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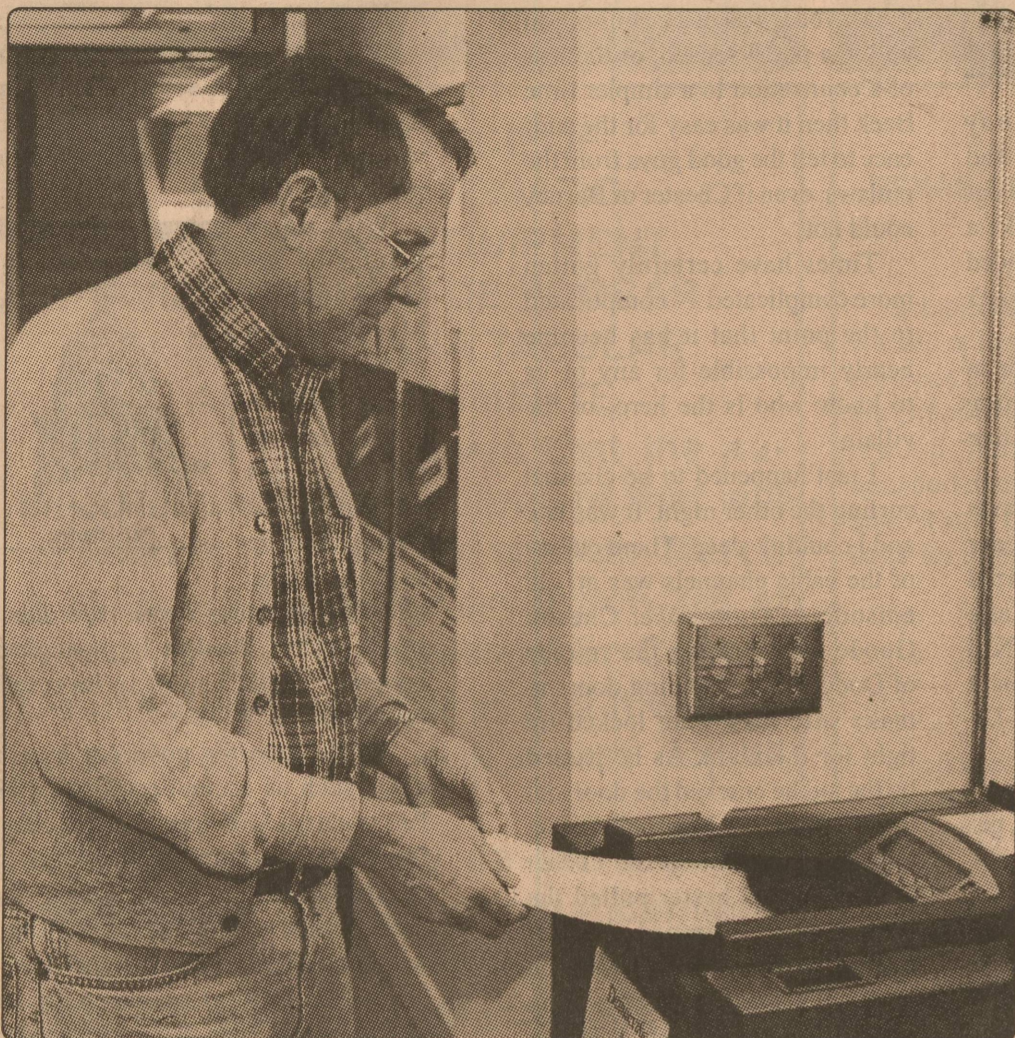


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Joe Christian cast his primary ballot during early voting Monday. He then placed his ballot through one of the county's new scanners that automatically count the votes on the ballot before dropping it into the ballot box below.

Hospital board monthly meeting

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday, February 27, 2006, for its regular monthly business meeting.

Andy Freeman and Mike Easley, representing Preferred Management were on hand to update the board on operations in the hospital and events since the company assumed operation of the hospital in December. Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz was also present for the hospital portion of the meeting.

Freeman told the board that the hospital has been running smoothly and that the transition has gone very well as compared to other hospitals their group manages.

The board asked questions about various aspects of the hospital operation and Freeman shared a brief financial report with the trustees.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to approve a one-year deal in which the Nursing Home will share the cost of a rural transportation van with Schleicher County and the Concho Valley Council of Governments. It was noted that the deal will help provide transportation for dialysis patients in the nursing home. The deal will cost the nursing home just over \$1,000.00 per month. That's less than it would cost the nursing home to provide the same service.

The board was careful to emphasize that their approval of the arrangement was for one-year only and that it would be terminated next year if it no longer proved beneficial to the nursing home.

The action came at the board's regu-

lar monthly session. The meeting was called to order by board chairman Randy Mankin with trustees Ricky Fuessel, Jim Brame, J.D. Doyle, Susie Richters and Jim Martin in attendance. Also present was nursing home administrator Sarah Huge.

Among other items of business, the trustees voted to call a trustee election for May 13, 2006 and appointed Bessie Jones as the district's election judge. Beverly Minor will serve as the early voting clerk. The board also approved a resolution allowing the county's new voting machines to be used during the election.

Sarah Huge then presented her Administrator's Report. It was noted that despite some higher than normal expenses the district's financial reports were in the black for the month of January by some \$2,900.00. Beverly Minor went over details of the financial reports and presented the monthly investment report.

The trustees then approved a contract for property insurance and a contract with INCA, the company that services the nursing home's fire alarms. They also approved the district's new organizational chart that reflects the fact that the hospital and clinic are now being administered by Preferred Management.

Before adjourning the board also approved the nursing home Smoking Policy and changes to the employee handbook.

The next meeting of the hospital district board of trustees is slated for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2006, in the hospital board room.

School trustees name Billy Collins to lead SCISD into future

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Wednesday, February 22, 2006 and voted unanimously to name Billy Collins as their lone finalist for the position of Superintendent. Collins currently serves as superintendent of the Grandfalls

Royalty School District in Ward County.

The board must now wait the state mandated twenty-one days before officially voting to hire Collins. That vote could come as early as March 15, 2006.

According to information provided by Mr. Collins' secretary, he is a native of Uvalde and a graduate of Texas A&M. He and his wife Christi have two children, a son, Trent, who is in Pre-K, and a daughter, Cassie, who is 1-year-old.

Commissioners meet, handle light agenda

DeDe Miller with CTWP and Scott Dover with Xerox were present Monday morning to speak with the commissioner's court on updating the County Clerk's office copying machine.

After a presentation by each the commissioner's voted to accept CTWP Kyocera Mita contract for a 60 month lease.

The commissioners then opened the lone fuel bid that was submitted by Griffin Fuel in the amount of \$2.1275 per gallon of unleaded fuel. A vote followed and the bid was accepted.

The men next discussed purchasing a skid loader for the county maintenance department. They decided to purchase a John Deer skid loader and attachments for \$24,300.00.

Talk then turned to the need for a new concession stand and restroom facilities at the county rodeo arena with the men considered the option of erecting one or more metal buildings for the purpose but chose to table fur-

ther discussion pending more study.

The meeting was the commissioner's regularly scheduled session and was called to order by County Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. Also on hand for the meeting were County Clerk Peggy Williams, Treasurer Karen Henderson and Road Superintendent Clay Burleson.

Among other business, the commissioners authorized administrative assistant Lydia Vallejo, County Treasurer Karen Henderson and County Clerk Peggy Williams to sign documents related to the Community Development Grant Program. That's the program that is funding the installation of sewer lines in the Orient Heights neighborhood.

While on that subject, Commissioner Bill Clark voiced his concern about the progress of the sewer project. Clark noted that the contractor has hit rock, and that work has slowed down

considerably. Clark said he was concerned about condition of the roads in the neighborhood and whether they will be restored to the condition they were in before the work began.

The court went on to discuss whether the contractor or the engineering is responsible for the progress of the project. Judge Johnny Griffin told the court that the contractor was responsible for any cost over runs, not the engineer.

Schleicher County and the City of Eldorado joined together to obtain the Rural Community Grant to install an updated sewer system in Orient Heights to replace the leaking and outdated septic systems in the addition. Schleicher County committed \$28,000 to the project.

District Extension Administrator Scott Durham was unable to attend Monday's meeting so agenda item #8 regarding the hiring of a new county extension agent will be discussed at a future meeting.

Primary elections slated Tuesday, March 7

Voting by personal appearance in the Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. This year, for the first time, both parties will share polling places in all four precincts in order to take advantage of the county's new electronic voting equipment.

Voters in Precinct #1 will cast their ballots at the Methodist Church Education Building while Precinct #2 will

vote at the Memorial Building. Polling in Precinct #3 has been moved to the County Courthouse and Precinct #4 will vote at the Catholic Church Education Building.

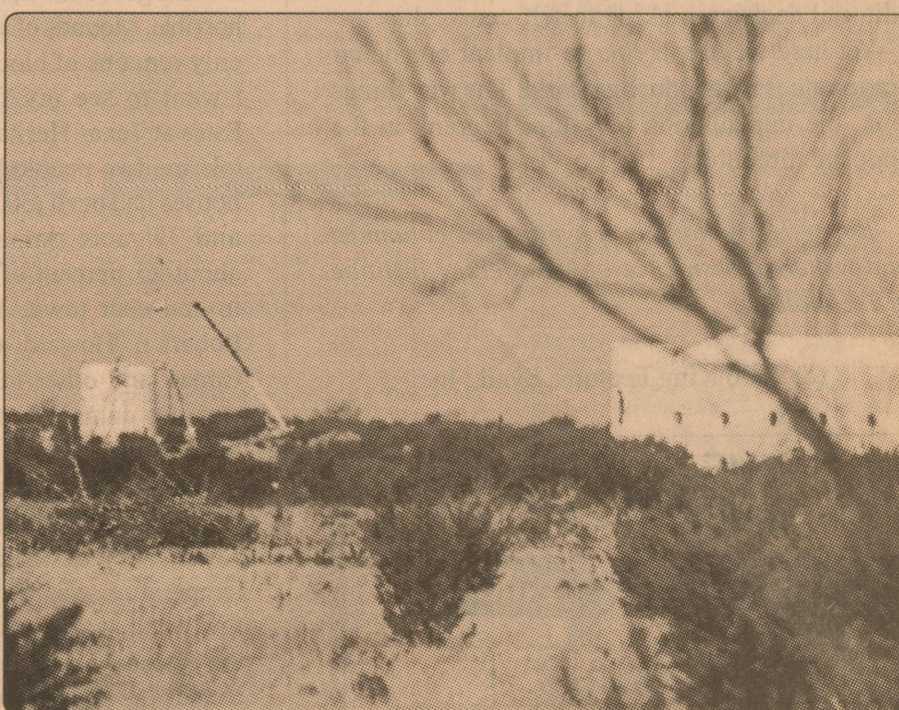
As of press time on Wednesday, early voting was reported as being very light with only 30 ballots having been cast. Of that number, 21 were cast in the Democratic Primary while 9 were cast in the Republican Primary.

Work progresses on 280,000 gallon water storage tank at YFZ Ranch

State officials confirmed for The Success on Tuesday that the water storage tank being built at the YFZ Ranch is part of the colony's public water system. The tank has a capacity of 280,000 gallons and is being built in accordance with rules laid down by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The massive tank once again raises questions about the number of people who will be living at the YFZ Ranch when the .

According to the City of Eldorado's Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay, a ground storage tank should be large enough to contain 100 gallons of water per person served by the water system. Using that number the system could easily serve a community of 2,800 people, a number that is greatly higher than any ranch personnel have shared with city or county officials up to this point.



SUCCESS PHOTO

Tall cranes hoisted equipment and material atop a 280,000 gallon water storage tank Wednesday as workmen at the YFZ Ranch labored to complete the latest addition to the ranch's public water supply system.

Robert Jay challenges Eddie Albin for SMD 6 school board seat

There will be at least one contested contest in the May 13, 2006 school, city and hospital board election. Former EHS principal and retired science teacher Robert Jay has filed to run against veteran school board member Eddie Albin for the seat in Single-Member District #1. Meanwhile, both Jan Wanoreck and Lupe Sanchez have filed for reelection to their seats in SMD #2 & SMD #5, respectively.

Thus far, no one has filed for Mayor or any of the four city council seats that are up for election. Neither has anyone filed for hospital board, although all four of the members whose seats are up for election this year including Ricky Fuessel, J.D. Doyle, Jim Martin and Susie Richters have picked up applications for a place on the ballot.

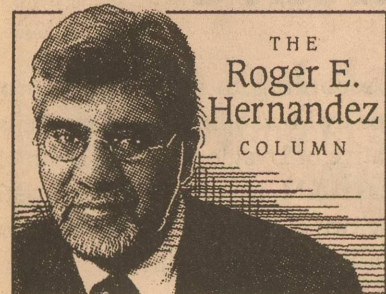
Filing remains open until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2006.

Whose values are being implanted where?

We all have images we abominate, even if your taboo isn't my taboo.

The Confederate flag. *Taking down* the Confederate flag. That photograph by Andres Serrano of a crucifix dipped in urine. That monument of the Ten Commandments that Judge Roy Moore installed at the Alabama Supreme Court.

Ah, the much-hyped Culture Wars. Conservatives versus liberals in a fight for survival.



THE
Roger E.
Hernandez
COLUMN

Do not believe it. In the United States, like in other democracies, these "wars" are not real wars.

You don't think the Confederate flag

should fly at the South Carolina Legislature? Boycott the state. You're angry they took it down? Go protest. You say government should not fund "art" like "Piss Christ"? Write your congressman. You say government should not "sponsor" a religious symbol like the Ten Commandments? File a lawsuit.

What if you don't like a cartoon of Muhammad wearing a bomb for a turban?

For some Muslims the response is to burn embassies, kill a few people who had nothing to do with the drawing, and protest with signs that say: "Behead those who insult Islam" and "Freedom go to hell."

My taboo will become your taboo, or I will kill you.

Muslims -- religious zealots and otherwise -- understandably feel offended by a caricature stereotyping all members of the religion as terrorists. The disgust is not surprising in a faith that prohibits adherents from making *any* depiction of their prophet.

But no insult excuses the murderous frenzy across the Middle East in recent weeks. Even the most ardent opponents of Andres Serrano's sacrilegious handiwork did not demand his execution for insulting Christianity.

The problem, then, isn't that Muslim protestors object to the caricatures, a perfectly legitimate stance. It's that they object to the right to publish them.

This challenges the most fundamental assumption of free societies, where opinions are protected no matter how repellent. Worse, there have been challenges to the right to publish the caricatures even in a context of unquestioned journalistic responsibility.

A small group of demonstrators protested at the Philadelphia Inquirer because the paper ran one of the offending cartoons. The riots have become a huge global story that readers need to understand, and which they cannot understand unless editors show them the actual drawings.

Black people did not protest pictures of a Confederate flag over the South Carolina Statehouse in articles about the controversy; Jewish people do not riot when a photo of some lunatic in a Nazi outfit is used to illustrate a story about, well, lunatics in Nazi outfits. Context matters: Where are we if our media can't publish something that is purely informative, with no animus to offend?

The Inquirer is an exception among American newspapers, most of which have not run any of the caricatures. They have crossed the line from editorial decision-making to self-censorship.

Yet here we are, trying to implant our democratic values in the Muslim world. The way things look, the implantation of values is going in the opposite direction.

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Farewell to Barney and Chester

Two giants of early television died this week, Don Knotts and Dennis Weaver. They were both favorites of mine.

Interestingly, despite the fact that each of them went on to have successful careers in their own right, they both started off playing bumbling sidekicks.

Knotts will long be remembered as the frenetic Deputy Barney Fife of Mayberry, NC. He played Sheriff Andy Taylor's ever-faithful sidekick and best friend on *The Andy Griffith Show*. Knotts' comedic talent perfectly complemented Griffith's laid back style. Together they were wonderful and together they made *The Andy Griffith Show* the best show of its time. I will even argue that it was the best TV show ever made.

Dennis Weaver first came to fame as slow-talking and slow-moving Chester Goode on *Gunsmoke*. In that role he played second fiddle to James Arness who was Marshall Matt Dillon, the straight-shooting champion of justice in the frontier town of Dodge City. The gimpy-legged Chester was sometimes deputy, sometimes livery stable operator, and all-around nice guy who routinely marveled at just how bad the bad guys could be. While Chester was often the show's comic relief, he was also the its conscience.



Don Knotts left *The Andy Griffith Show* after five years and five straight Emmy Awards for Best Supporting Actor to make a series of movies. In 1979 he landed the role of Ralph Furley in *Three's Company*.

Interestingly, the last actor to win the Emmy as Best Supporting Actor before Knotts began his five-year run was Dennis Weaver.

Much as Knotts did, Weaver left *Gunsmoke* after nine years. He, too, made movies, then starred in a hit series titled *McCloud* as a Deputy Marshall from Taos, NM who found himself on assignment to the New York City Police Department.

Like Knotts, Weaver kept busy well into his golden years. But, neither of the men ever attained the level of popularity they enjoyed in their breakout roles.

I can't say why it struck me as odd that the two men should die within a week of one another, but it did. They were vastly dif-

ferent men with even more vastly different styles. As far as I know they never shared a stage nor were they ever in the same movie or TV show...but when word of their passing came they somehow seemed connected.

Maybe it was just a connection with the past I sensed, or the loss of a connection to a simpler time. Back then it was easy for the audience to tell the good guys from the outlaws, even if Chester or Barney could not.

Times have certainly gotten more complicated — complicated to the point that it has become nearly impossible for any of us to know who is the hero...or the villain.

I just happened to be channel surfing the other night. It was late and I couldn't sleep. There on one of the cable channels was an old episode of *Gunsmoke*. Chester Goode was making the rounds of Dodge City, checking doors to make sure they were locked up tight for the night. As he passed by the jail he cracked the door and looked in to see Marshall Dillon sleeping on a cot in the corner of the office. Chester pulled the door shut then limped away. A few paces down the sidewalk he stopped, looked back then whispered, "Sleep tight Mist-er Dillon. I've got it under control."



The tough people of Cross Plains

As I approached Cross Plains on Highway 206 I started noticing the black, charred ground. Partially burned fence posts hung from loose strands of barbed wire. It was like this for a couple of miles before I reached the city limits. When I got to town, the scene was horrible. Mounds of ashes were the only remains of blocks of houses. I went to see my friend David Estes at Texas Heritage Bank. He told me two people had died, 116 houses had been totally destroyed and 39 more damaged. That's about 25 percent of the housing in and near town. The home of Robert E. Howard, the author of Conan and other fantasy works, was not damaged, although fire burned the lawn.

The fire started around noon on Tuesday, December 27 about 3 miles west of Cross Plains. The temperature was 80 degrees and the wind was blowing toward the east at 30 miles an hour. By 3 o'clock the blaze turned north and head into town. 31 fire departments fought the blaze and stayed around until Friday putting out flare-ups on trees and bales of hay.



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

As soon as news of the fire spread, donations of food, clothing, furniture and money poured in from Texas and states as far away as Minnesota and North Carolina. The First Baptist Church became a command center. The First Methodist Church was the only public structure completely destroyed. Flames got close to the school, but it was spared.

The cleanup continues. City and county are clearing the lots at no charge to the residents. The people affected by the fire are amazing. David and Bethany Parker and their children, Amber and Taylor, are excited about the new home they're designing. The Parkers were out of town when the fire burned their house. Bethany saved all her photos to disc and had them with her in her laptop. Before she went digital, she had

duplicates made of her pictures and sent them to family members, who are now making copies and sending them back to the Parkers.

Kathy Chesshir put her family photos in the back seat of her car as flames approached her home. She punched in the garage door opener and the door opened. When she drove out and punched it again to close it, there was no electricity and the door remained open. Kathy says she doesn't have to worry now about which of her possessions to keep or pass on to family members. She says she feels a sense of freedom from stuff, most of which doesn't mean anything.

Cross Plains residents are helping each other cope with what has happened. Kathy is helping fire victims make inventories of their losses. Bethany says just about everybody in town was affected by the fire, but the town will be better because everybody is pulling together like never before.

As I left Cross Plains and headed west on highway 36, I passed about 5 miles of black, burned fields. The smell of smoke and ashes was still in the air.

Statewide candidates gear up for primaries

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Who will speak for Texas in 2007? A lot of people are trying their best to hold on to power, increase their power or gain it for the first time.

With party primaries set for Tuesday, March 7, and early voting ending March 3, candidates in contested races are popping up around the state saying things like, "I'm proud of Texas. How about you?" and "I want to be your next governor" and "I want to represent you in Austin."

In the race for governor, candidates such as incumbent Gov. Rick Perry and his arch-foe, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, the sitting comptroller of public accounts, are struggling for preeminence in the minds of moderate to conservative voters, mostly.

But there's no primary for Independents like Strayhorn and singer-writer Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman of Medina County. Both will have to gather up enough signatures to earn themselves a spot on the November ballot, and they will have from after the primaries until May 11 to do it.

Perry has three opponents in the Republican primary. In the Democratic primary, former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell and former Texas Supreme Court justice Bob Gammage — both experienced politicians and well qualified to be governor — will duke it out.

Friedman, a quip-spinning, headline-grabbing non-lawyer — the best qualified of the potential governors to entertain Lone Star voters — says he is serious about fixing some of the state's more pressing problems: school finance, tax reform and border security.

The drama of Friedman's campaign went up a notch after *The Dallas Morning News* broke a story that Friedman has not voted regularly in the last dozen or so years. But Friedman said there hasn't been anyone worth voting for. As for the ballot Friedman cast in November 2004, he voted for George W. Bush, and described the president as a nice guy trapped in a Republican body.

Also, Friedman had a beef with something the state's chief elections officer said. Secretary of State Roger Williams, a Perry-appointed, put out some broadcast commercials to prompt Texans to get out and vote in the primaries. Friedman said it was unfair for Williams to say that, because Texans who vote in the primaries won't be qualified to sign his petition to get on the ballot.

Strayhorn, who is bound by the same rules as Friedman, didn't seem to mind the Williams spots. Her camp said the secretary of state would be "derelict" if he didn't encourage voters to vote. And, if the primary elections are typical, only about 20 percent of registered voters will turn out, leaving about 10 million non-primary voters to sign petitions.

Earlier in February, Williams said it might take his office a couple of months to verify all of the signatures on Strayhorn's and Friedman's petitions.

Each Independent candidate must log at least 45,540 valid signatures. To count, a signature must be from a registered voter who did not vote in either the GOP or Democratic primaries or, if required, the runoff.

At any rate, the signature-verify-

OBITUARIES

Bobbie Louise Killebrew



Bobbie Louise Killebrew, age 73, passed away Tuesday morning, February 21, 2006 at Schleicher County Medical Center.

Bobbie was born at Bailey Ranch to Rob and Nellie McKee. She was the first dietician at the Schleicher County Medical Center

and a dietician the Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. She was also the owner of Java Junction Cafe.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her parents Rob and Nellie McKee, two brothers Richard McKee and Harold McKee, sister Ella French and son Richard Dacy.

Survivors include her husband Hugh of 48 years, son Brett Dacy of Eldorado, son Quintin Killebrew of Eldorado, daughter Carolyn Young and husband Lenny Young of San Angelo and daughter Debra Steward and husband Lynn Steward of Sweetwater. Also, 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend who had a special place in her heart for each and everyone of us. She will be greatly missed.

Graveside services were held in the Eldorado Cemetery on Thursday, February 23, 2006.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Ann Schooley recently retired from the Eldorado Housing Authority after 26 years of service. Ann enjoyed a retirement party held in her honor this past Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at the office of the housing authority. Ann enjoyed cake and punch and visiting with old friends and tenants who wished her well.

Capital Highlights...

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ing job will be completed and the ballot certified in time for ballot printing in August.

Toxic substance scare at UT

White powder fell out of a student's roll of quarters as she prepared to wash clothes in her University of Texas dormitory coin-op laundry on Feb. 23.

Authorities were summoned, the building evacuated, the premises screened for toxicity and then sanitized.

The student and a friend were taken to an Austin hospital for tests and observation.

Samples of the substance were tested by state and FBI labs. Test

results were negative for the toxic substance ricin.

RRC official recognizes deficit

Texas isn't producing enough engineering graduates to meet present and future demand, Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams said Feb. 21.

Texas universities and colleges are only graduating 400 engineers per year but energy-related industries in the state could put 1,000 new engineers to work every year through 2009, he said.

Reading, the sport of the champions

by Jerri Whitten, SC Librarian

Is the theme for the summer reading program for children to enjoy at the summer reading program for children to enjoy at the library this summer. The Schleicher Co. Public Library is building a larger children's collection with hopes of having a bigger and better summer reading program. The Library received donations from the First National Bank, the Southwest Texas Electric Coop and the American Legion for new books which will give the library a start on this project.

The program will be for six weeks this summer with a goal to keep children reading throughout the summer. Research shows that reading during school vacations allows children to maintain and improve reading skills achieved during the academic year. This is especially critical for new readers and for children who have difficulty reading.

Children who enjoy regular visits to the library are more likely to continue to be readers and library supporters as adults. In communities, the library plays an important role by equalizing access to information, technology, creative experiences, educational and recreational materials for children and their caregivers.

Two new youth books arrived today...a start on this goal. Newberry Award book "Crisis Cross" by Lynne Rae Perkins and "Looking for Alaska" by John Green. Also, three children books "I.Q. Goes to the Library" by Mary Fraser, "Book, Book, Book" by Deborah Bruss. A birthday book given by Addie Jo Griffin to the library on her 2005 birthday "Please Bury Me in the Library" is also ready for readers.

Happy 1st Birthday



Jennifer Marie Garcia

Love Mom, Dad, Sisters & Brothers

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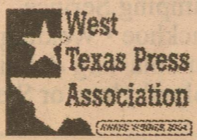
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Eagles earn consolation trophy in Sonora B-ball tourney

by Syllas Polite
 The Eldorado baseball team got off to a rough start this season, heading into the Sonora Tournament winless. For a Senior led team, it wouldn't take long for the Eagles to get things going.

The Eagles played on Thursday February 23, 2006 at the Bronco Baseball Complex against district foe Reagan County.

Senior Jaaron Crawford had an excellent day on the mound, but after a shaky 4th inning he was given the loss. The Eagles played great for the majority of the game, but ended up losing that contest 4-3.

The Eagles next opponent would be the Bracketville Tigers. The Tigers, coming off a one run loss to the eventual tournament champion Sonora Broncos, were looking to redeem themselves.

Senior Frank Wipff got the call to start this game. The Eagles started off the game by scoring 3 runs in the first inning, and never looked back from there.

The Eagles would end up beating the Tigers and move into the

Consolation game Saturday afternoon February 25 against Alpine.

The Eagles led most of the way, but the Bucks tied it up during the 6th inning. Due to tournament rules that is how the game would end in the 8th inning.

Based on the tie breaker rules the Eagles were given the victory and the Consolation trophy.

More importantly the Eagles put together their first win streak of the year. Eagle's Head Coach Geoff Mitchell said, "If we could get away from having those innings where we give up a lot of runs we would be fine."

Jaaron Crawford added, "Its frustrating to pitch so well and still not get a win, but we are coming together and getting better."

The Eagles loaded the bus Tuesday February 28, 2006 with their win streak and headed out of town to face the Llano Yellow Jackets. At press time the results of the game were not available.

The team will be in town March 2-4, 2006 hosting the 3rd Annual Eldorado Baseball Tour-

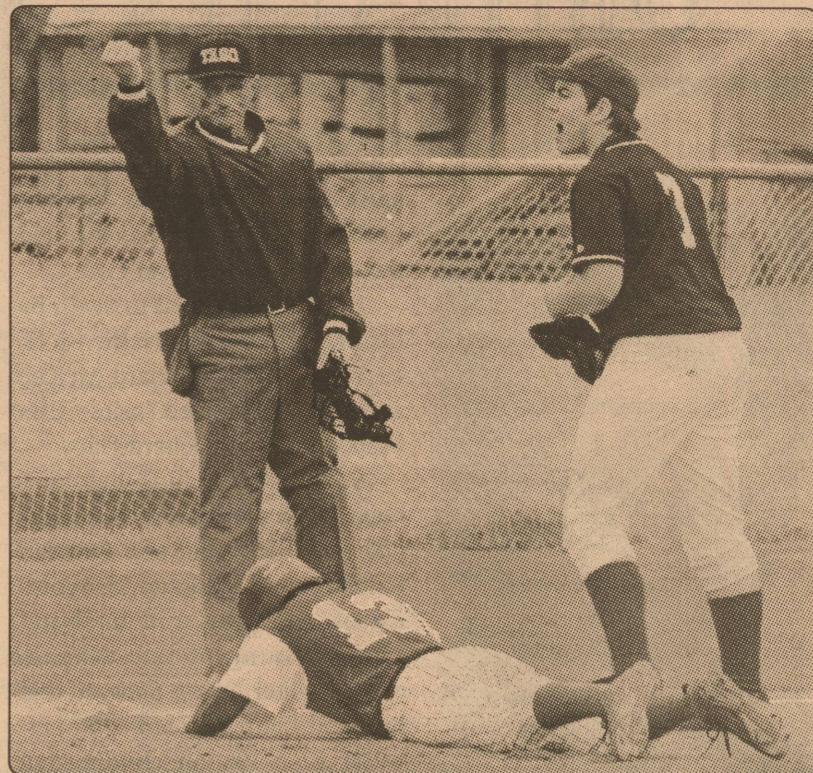


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
 Jaaron Crawford outed a Reagan County base runner last Thursday. The Eagles dropped the contest to the Owls 4-3, but went on to grab consolation in the tournament

nament. The games will start at 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning, and both the Eagle's Varsity and JV teams will be participating. If you

haven't had a chance to see this years squads, try to catch one of the games this weekend and support the Eagles on to victory.

ELDORADO HIGH SCHOOL 2006 TRACK SCHEDULE

February 25	Brady
March 2	Eldorado
March 18	Iraan
March 24	Water Valley
April 1	Bronte
April 8	Ozona
April 13	District Sonora
April 22	Regional Qualifiers TBA
April 28-29	Regional Meet in Abilene
May 12-13	State Meet in Austin

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Joiner 1st in High Jump

Senior Rachel Joiner placed first in high jump during the 2006 Brady Heart of Texas Relay, February 25, 2006.

Joiner jumped a 5-6. Eldorado girls track team placed 8th with a score of 24. Twelve school participated.

Rhapsody Swyter placed 5th in the 300 Meter Hurdles (55.58) and 5th in the 100 Meter Hurdles (18.02).

Micaela Gonzalez placed 4th in Long Jump with a distance of 13-1.

Gonzalez and Joiner placed 4th and 5th in the 200 Meter Dash. Gonzalez had a time of 29.31 and Joiner had a time of 20.74.

Janelle Pechacek, Darci Graves, Marianna Guzman, Veronica Bellman and Liana Danford participated by did not place in their events.

Varsity boy Senior Jeremy Ussery placed 3rd in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:12 and 3rd in High Jump 5-4.

Varsity boys who participated were Epolo Herrera, Johnny Mejia, Luis Huichapa, Joel Esparza, Uriel Barrinetos and Kyle Taylor.

Junior Varsity Dustin Ramirez placed first place in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 56.33. His prelim time was 56.83. Ramirez placed 3rd in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 25.11.

Timothy Maskill placed 1st in the Shot Put with a throw of 37-11

in the Junior Varsity Boys division. 6th place went to Steven Trevino with a throw of 33-1.5.

In Discus Timmy Maskill placed 3rd with a throw of 94-2. Junior Varsity Raul Rios placed 6th with a throw of 89-1.

Josh Taylor placed 5th in Pole Vault at the height of 8-0.

Josh Hash, Kaleb Murr, and Luis Almazan also participated in Junior Varsity events.

Eldorado will be hosting their annual Plateau Relays on Thursday March 2 for High School and March 3 for Middle School.

High School teams participating will be Brady, Christoval, Eldorado, Forsan, Grape Creek, Irion County, Reagan County and Robert Lee.

The field events will begin at 3:30 p.m. The 3200 M. Run will starting at 4:00 p.m. and other running events will start at 5:30 p.m. or when all field events are completed.

No admission fees will be charged for spectators.

School Lunch Menu

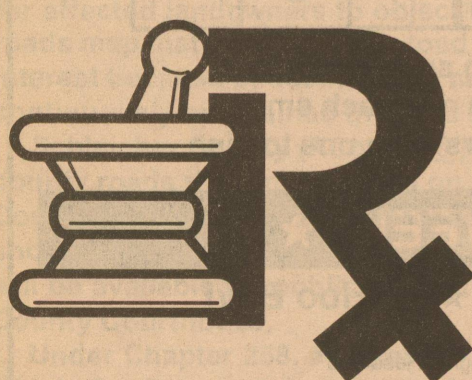
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Monday, March 6
 Sleep in until Noon
Tuesday, March 7
 Go Shopping
Wednesday, March 8
 Take a Trip
Thursday, March 9
 Lounge around on the beach
Friday, March 10
 Having lots of FUN after the weekend its back to School!

BASKET LINE SPRING BREAK
Monday, March 6
 Get up late play with Friends
Tuesday, March 7
 More Shopping
Wednesday, March 8
 See the Monkeys at the Zoo
Thursday, March 9
 Body Surfing!
Friday, March 10
 Having lots of FUN! After the weekend it's back to School!

CAFETERIA LINE SPRING BREAK
Monday, March 6
 Going to the Movies
Tuesday, March 7
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Wednesday, March 8
 Relaxing in the Pool
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 Dreading inevitable return to school on Monday!!

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"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Cassandra Buitron, Rance Cathey, Victoria Fuentes, Marcus Garcia, Janelle Pechacek, Lindsay Pridemore, Dustin Ramirez

10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Jorge Chavez, Chelsey Stone

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Richmond Adame, Steffani Barler, Joshua Burleson, Blake Chatham, Maria Contreras, Liana Danford, Misti Daniels, Jeffery Doan, Erika Estrada, Maygen Eubanks, Marybel Fuentes, Amika Gonzalez, Diana Hernandez, Lorenzo Hernandez, Chelsey Hill, Luis Huichapa, Leanna Morales, Michael Redish,

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Brittany Jennings, Kristin Mittel

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Alicia Corrales, Edward Dominguez, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Jileesa Hibbs, Richard Jones, Abelardo Montalvo, Rachel Rios, Justina Rodriguez, Ridge Sudduth, Veronica Villa

12th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, William Edmiston, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Chandra Wanoreck

"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, Jorge Bustos, Jaaron Crawford, Esperanza Fuentes, Micela Gonzalez, Nester Hernandez, Talyor Niblett, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Frank Wipff

EHS Varsity tennis team captures championship

The Eldorado High School team place first at Eldorado Invitational Tennis Meet held Friday and Saturday, February 24 & 25, 2006.

Friday's meets were cut short interment rain showers and continued on Saturday, which turned out to be sunny and breezy.

Eldorado scored 17 points as a team to Forsan's 12, a tie for third Buena Vista HS and Grape Creeks 4 points. Fifth place went to Crane with 1 point.

Michael Ballew won the boy's singles division. He defeated Logan Jones of Eldorado in the Champion round.

Ballew defeated S. Fisher of Grape Creek 8-8, 7-3 in the first round; Valedex of Crane 8-5 in the quarter finals; Lockhart of Forsan 8-2 in the semi-finals and Logan Jones 6-0, 6-1 in the boy's singles championship on Monday.

Logan Jones defeated B. Valles of Crane 8-2 in the first round; B. Bolf of Grape Creek 8-3 in the quarter finals; Posey of Forsan in the semi-finals 8-5 and lost to Ballew in the championship capturing the 2nd place trophy.

Chandra Wanoreck placed second in the girl's singles division. Wanoreck defeated A. Zurscnka of Grape Creek 8-1 in the first round; Chelsey Pridemore of Eldorado in the quarter final; Holdampf of For-

san 8-4 in the semi final and then lost to Ivey of Buena Vista 6-3, 6-0 in the championship final.

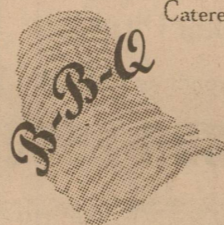
Also playing girls singles was JC Rodriguez who won the first round 8-1 against L. Pool of Grape Creek; losing the quarter final to L. Ivey 8-2. Blake Chatham had a bye in the first round and lost to Kuykendal of Forsan 8-2 in the quarter final. Kristen Mittel lost to T. Kuykendal 8-5 in the first round. Kimberly Samiengo 8-6 won the first round against C. May of Grape Creek and lost to Holdampf of Forsan 8-2 in the quarter final.

In girls doubles Eldorado teams took first and second. Team of Taylor Baker and Maxie Holley had a bye in the first round; defeated the team of Montgomery and Wheeler of Forsan 8-3 in the quarter final; Norris and Morrison of Grape Creek 8-3 in the semi final and then winning the championship against Eldorado's double girls team of Lauren Brown and Allison Reynolds 6-5, 6-4.

Doubles team of Lauren Brown and Allison Reynold had a bye in the first round; defeated Diaz and Arricta of Grape Creek 8-2 in the quarter final and then defeating Eggleston and Montgomery

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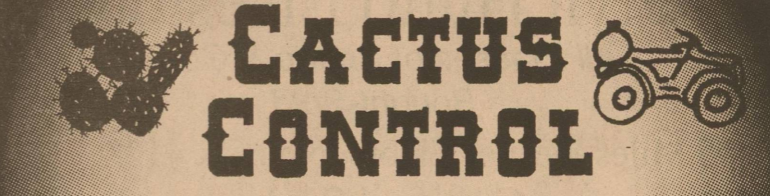
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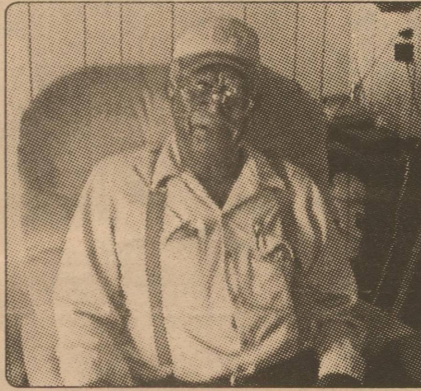
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"A-B" Honor Roll: Fabian Gomez, Eli Hulsey, Luisa Muniz, Danny Pechacek, Jesse Ramon, Michael Rios, Tito Rios, Rylea Self

Mrs. McGregor

"A" Honor Roll: Justin Whitten

"A-B" Honor Roll: Leonardo Castro, Jose Guerra, Christian Martinez, Megan Powell, Skyler Shepard, Jake Swindall, Caitlin Wilson, Crystal Piña

Mrs. Meador

"A" Honor Roll: Jaine Chancellor, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Jose Olivares, Strait Pridemore, Jr. Gonzalez

"A-B" Honor Roll: Michael Rodriguez

3rd Grade

Mrs. Sessom

"A" Honor Roll: Breana Crofoot, Baylee Griffin, McKenzie McAngus, Garet Swinford

"A-B" Honor Roll: Carlos Guzman, Arden Mertz, Dominique Ochoa, Kiarra Trevino

Mrs. O'Harrow

"A" Honor Roll: Mika Key, Abby Nolen, Tres Whitten, Claire Wideman, Whitney Perez

"A-B" Honor Roll: Dalton Buchholz, Estephanie Estrada, Jessica Gonzalez, Elizabeth Guerrero, Tony Rey Martinez, Alex Rodriguez, Jacob Sanchez

Mrs. Newman

"A" Honor Roll: Tori Guerrero, Abbi Spradley

"A-B" Honor Roll: Jacqueline Castro, Deann Fuentess, Brittney McCulloch, Jacob Mettlen, Caitlyn Self

4th Grade

Mrs. Edmiston

"A" Honor Roll: Abbye Chatham, Abriana Islas, Justin Estrada, Morgan Bridges, Taylor Carter

"A-B" Honor Roll: Jose Aranda, Michael Bilbrey, BreeAnna Cortez, Bailey Espinosa, Elizabeth Estrada, Roger Gehrels, Obdulia Huerta, Abriana Islas, Josiah Jurado, Macy Mikeska, Yssenia Ramirez, Mikayla Ramon, Gabriel Sanchez

Mrs. Beach

"A" Honor Roll: Madison Albin

"A-B" Honor Roll: Juan Carlos Aranda, Odette Barrientos, Colton Crowder, Cody Kohutek, Brittany Galan, John Lozano, Sunni Cate McCormick, Jordan McCulloch, Jackson O'Harrow, Elizabeth Olivares, Lupe Pasillas, Megan Reel, Adriana Rios, Sasha Rodriguez, Marissa Espinoza,

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Fifth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe, Will Barker, Lori Escobar, Ryan Espinosa, Nikkita Herrera, Ethan Hulsey, Mary Lou Martinez, Blaine Mitchell, Avery Nolen, Jessica Pasillas, Austin Stapp

"A-B" Honor Roll: Camron Capps, Shelby Daniels, Veronica Fuentes, Kasey Gonzalez, Lane Griffin, Brooke Guerrero, Edward Hernandez, Nancy Iglesias, Brian Parsley, Marcus Perez, Hagen Porras, Hector Reyes, Mark Sanchez, Domingo Torres

Sixth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Abby Fuentes, Amanda Garcia, Oscar Robles, Charli Swinford

"A-B" Honor Roll: Robert Chavez, Brianah Creek, Ryan Fortenberry, Clarissa Gomez, Marissa Gonzales, Melissa Gonzales, Polli Guerrero, Ashby Ragsdale, Christian Sanchez,

Seventh Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo, Morgan Barker, J.R. Martinez, Miles Mikeska, Ben Wipff

"A-B" Honor Roll:Deisy Aranda, Meghan Bradley, Eloy Bustos, Emily Hulsey, Allyson Jarrett, Josh Jurecek, Briley Ledbetter, Bailey Minor, Marci Minor, Jaymie O'Harrow, Aaron Parsley, Lourdes Pasillas, Ashley Paulson, Yadira Zambrano

Eighth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Timothy Cuevas, Emily Espinosa

"A-B" Honor Roll: Hunter Alvizo, Mason Baker, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Crystal Hamilton, Adriana Hernandez, Javier Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Tanja Hibbs, Maureen M. Corrales, Dustin Ramos, Greg Rodriguez, Ivany Sanchez, Maegan Self

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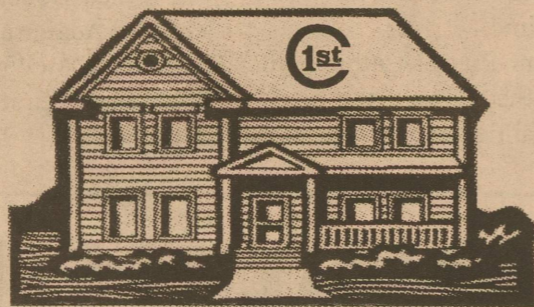
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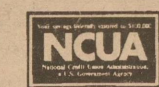
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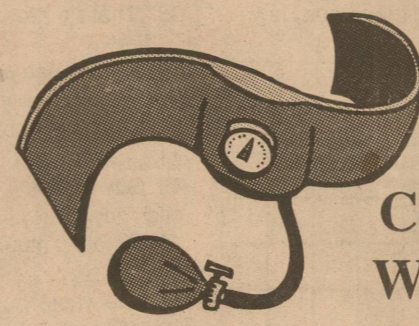
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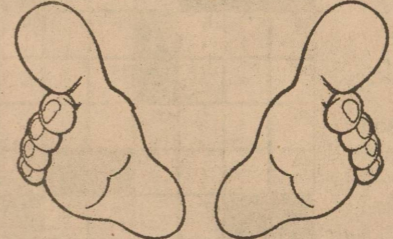


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Rains provide relief but winds hasten drying

Some areas of west Texas received welcome rains over the weekend, but predicted fair, windy weather could hasten the return of grass fire danger sooner than many people expect. Weather forecasters are predicting several days of dry, windy weather that will increase the flammability of dead grass and weeds.

If people don't recognize that the dry, windy conditions are rapidly drying out dead grass and weeds, accidental grass fires could occur in north Texas this week, according to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service.

Most counties in Texas still

have burn bans in effect, and it is still important for everyone to comply with existing burn bans, Spencer said. He acknowledged, though, that some counties may drop their outdoor burning bans due to the weekend rains.

"We expect that some coun-

ties may drop their bans due to the weekend rains," said Spencer. "Just because a county may drop its burn ban, though, doesn't mean that all risk of escaped fires is gone and that residents can throw all caution to the wind with their outdoor burning. With dry weather

and gusty winds predicted for most of the week, the risk of grass fires will likely grow with every day that passes without rain."

Gusty winds increase the danger of escaped control fires. Firebreaks that might be wide enough to contain burning material under normal conditions might not be wide enough to prevent strong wind gusts from blowing burning debris across the fire breaks and into dry vegetation.

Careless debris burning accounts for the greatest number of wildfires in Texas. The Texas Forest Service offers the following suggestions to prevent escaped control fires.

- Obey outdoor burning bans.
- Avoid outdoor burning while dry, windy conditions exist.
- Construct a wide firebreak around any material to be burned outdoors - before you ignite your fire.
- Burn household trash only in a barrel or other fireproof receptacle covered by a metal grill or wire to contain burning debris.
- Stay with outdoor fires until they are completely extinguished and cool to the touch.
- Keep water and tools handy in case a fire should start or spread uncontrolled.

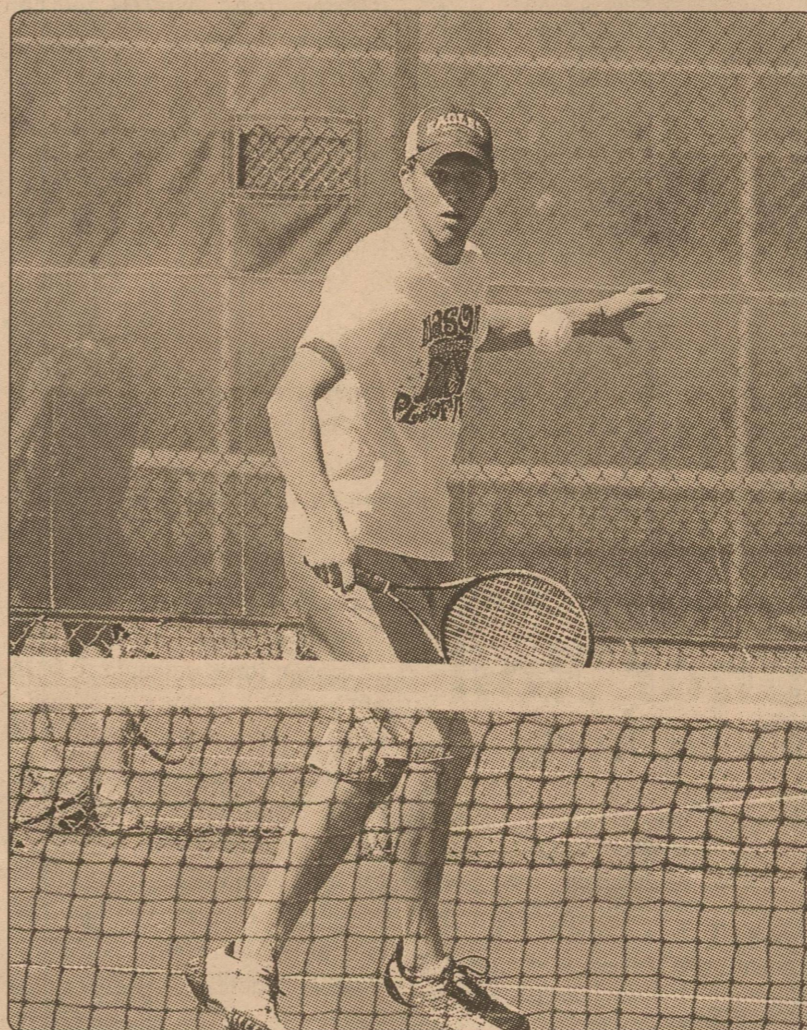


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Senior Michael Ballew won the Boy's Singles Championship during Eldorado's Invitational Tennis Tournament held this past weekend. Teams from Forsan, Grape Creek, Crane and Buena Vista High Schools participated.

AG Abbot warns of bank scams to tap personal bank accounts

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today sent out an urgent message for all Texans to be on the lookout for official-looking e-mails purporting to originate from major financial institutions asking for personal account information.

In the latest series of so-called "phishing" scams, the e-mail sender claims to represent financial institutions such as Comerica, Chase or others. The message instructs the "account holder" to submit personal account information because "bank officials" have reason to believe his or her account may have been accessed by an unauthorized party.

"I cannot emphasize this enough - Texans who receive such e-mails should immediately delete them because these tactics are used to trick you into releasing private information to someone who will try to empty your bank account," said Attorney General Abbott.

The phony e-mails scare the user into believing his or her account information may have been compromised to outsiders. The e-mails then instruct users to click on what appears to be an official link to their bank's Web site, then log in using their user ID and password in order to inspect their account for recent activity. At that point, the ID and password are stolen and used for purposes of identity theft.

Attorney General Abbott urges consumers who receive such e-mails to visit their personal bank's Web site and access account information the usual way. Banks and credit unions never send unsolicited e-mails to their clients in this manner, so it is always wise to avoid these e-mails and clickable links that can expose a consumer to fraud.

Financial institutions request consumers whose account information may have been compromised to immediately contact their fraud investigators. Many have established special e-mail addresses for consumers to forward phony e-mails and "phishing" attempts.

Consumers who believe they may have received such bogus e-mails may file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office by calling toll-free (800) 252-8011 or accessing the agency's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us

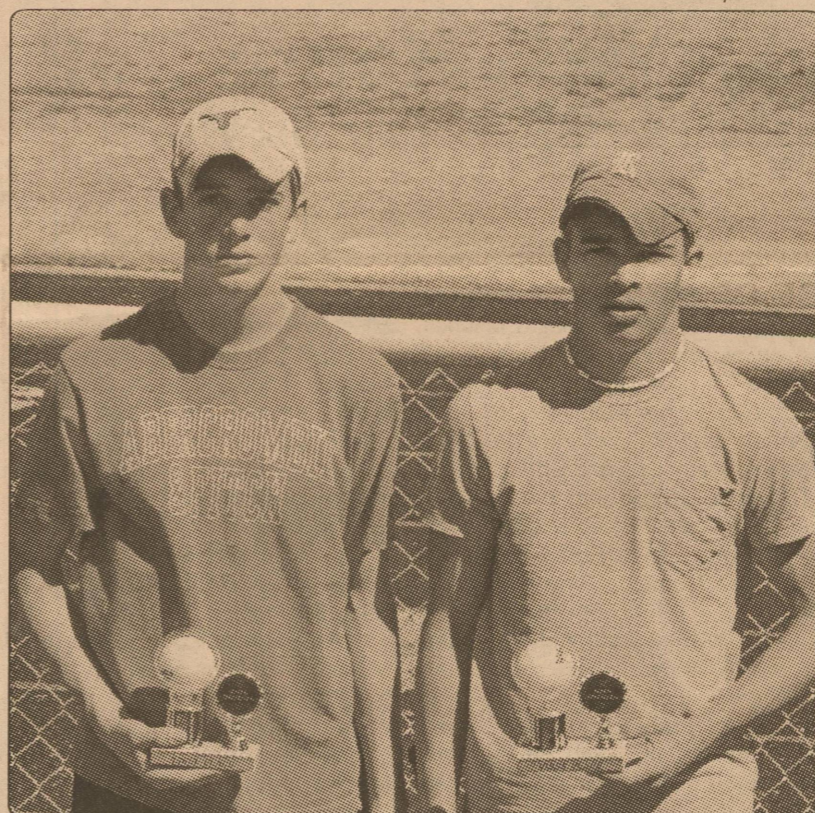


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Eldorado's Cathey brothers (L) Rance and (R) Russell captured the Boy's Double Team Championship in Eldorado's Invitational Tennis Meet held in Eldorado February 23 and February 24.

Varsity Tennis...

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of Forsan 8-1 in the semi finals. Brown and Reynold lost to Eldorado's Baker and Holley 6-5, 6-4 in the championship final.

Doubles partners Pridemore and Porras lost to Norris and Morrison of Grape Creek 6-2, 6-3 in the first round.

Brothers Russel Cathey and Rance Cathey swept the boy's doubles team championship. Bye

for everyone for the first round and quarter final due to the rainy weather. Cathy and Cathy defeated Grantaham and Atkerson of Forsan 8-5 in the semi-finals and defeated Johnson and Lopez of Forsan 8-3 to secure the championship.

In Mixed Doubles Eldorado's Richmond Adame and Corie Williams lost to McWright and Sessom of Grape Creek 8-2 in the first round.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Debussy's "___ de Lune"
6. Petty argument
10. Bill dispensers, briefly
14. Kind of question
15. Take cover
16. The Mets' home
17. Lo-cal brews
18. Skin soother
19. Burn a bit
20. Reduction in length
23. Unfilled, on a TV sched.
24. Links props
25. Numbered rd.
26. Apply gently
29. Einstein's hometown
31. Seized auto, slangily
33. "That's it!"
34. Cut drastically
37. "This one's ___!" (treatr's words)
40. Kris Kristofferson classic
44. Rolls-Royce radial
45. ___ sanctum
46. Murals and the like
47. Astronaut

DOWN

1. One-eighth of a V-8; Abbr.
2. Explorer Ericson
3. Regarding, in memos
4. Not active, chemically
5. Thorny shrub
6. Old Iranian ruler
7. Series preceder, sometimes
8. Be nuts about
9. Move unsteadily
10. One "A" of AARP; Abbr.
11. Famous Hawaii triathlon
12. Stood for
13. Snorkel, to Beetle Bailey
21. La ___ (old car)
22. Language ending
26. Off one's rocker
27. Sailor's greeting
28. Ferocious swimmers
30. Yule trio
32. Luau dish
35. "That's a joke, ___!"
36. Put an edge on
38. "A ___ formality"
39. Founded; Abbr.
41. ___ Aviv
42. Guy with a pitchfork
43. Vibrating musical effects
48. The whole shebang
49. Sibling's girls
52. Serviceable
53. Relating to pitch
55. Purple hue
56. "Come here ___?"
58. Walled city of Spain
60. After-bath attire
61. Euro fraction
62. Give off
63. Tear apart
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SIDEWALK SALE

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Monday, March 13, 2006
8:00 a.m. USDA Building (510 S. Divide)

We will have a wide variety of shade trees, ornamental trees, evergreens, and native plants, vines, shrubs, and fertilizers. The trees come in several different sizes. If you know you want a larger tree, we need to pre-order now. If you can't make it to the sale, you can call and order anytime throughout the year for the general public and area students.

TDA to mail ballots for March 17 Boll Weevil vote

AUSTIN—Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production are eligible to vote in a March 17 referendum that will determine whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Eligible voters in the zone should receive an official ballot by mail after Feb. 28. A postage-paid return envelope will be included. Completed ballots must be postmarked on or before March 17 to be counted. Producers who planted cotton in 2005 but do not receive a ballot should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 463-4879.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should be continued in the zone, voters will elect a board member to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

TDA received one nomination for this position before the filing deadline. The name of Kenneth Gully of Concho County will appear on the ballot as a board nominee. Gully has farmed cotton the past 27 years.

The Southern Rolling Plains Zone includes all of Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, Mason, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher and

Tom Green counties all land in Taylor County lying west of U.S. Highway 83 from a point commencing at the intersection of U.S. Highway 83 and the south Taylor County line, north of the town of Bradshaw. This includes all the land lying south of Farm-to-Market Road 1086, as the farm-to-market road proceeds west and north to its intersection with U.S. Highway 277, and all land lying south of the farm-to-market road and east of U.S. Highway 277 from the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1086 and U.S. Highway 277 to the point where U.S. Highway 277 intersects the south boundary line of Taylor County.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, March 6**
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk
- Tuesday, March 7**
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, March 8**
Oven Pork Chops, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
- Thursday, March 9**
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, March 10**
Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

LOOK!

Deadline for Classified & Display Ads Tuesday ~ Noon



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2006 Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Off (GEESO) Winners-1st Grade Girls (L-R): 1. Pricilla Gandar; 2. Riley Umphress; 3. Sydney Covarrubiaz; 4. Reagan Dehanis; 5. Elizabeth Griffin; 6. Branda Gail Arispe.

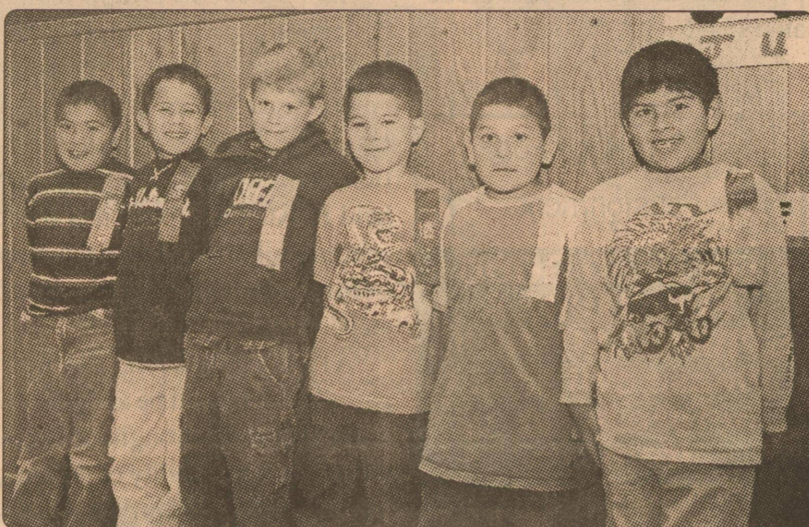


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2006 Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Off (GEESO) Winners-1st Grade Boys (L-R): 1. Jess Gonzales; 2. Keanu Hernandez; 3. Hudson Martin; 4. Luis Miguel Martinez; 5. Leroy Torres; 6. Mathias Buitron.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of Schleicher County, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Schleicher County, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 13, 2006 for voting in a general election to elect Four (4) Full, Two-Year Term Board Members and One (1) Unexpired, One-Year Term.

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 13 de Mayo de 2006 para votar en la Elección General para elegir

Cuatro repleto, miembros de tabla de termino de dos-año y un no caducado, el termino de un-año.

LOCATIONS(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en

400 W. Murchinson, Eldorado, Texas
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006

entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 1 de Mayo 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006. y terminando 9 de Mayo 2006

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Beverly Minor
Early Voting Clerk
Nombre de Secretario (a) de la Votación Adelantada
400 W. Murchinson
Address (Dirección)
Eldorado, Texas 76936
City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later that the close of business on (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia pro correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el) May 5, 2006 (5 de Mayo 2006)

Issued this the 27 day of February, 2006
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- 1998 Silver Ford Contour 4/door Vin#1FAFP6637WK239154
- 1992 Red Ford F150 Vin#1FTEX15N1NB64025
- 1992 Maroon Ford F-150 Vin#1FT1X15N1NKA76950
- 1986 White Ford F-150 Vin#1FTDF15H4GHB02839
- 1999 Silver Ford Crown Vic Vin#2FAFP71W5XX101909
- 2003 Maroon Ford Focus 2/door Vin# 3FAFP31303R185161

This vehicle can not be inspected in the State of Texas. Vehicles are located 1.5 miles on Hwy. 190 West, near cemetery. Call Sheriff Office if you are interested in viewing. Call 325-853-2737. The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department has the right to refuse any and all bids.

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- MAYOR (Two Year Term)
- CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD #1 (Two Year Term)
- CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD #1 (One Year Unexpired Term)
- CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD #2 (Two Year Term)
- CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD #3 (Two Year Term)

FILING DEADLINE TO PLACE NAME ON BALLOT:
Monday, March 13, 2006, 5:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Carolyn Mayo @ Eldorado City Hall,
6 S. Cottonwood St. 853-2691

PUBLIC NOTICE BY SCHLEICHER COUNTY

Chapter 258 of the Texas Transportation Code (AChapter 258") authorizes a county to clarify the existence of a public right of access over certain county roads. Under Chapter 258, the commissioners court of a county may propose and, after an opportunity for affected landowners to object to the inclusion of certain roads, to adopt a county roads map that includes each road in which the county claims the existence of a public interest because of documented county ownership or as a result of the county having continuously maintained the road since before September 1, 1981.

Schleicher County (ACounty@) claims the existence of a public interest in certain county roads that are included on a county roads map that has been proposed by the County Commissioners Court for adoption by the County under Chapter 258. A map that shows the county roads proposed to be included on the Chapter 258 county roads map will be available for public inspection during regular business hour in the Schleicher County Courthouse.

Under Chapter 258, any person asserting a private right, title, or interest in a road which the County has included in the proposed county roads map may protest the County's claim of a public interest by making a protest at the public meeting described below, or by filing a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the public meeting.

The Commissioners Court of Schleicher County will hold a public meeting for the purpose of allowing any person asserting a private right, title, or interest in a road in which the County has claimed the existence of a public right of access, by including it on the proposed county roads map, to protest the County's claim under Chapter 258. That meeting will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2006, in the Commissioners Courtroom at the County Courthouse, 2 North Divide Street, Eldorado, Texas.

For protest forms or for further information, visit the office of County Judge Johnny Griffin in the Schleicher County Courthouse, or call at (325) 853-2766.

Applications being taken for Game Warden academy

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is taking applications for a game warden cadet class scheduled to start October 2006. Applications will be available starting March 1, 2006 and will be accepted through April 14, 2006.

Twenty-five cadets will be accepted in the 52nd Game Warden Academy, which will begin its seven-month training October 2006. More than 700 people applied for the 40 positions in the previous cadet class that graduated in July 2005.

Game warden recruiters say they are particularly interested in receiving applications from persons who are bilingual in Spanish and English. Bilingual game wardens receive additional pay of \$50 per month.

Applicants must be 21 years old on or before October 2006 and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. The degree requirement must be met prior to June 1, 2006.

To be accepted, applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements and successfully complete a regional interview, an extensive background investigation, and a physical agility test held in Austin. Applicants must successfully complete each step before advancing to the next step.

After graduation, the new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives by enforcing the Water Safety Act and conducting standard peace officer duties.

Applications and more information on requirements and compensation may be obtained on line at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/warden/> or from TPWD Law Enforcement offices.

For additional information contact Game Warden Recruiter Royce Wells at 1-877-229-2733.

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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 21 • Castaneda, Gabriel Chavez, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense County Warrant.
- February 24 • Merwin, Jerry Lee, male age 62, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault Family Violence. Released on Bond \$1,000.00.
- Key, Timothy, male age 37, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant.
- February 25 • Franco, Rodolfo, male age 42, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Assault Family Violence.
- Gaspar, Bernardino, male age 21, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Hold for Border Patrol. Released to BP.
- February 26 • Moya, Norberto Huete, male age 19, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.
- February 26 • Melton, Cody Lee, male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant.

INCIDENTS

- February 21 • 10:35 p.m. Caller advised of a vehicle driving erotically south bound on highway 277. Caller described suspect vehicle as white or silver Escalade. Officer located suspect vehicle south of city limits.
- February 22 • 11:17 a.m. Reported three goats on highway. Officer responded.
- 3:04 p.m. Reported an accident on Lea Ave. Officer responded.
- 6:27 p.m. Complainant reported two dogs in the middle of the highway. Animal control was notified.
- February 23 • 3:12 a.m. Complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls. Officer responded.
- February 24 • Complainant reported that a male subject had assaulted her. Officers responded.

- 8:19 p.m. Reported loose livestock on highway south 277. Officer responded.
- February 25 • 12:59 a.m. Complainant phoned and notified office of a fight in progress. Officer responded.
- 3:32 a.m. Caller advised that assistance was needed at location. Caller was responding to life alert emergency button pressed and activated. When caller arrived at residence, no response at doorway and no lights were on. Officer responded to assist.
- 3:30 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. Officer and EVFD responded.
- 4:54 p.m. Complainant reported concern for young girl traveling with a suitcase.
- 5:39 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a white Ford pickup on highway 190 West.
- 5:53 p.m. Complainant reported domestic problem. Officer responded to scene. Complainant reported that she had gotten into fight with husband over his drinking. The husband was not on scene. Complainant did not have any injuries and was waiting for a friend to pick her up. Complainant did not want to take any further action.
- February 26 • Complainant reported gas had been stolen from one of the Thunderbird Vans. Officer responded. The locking gas cap had been damaged by unknown individuals. The top of the cap was found laying on the ground and the rest of the cap was still inserted in the nozzle preventing anyone from taking any gas. The complainant was not on scene to provide officer with damage estimate.
- 5:25 p.m. Complainant advised SO that children were playing in the street near her residence. Officer responded.
- February 27 • 9:25 a.m. Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served. Office responded.
- 9:54 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about receiving threatening phone calls. Office responded.
- 3:01 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Officers and EMS 2 responded.
- 4:50 p.m. Complainant stated that she got a report of one of her checks being forged from the DA office in Waco. Complainant stated that she had sent a check to a charity in Dallas by mail and was notified someone had tried to pass the check in Waco. The check was through a bank in Sonora. Office advised complainant to sign forgery affidavit at the bank in Sonora.
- 10:37 p.m. Complainant reported they had hit a lamb on the highway. Officer responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Formations

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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7	9	5	2	8	4	1	6	3
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Brick Sidewalk

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AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Election held on March 7, 2006 will be tested on March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Schleicher County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the vote's cast for all offices.

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usara en la lección que se llevara a cabo el 7 de Marzo de 2006 se probara el 3 de Marzo a las 10:00 de la mañana en Casa de la Corte del Condado de Schleicher para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales. Peggy Williams, County Clerk (Secretario del Condado)

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for all of the caring people who supported our family after the loss of our dear loved one. Thank you for your calls, visits, food and flowers. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.
 The Bobbie Killebrew Family

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC NOTICE

Schleicher County is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or firms for management, administrative, and planning services in conjunction with the Colonia Planning Grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for program year of 2005. Accordingly, the County is seeking to contract with a qualified management firm to administer the contract. Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

Judge Johnny F. Griffin
 Schleicher County
 County Courthouse
 P.O. Box 536
 Eldorado, Texas 76936

Proposals must be received by the County no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 20th day of March, 2006 to be considered. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Schleicher County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Eldorado Spotlight



Girls Doubles Seniors Taylor Baker (L) and Maxie Holley (R) swept the Eldorado Invitational Tennis Tournament February 24 and February 25 to win the Girls Double Team Championship. The duo won in back to back sets 6-3, 6-4 against team mates Allison Reynolds and Lauren Brown.

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**SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**

**Candidate Filing Dates
February 11, 2006 through March 13, 2006**

**Application for a place on the ballot
may be picked up between
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Friday**

Single Member District Places 1, 2, and 5

****NOTICE****

**The last day to file will be March 13, 2006
Early Voting in SCISD Administration Office, 205 W. Fields
May 1, 2006 through May 9, 2006**

**Election Day: May 13, 2006
Memorial Building**

Call Marcie Montez @ 853-2514 (x226) for more information

**SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD
ORDER OF TRUSTEE ELECTION FOR SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 13, 2006 for the purpose of:

Electing trustees for One (1) Single Member District Position #1, One (1) Single Member District Position #2 and One (1) Single Member District Position #5.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

Schleicher County ISD Administration Building, located at 205 West Fields Ave., Eldorado, Texas.

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on May 1, 2006 and ending on May 9, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Name of Early Voting Clerk: Marcie Montez
Address: PO Box W
City/State/Zip Code: Eldorado, TX 76936

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 5, 2006.

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
None	--	--

Issued this the 13th day of February, 2006.

Berta Nicholson
Member
Jan Warroneck
Member
Shane Higgins
Member
Leta Sanchez
Member

Jo Helen Kozak
Signature of Presiding Officer
Eddie L. Albr
Member
Paul Danner
Member

**SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD
ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD**

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 13 de Mayo de 2006 con el proposito de:

Eleccion de trustee: Un Precincto #1, #2 y #5.

Lavitacuín adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:

Schleicher County ISD Administration Building, located at 205 West Fields Ave., Eldorado, Texas.

Entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 1 de Mayo de 2006 y terminando el 9 Mayo de 2006.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

Nombre del Secretaria de Votacion Adelantada: Marcie Montez
Direccion: PO Box W
Ciudad/Zona Postal: Eldorado, TX 76936

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el 5 de Mayo 2006.

La votacion adelantada ademas se llevara a cabo de tal manera:

Sitio	Fecha	Hóras
None	--	--

Emitida este día 13 de Febrero 2006.

Berta Nicholson
Miembro
Jan Warroneck
Miembro
Shane Higgins
Miembro
Leta Sanchez
Miembro

Jo Helen Kozak
Firma del Oficial que Preside
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Womans' Club enjoys cello program

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Womans' Club met Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club room. Sixteen members and two guests were present. The theme for our meeting was Music, Music, Music. President Mary Roden opened our meeting with a warm welcome to everyone. She called on Dorothy Harris for a prayer and Nelva Martin to lead us in pledges to our flags.

Secretary Dorothy Harris gave her report, and Treasurer Nelva Martin followed with a report that included a listing of our donations and a memorial honoring long valued club member Imogene Edmiston who passed away recently. Each member cherishes our years of knowing Imogene and sharing many wonderful years of club work with her. She was a good friend, teacher, wife, parent and grandparent, and our lives were enriched from knowing her.

President Roden next presented the nominating Committee's slate of new officers for our coming 2006-2008 club years. They are: President, Jerre Holley; 1st Vice-President, Cathy Niblett; Secretary, Pat Holt; Treasurer, Nelva Martin; Historian, Myrt Williams; and Parliamentarian, Jean Ann Karms. A motion to accept the new slate of officers was made and seconded, and a written ballot was taken and the outcome was unanimous for these officers. The Nominating Committee and Members thank each officer for accepting these responsibilities and we look forward to their leadership beginning in the fall.

Roll call was next and was answered by giving a favorite song: Always, St. Louis Blues, America The Beautiful, Sentimental Journey, Battle Hymn of the Republic, On Wings of a Dove, You Are My Sunshine, Nearer My God the Thee, Rubber Dolly, Yellow Rose of Texas, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Unchained Melody, Remember When, and The Waltz You Saved for Me.

Program Leader Nelva Martin had the honored privilege of introducing Jean Ann Karen as our program speaker. Jean Ann had brought her Cello, and she not only told us a lot of information about the Cello she also delighted us with different ways to play the Cello. She told us that for twenty-two years of playing the Cello she had taught, and she had also played in the Richardson Orchestra.

She told us many interesting things beginning with when the Cello came into being way back in the 14th century. She told us about the parts of the instrument, why has its shape, about the horse hair used for the bow strings, reason for the shape of the bow, the dif-

ferent sounds made by the various ways of playing the instrument and much more.

She told us she now uses her wonderful instrument as an additional expression of her ministry and she feels privileged to share her love and special musical talent in her ministry. We thank Jean Ann for her magic program an enjoyed both her telling us about the Cello and her playing whether it was back or "The Pink Panther."

For this reporter Cello music is a soul touching sound and I know Jean Ann's congregation is blessed each time she plays for her church. I was told she and Stan Meador are a

musical team and I bet there's a few special angels sitting around the Piano and Cello calling for more, more, more, when they play.

We ended our business Meeting by reciting our club collect. Refreshment time closed our meeting. Hostess Jerre Holley, Cathy Niblett and Shine Spigarelli had prepared a wonderful table of delightful food. The table appointments were such great fun as our meeting was held on Valentines Day. Thanks ladies for a special refreshment time.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room.



Stargazer

Paul Derrick

Zodiacal Light & Gegenschein

Now is good time of year to look for two ghostly spectacles that usually go unnoticed in the night sky--zodiacal light and gegenschein. Both are faint and can be seen only under clear moonless skies away from urban light pollution. They appear as subtle soft patches of lightglow with zodiacal light the much easier of the two to see. They are related phenomena yet appear in different parts of the sky and at different times.

An hour or two after sunset (or before sunrise), when the sky is totally dark, face west (or east in the morning) and look for a cone-shaped glow rising from the horizon. At the base it is about as wide as your fist held at arm's length and comes to a rounded point some two fists above the horizon. It might seem to be just a residual of dusk, but it's not. The light actually comes from beyond Earth's atmosphere in the spaces between the planets.

All the planets orbit the Sun on nearly the same plane and thus follow the same path through our sky, called the ecliptic. The band of constellations through which they pass is the zodiac, giving rise to the name, zodiacal light.

The space between the planets' orbital planes is almost empty, but not quite. It contains tiny fragments of space dust which are ordinarily invisible, like particles of household dust in the air we breathe. But when the light is just right they become visible.

Household dust can be seen as it passes through a ray of sunlight

in a dimly lit room. Zodiacal light is sunlight reflected off countless particles of space dust scattered along the zodiac. Theoretically it's possible to see this faint glow along the zodiac all the way across the night sky, but in reality it's usually visible only near the horizon.

The exception is gegenschein, the part of the zodiacal light band exactly opposite the Sun. Also called counter glow, it appears as a slightly elongated patch of light best seen high in the south in the middle of the night. While zodiacal light seen near the horizon can be relatively bright, gegenschein is always much fainter and a challenge to see.

• Naked-eye Planets: Evening: Mercury is low in the west at dusk but rapidly sinking into the setting Sun. Mars is high in the southwest and Saturn high in the southeast. Morning: "Morning star" Venus is brilliant low in the east with Jupiter the brightest object high in the south.

• Planet-star comparison: This is a good time to test the adage "stars twinkle, planets don't" with Mars near the star Aldebaran. Both are reddish and now equally bright. They are high in the southwest in the early evening with Mars on top.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

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