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## Gesch on paid leave as SCISD Supt

SCISD Superintendent Mark Gesch was placed on paid leave Monday night by the SCISD board of trustees effective at 5:00 p.m. that same day. The action came after a 50-minute closed-door executive session in which the trustees conferred with attorney Sara Leon by telephone. When the group emerged into open session they voted unanimously to grant a request from Gesch that he be placed on voluntary leave for personal reasons. Gesch was not present for the meeting.

Mr. Gesch could not be contacted for comment and SCISD trustees declined to comment on the circumstances surrounding his leave of absence. The school's attorney, Sarah Leon of Austin, later confirmed that Gesch would be paid during his leave, but did not comment on how long the leave of absence might last.

It is noteworthy that Gesch's two-year contract was not extended by the board when other administrative contracts were renewed earlier this year. He has one year remaining on his contract, which reportedly pays him \$81,000 per year.

Additionally, the board has called an emergency meeting for 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, at which time they will discuss hiring an acting superintendent. The meeting will be held in the Middle School Library.

In dealing with a separate personnel issue, the trustees met in executive session to discuss what the agenda termed a "level three employee grievance." At one point the Middle School teacher Rick Singleton joined the trustees behind closed doors but left the session before the trustees returned to open session. Once they did return, however, the trustees moved tabled any further discussion of the matter.

The meeting was the group's regular monthly session and was called to order by Board President Jo Helen Kotsch. Also in attendance were trustees Berta Nicholson, Eddie Albin, Jan Wanoreck and Lupe Sanchez. Trustees John Paul Joiner and Kurtis Homer were absent.

Also in attendance were EHS Principal Bob Wanoreck, EMS Principal Kara Sue Garlitz, Librarian Debbie Griffin, Technology Director J.D. Doyle and Business Manager Ray Ballew.

Among other business, the board okayed ten consent agenda items involving service agreements with the Education Service Center 15 Region totaling \$64,895.07

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## Saga continues at YFZ Ranch



PHOTO BY STACI KEY

**More construction** — Work continued on a new concrete pad last week (above left) despite an order from TCEQ requiring the cement batch plant at the YFZ Ranch to shut down. Agency regulators are concerned that their YFZ officials are blatantly disregarding their orders.

## YFZ officials ignore TCEQ warnings

A cement bulk plant and a rock crusher appeared to be running full steam ahead last week, well after a shut down order issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Aerial photos taken on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, also revealed another large foundation being constructed adjacent to five other structures already built, or nearing completion. Additionally, a metal barn had been built nearby.

Ricky Anderson, TCEQ Region 8 Director, told the Success on Tuesday that YFZ officials have applied for a permit to operate a rock crusher, but that no such permit has been issued. Additionally, the state's order to halt operation of a the rock crusher and cement bulk plant remains in place.

Meanwhile, the TCEQ is pushing ahead with its investigation. Already, a series of alleged violations regarding the cement bulk plant and a non-permitted sewage treatment facility have been referred to the agency's enforcement division.

Documents obtained by the Success reveal that TCEQ investigators from the San Angelo office are perhaps the most concerned about the sewage treatment facility, which they say is inadequate and poses a danger to groundwater, as well as a threat of discharge into Milligan Draw, a feeder of the South Concho River.

San Angelo investigators were so troubled by the sewage facility's lack of capacity that they referred to it as a Class V Injection Well. A TCEQ spokesman said the designation means that the facility is not capable of safely treating the amount of sewage it is receiving and that there is a danger of untreated waste leaching into the groundwater.

TCEQ is the agency that oversees many of the day-to-day operations of the City of Eldorado as well as other municipalities statewide. It is empowered by the State Legislature to act on behalf of the state and has far reaching enforcement powers and can levy fines of up to \$10,000 per day per violation.

## Arizona man says FLDS prophet stole his family

Richard Holm, 51, of Colorado City, Arizona, an admitted polygamist, says he never expected to find himself fighting for custody of his children. Much less, did he think the court battle would involve the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS). As a faithful member of the church and loyal follower of its prophets, Holm says he was stunned to learn that he had been excommunicated by new FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs.

Holm, a respected businessman and longtime member of the Colorado City, AZ City Council, said he thought life was about as good as it could get. He and his two wives, Lorena and Alice, and their seven children owned and operated a Motel in the twin cities of Colorado City and Hildale. Holm also provided transportation for the church's former prophet, Rulon Jeffs.

Holm says that new prophet Warren Jeffs secretly recorded meetings his father had with church members. Among those recordings are audio tapes of confessions that church members believed were meant only for the ears of their former prophet. Holm says those tapes are now being used to blackmail and intimidate FLDS members into following the leadership of Warren Jeffs.

"He is a sinister man," Holm said of Warren Jeffs. "Only an evil man would tear apart a man's family this way."

Holm believes that the new Prophet became aware of a confession he made about some youthful indiscretions. "I wasn't always close to God and I made some mistakes when I was young. But I confessed those and came back to the faith and back to the church," Holm said.

But priest-penitent confidentiality apparently doesn't apply in the FLDS, at least according to Richard Holm. He says

that Warren Jeffs used the information in his confession against him and ordered him out of his home and away from his family. The order to vacate his home was based on the fact that it was built on property owned by the United Effort Plan, a trust fund controlled by the FLDS.

Holm says his greatest mistake was actually leaving the property instead of fighting the eviction notice. Recently another man, Ross Chatwin, won a court battle with the FLDS and was able to stay in his home after he was excom-

It was like a death sentence."

Recently, Holm sought and won the right to visit his seven children, something he says has made his life a little easier. "They are my whole life. I can't imagine life without them."

Holm says Warren Jeffs decision to move a portion his FLDS faithful to Texas is a strange one. "I think his decision to move has a lot to do with the pressure Warren is under here in Colorado City," Holm said. "I'm not sure why he chose Eldorado, or Texas for that matter," Holm said. "It might have had something to do with the Supreme Court striking down Texas' anti-sodomy law."

Holm noted that Jeffs, who has a well publicized penchant for security and who travels with a group of body guards, could be on the coming to Texas because he fears reprisal from those he has stepped on in Colorado City. "People like me," Holm said. "There are a lot of people like me who have had their lives ruined by this snake."

Holm says he doesn't expect a mass exodus from Colorado City to Texas. "I have trouble picturing a mass move away from here," Holm stated. "What he may be doing is building his own sort of Disneyland down there where his most obedient followers can come and visit for a few days and while they are there they get to see the wizard."

Holm went on to say that Eldoradoans probably don't have much to fear from Warren Jeffs. "Warren is a coward and he is going to do whatever he can to stay out of trouble," Holms said. "I've heard him say in his sermons that if he is ever arrested he will be killed in jail. I honestly believe that he believes that."

Holm says he would like to visit Eldorado someday and see the YFZ Ranch. "I want to see what Warren is spending all that money on. I want to see what he is spending my money on."

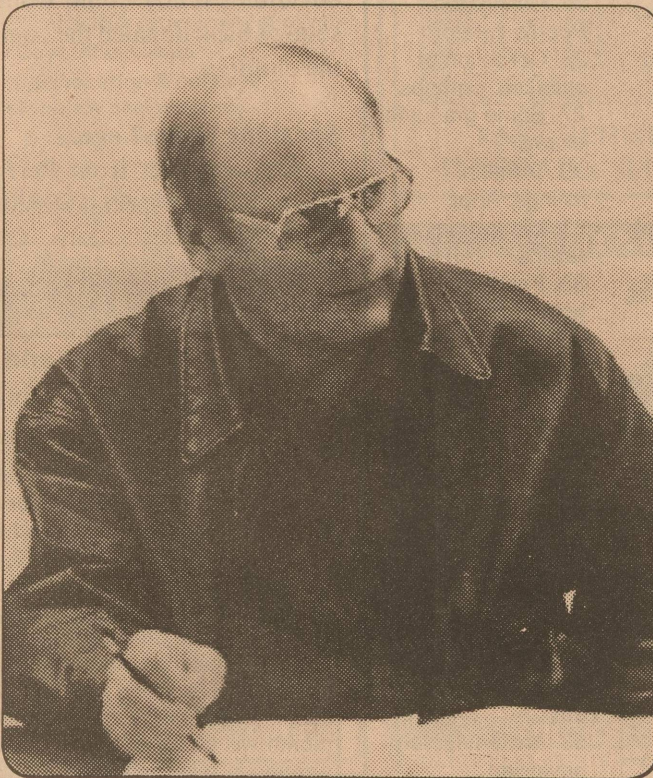


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PHOENIX NEW TIMES

**Angry husband & father** — Richard Holm, shown here during a meeting of the Colorado City, AZ City Council, recently won parental visitation rights for his seven children. He says that FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs gave his two wives and seven children to his brother after Holm was excommunicated from the church last year. He questions the FLDS move to Eldorado.

municated by Warren Jeffs.

Holm says his greatest blow came a few weeks after he moved out of his home when he was notified that his two wives had been given in marriage to his brother Ed. "Warren Jeffs executed my family," Holm told the Success in a telephone interview. "He took my wives and gave them in marriage to my brother.

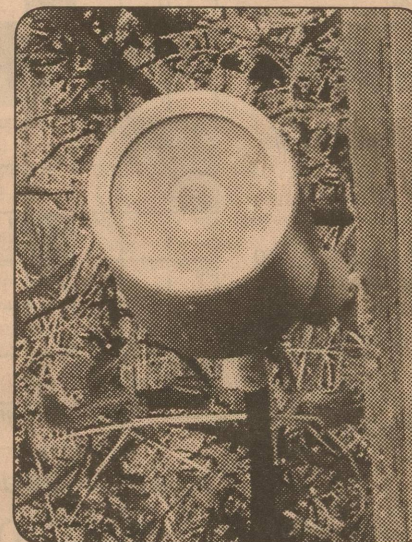


PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

**Here's looking at you** — This infrared night-vision camera is strategically placed to monitor activity near the entrance to the YFZ Ranch on County Rd. 300.





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## Mr. Berryhill and his collection of Corvairs

When I got married in 1963, I owned a Corvair. It was a nifty car. White with red upholstery. The small steering wheel was a joy to hold and because the engine was in the back, the front was light-weight and didn't require power steering. We took it to Mexico on our honeymoon.

Our Corvair was stolen one night from a movie parking lot. The police said they had never heard of anyone stealing a Corvair.

B. D. Berryhill of Midland has restored a Corvair convertible. The color is called evening orchid. It's a light purple.

"It was quite a car," says B. D. "They made convertibles, sedans, pickups and vans. They were all rear engine air cooled vehicles that were more or less patterned after Volkswagen."

He has other Corvairs. "I have two Corvairs that run. I have a ramp-side pickup and a Greenbriar van which I haven't started restoring yet."

He knows how to take one apart and put it back together. He's been working on cars since he was sixteen.

"You know when you're younger there's always a car that



by Tumbweed Smith

comes along that you'd like to have. I used to keep track of them. When they first came out with the Corvair I couldn't afford one. Whenever they began to fall from favor and the price got cheap, then I could afford one as an extra car."

Ralph Nader didn't like the Corvair because of its rear engine and a rear suspension problem. He wrote a book, UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED. It pretty well caused the Corvair to go away.

"General Motors went in and re-tooled and re-designed the car and changed all that rear suspension to where it was no longer unsafe at all. But it was too late. Nader had already done the damage."

Annual Corvair events are held around the country. There's an annual magazine, THE CORSA, and national Corvair club. B. D. is a member.

Parts for the Corvairs are easy

to find. "There's one company in Massachusetts of all places that specializes in Corvair parts. That's all they do. You can call them up and buy any piece. Believe it or not, they're pretty doggone reasonable on price."

Mr. Berryhill drives his Corvairs around town.

"I have a lot of fun driving them. They're kind of a poor man's sports car. They have a quick steering on them and a floor shift."

The Corvair sold from 1960 to 1969. It was an economy car.

"I believe this convertible was about \$2,500 new. The two door hardtop out there was around two thousand. The big fullsize Chevrolets and Fords and so on were higher than that."

Mr. Berryhill has other classic cars, but loves his Corvairs.

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## A peek into the Odds & Ends File

I've collect a lot of snippets, mostly garnered from my email, with the thought that someday, one of them might be used as an idea for a column. But, every once in awhile the file gets too full and has to be purged.

Here for your consideration is an assortment tidbits that are too good to throw away.

Have you noticed that more and more people are eating natural foods these days. Strange, isn't it, that more and more people are also dying of natural causes.

Are honey bees polygamists?

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Anytime I lose something around the house, like a TV remote, the best way to find it is to buy a replacement.

There's an old saying, Quitters Never Win and Winners Never



by Randy Mankin

Quit. It was written by the same guy who said Quit While You're Ahead. You've heard it said that if you give a person a fish you can feed them for a day. Well, simply teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.

A good diet and plenty of exercise is the recipe for good health. And, good health is nothing more than the slowest possible rate at which a person can die

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention whatsoever to its critics and it never gets cancelled.

Some people are like Slinkies. They're not really good for anything, but you still can't help but

smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.

Never take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

Why is it that only a child can open a child-proof cap and only a computer hacker can figure out the password you dreamed up six months ago but have since forgotten.

Following that same line of thought, why is it that the only time kids play with unbreakable toys is to break other toys?

In California, there are two kinds of pedestrians...the quick and the dead.

I find that whenever I get in an argument with my wife, it's very easy for me to get the last word. All I have to do is apologize.

Have you noticed that all the phone psychics have disappeared? Do you think that maybe they know something we don't?

Feeling blue? Stop holding your breath!

## Students cash in with new Texas quarter

AUSTIN — The Legislature wasn't even in session, but Gov. Rick Perry was giving away money in Austin last week — a thousand school kids each got a commemorative Texas quarter at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

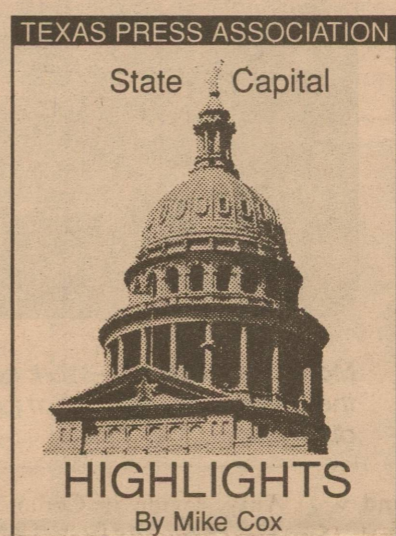
Designed by Arlington artist Daniel Miller, the new coin features an outline of Texas partially overlaid by a raised five-point star, better known as the Lone Star. The Texas quarter is part of the U.S. Mint's 50-state series, each state being honored in the order of its admission to the Union. (Texas was No. 28.)

Right now, the new quarters are worth only 25 cents, but just try to find one.

Officially, the government will sell the coins for 10 weeks, but given the collectable nature of almost anything connected to Texas, they already seem scarce. A teller at one downtown Austin bank said they got only one bag of the new coins, and they were gone very soon after the bank opened that day.

The free money Perry handed out didn't really come from the state. A bank donated the coins for the children.

Speaking of the Lege... No word yet from Perry on when the next special session on



the school finance issue will be, but the buzz is some time in mid-July.

No Texas brag... No other state has more people in prison than Texas. According to U.S. Department of Justice statistics, 164,222 inmates are currently under the stewardship of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Only the federal prison system has more people behind bars, but the difference is only 6,000 prisoners. Counting all jurisdictions, the nation has 2.1 million men and women in prison — 1 out of every 140 Americans.

Watch out for skeeters... The West Nile virus already has been detected in eight Texas

counties this spring, though so far, no human cases have been reported to the Texas Department of Health.

The mosquito-borne virus has been found in one horse each in Brazoria, Fort Bend, La Salle, Leon and Montgomery counties.

The virus has been identified in eight birds in Brazos, Harris, Lubbock and Montgomery counties.

Last year, 439 human cases occurred in 86 Texas counties, with 38 deaths.

Other duties as assigned... Go through training and get hired as a game warden for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and you'll get to do some interesting things along with the more routine duties.

Earlier this spring, TPWD reported, a warden stationed in Travis County received a call about a trespasser in a Southwest Austin grocery store — a pregnant deer had scammed through an open door and was running up and down the aisles amid startled shoppers.

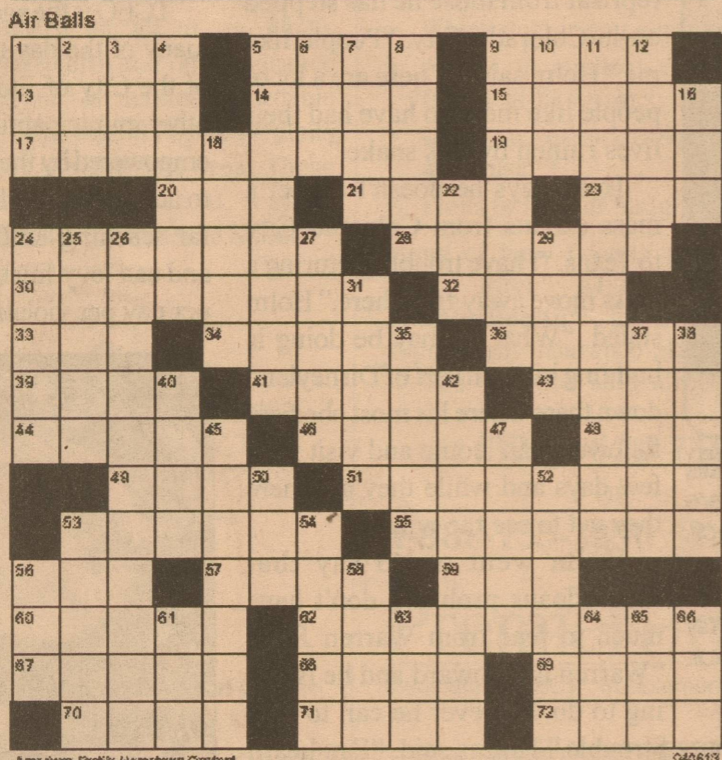
Whether the mother-to-be on the loose in the store was looking for pickles and ice cream was not reported, but with some help, the warden roped the deer and taped her legs for transport back to the wild.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Publisher \_\_\_ Davis
  - Beggar's duds
  - Places to enjoy pints
  - Love personified
  - Baldwin of film
  - China's Zhou \_\_\_
  - List of choices on a computer, maybe
  - Be skeptical of
  - Nitrogen, for instance
  - High: Prefix
  - Loop trains
  - Economic warfare tactic
  - Track down
  - Bald as a \_\_\_ ball
  - Army chutist, briefly
  - \_\_\_-mo (reply option)
  - Rating units
  - Fedora parts
  - Slaughter in baseball
  - Inventor Howe
  - Pig food
  - Katmandu's country
  - A natural, at the craps table
  - Pharmaceutical approving org.
  - Love personified
  - Went off the track

- Rural road surface
- Give a new look to
- Felix or Garfield
- Skater's leap
- "Uh-uh!"
- Backup strategy
- Top draw at a concert
- Fend off
- Intro to culture?
- \_\_\_ Scotia lox
- Campbell of

- DOWN**
- Microwave, slangily
  - "Editorially speaking," in cybershorthand
  - Vain fellow
  - Costconscious
  - Seaport of Kent, England
  - Libation served at
  - 9-Across
  - Filmomd's Rowlands
  - Racing shell
  - Humanpowered taxi
  - Numero \_\_\_
  - Burl lves hit
  - Fancy fur
  - Part of TGIF
  - Arch of Triumph site
  - Blouse or shirt
  - Buddy of "Barnaby Jones"
  - Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
  - Collection of outtakes, perhaps
  - Some graduate exams
  - Terminal listings: Abbr.
  - Like prunes and raisins
  - Passbook holder
  - Runway walker
  - Sam the sleuth
  - \_\_\_ Lee cakes
  - "The Three Princes of \_\_\_" (fairy tale)
  - Like a cute puppy, say
  - Twangy, as speech
  - Driver's license datum
  - "\_\_\_, therefore I am"
  - Ancient Greek physician
  - "The Merry Widow" composer
  - EMT specialty
  - Toy brick brand
  - Carson City's state: Abbr.
  - Tattoo place
  - "Smoking or \_\_\_?"
  - Adam's madam
  - Like steak tartare



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# OBITUARIES

## Donald P. Stewart

SAN ANGELO — Donald P. Stewart, 70, of San Angelo, passed away Thursday, June 10, 2004, in San Angelo. Funeral Services were at 4 p.m., Monday, June 14, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Neal Brillhart officiating. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Donald was born April 1, 1934, in Oswego, N.Y. to his parents, Warren L. and Eudocia DeForest Stewart. He attended Mansville High School in Mansville, N.Y. and served in the US Air Force for four years. He was the traffic manager for transportation at Good Fellow Air Force Base, and retired from there after 35 years.

Donald married Mary S. Tallery on Aug. 31, 1955, in San Angelo, and they shared 48 beautiful years together.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Warren L. Stewart, Jr.

He is survived by his loving family; wife, Mary S. Stewart of

San Angelo; son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Bobbie Stewart of Wichita Falls; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Kelly Stewart of San Angelo; son and daughter-in-law, Bryan and Karen Stewart of Lewisville; daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Lee Renfro of Great Falls, Mont.; grandchildren, Kevin Stewart, Derek Stewart, Sarah Stewart, Christopher Stewart, Brandon Stewart, Kimberlee Goodson, Jonathan Renfro and Jared Renfro; brother, Archie Stewart of Aurora, Ill.; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Gloria and Richard Kent of Eldorado; brother-in-law, Marshall Talley of San Angelo; nieces and nephews; and special friends, Geneva and Ernest Bloodworth, Thomas and Adelle Lee and Totsy Moore, all of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Gregory Economidis, Ernest Bloodworth, Ira Poole, Lester Smith, Thad Donalson, Richard Kent, and Ted Weaks. The honorary pallbearer was Thomas Lee.



Mrs. G.W. Farrar

COURTESY PHOTO

## Reynolds/Farrar wedding

Ginger Michelle Reynolds and G.W. Farrar were married June 12, 2004, at First United Methodist Church with Jean Ann Karm of the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado and George Lumpkin of St. Luke's United Methodist Church of San Angelo officiating.

Parents of the couple are Sidney and Melonie Reynolds of Eldorado and Billy and Janice Farrar of Livingston, Texas.

Maid of honor was Allison

Reynolds sister of the bride. Flower girl was Ashby Ragsdale.

Best man was Garet Lowe of College Station, Texas.

Ushers were Bobby and Andrew Terry of San Angelo.

The bride is a graduate of Eldorado High School. She received a bachelor's degree of Science in Agribusiness at Texas A&M. She is employed by Onalaska Independent School District.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Livingston High School. He graduated from Lamar Institute of Technology in 2004 with a degree in Utility Line Technology.

The couple will live in Livingston, Texas.

Births, Deaths, Weddings, Engagements are all reported in **THE SUCCESS** It's the best source around!

## Karm to lead flock at FUMC



After four years of seminary and four years as an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church of Portland, Texas, Jean Ann Karm was ordained as an Elder in 2003. Before her recent move to Eldorado, she pastored a congregation at Bertram United Methodist Church for a year.

Wichita Falls is Rev. Karm's hometown. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in music from the University of Texas.

She has two grown and married children. Her son, Lance Karm and wife Amy, reside in Cedar Park. Daughter Cindy and husband Steve Roberts make their home in Richardson.

Following Rev. Karm to Eldorado are two tabby cats, Alex, age 16, and Sparky, 9 months old.

Rev. Karm says she loves the slow pace of a small town and friendly people.

## Blinn College lists Spring honors students

BRYAN — Blinn College has announced its academic honor students for the 2004 spring semester on its Bryan campus.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74

as Distinguished Students and those with at least a 3.75 as President's Scholars.

Tanner Haynes of Eldorado has been named to the President's Scholars list. Tanner is the son of Mike and Stacy Haynes and a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School.



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Makinna Brooke Turner

## It's a Girl!

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Cole Turner are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Makinna Brooke. She was born May 18, 2004 at 4:06 p.m. at St. Anthony Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, weighing 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 19 1/4" in length.

She was welcomed home by 4 year old big brother, Auti Cole. Proud grandparents are Sonny and JoAnn Turner of Eldorado and Clydean Sandefer of Amarillo.

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## Meals for Friends Menu



### Monday, June 21

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

### Tuesday, June 22

Polish Sausage, Fresh Baked Sweet Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Corn Bread, Pears, Milk

### Wednesday, June 23

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

### Thursday, June 24

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

### Friday, June 25

Tuna Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/ Tomato, Red Applesauce, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk

## The Way Off Broadway Players

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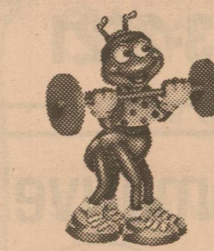
Eldorado Pride Committee would like to encourage everyone to mow and clean-up their property June 19-26. We will have many visitors in Eldorado for the Way Off Broadway play and Mias Amigas. **Let's Keep Our Pride Alive!!**

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**2004 All West Texas Softball Team** — Betsy Green, a recent Eldorado graduate, was named to the San Angelo Standard-Times All West Texas Softball Team this past Sunday. She was the defensive Most Valuable Player of District 8-2A and was a standout for the Lady Eagles all year long. A veteran on the team, Green played Shortstop for the Lady Eagles while accumulating 20 runs and notching up 21 runs batted in.

Riley Umphres of Eldorado won 1st place Mutton Bustin at Rankin annual Barbado Cook-off recently. Riley is the daughter of Cheyenne Walker and Ted Umphres. Grandparents are Johnny and Sherry Walker.



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**2004 Minor All Stars Team:** Front L-R: Bailey Espinosa, Jose Aranda, Colton Crowder, Robert Martinez, Hagen Porras, Edward Hernandez; Middle L-R: Rico Martinez, John Cody Brenner, Aaron Conn, Jalen Garza, Brian Parsley, Tyler Martinez, and Jackson O'Harrow. Back: Coach Mike Adame.



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**2004 Minor Team Diamonbacks:** Front (L-R): Preston Rodriguez, Bailey Espinosa, Jose Aranda, Colton Crowder, Dalton Buchholz and Dominique Ochoa; Middle (L-R): Cameron Capps, Ryan Espinosa, John Cody Brenner, Jalen Garza, Juan Aranda; Back (L-R) Coach Mario Arevalo and Coach Mike Brenner.



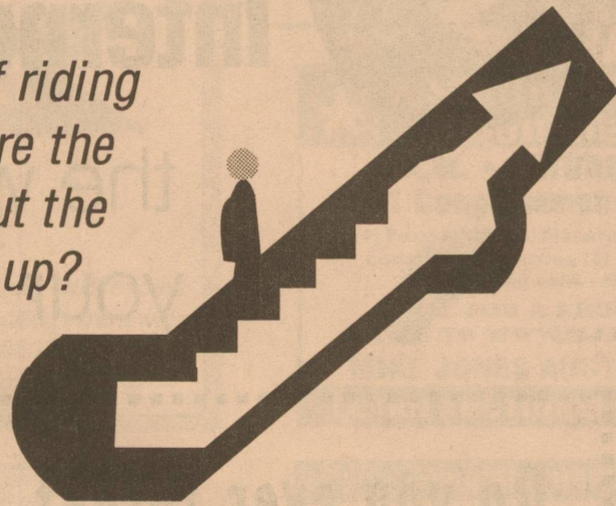
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**2004 Minor Team - Astros:** Front (L-R): Rico Martinez, yler Martinez, Jackson O'Harrow, Robert Martinez, Justin Estrada; Middle (L-R): Aaron Conn, Tyler Martinez, Brian Parsley, Hagen Porras, Tres Whitten; Back L-R: Coach Mike Adame, and Coach Jeff

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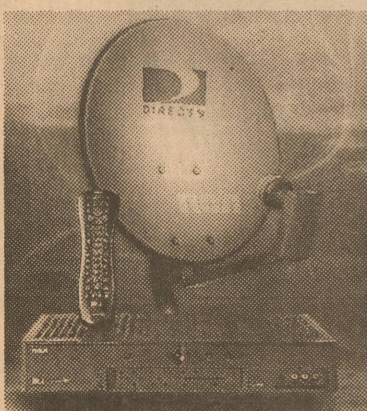
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# WMAs offer new look at state's wildlife

by Mark K. Campbell

The most interesting thing at Fairfield Lake State Park was the weenie tree.

While that was certainly a unique discovery – a couple of frankfurters, slowly cooking in the midday heat, impaled on scrawny branches 10 feet up (for birds?) – Fairfield Lake State Park just wasn't ringing our bell.

With a new companion this year – Callie, a 5.3-pound "schnoodle" (part poodle, part schnauzer) – we had already completed the Bird Watching Trail hike and had seen the facilities the at the park.

That included tons of camping (135 sites, few with direct water access; No. 79 was best), some deer with fawns, and a nice a dining hall, right on the water, for family reunions.

A second hike, a 2-miler, was pleasant. We wandered through East Texas hardwoods (just shy of the famed pine trees that were a tad farther east), a trip that finally wore Callie out. She hitched a ride in her pouch afterward.

We discovered the weenie tree at the end of the hike. Callie seemed impressed, judging from her constant sniffing.

Fairfield's claim to fame, however, is fishing. Boats zipped around the lake seeking everything from catfish to largemouth and hybrid striped bass, the rare-in-freshwater red drum, and even blue tilapia, a "non-game" fish so unpopular that it has no catch limit.

Still, Fairfield, while apparently great for families and anglers, was pretty mundane. So we struck out a bit north, scooted Richland-Chambers Lake, turned on Highway 287 and soon came on one of the few sorts of land we'd never been on – a wildlife management area.

## Gus Engeling WMA

Right off the bat, you learn that a WMA isn't a state park. A big sign warns that no one is responsible should any damage come upon your property or your human body.

A WMA is like an untamed state park. Before entering you must fill out paperwork and, should you decide to stay, you must complete a short document every day. It's placed in a drop-box at the entrance right off 287.

On the opposite side of 287 is a nice headquarters building – with an actual address of Tennessee Colony, Texas – with air conditioning and water.

Those luxuries are soon gone if you cross the highway into GEWMA.

There are no paved roads at the WMA. In fact, the roads deteriorate rapidly.

The park is filled with a stunning array of wildlife – including four kinds of venomous snakes – and plants. It's also occasionally a temporary home for some stout humans, people conducting various experiments under remarkably harsh conditions.



**Gator**—An American alligator lounges next to Beaver Pond in Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area near Palestine, Texas.

## The dreaded driving tour

The GEWMA offers a driving tour, a map says.

We headed into the area on a red cindery road, taking a right at the first fork. The map said that was the way to our goal, the one-of-a-kind Catfish Creek.

Our road quickly began to get much worse. But, we figured, this would be a test for our new truck, now 4-wheel drive after last year's Big Bend trip almost vibrated the "old school" truck apart.

We turned again and again, crossing a small, 1-lane bridge at one point. Right about there, the flies descended. Hundreds of them.

The accompanying pamphlet didn't say, but we're pretty sure they were zombie flies, anxious for – judging from the lack of folks in the WMA – a rare treat, some human flesh.

Finally, our road had dwindled down to a path so poor a cow wouldn't walk it. That's when we came upon some screened shelters. No one was around – the flies had probably taken care of that. We acknowledged that it indeed takes some seriously hardy folks to survive in this dense forest.

A sign finally told us that the "road" was closed; recent serious storms had caused flooding and felled numerous trees.

So we backtracked. But a wrong turn took us to a dead-end where flies again began settling on the vehicle, their eyes – and they've got a bunch – glued on us. We were trapped in ever-darkening woods, covered with flies! That's when "Tubular Bells" came over the radio...the theme to *The Exorcist*!

That was enough! Surely a wild-eyed yeti was about to come bursting out of untamed growth. (East Texans can tell you some Sasquatch stories.) We peeled out of there, flies flying.

## Catfish creek

Now had we simply taken the other fork in the road, we could've saved ourselves many miles. But we assumed the other fork would be just as bad as the former. So we went back to the main gate and drove all the way around the WMA

to the back entrance. (Which took a while to find.)

The best information about the GEWMA is to *stay left if you use the main entrance.*

We did finally find a road that got us to Catfish Creek. It says Eubanks on the map but we never saw a sign.

Anyway, the creek, which is right off the road, is like no other in Texas. Forest and wetlands meet in the riparian ("streamside") system where uncommon wildlife resides – swamp rabbits, American alligators, and lots of birds and waterfowl.

When we were there, lots of mosquitoes were residing there. Lots. Because Catfish Creek had obviously recently rampaged, visitors had carved a new road between the huge trees that dotted the green area.

Someone had placed a folding chair next to the creek. It's clear and cold, virtually undisturbed and a pleasant sit until the bugs find you.

We didn't see any swamp rabbits or alligators – yet – but the place was cool and easily accessible.

## Two roads

We had our choice just down from Catfish Creek as a road – much improved from the *Exorcist* road – intersected Eubanks.

We went right. After dipping down to a bridge that blocks up Catfish Creek creating a small pond – many birds floated about here – we came upon two lakes near the road's end at the northern part of the WMA.

Two short, seldom-traveled roadways led to a pair of small bodies of water: Lake 1 and Lake 2. Both contained a pair of screened-in cabins. Lake 2 was the better of the two. The other required walking down through Lake 2 to get to the water. But both were close together. And both were totally deserted.

Back at the other side of the intersection, a sign that said deer were being studied wasn't kidding. We saw plenty, including a young buck that stuck his head up over some high grasses lit by the late afternoon sun.

We know *now* that this stretch was the other fork in the road way back in the beginning of our WMA journey.

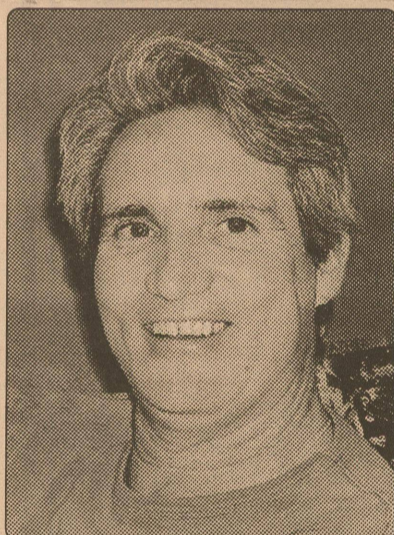
We drove past the Beaver Pond Nature Trail so we could hike the Dogwood Nature Trail.

It's not too long and, with a creek branch running on one edge and with massive trees – oaks, hickories, cedars, sweetgums, ashes, and, of course, dogwoods – the woods were simply thick. A pamphlet identifies the various trees and plant life.

Callie was a bit nervous here and didn't get down. No one's very woody at 5.3 pounds.

This was a fine hike – not very strenuous but not wheelchair-able, however – that was made even more interesting by some trees that had been leveled by the storm and completely blocked the path. Some humongous trees. Including one that was highlighted in the pam-

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Mark K. Campbell

## Back to the great outdoors

Mark Campbell took readers of the Eldorado Success along with him last year as he and his wife Paula toured many of the state's parks and recreational areas. This year they're going to do it all over again and their taking us with them, one more time. Check the Success each week this summer for one of Mark's travel stories.

Mark Campbell is a writer for the *Azle News* in Azle, TX.

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### Grilled Chicken Breasts

- 1 medium pineapple
- 1 medium red onion
- 1 package Mr. Yoshida's Teriyaki EZ Marinader
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, about 6 ounces each

To prepare pineapple, cut off top and cut 4 thick slices. Cut each slice in half and remove center core and skin if desired.

Remove skin from red onion and cut 4 thick slices.

Place pineapple and onion in Marinader bag and reseal bag. Allow to marinate in refrigerator

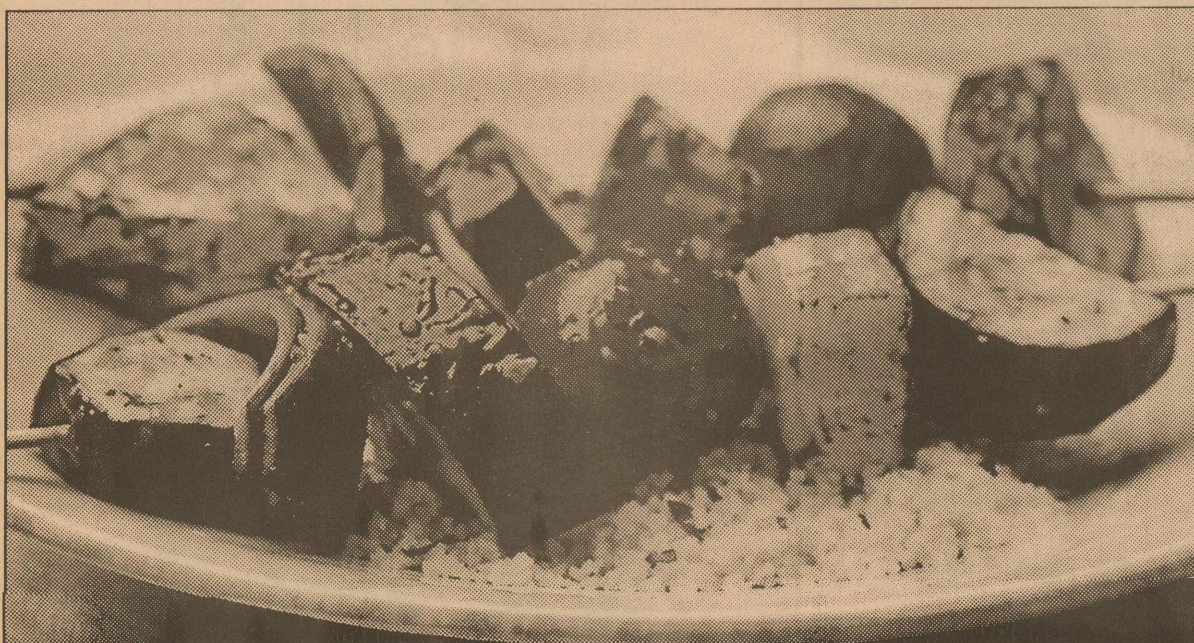
for 15 minutes, turning bag occasionally to distribute marinade. Remove from bag, cover and set aside.

Place chicken breasts in Marinader bag and reseal bag. Allow to marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes, turning bag occasionally to distribute marinade. Remove chicken from bag and discard marinade.

Grill chicken over medium heat 8 to 12 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center; turn once halfway through. Grill pineapple and onion over medium heat 4 to 6 minutes; turn once halfway through.

Serves 4

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Grilled Vegetable Kabobs

### Grilled Porterhouse Steaks

- 4 Porterhouse or T-Bone Steaks, cut about 1 inch thick
- 1 package Jack Daniel's Mesquite EZ Marinader

Place steaks in Marinader bag and reseal bag. Allow to marinate in refrigerator 20 to 30 minutes, turning bag occasionally to distribute marinade.

Grill over medium-high heat 8 to 12 minutes or until desired doneness; turn once halfway

through. Serve with grilled vegetables.

Serves 4

### Grilled Vegetable Kabobs

- 1 medium zucchini, cut in 1-inch pieces (2 cups)
- 1 medium eggplant, cut in 1-inch pieces (2 cups)
- 1 sweet bell pepper, cut in 1-inch squares
- 2 small red onions, cut in quarters
- 1 small fresh pineapple, cored and skinned, cut in 1-inch pieces (2 cups)

- 8 cherry tomatoes
- 1 package Classico Garlic & Herb EZ Marinader
- 8 skewers

Place all vegetables in Marinader bag and reseal bag. Allow to marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes, turning bag occasionally to distribute marinade.

Remove vegetables from bag and thread on skewers. Grill over medium heat 10 to 15 minutes; turn frequently and baste with remaining marinade if desired. Serve over rice or couscous.

Serves 4

Materials courtesy of Heinz Sauces



Grilled Porterhouse Steak

## Beckie Silva earns nursing honors

Rebecca Lynn (Simmons) Silva, daughter of Marion Porter of Eldorado, will be graduating in August and has been recently honored with several academic acknowledgments.

Beckie is currently completing her Master's work at Angelo State University and along with her Master's of Science in Nursing, she will hold certification as a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). Along with her work at ASU, she is also attending Hardin-Simmons University where she is completing a postgraduate program for her Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP).

This last month she received a certificate of achievement from the Dean of the Graduate School for



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Beckie Silva

Outstanding Academic Performance while a Graduate Student at Angelo State University for maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She also

received recognition for nomination from The Graduate School and The College of Sciences as the Distinguished Graduate Student at ASU. Finally, she was awarded, from ASU's Department of Nursing, the 2004 Master's of Science in Nursing "Most Outstanding Student" award.

Silva received her Associate of Science in Nursing Degree from ASU, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and holds Board Certification in Medical-Surgical Nursing. She is currently the Director of Nursing at Schleicher County Medical Center and is looking forward to her future as an Advanced Practice Nurse.

## School board meeting held

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for the 2004-2005 school year. Included among the agreements are programs for improving academic achievement of the disadvantaged, funding the gifted and talented cooperative, and support NetXV Telecommunications.

The board also approved renewing a legal service contract with the law firm of Powell and Leon, L.L.P. for the 2004-2005 school year. Ray Ballew then informed the board that the district's two charter-style Eagle buses were sold at auction for \$7,580.02. He also reported the school fund balance was \$1,299,730.00 on May 30, 2004.

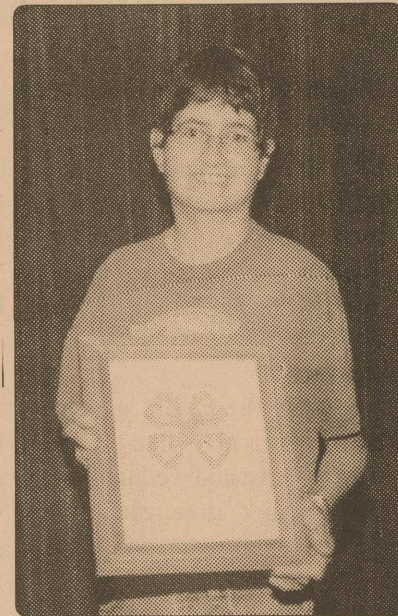
Next the trustees took up consideration of several personnel recommendations for the district's three campuses. No action was taken on the Elementary Principal position which remains open. Neither did the trustees act on a counselor position left vacant when Glenn Nix left to take the Superintendent's job at Valentine. Board President Jo Helen Kotsch explained that due to budget constraints, and a declining student census, the school cannot afford to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Elementary

teacher Melissa O'Harrow. It was noted that English and Spanish teaching positions remain open in High School.

The trustees then approved the recommendation of Middle School Principal Kara Sue Garlitz, voting to hire Dawn Wyatt to teach 6th grade History and Science, and Pamela Green to teach 8th grade Language Arts.

Ms. Garlitz then updated the board on other staff reassignments, including Debby Griffin from elementary teacher to 6th grade Math teacher. Katrina Gonzales, who taught Language Arts in the 8th grade will now teach the same subject to 6th graders. Tracy Charboneau will teach 7th grade Language Arts, Ms. Garlitz said. She also noted that an aide won't be replaced.

As mentioned earlier, an emergency called meeting of the board will be held today, Thursday, June 17, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library. All items on the agenda relate to personnel, including the hiring of an acting superintendent, the authorization for another person to sign payroll checks and a teaching vacancy in Elementary.



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**Big smile** — Neal Brenner of Eldorado won \$7,000 in 4-H Foundation scholarships last week during the 4-H Roundup in College Station.

## Brenner wins \$7,000 4-H scholarship

Neal Brenner, a member of the Schleicher County 4-H Club, recently received three 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarships totaling \$7,000.00, during the State 4-H Roundup in College Station. This is a very distinct honor in that only 170 4-Hers out of hundreds who apply receive these scholarships. We are very happy for Neal and his accomplishments. Neal is the son of Mike and Patsy Brenner of Eldorado. He plans to attend Angelo State University in the Fall.

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Air Balls

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**First Place Winner "Living High In The Wild West"** — Luke Wideman and his sister Claire won \$25 cash prize in the Land Rush Day Bicycle/Tricycle Decorating Contest sponsored by The Eldorado Success.

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# On the road to Gus Engeling Wildlife Mgmt. Area

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phlet, an oak that must've been 40 feet tall.

We suffered through more mosquitoes – and found a few troublesome ticks – but the walk was worth it.

### Gator!

Our last stop in the WMA was back up the road a bit at the Beaver Pond Nature Trail.

We finally saw another human here. He was a professional photographer waiting for the sun to drop a bit more to get its reflection off the smooth water.

A wheelchair-accessible observation deck is at the start of the trail. That's where we saw a sizeable alligator chillin' in the wet grasses. He didn't mind us but he might've been eyeing Callie. (It's hard to tell since gator eyes are tricky.)

A boardwalk rises (barely) above the surface of Beaver Pond at the start of the trail. If a gator wanted to, he could snatch you off that place faster than the Boggy Creek Monster!

On the east side of the pond is a big beaver lodge. It's active and evidence of that can be seen near the trail where pointy stumps prove trees once stood there before they were substantially chomped on.

Birds filled this pond. Texas Parks and Wildlife works with Ducks Unlimited here and numerous colorful waterfowl come and



PHOTO BY PAULA CAMPBELL

**Long bridge**— A bridge crosses a surprisingly deep ravine on Dogwood Trail inside Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area near Palestine..

go on the pond's surface.

The observation deck is a great place to reflect – just keep an eye out for that gator.

### Hunters haven

Hunting is a huge deal at GEWMA.

For some animals, a special Annual Public Hunting Permit drawing is held.

Among the critters at the WMA are white-tailed deer, feral hogs, Eastern wild turkey, snipe (yes,

you can go on a snipe hunt here!), rabbits, squirrels, and hares.

However, there is no open season on dove, quail, alligators, or furbearers.

Hunting is so popular that a "hunter's camp" is located near the main entrance just off 287.

Because of the hunting, the WMA is sometimes closed to the public, usually in parts of January, April, October and November; it varies with whatever season is open.

### WMAs

Right now, Texas has 51 WMAs, a big chunk of them in East Texas.

They are "working laboratories," the TPW says, so, while we just drove right in, calling ahead is probably a good idea.

Some WMAs are open year round. Others, like Mason Mountain northwest of Austin or Sierra Diablo, the westernmost WMA southeast of El Paso, are restricted access that absolutely require prior approval.

At Gus Engeling, bug spray and water are essential. You can see some wildlife from your car, maybe along Catfish Creek, and certainly on Beaver Pond.

The hikes will take you deeper into the woods where you might run across a deer or armadillo (we did) or maybe a raccoon or – I must report the possibility – a Bigfoot.

In any event, this off-the-beaten-path trip was a nice surprise and a great start to the summer.

**Josh Taylor was the winner of First National Bank's First Annual Onion Eating Contest at Eldorado Land Rush Day, Saturday, June 12, 2004**

Mind over matter...Yeah, Right!

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## Scripture

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem. Thus says the Lord, I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. Israel was holy to the Lord, the first fruits of his harvest. All who ate of it became guilty; evil came upon them," says the Lord." Jeremiah 2: 1-3

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### Order Prohibiting Certain Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas of Schleicher County, Texas

Whereas, the Texas Forest Service has determined that drought conditions exist in Schleicher County; and

Whereas, on the 14th of June, 2004, the Commissioners Court of Schleicher County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Schleicher County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Schleicher adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Schleicher County.

**A. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100(r)(2)(10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Schleicher County**

**B. This Order does not prohibit:**

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by the Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2004. BY THE SCHLEICHER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Johnny Griffin, County Judge

### County enacts fireworks ban

Schleicher County Commissioners voted Monday to prohibit the sale and use of fireworks within the unincorporated areas of the county. The ban mirrors the long-standing ban enforced by the City of Eldorado within its city limits.

The order (printed at left) makes the use and sale of fireworks a Class C Misdemeanor. It comes after an unusually wet year, followed recently by a few hot/dry months, leading to an abundance of dry and brittle foliage, thereby increasing the fire hazard.

In other business, Juanice Orr and Wenona Isaacs, representing the Cemetery Chapel Committee, spoke to the court briefly about purchasing pews for the chapel. Judge Johnny Griffin told the ladies to go ahead and purchase the pews. Construction should start soon on the chapel.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones was present to speak with the court about two fire department volunteers who have been available to take bee calls. The commissioner's court voted to pay Houston Henderson and Gary Gibson a small stipend for each bee call they make. Joe Dombroski a board mem-

ber of the Eagle Arcade Youth Center visited with the court requesting financial help from the county to help supplement the youth centers supervisor salary. The adult supervisor oversees the center on weekends. Mr. Dombroski noted the board could pay the supervisor twice a month with money they have raised but asked for help for the other two weeks. The court voted to supplement the pay for the Youth Center supervisor not to exceed 20 hour week at minimum wage.

City Administrator Randy Mankin then met with the court. He advised that the water system upgrade in a portion of the Orient Heights subdivision is complete. Most of the work was funded with grant funds the city had received on behalf of the county. The men also briefly discussed an ongoing problem the county is having with Cebidge Cable Company. It's communication tower is built in a county alleyway in the Orient Heights neighborhood. Mankin also received permission to get road base material from the county's stockpile for use in the city's summer paving project.

Next, the commissioners voted to accept a sealed bid for unleaded fuel from Griffin Fuels in the amount of \$1.699 per gallon. A 9,000 gallon transport load of the fuel will cost the county \$15,021.00. The commissioners also voted to call for bids on diesel fuel at their next meeting on June 28.

In other business, County Clerk Peggy Williams explained a state mandate that will require the county to purchase a voting machine for use in each precinct by handicapped citizens. She said that the machines must be in place by the year 2006. Williams noted that she has gotten price quotes on voting machines ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000 per unit. She said she would seek a firm price and report back.

During a discussion of paving projects, it was decided to add a short portion of road known as McCalla Road to the county's next paving bid process. Other roads being considered for paving include several lanes at the cemetery, Mary Street, and a short piece of road by Niblett's Oilfield Service.

### Clarification

It was reported in the April 29 edition of The Success that Deputy Kevin Herbert stopped a pickup driven by Juan Diego Guzman on April 25 after being alerted by the Tom Green County Sheriff's Dept that the truck was involved in the theft of a barbecue grill in Christoval. During that stop, Guzman was arrested and charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Herbert also arrested a passenger and charged him with Minor in Possession, Public Intoxication and having an Open Container of Alcohol. Deputy Herbert then impounded the 2000 Ford pickup and held the barbecue grill until its ownership could be established.

Sgt. Barry Moore investigated the case for the Tom Green Co. Sheriff's Office. He reported this week that, the grill was released to Guzman after it was determined that he was the rightful owner, something Guzman has maintained all along.

4:45 p.m. Complainant called and requested to speak with Game Warden about a deer caught in a fence. Officer and Game Warden responded.

June 11 • 11:47 a.m. Complainant requested a welfare check on a female subject. Officer responded.

3:11 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Community. EMS 1 responded.

8:30 p.m. Complainant stated that there was a meter leaking. City was notified.

9:00 p.m. Complainant reported smoke around a location. Officer responded.

10:53 p.m. Officer was advised of a fight in progress. Officers received information from complainant that one subject had a weapon. Officer attempted to locate both individuals in order to confiscate the weapon.

June 12 • 12:23 a.m. Complainant called and requested a officer for a possible disturbance. Received another call on same complaint officer advised subject to leave the premises.

12:42 a.m. Officer called to advise that some criminal mischief had been done to the school concession stand (window had been broken) advised maintenance crew.

7:45 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officers responded.

9:55 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

10:41 p.m. Complainant reported a powerline down on South Cottonwood. Officers responded.

10:42 p.m. Complainant reported a powerline down over the highway. Officers responded.

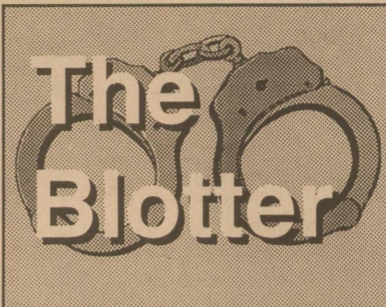
June 13 • 12:20 a.m. Caller called 911 and hung up. Dispatch called back and complainant stated that there was a fight in front of her house. Officers responded.

4:27 a.m. Hospital requested a ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

6:01 a.m. Sonora's 911 advised a man hit a deer on CR 2129. Eldorado dispatch called man disoriented but refused an ambulance did request a wrecker. Officer responded.

June 14 • 12:15 p.m. Complainant requested a officer check on her neighbor. Officer responded.

June 15 • Complainant reported a Troy Built Weed Eater had been taken from behind his residence on about 06-13-04.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

#### ARRESTS

June 9 • Rojas, Alvaro III, male age 22, arresting officer S.C. deputy, Offense Resisting Arrest, Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond, San Angelo Bail Bonds.

June 9 • Moorehouse, William, male age 51, arresting officer S.C. deputy, Offense Disorderly Conduct, Enhanced "B" misdemeanor, Resisting arrest "A" misdemeanor, Released on \$3,000.00 PR Bond.

June 10 • Olivarez, Effie Jean, female age 46, arresting officer S.C. deputy, Offense Theft State Jail Felony, Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond, San Angelo Bail Bonds.

June 11 • Elliot, Joe Scott, male age 22, arresting officer S.C. deputy, Offense Young County Theft by Check, Released on \$250.00 Cash Bond.

June 14 • Montez, Reynolds Jr., male age 20, arresting officer Sheriff Martin Irion County, Offense Motion To Revoke, Resisting arrest.

#### INCIDENTS

June 9 • 8:11 a.m. Tom Green County S.O. advised that he had a subject in custody and that the subject had committed a burglary in Schleicher County. Officer responded.

9:20 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

11:41 a.m. Complainant reported a theft by check. Amount - \$2800.00 a state jail felony. Officer responded.

8:04 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with officer about her child. Officer responded.

8:45 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with officer about juveniles making donuts around school. Officer responded.

June 10 • 9:00 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle at her residence on Tuesday, June 8 at approx. 5:30 a.m. Vehicle descrip-

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## June 24 meeting to focus on prescribed burning

The Natural Resource Conservation Service and Texas Cooperative Extension here in Schleicher County will be hosting a workshop on Prescribed Burning. This workshop will take place on Thursday, June 24th, 2004 at the new Schleicher County Civic Center or the old Ag Barn. We will begin the program at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude around 4:00 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge for attending the meeting to cover the cost of the meal. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available.



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 by Scott Edmondson

nora Experiment Station will be on hand to conduct the workshop. The main focus will be to educate producers in the proper methods and procedures of conducting a prescribed burn.

For more information, contact the NRCS office at 853-3535 ext 3 or Texas Cooperative Extension

at 853-2132. If you would like to attend this workshop, please RSVP by Tuesday, June 22, 2004. Also, if you have a handicap and need special accommodations in order to participate in this event, please let us know by the June 22 date.

his method demonstration and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors. We also had a team competing in the Family Life Division. Team members were: Chandra Wanoreck, Maxie Holley, Alison Sproul, Emily Newman and Taylor Baker.

Emily Newman also was chosen as one of about 40 4-Hers to attend National 4-H Congress in Washington D.C. This is a tremendous honor and she will be attending later in the year.

We are very proud of our 4-Hers and thank the First National Bank of Eldorado for sponsoring them on the trip.

### 4-Hers compete at State

Schleicher County 4-H members recently competed at the State 4-H Roundup in College Station. This event draws 4-Hers from all across the state for this annual event.

Will Griffin competed in the Foods and Nutrition Division with

## Foreign investors must report U.S. agricultural holdings

ELDORADO — Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, according to the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency.

"Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director of the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) Reports with the Farm Service Agency county office in which the land is located.

Wanoreck said failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in

a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from non-agricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural.

Wanoreck added, "Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-for-

eign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign."

When the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act was signed into law in 1978, the reporting requirement was adopted as part of the same legislation. Data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA office at 325/853-3535 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

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## Comptroller reports April sales tax allocations

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced this week that the state received \$1.31 billion in sales tax revenue in May, up 1 percent compared to May 2003. Strayhorn sent \$324.5 million in June sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 6.9 percent compared to last June. Since January, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 8.4 percent ahead of last year.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent June sales tax allocations of \$221.3 million to Texas cities, up 7.7 percent compared to June

2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 8.8 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$19.2 million, up 8.9 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.8 percent higher than last year.

Another \$8.6 million went to 85 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 3.5 percent compared to last June. Nine local transit systems received \$75.3 million in sales tax allocations, up 4.3 percent compared to a year ago.

Locally, the City of Eldorado

received \$7,758.42, while Schleicher County received \$8,048.90. The county's health services tax, used primarily to fund the ambulance service, netted \$7842.33. (see chart below)

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, July 9.

Local Jurisdiction	June '04	June '03	% Change	2004 YTD	2003 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$ 7,758.42	\$ 3,608.45	115.00%	\$41,623.13	\$38,609.59	7.80%
Schleicher County	\$8,048.90	\$ 8,133.66	-1.04%	\$45,272.38	\$47,459.68	-4.60%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$ 7,842.33	\$ 8,004.82	-2.02%	\$44,516.20	\$41,348.10	7.66%

## The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following businesses and individual who made Land Rush Days a success!

X Bar Ranch, Jesus Lopez, Leonard Wideman, First Community Credit Union, Jurecek Farm & Ranch, Eldorado Youth Baseball, Crowder Services, South West Texas Electric Coop, All the Parade Entrants, Jerry Jones and Bee Patrol, Emilee Vaughan, Stacy Haynes, Helen Brame, Bingo Singers & Entertainers,

Also, The West Texas Cloggers, Jim Runge, Eldorado Success, X Bar, Kosub and Griffin, Mason Vaughan, Buff Whitten, Chad Elkins, Albert Torres, Syllas Politte, Nancy Lester, Michael Ballew, Mason Baker, Coach Gibson, First National Bank of Eldorado, Cathy's Flowers, David Creek and of course all the locals who came to enjoy the festivities.