

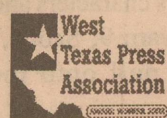
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**Rare public appearance** -- Ernie Jessop and Lee Roy Steed (foreground) appeared before the Eldorado City Council Monday evening to ask for help treating wastewater at the YFZ Ranch while a new sewer treatment plant is built on the property. The men say they are under pressure from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and they propose trucking as much 150,000 gallons of wastewater per month to the city's sewer plant. They estimate construction time on their facility at 6-12 months.

## YFZ Ranch asks for city's help

Ernie Jessop and Lee Roy Steed, representing the YFZ Ranch, came before the Eldorado City Council Monday evening to ask that the city accept wastewater from the ranch on a temporary basis. Jessop noted that inspectors from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality had shut down the ranch's septic system and that plans were in the works to build a small wastewater treatment plant at the ranch. Jessop asked the city council if they would accept sewage from the ranch at the city's wastewater plant while a suitable plant could be built at the ranch.

Most questions from the city council involved whether or not the city's facility could handle the additional wastewater and if safeguards could be put in place to avoid contaminating the city's plant with pesticides and/or petroleum products.

City Administrator Randy Mankin explained that the city's

wastewater plant could easily handle the additional volume and explained that samples of the wastewater from YFZ could be tested at a lab to protect against pesticides and petroleum.

A crowd of about twenty city and county residents on hand for the meeting, had other questions, however.

"I do not want to help them. They have not been heads up with us, so why help them?" asked Herman Walker, reference to the hunting retreat cover story ranch officials told when they purchased 1,600 acres north of Eldorado and began constructing several buildings that later proved to be owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), a polygamous sect from the Utah/Arizona borderland.

Walker's sentiments were echoed by a number of the audience members.

For his part, Ronnie Mittel en-

couraged the council not to accept the wastewater and urged them not to look at the YFZ request as a money-making opportunity.

Jessop explained that he expected to transport no more than 150,000 gallons of wastewater per month to the Eldorado sewer plant. Jessop also told the council that he hoped the YFZ Ranch could construct its own sewer facility in six month's time. "A year at the outside," Jessop said.

When Ronnie Mittel asked how many people were at the ranch now and how many he expected a year from now Jessop answered, "Anticipation is two hundred, but we're a little bit like Eldorado we don't know ten years from now but two hundred is the anticipation."

That prompted a question from Joe Christian who asked if Jessop's projection included women and children. "I think so --- that's a question I don't know how to entirely answer."

Council member Bill McCutcheon noted that his primary concern was the protection of the county's water resources and asked if it wouldn't be better to assist YFZ and ensure that the ground water wasn't being contaminated by sewage.

After a lengthy, and sometimes tense discussion, in which several audience members voiced opposition to the city accepting the wastewater, the council voted to table further discussion of the matter.

But, after returning to the meeting after a short break, the council members once again found themselves discussing the issue. They then voted to take the issue off the table and, after several more minutes of discussion, they opted to call a special meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 for further consideration of the matter. City Administrator Randy Mankin was asked to invite a representative of TCEQ as well as Cindy Cawley from the Plateau Underground Water District.

Monday night's meeting was the regular monthly session for the city council. It was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk with council members Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez and Juquin Rojas in attendance.

Among other business, the council adopted an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding and roller skating on public property. They

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## Ken Newman returning to SCISD, Alan Gillespie goes to McCamey

Former EHS principal Ken Newman is returning to SCISD where he will assume the duties of Elementary counselor. That word came Monday evening during a called meeting of the SCISD board of trustees. Also coming to Eldorado is Maela Edmonson, who will take over as Elementary principal. Edmonson comes to Eldorado from Irion County ISD where she has been employed for several years as Middle School principal. She is the wife of Schleicher County Agent Scott Edmonson.

Meanwhile, EHS boys basketball coach and history teacher Alan Gillespie is leaving to take a coaching position in McCamey. His resignation, along with the resignations of coach Jesse Garza and his wife Shelby Garza. They have each accepted coaching positions in Burnett.

In other personnel news, Edie Niblett will be joining the SCISD staff as a Special Education teacher. Katy Meador will teach Kindergarten. Jerry Guidry, Jr., a first year teacher from Bracketville, will teach Social Studies and coach. Adela Ramirez will teach Spanish, Sara Candela will teach high school English, Doran Schoenhals will teach high school Math and Kittie Gibson, currently a Middle School teacher will move to High School to take over the Government teaching position left vacant by Alan Gillespie's resignation.

The meeting called to order by Board President Jo Helen Kotsch. Trustees Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Lupe Sanchez, John Paul Joiner, Kurtis Homer and Jan Wanoreck were in attendance.

Among other business, the group voted to authorize Acting Superintendent George Blanch to sign checks and other documents on behalf of the district. He is serving to fill the vacancy left when Supt. Mark Gesch was placed on paid leave.

The trustees then approved the expenditure of \$13,500 for material (mainly paint, grass, sprinkler system and sound system) and labor for the construction of a new softball field, already under construction adjacent to the EHS Baseball Field. So far, most

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## Prophet vs. President

President George W. Bush renewed his efforts this week to pass a constitutional amendment that would define the institution of marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman, putting himself directly at odds with those in America's burgeoning homosexual community and his political adversaries in the Democratic Party.

The President may have also unwittingly staked out a position in a battle that is brewing here in Schleicher County, a battle emerging not between gays and straights, but between local residents and a polygamous sect calling itself the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS).

That sect, led by its Prophet Warren Jeffs, purchased some 1,600 acres a mere four miles north of Eldorado in November of 2003.

Since that time, a massive building program has begun on the property.

One of the primary tenets of the FLDS faith is that of multiple or "plural" marriages. For decades FLDS members have skirted bigamy laws in Utah and Arizona by claiming only one "legal marriage" while maintaining numerous "celestial" or "plural" marriages. Often times the marriages involved teen-aged girls, some as young as 14, being wed to men three and four times their age. Numerous published accounts claim Prophet Warren Jeffs has taken many celestial wives, with numbers ranging from 35 to 75. No one affiliated with the FLDS will confirm these numbers. Neither will the Prophet who avoids all contact with the media.

The church's move to Texas caught many FLDS-watchers by surprise. But none were as surprised as the unsuspecting residents of Eldorado, who awoke one March morning to learn that a corporate hunting retreat being built just north of town was actually an FLDS compound. Soon word leaked out that fifty people were coming from the twin cities of Colorado City, AZ and Hildale, UT, and that they planned to take up residence at the compound, by then known as the YFZ Ranch, supposedly named after a tape recording Jeffs had made titled *Yearning for Zion*.

About the same time the FLDS was planning to move to Texas, a wave of judicial rulings swept across the nation in which various judges on the state and federal level held that same-sex partners were entitled to marry. Even as appellate courts overturned the rulings and state legislatures took up the task of redefining state marriage laws, some judges refused to back down. Soon, same-sex marriages were being performed from Boston to San Francisco.

President George W. Bush announced on February 24, 2004, that he would support a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as union between a man and a woman.

Recently, as the President stepped his reelection effort the term "a man and a woman" began to evolve into "one man and one woman," as political partisans debated the issue on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

"What we're trying to do is clearly define, once and for all what is and what isn't a marriage," a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said this week.

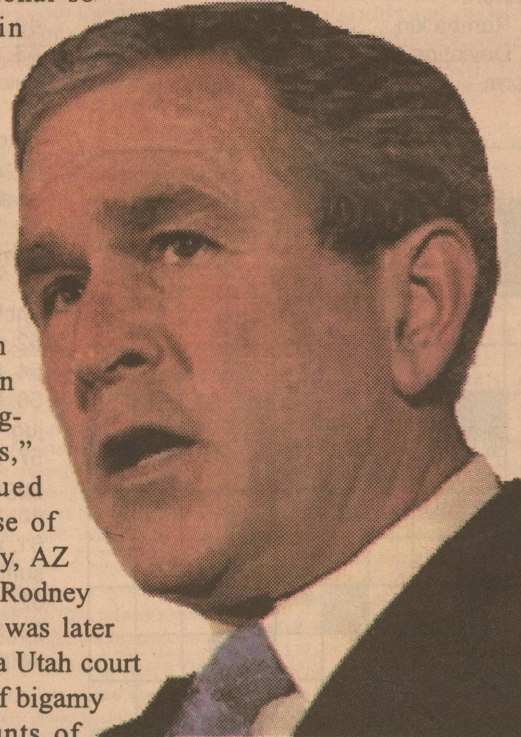
While passage of the proposed amendment is considered likely, it is forcing many of his political opponents, including Senator John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, to come out against the amendment. I has also elevated the discussion across the country about what constitutes a marriage.

It is unlikely that Prophet Warren Jeffs, who openly espouses plural marriages, albeit among members of the opposite sex, enjoys finding himself on the same side of the marriage debate with the National Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

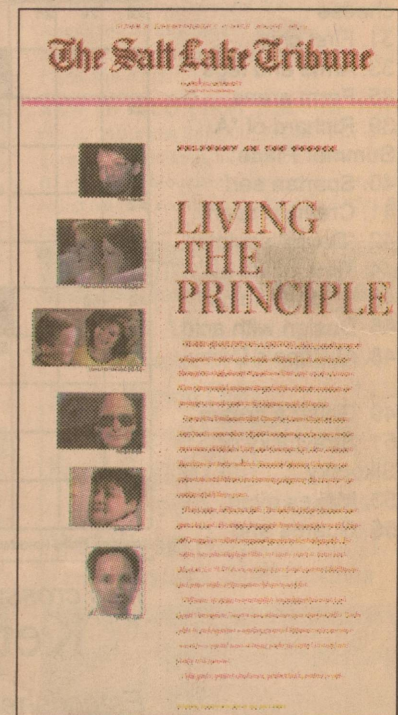
But, as they say, politics makes strange bedfellows. Already FLDS attorney Rodney Parker has argued that the U.S. Supreme Court's overturn last year of the Texas anti-sodomy law bolsters the rights of his clients to practice polygamy without government interference.

"The national social order in the United States does not compel a conclusion that plural marriage is against public policy, especially when considered in light of emerging lifestyles," Parker argued in his defense of Colorado City, AZ police officer Rodney Holm. Holm was later convicted in a Utah court on a charge of bigamy and two counts of unlawful sexual relations with a 16-year-old girl.

The argument is an interesting one, and not one that President Bush or Prophet Warren Jeffs could have easily foreseen. Regardless of whether the U.S. Congress adopts a marriage amendment, the polygamous practices of the FLDS appear to have run aground here in Texas. Already calls have gone out to state legislators across Texas including Eldorado's representatives, State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, urging that they sponsor a bill outlawing polygamy in Texas.



### Coming Next Week LIVING THE PRINCIPLE

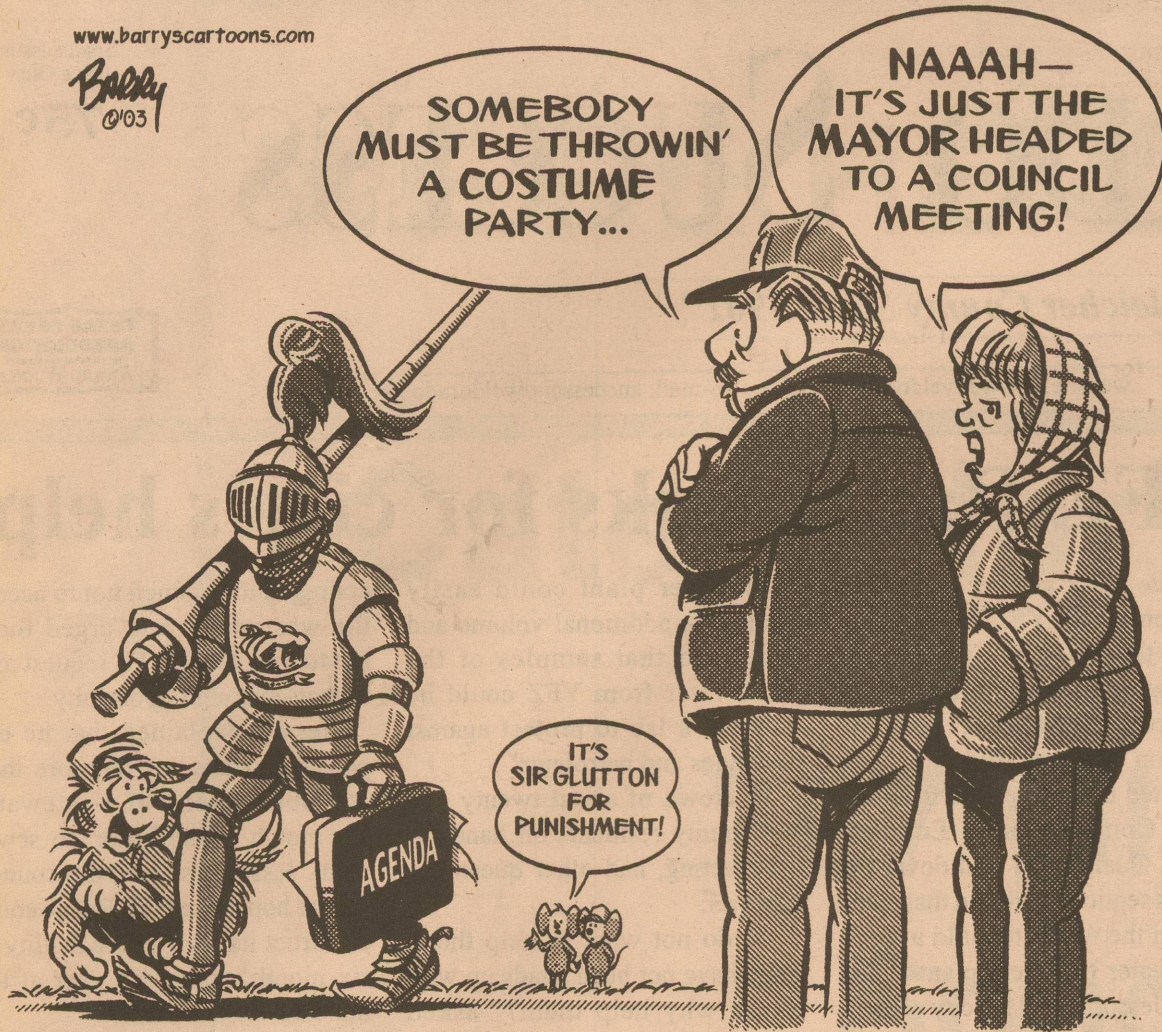


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## The Amazing Bodie Gilstrap

Bodie Gilstrap of Eldorado has a case full of trophies. Some of them are for calf roping, but the majority of them are for showing lambs. In 1989, when Bodie was sixteen, he rolled his pickup and broke his neck.

He was taken to a hospital in San Angelo, then transferred to the Dallas Rehab Center, where Bodie and his parents stayed eight months. When the Gilstraps arrived in Dallas, they learned about the generosity of their neighbors.

"When we got to Dallas, I looked in my purse and found two thousand dollars," says Carolyn Gilstrap, Bodie's mother. "I had no idea where it came from. When my husband got here, he had \$3,500 in his shirt pocket. People would just come in and give us a hug and want to know how Bodie was. Then they put money in our pocket."

Some of their friends came in and handed them some keys.

"They told us they had an apartment in Dallas and wanted us to use it as our own. Before that, we didn't know what we were going to do."



by  
Tumblweed  
Smith

Bodie is a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down. He is ventilator dependent, which means that someone has to be with him all the time.

Jaime, Bodie's father, tends to Bodie every morning before he heads off to work on a ranch. He resumes taking care of Bodie when he comes in after work. In between, Carolyn spends the day with Bodie.

Bodie sleeps with one end of a breathing apparatus in his mouth. If it should come out, an alarm sounds. He sometimes has nightmares about that.

Bodie is one determined individual. While he was in rehab in Dallas, he did some school work. He came back and finished his junior year through the summer, then started the fall semester of his senior year with his regular class.

"He graduated number nineteen out of forty one," Carolyn says with pride.

Bodie went to A & M and majored in animal science.

"I got into A & M the summer of '92," says Bodie, "and I graduated in the spring of '01. Took me a while, but it was something I had always wanted to do. I had the opportunity, and took it.

Bodie, now 31 years old, is a computer expert. He designed his own computer and ordered the parts over the internet. A friend assembled it.

"I have a computer that's voice activated, which means I control it with my voice."

A dot on his forehead is used as a computer mouse.

"It's called a natural point mouse pointing system. It shoots an infrared beam to a camera and just moves the mouse wherever the dot goes."

He is a big fan of A & M football and has a countdown calendar on his computer screen.

"It tells me the number of days before the first A & M game," says Bodie. "Gig 'em, Aggies."

## You might be a West Texan if...

Jeff Foxworthy didn't know what he started when he came up with his first "You might be a Redneck if..." joke. On the way to becoming a comedy superstar and wealthy to boot, Foxworthy has produced a few thousand punch lines for his now famous one-liner...and, he has spawned a few thousand imitators.

I saw a book the other day about coffee drinkers filled with "You might be a caffeine addict if..." jokes. A punch line I really liked was "you can't remember the last time you blinked."

There are literally hundreds of other lists, books and websites that owe their very existence to Foxworthy's quirky sense of comedy.

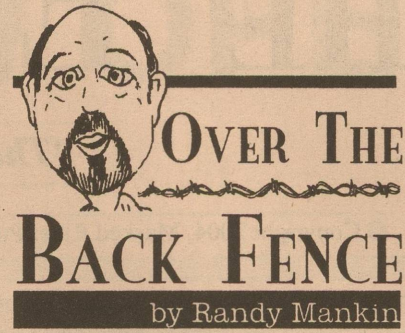
Here are a few others:

You might be a Minnesotan if... your Dad's sun tan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead.

You might be a Yankee if...you don't see anything wrong with putting a sweater on a Poodle.

You might be a Physics Major if...you have no life and can prove it mathematically

You might be a Cop if...you've come to believe that the govern-



ment ought to require a permit before people can reproduce.

You might be a mountain climber if...you own a \$75 dress suit and a \$1,000 Gore-Tex climbing suit Or, if you have more summit photos than wedding photos.

You might be a Michigander if...driving a Japanese car is a hanging offense in your hometown.

You might be a Rockhound if... you think of road cuts as tourist attractions.

You might be a preacher if... you jiggle all the toilet handles before you leave the church.

You might be a firefighter if... every shirt you own says so.

You might be a paramedic if... Ditto above.

You might be a Science Fiction addict if...you name all your pets after Star Wars characters and shout "give me warp 9, Scotty," every time you pull onto the freeway.

You might be an engineer if... you think everyone around you is yawning because they didn't get enough sleep.

And, my favorite: You might be a West Texan if...you've ever made a snowman out of tumbleweeds and white spray paint.

...you look up during a dust storm and say, "Hey, honey, - there goes Lubbock."

...you refer to anyone who lives east of you as "not real West Texans."

...you have a mark scratched at 127 degrees on the RC Cola thermometer that hangs in the shade on your front porch.

...you tell your Yankee friends that you use the mark to know when Spring is over.

...you refuse to even think about your garden until the Mesquite trees start to bud.

## State economy continues upward swing

AUSTIN — Anyone who's been looking for a job for months probably will have a hard time believing this, but judging from sales tax revenue, the state's economy continues to improve.

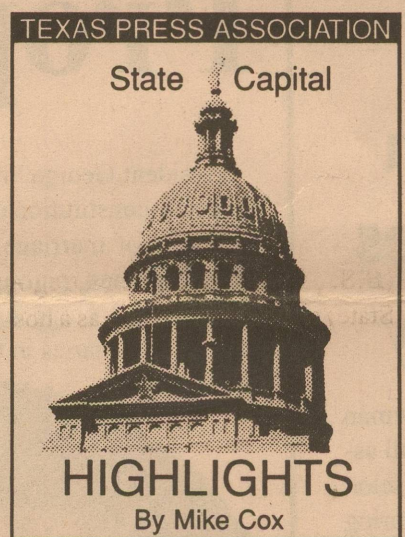
Latest figures from the comptroller's office show that sales tax collections in June were up 4.1 percent compared with the same month last year. The money coming into the state's needy coffers amounted to \$1.18 billion for the month.

Indicative that this is something Texans can hang their proverbial cowboy hats on is that June was the 10th straight month sales tax collections have been up.

### DPS stops "speeders"...

Judging by recently released statistics from the Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol troopers stopping motorists must be saying, "I need to see your driver license, your proof of liability insurance and any dope if you have it."

Last year, troopers on routine patrol seized \$156.6 million in illegal drugs. And that's not even a DPS record, which was \$196



million in drugs in 1994. Troopers did set a record in methamphetamine (speed) seizures in 2003, confiscating 145 pounds of the drug. They also arrested a record number of drug suspects: 2,118.

In addition, troopers took 37 tons of marijuana and 2,356 pounds of cocaine off the road.

### Lonesome Guv...

In the absence of a special session to occupy the attention of political wags, speculation about the 2006 governor's race continues apace. The latest potential Demo-

cratic candidate whose name has been dropped is actor — and Texas native — Tommy Lee Jones.

Anyone who chuckles at the notion of a Hollywood type running for public office might want to think about what happened in California last year.

And Kerrville singer-writer, one-liner Kinky Friedman continues to say he's seriously thinking about running as an independent.

No matter who runs, the primary season in the spring of '06 promises to be as action-filled as "Lonesome Dove."

### History honcho retiring...

Ron Tyler, director of the 107-year-old Texas State Historical Association since 1986, has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. The association offices at the University of Texas in Austin, and gets some of its funding support from the university.

### All aboard!

The Texas Historical Commission has hitched on to Amtrak's Trails and Rails program to promote cultural and heritage tourism along Amtrak's Texas routes.

Also involved in the effort are the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Office, the Texas Commission on the Arts and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The program encourages communities along the passenger train routes to promote themselves as tourist destinations, something that's good for them as well as Amtrak.

### Tartar or cocktail sauce?

If you're looking for some good shrimp recipes, the Texas Department of Agriculture has dinner ideas already iced down.

Check the department's shrimp industry promotion Web site at [www.txshrimp.org](http://www.txshrimp.org), for everything from recipes to shrimp festivals.

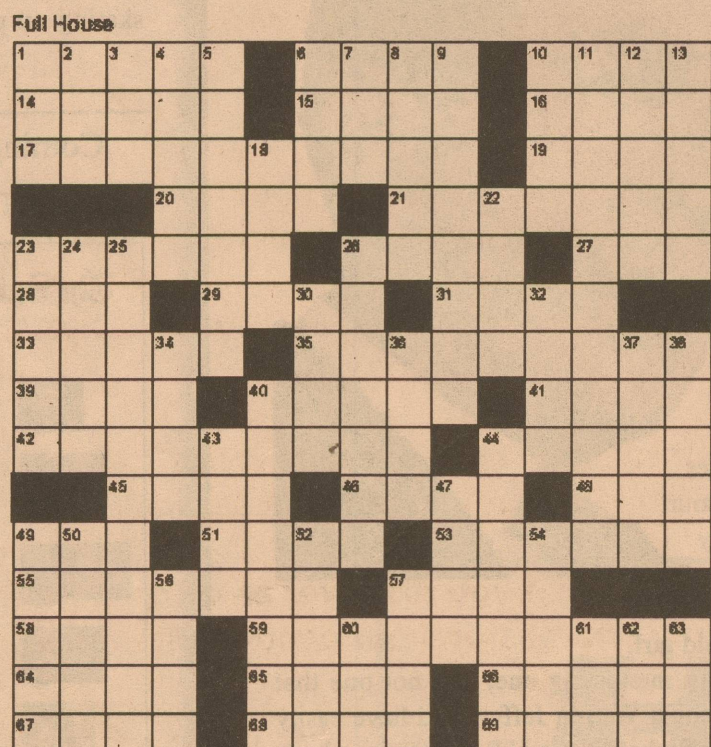
The site is a result of House Bill 1858, passed during the last regular session. The bill tasked TDA with marketing and promoting Texas shrimp through the creation of the Texas Shrimp Marketing Assistance Program.

Anyone interested in having a shrimp-related question answered the old-fashioned way can call this toll-free number: 877-TX-CATCH.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
1. Make ashamed
  6. The Crimson Tide, to fans
  10. "I see," facetiously
  14. Omega rival
  15. Simple rhyme scheme
  16. Word with fast or junk
  17. "Fanny" composer
  19. Singer Amos
  20. Draft selections
  21. Chicken helpings
  23. Showy perennial
  26. In need of liniment
  27. Adherent's suffix
  28. Bird raised for its red meat
  29. Red-coated cheese
  31. First chip
  33. Arms and legs
  35. Farm areas
  39. Richard of "A Summer Place"
  40. Spartan serf
  41. Creative spark
  42. "David" sculptor
  44. Time teller
  45. \_\_\_ one's loins
  46. Design with acid
  48. Al Capp's Daisy

- DOWN**
1. Bat wood
  2. Arthur of "The Golden Girls"
  3. Put on TV
  4. "To your health!"
  5. Decorative Christmas shrubs
  6. Chocolate units
  7. Blood-typing system
  8. Rumba kin
  9. Deviating from the norm
  10. Aftershave name
  11. Indianapolis Colts' home, as it was once known
  12. Arranges by type
  13. Keats or Shelley
  18. Spent, as a battery
  22. Start of a counting rhyme
  23. Marked for removal
  24. Chum
  25. The sum total of our traits
  26. Shrunken
  30. Cain's victim
  32. Party game pin-on
  34. \_\_\_ B'rith
  36. Support your team
  37. Model stickon
  38. "Land \_\_\_ alive!"
  40. Spiny critter
  43. Barbershop quickie
  44. Cheese with crackers
  47. Advertising award
  49. "Wozzeck" composer Berg
  50. "Odyssey" enchantress
  52. Getting chilled
  54. Extreme edge
  56. Wide-mouthed jug
  57. Practice with a pug
  60. School gp.
  61. Web address suffix
  62. \_\_\_ culpa
  63. Slithery swimmer



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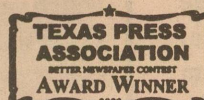
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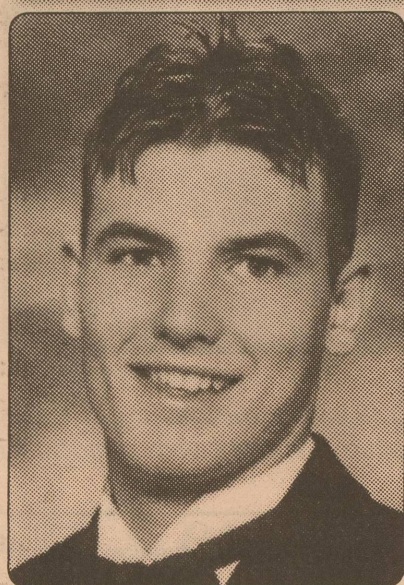
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# OBITUARIES



**Levi Barbour Jones**

Levi was called home to join the Lord on July 12, 2004 after a car accident on Highway 183. Levi is survived by his loving family, mother, Mary Lyn, father, Roy, brother, Lance and sister-in-law, Ronni. Also survived by grandparents, L. E. and Vernell McCalla, of Eldorado, TX, as well as many family and friends.

Levi was born March 3, 1984 at Seton Hospital in Austin, TX. He attended Liberty Hill schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade and was in his Junior year at Tarleton State University where he was studying Exercise and Sports Studies. Levi was currently coaching kids sports camps this summer.

He loved sports and the outdoors. He participated in basketball and truly loved baseball and football. He was proud of his no-hitter game in baseball his senior year, which earned him First Team All District honors. He also enjoyed serving as the Senior Class President and Homecoming King his senior year. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and the Tarleton State University Texan Football team. Levi and his family were proud of his deep snapping duties on the Tarleton Texan Football team.

Levi had many friends, was always happy and loved being with his friends and family. Levi was full of life and would always cheer others up no matter what the situation. He always had a smile on his face and helped others whenever they needed him. Levi's family is proud of his accomplishments and we will miss his infectious, lively personality. He will also be missed by his love, Vicki Black.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Saturday, July 17, 2004 at Beck Funeral Home in Cedar Park. Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, July 18, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. at Leander Church of Christ and interment will immediately follow at Liberty Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Lance Jones, brother, Tyler Winstead, friend from Liberty Hill, James Key, roommate at TSU, Kerry Lackey, cousin, Kelsey Lackey, cousin and Dustin Ragsdale, friend

from Liberty Hill. Honorary pallbearers include the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha and the Tarleton State University Texan Football Team.

Memorials may be sent to the Liberty Hill All Sports Booster Club Scholarship Fund and Liberty Hill High School, P.O. Box 68, Liberty Hill, TX 78642.

Arrangements under the direction of Beck Funeral Home Cedar Park/Leander.

## George Baugh Spence

George Baugh Spence, 78, died July 11, 2004 in Georgetown, Texas.

The youngest son of Thomas Reese Spence and Fay Baugh Spence, George was born in Dallas and graduated high school in College Station. While visiting his grandfather's ranch in Eldorado, he met his future wife when they were both two years old.

George attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, following in the footsteps of his grandfather who received a Civil Engineering degree there, and who later became Dean of engineering at Texas A&M University.

After one year of college, George volunteered for the army during WWII and served on the front lines with an infantry company of the 103rd Division in France, Germany, and Austria.

After WWII, George returned to the University of Michigan, where he got a B.S.E. in Mathematics and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Physics.

He married Sarah (Sally) Bush (B.S. in Dietetics from Oregon State) who supported him as a hospital dietician during his graduate work. Their three children were born during their years in Ann Arbor.

From 1956 to 1960, George was an Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of Texas. From 1960 to 1983, he worked for the Carbon Products Division of Union Carbide in Parma, Ohio as a Research Scientist, Group Leader and Senior Group Leader, where George did some of the pioneering research in carbon fiber composites.

Sally raised the children and worked as a hospital volunteer for many years. When Sally's cancer became terminal in 1983, George retired and brought her to his ranch in Texas for her last four months. Since then, he has carried on the Baugh family tradition of raising cows, sheep, and goats and doing extensive land conservation work.

George was assisted on the ranch by his ranch manager and devoted friend Bill Dykstra, Bill's wife Lori and their sons Alan and Kevin.

George married Catherine Harris of San Angelo and they enjoyed their retirement years

dividing their time between San Angelo and the ranch in Eldorado. George, Sally and Catherine were committed Christians and enjoyed sharing their faith with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother David William Spence, his first wife Sally, and his second wife Catherine.

He is survived by his son David Wendel Spence, David's wife Mary of Ann Arbor, Michigan and their children Jonathan, Peter, Sarah and Benjamin Spence; his daughter Matine Trudy Spence and husband Michael Cone of Madison, Wisconsin and her children Riaz, Nadeem and Yasamin Mesbah; and his son Christopher George Spence, Chris' wife Tomi of Georgetown, Texas and their son David and David's wife Hallie Spence.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Wesleyan Homes, 1105 Church St., Georgetown, Texas 78626 or to the church of your choice.

Services were held Wednesday, July 14, 2004 at St. John's United Methodist Church, Georgetown. A graveside service followed at Fairmount Cemetery, San Angelo, Texas with Dr. Kent Marrs and Chaplain Dean Hamilton officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of The Gabriels Funeral Hoe, Georgetown, Tx.



**Gladys Daisy Faull**

ELDORADO — Gladys Daisy Faull, 95, of Eldorado passed away Friday, July 9, 2004, in a Schleicher County Hospital.

Gladys was born Sept. 22, 1908, in Ellis County, Texas, to Mattie and John Clark. She was the most caring and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother you would ever find, and was loved so very much by everyone in her life.

She was an active member

## BIRTHDAY LIST

### JULY

- 15th Charlene Edmiston, Edna Crowder, Ty Martinez, Will Griffin, Robbie Sanford,
- 16th Lula Mae Clark, Jackie Barrera, Luby Trevino, Lisa Wade, Farah Fennern, Landon Neal
- 17th Jeremy Clark, Marcelina Ramon, William Edmiston, Dale Lipsett, Helen Ledbetter, Joe Max Edmiston, Stacy Haynes
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of the First Community Baptist Church, and always looked forward to going every Sunday morning.

Survivors include two sons, Wilbert "Scooter" Faull and George Faull, both of Eldorado; daughter, Peggy Grelle of Eldorado, who gave so very much of herself to care for her mother for so long; 29 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and two special sisters-in-law, Bernell O'Connor and Margaret McGrath, both of Eldorado.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbert "Whip" Faull, who passed away Jan. 23, 1987; three sons, Billy Daniels, Bobby Daniels and Jimmy Daniels; daughter, Wanda Haley; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 12, at First Community Baptist Church in Eldorado with the Rev. Bob Jacobsen officiating. Burial was in Eldorado Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Billy Frank Daniels, Dudley Daniels, Kenny Daniels, Brian Daniels, Shannon Faull, Steven Grelle, David Williams.

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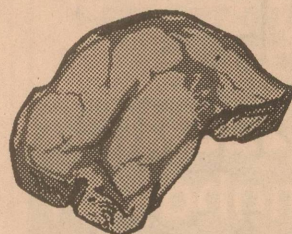
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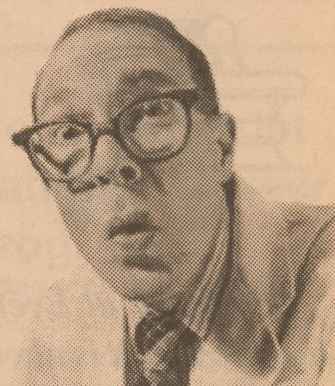
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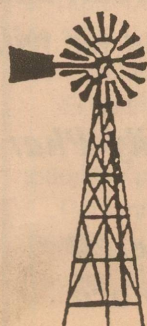
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**Going batty in Central Texas**

by Mark K. Campbell

Texas is fortunate to have so many bats around.

For one thing, the millions of Lone Star mammals eat tons of bothersome insects every night for months—at least until they fly back home to places, like Mexico, after their Texas vacation ends.

That massive consumption in turn means farmers can use fewer pesticides to kill crop-devouring insects. Which means we end up drinking less Sevin Dust.

Another plus for bats is they make a great tourist attraction.

Also, bats are just cool.

So we headed to the Hill Country to check out a couple of bat places that ended up being quite different. Yet both were fantastic experiences.

**Bat stop No. 1**

Right off the bat, we stopped at a groovy bat place—the Eckert James River Bat Cave Preserve near Mason.

As incredible as the actual cave is, getting there is an equally memorable adventure. You'll wish you possessed a bat's echo location skills. From downtown Mason, it's less than 17 miles to the Bat Cave and the first nine aren't too crazy. But once you reach James River Road, the world changes.

It's 8.3 miles to the preserve from here, but it'll take forever to get there. The pavement ends almost immediately and the wild-life begins popping up—especially deer. They are everywhere.

Also moseying around the area—and often on the now-washboard dirt road—are cattle. Signs warn of "Loose Livestock" and they aren't kidding. Right before one of the scores of cattle guards, a couple of bulls were squaring off between a somewhat disinterested gathering of cows and calves. And us,

They were right in the middle of the road and appeared to be in the midst of deciding exactly which was the king of the herd. One was a menacing black and huge. The other was smaller with a cream-colored, curly hide. He was, well, sort of prissy—kind of a metrosexual bull. (Not that there's anything wrong with that.)

Now don't get me wrong; he was all bull. Blackie had a bloody gash between his horns, thanks to a carefully delivered blow by Metrosexual. Their head butting finally rotated them over to the side of the road and we squeezed past.

The drive to the cave goes on and on, dipping down over streams and winding between native rock. Just when you think you're on the wrong road, a tiny sign with a bat on it says 2.2 miles more. You drive on, wondering why a minivan with kids is coming back your way when you see the probable reason: The James River.

You have to ford the river which looked to be 200 feet wide. You can't see the bottom initially. Eventually you just have to forge ahead, keeping it "between the fence posts" as Grandpa used to say. The water is actually just inches deep, but your initial foray into the river will be thrilling. I assure you.

Finally, one-half mile later, you reach the preserve. The road up to the parking area is rough and uneven. Regular cars can probably make the journey to the cave if caution is used; RVers might want to consider other options.

**The bat cave**

A small, well-tended but rocky trail—not wheelchair accessible—leads up a rocky hill. You reach an overflow area for bat viewing and you can certainly smell that you're in the vicinity of bats.

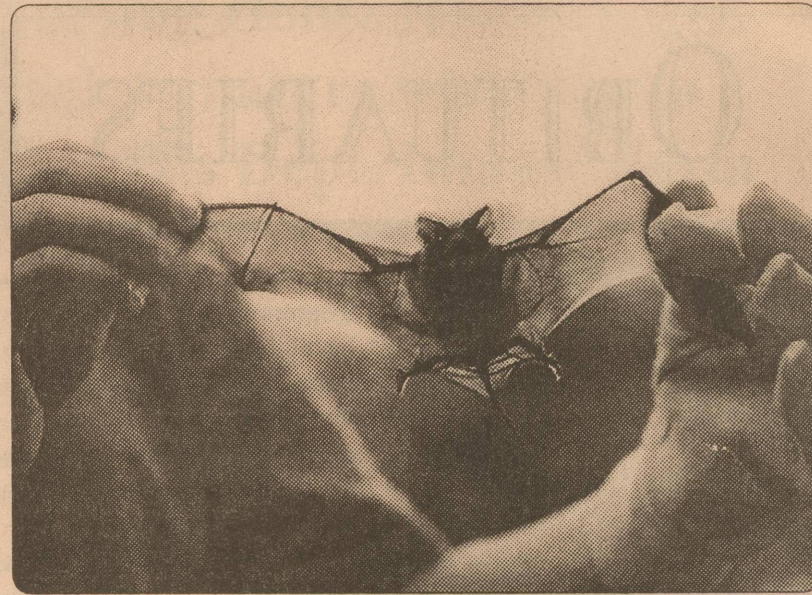


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**Wingspread** -- A handler at the Eckert James River Bat Cave Preserve displays a bat she captured in flight with a padded net.

There's nothing like a snoot-full of guano funk on a hot summer's day to clear your sinuses.

We arrived just at dusk; after all, our only other bat flight experience in Texas was the urban colony at the Congress Street Bridge in Austin. Those 1.3 million guys head out at dusk.

Not so at Eckert James River Bat Cave. Over 6 million bats live there, making the place one of the 10 biggest colonies in America. Since it's a maternal cave, the hole is filled with millions of pups born in late June. With so many bats crowded into the cave—300 adults per square foot, 500 babies—travel times become something for a bat to consider.

So, like commuter in a big city trying to beat the rush, millions of the mammals begin pouring out of the cave as early as 6 p.m. That is exceptionally early and allows for terrific viewing. So many whirl out for their evening bug feasts that human hair gets blown back from their exit. You can't even see the opposing wall of a cliff less than 100 feet away because of the magnitude of the mass exodus.

Feeling (and smelling) the tu-

multuous exit is made even more stunning because you can get so close. In a kind of controlled chaos, the bats tilt and whirl, exiting on the right side of the cave and returning on the left. The sitting area allows for astonishing proximity. Bats are zooming just inches from you.

The knowledgeable volunteer when we were there, Melissa Ritter, caught a bat in a padded net. Everyone got to see one close up and pet it. (I feel kind of bad having pushed those kids aside in my haste to touch a bat.)

While most caves are cool, the James River temperature is around 100 degrees. That's because of bat excrement and the phenomenal number of bats packed into the hole. The pups need that kind of temperature to thrive.

And thrive they do. By early August, the number of bats in the cave will double to about 12 million. Imagine that flight, once the babies begin flying!

Most of the bats are Mexican free-tail which eat millions and millions of bugs nightly, but, unfortunately, mosquitoes are low on their list. (They prefer moths.) So mosquitoes snacked on us a bit while we watched the bat show.

But that was a small price to pay to see the flight.

An owl perched in a tree, ready to snatch an occasional bat for supper. And a big raccoon scavenged around the opening of the cave for fallen bats. One cave story tells of a coon loved chowing down

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**Tuesday, July 20**  
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**Wednesday, July 21**  
Steak Fingers w/ Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

**Thursday, July 22**  
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/ Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk

**Friday, July 23**  
Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp, Milk



## Eagle Band schedules

Summer is almost over and the new school year is about to start. MEB Percussion Line will be having Drum camp on July 19-23 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. You will be learning music, cadences and covering marching techniques. Bring your ear plugs! Eighth graders and First time marchers will have a fundamentals marching class from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. beginning July 26-30. Make sure to wear appropriate marching shoes...no flip flops or sandals. Attendance is required if a student wants to assure him or herself of a spot in the marching show. (8th grade percussion who attended Drum Camp do not have to attend.) All band students, eighth grade

included, will have a sectional on their instruments daily beginning the week of August 2nd-August 6th. The schedule will be as follows: 9:00 a.m. Flutes/Trumpets; 10:00 a.m. Clarinets/Trombones & Baritones; 11:00 a.m. Tubas, Horns, & Saxophones; 12:00 a.m. Percussion; 2:00 p.m. Region Woodwinds; 3:00 p.m. Region Brass/Percussion. Flags will start off the summer band by attending sectional on their All Region Band music. You will be notified about your flag camp schedule. There will be a Full Band rehearsal August 9th & 10th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and an uniform check August 11th all day 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

## Here Comes The Bull!

The stage is set. All systems are go. Organizers of "Running of the Bull" are ready to welcome possibly the largest crowd ever to descend upon this far flung West Texas village in the middle of nowhere towards the end of July.

In February 1941, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel and five thousand others attended the grand opening of the Woolen Mill in Eldorado. No one can remember a crowd anywhere near that size until last year's inaugural gathering of "bull shooter,"

which still fell short of the record with only 3000 attendees. With an unprecedented promotional blitz beginning four months ago, the EOBEC now expects to break the record on July 24 and 25 with their second annual "Running" festival. Eldorado is just 43 miles south of San Angelo on Highway 277.

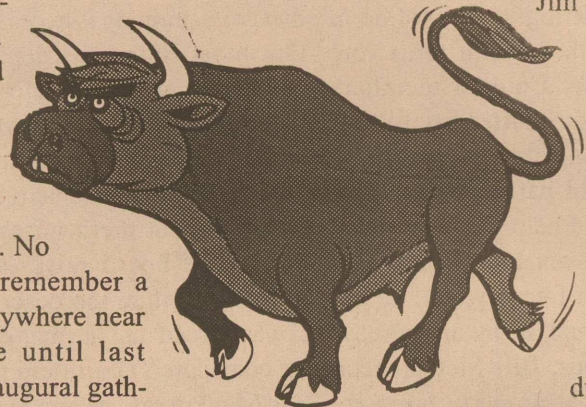
There have been a plethora of published promotional pictures this year's product. Calls from all across Texas are clogging the phone lines as interested "bull shooters," vendors and spectators can't wait to get on the bandwagon. Some people still think we're turning loose the bulls on Main Street, when in reality we're just turning loose the bull shooters.

All defending champions are

returning as well as challengers from nearly every corner of the state. Dennis Gaines of Kerrville, Charlie Bradley, and Bob Lester of Eldorado, Sam Cruse of Christoval, Dan Kelly of Houston, Les Royal of Hico, Steve Smith of Carrizo Springs, the "Hoofing Heifers" of San Angelo, Jesse Nichols and

Jim Collins of McKinney, the West Texas Cloggers and Paul Patterson of Crane are set to duke it out to the finish from the "bully pulpit." Two "To Tell the Truth" segments are also on tap for the unique gathering.

In addition to the show on stage, spectators will be treated to a vast array of vendors on the shaded Schleicher county courthouse lawn that will treat any appetite or shopping whim. And while the adults are enjoying the show and vendors, the kids have a Ferris Wheel, trackless train, inflatables, rock climbing wall, mechanical bull, parade and car shows to occupy their time. FMI, contact Jim Runge at shootthebull@hotmail.com or 325-853-2434. Note that www.eldorado.com is the Eldorado Chamber of Commerce website. You really don't want to miss this fledgling Texas festival tradition.



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**Sweet 15** -- Adriana Granados celebrated her 15th birthday with a Quinceanera held in her honor with a meal and dance. The festivities were held in Salon Jardin, in Muzquiz Coah Mexico on July 3, 2004. Parents are Gloria and Isidro Granados and grandmother Apolonia Martinez of Muzquiz Coah Mexico.

## Youth Center offers free pizza

The Eagle Arcade Youth Center, located in the Corral Room Memorial Building will have "FREE PIZZA", Friday, July 16th starting at 6:00 p.m. with \$1.00 admission or members card. One Friday each month the center will offer "FREE PIZZA". The center is open Friday & Saturday nights 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. with separate times for Middle School and High School students except on Pizza night. The center is for all local students who attend grades 7-12. Adult supervision is always on premises; parental permission must be on file. Membership fees are \$10.00 per year or \$1.00 per day. Refreshments are available. Equipment available: Pool tables, playstation II, airhockey, flossball, ping-pong, boardgames, crafts, karaoke, also monthly tournaments.

Adult supervising board: Joe Dombroski, Ilse Williams, Bill Wells, David Olivan, Syllas Politte,

Linda Gonzales & Sylvia Belman supervisor. Adult groups are welcome to use the center on nights other than Fridays & Saturdays. Contact Ilse Williams or Joe Dombroski for more information.

## It's a boy!

Proud parents Becky and James Ottaberry of Seminole, Texas would like to announce the birth of son Samuel Jameson Ottaberry, born June 30, 2004.

Samuel was 20 inches long and weighed 6 lbs. 15oz. Samuel was named for the meaning of his name "an asked of or gift from god."

His sister Sarah Ottaberry, grandparents Sue and Gene Jones of Eldorado; great-grandmother Lena Manon Jones of Denver City, Texas would like to welcome Samuel home.



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Francisco H. Lozano born July 20, 1925, past away July 15, 2001.

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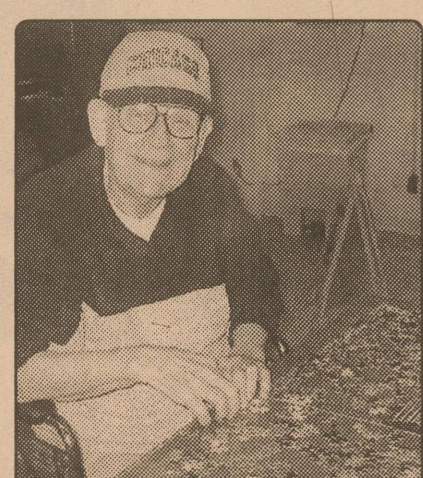
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# City listens to YFZ, turns down tax freeze

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also amended a traffic control ordinance and lowered the speed limit to 20 mph in the Glendale Addition. The new speed limit will go into effect on Bluebonnet Drive, Dixie Drive, Eldorado Drive and Highland Avenue, as soon as new speed signs are purchased and installed.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then updated the council on activity in his various departments. Fay explained that Tyler Robledo, recently returned from a stint in the Marine Corps, has been hired to work at the city landfill. He noted that street improvements continue and advised that a large gas leak at the regulator station on Warner Street had been caused when shifting soil caused a poly-pipe fitting to come loose. Fay added that his crews continue to deal with leaky water mains in the downtown area.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo

then went over the city's financial reports and recommended an amendment to the budget. She noted that no additional money is being spent, only that money would be transferred between categories in the budget. She also advised that another amendment or two would likely be needed before the budget year ends on August 31.

Ms. Mayo then distributed a preliminary budget worksheet and asked for input from the council. It was agreed to take up discussion of the budget at the council's called meeting on Tuesday, July 20.

City Administrator Randy Mankin then advised that an environmental assessment required by the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) is not yet complete. The study is necessary before ORCA grant funds can be spent to purchase a Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) unit for installation at the wastewater treatment plant. The DAF unit was recommended to the council a few months ago as a way of reducing the amount of algae at the sewer plant.

Mankin also advised that Grant Administrator Kay Howard is working on a "Colonia" grant for Schleicher County. He noted that in the past the city had agreed to help the county with matching funds for the grant in hopes of getting sewer lines installed in the Orient Heights neighborhood, just outside the city limits. Although the county has yet to receive a Colonia grant, it is hoped the new application will be successful. The council tentatively agreed to participate with the county and provide certain services free of charge as an "in kind" match, as well contributing some cash for the matching funds.

Mankin then relayed a request from the school that the city spend some \$12,500 to pave the Elementary parking lot. He explained that a search of city records revealed that the parking lot, which was once part of a city street, was turned over to the school in 1979, with the stipulation that the school would pay for all maintenance. With that the council voted to deny the school's request.

Next, Mankin presented a request from James Kosub that the council vote to ratify action of the 1982 city council, which voted to exchange certain streets and alleyways in the eastern part of town for new streets and alleyways in the Western trailer park. Kosub, whose company now owns the property, asked for the ratification so that

language in the deed record could be corrected. The council agreed to the request, voting unanimously to ratify the action of the 1982 council.

The council then voted to call for applications for a two-year depository contract for the city. The applications are to be reviewed at the council's next regular meeting on August 9, 2004.

It was noted that the city's cable TV franchise agreement with Cebridge Connections, which has been expired for quite some time, still has not been renewed. Randy Mankin advised the council that he had conveyed their displeasure with the 3 percent franchise fee offered by Cebridge and that he would continue to pursue a deal with the company.

The council then authorized Mankin to make a deal to crush rock along the old railroad right-of-way near the wastewater plant.

The council next approved the minutes of the previous meeting and authorized the payment of the monthly bills. Randy Mankin told the council that Brigitte Rogers, a member of the Silver Haired Legislature, who proposed a property tax freeze for senior citizens at last month's meeting, could not be in attendance this month for a vote on the issue. Council members discussed the matter briefly but agreed among themselves that a freeze would harm more people than it would help. It was pointed out that any revenue the city lost because of a freeze would necessarily be made up by an increase in utility fees. Bill McCutcheon explained that property taxes are deductible from income tax while utility bills are not. With that the

council voted to deny the tax freeze request.

Mayor Nikolauk then issued a proclamation designating July as Fair Housing Month within the city. The proclamation, and two subsequent actions, the adoption of an affirmative action plan, and a resolution designating authorized grant signatories were required as part of an ORCA planning grant.

The council next took up the discussion of pay increases. Randy Mankin explained that 5 percent raises were budgeted for the 2003-04 fiscal year and that only a couple of merit raises were given so far this year. He noted increased competition for from the oilfield and asked the council to consider giving 4 percent raises.

That drew questions from council members including Toni Sudduth who asked to see individual evaluations on the employees. Bill McCutcheon also asked about job descriptions for the individual employees.

Mankin advised that while city employees were generally categorized in a specific department but that there aren't enough of them to have specific jobs limited to particular departments. He explained that cross-training is necessary and that most times gas department employees are required to work in the water department, or wastewater, or in the street department.

That prompted a lengthy discussion about merit raises versus across the board raises and the need for written job descriptions. It was agreed that the matter would be considered at a future meeting and Mankin said he and Floyd Fay would put the employee evaluations in writing.

## School board calls meeting

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of the expense associated with the construction has been paid by David Creek. Part of that money includes some \$1,500 for each of three coaches who have been working on the project. Trustee Lupe Sanchez voted against the expenditure, saying that she preferred to pay each of the coaches \$1,000 instead.

Supt. Blanch then presented the board with a planning calendar for use as they work through the next several weeks of budget preparation and the adoption of a tax rate. That brought up the touchy subject of financing for renovations and aging equipment.

It was noted that the school needs to replace some 17-20 air conditioning units, as well as repair a leaking roof on the Band Hall, as well as replacement of carpeting. It was estimated those items could cost between \$750,000 and \$900,000.

Maintenance Director John Kotsch told the board that his most pressing need is for the replacement of four air conditioning units and the repair of the Band Hall roof. It was noted that some \$12,500 will be needed to pave the Elementary parking lot.

While all trustees agreed the re-

pairs are a priority, they disagreed on how to pay for the items.

Business Manager Ray Ballew told the group that the district's appraised value for 2005 will hit the \$231 million mark, up significantly from \$194 million last year. Most of the increase comes from oil and gas valuations across the county and would allow the trustees to set a rate of approximately \$1.33 per \$100 valuation, instead of the \$1.50 now in place.

Trustee Eddie Albin then suggested that a representative of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) appear before the board to explain the Capital Acquisition Program, a financing alternative that allows schools to borrow money for major expenditures, and repay the money with taxes. The program, used by many school districts across the state, could mean an additional 15 cents on the tax rate, but would still leave it 2 cents below the current rate. Also, the 15 cents would not apply to the district's rollback tax rate.

Supt. Blanch agreed to contact TASB and arrange for a representative to explain the Capital Acquisition Program to the trustees at their next meeting on Monday, July 19.

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## Commissioners make short work of Monday's agenda

County Commissioner Johnny Mayo presided over Monday's meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court, in the absence of Judge Griffin, who is recovering from surgery. Mayo, and the three other commissioners, Kirk Griffin, Bill Clark and Matt Brown, sailed through the agenda items, moving several of them to the July 26th agenda, at which time Judge Griffin is expected back.

Among other items of business, the men approved salaries for Tony Martinez and Angela

Walker who were both hired at the last meeting to work as maintenance personnel.

The men then chose to table the contract discussions with WTU Retail for electrical service after attorney Chad Elkins advised them that budget constraints required the county enter only into one-year contracts, or contracts that allow the county to opt out. The proposed WTU Retail contract called for a 3-year term with no way to opt out of the contract.

The men also tabled discussion of a piece of property, located near

Mary Street, that the Concho Valley Community Action Agency wants to give the county. The men decided they would visually inspect the property and seek a legal opinion before accepting the property.

Next, County Clerk Peggy Williams, who is also on the Cemetery Chapel Committee, reported that the pews have been ordered for the chapel. County Treasurer Karen Henderson noted that contractor Kevin Tulley of San Angelo has received approximately \$700,00, the agreed 10% advance after

\$7,200 was spent for the foundation work. The contractor will begin the building construction after electricity is provided to the location.

Discussion of the status of Halbert Lane (County Road 412) postponed until the July 26 meeting. Attorney Chad Elkins noted the surveyor Myrl Sudduth has not had the opportunity to survey the property in question to determine whether or not some three-tenths of a mile of the roadway belongs to the county, or to neighboring property owners.

## It's easy for one to go batty in Central Texas

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on bats. He spent so much of his life in the cave that his pelt turned white from the ammonia produced by the guano.

The place is open only Thursday-Sunday from 6-9 p.m. so make sure you don't make the trek on the wrong day. A prerecorded message (at 325-347-5970) lets you know what time of day the bats first start leaving. They arrive around mid-May and leave by mid-October. Early August is when the real show starts, though.

We left and managed to find our way out by not backtracking but driving out the other direction (kudos to the Texas Atlas & Gazetteer which I would hail as right behind the Bible as the greatest book ever produced if they would just bind the thing better. It almost immediately falls apart. But it shows nearly every road in the state - including the tiny ones we negotiated to get back to civilization in the dark.)

### Bat stop No. 2

The next evening, we ventured out of Fredericksburg over to the Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area. It's about 13 miles or so, all paved.

The drive there, too, is memorable and a short side trip takes travelers to the most famous little town in Texas, Luckenbach (where Jerry Jeff Walker's great "redneck rock" classic Viva Terlingua! was recorded over 30 years ago).

The WMA is nestled in the midst of one of the loveliest sections of the Hill Country. The view from the upper seating area affords a vista filled with verdant hills replaced by purple mountains' majesty in the distance. People come early for the bat flight just to sit and soak in that pastoral scene.

We got there early, too. A great trail drops down quickly to a lower seating area where those who pay \$5 get to see the flight up close. It's much nearer to the action with the mammals swirling all around and well worth five bucks.

The trail is well kept with special areas - unique trees, formations, etc. - numbered...except that the trail map is being rewritten and one isn't available. However, the trail's greatest offering is a perfect view of the old railway tunnel where the bats live.

From a low vantage point, you can see all the way through the tunnel, the first ever built in Texas, which was abandoned in the early 1940's and claimed by migrating Mexican free-tail bats (and a few cave myotis bats) soon afterward.

The trail, raised for the most part since it's on the former railbed, follows a small creek. It deadends against a fence in about a half mile, and, while there's a thin, rocky path leading down along the fence line, it goes nowhere. The trail is mostly flat after several relatively steep steps to get down to the tunnel level.

The bats here are dusk fliers - if you're lucky. You can see the bat flight free at the upper level, but if they come out too close to dark, you won't see much. It's worth

paying \$5 to get to the lower level since you can see them no matter what time they leave.

A volunteer gives a presentation - bats are born live with the mother upside down, you'll learn - to those who pay for lower seating which is on wooden benches, amphitheater style. They can seat as many as 80 folks but that would be mighty crowded. We had about 20 with us and that left plenty of room.

The bat exit here is different than the James River Cave. Bats begin dropping from the tunnel ceiling. Bats don't flap their wings but need lift to fly. So the 1.3 million in the Old Tunnel begin a graceful gliding, creating a counterclockwise vortex that helps them sail ever higher until they clear the trees and head over the Pedernales River for a quick drink before beginning their bug eating.

That mammalian ballet oc-

curs just feet away, right in front of the lower level. Sometimes hawks interrupt the performance by diving in and eating some of the ballerinas. Coons are here, too. And so is a flesh-eating beetle that makes its home in the guano - which is as deep as 12 feet in the tunnel.

After the initial wave, everyone left but us. Then another wave began zipping out, all for our benefit alone as darkness fell.

### Bat poop

Noise can affect bat flights. They'll just stop coming out until it gets quieter. In the summer, plenty of excited, chatty kids come to see the animals so that can be a problem.

Flash photography also messes up the bats so that's prohibited. Good luck getting a good photo of a bat.

Things can start smelling pretty funky once the critters are in the

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# The Blotter

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

**July 9** • Barajas, Joe Robert, male age 26, offense Assault/Family Violence.  
 • Tararez, Servando Medrano, male age 31, offense Fictitious Registration. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.  
**July 12** • Rodriguez, Rogelio, male age 20, offense Motion To Revoke.  
**July 13** • Guana, Tonya Sue, female age 34, offense Theft by Check. Released on \$500.00 Surety Bond.

## INCIDENTS

**July 6** • 4:37 p.m. Caller reported a telephone pole down on Dorris and Hwy. 277. Pole was hit by an 18 wheeler. Four officers and two DPS Troopers responded.  
 • 6:52 Call called 911 and reported a fire at their residence on Nance Street. Officer responded and advised

the dispatch it was a grass fire. Fire department responded.

**July 7** • 7:14 a.m. Convenience store reported a gas drive off. Officer responded.  
 • 9:00 a.m. Subject reported a controlled burn at the sewer plant.  
 • 6:10 p.m. Complainant stated that they had received a threatening phone call from spouse. Complainant stated subject had hit them a couple of days before and had a bruise. Subject stated they would file charges on subject.  
 • 9:43 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to San Angelo hospital.  
**July 9** • 10:01 a.m. Complainant reported some illegal dumping of rotten fruit by landfill. Officer responded.  
**July 10** • 7:30 a.m. Caller on Rudd Road requested to speak with officer. Officers responded.

• 8:25 p.m. Subject on County Road 119 called and requested an ambulance for wife who had fallen off horse. Officers and EMS 2 responded.  
 • 10:11 p.m. Caller reported a screen off the window at the Memorial Building. Officer responded and found everything OK.  
**July 11** • 7:28 p.m. Officer responded to an alarm and responded and found no forced entry.  
**July 12** • Complainant on FM 2129 reported a cow out on the road 5 miles out.  
 • 2:25 p.m. Complainant reported that two females would not leave complainant's residence. Officer responded.  
 • 7:32 p.m. Female caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.  
 • 10:32 p.m. 911 call received by dispatcher. Caller requested an officer to reported more than one person trying to break in to relative's apartment. Officer responded and found everything OK.  
**July 13** • 2:40 a.m. Medical Center requested an officer to inspect a noise. Officer responded.  
 • 2:00 p.m. Complainant requested an criminal trespass be served on a female subject. Officer responded.

## Nursing Home residents get back to nature with trip to Sheriff's Dept. Inmate Farm

Picking fresh vegetables among the weedless rows brought back fawn memories for several Eldorado nursing home residences who received a rare opportunity to visit The Schleicher County Inmate Farm located 3 miles west on U.S. Highway 190.

Fresh squash, green beans, tomatoes, radishes and cucumbers were among some of the fresh vegetables picked by the residents. Nursing Home Activity Director Annie Arispe stated the vegetables picked by the residents will be prepared in the Schleicher County Medical Center Kitchen for all residents to enjoy.

The Schleicher County Farm has been a work in progress since 1997, the fields were cleared of mesquite and brush by inmate labor. 2003 the farm was cultivated and the first crop of hay grazer and a large garden was planted using inmate labor. Vegetables produced have gone to the meals for the elderly program, Carmelite Monastery, Schleicher County Jail Kitchen and various other non profit organizations.

Sheriff Doran says the farm was designed to assist in the rehabilita-

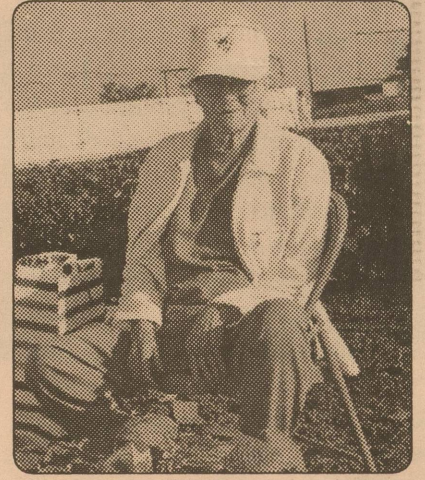


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*Enjoying a beautiful day -- Afta Mae Bradshaw was one of several Schleicher County Nursing Home residents who enjoyed a cool morning in the Sheriff's Dept. vegetable garden last week.*

tion of inmates as it gives them the satisfaction of accomplishing a goal and at the same time they give back to the community. A small hay crop is produced on the farm and harvested into round bales and sold to the community at the going rate, proceeds earned from the hay are placed into the counties general fund to assist in offsetting expenses incurred by the inmate farm.

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 Revelation 1:7-18

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PROPUESTO de Calidad de Air Num.72151

**SOLICITUD.** YFZ Land, LLC, se ha registrado con la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) o Texas Commission on Environmental Quality para autorizar un Permiso de Calidad de Aire Núm. 72151, el cual autorizará la construcción de un Concrete Batch Plant en located at 2420 County Road 300, Eldorado, Condado de Schleicher, Tejas. La instalación va a emitir los siguientes contaminantes atmosféricos: particulate matter (aggregate, cement and road dust).

Esta solicitud fue sometida al TCEQ en 20th Mayo, 2004. La solicitud está disponible para revisarse y copiarse en la Oficina Central del TCEQ, en la Oficina Regional del TCEQ en San Angelo regional office, y en Condado de Schleicher Courthouse, 2 South Divide, Courthouse Square, Eldorado, Condado de Schleicher, Tejas. El archivo del cumplimiento de las leyes de la instalación, si existe, estará disponible para el público en la Oficina Regional del TCEQ en San Angelo, Tejas.

El director ejecutivo del TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud se halla administrativamente completa y conducirá un análisis técnico de la solicitud.

**COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS/ JUNTA PUBLICA** Usted puede someter comentarios públicos, solicitar una junta pública, o solicitar una audiencia en controversia sobre esta solicitud a la Oficina del Chief Clerk en la dirección a continuación. El TCEQ sobre esta solicitud. El plazo límite para someter sus comentarios es 30 días después de la publicación de este aviso. Después del plazo límite para los comentarios públicos, el director ejecutivo preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos relevantes y materiales o de otro modo significativos.

El propósito de una junta pública es para proveer la oportunidad de someter comentarios, o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. Una junta pública sobre la solicitud se llevará a cabo si el director ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interés público en la solicitud o si la solicita un legislador local. Una junta pública no es considerada una audiencia en controversia.

Si sólo se reciben comentarios sobre esta solicitud, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con un aviso de la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, será enviada por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios o solicitado que se les incluyera en la lista de correo para esta solicitud.

Si la petición para una audiencia en controversia es sometida a tiempo, el director ejecutivo completará el análisis técnico, emitirá una decisión preliminar sobre la solicitud y un Aviso de Solicitud y Decisión Preliminar será entonces publicado y enviado por correo a todos los que estén en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. El aviso tendrá la fecha final para someter comentarios públicos.

Después del plazo final para someter comentarios públicos subsecuentes a cualquier Aviso de Solicitud y Decisión Preliminar, el director ejecutivo considerará los comentarios y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos relevantes y materiales, o significativos. Si se reciben comentarios, la respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, serán entonces enviadas por correo a todos aquellos que hallan sometido comentarios públicos o que estén en la lista de correo sobre esta solicitud.

**OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA EN CONTROVERSA** Usted puede peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Una audiencia en controversia es un proceso legal semejante a un juicio civil en una corte de distrito estatal. En el caso de que una petición por escrito para una audiencia en controversia no sea sometida dentro de 30 días después de la publicación de este aviso, el director ejecutivo podrá aprobar la solicitud. Si no se reciben peticiones para una audiencia en controversia dentro de este período de 30 días, no habrá mas oportunidad para peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Una audiencia en controversia sólo se otorgará basada en asuntos en controversia que sean relevantes y materiales a la decisión de los Comisionados sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo concederá una audiencia en controversia en esos asuntos que fueron presentados durante el período de los comentarios públicos y que no se retiraron.

Una persona que pueda ser afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes atmosféricos de la instalación tiene derecho a peticionar una audiencia en controversia. Para solicitar una audiencia en controversia, usted deberá proporcionar lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o, para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección postal, número de teléfono durante el día, y número de fax, si hay; (2) el nombre del solicitante y el número de permiso; (3) la oración en inglés "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) una descripción específica de cómo le perjudicaría la solicitud y las emisiones atmosféricas de una manera que no es común con los miembros del público en general; (5) la localización y distancia de su propiedad en relación a la instalación; y (6) una descripción de cómo usted usa la propiedad que pudiera ser afectada por la instalación. Si la petición es hecha por un grupo o asociaciones, el o la miembro o miembros que tienen derecho a pedir una audiencia en controversia y los intereses que el grupo o asociación quieran proteger deberán también ser identificados. Usted también podrá someter sus propuestas de ajustes a la solicitud o permiso que puedan satisfacer sus preocupaciones. Peticiones para una audiencia en controversia deberán someterse por escrito dentro de 30 días después de la publicación de este aviso a la Oficina del Chief Clerk, en la dirección a continuación.

Si una petición para una audiencia en controversia es recibida a tiempo, aviso adicional será dado. Después de que se cierren todos los períodos aplicables de comentarios y peticiones, el director ejecutivo mandará la solicitud y todas las peticiones de audiencia en controversia a los Comisionados del TCEQ para su consideración en una junta de Comisionados en su itinerario. Si se concede una audiencia en controversia, el objeto de la audiencia en controversia será limitado a los asuntos de hecho en disputa relevantes y materiales a la calidad del aire, que hayan surgido durante el período de comentarios. Asuntos como el valor de la propiedad, ruido, seguridad de tráfico, y zonas municipales están fuera de lo que la Comisión tiene la jurisdicción de considerar en este proceso.

**LISTA DE CORREO** Usted puede solicitar que se le ponga en una lista de correo para recibir información adicional de esta solicitud solicitando a la Oficina del Chief Clerk en la dirección a continuación.

**INFORMACION** Comentarios públicos por escrito, peticiones para una junta pública o peticiones para una audiencia en controversia deberán someterse a la Oficina del Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Tejas 78711-3087. Para más información sobre esta solicitud o el proceso de permisos, por favor llame a la Oficina de Asistencia Pública, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Información general sobre el TCEQ se puede encontrar en el [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Más información también puede obtenerse de YFZ Land, LLC, P.O. Box 715, Eldorado, Tejas, o llamando al señor Mr. Ernest Jessop, Plant Operator at (801) 558-2130. Fecha de emitido: 28 Junio, 2004.

## NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 72151

**APPLICATION** YFZ Land, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 72151 which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 2420 County Road 300, Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (aggregate, cement and road dust).

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 20, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Schleicher County Courthouse, 2 South Divide, Courthouse Square, Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief-Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final dead line for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief-Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/>.

Further information may also be obtained from YFZ Land, LLC, P.O. Box 715, Eldorado, Texas 76936 or Mr. Ernest Jessop, Plant Operator at (801)558-2130. Issuance Date: June 28, 2004



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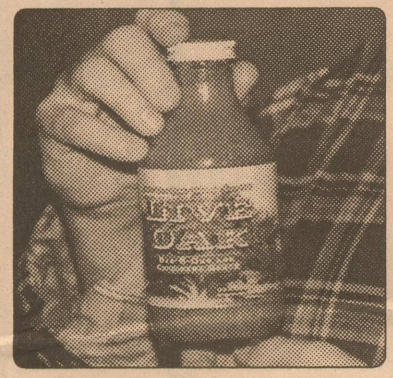
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