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Under Pressure

Citizens complain to city about water pressure fluctuations

The Eldorado City Council heard complaints Monday evening several individuals about fluctuating water pressure. Mickie Rathbone, Clint Griffin and Rick Singleton each reported leaks at their homes that they said were caused by changes in water pressure on the city lines. Some of the leaks reportedly occurred when residents were asleep or out of town. Singleton noted that his leak caused extensive damage that exceeded what his insurance would pay.

City Superintendent Floyd Fay explained that the changes in water pressure are caused when the city's wells come on and off automatically. He said that the fluctuations are usually worse during summer months when irrigation of the school's football field and the county golf course require the operation of more pumps. An "altitude valve" was installed on the City Hall water tower last year when residents in the north part of town reported low water pressure. The valve holds

back pressure on the system, forcing the city's north water tower to fill.

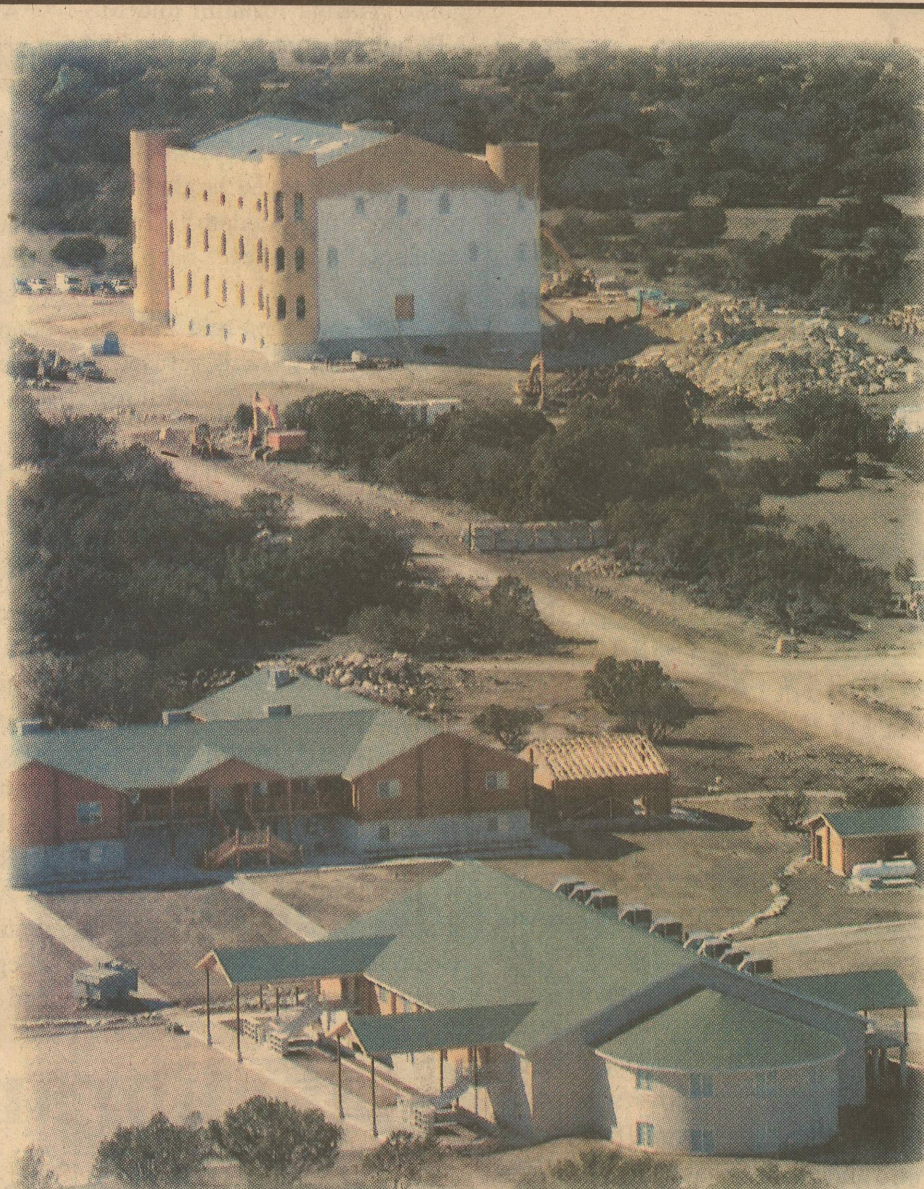
Unlike most municipal systems where pumps send water into elevated tanks, the City of Eldorado's pumps feed directly into the distribution system, meaning the entire grid experiences pressure surges.

One remedy for the problem is a water pressure regulator, which council member Bill McCutcheon recommended every city resident install, especially those who live in mobile homes.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk at 6:00 p.m. with council members Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez and Juakin Rojas in attendance, also on had were City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Supt. Floyd Fay.

The meeting began with the council discussing then adopting an amendment to the city utility ordinance that allows city personnel to go

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SUCCESS STAFF PHOTO
The FLDS temple under construction at the YFZ Ranch got a coat of primer paint this week even as work continued inside the structure. The two buildings shown in the foreground each exceed 28,000 sq. ft. in size, according to Tax Appraiser Scott Sutton, giving an indication of the size of the distant temple.

Workers maintain feverish pace on New Zion temple

Prophet Warren Jeffs reportedly wants his new temple completed in time to hold the annual conference of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on April 6, and construction crews at the YFZ Ranch are working around the clock to meet the looming deadline.

Former FLDS members tell the Success that there is more to the April 6 date than just the church conference. The FLDS church, as well as many in the Mormon faith, believe that Jesus Christ was born on April 6 and that he was crucified thirty-three years later on the same date.

Joseph Smith founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on April 6, 1830. Sources in Colorado City, AZ tell the Success that they believe Warren Jeffs wants to have his new temple, the first-ever built by the FLDS, complete in time to celebrate the 175th anniversary of that event.

The building's shell already soars 90 ft. above the ground and workmen were busy this week applying a coat of primer paint to the structure. Eight-foot tall sheets of plywood, apparent in aerial photos taken before the paint went on, make it possible to gauge the building's height above the concrete basement walls.

On the temple's west end, an earthen ramp has been constructed, allowing building material to be brought in through a set of double doors, some ten-feet above ground level. Lights streaming from windows and skylights indicate that work continues inside the temple throughout the night.

Private Investigator Sam Brower of Cedar City, UT, spent much of the week in Eldorado. He told the Success that at night the building resembles a Mississippi riverboat steaming around a bend in the river. In the daylight, however, the

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PHOTO BY STACI CORTEZ
Eldorado residents Clint Griffin, Rick Singleton and Robert Parker listen as members of the City Council discuss ways to address problems with fluctuating water pressure.

EQIP focuses on Prickly Pear control

The Natural Resource Conservation Service Office in Eldorado is taking Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications through March 18th. The EQIP program is a cost-share incentive program available to landowners and operators for the purpose of carrying out conservation practices on their land.

Each county within the state receives a base allocation of federal dollars starting at \$134,000. This money will be used as cost-share incentives to implement priority practices within the county. This year's priority concern, as identified by the Program Development Group, is prickly pear control.

Schleicher County also receives additional funding through EQIP to provide technical and cost-share assistance for Special Resource Concern Areas. Over 1.3 million dollars is available to carry out conservation

practices within the South Concho and Spring and Dove Creek Watersheds. At the present time there are very few applications being made and all interested individuals are urged to come in and sign up as soon as possible. Brush control, fencing, livestock pipelines, water storages and wells are just some of the conservation practices that can cost-shared within these special project areas.

Cost-share rates are set at 50% of an average cost. Landowners and operator can have multiple EQIP contracts on their land, so if you already have a contract you can still sign up to do additional conservation work if needed. The local NRCS employees will review the application and ranking procedure with you and explain the program in more detail.

For more information, you can come by the office at 510 S. Divide in Eldorado or call 325-853-3535, Ext. 3.



SUCCESS STAFF PHOTO
This large earth moving trucks is one of the trucks being used to stockpile rough cut limestone blocks near the rock quarry at the YFZ Ranch.

Local officials meet with Conaway in San Angelo

Three members of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court and two representatives from the Eldorado City Council met Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, with Congressman Mike Conaway (R-Midland) at his district office in San Angelo.

County Judge Johnny Griffin, Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Matt Brown and City Councilmen Tommy Minor and Bill McCutcheon took the opportunity to voice their concerns about local, state and national issues to the newly elected congressman.

The meeting was the first of what Conaway has promised to be regular town-hall-style and individual meetings with community leaders in his district. Also present were local representatives from Concho, Irion, Coke, Runnels and Sterling Counties.

Chief among the men's concerns were unfunded federal mandates that require state and local governments to foot the bill for legislation passed in Washington, D.C. One such unfunded mandate will require local cities and counties to purchase a number of voting machines in the coming months.

The congressman gave a sympathetic ear to the local officials saying, "It is very important to me that I know and understand the issues that our local officials are facing," said Conaway. "My office belongs to the people of District 11 and that is why

I plan to meet regularly with their community leaders."

Approximately 40 officials consisting of county judges, commissioners, mayors and city council members discussed issues ranging from taxes and Social Security to the Help America Vote Act and federal state mandates. Congressman Conaway also expressed his support for many of the items proposed in President Bush's State of Union Address.

"Mike Conaway is committed to helping the county and city officials of his district," said Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin, who has served as County Judge since 1979. "He listened to our concerns and he has promised to help us in any way that he can. You can't ask for anything more from your Congressman."

"Our meeting with Congressman Conaway was very productive," said Concho County Judge Allen Amos. "He updated us on what is going on in Washington and we updated him on what is going on in our respective cities and counties. His open-door policy of meeting with concerned officials and citizens is definitely one that we appreciate."

Congressman Conaway is serving in his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a CPA and former small business owner. He currently serves on the Armed Services, Agriculture and Budget Committees.

Fisher elected to ASI office at Reno meeting

DENVER, Colo. — Glen Fisher of Sonora, Texas, was elected secretary/treasurer of the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) at the 2005 ASI/National Lamb Feeders Association convention in Reno, Nev., on Jan. 29, 2005.

Fisher manages Askew-Fisher Ranch, located on 18,000 acres of land in west Texas. He runs approximately 1,800 Rambouillet ewes bred mainly to Suffolk bucks. In addition to sheep, he raises 400 cows including 250 registered Angus and Polled Hereford cattle.

Before being elected to the office of secretary/treasurer, Fisher served the past three years on the ASI Executive Board and as Chairman of the American Wool Council. In addition to ASI, he has served as president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association,

director of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center and director of the Texas Polled Hereford Association. Fisher managed the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company for 16 years and has also been involved in numerous civic and local organizations.

Commenting on his election to the office, Fisher says, "I am proud to be involved with a great organization such as ASI, and am honored to be elected to the office of secretary/treasurer. ASI's leaders and staff are excellent and I will work to represent every sheep producer in the United States."

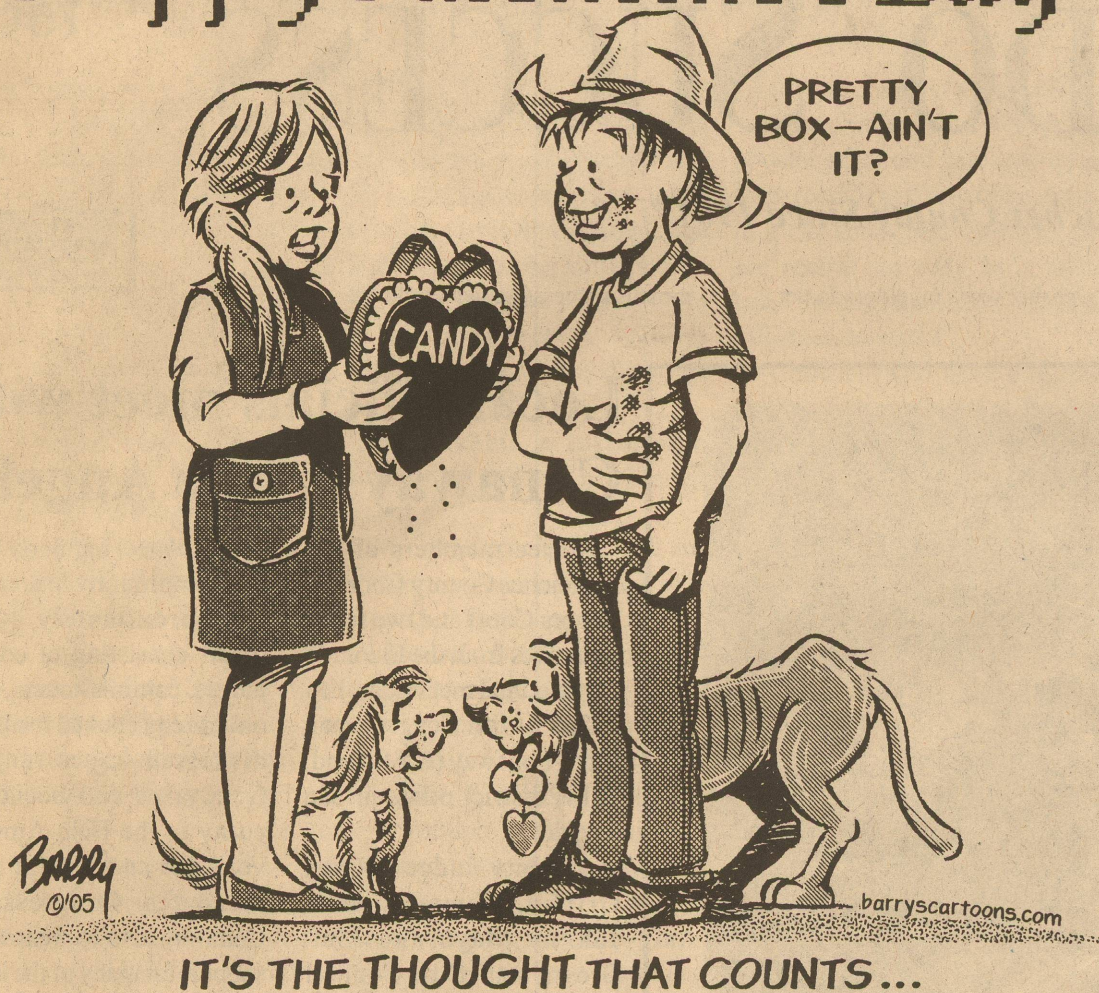
Other officers elected to the ASI Executive Board at the convention were Paul Frischknecht of Manti, Utah, to the office of president and Burdell Johnson of Tuttle, N.D., to the office of vice president.

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IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS...

Congressional Medal of Honor winners in Texas

When Charles Neal of Houston was in graduate school, he wanted to write a thesis on Texas Medal of Honor winners. His adviser advised against it. Charles made a hobby of that topic and researched it for more than thirty years. Then he wrote a book, VALOR ACROSS THE LONE STAR.



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

"The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest award granted by the United States government for military valor," says Charles. "It was signed into law by Abraham Lincoln in July of 1861. It has become probably the most renowned award for military bravery in the world. "Out of the 40 million plus men and women who have served in the US military forces since the beginning of our country, only 3,459 individuals have merited being awarded the Medal of Honor. Ninety-three of those are Texans. "When you look at the record of Texans in modern wars, it's

almost unbelievable. Three percent of your World War One awards went to Texans. Five percent of the World War Two awards were presented to Texans. Five percent of the Korean War awardees were Texans. Fourteen percent of the Viet Nam War recipients were Texans. "Texas produced the most highly decorated soldier of World War One, the most highly decorated soldier of World War Two, Audie Murphy, and the most highly decorated sailor of World War Two, Commander Samuel Dealey of Dallas. Texas has provided some outstanding military heroes." His book has 491 pages and concentrates on Medal of Honor winners during frontier times. "There are nineteen chapters

of content, each one detailing the political and military situations in which 67 men were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for deeds of valor performed within the state of Texas during the Civil War, the Indian Wars and one Mexican border disturbance. It covers the chronological span from 1861 to 1891 and is published by the Texas State Historical Association." Charles' father was a military man and served at various military bases. "I learned many stories about military heroes from history. This kind of stayed in my psyche and the Medal of Honor became an impassioned hobby of mine. Sometimes our purpose in life is exposed to us in different ways. Harlandale High School in San Antonio was the only high school in the United States to have produced three Medal of Honor recipients. I graduated from Harlandale high school in 1959. I felt like this book is something I was destined to do."

Iraq's Elections Show Hope for Democracy

There is little that people living in Iraq have not seen in the 5,500 years that have elapsed since the world's first literate society, Sumeria, arose on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. But recently, the long-suffering people of this nation experienced something new — they voted in free elections.



CAPITOL
COMMENTS
by Senator Kay
Bailey Hutchison

"Now I feel that Saddam is really gone," Fatima Ibrahim told MSNBC after casting her ballot in Irbil, in the Kurdish northern region. She was a young bride of 14 and only married three months when her husband, father and brother were rounded up by Saddam Hussein's police and have never been seen again.

These two men and millions of their fellow Iraqis refused to be intimidated by terrorist threats and went to the polls. In an election widely hailed as fair and free, over 60 percent of the Iraqi people turned out. Even Sunni Iraqis ignored calls by their religious leaders to boycott the election and voted in higher than expected numbers. The election is for 13 provincial councils and the new 275-seat National Assembly, which will draft a new constitution.

Neighboring Jordan watched the elections with great interest. King Abdullah II offered congratulations and said the successful election proved the Iraqi people are "stronger than the extremist groups

trying to destabilize Iraq."

As President Bush noted in his stirring inaugural speech, "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in the world."

Unfortunately, while the Iraqi people have begun their pursuit of democracy, they still face thugs who desperately want to deny this new nation freedom. Jihadists allied to Al Qaeda and remnants of the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein are trying to regain power.

We should not let the horror of these tactics obscure an important point: the terrorists fear what an Iraqi democracy would mean for their cause. The Jihadists and Baathists fear history will sweep them aside, and they are doing all they can to block the spread of freedom.

Abu Musab Al Zarqawi, the Jordanian who has publicly declared allegiance to Osama Bin Laden, and is considered the architect of

attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces, has said as much. "We have declared a fierce war on this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology. Anyone who tries to help set up this system is part of it."

Further, Osama Bin Laden himself, in a recent Al-Jazeera-distributed tape, urged Iraqis not to participate in the election.

The important thing to keep in mind is that the Iraqi people demonstrated in impressive numbers that, however difficult the path may be, this election was a key step toward complete self-rule and the establishment of a democratic system of government.

We should remember our own past, when, after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, our nation was torn by, first, Shays' Rebellion and, later, the Whiskey Rebellion. These challenges to the new republic led some to doubt the survival of the American experiment.

The path has occasionally been rocky since then. Women marched, suffered ridicule, and were sometimes jailed as they sought the right to vote in the early part of the 20th Century. Only 40 years ago, African American leaders risked their lives to secure the same liberties others already enjoyed during the struggle for civil rights.

While our progress has been

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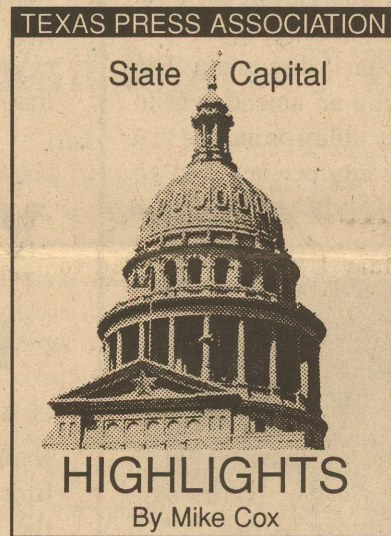
State library funding among issues facing state legislators

AUSTIN — Just about every day in the early weeks of the legislative session, a procession of visitors in attire ranging from red blazers to white lab coats to 19th century cavalry uniforms arrives at the Capitol to make a pitch to lawmakers on one issue or another.

The group coming to the Capitol next week may be hard to spot unless some of them go around shushing people for talking too loudly. Members of the Texas Library Association will be in Austin Feb. 15-16 to unofficially lobby the Legislature on an issue that doesn't get a whole lot of publicity: state library funding.

Following the last session, the State Library had to cancel various periodical subscriptions and make other cutbacks. The budget the library has submitted for the next two fiscal years reflects the Legislative Budget Board's request that agencies base their budgets on 95 percent of their current appropriation.

The TLA will be pushing for the legislature to approve all of



the library's budget requests, plus "exceptional items" above the base amount. That would include funding to remodel the 1961 Lorenzo de Zavala Building that houses the library.

Drawing a one-liner in the sand...

Kerrville mystery writer Kinky Friedman stood in front of the Alamo last Thursday to announce his candidacy for governor, drawing numerous one-liners in the sand. Saying that he supported stricter death

penalty standards and gambling in casinos, he also endorsed gay marriage, quipping: "They have a right to be as miserable as the rest of us."

However, tossing your cowboy hat in the ring and being on the ballot are two separate things. Friedman will need the signatures of 45,540 registered voters to get his name on the ticket as an independent candidate for the November 2006 general election. And he has to get those names after the March primaries.

Lubbock in the political rearview mirror...

Two days before Friedman finally made his intentions official in San Antonio, Alamo City Congressman Henry Bonilla chose the hometown of the late Buddy Holly to declare that he would run seek to succeed U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison if she takes on Gov. Rick Perry, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and possibly the Kinkster.

Hazardous outlook for TV weather people...

Is the person on TV telling you whether it will rain tomorrow really a meteorologist? Or are they just dramatizing the National Weather Service's forecast?

Rep. Vicki Truitt (R-Keller) wants you to know for sure. Along with her umbrella, she's carrying House Bill 577, a measure that would make it a Class C misdemeanor for a broadcast personality to represent himself as a meteorologist without having a meteorologist degree. Turns out that being a member of the American Meteorological Society, the current national standard that is frequently seen hyped on TV weather casts, does not necessarily mean a person is a real meteorologist. The membership does mean the person has had special training, but not always a four-year degree in meteorology. Rep. Truitt fears that inadequate training could result in inaccurate forecasts, creating a downpour of public safety problems.

The bill has already spawned a storm of protest among TV types who may have degrees in other disciplines, but not in meteorology.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Crockett's last stand
 - Thumb a ride
 - Hippie's home
 - Japanese noodle soup
 - "Barbarella" actor Milo
 - Slip up
 - "Another Day in Paradise" singer
 - Wop ('50s music)
 - Mesa National Park
 - Prefix with dynamics or nuclear
 - Pueblo Indian
 - Chicago hrs.
 - Put fresh film into
 - Showy shrub
 - No-frills
 - Spiritual beings
 - April 1 victim
 - "_ longa, vita brevis"
 - Still for rent
 - Did a marathon
 - Monastery head
 - Chest muscle, in gym lingo
 - Stampede group
 - Cause of shoulder trouble, often
 - "Silas Marner"

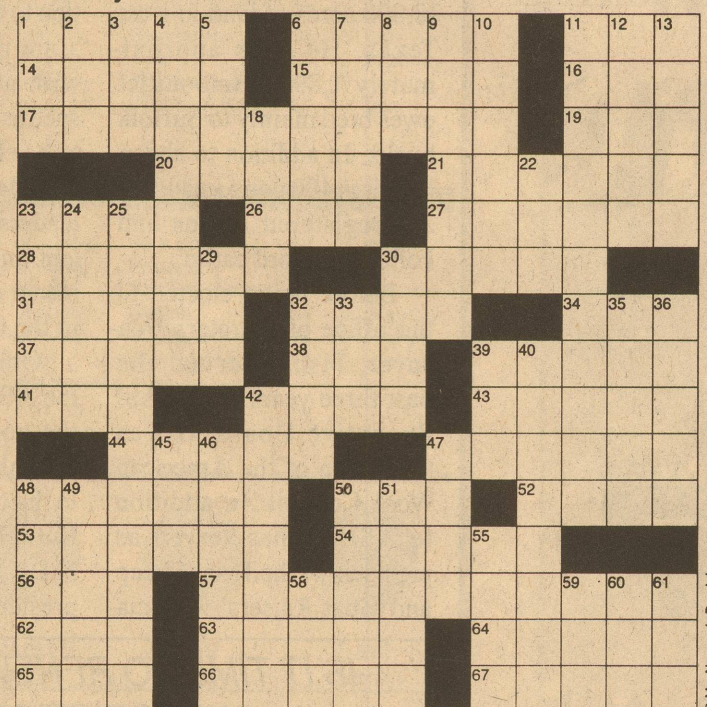
- girl
- Stay behind
 - Composer depicted in "Amadeus"
 - HBO rival
 - Downhill vehicle
 - Sulking
 - Fleshy-snouted beast
 - Rock's Steely
 - Codiscoverer of radium
 - Tonic partner
 - Bothered

- incessantly
- Manipulative ones
 - Before, to bards
 - Cries of pain
 - Water's edge
- DOWN**
- Dadaist Jean
 - "Well, _-di-dah!"
 - "What _, chopped liver?"
 - "Moby Dick" author
 - Give the _-over
 - Wrestler's

- repertoire
- Dot in the sea
 - Summer-weather stat
 - New York's Park
 - Corned beef dishes
 - Discoverer of Brazil
 - Coffee allure
 - Dickens's mysterious Edwin
 - Killer whale
 - Whitney or Lilly

- Invites to one's apartment
- Layer with a "hole"
- French painter of "The Card Players"
- Repair shop fig.
- 007
- On the house
- Rower's need
- Perez or O'Donnell
- Witness's place
- "Honest" _
- Forcible ejection
- Ancient Syrian
- Mushy food
- Put cash up front
- Tug-of-war need
- Swarming insect
- Walking _ (elated)
- Guitar holderupper
- Does' mates
- Hosp. areas
- Slippery fish
- Classic auto
- Factory second: Abbr.
- Language suffix

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OBITUARIES

Auta Mae Bradshaw



Auta Mae Reynolds Bradshaw of Eldorado, passed away on Thursday, February 03, 2005 in Eldorado.

Funeral services were held 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 5, 2005 at Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with the Rev. Andy Anderson of the First Baptist Church of Eldorado officiating. Graveside services followed in the Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Auta Mae was born on the ranch in Schleicher County to Frank J. and Mary Myrtle Reynolds on July 3, 1910. She went to school at Adams School in the Rudd Community and later Eldorado High School. She married Claude Bradshaw on April 23, 1933. For seven or eight years they lived in Calf Creek and Richland Springs. Then they moved back to Schleicher County where Auta Mae continued to live out her life in the county of her birth. Auta Mae always maintained a ranching interest while working many other jobs including the local drug store, café, moccasin factory,

the Woolen Mill. She became one of the first CNAs taught by Dr. Jim Brame at the newly opened hospital in Eldorado. She also worked for the school as a bus driver and in the cafeteria.

After the death of her mother in 1963 Auta Mae assumed the ranching interest her grandfather and her mother settled in the eastern portion of Schleicher County. For the next 40 years Auta Mae lived on the ranch. She worked the land and raised livestock until age made that impossible. In 2001 she was awarded the Texas Family Land Heritage Award for 100 years of continuous ranching in the same family.

Auta Mae is preceded in death by her parents Frank J. and Mary Myrtle Reynolds, four brothers, John, Ray, Rueben and Frank, and three sisters, Gertrude, Lottie and Bessie, and one nephew Johnny Ray Reynolds.

Auta Mae is survived by a son, Eugene Bradshaw and wife, Vera Fae of Eldorado, a granddaughter, Janet Bradshaw of Austin, a grandson, Trey Bradshaw of San Angelo, a great granddaughter, Jillian O'Diorne of Austin and a great grandson, Sterling Bradshaw of San Angelo.

Survivors also include a nephew, Arnie Lee Westbrook of Christoval, nieces, Frances Robinson and husband, Don of San Angelo, Myrtle Burke and husband Ed of Southlake, and LaNell Reynolds of Arlington. She leaves two grandnephews, six grandnieces, five great grandnephews and ten great grandnieces. She also leaves too many Bradshaw nieces and nephews to name.

Mary Lynn Huff

SAN ANGELO — Mary Lynn Huff, 58, of San Angelo died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, in SCCI Hospital. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Kent Kinnard, pastor of Sterling City United Methodist Church. Burial was held at 4 p.m. in Eldorado Cemetery.

Mary Lynn was born Sept. 9, 1946, in San Angelo, Texas, to Albert and Marie Brooks McGinnes. She was a lifetime resident of San Angelo, a housewife and a member of the Methodist Church.

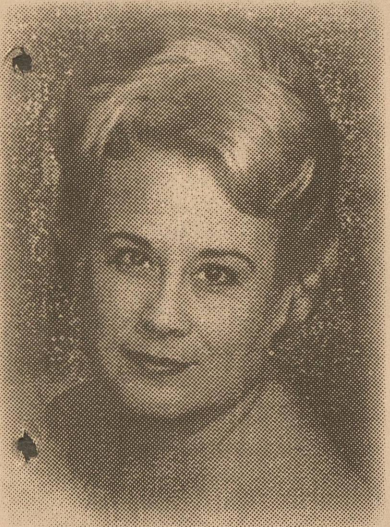
Mary Lynn was married to Steve Huff on June 13, 1982, in Sterling City, Texas.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Huff, of San Angelo; brother, Larry McGinnes of El Paso, Texas; mother and father-in-law, Frances and Carl Kemp of San Angelo; 10 nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family requests memorials be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Joyce Whitten



ELDORADO — Joyce Whitten passed away Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, in a Houston hospital. Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado. Burial followed in Eldorado.

Joyce was born Dec. 23, 1932, in Eldorado to Lum and Ona Burk. She attended Eldorado High School and San Angelo College. She had two sisters, Dorothy and Louise.

Joyce married Joe C. Whitten of Eldorado on Dec. 21, 1951. Joyce and Jody lived in Abilene, then Fort Worth and finally settled in Houston, Texas, where they raised their three children. Joyce sold real estate for many years in Houston. She and her beloved Jody were active in community events and especially enjoyed participating

in sports and school activities with their children.

Joyce was an avid bridge player and enjoyed meeting new friends and playing bridge online with players from all over the world.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jody; and her sister, Louise.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy McWhirter of Augusta, Ga.; her son, Bryan of Holbrook, Ariz.; her daughter, Judy and husband Jim of Houston; and her son, Keith and his wife, Betty, also of Houston. She is also survived by five loving grandsons, Corey Whitten, David Whitten and John Bryan Whitten of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jason and Alex Scott of Houston. They will dearly miss their "Mama Jo."

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado; or to the Schleicher County Library.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

District 2A-Region UIL Solo-Ensemble Winners: This past Saturday, San Angelo State University hosted the District 2A-Region 7 Solo-Ensemble Contest. Winners from Eldorado were: (L-R) Misty Daniels placed first, Class III clarinet solo; LeAna Danford placed first in Class I Flute Solo and will advance to the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest in San Marcos this May; Rhapsody Swyter placed 2nd in Class I flute solo; and Leslie Cruz placed 1st in Class III clarinet solo. These talented musicians are under the direction of EHS Band Director Timothy Williams.

Extension Service, Howard College cooperate on project

SAN ANGELO — Texas Cooperative Extension and Howard College at Big Spring are partnering in a pilot project to provide area-wide business development assistance throughout the Howard College service area.

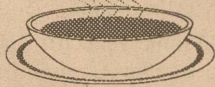
The program area encompasses Coke, Concho, Dawson, Glass-

cock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Martin, Menard, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green counties.

David Bradford, a Howard College staff member, will work the program full-time. His office will be at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center on U.S. Highway 87 north of San Angelo.

Bradford will be working with Extension agents in the participating counties through August 2005. He will be available to meet with individuals who are considering starting a new business or expanding an existing one. He will also be a source of information for groups interested in community and economic development.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, February 14

Beef Tips, Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Fruit Cup w/ Strawberries & Banana, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk

Tuesday, February 15

Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, February 16

Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Thursday, February 17

Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk

Friday, February 18

Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk

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12th Rick Stricklan, Denese Capps, Joe King, Donna Whitten, Alex Weddle

13th Kathleen Nolen, Austin Whitten, Jazmine Ford, Kathy Faull, Leo Rodriguez, Christine Romero, Casey Akins

14th Austin Albin, David Olivan, Cody Engdahl, Marcos Hernandez, Torey Griggs, Chase Storie

15th Rena Adame, Marion Porter, Victor Belman, Shannon West, Andrea Leal, Karen Sherrod, Georgie Santellano, Clay Burselon

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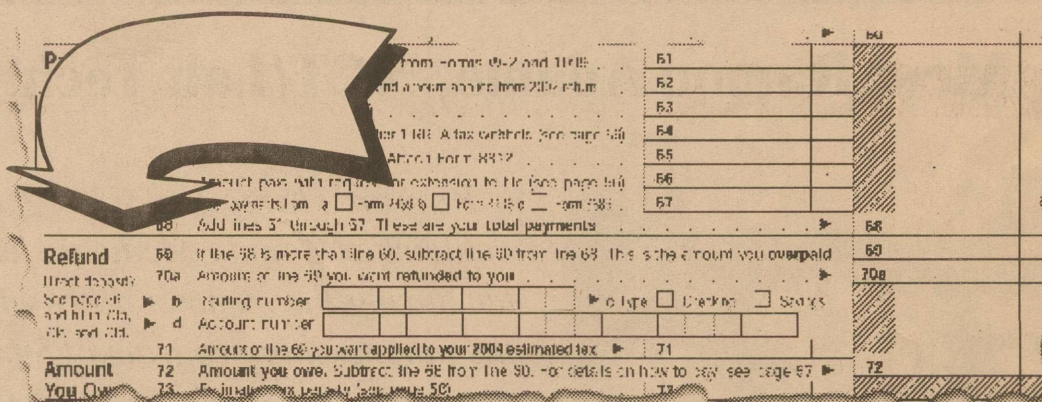
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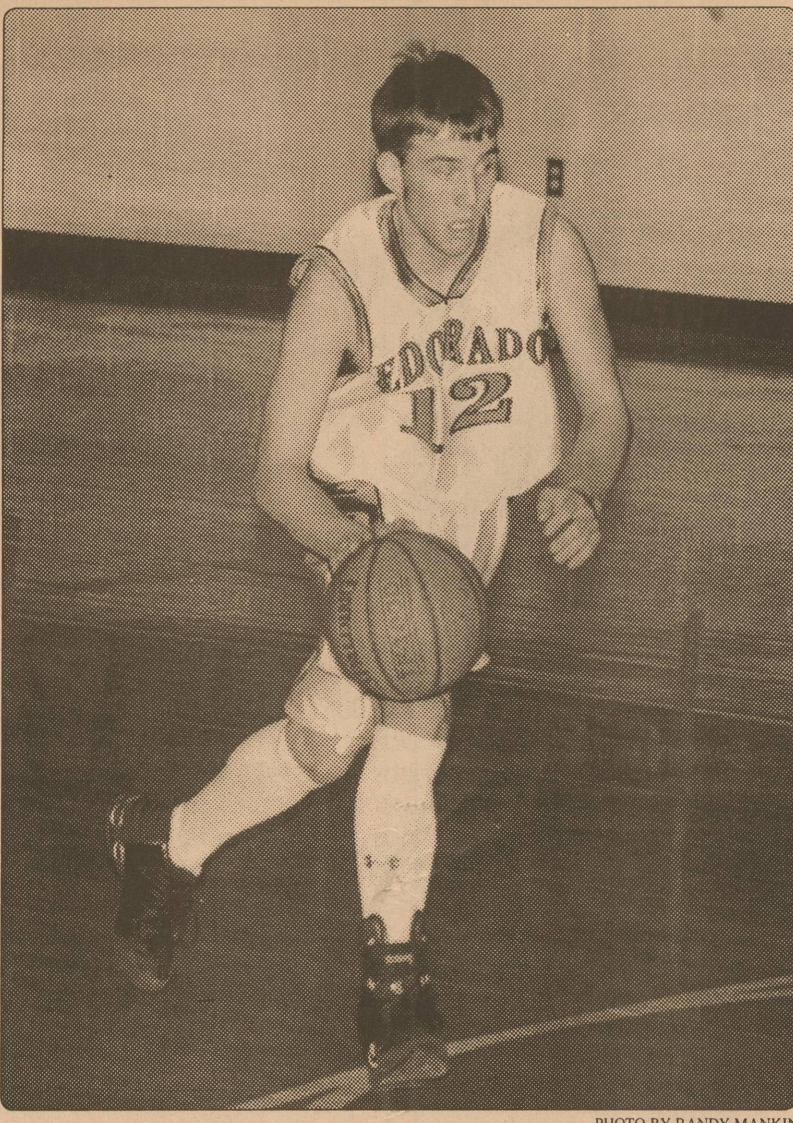
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VARSITY GIRLS **8th GRADE BOYS**

January 29, 2005
Eldorado 16-06-09-15=47
Mason 13-24-15-15=68
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Katey Blair (11), Maxie Holley (9), Chandra Wanoreck (15), Karina Sanchez (4), Jessica Robertson (3), Taylor Baker (5); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill, and Josie Diaz.

January 31, 2005
Eldorado 05-02-02-12=21
Reagan Co. 11-07-04-06=28
Playing for the Eagles: Rance Cathey (2), Austin Grubbs (10), Joseph Turnbull (5), Troy Russell (2), Timmy Maskill (2); Also playing for the Eagles: Milo Villajeo, Paul Martinez, Landy Alfaro, Erik Luna, and Dustin Gauna.
Eldorado "B" 12-00-00-00=00
REagan Co. 08-00-00-00=00
Playing for the Eagles: Mark Garcia (3), Jonathan Belman (5), Anthony Mata (2), Hugo Rios (2); Also playing for the Eagles: Isidro Granados, Ramiro Perez, J. Trujillo, and Rolando Gonzalez.

February 1, 2005
Eldorado 01-07-02-20=30
Ozona 14-18-12-19=63
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill (2), Maxie Holley (6), Katey Blair (13), Karina Sanchez (2), Josie Diaz (2), Jessica Robertson (2), Taylor Baker (3); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Tiffany Hernandez, Chelci Sellers, Chandra Wanoreck, Alicia Corrales, and Kristen Mittel.

February 7, 2005
Eldorado 09-11-10-12=42
Ozona 02-03-02-15=22
Playing for the Eagles: Milo Villajeo (2), Rance Cathey (12), Austin Grubbs (12), Joseph Turnbull (4), Troy Russell (4), Dustin Ramirez (5), Dustin Gauna (3); Also playing for the Eagles: Paul Martinez, and Timmy Maskill.

February 4, 2005
Eldorado 11-04-04-14=33
Junction 12-05-12-13=42
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill (2), Maxie Holley (7), Katey Blair (16), Josie Diaz (2), Jessica Robertson (2), Taylor Baker (4); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez.

JV GIRLS

January 28, 2005
Eldorado 01-04-00-03=08
Mason 16-13-08-10=47
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Kassi Tyler (2), Alicia Corrales (4), Ashley Lozano (2); Also playing: Chelci Sellers, Joy Martinez, Tiffany Hernandez, Kristen Mittel, and Desiree Valeriano.

JV BOYS

February 4, 2005
Eldorado 16-10-18-12=56
Junction 10-17-13-10=50
Playing for the Eagles: J.P. Joiner (17), Russell Cathey (8), Lalo Sanchez (7), Michael Redish (4), Manny Gonzalez (3), Abel Montalvo (3), Jorge Mata (9), Tyler Dombroski (5); Also playing for the Eagles: Michael Adame, Clark Meyer, Cash Lane, Armando Moreno, Clayton Sauer and Adam Domiguez.

February 4, 2005
Eldorado 04-01-06-06=17
Junction 15-08-07-02=32
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Alicia Corrales (5), Kassi Tyler (8), Ashley Lozano (4); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Desiree Valeriano, Joy Martinez, and Laslie Cruz.

VARSITY BOYS

January 18, 2005
Eldorado 07-11-19-14=51
Sonora 21-14-08-18=61
Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (20), Jorge Bustos (6), Ryan Cathey (4), Samuel Estrada (2), Jared Grubbs (4), Kolby Dombroski (3), Jeremy Ussery (5), Eric Garcia (2), Frank Wipff (4); Also playing for the Eagles: Drew Bosmans, and Michael Ballew.

VARSITY BOYS

January 29, 2005
Eldorado 12-07-12-18=49
Mason 11-12-21-14=58
Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (14), Michael Ballew (3), Drew Bosmans (4), Ryan Cathey (6), Jared Grubbs (2), Kolby Dombroski (3), Eric Garcia (2), Frank Wipff (10). Also playing for the Eagles: Samuel Estrada, Jeremy Ussery, and Jorge Bustos.

January 21, 2005
Eldorado 10-12-08-12=42
Wall 15-12-20-12=59
Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (19), Michael Ballew (5), Jorge Bustos (2), Ryan Cathey (3), Kolby Dombroski (5), Jeremy Ussery (2), Frank Wipff (6). Also playing for the Eagles: Samuel Estrada, Drew Bosmans, Jared Grubbs and Eric Garcia.

February 1, 2005
Eldorado 11-17-12-11=53
Ozona 19-19-11-18=67
Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (15), Michael Ballew (5), Jorge Bustos (4), Ryan Cathey (4), Jared Grubbs (1), Kolby Dombroski (7), Jeremy Ussery (4), Frank Wipff (10). Also playing for the Eagles: Samuel Estrada, Jeremy Ussery, and Drew Bosmans, Eric Garcia, Lalo Sanchez and J.P. Joiner.

January 25, 2005
Eldorado 09-08-19-09=46
Reagan Co. 17-08-20-20=65
Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (10), Michael Ballew (5), Jorge Bustos (3), Ryan Cathey (1), Jared Grubbs (4), Kolby Dombroski (13), Frank Wipff (9). Also playing for the Eagles: Samuel Estrada, Jeremy Ussery, Eric Garcia and Drew Bosmans.

February 4, 2005
Eldorado 09-04-06-16=35
Junction 09-07-11-15=42
Playing for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw (5), Michael Ballew (2), Jorge Bustos (8), Jared Grubbs (5), Jeremy Ussery (2), Eric Garcia (6), Frank Wipff (7). Also playing for the Eagles: Samuel Estrada, Jeremy Ussery, Drew Bosmans, Eric Garcia, Ryan Cathey and Kolby Dombroski.

7th GRADE GIRLS

February 7, 2005
Eldorado 00-08-00-00=08
Ozona 12-08-11-09=40
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Maureen Martinez (3), Patricia Hernandez (5); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Victoria Garza, Adrianna Hernandez, Clarissa Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Megan Self and Emily Espinosa.

8th GRADE GIRLS

February 7, 2005
Eldorado 12-02-10-03=27
Ozona 05-06-08-06=25
Playing for the Lady Eagles: Tracy Brenner (2), Kirsten Stubbs (4), Bridgett Mitchell (4), Cassandra Builtron (12), Megan Griffin (2), Deyanira Cruz (3); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Jessica Valero, Haley Higgins and Corie Williams.
Eldorado 05-10-00-00=15
Ozona 00-09-00-00=09
Playing for the Lady Eagles "B" team: Veronica Belman (4), Lindsey Pride-more (6), Jessica Valero (5); Also playing Darci Graves and Marcela Huerto.

7th GRADE BOYS

February 7, 2005
Eldorado 04-03-06-04=17
Ozona 03-04-02-04=13
Playing for the Eagles: Wesley Brown (5), Ivany Sanchez (6), Dustin Ramos (3), Dylan Dombroski (2), Mason Baker (1); Also playing for the Eagles: Hugo Rios, Anthony Mata, Ram Perez, J. Trujillo, Ryan Castillo, Juan Mendrano, and Tony McCord.

Meet Ramon Adame, NCT/Lab Tech:



Ramon started working at Schleicher County Medical Center during the summer 1999 with the partnership program of Summer Jobs for Youth and SCMC. He returned under the program in the summer of 2000. He graduated from Eldorado High School as a Certified Nurse Aide. In the Fall of 2000 he was hired to work in the lab then he transferred departments to the Nursing Home as a Certified Nursing Aide.

Schleicher County Medical Center sent Ramon to continuing education courses to become a Non-Certified Tech for Radiology and as a Lab Tech.

Currently he is attending Howard College – San Angelo campus to obtain his prerequisites for X-Ray Technician school. You will find Ramon covering our new evening shift in lab on most weekdays.

Ramon is a vital member of our community and enjoys many hobbies: softball, fishing, hunting, listening to music, and fixing his Mustang.

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The Concho Valley Community Action Agency has now received funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the CEAP Program. This Program is handled by the Tom Green County Community Action Council in a ten (10) county area, which includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, and Sutton counties. The goal of the CEAP Program is to make the Client more self-sufficient so that they will be able to pay their own utilities.

In order to qualify for the Program the Client's total annual gross income must be less than 125% of the current Federal Poverty Income Guidelines, with at least one U.S. Citizen or Legally-admitted Resident Alien. Households with elderly, Handicapped and Children under the age of six (6) years will be given first priority.

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency has an Outreach Worker that goes to each County once a month. If you would like to apply for this Program please contact the Concho Valley Community Action Agency at: Guadalupe Neighborhood Center, 1100 N. Martin Luther King Drive, San Angelo, Texas 76903 or phone 325-653-1680. Not every client will qualify for the CEAP Program. But in order to be considered for the CEAP Program the client must provide copies of the following to leave with the case worker: 12 month billing history of electric and gas/propane, current original bill, social security card for all family members and persons living in the household, income verification for everyone in the household and identification card date of birth. Bring all these items to the Resource Center at 10:30 on February 16. FMI call Patsy at 853-2574.

Golf Play Day

by Su Scott

The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, February 6. There were 19 adults and one youth, Chance Meyer, who participated.

The results were:
There was tie for 1st place because there were two teams that tied and the two teams placed off on the course to determine the 1st place winner.

1st place - score 58 - Mario Robles, Ronnie Sauer, Phil McCormick, and Tommy Hunley.

2nd place - score 58 - Ray Don McIntosh, Branda Gray, Chance

Meyer and C.R. Sproul.
The other teams were as follows:

Score 59 - Victor Belman, Steve Snelson, Tip Van Court and Gordon Jones.

Score 59 - Tom Gray, Su Scott, Joe Garza and Chris McCravey.

Score 60 - Barry Lane, Danny Halbert, George Scott and Bill Wells.

The next Play Day will be Sunday, March 6, weather permitting. The Eldorado Golf Club will be hosting a Couples Tournament on Saturday, February 26.

Visions of fun and games for EMS play areas

by Ilse Williams, SCISD Service Learning Coordinator

Eldorado Middle School has a workday set for February 26, 2005. Sixth graders, Allyson J., Bailey M., Marcy M., Zack B., Zach T., and Brittney G. and their peers want to leave a legacy. The group really impressed members of the Middle School Parent/Teacher Community Partnership (PTCP) with their plan on how their recess play areas could be improved. As part of their service learning projects, the Sixth grade grade committee and their peers have spent several hours looking over the areas and developing their plan. The suggestions of the students

touched on safety concerns like making T-posts safer and removing splintered seating. On the other end of the spectrum, their super-dream of removing the old building adjacent to their play area and thus gaining more space for recess activities. The timetable for completion of everything on their wish list is the summer of 2007, the year these students will move to high school.

The EMS parent/teacher group is working together with students to make their dream become a reality. During the meeting February 1, the PTCP group applauded the vision that was developed entirely by the students! Anyone (parents,

teachers, students, or community members) who now wants to help with the work is invited to participate in the first workday on February 26, at 10:00 a.m. at the middle school. Please come prepared to work—leave your tux at home and bring your lunch. In case of bad weather and to capture any further willing workers, a second date is slated for March 19.

Below is the students' complete wish list:

Playground (on Warner St): clean up, trim tree, T-posts too dangerous, fill and level ground, plant grass, move power pole,

move wooden fence, remove concrete slab, remove big rocks in ground, Superdream: remove old house to enlarge area.

Driveway by Cafeteria: basketball goal wobbly; paint basketball lines; remove old bike rack, add tetherball sets, move dumpsters.

Courtyard: replace tops of planters, trim trees and bushes, remove can crusher, repair basketball goal, paint lines, create conversation areas, paint game areas.

If any of these plans inspire you, hop on over to the middle school on February 26th and help perk up our play ground!

Computer Applications team wins at Sonora

The EHS Computer Applications team placed first at the practice UIL Academic Meet held in Sonora last week. Computer Application team members were Taylor Baker, Emily Newman and Jessica Robertson. Jessica Robertson individually received a bronze medal and Emily Newman placed fourth. Their sponsor was Mrs. Paige Ragsdale.

Other teams and individuals who participated during the meet were: Literary Criticism- Misty Daniels and Abel Montalvo sponsored by Mr. Matt Rutherford.

Science - Jaaron Crawford, Kolby Dombroski, Hope Fuentes, and Kyle Taylor sponsored by Mrs. Amy Rutherford.

Spelling and Vocabulary - Laurie Almazan, Diego Barrera, Jillessa Hibbs. Mrs. Angela Case, sponsor.

Chelci Rodriguez- Feature Writing and Karina Sanchez and Ridge Ann Sudduth-Editorial Writing. Their sponsored was Mrs. Teresa Vasquez.

Jorge Bustos, Micaela Gonzalez, Andy Mejia and Caleb Nixon participated as a team in the Prose division. Joel Esparza and Nester

Hernandez participated in the Poetry division. Nester Hernandez made it to the finals. Both were coached by Mrs. Sara Candella.

Current Issues and Events-Montalvo, Emily Newman and Raul Rios. These events were coached by Mrs. Teresa Baker-Shirley.

Team members Diego Barrera, Hope Fuentes, Kristin Mittel, Chelsy Stone and Kyle Taylor participated in Calculator Contest, Mrs. Amy Rutherford, coach.

Accounting -Taylor Baker, Eric Garcia, Emily Newman and Jessica Robertson. Mrs. Marilyn Whitten, coach.

Kolby Dombroski placed 4th individually in Mathematics. Other team members were Diego Barrera, Ana Karen Esparza, Hope Fuentes, Tiffany Hernandez and Kristin Mittel. Their coach is Mr. Tom Gray

Jaaron Crawford and Raul Rios competed individually in the Social Studies Contest. Their sponsor is Mrs. Teresa Baker-Shirley.

Number Sense Team-Diego Barrera, Kolby Dombroski, Ana Karen Esparza, Tiffany Hernandez, Kristin Mittel and Chandra Wanoreck. These students were coached by Mr. Tom Gray.

Schools participating in the Sonora meet were Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora.

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EHS senior Jessica Robertson battled for position as the Lady Eagles took on the Sonora Lady Broncos in a game held in Eagle Gym recently.

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Tuesday, February 15
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Apple Sauce, Milk

Wednesday, February 16
Oatmeal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Thursday, February 17
Waffles, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, February 18
Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, February 14
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Sandwich Salad, Pickle Spears, Valentine Cake
Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Tuesday, February 15
McRib, French Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Carrot Sticks, Dip, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, February 16
Chef Salad, Crackers, Diced Ham, Cheese Cup, Sliced Peaches, Lemon Pudding/Topping

Thursday, February 17
Crisptos, Cheese Sauce, Quick Baked Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Rosy Applesauce

Friday, February 18
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Spicy Oven Fries, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, February 14
Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Valentine Cake
Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Tuesday, February 15
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls, Mixed Fruit

Wednesday, February 16
Chicken Pot Pie, Hot Rolls, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Lemon Pudding/Topping

Thursday, February 17
Cowboy Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Carrot Sticks, dip, Rosy Applesauce

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Prophet's dream of Zion rapidly being fulfilled at YFZ Ranch

Less than a year after Eldoradoans first learned that a fundamentalist Mormon sect had purchased a ranch four miles north of town and had begun to build, a new town is springing to life on the property.

In the days before he became the prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Warren Jeffs wrote and recorded a song titled, Yearn for Zion. Many of his former followers, including Richard Holm of St. George, UT, believes the song title was the inspiration for the name given to YFZ Land, LLC, the corporation formed by one of Jeffs' most ardent supporters, David Allred of Hildale, UT.

YFZ Land, LLC appears to have been created specifically to acquire 1,691 acres of land here in Schleicher County, and to mislead local residents as long as possible about Jeffs' real plans for the property.

The smokescreen worked, at least for a little while. Eldoradoans were told that the property would be a corporate hunting retreat and the ruse was effective until three large buildings went up on the ranch, catching the eye of local pilots.

The Eldorado Success broke the news on March 25, 2004 that Jeffs and the FLDS church, which openly promotes polygamy, had bought the land and were putting large buildings. Forty-eight weeks of intense media scrutiny has followed with virtually every major news outlet picking up on the story.

Many area residents are becoming accustomed to the attention, as TV crews seek interviews in local restaurants and newspaper reporters look for the man-on-the-street angle.

In the last week alone, the town played host to a news crew from KSL-TV, the NBC affiliate

in Salt Lake City, a documentary film crew from CMT (Country Music Television) and a reporter from the Houston Chronicle. Telephone inquiries from numerous newspapers, radio and TV stations continue to stream in.

In the months that followed discovery of Warren Jeffs' compound, the first three log cabins have been joined by eight other homes, the largest of which encloses more than 29,000 square feet of living area. An equally impressive meeting hall has gone up. So has a commissary or storehouse and several metal shop buildings.

Almost everything about Warren Jeffs' new town came as a surprise to serious FLDS observers in Utah and Arizona. Perhaps the biggest surprise of all was its location.

Like all the FLDS prophets before him, Jeffs routinely taught his followers that the church would some day relocate to Jackson County, Missouri, the place where Mormon founder Joseph Smith tried and failed to establish Zion in the 1830's.

Facing an extermination order from Missouri Governor Lilburn W. Boggs, and following several bloody attacks by the Missouri Militia in 1839, Joseph Smith led his followers out of the state and took them to Nauvoo, Illinois. Developments there eventually led to Smith's 1844 assassination in nearby Carthage, Illinois.

Since that day, many Mormon faithful, including several fundamentalist sects like the FLDS, have believed that the church would someday return to Missouri where Smith's Zion would be rebuilt.

As recently as the annual FLDS conference, held April 6, 2002, in Colorado City, AZ, Warren Jeffs spoke on behalf of his ailing father, Rulon Jeffs, and told the

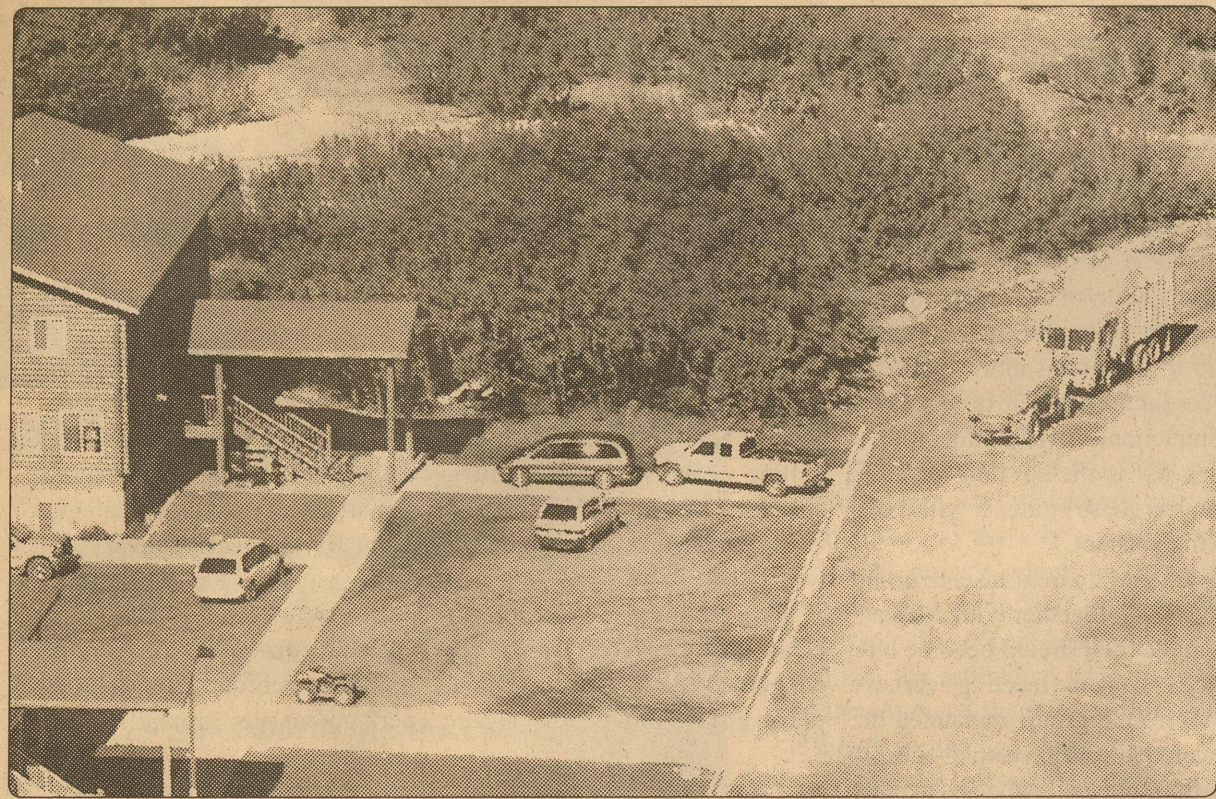
church faithful that Zion was to be reestablished in Missouri. His plans apparently changed shortly after the death of his father five months later. By November of 2003 the YFZ Land corporation had been formed and property was being acquired here in Schleicher County.

Recently the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has been asked to grant the YFZ a permit to build a sewer plant on the land. Also, a fire truck and garbage truck have been placed on the property. The group has even secured the services of a doctor, Lloyd Barlow, M.D., who once operated a clinic in Hildale, UT, but who recently received a license to practice medicine in Texas.

By the end of the 2004, all but the most skeptical had reached the conclusion that Warren Jeffs was building his Zion in Schleicher County. Then on New Year's Day came the news that a dedication ceremony had been held for the group's new temple. A mere six weeks later the towering structure dominates the landscape at the YFZ Ranch and news about the temple is fueling a new round of media interest. Reporters and investigators from across the country are following Warren Jeffs' trail to Texas. It remains to be seen if his legal problems will do the same.

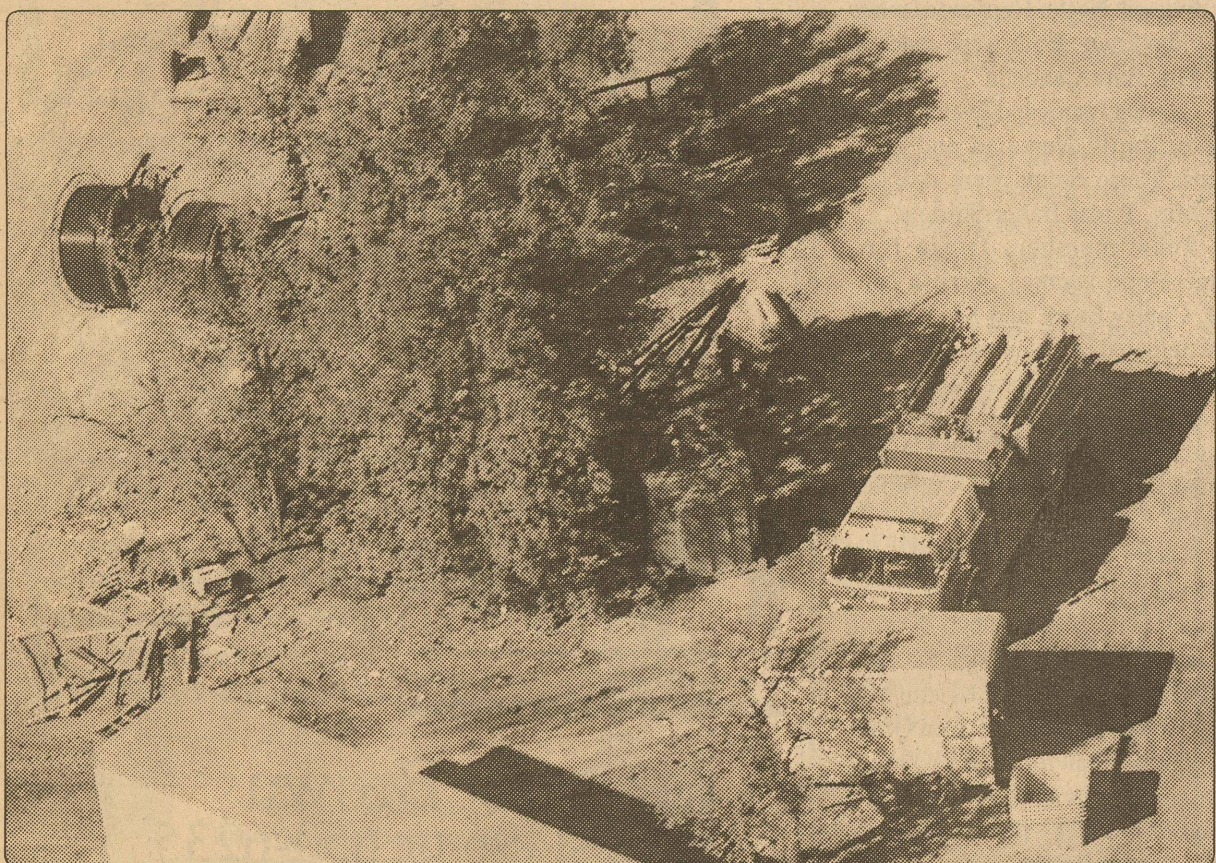
In the meantime there's the question of a new name. There is already a Texas community named New Zion, located seven miles southwest of Jefferson in East Texas. Likewise the name Mt. Zion is taken by a community near Sulphur Springs, northeast of Dallas.

No matter what name the reclusive prophet chooses for his new town, it should be clear to everyone that the Zion Warren Jeffs once only yearned for has become a reality.



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Essential city services — While building continues at a hectic pace on the YFZ Ranch, leaders of the new community are putting infrastructure into place to support a growing town. A new shipment of propane tanks indicates several more buildings will soon be going up, confirming word the Success received recently that more log homes are being shipped from Canada to Eldorado. A garbage truck (above) and a fire truck (below) have also been moved to the ranch and an ambulance is reportedly on the way. Tuesday afternoon the Success received word that a shipment of logs was seen entering the YFZ gate on County Road 300.



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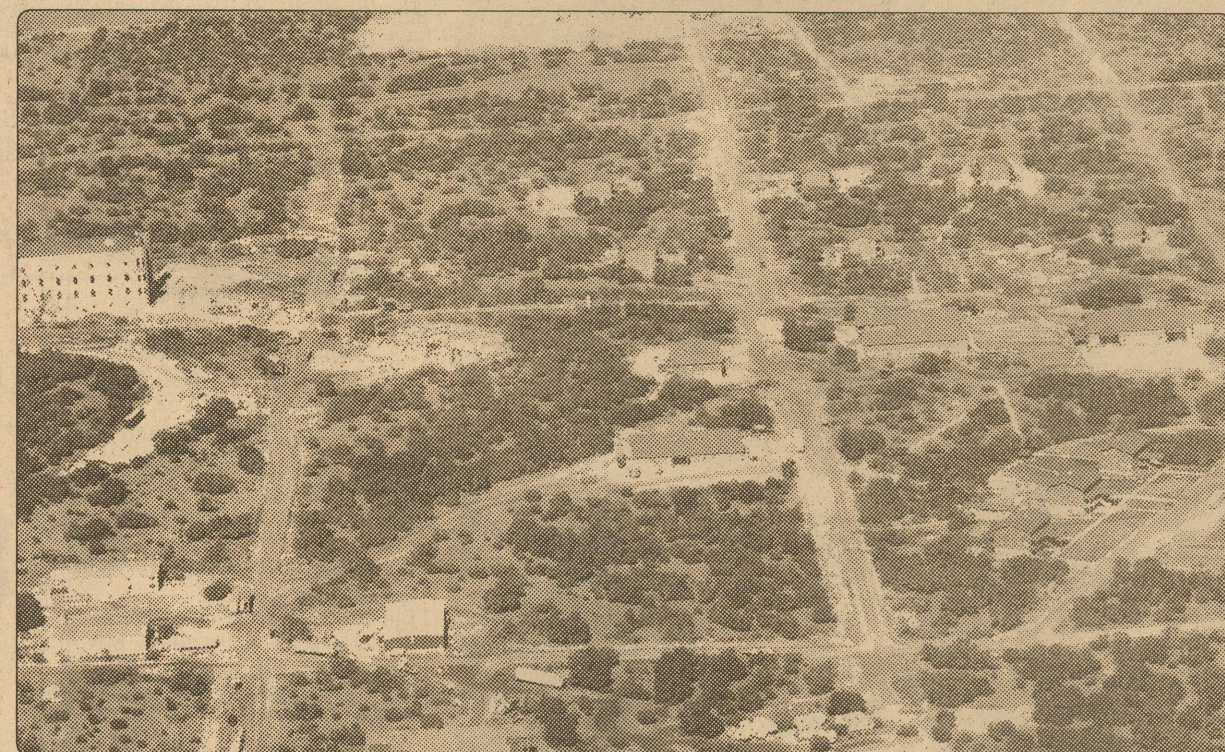
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The construction of the FLDS church's first-ever temple (left edge of photo) means that Prophet Warren Jeffs dream of establishing a New Zion in Texas has moved a step closer to reality. This aerial photo shows most of the buildings at the YFZ Ranch but does not include the rock quarry or the site where the group plans to build a sewer plant.

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YFZ crews facing April 6 temple deadline

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structure more closely resembles a medieval castle, with round towers adorning its four corners.

The purpose of the towers is unknown but some have speculated that they will likely enclose spiral staircases.

At this point it is unclear whether the building will be topped with a decorative bell tower or spires as are many temples belonging to the mainline Mormon Church. Neither can it be determined whether the smooth limestone blocks cut and stacked nearby will be used to cover the structure...or, if there is even enough stone prepared for such a task.

As has been the case since the YFZ Ranch story began here in March of last year, no one affiliated with the FLDS church or Prophet Warren Jeffs is willing to comment publicly about the group's plans for the YFZ, or the temple that is now under construction there.

The group's penchant for secrecy is well known, especially since Warren Jeffs succeeded his father as prophet in 2002. Sam Brower, in town this week to gather information about the YFZ, says his efforts are often frustrated by the closed nature of the FLDS.

Brower works for the lawyers who represent plaintiffs in three civil lawsuits brought against Jeffs. All of the plaintiffs are former followers of Jeffs' father, Rulon Jeffs. The plaintiff in one of the lawsuits, Brent Jeffs of Salt Lake City, is accusing his uncle Warren Jeffs of sexually assaulting him when he was a young boy. Another case involves a group of young men known as the Lost Boys who allege that they were forced out of the FLDS church so that they would not compete with older men in the group, especially when it came to polygamous marriage with young girls. A third lawsuit is being brought against the church by a man named Shem Fischer who claims he was fired from his job at a FLDS controlled business when he stopped adhering to the church's teachings.

Brower returned to Utah on Tuesday, but not before getting an aerial view of the YFZ Ranch. He said he was stunned by the amount of work the group has completed in the past year, but that he was most impressed with the size of the temple and the speed with which it has been built.

"It's just awesome," Brower stated. "It's going to be even more impressive when they get the stone up."

While there are a considerable number of smooth-cut stone already stacked nearby the temple, the gantry crane and rock saw where the stone was prepared seem to have been idle in recent weeks as workers concentrated on erecting the temple walls. Meanwhile, less than a mile west of the structure, other workers at the YFZ rock quarry continue to rough cut and stockpile large quantities of native limestone.

At this time it is unclear how the multi-million dollar project at the YFZ Ranch is being funded. The FLDS church and its financial arm, the United Effort Plan Trust, control much of the property in the twin cities of Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ, where almost all of the church's estimated 10,000 members reside. Just how much cash the church has on hand, is another question.

Tracking FLDS and UEP assets has kept Sam Brower busy in recent weeks. Especially now that much of those assets are making their way to Texas.

Brower said he considers the construction of a temple at the YFZ Ranch to be a significant development. "Warren is moving his headquarters to Texas," Brower stated, "and he is milking the people of Short Creek for all they are worth."

Most residents of C-City/Hildale refer to their community by its original name, Short Creek. In fact they often call themselves

"Creekers" (pronounced crickers).

Their forebears settled on the banks of Short Creek in the early part of the 20th century, bent on preserving the practice of polygamy after it was renounced by the mainline Mormon Church.

Cut off from the rest of Arizona by the Grand Canyon, and shielded from Utah courts by the Arizona state line, the group flourished for decades in near isolation.

Arizona governor Howard Pyle took notice of the Creekers in 1953 and ordered the now infamous Short Creek Raid. The governor soon learned that arresting entire families and forcibly separating them was a public relations disaster, as he lost his office in the next election. The families were eventually released and returned to their homes in Short Creek.

Nearly a half century passed before the governments of Arizona and Utah would once again direct their attention toward Short Creek. Now, the two states are at it again, this time cooperating in their efforts to put an end to polygamy.

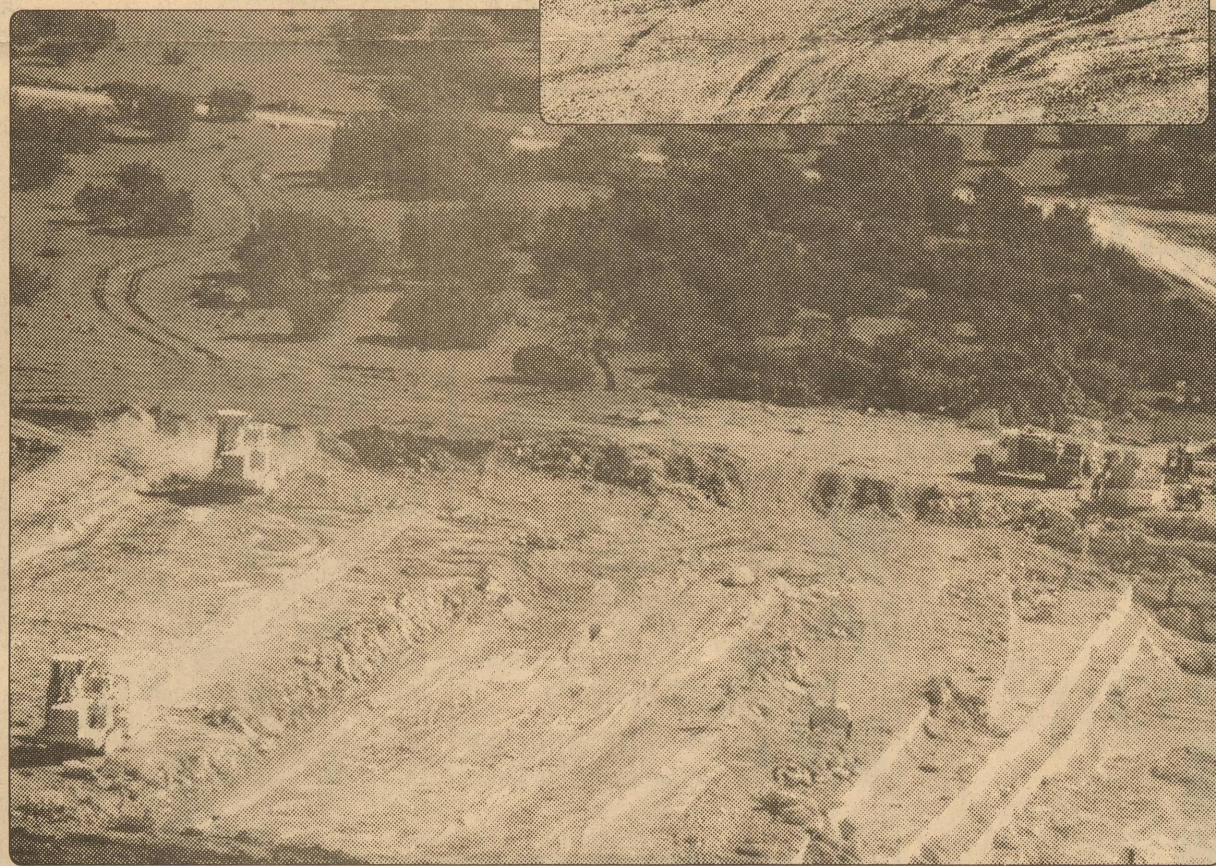
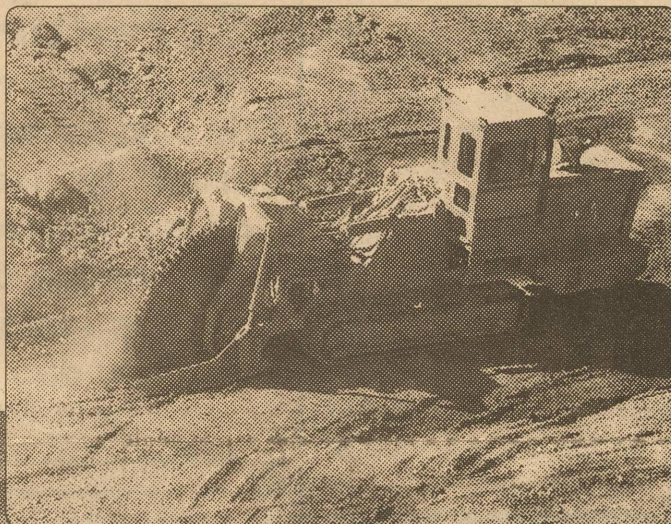
Sam Brower thinks that the intense legal pressure faced by the FLDS in Arizona and Utah has prompted their move to Texas. "Warren must have thought he could hide out here in Texas," he said.

The private investigator then glanced down at a photo of the huge temple building towering above the YFZ Ranch and added, "I don't think that's going to be possible."

Two track driven rock saws (see inset at right) have been crisscrossing the rock quarry at the YFZ Ranch for weeks, cutting native limestone in large blocs which are then freed from the ground by a large track hoe, pictured below in the quarry pit. Several layers of stone have been removed from the quarry where work continued this week.



A number of children run toward the meeting hall on the YFZ Ranch where they reportedly attend school. Other photos taken moments later reveal children scampering toward the meeting hall from several buildings on the ranch shortly after the noon hour.



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City council meeting

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private property in order to make certain that sewer cleanout taps are properly capped. In recent months, some city residents reportedly removed the caps from cleanout taps near their houses in order to water from their yards, after several heavy rains.

The council then heard from its auditor, Calvin Featherston, who reviewed the city's annual financial reports which he said were in good order. With no questions from the council, Featherston thanked the individual members and encouraged them to call him if they have any questions.

In other business, Floyd Fay informed the council that a dissolved air flotation "DAF" unit will be installed at the city's sewer plant on Wednesday of this week. The council authorized purchase of the unit last year on the recommendation of engineer Steve Dennis in hopes that the equipment will help bring the wastewater plant in compliance with state environmental regulations.

Fay went on to note that he is one employee short in the utility department. He then said that the city's recycling center is shipping out its first load of cardboard.

Council member Bill McCutcheon asked that it be noted that the recycling center also accepts aluminum cans.

Mayor Nikolauk and Floyd Fay then updated the council on steps that are being taken to address a series of citations the city received at the landfill. It was noted that the city spent in excess of \$27,000 pumping and hauling water that accumulated in the landfill after heavy rains in November. The mayor explained that an article in last week's Success reported a request from Governor Perry on behalf of Schleicher County farmers due to heavy rains in

November. He noted the governor called last November the wettest November since 1895.

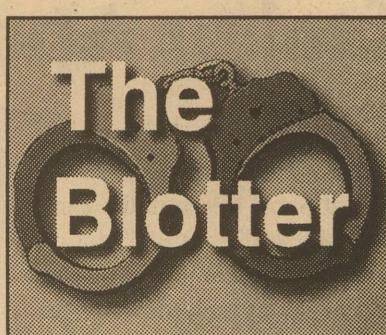
Nikolauk said he had visited with representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and noted that the landfill was designed to meet state criteria and withstand a 25 year flood. He said he had asked for a waiver from fines since the city was hit by a 100 year flood and had already spent an excessive amount of money on water hauling.

Carolyn Mayo then reviewed the city's financial statements with the council and noted that Rennond and Cathy Kuykendall are having attorneys draw up paperwork so that the couple and the city may complete a land trade the council agreed to at an earlier meeting.

Ms. Mayo added that she has received 15 applications for an office assistant and that she hopes to narrow down the list and begin testing for the position in the near future.

Before adjourning the council approved the minutes from the January meeting and authorized the payment of the city's current bills.

The council will next meet on March 7, 2005 in the City Hall meeting room at 6:00 p.m.



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

February 2 • Terry, Greg Owen, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR, Theft Check. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

February 2 • Corona, Mary Lou, female age 46, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication. Released on PR Bond.

February 6 • Chadwick, Kevin Brice, male age 20, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLS. Released to CO.

February 7 • Romo, Maricelino, male age 17, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication. Released with Citation.

INCIDENTS

January 31 • 12:00 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 9:30 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver in a blue Chevy pickup with toolbox. Officer responded.

February 1 • 1:05 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a transfer. EMS responded.

• 4:17 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a white four door pickup, 4x4. Complainant stated vehicle had gone in her yard and missed striking her vehicle. Office responded.

• 4:47 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

• 5:25 p.m. Complainant was informed by a driver that there was a red cow in the road on Rabbit Road. Officer responded.

• 8:20 p.m. Complainant subject was on her property herding her cattle without her consent. Officer notified.

February 2 • 5:32 p.m. Complainant requested an officer at his residence to resolve a domestic matter. Officer responded.

• 5:55 p.m. Complainant reported

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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having blood pressure problems with prior history of heart attack problems. Officers and EMS responded.

• 8:08 p.m. Medical Center requested an officer assistance with a patient that needed a ride home. Officer responded.

• 9:34 p.m. Caller reported loud noise at the Eldorado Place Apts. Officer responded.

• 9:49 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 277. Officer responded.

February 4 • 10:49 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

• 3:13 p.m. Complainant reported finding a kids jeep. Officer responded.

• 5:46 p.m. Complainant reported having advised officer of an on-going situation in which a male subject in a white truck would drive by her house at appr. 4:00 p.m. for several days. He claimed her yellow lab was his. She states she has had the pup since it was weaned. She witnessed the man trying to take the dog but he left the premises and dog when he noticed her. Complainant returned from being gone and her dog was missing suspects subject took it. Complainant believes subject lives out of town and does not know his name. Officer notified and has taken report.

• 6:33 p.m. Complainant reported ex-girlfriend failed to bring children to regularly scheduled court ordered visitations. Officer notified.

• 8:27 p.m. Complainant requested officer visit to reduce the chance of a civil disturbance at local business. Officer responded.

February 5 • 12:36 a.m. Bank alarm went off. Key holder notified. Officer responded.

• 6:09 p.m. Complainant requested officer to shoot skunk in back yard. Officer responded.

• 9:26 p.m. Complainant reported a drunk driver. Officer responded.

• 9:45 p.m. Complainant reported two subjects in a Silver Crown Victoria heading North on Hwy 277, swerving toward on coming traffic every time another vehicle approached. Tom Green Co. was notified.

February 6 • 12:22 a.m. Caller reported a fight at the Civic Center. Officers responded.

• 12:30 a.m. Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on Hwy 277. Officer responded.

• 9:45 a.m. Complainant requested an officer bring him transmission fluid. Wrecker was called.

• 12:58 a.m. Complainant requested officer investigate what appears to have been the carcasses of three dismembered calves in black plastic bags placed at her gate. She believes they may have been deposited there by the same stranger that she found on her property herding her cattle. Officer responded.

CAPITOL COMMENTS
by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

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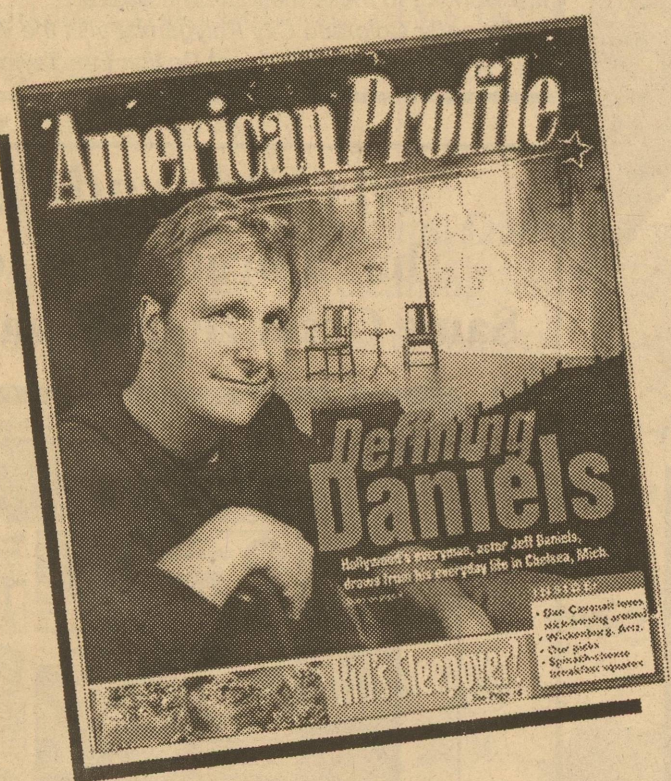
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If you love your kids, buckle them up

by Linda Anderson

COLLEGE STATION — Sharing candy, flowers, hearts and other symbols of love is the way most Americans celebrate Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration chose the week of this "loving" holiday to commemorate the National Child Passenger Safety Week — Feb. 13-19. What better way for parents to show how much they love their children than to buckle them up whenever they travel in a car? said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

This year, the focus is on increasing the use of booster seats, said Bev Kellner, Extension program coordinator for passenger safety.

Between 94 percent and 99 percent of the nation's children aged 4 and younger regularly ride restrained in vehicles, Kellner said, but "only 10 percent to 20 percent of children ages 4 to 8 ride correctly restrained in booster seats."

Dee Donovan, a 10-year vet-

eran with the Texas A&M University Police Department, has been a certified child safety seat technician for more than three years. She uses that knowledge at home too, making sure her two children — and every other child who rides in her vehicle — always ride "buckled up," even if it's just around the block.

She became a technician thanks to her job and her family, she said.

"My department was my inspiration in getting trained as a technician," Donovan said.

When she was trained, "not enough law enforcement officers were technicians in the area."

At the time, her younger son, Colten, now 4, was only 9 months old. "I wanted to make sure we were using his seat properly," she said.

And with good reason. According to information from the safety administration's Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/CPSWeekPlanner2005/pages/FactSheet.htm>, crashes involving motor vehicles are the No.

1 killer of children ages 2-14.

"But children ages 4-8 who use booster seats and safety belts are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt," the administration's Web site information stated.

Children who have outgrown child safety seats are still physically too small to be protected through the use of safety belts alone.

"Safety belts, which are designed to fit adults, won't fully restrain a child in a crash," the safety agency reported. "Using a booster seat will better protect your child from being thrown from the vehicle, or thrown around inside it, during a crash."

In order to make the message stronger, Texas State Rep. Fred Brown has proposed House Bill 183, "which raises the required age for child restraint systems from 4 years or less than 36 inches tall to 8 years or less than 57 inches tall," Kellner said.

(For more information on this bill, visit the Web at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> and click on the legislation link to Bill Number.)

In addition to making sure

children have appropriate seating in passenger vehicles, Kellner said, make sure those seats are installed properly and that all children ages 12 and younger are seated in the backseat.

"A 2002 study by National Safe Kids reported an almost 82 percent misuse rate for child safety seats," Kellner said. "The Passenger Safety Project at Texas Cooperative Extension reports a 99 percent misuse rate in the more than 5,000 child safety seat installations the project has overseen."

The safety administration listed three most common errors when it comes to child safety seats and their installation in a vehicle:

- The seat isn't attached tightly enough to the vehicle;
- The harness isn't fastened tightly enough; and
- The chest clip isn't used correctly or used at all.

Kellner also advised using this booster seat checklist from SafetyBeltSafe USA agency to determine if a child needs to ride in a booster seat:

- When seated in a passenger vehicle:
- Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?



Dee Donovan adjusts the child safety restraint seating for 7-year-old Cody. Donovan, mother of two, is also an officer with the Texas A&M University Police Department and a certified child safety seat technician.

- Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the seat?
 - Does the safety belt shoulder harness cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
 - Does the lap belt rest as low as possible, touching the thighs?
 - Can the child remain comfortably seated this way for the entire trip?
- If the answer to any of these questions is "no," Kellner said, the child needs to ride in a booster seat.

More information about booster seats can be found on the Web at www.boosterseat.gov.

For free help in making sure child safety seats and booster seats are properly installed, visit the Web at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/> and click on the link to "Locate a

Child Safety Seat Inspection by State or Zip." (Scroll to the bottom of the page.) Or go to <http://buckleup.tamu.edu/>

Or call Kellner at (979) 862-1782. Extension's passenger safety program has check-up events planned all across the state this year, she said.

Donovan has participated in five check-up events since becoming certified as a technician, she said. But concerned parents don't have to wait for a check-up event in their area. "Assistance is available individually by appointment," she added.

For more information on this and other safety issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety>.

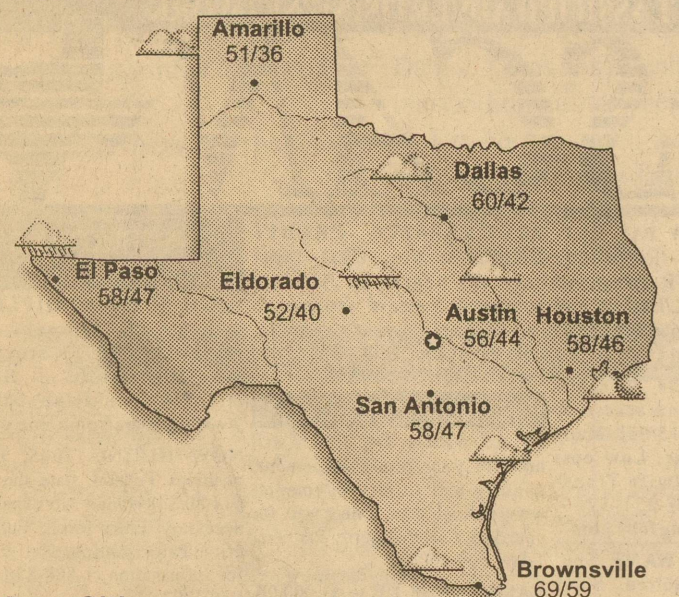
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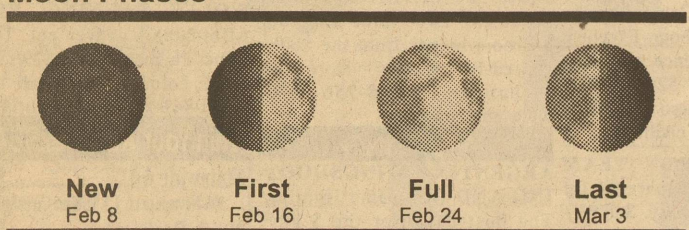
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Amarillo	51	36	cloudy	Livingston	58	40	pt sunny
Austin	56	44	cloudy	Longview	59	41	pt sunny
Beaumont	58	43	pt sunny	Lubbock	51	37	rain
Brownsville	69	59	cloudy	Lufkin	62	42	pt sunny
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Greenville	58	40	pt sunny	Weatherford	56	39	rain
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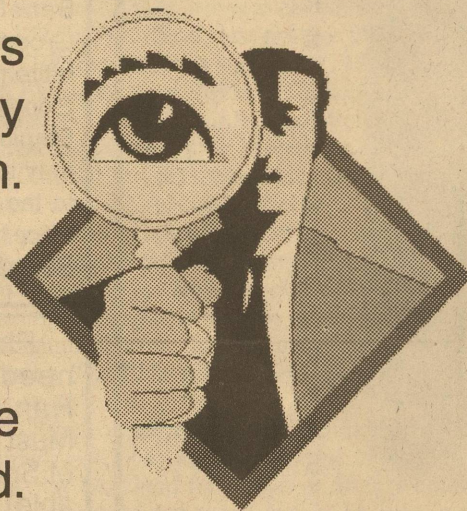
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