of the

shooting, where he reportedly found the elder Schooley's body lying in a pool of blood.

His son was waiting for the officers and was taken into custody. He reportedly surrendered a 9 mm pistol at the time of his arrest.

At that time, Cliff Schooley, Jr. told investigators that he had shot his father in self-defense. A .22 caliber pistol found next to the elder Schooley's body tended to support the son's story, however, other evidence led investigators to discount the self-defense alibi and they brought a murder charge against Cliff Schooley, Jr.

Schleicher County grand jurors got the case on June 9, 2003, and soon handed up an indictment for First Degree Murder.

If convicted of First Degree Felony Murder, Schooley could receive a maximum of 99 years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.00. The death penalty does not apply in this case since, under Texas law, only Capital Murder cases, warrant the death penalty. Capital murder charges may only be brought in cases involving the killing of a police officer, a child, multiple killings or a killing during the commission of another crime.

Heroin in drink cup could mean stiffer charge

When Trooper Danny Nunez pulled over Jose Espinoza, Jr., last Friday, he says he found the man to be in possession of a small amount of heroin. That would have probably been that, except for the fact that when the trooper turned his flashing lights on, Espinoza reportedly emptied a syringe of the drug into a 44 oz. soft drink.

Deputy David Olivan, who assisted Nunez on the stop, says that Espinoza

compounded his problem by disposing of the syringe in the drink, as well. That made it more likely that the men would find the drug. By locating the syringe, they were led to the container where the drug had been dumped, albeit watered down inside the cold drink.

But, according to the officers, Texas law doesn't differentiate between heroin and diluted heroin. So, the men are waiting for the DPS lab to determine the

exact weight of the liquid before amending the initial charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, namely heroin, in quantity of less than one ounce. The new charge could involve as much as a pound of the illicit narcotic.

The difference is the two charges is substantial and could mean some serious prison time for Espinoza if he is convicted of the elevated charge.

Espinoza was booked into the Schleicher County Jail last Friday on the lesser charges and was released on \$5,000 surety bond. If and when the charge is amended, Espinoza could be rearrested and a new bond considered.



PHOTO BY STACI KEY

Would you like fries with that Big Gulp? DPS trooper Danny Nunez took Jose Espinoza, Jr., of Del Rio, into custody last Friday after finding a quantity of alleged heroin in the man's possession. Espinoza reportedly tried to hide the contraband in a drink cup, thereby diluting the drug, but also putting him at risk of being charged with possessing a greater amount of the illicit substance.

Still more questions than answers about YFZ Ranch

Local authorities make contact with YFZ officials

David Allred, the Arizona man who represented a newly formed corporation, YFZ L.L.C., when it purchased 1,691 acres some four miles north-northwest of Eldorado last November, made the rounds in town last Thursday, meeting with local officials, and assuring them that he intends to use the property as a corporate hunting retreat. Three large buildings under construction on the ranch will be used to house guests, Allred told Sheriff David Doran, adding that some families may be living there full time.

Doran said that he and Texas Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long met with Allred, and his construction foreman, Ernie Jessop, primarily to make contact with the men and open a dialogue. "They are aware of the rumors that are buzzing around town," Doran stated. "They told us that they just want to live their lives peacefully and to be left alone to raise their families according to their beliefs."

"We made them aware that Texas has very strong laws regarding bigamy, as well as sexual abuse of minor children," Doran continued. "We also told them that while we have no evidence at this time of any wrongdoing we won't hesitate to act if we obtain such evidence."

The conversation was prompted by allegations brought against Allred by Flora Jessop, a Phoenix child rights activist who claims that he and the YFZ Ranch are affiliated with the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), a splinter sect of the Mormon Church, that continues to practice polygamy. She told reporters at a press conference held here on March 25 that she had been raised in the FLDS and was forced to marry her cousin when she was only sixteen.

Allred and Ernie Jessop (Flora Jessop claims he is another of her many cousins) also met with Scott Sutton, Chief Appraiser for the Schleicher County Tax Appraisal District. The men invited Sutton to the ranch so that an accurate appraisal could be made for tax purposes.

Sutton wasted no time in taking the men up on their offer. He and Phil McCormick, president of the Appraisal District, joined by Sheriff Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe, toured the ranch on Monday, April 12.

Allred wasn't on hand for the tour but Ernie Jessop reportedly showed the men around. "What we saw were some very impressive buildings and a few construction workers," Doran said. He went on to note that neither the lawmen nor the tax office officials were invited inside the buildings.

For his part, Sutton says it isn't all

that unusual not to be invited inside when doing an appraisal. "We're not always welcome inside and we're used to that," Sutton said.

"The buildings are massive," Sutton continued, "especially for a hunting camp." He went on to explain that each of the three buildings contain 21,600 square feet of space, spread out over three floors. Each of the buildings could generate over \$5,300.00 in tax revenue each year for the four county-wide taxing entities, including the county, school, hospital district and water district.

Sutton said he was surprised to learn that a 1,990 square foot home built four years ago by the ranch's previous owners had been demolished. He also noted that four mobile homes located on the property appear to be permanent. "They are each underpinned and they all have underground utilities," Sutton explained.

The Success has made repeated attempts to contact David Allred regarding the YFZ property. So far he has failed to return any of those calls.

Flora Jessop contacted the Success again this week to say that she continues to monitor activity at the YFZ Ranch. She confirmed a report the Success had received earlier that much of the construction material for the buildings at the YFZ was trucked in from Bountiful, British Columbia, a settlement of FLDS members located just across the Canadian border from the Idaho panhandle. She also agreed with another unsubstantiated report the Success received last week that enough material to build "three or four" more buildings has been assembled in Bountiful and is awaiting shipment to Eldorado.

That story seems to square with word that local officials received this week when Allred told Sheriff Doran that more buildings will be built at the site.

In a word to local citizens, Sheriff Doran echoed the sentiments he has expressed since the story first broke three weeks ago. "I just hope everyone will remain calm and let us do our work. I know there's a lot of hype and hysteria right now, but everyone needs to know that we are on top of things," he said.

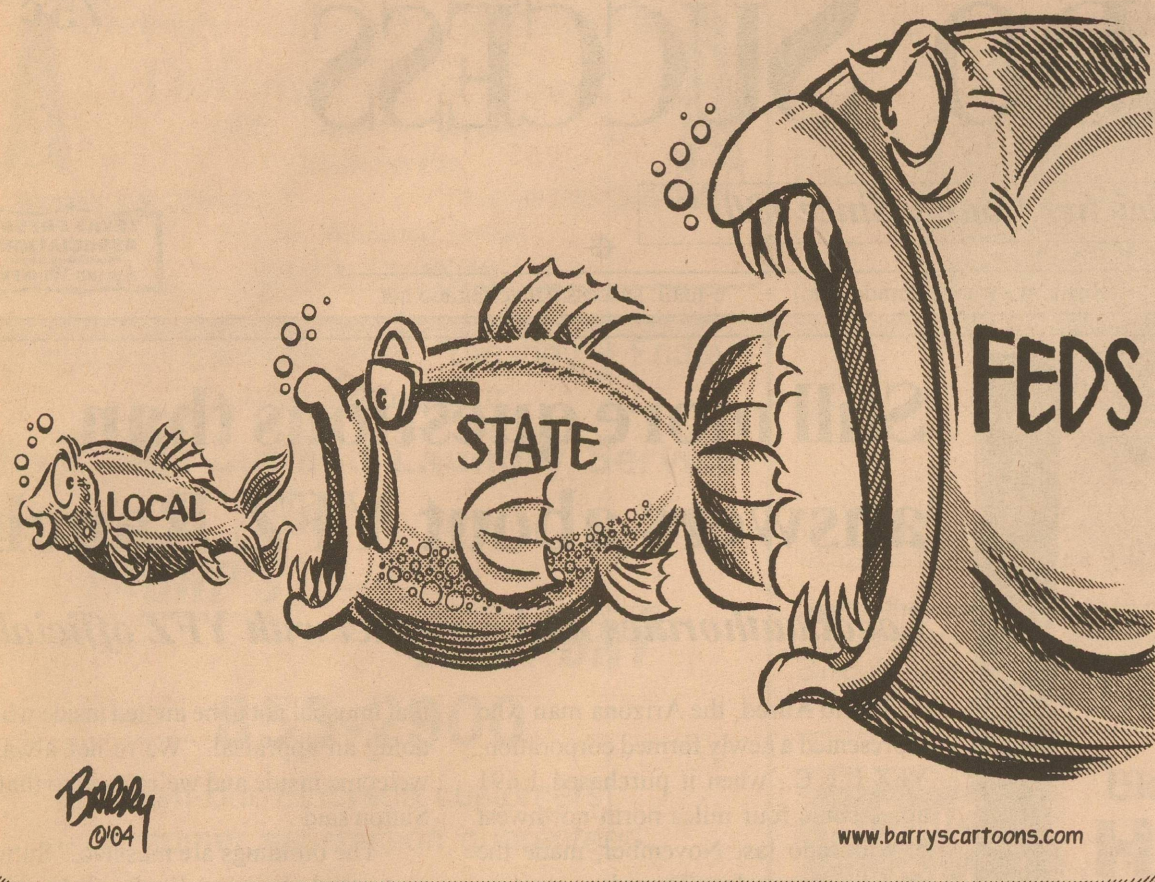
"I am aware that there are a lot of stories on the Internet about the FLDS and its activities in Colorado City. I've read those stories, too, and I share the same concerns as everyone else," Doran added. "But please know that these folks aren't looking to kidnap our local girls and they don't have a history of taking over local governments in any place other than Colorado City and Hildale where they already represent the majority of the population."



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO

No longer there — This 1,990 sq. ft. home located on the YFZ Ranch, was demolished by construction crews, despite the fact that it was built only four years ago. The work was carried out as construction progressed on a 3-building complex near the home.

The BUDGET CUT FOOD CHAIN



An Orchestra Conductor in the Oil Patch

Keith Graumann is the owner of Graumann's Oilfield Pump & Engine Repair in Big Spring. He is buying it from his parents. When he's not tending to business, he's tending to something totally unrelated that is extremely important to him. Dr. Graumann is conductor of a symphony orchestra.



by Tumbleweed Smith

"Music has been a big part of my life ever since I was a child. My folks afforded me piano lessons growing up. My sister and I were both playing organ in church before we were teenagers. I became interested in singing in junior high and high school and was a member of choral groups. That gave me the idea to embark on a career in music and become a high school choir director. I got a voice scholarship to TCU in 1971 and two years later went to the University of Oklahoma and got a degree in music education."

He expanded from choral and keyboard music into orchestral music and studied violin, viola and music theory. He earned a master's degree in composition and music theory. While pursuing his advanced degree, he was assistant director of the University of Oklahoma symphony and be-

came interested in symphonic music.

In 1979 while working on his doctorate in conducting at the University of Oklahoma, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Italy for year. He studied Vivaldi's music, which became the subject of his dissertation.

In the 80's he was invited to guest conduct the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. Since he grew up in Big Spring, he considered it a real honor.

In 1990, while teaching choral music at Livingston University in Alabama, he suffered two ruptured discs. Major surgery failed to cure the problem and the doctor told him to find something else to do. He retreated to Big Spring and worked in the family business. He was out of music for ten years. A lot of that time was spent prone on the floor, the only place he could get comfortable.

In 1998 a doctor said he could

help Keith.

"Technology had caught up with my particular problem and he installed rods and screws in my back. After a long period of recovery I became interested in music again and started helping the Big Spring Symphony with administrative matters."

In 2000 Keith became director of the Midland-Odessa Symphony Choral and in 2002 took the job as conductor of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

The 60 members of the orchestra come from Big Spring and cities within a 100 mile radius. They perform 4 Saturday nights a year in Big Spring's City Auditorium, practicing Friday night and twice on Saturday. The musicians get the music two weeks ahead of performing it.

"Being a conductor is sort of an unusual profession, since there are only 180 symphony orchestras in the country. To be able to do it in my home town is an incredible feeling. There's no way I could have planned it this way. I couldn't be happier. Besides that, you don't run into many oil field guys who are also symphony conductors."

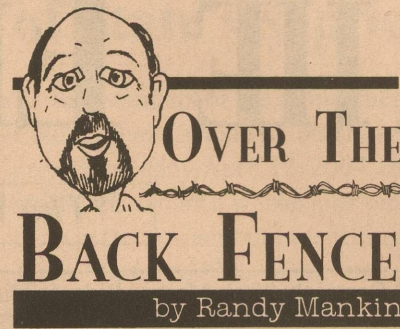
How many Blimp stories does a family get?

Kathy's pursuit of and subsequent photo of the Saturn blimp, which passed through the county Monday evening just south of Eldorado, brought back memories of my own close encounter with a blimp.

It was way back in 1982. I was working for Wes-Tex Drilling Company and had been to the office in Sonora to get the morning report from my rig. After the report had been radioed in and after drinking a few cups of coffee and shooting the bull for a while with the other toolpushers, I hopped in my pickup and pulled out onto the Interstate, heading west toward Ozona, and ultimately to my rig.

I had made the drive at least a hundred times before so I wasn't really concentrating on watching the scenery. But, I did notice what looked like a long white cylindrical tank on a hill top, several miles away. I didn't remember seeing a horizontal tank on that hill before, but the oilfield was going great guns in those days and someone was always putting in a new pressure tank or a compressor station.

As I topped the next hill, I looked to see if I could spot the tank, but didn't see it. Then, on the next hill I spied it again, for just a fraction of a second, but in a different spot.



That's odd, I thought to myself, as I started down a long hill into the Devil's River valley. Just then, as I passed through a shallow cut in the hill, out from behind the hill came a green and white blimp, just a foot or two off the ground. As the thing cut across the highway in front of me, I locked my brakes and skidded to a stop, mere feet before hitting the gondola that carried the blimp's two pilots.

They just sat there, panicked as my pickup slid to a stop a foot or two away from their door. As wide-eyed as they were, I doubt they were anymore frightened than me.

When everything finally stopped shaking (except that is for my knees) I backed the pickup away from the blimp before getting out to flag down any traffic that might be following me.

It seems that the blimp, a green and white monster emblazoned with Fuji Film on both sides, had run into trouble and was fighting

against the high winds we were experiencing. That accounts for why I thought I was seeing a long white tank, it was actually the top of the blimp that would occasionally rise above the hill.

Just as the behemoth started across the Interstate, the mooring lines that were hanging off its nose became tangled in the fence separating the roadway from the adjoining pasture. The lines pulled tight and the blimp came down, lower than it was already. That put the thing squarely in front of my pickup.

I was able to quickly flag down several cars, and soon those drivers took over flagging duties, allowing me to run to my pickup and call the Sonora office on the radio. When I asked the Drilling Superintendent to call the DPS because I had very nearly hit a blimp, the radio became strangely quiet.

"Randy, have you been drinking?" I was asked by my boss.

Well, to make a long story short, the DPS showed up to handle the traffic and the blimp's chase team soon arrived to help free the stranded beast from the fence.

About an hour later, just as I walked up on the rig floor, I got a radio call from my boss. He had just seen the blimp fly over Sonora and was calling to say that he no longer thought I was a drunk.

Governor's school plan cuts property taxes 17%

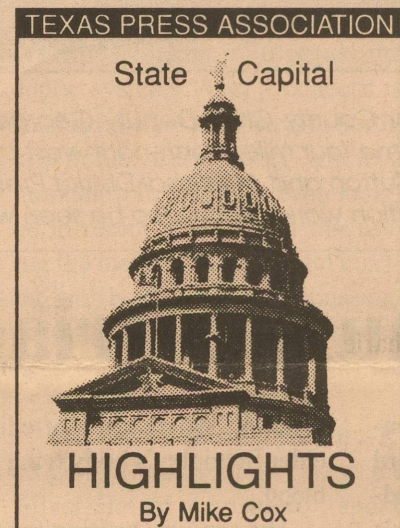
AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry's school finance plan hit the fan late last week.

It sounded good to some as it was announced, but as the week progressed and into the weekend, Texas taxpayers, school officials and lawmakers had mixed reactions to the proposal.

Essentially, this is the plan, formally labeled the Educational Excellence and Equity Plan: (If you smoke, you might want to light up and take a deep drag before reading on.)

An additional \$1-a-pack tax would be imposed on cigarettes as well as fees on what were politely referred to as adult entertainment establishments.

Subject to voters approving a constitutional amendment, in a semi-sin tax (if you are opposed to gambling), video lottery terminals — the nice term for what are bet-



ter known as slot machines — would be permitted.

In addition, various loopholes in state franchise and automobile sales tax laws would be boarded up to raise revenue.

Beyond these measures that would generate new revenue, Texas would see an average 17 per-

cent drop in their residential tax bill. The Perry Plan would set a ceiling of \$1.25 per \$100 valuation on residential property, and \$1.40 for business property.

School districts will be allowed to seek voter approval for local enrichment, but that enrichment cannot exceed 5 cents per two-year budget cycle beginning in 2007 for a maximum of 15 cents.

All this, the governor said, would infuse Texas' public schools with \$2.5 billion in new revenue while saving property owners \$6 billion in taxes. Of the estimated additional money for schools, \$1 billion of that would come from the achievement incentive plan Perry had announced earlier.

Reaction to the plan ranges from general approval to concerns that it still does not provide a permanent solution to school finance, that it still doesn't balance the public cash flow to rich and poor school districts, that it isn't a big enough tax cut and that it might not live up to the equity requirements set by the Texas Supreme Court in 1989.

Though Perry has now laid out a plan, it still takes legislative approval. As of Monday, the governor still has not set a date for a special session, though that still is expected soon.

His office said he would be traveling the state this week explaining his plan to the people in various public appearances.

A lesser-known deadline...

Just about anyone older than 18 knows the annual significance of April 15, the deadline for filing income tax returns or an extension.

But that also is the deadline for filing business property tax renditions in Texas. Huh?

In the past, small Texas businesses may not have rushed to file their renditions, but the last legislative session passed a measure (SB 340) setting monetary penalties for late-filers, those who don't file at all or those who turn in an incomplete or false rendition.

For more information on this, check with your county's appraisal district or the state comptroller's office at www.cpa.state.tx.us.

Good news on sales taxes...

State sales tax revenue was up again in March. Some \$1.18 billion in revenue came in during the month, an increase of 17.2 percent from March 2003 income.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Sexologist Hite
- Long stride
- Knocks for a loop
- Ireland's De Valera
- GI truant
- Long, hard trip
- Squeeze the moisture out of a musical instrument?
- Actress Garr
- Having stripes
- Musical Count
- Some toothpaste
- Looked forward to
- Use a diving rod
- Grassy plain
- Use sandpaper on
- Canal feature
- Scott Joplin piece
- Perfume holder
- Manhattan or Rob Roy
- Brazilian soccer star
- "You bet!"
- Not "fer"
- Get hold of
- Places for Band-Aids
- Dreadlocked

DOWN

- Uses a Singer
- "Blue Moon" lyricist Lorenz
- Abu Dhabi dignitary
- Rice-A-___
- About to be
- place
- Suffix with song or slug
- Greeley's direction
- Snaky shapes
- married
- Mailing stickers
- Had creditors
- D.C. insider
- Right-angle bend
- Accomplish
- Places for forcible takeovers?
- Frightfully strange
- Schussed, e.g.
- Packed it away
- Place with a drive-thru window, perhaps
- Stratford's on it
- Eccentric
- ___ Jones's locker
- Village Voice bestowal
- Aluminum foil, freezer paper, etc.?
- Erie Canal mule
- Roomy dress
- Ventriloquist Bergen
- Touched down
- Actress Rowlands
- Saws with the grain
- After-hours school gp.
- Diva's delivery
- Easy to snap
- Dangler on a stick
- Slender in build
- Recurring theme
- Speak one's mind
- Blonde shade
- Mental faculties
- Rams' mates
- Unburdens
- "Picnic" playwright
- Gets ripe
- "Holy smokes!"
- ___ Dawn Chong

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OBITUARIES

Felma Bonnie Garmon

SONORA — Felma Bonnie Garmon, 83, died Friday, April 9, 2004, in the Schleicher County Nursing Home in Eldorado. Services were held Sunday, April 11, in Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel in Sonora with Jesse Guadarrama officiating.

Bonnie was born to Talmage Andrews and Willie Gertrude Adams on May 9, 1920, and was a longtime resident of Sonora. She worked at the Sonora telephone company.

Felma Bonnie Andrews and William Fred Garmon Jr. were married in 1950. They had four daughters and one son. She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and one granddaughter.

She is survived by five children, Linda Dansby and husband, Steve, of Brookesmith, Debbie McWhorter and husband, Dan, of San Angelo, Pat Frye and husband, Charles, of Eldorado, Becky Garmon of Kerrville, and Quincy Gar-

mon and wife, Loretta, of Sonora; one brother, Charles Andrews; and two godchildren, Kirk Joy and Tessa Joy, both of Sonora.

She was "Granny" to twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bonnie was a loving child care provider for many years. She also leaves behind her "second family" at the Schleicher County Nursing Home. Our warmest feelings for the residents who were like sisters and brothers, the caring staff and the wonderful volunteers who were there for her every day. For nine years, she loved them and they loved her.

"You shall see Him smiling in the flowers, then rising and waving His hands in the trees. And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance" — The Prophet

Dolly Reed Muckleroy

SAN ANGELO — Dolly Reed Muckleroy, 81, of Eldorado and formerly of San Angelo, passed away Thursday, April 8, 2004, at her residence. The family will receive friends prior to the service at Johnson's Funeral Home.

Services were at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 10, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Andy Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Eldorado, officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

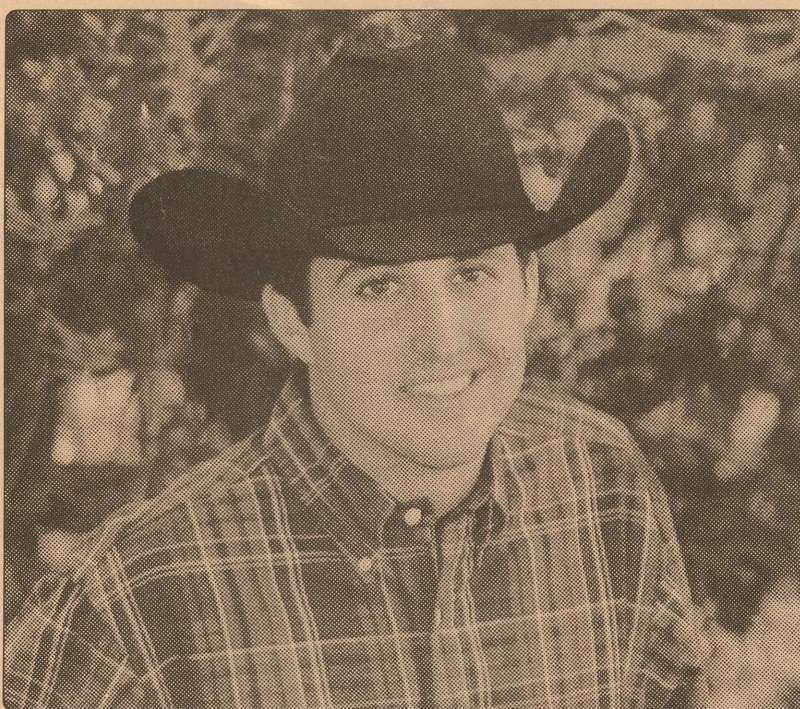
Dolly was born on March 13, 1923, in Carlsbad, Texas, to Harry and Christine Reed. She was a graduate of Water Valley High School, a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church

in San Angelo. Prior to moving to Eldorado in 1996 she had lived in San Angelo since 1923.

Dolly was married to Robert L. Muckleroy on July 24, 1942, in San Angelo. He preceded her in death on July 12, 1986. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother, Joe Reed; and grandson, Royce Hite.

Survivors include her daughter, Donna Jean Garvin and husband, Dee Jay, of Eldorado; step-grandson, Douglas Garvin of Eldorado; and "adopted" daughter, Dorothy Dacy of Eldorado.

Pallbearers were Manuel Pina, Richard Gibson, Monroe Dacy, Scott Ligon, Phillip Shaw and Charles Pfluger.



COURTESY PHOTO

Country singer — Neil Cooper of New Braunfels will be entertaining Sunday at the 18th annual Spring Chicken Affair in San Angelo, a benefit fundraiser for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Neil Cooper to headline at 18th annual Spring Chicken Affair

Sunday, April 18th that's the date a host of sponsors, vendors and volunteers will be offering food and fun for the entire family at the 22nd annual Spring Chicken Affair which benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Annually attracting 4,000 participants, the popular Spring Chicken Affair is sponsored by San Angelo National Bank, H-E-B Food Store and San Angelo Restaurant Association who provides the expertise and personnel to prepare and serve the Sunday-after-church chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets for the event-to be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—are available in advance at the Rehab Center, San Angelo National Bank and H-E-B. They're \$6 per person and also will be available at the event which is held behind SANB on Knickerbocker Road.

Texas country singer Neil Cooper will provide musical entertainment during the event. The Houston native has recorded an album, "There She Goes," which features nine original songs by the young artist. A graduate of Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Neil now lives in New Braunfels and enjoys performing up-tempo western swing, bluegrass and ballads.

For those who can't come and stay to enjoy the activities, takeout service will be available. Also, thanks to Home Motors, volunteers will deliver plates of food to indi-

viduals who have no transportation or have physical limitations which prevent them from attending. To arrange for delivery within the city limits of San Angelo, call 223-6379 by April 14th. Price of the delivery meal is still \$6.

"In 21 years, the Spring Chicken Affair has raised more than \$447,000 for the Rehab Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors, vendors and the thousands who attend each year," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "All of us at Rehab are deeply grateful to everyone responsible and we invite the Center's friends from nearby communities to come join the fun and fellowship."

Events such as Spring Chicken affair make it possible for the Center to serve all who seek its services, regardless of their financial circumstances. For more information about the event or Rehab programs, visit the website at www.westtexasrehab.org or phone 325-223-6300.

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 4/15	Fri 4/16	Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18	Mon 4/19
76/49	80/55	83/58	79/58	70/55
Mainly sunny. Warmer. High 76F. Winds S at 15 to 25 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

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Texas Tech closes Mobile Mammography Clinic

LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Mobile Mammography Clinic announced the closure of the program in March 2004. Patients can continue to call 1-800-222-8388 to request their mammography records.

The clinic had provided mammography services in rural West Texas since 1995. One of the pur-

poses of the Mobile Mammography Clinic was to provide breast screening technology to the underserved areas in the isolated communities in West Texas, such as Eldorado, Pecos, Monahans, Ft. Stockton, Iraan, Alpine, Presidio, Van Horn, Junction and other communities. The clinic provided more than 20,000 mammograms to patients in those areas.

Clinic officials said the discontinuing of services was due to the unavailability of a full-time mammography technologist and the cost of updating equipment.

BIRTHDAY LIST

- APRIL 15th Randy Mankin, Jose Sanchez, Nita Quintana, Maria Lopez, Cora Hastings, Mason Sudduth
16th Marivel Avila, Sherlene Robinson, Meagan Stevens, Dustin Stewart, Johnny Factor
17th Jeff Leggett, Fred Robles
18th Sherry Joy, Eluterio Guerrero, Neil Edmiston, Randy Spears, Ramon Ray Barajas, E. Jay Samaniego
19th Bob Bland, Brenda Joyce Lacy, Lilia Martinez, David Ray Gonzales, Naomi Gonzalez
20th Patricia Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Gerard Barrera
21st Sally Velasquez, Heather Powell, Angela Aycock

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District Champ — 7th grader Dustin Ramirez won the 2400 meter run at the Jr. High District Track Meet in Sonora on March 25 with a time of 9:24.73.

Eldorado Tennis season ends

by Coach Matt Rutherford

The Eldorado High School Tennis Team culminated their tennis season at the District 2-2A tournament last week. The Eagles represented their school well with an outstanding effort overall. In girls doubles Chandra Wanoreck and Maxie Holley finished fourth after winning an impressive match against Moore and Campbell from Ozona before falling to the eventual champions from Reagan County's 7-5, 6-4 in a great semi-final match. The girls never quite regained their form in the third place match falling to Sonora's #1 team 6-4, 6-2. Lauren Brown and Taylor Baker lost a tight match in the first round and in the consolation finals.

In girls singles Allison Reynolds won her first round match and then fell to eventual bronze medalist Whitney Hemphill in a hard fought match, 6-1, 6-4. Kristin Mittel was Eldorado's other representative in singles and she played well.

In boys' doubles both Eldorado teams won their first round matches and eventually fell to the first or second place teams in 2-2A. Frank Edmiston and Ryan Cathey defeated a Wall team 6-

0, 6-1, before falling in the quarterfinals to Ozona. Michael Ballew and Shay Parker won a hard fought match against Wall's #1 team 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 before falling to the eventual tournament champions in the quarterfinals.

In boys singles Russell Cathey split sets with the eventual fourth place winner in a tough match while Abel Montalvo fell to the eventual bronze medalist. Abel also put forth a great effort.

In junior varsity action the teams of JC Rodriguez and Kim Samaniego as well as Logan Jones and Mark Bybee finished fourth. Both teams were impressive. In boys singles Tony Chavez won two rounds and played well. Other Eagle participants were Luiz Almazan and Liz Lacy who showed great progress this season.

The Eagles will lose senior Shay Parker from this year's team. He played a solid four years for the tennis team and became a good player in the process. The rest of the Eagles will return for the 2005 season.

In all it was a very good season with a great group of student athletes. Congratulations for all of your improvement through the year.

Dist. 2-2A Jr. High Track Meet

Sonora, Texas - March 25, 2004

7th Grade Boys
Discus: 3. Dustin Guana, 91.1; 5. Troy Russell, 90.4.
2400m Run: 1. Dustin Ramirez, 9:24.73;
800m Run: 4. Dustin Ramirez, 2:40.56; 6. Rance Cathey, 2:43.21.
Shot Put: 2. Uriel Barrientos, 31-7.75.
400m Relay: 3. Eldorado, 53.80.
100m Dash: 5. Rolando Gonzales, 13.72.
400m Dash: 5. Jonathan Mejia, 64.06.
200m Dash: 1. Landy Alfaro, 27.63.
800m Relay: 3. Eldorado, 1:53.86.

7th Grade Girls
100m Dash: 3. Jessica Valero, 14.37;
800m Relay: 4. Bridgett Mitchell, Darci Grave, Haley Higgins, Marcela Huerta
400m Dash: 1. Cassandra Buitron 67.22
200m Dash: 4. Jessica Valero 30.29
Discus: 2. Kirsten Stubbs 71-10
Triple Jump: 4. Cassandra Buitron 28-6.; 5. Haley Higgins 27-5.5;
High Jump: 4. Haley Higgins, 4.00;
Long Jump: 6. Cassandra Buitron, 12.00;

Shot Put: 3. Kirsten Stubbs, 23-4.50; 5. Jessica Valero, 23-1
2400m Run: 3. Marcela Huerta 11:35.56
400m Relay: 3. Jessica Valero, Kirsten Stubbs, Haley Higgins, Cassandra Buitron
800m Dash: 1. Cassandra Buitron 2:42.92

8th Grade Boys
High Jump: 4. J.P. Joiner, 5.0
2400m Run: 5. Louie Buitron, 9:30.73.
Long Jump: 6. Pedro Garcia, 15-2.5.
400m Relay: 5. Eldorado, 53.36.
100m Hurdles: 1. J.P. Joiner, 17.28.
200m Dash: 4. Pedro Garcia, 26.30.
1600m Relay: 6. Eldorado, 4:21.05.
300m Hurdles: 1. J.P. Joiner, 45.81.
1600m Run: 5. Louie Buitron, 5:42.72.

8th Grade Girls
100m Hurdles: 5. Rhapsody Wyter 20.33.
400m Dash: 6. Desiree Valeriano 73.18
300m Hurdles: 4. Rhapsody Wyter 64.04

Eagles nine go 2-1 and push toward playoffs

On Friday April 2nd the Eagles escaped Reagan County with an 8-7 district victory. Dominating most of the game the Eagles held on in the bottom of the 7th to raise their district record to 3-1.

The Eagles built an 8-0 lead in the first six innings then held on for the 1-point victory as the Owls came roaring back in the 6th and 7th innings.

The Warbirds then dropped a 7-0 decision to league-leading Grape Creek on April 12.

Warbirds Clip Hawks 8-6

On Monday April 12th the Eagles came from behind to defeat the Wall Hawks 8-6. The victory put the Warbirds in a second place tie in district. Timely hitting by the and a strong pitching performance by senior ace Frankie Arispe helped the Eagles claim win.

The Eagles fell behind 4-0 in the bottom of the 3rd before erupting for three runs in the top of the 4th and three more in the top of the 5th.

Jared Grubbs reached base on a single in the 3rd. That was followed an RBI single from Andy Mejia. Frank Edmiston then doubled home Mejia and Caleb Nixon hammered an RBI single to give the Eagles their first three runs.

Arispe and Alan Dykstra were both hit by pitches in the 4th and Joey Hernandez followed with a walk. With one out in the inning Kolby Dombroski stole home only to see Mejia hit by the pitch, scoring Dombroski anyway.

The game's deciding hit came with two outs in the 4th when Frank Edmiston doubled down the left field line to score two runs.

The Warbirds would tally two more runs, one each in the 6th and 7th innings to make the final score 8-6.

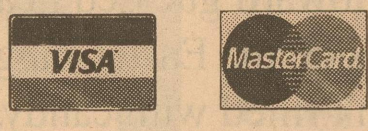
Frankie Arispe pitched all seven innings recording 11 strikeouts. "I thought our younger players really came through today," Coach Grubbs commented after the game. "The kids were excited and we really played well."

The Eagles record stands at 4-2 in district play and 12-4 on the season as they set their sights on a berth in the State 2A playoffs.

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Tuesday, April 20
Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Apple Sauce, Milk

Wednesday, April 21
Oatmeal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Thursday, April 22
Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, April 23
Glazed Donuts, Cheese Slices, Choice of Juice, Pear Halves, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, April 19
McRib Sandwich, French Fries, Pork-N-Beans, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, April 20
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, April 21
Pepperoni Pizza, Bread Sticks, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce, Cookies

Thursday, April 22
Taco Roll, Celery Sticks, Cole Slaw, Pear Halves

Friday, April 23
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Cookies, Apples, Sack Lunch Day

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Monday, April 19
Cheese Pizza, Bread Sticks, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, April 20
Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potato, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, April 21
Soft Tacos, Cheese Cups, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Thursday, April 22
Super Nachos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Pear Halves

Friday, April 23
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Cookies, Apples, Sack Lunch Day

City amends utility ordinance, increases some deposits

by Staci Key

The Eldorado City Council met Monday night, April 12, in the Council Chambers at City Hall and, among other items of business, voted unanimously to amend the city's utility ordinance.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo explained later that there had been a number of minor amendments to the ordinance, with the last of those coming in 2001, but nothing as comprehensive as this year's amendment since 1996.

A major portion of the amendment had to do with water deposits with residential deposits being increased from \$60 to \$100 and commercial deposits going to \$200. The council also changed the way deposits may be transferred from one family member to another and amended the portion of the ordinance dealing with hot checks and collection of fees for damages to city property.

Gas deposits for commercial customers also increased to \$200 and the fee for sewer taps increased, too. The ordinance also restates the city's long-standing policy prohibiting customers from operating the city's water and gas cutoff valves. New fees will be charged to customers calling for cutoffs after hours, with the fee being waived if the customer installs their own cutoff valve on their side of the meter. It was explained that state law prohibits individuals from operating the city's valves.

In other business, the council also made changes to the city's animal control ordinance, particularly as it relates to the adoption of animals from the city pound and to after hours calls requesting the city's animal control officer.

The meeting was the council's regular monthly session and was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk at 6:00 p.m., with council members Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez, Dora Bosman, and Toni Sudduth in attendance. Council member Juquin Rojas was absent. Also on hand was Bill McCutcheon who is running unopposed for

the unexpired term of Robert Bybee, also City Administrator Randy Mankin, Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo.

Among other business the council heard an update from attorney James Kosub regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act. He explained several instances under which the council could or could not enter into an executive session.

Utility Supt. Floyd Fay updated the council on work in his various departments. He noted that work to relocate a fire hydrant had been completed at the school. Fay said the work was complicated by the fact that a number of uncharted lines, including water and gas, were encountered. During the project, a new water meter and valve was installed at the school cafeteria so that the water can be cut off to the facility without affecting the entire school.

Fay went on to say that an inspector from the Texas Railroad Commission had spent a day and a half in Eldorado last week going over the city's natural gas system. The inspection, he said, went very well, with only two minor deficiencies being noted, both of which were corrected on the spot with no need for a follow up inspection.

City Administrator Randy Mankin explained that last year's gas inspection had not gone well and that the city's two gas department employees, Joe Lee Luttrell and Ricky Huichapa, have worked very hard to bring things up to speed. He said he was proud of their efforts.

Carolyn Mayo then presented her City Secretary's report, including the financial reports. She asked for and received an amendment to the city budget to address specific accounts that were in need of funds, the money was moved from

other areas of the budget. Ms. Mayo also updated the council on efforts to collect past due accounts through the Justice of the Peace Court. She explained that Billing Clerk Juanita Gomez had written a number of letters demanding payment of past due accounts and filing suit in Small Claims court on those who did not pay. The efforts have been very successful, she said.

Ms. Mayo then reported to the council that gas loss on the rural pipeline that serves a number of county residents east of Eldorado has been minimal. She also reported that there are no contested races for City Council of Mayor and offered a resolution canceling the election and declaring Mayor John Nikolauk, and Council members Juquin Rojas, Tommy Minor and Toni Sudduth to be elected. The resolution, which passed unanimously, also declared Bill McCutcheon to be elected to an unexpired term in Single Member Ward #1.

City Administrator Randy Mankin then advised the council that Schleicher County Commissioners had approved an interlocal agreement between the city and county. There was some talk about how a new development on the YFZ Ranch might impact the agreement, particularly as it relates to the city landfill. The council went on to approve the interlocal agreement, however, with one minor change recommended by Toni Sudduth. The change calls on the county to maintain the area around dumpsters on county property to keep those areas free of debris. Mankin said he would take the changed agreement back to the county for consideration.

Mankin then advised that the city's request for an amendment to the TCDP grant project in Orient Heights appears to be meeting

with some success. He said that the city's grant administrator Kay Howard had received verbal confirmation that the amendment had been cleared by two offices at the ORCA, the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Mankin said if final approval is given, money that is left over in the grant after work ins completed in Orient Heights may be used for work at the sewer plant. He also noted that Cebridge Cable is being asked to pay some \$7,700 because the water improvement project is being rerouted around the company's radio tower that was constructed in an alley. Mankin said that money could be applied to the sewer project, as well, thereby freeing up other funds to be spent on modifying the permit at the city's old landfill.

Mankin also noted that Cebridge Cable's franchise agreement has expired and that he has had no luck getting the company to respond to his recent calls. He then advised the council that he learned at a recent investment school that the city is required by law to contract with a bank or credit union to act as the city's depository and that the contract must be renewed at least once each five years. The council authorized Mankin to prepare a list of services the city will require of a depository so that the council may issue a call for applications at the next meeting.

In other business, the city approved the minutes of the March 8, 2004 meeting and authorized the payment of the monthly bills. They took no action on a Home Grant Program, opting to wait at least one more year before applying for grant funds to demolish dilapidated homes and rebuild them with new structures.

Before adjourning, the council learned of damage to city property caused by skateboarders. They asked the city staff to prepare a draft ordinance concerning skateboarders for their consideration at the next meeting slated for May 12, 2004.



25 Years of Service — (L-R) Sharon Deitz presented Peggy Ussery with a certificate in recognition of her 25 years of service to Schleicher County Medical Center. Peggy started her employment as a nursing assistance in the Nursing Home. Today, she is a certified medication aide. She also received a beautiful diamond ring during a reception held in her honor on Friday, April 2.

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Love of family and friends — Luis Aguilar (center) took care of quality control last Saturday by sampling a drumstick while family and friends fired chicken for a fundraiser for Luis' sister, Rosa Arispe who has had two previous cancer surgeries and is facing more surgical procedures. Helping to prepare the mounds of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and beans were (L-R) Chris Galan, Julia Martinez, Marcela Mejia Jovita Martinez, Rosa's sisters Senida Martinez, Patricia Aguilar and Amelia Aguilar. Over 400 pieces of chicken were cooked. Any one who would like to make a monetary donation is urged to contact Roxanne Adame at Amigo's Dream Restaurant.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, April 19

Swiss Steak w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Cornbread Muffins, Toss Salad, Orange Sections, Milk

Tuesday, April 20

Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Cornbread, Pears, Milk

Wednesday, April 21

Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk

Thursday, April 22

Bar-B-Que Chicken, Baked Beans, Calif. Mix Vegetables, Macaroni Salad, Cornbread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday, April 23

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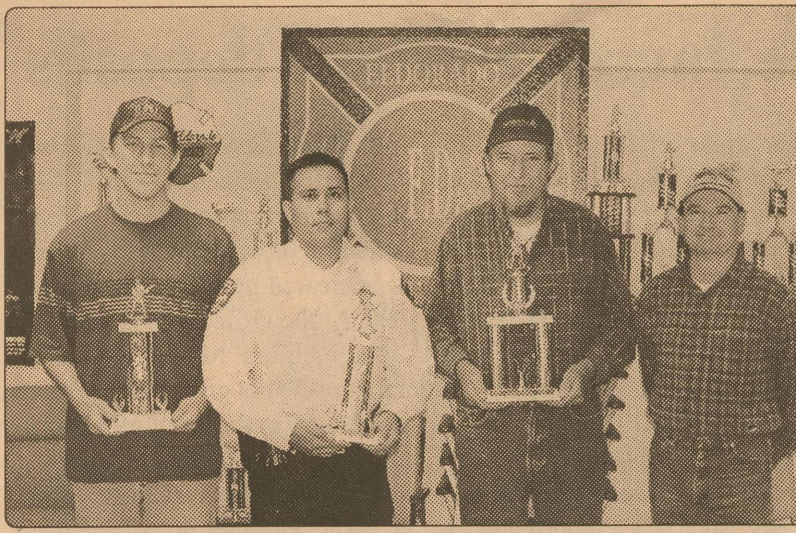
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 Honor Roll: Michael Bilbrey*, Macy Mikeska*, Ysenia Ramirez*, Jackson O'Harrow*, Maria Reyes*, Adriana Rios*

Mrs. Mikeska's Class
 Honor Roll: Elizabeth Olivares*, Juan Carlos Aranda*, Bailey Espinosa*, Carlos Guzman, Odette Barrientos*, BreeAnna Cortez*, Justin Estrada*, Abriana Islas*

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Mrs. Beach's Class
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Mrs. O'Harrow's Class
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 Honor Roll: Hagen Porras, Hector Reyes, Brittany Arredondo*, Preston Rodriguez*, Ruben Vasquez*

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Eldorado Middle School
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5th Six Weeks

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 "A-B" Honor Roll: Robert Buchholz, Colten Daniels, Laura Garcia, Torey Griggs, Trevor Harrington, Rosy Iglesias, Allyson Jarrett, Josh Jurecek, Briley Ledbetter, J.R. Martinez, Carli McAngus, Marci Minor, Ashley Paulson

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 "A-B" Honor Roll: Mary Alice Aguirre, Mason Baker, Crystal Hamilton, Alicia Hernandez, Clarisa Hernandez, Tony McCord, Juan Medrano, Marty Powell, Ramiro Perez, Dustin Ramos, Greg Rodriguez, Hugo Rios, Cory Ragon, Junior Trujillo

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Yes those are bullet holes! — (L-R) 13 year-old Mitch Scala and pilot Craig Ekberg visited Eldorado during a refueling stop last Wednesday at Schleicher County Airport last week. Craig and his wife Hanne arrived in this Chinese Nachang CJ-6. Mitch and his father Peter Scala flew in on a T-28 Trojan Airforce Trainer. Both planes and crews were from California in route to Florida's Sun-N-Fun Air Show. They noted that fuel is cheaper in Eldorado, prompting their stop here.

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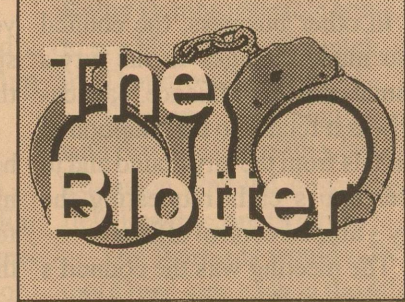
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- ARRESTS**
- April 9** • Espinoza, Jose Jr., male age 27, offense Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Controlled Substance. Arresting officer DPS trooper. Released on \$5000.00 Surety Bond.
 - April 11** • Salas, Samuel Garcia, male age 44, offense Speeding and No Proof of Insurance. Arresting officer DPS trooper. Released on citation.
- INCIDENTS**
- April 6** • 9:20 p.m. Hospital requested EMS for a transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.
 - April 7** • 12:05 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 1 responded.
 - 9:07 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary at 409 Ave. M in Del Rio, Texas. Schleicher County Officer forwarded information to Del Rio Police Department.
 - 7:18 p.m. Complainant stated that some one had assaulted her son. Officers responded.
 - 10:58 p.m. Complainant stated there was an illegal male at her residence and that she did not want that subject there. Officer responded.
 - April 8** • 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a dog bite victim. Officer responded.
 - 6:32 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an unresponsive male. Officers and EMS responded.
 - April 9** • 10:00 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about some forged checks. Officer responded.
 - 12:12 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for male subject who fell out of a Rig. Officers and EMS responded.
 - 12:44 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a missing Hiefer. Officer responded.
 - 2:19 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo. Officer responded and EMS 1.
 - 4:50 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a black and white Chevy Blazer. Officer responded.
 - April 10** • 1:30 a.m. Complainant called to report that there were some subjects calling to her home in the middle of the night and harassing them.
 - April 12** • 11:42 p.m. Report of a control burn.
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The school board trustees were notified that no candidates had filed to run as a write-in and they officially declared the election of Homer and Nicholson. The candidates will be sworn in at the regularly scheduled board meeting in May.

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10th Grade
"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Esperanza Fuentes, Rachel Joiner, Brence Minor, Allison Reynolds, Chandra Wanoreck

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Scripture
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County considers enforcement of State's septic tank rules

All members of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court were present Monday, April 12, 2004, to meet with two men whose jobs put them in the business of monitoring septic systems. One of the men, Mark Finch, is an environmental investigator with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. He advised the men on steps they could take so that the county can become a permitting agent for septic tanks and septic systems within the county. Finch advised that the county would have to follow the state's minimum requirements and file the necessary paperwork with the TCEQ. The commissioners would also have to set a fee schedule and forward any complaints to his office. Finch noted that regulation of septic systems is mandatory on small parcels of land and that all systems are covered by the law, meaning that none of the old systems are exempt or "grandfathered."

The second man, Charles McDonald of San Angelo, currently serves as Sutton County's septic system agent. He advised the commissioners that for the sum of \$5,500 annually, plus all fees collected, he would be serve as Schleicher County's agent and would handle all paperwork, follow-ups and complaints.

It was noted that three large buildings, currently going up on the YFZ Ranch, four miles north of Eldorado, is the main reason the county is looking into regulating septic systems. Also a concern is a subdivision of ranchettes in northern Schleicher County where a number of homes have been located in recent years. After discussing the matter at length, and meeting with both men, the commissioners opted to move on to other business without taking action on the matter.

In other business, Brigitte R. Rogers, a representative with the Silver-Haired Legislature, spoke briefly to the commissioners about freezing ad valorem taxes on homesteads for citizens 65 and over, as well as disabled citizens. The men ultimately decided not to enact a freeze since it would be permanent, voting unanimously against Mrs. Rogers proposal. At that point she advised the commissioners that she would start a petition so that a county-wide election could be held to decide the matter.

County Agent Scott Edmonson then asked for the county's assistance with an annual Clean-Up Day slated for May 7, 2004. The court approved the use of county employees and trucks to assist with

the removal of trash on that day with the stipulation that county crews and equipment are prohibited from working on private property.

Talk then turned to the need to find a replacement for retired County Agent Nancy Lester. During the discussion, the men voted to allow Edmonson to spend \$900 on a laptop computer with a portion of the money coming from fund it had set aside for Lester's salary before her retirement.

Next, County Clerk Peggy Williams sought and received approval to hire a part-time person to help in her office as needed

Another item, not on the agenda, was brought by Commissioner Johnny Mayo who told the court he had received a complaint from local rancher Brian Edmiston about the Sheriff's Department growing and selling hay. Mayo said that Edmiston was concerned about that the Department was taking business away from local growers.

County Judge Johnny Griffin responded that the Sheriff's Dept. used drug seizure funds to purchase seed and pay for baling the hay and used inmate labor to work the field. Proceeds from the sale of the hay, which totaled some 60 bales last year, is channeled into the county's coffers to offset expenses. It was further noted that the hay is sold at market price.

Contacted for comment about the program, Sheriff Doran told the Success that he sees the program as a way his prisoners can give back to the community while in jail. He noted that the prisoners are also building an impound yard where seized impounded vehicles can be stored until they are released by a court. The inmates have also planted vegetable garden, the produce from which will be used for meals in the jail and for the county's Meals for the Elderly Program, the Sheriff explained.

In other matters, the commissioners discussed but took no action on closing a county roadway behind the home of Ronnie Sauer. They also learned from construction consultant Kevin Tully that the proposed cemetery chapel is likely to cost the county \$70,000.00 before it is completed.

Before adjourning, Judge Griffin told the commissioners that they would need to revisit the issue of rules and fees at the Civic Center in the near future. The men also approved two indigent request totaling \$398.27 to pay for utilities.

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