

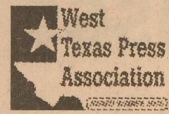
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## YFZ gets a dairy

By all accounts, the latest large building going up at the YFZ Ranch is intended to house a dairy. Aerial photos of the structure and its attached pens indicate the facility will almost certainly house some type of large scale animal feeding operation.

Just how large the operation turns out to be will determine how closely government regulators will monitor the facility. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality guidelines classify any dairy operation with more than 700 head of cattle as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) and requires the operator to obtain a permit and adhere to strict environmental regulations.

However, a dairy with fewer than 700 head falls under the less stringent rules of an Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) which don't require a state license or permit.

That's not to say that AFOs don't have to follow environmental rules. According to Texas Administrative Code 321.47, the operator of an AFO must comply with a certified water management plan as required by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

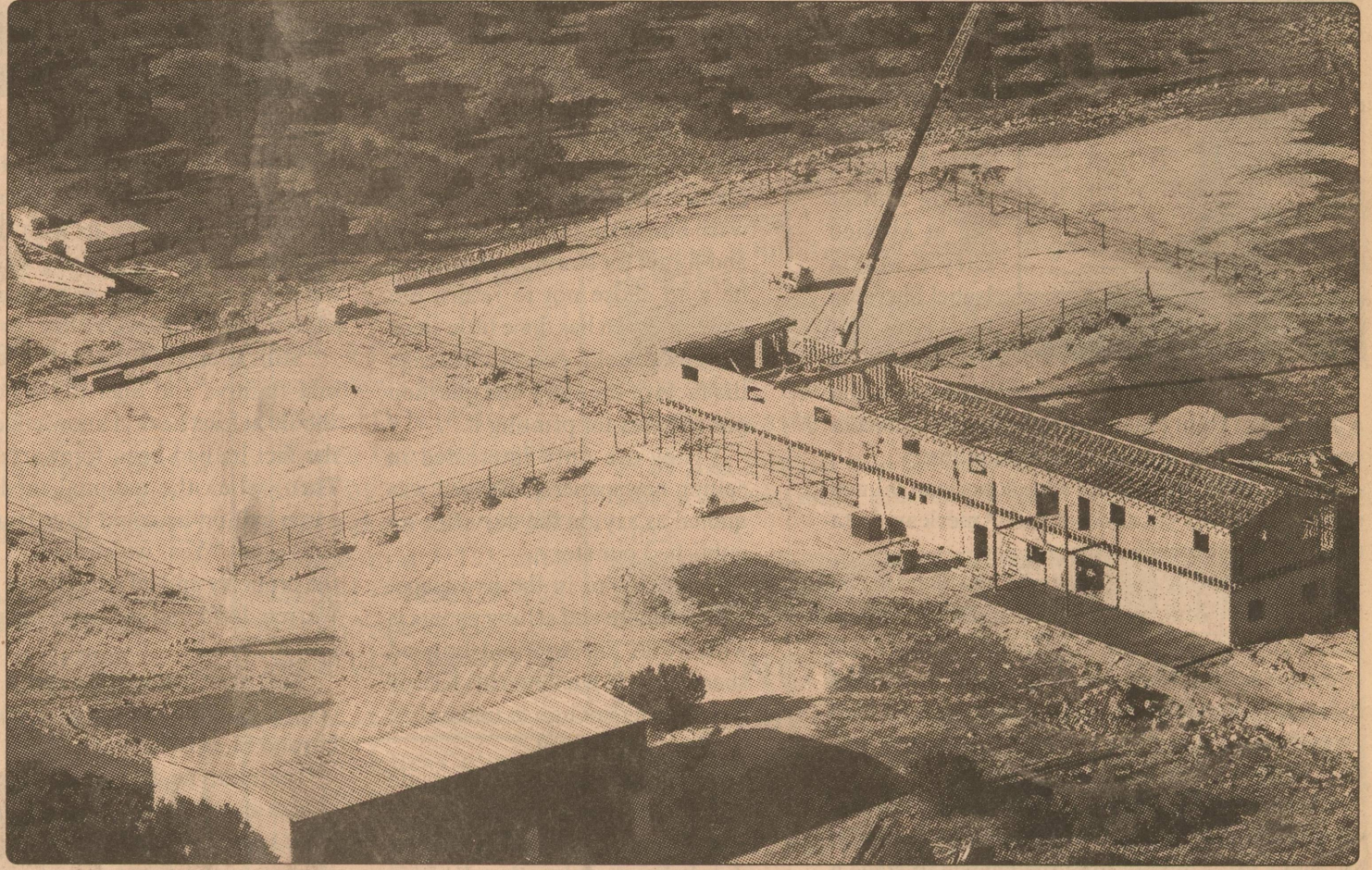
Also, an AFO must ensure that ma-

nure, litter, or wastewater generated at an AFO is stored, beneficially used, or disposed of in a manner that will protect surface and groundwater quality. The owner of an AFO must also prevent nuisance conditions and minimize odor conditions.

There is no record that YFZ managers have applied for a CAFO permit and representatives of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board office in Dublin said he was not aware of a dairy, large or small, being built at the YFZ. Regardless of the size a dairy will be required to adhere to a certified water management plan.

There appear to be no rules that would prevent a dairy from discharging of its waste in a licensed wastewater treatment plant like the one ranch officials want to build. However, according to a TCEQ official in the San Angelo office, the YFZ's wastewater treatment permit, if and when it is finally issued, would have to be amended to allow for the animal waste to be dumped in the plant. Thus far, at least, state officials have no reason to believe that such a plan is in the works.

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SUCCESS PHOTO

According to Isaac Wyley, a man familiar with the dairy in Colorado City, AZ, the large building under construction above is nearly identical to the milking parlor in use in C-City. Wyley says the second story will most likely house large milk vats as well as butter and cheese plants, which might explain the heavy reinforced walls and flooring.

## Scholarship foundation launched to honor late S.C. commissioner

Billy Gene Edmiston, local rancher and Schleicher County Commissioner, lost his life 25 years ago in a freak accident at the intersection of South Divide (US 277) and West Avenue (near current Farm Service Agency office) when a truck



COURTESY PHOTO  
Billy Gene Edmiston  
1935-1981

being towed by a second truck came loose and collided with Edmiston's vehicle as he sat at a stop sign waiting for traffic to clear. Edmiston had dropped his daughter off at a friend's home moments before the accident.

Now, Edmiston's son, Gene Edmiston of Crosby, TX, is setting up a scholarship fund to honor his late father. The self-perpetuating fund is being established for the purpose of assisting Eldorado High School graduates with their college expenses. Initially the fund will provide \$500 per semester to a qualified student each year. Gene Edmiston says he hopes the fund will grow to the point that additional students may be assisted.

"My father loved Eldorado and Schleicher County," Gene Edmiston said. "I want to do what I can to see that his memory is preserved here."

Billy Gene Edmiston was born July 4, 1935 to long-time Schleicher County residents E.N. and Idella Edmiston. Two of his brothers, Orval Edmiston and W.F. Edmiston, and one of his sisters, Shine Spigarelli, continue to make their home here in Eldorado. Another sister, Mary Dell Baskin, lives in Canton, OH.

He was a 1954 graduate of Eldorado High School. He then attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville where he graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree.

Billy Gene Edmiston was married to Joann Clements on Aug. 26, 1956. They had two sons and a daughter, Jed Edmiston of San Angelo, Gene Edmiston of Crosby, and Jan Edmiston Culbreth of Allen, TX. The family attended and were

very active in the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 and 1960 and saw duty in post-conflict Korea.

Billy Gene Edmiston taught Agriculture at Alvin High School from 1961-1967, before returning to Eldorado to join the family ranching business.

He owned and operated Handy Hardware during the early to mid-1970s. The business was housed in the building where the Schleicher County Museum is now located. Many of the long-time residents of Eldorado remember Mr. Edmiston for his talents in carpentry and wood working.

"I still have people to this day come up to me and comment on my dad's work as a carpenter and cabinet maker," says Gene Edmiston. "I still have the birds-eye maple bed and dresser my dad made and an antique refinisher once told me that the techniques used to build the furniture were a combination from several wood working eras."

In 1977, he took over as manager of the Eldorado Golf Course, a position he held until his death.

He was elected in 1980 as county commissioner in Precinct #1 and took office in January before his death on March 28, 1981.

Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin said of Edmiston, "Billy Gene was on the commissioners court only a few months before his death. I wish it could have been longer. He always had the best interest of the county and this community in mind and I find it fitting that a foundation is being established in his name to benefit the youths of this county."

As part of the ongoing effort to support the Billy Gene Edmiston Scholarship Foundation, a two-person select shot golf tournament is planned for Saturday, March 25, 2006, the weekend nearest to the 25th anniversary of Billy Gene Edmiston's tragic death. Persons interested in participating and supporting the scholarship foundation are encouraged to contact Gene Edmiston at 713-502-3367 or by e-mail at gene\_edmiston@hotmail.com. Also, Phil McCormick may be contacted at 325-853-2511 or 325-853-3206.

## City to sell Main St. lots by sealed bid

Eldorado City Council members learned Monday that Kerry Joy, owner of West Texas Feed and Mercantile is interested in purchasing several lots the city owns on Southwest Main Street. Real estate agent Lynn Meador appeared before the council to convey Joy's desire to buy the property and put in a bulk feed operation.

Mayor John Nikolauk explained that in order to sell the lots the city would have to offer them for sale by sealed bid.

The council discussed the matter briefly then voted unanimously to offer the lots for sale and to call for sealed bids. The bids will be opened at the council's next meeting on April 10, 2006.

The meeting was the council's regular monthly session and was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk with council members Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans,

Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez and Juquin Rojas in attendance.

Among other business the council met for about an hour with Matt Jones representing WTU Retail. Jones explained that the city could avoid having to go out for bids every year for electrical power by joining a group like the Texas Association of School Boards or the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments. The move would allow the city to combine its purchasing power with a larger group in order to get lower rates and eliminate some charges like meter fees.

The council instructed City Secretary Carolyn Mayo to contact TASB and the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments and inquire about the joining their purchasing cooperative.

Kelly Griffin next met with the council concerning an

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## Commissioners hear pitch for Wellness Center

Dr. Jim Brame gave a presentation Monday morning to the Schleicher County Commissioners' Court on the benefits of having a Wellness Center in Eldorado. Brame told the court one benefit would be the assistance of individuals who have undergone a cardiac by-pass surgery. The recovery process involves a cardiac rehabilitation program based on supervised exercise. Such a center close by would save the patient traveling time. Dr. Brame also mentioned the benefits of exercise for maintaining good health.

Brame explained to the court of the development of the Schleicher County Wellness Foundation, Inc., which is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The foundation's main purpose is to seek funding for building and maintaining a exercise facility.

Brame told the court he is the process of educating the public about the foundation's goals. He also told the court the center would raise the standard of living in Eldorado by offering a place to safely exercise and thus raise the quality of health in the community.

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

Among other business, the commissioners heard from Fire Chief Jerry

Jones about the county's Bee Extermination Program. Jones explained that the program was begun last year to take some of the pressure off the volunteer firefighters who had previously been handling the calls. Current procedures call for the county to pay volunteer firefighters to make bee calls in their free time. Jones said there has been no let up since the first Africanized honeybees appeared here a few years ago.

Judge Griffin advised Jones the county would be in favor of continuing

the service if the Fire Department had individuals willing to do the job.

Jones then asked if the commissioners had any objections to restricting bee calls to residences and businesses, thereby eliminating calls made in pastures and rangeland. Following a brief discussion the commissioners advised they had no objections to the restrictions and thanked Jones for his time.

Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe then met with

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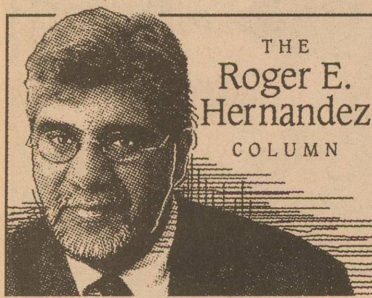
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Dr. Jim Brame described the need for a Wellness Center to Schleicher County Commissioners Monday morning.



# Dependent Independence

The hotel scandal that made front-page news in Mexico is a reminder that President Vicente Fox has not been able to cure an old political ill that plagues his country: Policy that is bad for the national interest is preferable to policy that is good for the national interest if the good policy carries the slightest whiff of alignment with the United States.



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The latest outbreak of the disease began in early February during a meeting at Mexico City's Maria Isabel Sheraton between U.S. oil-company executives and a delegation from Fidel Castro's regime to discuss opportunities in Cuba's petroleum industry.

One first has to wonder why American oilmen seek to invest in yet another anti-American dictatorship. But never mind that for now.

What counts in this diplomatic brouhaha is that U.S. Treasury officials told the Sheraton's owners that taking money from the Cubans violated the embargo against the Castro regime. Even though the hotel is in a foreign country, they said, it's still owned by an American company subject to U.S. law. So the Cubans were kicked out.

The Mexican left -- led by presidential hopeful Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, former mayor of Mexico City -- did not miss the chance to stage a display of its age-old hypersensitive nationalism. Down with the pro-American Fox administration for allowing U.S. laws to be enforced on Mexican soil! Such a violation of sovereignty, they insisted, must be punished with the closure of the offending hotel.

So one month after the Cubans were kicked out, city officials moved to shut the hotel down for violating municipal codes.

In a town notorious for lax enforcement of its regulations, no one believes that bureaucrats all of a sudden became zealous about things like not having the menu in Braille.

Everybody knows it's politics. Not at all coincidental is that in a campaign speech, Lopez Obrador -- it was his allies who ordered the hotel shut down two days later -- pledged that if elected he would return Mexico to its "noninterventionist" foreign policy in regard to Cuba.

Translated, he means that a President Lopez Obrador will never criticize human-rights violations by the Castro regime.

Fox, you see, is the first Mexican president to directly condemn the lack of freedom in Cuba. But that is unacceptable to Lopez Obrador and his Party of Democratic Revolution. Criticism of Castro might make someone think Mexico is following a policy that Americans approve of. Heaven forbid.

One would think that the foreign policy of a modern, sovereign democracy would pride itself on promoting the growth of modern, sovereign democracy. Why does Lopez Obrador think that cozying up to the world's longest-ruling tyrant serves the Mexican national interest? It's a mystery. Something to do with not doing what the United States likes, just to show how independent one is.

Except that in the end, hanging on every word the Americans utter just to do the opposite only emphasizes dependence on every utterance of the Americans.

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# Media hype...what a lazy cop calls it when he gets caught not doing his job

The national media has descended on Custer County, South Dakota and Sheriff Phil Hesperen is not a bit happy about it. It seems that the story we broke here last week about Warren Jeffs' new hideout in the Black Hills has got Hesperen's hackles up and he's lashing out at the press in general and us in particular.

Never mind the fact that we here at *The Success* attempted to contact Sheriff Hesperen in order to warn him of the coming avalanche, and forget for a minute that it was he who chose not to return our calls...Hesperen has done little since the news broke except challenge the facts of the story and question our motives for printing it.

"They are only interested in selling newspapers," Hesperen was quoted as saying the day after we published our story.

Duh! We're in the newspaper business here and selling papers is what we do. I'm surprised the good sheriff would put down his Krispy Kreme long enough to make such an absurd comment.

Seriously, and leaving aside the clichés for a moment, it is obvious to all that Sheriff Hesperen didn't have a clue that Warren Jeffs' followers had moved into his



county, and there's nothing wrong with that. There is no way that a small department such as his can be expected to keep up with the comings and goings of everyone in the county, especially in a tourist Mecca like the Black Hills.

Still, a federal fugitive is a federal fugitive and Sheriff Hesperen should at least have acknowledged the fact he had been forewarned. Then, when the national media came calling he could have truthfully said, "Yes, we are aware of the property and its alleged ties to Warren Jeffs and we are looking into it."

But, even that small amount of common sense seems to have been beyond Sheriff Hesperen's ability.

Instead, he has challenged almost every aspect of the story, even saying at one point that he cannot prove there is any connection between the Black Hills

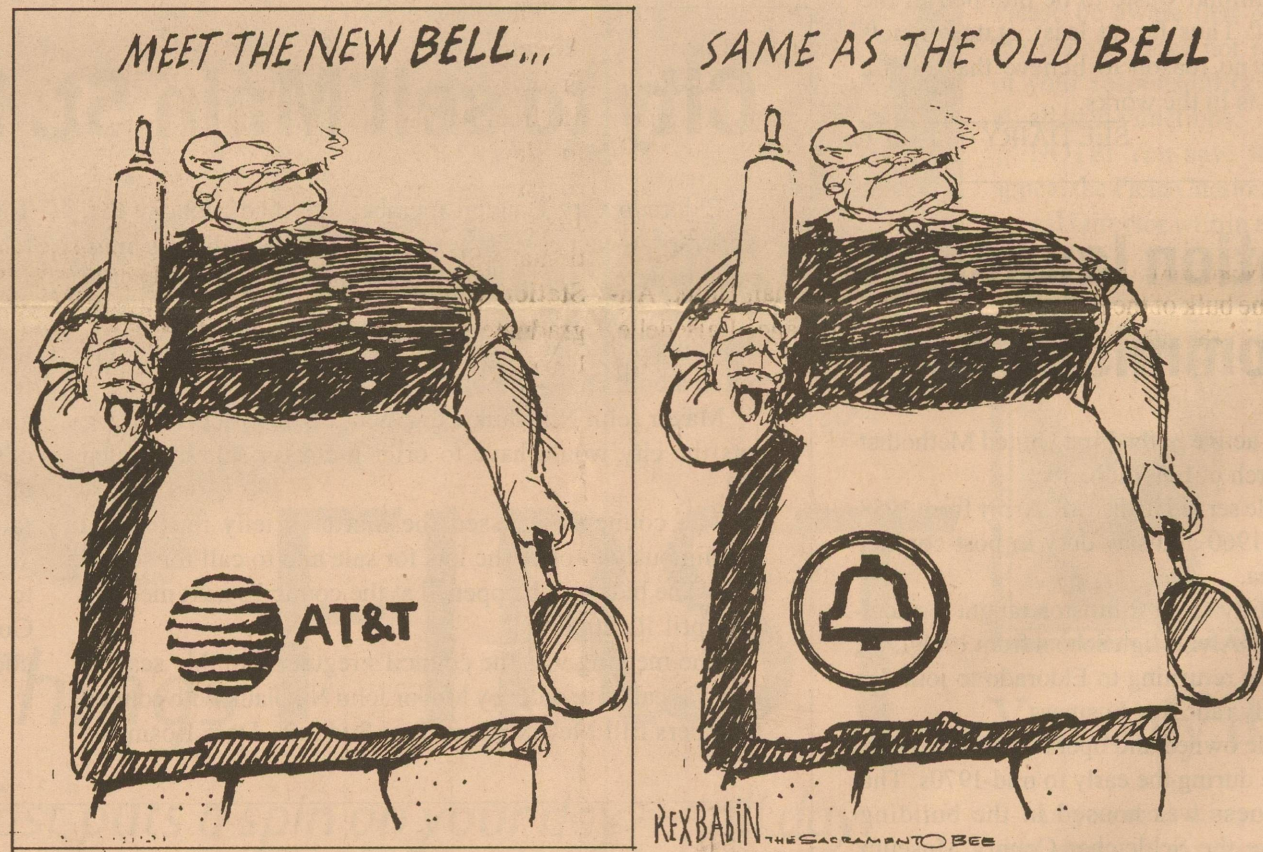
property and Warren Jeffs.

Hesperen then went on a tirade in which he challenged Patrice St. Germain, a reporter for *The Spectrum* newspaper in St. George, UT, to furnish him with proof that Warren Jeffs is at the Black Hills compound. "What if Osama bin Laden was there? Santa Claus may live there," he said. "We deal in proof, in facts. Give me the actual facts instead of hype."

How's this for facts? Warren Jeffs is a fugitive from justice with an FBI reward on his head. His cousin and son-in-law, David Steed Allred, fronted the purchase of the Black Hills property just like he did here in Schleicher County, Texas and in Montezuma County, Colorado. Those facts are on file and readily available in the county courthouse, which I believe is just a few feet down the street from Sheriff Hesperen's office.

In his defense, Hesperen points out that there are numerous motorcycle gangs headquartered in his county, each of them with more felons than the FLDS church.

That's nice to know. I just wish the crime-fighter would give credit to whoever it was who handed him that bit of information.



# Bonnie Parker's last hairdo

I was in Mineola the other day and someone told me I ought to go interview Odelle Strickland, who lives in the small community of Alba. The person who recommended her to me said she is 95 years old and lives alone in a house that she maintains by mowing the lawn and doing roof repairs.

So I went to Alba and interviewed Odelle about her life. She grew up on a farm and milked cows and plowed fields. She was a beauty operator for 75 years and still has a beauty shop in Alba. Occasionally she'll fix somebody's hair. She also has a collection of old clocks and some antique beauty shop equipment that she keeps in good working order. She bowled a lot and owns 3 bowling balls. A couple of pictures she painted hang in her living room.

She thinks she is the oldest living beauty operator that is still working. "I could fix hair every day if I wanted to," she said. In the early days of her career she charged a quarter for a shampoo and set. Some people thought that was too expensive.

I recorded our conversation for about 30 minutes and was satisfied I had enough material for a column



by  
Tumbleweed  
Smith

or program and was putting away my recorder and microphone when she said, "I gave Bonnie Parker her last hairdo two weeks before she and Clyde Barrow were shot." I got out my microphone and sat down to hear all about that.

"We were not busy one day and this lady came in and said 'lock the door and don't let nobody in and don't answer the phone.' She said she wanted her hair done. The other girl in the shop washed her hair, but she was so nervous she could hardly do anything. Bonnie didn't bother me. I rolled her hair up then put her under the drier. She kept a towel over her face. She had a half-opened umbrella and kept her hand in it all the time she was in the shop. I tried every way to see in it, but she always moved it. She knew what I was doing. I'm sure she had a gun in there.

"The county doctor had an office next to our shop and we had a big double door that joined our

place to his. When he was gone, we always answered his phone. His phone got to ringing and Bonnie told us not to answer it. I told her if we didn't, people would get suspicious. Bonnie told me 'you look honest enough. Go ahead and answer it. But leave the door open.' So I went ahead and took the message. While I was on the phone, I wrote a note saying 'Bonnie Parker is in the beauty shop. Go get the sheriff.' The doctor came while she was still there and tried to open the door to our shop. Bonnie told us not to let him in. I told her he needs to know where the patient lives. Bonnie let me go to the door and talk to the doctor. I told him Bonnie was still in the shop. The doctor went to the sheriff's office but nobody came. She wouldn't let us finish dying her hair real good, but I went ahead and fixed her hair best I could. She paid us and said 'don't follow me or say nothing.' Then she left. When we thought she had time to get gone, we rushed outside. I figure Clyde was waiting for her and she got in the car and they took off. We went to the sheriff's office and asked why they didn't come over. They said they were afraid we'd get hurt."

# House education chair loses primary

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Statewide voter turnout in the March 7 primaries was only 9 percent — the lowest primary turnout in more than 15 years, according to the secretary of state's elections division.

Nevertheless, one race for a Texas House district seat in the Republican primary packed an immediate statewide wallop.

In that race, state Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, lost by a wide margin to Diane Patrick, a former member of the State Board of Education and former Arlington school board trustee.

Grusendorf is current chair of the House Public Education Committee. (He had not resigned as of press time.)

He also is a member of the powerful, tax-writing Ways and Means Committee and is the 12th most senior member of the 150-seat Texas House.

An interpretation of the loss: Grusendorf's district opted for a new, education-oriented state representative, given his failure to lead fellow lawmakers to solve school finance or the closely linked issue of property tax reform.

Since the late 1980s, the Legislature has been subject to intensifying and often competing pressures from anti-tax and pro-education groups to change the state's tax system. After all, taxes can't be cut, hiked or reshaped without hurting some important constituent.

The tax system, fashioned over the past 170 years by a maze of laws and court decisions, depends increasingly on local ad valorem taxes for revenue. This dependence pits local taxing entities against each other and property owners against the many taxing entities individually and/or collectively.

Taxes and education turned Grusendorf's work into a juggling act. Now, Patrick will occupy Grusendorf's place — but not his high-profile committee assignments — in a legislature on which the Texas Supreme Court has placed a June 1 deadline to reshape the state's property tax system. Lawmakers must reform the system until it is fair enough to satisfy the Texas Constitution's mandate that local taxing authorities have the power to set their own tax rates.

Two decades ago, state revenue paid 70 percent of a school district's budget while local ad valorem tax revenue made up the other 30 percent. Now, the state pitches in about 30 percent, leaving school districts to make up the other 70 percent. That leaves poorer school districts no choice but to set property tax rates at the maximum of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Friedman, Strayhorn take names

Texas' two independent candidates for governor, state comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn and writer-entertainer Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman wasted no time in launching efforts to gather enough signatures to get on the November ballot.

Both are using grassroots groups across the state to collect the needed 45,540 signatures to qualify for a spot on the ballot. They have until May 11 to complete the job. The secretary of state's elections divisions must verify signatures. To count, a signature must belong to a registered voter who did not vote in either of the party primaries or ensuing runoffs.

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# OBITUARIES

## Janee Lacy Finley

ELDORADO - Janee Lacy Finley, 57, died Sunday, March 12, 2006, in Las Vegas. Services slated for 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado.

## Vera Jessup

ABILENE — Vera Jessup, 94, earned her degree from Sul Ross State University and became a schoolteacher. She married Clarence Jessup, who preceded her in death in 1991. Mrs. Jessup moved to Abilene on Sept. 7, 2000, from Sonora, Texas. She was a Presbyterian.

Vera is survived by several nieces and nephews; and her longtime friends Bill and Alvah Wade and Myrtle Bray Wade. She



Mr. and Mrs. Trey Holik

COURTESY PHOTO

## Homer-Holik wedding

Heather Homer of Eldorado and Trey Holik of Veribest, were married March 11, 2006 at First Baptist Church of Eldorado with Sylas Politte officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Kurtis and Candi Homer of Eldorado. The bridegroom is the son of Eddie and Brenda Holik, Jr. of Veribest.

Grandparents of the bride are Karen and Kenith Homer of Grandview, Washington.

Grandparent of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Holik, Sr. of Wall and Joe and Rose Schwartz of St. Lawrence.

Maid of honor was sister of the groom Elizabeth Holik. Bridesmaids were Cara Bebee, Laura Tunnell and Mikinzie Holley.

Best man was Jason Holik, cousin of the groom. Grooms-men were Adam Holik and Chad Helwig, both cousins of the groom and Scott Homer, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Brian Holik, Andrew Holik and Lance LaBedelle, cousins of the groom and Trey Greene, cousin of the bride.

Flower girls were Taylar Thomerson and Morgan Wood, cousins of the bride, and ring bearers were Shawn and Shane LaBedelle, twin cousins of the groom. Ring bearer escort was Montana Terry.

Candle lighters were Briannah Creek and Kaylee Greene cousin of the bride.

Sound system was operated by

Nikki and Michael Kotsch, and the guests were registered by Kristin Mittel and Tiffany Hernandez.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown made of soft bridal knit and embellished with seed pearls, iridescent bead work, and lace. The train attached at the shoulders, with delicate cut outs and beadwork which alluded to a cross. The veil made by her mother was a crown of tiny red roses, seed pearls, worn on the back of the brides head. The bridesmaids wore dresses of satin with chiffon overlays each in a different color.

A reception was held afterward at the Schleicher County Civic Center.

The couple will live in San Angelo after a wedding trip to Fredericksburg. Both will graduate from Angelo State University in May. Heather will test for her registered nurse certification in June. The couple after graduation at ASU will move to College Station where Trey will attend graduate school at Texas A&M University.

## EHS blood drive slated March 23

"United Blood Services is asking Eldorado residents to come out and give blood," says Linda Grace of United Blood Services. Susie Richters, Eldorado school nurse is coordinating this blood drive and is asking all residents of Eldorado to support this life giving event. Did you know that just one unit of blood can save three lives?

The blood drive is scheduled from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Thursday, March 23, in the Eldorado High School cafeteria located at 205 S. Field St. For an appointment please contact Susie Richters-Eldorado School Nurse, [www.UnitedBloodServices.org](http://www.UnitedBloodServices.org)

at 325-853-2770 ext. 231. Or go online to book your appointment yourself: [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) type in the Sponsor Code: eagles.

Eldorado High School Students and United Blood Services are asking all residents, that are eligible, to stop by the blood drive to donate lifesaving blood. Potential donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. For more information on the blood drive call United Blood Services at 1-800-756-0024, or visit [www.UnitedBloodServices.org](http://www.UnitedBloodServices.org)

## Capital Highlights...

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### Party voters pick Perry and Bell

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry and former U.S. Congressman Chris Bell of Houston, a Democrat, won their party primaries and will face off in the November election.

It could be a four-way race if the Strayhorn and Friedman petitions pass muster.

students, restarted their lives in Texas after hurricanes Katrina and Rita last year, and Texas has not received the bulk of the federal aid promised in the aftermath of those disasters.

Gov. Perry appealed to the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee for a promised but undelivered \$2 billion.

### Richards diagnosed with cancer

Former Gov. Ann Richards announced that she has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer and will undergo treatment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Richards, 72, served as governor from 1991 to 1995.

### Huge wildfire hits Panhandle

Wind gusts up to 60 mph exacerbated wildfires that tore through parched grasslands near the Texas Panhandle city of Borger March 12. Texas Forest Service officials estimated the burned areas at more than 660,000 acres and the number of fire-related fatalities at seven.

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by Linda Thistle

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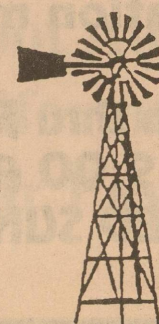
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- 21st Mason Baker, Javier Iglesias, Jr.
- 22nd Reese Schwiening, Jennah Richters, Raul Gonzalez, Violeta Rojas, Linda King
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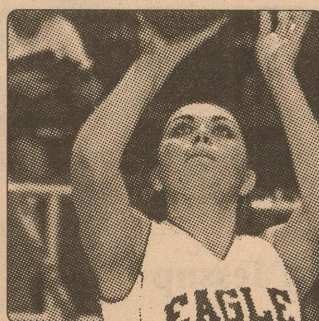
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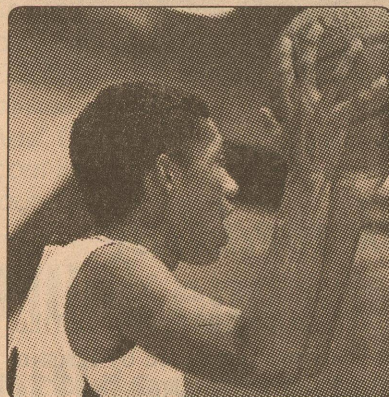
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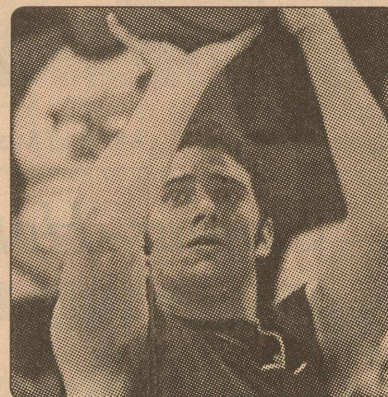
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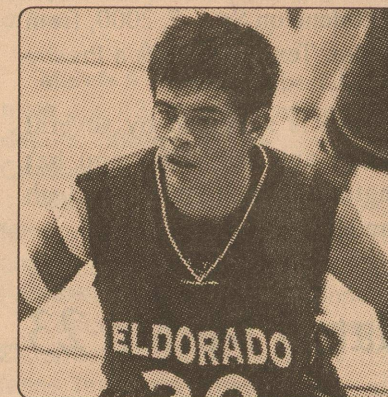
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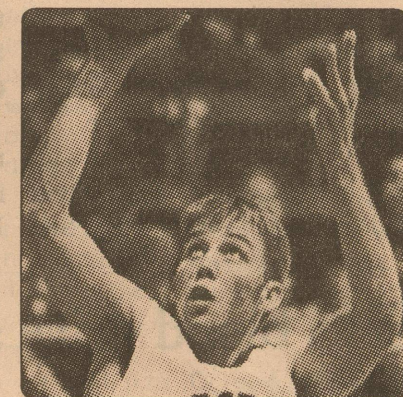
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# Results of Eldorado Middle School Plateau Relays

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**Eldorado 7th Grade Girls**  
**Shot Put:** 1. Abigail Ussery, 23'10.5"; 6. Brittaney Gauna, 20'9";  
**Discus:** 5. Abigail Ussery, 54' 1/2"  
**200 M Dash:** 3. Abigail Ussery, 31.37; Allyson Jarrett, 31.43;  
**1600 Relay:** 5. Eldorado (Marci Minor, Allyson Jarrett, Deisy Aranda, Lauer Garcia) 5:16.72;  
**400 M Relay:** 4. Eldorado (Allyson Jarrett, Ashley Paulson, Laura Garcia, Amy Alvizo), 63.80.  
**800 M Run:** 5. Marci Minor, 3:00  
**100 M Hurdles:** 4. Ashley Paulson, 21.73.  
**100 M Dash:** 6. Amy Alvizo, 15.28;  
**800 M Relay:** Eldorado (Ashley Paulson, Deisy Aranda, Rosy Iglesias, Laura Garcia) 2:13.14  
**400 M Dash:** 2. Abigail Ussery, 67.96; 5. Marci Minor, 76.10;  
**Eldorado 8th Grade Girls**  
**Triple Jump:** 5. Megan Crownover, 25' 1/2"  
**100 M Dash -** 6. Megan-tillo, 29'3.5"  
**Discus:** 3. Juan Medrano, 95'3.50";  
**1600 M Run:** 5. Mason Baker, 6:01.88;  
**1600 M Relay:** 2. Eldorado (Juan Medrano, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Ivany Sanchez) 4:03.53;  
**800 M Relay:** 1. Eldorado (Juan Medrano, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Ivany Sanchez) 49.21.

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**Wednesday, March 22**  
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**Thursday, March 23**  
 Corn Chip Pie, Cheese Cups, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves

**Friday, March 24**  
 Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Cowboy Cookies

**CAFETERIA LINE**

**Monday, March 20**  
 Pork Choppets, Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Creamed Potatoes, Sliced Peaches

**Tuesday, March 21**  
 Chalupas, Cheese Cups, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Jello/Topping

**Wednesday, March 22**  
 Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Spinach Salad, Pineapple Slices

**Thursday, March 23**  
 Corn Dogs, Cole Slaw, Pork-n-Beans, Peach Halves

**Friday, March 24**  
 Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Cowboy Cookies



## Commission delays initiation of Animal Identification Program

AUSTIN - Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) and some of his colleagues have succeeded in delaying a program that seeks to require premise registration of livestock and fowl owners by convincing the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) to cancel a meeting to discuss the issue. The program will now be offered on a voluntary basis only. TAHC had planned to meet on March 23 to adopt the proposed premise registration regulations. Without a meeting to discuss the

program, TAHC is unable to make premise registration mandatory at this time. "While it is important to have a program available that can help track a disease outbreak, I do not think that this identification program is necessarily the best way to do that," Hilderbran said. "I am pleased that we were able to get this meeting and the program postponed, and I will continue to support alternatives that would better serve the farmers and ranchers of Texas."

Hilderbran has advocated offering an alternative program for small producers that would be inexpensive and easier to use than the complex program currently up for debate. House Bill 1361, passed during the 79th Regular Legislative Session, authorized TAHC to develop an identification program. The proposed plan requires that all physical locations where livestock and fowl are held, managed, or handled, register with the commission and receive a 7-character

premise identification number. Most farms and ranches, feedlots, veterinary offices, arenas, livestock show grounds, and rendering facilities would be required to register. While implementation of the program is being delayed, individuals who wish to register their premises on a voluntary basis at no cost may do so by visiting the TAHC website at [www.tahc.state.tx.us/animalid/index.shtml](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/animalid/index.shtml) or contacting the Animal Identification Help Desk at (800) 550-8242 ext. 733.

## Conaway wants FutureGen power plant built in Odessa

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX) congratulated the city of Odessa on being selected as one of the two proposed sites in Texas that will compete in the national selection process for the FutureGen project. "I congratulate the city of Odessa on being chosen as one of the final two Texas sites for the FutureGen project," said Conaway, who sent a letter of support to the Secretary of Energy, Sam Bod-

man back in December. "Odessa is a natural fit for what promises to be an important energy venture on the cutting edge of technology. I am very excited about working with the Department of Energy and with my colleagues in the Texas Delegation as the process moves forward. I plan to make a strong case for the people of West Texas." Numerous cities across Texas submitted proposals to the State of Texas with hopes of bringing

the \$1 billion project to their community. FutureGen would operate as a near emission-free, coal-fired electric and hydrogen production plant. The 275-megawatt prototype plant will serve as a large scale engineering laboratory for testing new clean power, carbon capture, and coal-to-hydrogen technologies. It will be the cleanest fossil fuel-fired power plant in the world. Conaway went on to say, "I would like to thank everyone that has been involved in this process.

Their efforts on behalf of the city of Odessa have been tireless and I look forward to working with them as we continue our efforts at the federal level." Odessa, Texas would be an ideal location for the FutureGen Initiative. The West Texas energy producing community has always been a vocal supporter of innovative and forward-thinking energy projects. It is home to a large portion of Texas' energy production.

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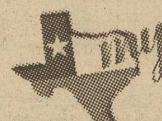


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Your Muscle, Mind and Bone – Use It or Lose It

Dear Editor:

There are many people here in Eldorado and Schleicher County who will attest to the fact that through an adequate exercise program, a life can be turned around. This is especially true for those men and women who have undergone cardiac by-pass surgery and have entered a cardiac rehabilitation program based on supervised exercise. An increased sense of well being, more alert mental functions and just a better outlook on life have been achieved when the exercise program is made part of their life.

There are several facts about the benefits of exercise, which have just come out of more recent and extensive research. There is now absolute proof that a person can stop losing bone strength and muscle size, common with aging, through exercise. Increasing the strength of our bones can prevent many fractures. Strengthening the muscles through simple weight lifting activities can keep

and increase the size and use of muscles.

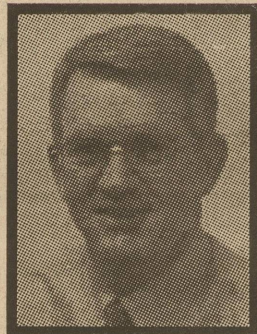
Some shortness of breath comes when there is not adequate usage of normal lung tissue. A decrease in the size of our lungs begins at about 30 years of age and continues to get smaller. Research shows that a person can increase lung size and breathing capacity through exercise. And this has many positive effects on our bodies.

With a larger lung capacity and easier breathing, the body is able to utilize oxygen much more efficiently. This means that more oxygenated blood is available to

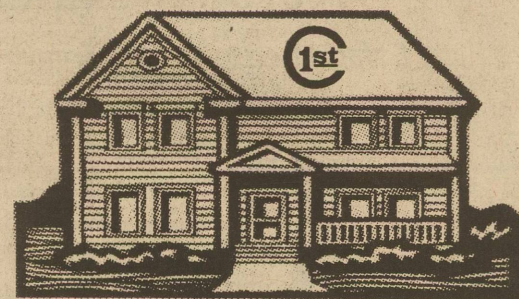
our muscles for greater strength and to other organs for better function. The most important organ is the brain and it is clear that an increase blood flow with more oxygen can increase our mental functions, which leads to clearer thinking and better memory and decision-making.

These three facts, less bone and muscle loss, increased breathing capacity, better mental functions, make the need of an Exercise Center vital to the health of our community. The reasons to exercise for better health are overwhelming but simple. The adage of "use it or lose it" is most important to our physical and mental health. And that is why we need an exercise facility, the Schleicher County Wellness Center, in Eldorado.

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**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

- 1. Line to Ben-Gurion
- 5. Pants problems
- 9. Tickle the ivories
- 13. Flightless bird of old
- 14. Tennyson's "\_\_\_ Arden"
- 16. Be in charge
- 17. Smelter waste
- 18. Ike's two-time opponent
- 19. Frozen treats
- 20. It's cool
- 23. Flat fish
- 24. Chowd down
- 25. Lacking consistency
- 28. \_\_\_ Raton
- 30. "\_\_\_ Stoops to Conquer"
- 33. Hair color, e.g.
- 34. 3-Down's third son
- 35. Poker variety
- 36. It's cool
- 39. Bad day for Caesar
- 40. "Othello" villain
- 41. Explorer \_\_\_ de Leon

- 42. Checkers color
- 43. Toy dog, for short
- 44. Clear soups
- 45. Costa del \_\_\_
- 46. Castle's protection
- 47. It's cool
- 53. Ballet wear
- 54. Standing upright
- 55. Bow-toting god
- 57. "Thanks \_\_\_!"
- 58. Explosive liquid, informally
- 59. Highway hauler

- 60. Beehive sound
- 61. Menial laborer
- 62. "Hang five" hangers

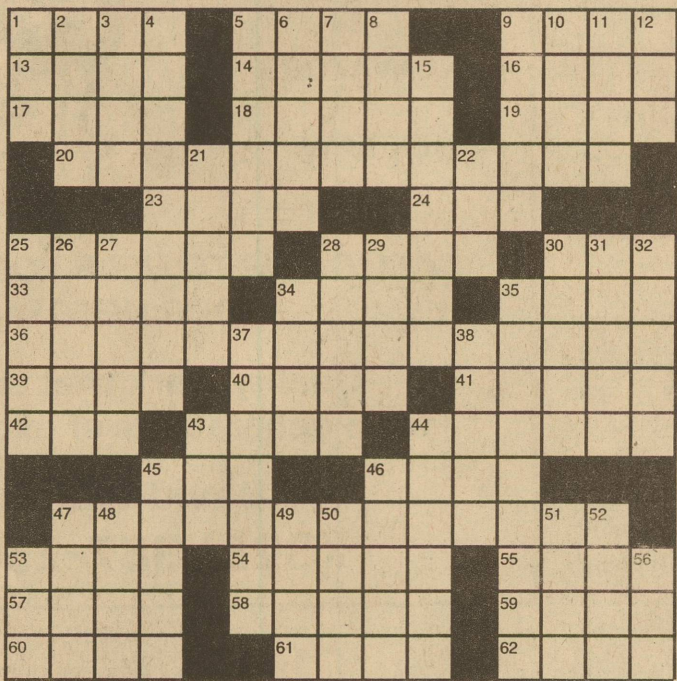
**DOWN**

- 1. MS. marker-uppers
- 2. "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 3. Eden exile
- 4. Management details game
- 5. "Is that so?"
- 6. Private filmmaker, informally
- 7. Game you can't play

- left-handed
- 8. Read with a bar code reader
- 9. Info read by a bar code reader
- 10. Gambler's asset
- 11. Hoppy brews
- 12. "You bet!"
- 15. Patio grill
- 21. State-run numbers game
- 22. Hagen of Broadway
- 25. Escalator part
- 26. Serengeti family
- 27. Competed in a

- regatta
- 28. Neutral shade
- 29. "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 30. Time spent on the job
- 31. Funny feeling
- 32. Narrowly defeats
- 34. Mt. Rushmore's state: Abbr.
- 35. Most stuck-up
- 37. TV ratings name
- 38. First name in TV talk
- 43. "The Raven" author
- 44. Fenway Park locale
- 45. \_\_\_ Bearcat (classic auto)
- 46. PC shortcut
- 47. Lollapalooza
- 48. From \_\_\_ (completely)
- 49. Vacation plan
- 50. Wine and dine
- 51. Twistable cookie
- 52. Alaskan seaport
- 53. Restaurant bill
- 56. A sib

**"Cool!"**



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**Dairy being built at YFZ Ranch**

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It's not like the folks at the YFZ haven't operated a dairy before, they have, in the twin border towns of Colorado City, AZ and Hildale, UT, where a large dairy and was operated right in the middle of town. A near by store front served as the Dairy Store, and was one of the more prominent businesses in town.

But in recent weeks word has come that equipment is disappearing from many businesses in and around C-City/Hildale, so it seems are the dairy cattle. Sources in the fundamentalist Mormon community tell *The Success* that the dairy has closed down, many of its cattle have disappeared and some of its equipment may already be missing.

Bruce Wisan, the court-appointed Special Fiduciary appointed to oversee the day-to-day operations of the United Effort Plan Trust, says he will be watching very closely to see if any equipment or material missing from Colorado City, AZ turns up here in Texas. A Utah judge placed Wisan in control of the UEP trust after FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs and his closest lieutenants were stripped of their power last year. Since that time equipment has been removed from numerous UEP properties in C-City/Hildale, including a log cabin manufacturing facility, a grain elevator and equipment used in a large potato barn.

Isaac Wyler of C-City tells *The Success* that the large building and pens pictured on Page 1 closely resembles a the milking barn in his hometown. He estimates the facility could handle 100 to 150 head of cattle at a time.

Wyler speculates the second

story of the building will house large milk vats and chilling equipment as well as a butter and cheese plant.

"Here in Short Creek (C-City/Hildale) those things like the cheese shop were put into other buildings," Wyler said. "I suspect Warren doesn't have quite as much real estate to work with at the YFZ so its added on as a second floor." "I expect there will be feeding pens almost all the way around the milking parlor before its done," Wyler added, "with lanes to bring the cows in for milking."

Interestingly, this is not the first time a large dairy was contemplated north of Eldorado. Some 12-15 years ago a company attempted to locate a dairy approximately 14 miles north of town and ran into a hailstorm of opposition from the City of San Angelo and a coalition of property owners along the S. Concho River who argued the dairy would pollute the ground water and contaminate the S.

Concho. Ultimately the company opted to accept a cash settlement from its adversaries and relocate its dairy to another area.

Many of the same advocates have already banded together to oppose the wastewater permit at the YFZ Ranch and seem to have been successful in forcing the ranch to drop its plans to discharge effluent from its sewer plant into a Milligan Draw.

The Upper Colorado River Authority spearheaded the effort to oppose the YFZ's wastewater permit. Fred Teagarden, an engineer employed by the UCRA told *The Success* on Tuesday that he was unaware that a dairy was being built at the YFZ Ranch. He added that he was sure its development would be closely monitored by the UCRA as well as others.

As always *The Success* invites comment from FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs and other leaders at the YFZ Ranch. So far, none have been willing to come forward.

**Archery tourney jump-starts shooting sports Ed in schools**

AUSTIN — More than 120 student archers from 13 public, private and charter schools descended on Temple Feb. 24 for the first annual Texas Archery in Schools Program tournament. Students from Holloway Middle School, Grandview ISD, Wimberley Junior High and Crockett High School took top honors.

The tournament was sponsored by the Texas Field Archery Association, and complete results may be found on that organization's web site.

The tournament kicked-off a national program formally adopted in Texas Feb. 1. Groundwork for the TASP was laid in September 2004 when the first 17 trainers and six educators were trained. To date, 222 Texas educators have been trained.

Additional free training classes for educators are slated for venues around the state beginning in April.

The program is a joint venture of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Education Agency and is focused on providing Olympic-style target archery training in K-12 physical education classes.

"We hope the TASP program will accomplish a number of things," said Steve Hall, TPWD education director. "Archery is a sport that is accessible to all students, and studies have shown that students who are involved in extra-curricular activities are much

less likely to drop out of school. In other states, the program has been shown to improve kids' self-esteem and engagement in school, and we believe that many of the participants will go on to become bow hunters and supporters of wildlife conservation."

In Kentucky, the first state to adopt the program, 315 (one-quarter) of the state's schools have adopted the program. The 2004 National Archery in the Schools Program championship, held in Louisville, attracted 1,291 student shooters.

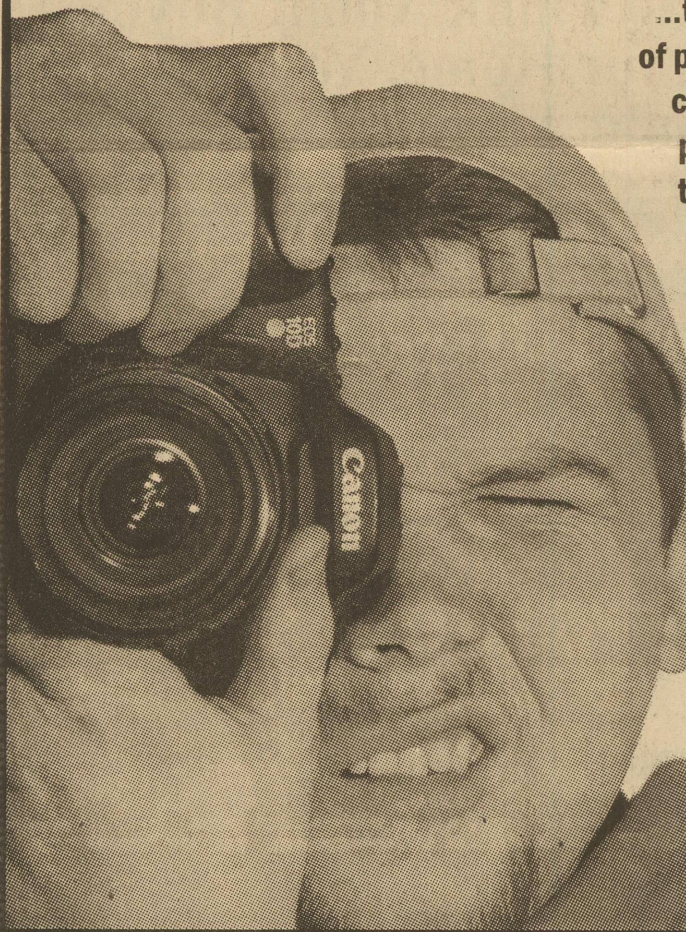
In addition to Texas, 35 other states have adopted the program.

With more than two dozen national sponsors, the National Archery in the Schools program provided free equipment kits to instructor trainers to get the program started in Texas.

Through a Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant, the Texas Hunter Education Instructor's Association donated free training kits to ten pilot schools in 2005 and 2006 to help with implementation and evaluation of the program. Training is free to educators, but there may be a minimal cost to those who wish to offer training to educators. Reservations are required.

Upcoming TPWD staff-led training workshops include: Basic Archery Instructor (formerly Level I NASP) a schedule of events can be found at on the Net: <http://www.nasparchery.com/activea.asp> or <http://www.texasfieldarchery.org/>.

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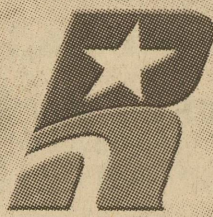
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**Meals for Friends Menu**



- Monday, March 20**  
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Van Pudding w/ Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday, March 21**  
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, March 22**  
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, March 23**  
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk
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# City council meets deals, with property sales

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alleyway that runs through property he recently purchased. Griffin asked that the alley be closed so that he could put his home in the middle of the property. The council voted to sell Mr. Griffin the designated alleyway at fair market value.

Mayor Nikolauk then asked the council their opinion of paying council members a stipend of \$50 per meeting. Following a brief discussion City Secretary Carolyn Mayo was instructed to contact the Texas Municipal League concerning the question of pay for council members.

Discussion of a zoning ordinance for mobile homes was tabled until next month.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then advised the council that he had received two bids for a gar-

bage truck, both in the \$100,000 range. It was noted that since the amount exceeds \$25,000 the city's formal bidding process must be followed, however, the council asked Carolyn Mayo to see if the city could purchase a garbage truck through the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments.

Ms. Mayo then advised that the street bonds which paid for paving around the school seven years ago have been paid off and that there is \$40,000 in the budget to put toward the purchase of a new garbage truck.

The council instructed Mrs. Mayo to set up a lease purchase agreement to purchase the trash truck when one was found.

The Council then voted to let financial planner Larry Skiles pursue a commercial lender for \$350,000 in bonds to be used for

street repairs.

Superintendent Fay also told the council during the landfill inspection the city was cited for several deficiencies. Mayor John Nikolauk told the council he was addressing the problems with the TECQ.

The council members voted to accept the minutes of February 6, 2006 meeting and reviewed and approved the city's current bills.

The last item on the council voted on was to order an election for May 13, 2006. It was noted that council members Toni Sudduth and Tommy Minor did not file for reelection and no one filed to run for the open seats. Ms. Sudduth did tell her fellow council members that she would be willing to stay one more year if they chose to appoint her. Dr. Pat Johnson has filed to run for the seat be-

ing vacated by Bill McCutcheon. Meanwhile, Juakin Rojas filed for reelection to his seat and did not draw an opponent. Neither did Mayor Nikolauk who once again filed for reelection.

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# County considers digital security system

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the commissioners concerning the need for new digital security camera system at the jail. Doran explained that the system would cost approximately \$10,000 and asked if the cost could be shared between the Courthouse security fund and the Sheriff's Department's seizure fund. The discussion turned to adding some exterior cameras to help cover the courthouse square, with the cost of those also being split between the two funds. At that the commissioners voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

A public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving protests from citizens concerning the proposed map of county roads that are to be included in the Texas Transportation Code

Chapter 28 clarification process.

The only people present for the hearing were Mr. and Mrs. James Huffman, who live in the eastern part of the county, and attorney Sydney W. Falk, Jr. with the law firm Bickerstaff, Heath, Pollan and Caroom LLP. The attorney on hand to represent the county at the hearing and there were no objections to the proposed map.

Mr. Falk advised court that their next would be to pass a resolution on April 10, 2006 to adopt those county roads on the designated map. The large laminated map has been hanging on the wall in the hallway of the courthouse's first floor for several months. Monday's meeting was the final opportunity for people to protest the proposed road map for the Chapter 258 process.

The meeting continued with Treasurer Karen Henderson requesting several budget transfers.

Judge Johnny Griffin then told the court that County Clerk Peggy Williams has asked for some kind of container to keep voting boxes in. The judge suggested a small single axle utility trailer to haul and store the ballot boxes. The court had no objections.

Before adjourning the commissioners learned of the need for a new lawn mower at the cemetery and approved the purchase without objection.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 27, 2006 in the 1st floor meeting room of the county courthouse.

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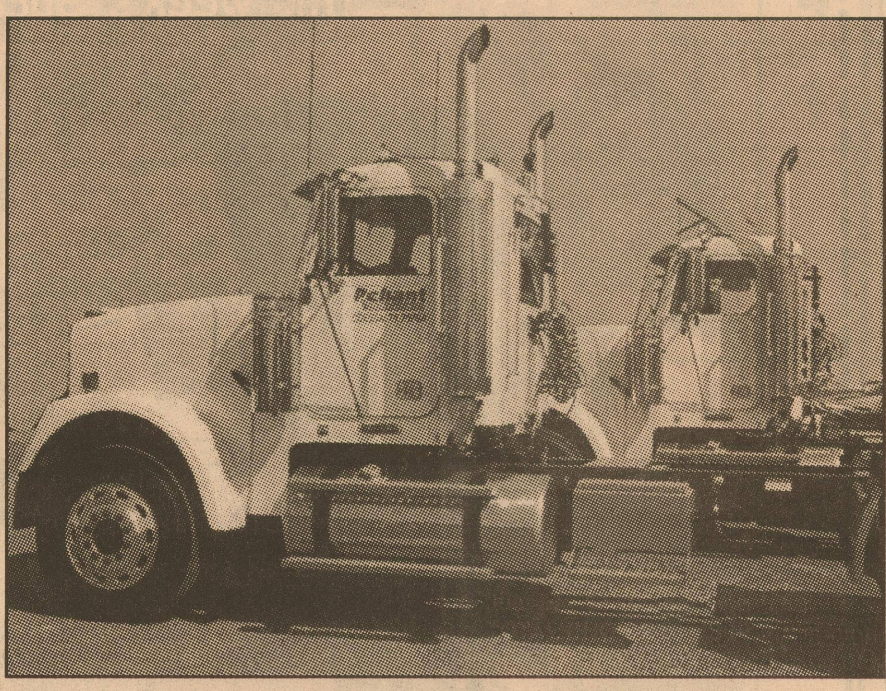
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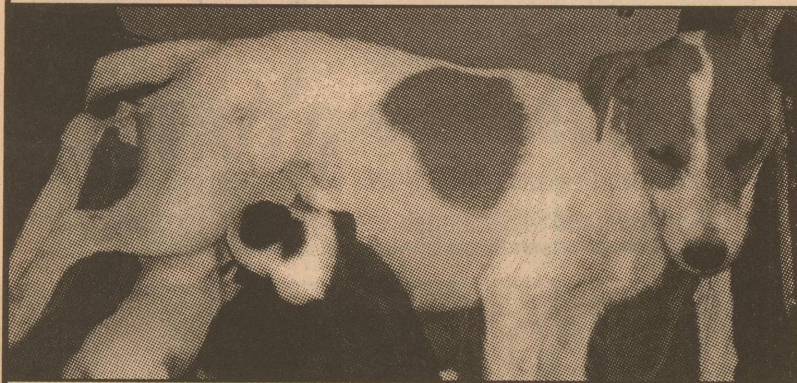
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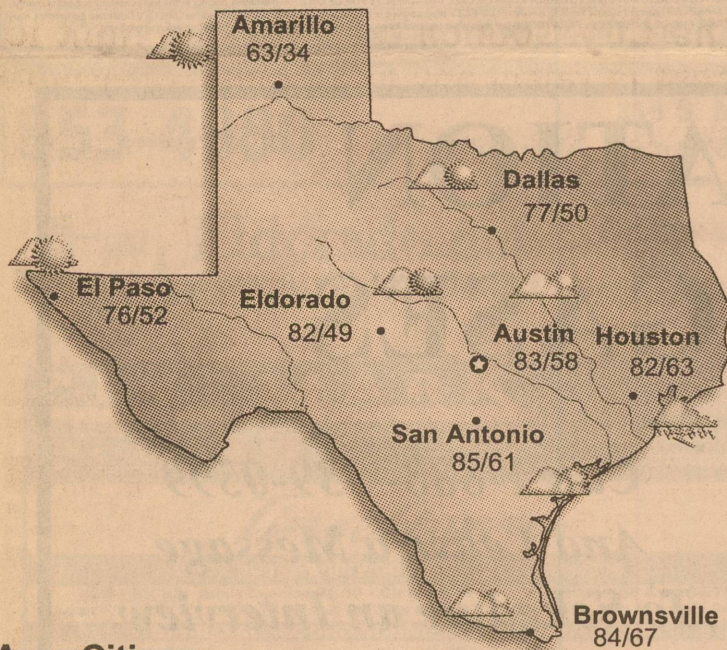
## Eldorado Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 3/17	Sat 3/18	Sun 3/19	Mon 3/20	Tue 3/21
<b>82/49</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>64/51</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>70/51</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>78/51</b> Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>74/41</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.
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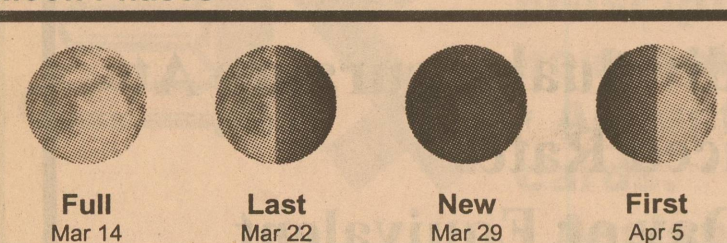
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	47	mst sunny	Kingsville	86	63	cloudy
Amarillo	63	34	mst sunny	Livingston	80	56	t-storm
Austin	83	58	cloudy	Longview	75	50	t-storm
Beaumont	79	62	t-storm	Lubbock	73	40	sunny
Brownsville	84	67	cloudy	Lufkin	78	55	t-storm
Brownwood	83	51	pt sunny	Midland	79	45	sunny
Corpus Christi	81	65	cloudy	Raymondville	86	65	cloudy
Corsicana	79	52	t-storm	Rosenberg	82	63	rain
Dallas	77	50	pt sunny	San Antonio	85	61	cloudy
Del Rio	85	62	cloudy	San Marcos	86	59	cloudy
El Paso	76	52	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	75	47	t-storm
Fort Stockton	83	51	sunny	Sweetwater	79	46	mst sunny
Gainesville	73	43	pt sunny	Tyler	75	50	t-storm
Greenville	75	47	t-storm	Weatherford	75	45	pt sunny
Houston	82	63	t-storm	Wichita Falls	77	45	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	68	47	cloudy	Minneapolis	31	13	snow
Boston	42	28	windy	New York	48	33	windy
Chicago	39	23	mixed	Phoenix	78	53	mst sunny
Dallas	77	50	pt sunny	San Francisco	56	47	rain
Denver	53	33	pt sunny	Seattle	50	41	rain
Houston	82	63	t-storm	St. Louis	60	32	rain
Los Angeles	65	50	pt sunny	Washington, DC	56	43	mst sunny
Miami	75	67	sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 3/17	Sat 3/18	Sun 3/19	Mon 3/20	Tue 3/21
7	6	5	7	8
High	High	Moderate	High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.



Sheriff David Doran accepted this plaque on behalf of his department last week from U.S. Customs Agents James P. Cummings, Jr. and Ray Gutierrez. The plaque was presented by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration And Customs Enforcement in recognition of "outstanding contribution to the war against narcotics smuggling and money laundering."

# The Blotter

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

### ARRESTS

**March 9** • Olson, Robert Axel, male age 43, arresting officer SC deputy, offense PI. Released on Citation.

**March 14** • Garza, Melissa, female age 17, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Terroristic Threat. Released on \$1,000.00 PR Bond.

• Esquivel, Martha, female age 28, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Terroristic Threat. Released on \$1,000.00 PR Bond.

### INCIDENTS

**March 8** • 12:15 p.m. Elderly man needed assistance. EMS responded.

• 6:40 p.m. Clinic requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 2 responded.

**March 9** • 2:16 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to help with male subject that had fallen. Officer responded.

• 2:57 p.m. Complainant informed office of a grass fire 20 miles west. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 9:15 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk in yard. Officer responded.

**March 10** • 9:11 a.m. Complainant reported a ratchet, impact socket, and a pry bar were missing from business on South Divide. Estimated value \$300. Officer responded.

• 2:05 p.m. Complainant reported that a vehicle had hit some

power lines. Officers responded and WTU was notified.

• 11:02 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on East Fields Street. Officer responded.

**March 11** • 12:56 a.m. Caller reported possible juvenile mischief near and around her neighbor. Officer responded.

• 8:34 a.m. Complainant reported that someone had taken their mother's vehicle joy riding night before. Officer responded. Officer spoke with owner of Chevy pickup. Owner advised that they had left their pickup in front of the residence with the keys in it on last date and found the pickup parked in a different location. Witness stated that they had seen three young males take the red pickup the night before and that they appeared to have trouble moving the pickup because its a standard transmission. The witness did not know the identities of the three suspects. There was no damage to red pickup.

• 2:15 p.m. Complainant reported that the back door of the house next door was open and that it looked like someone had been going in and out of house. Officer responded.

• 3:41 p.m. Complainant reported a skunk at residence. Officer responded.

**March 12** • 6:55 a.m. Caller advised that an electrical pole was smoking and had either been on fire or had just started to smoke prior to fire starting. This office notified the fire chief to investigate.

• 1:30 p.m. Complainant reported she needed assistance picking her husband up who had fallen. Officers responded.

• 7:58 p.m. Complainant reported a subject was saying hurtful things to complainant's child. Officer responded.

• 8:01 p.m. Complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls from a female out of Tom Green County. Officer responded.

• 9:19 p.m. Complainant requested to put their house on house watch due to male subject threatening their family. Officer was notified and house is being watched.

**March 13** • 4:43 a.m. Stranded motorist requested tow service for vehicle located city limits south.

• 7:35 a.m. Caller requested local business for service at station for motorist that locked their keys in vehicle.

• 9:44 a.m. Reported a grass fire at location on county road.

• 7:56 p.m. Complainant reported loud music at residence at the end of Village Lane. Complainant advised that music has been that way for several weeks. Officer was notified.

• 9:53 p.m. Caller reported a lost calf black in color. Caller requested anyone finding to contact him at residence.

**March 14** • 11:39 a.m. Reported he had 48 bulks of shingles stolen. Officer responded.

## Filing end with more open offices than candidates

The period to file for office in the upcoming City, School and Hospital District election ended Monday at 5:00 p.m. with only one contested race, that between incumbent school board member Eddie Albin and challenger Robert Jay for the SMD #1 seat on the SCISD board of trustees.

Meanwhile, both Jan Wanoreck and Lupe Sanchez have filed for reelection to their seats in SMD #2 & SMD #5, respectively.

In the city election, Mayor John Nikolauk and council member Juakin Rojas filed for re-election.

Neither drew and opponent. Dr. Pat Johnson filed for the Ward #1 seat being vacated by Bill McCutcheon. Council members Toni Sudduth and Tommy Minor did not file for re-election in Ward #2 and Ward #3 respectively. No one has filed for those seats.

Likewise, in the hospital board election, incumbents Susie Richthers, Jim Martin and Ricky Fuessel filed for re-election, but trustee J.D. Doyle did not. No challengers filed for the position, leaving two open seats on the board.

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## Eldorado Spotlight



The Spotlight camera snapped a quick shot of the EHS One Act Play "The Happy Scarecrow" The Scarehuman played by Diego Barrera (L) and The Scarecrow played by Jorge Bustos (R). The play was performed Wednesday morning for SCISD student body and teachers. The Zone Performance will be Wednesday March 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium.

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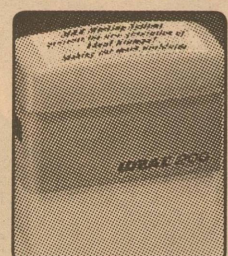
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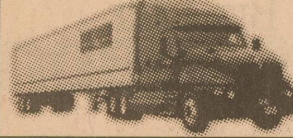


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through the traditional enforcement process.

The pilot program covers violations regarding: Petroleum storage tanks; Stage I and II vapor recovery; Storm water (industrial), and Occupation certification.

This pilot program is one of the recommendations resulting from the TCEQ's enforcement process review. The pilot program was approved by the TCEQ commissioners on Dec. 2, 2005.

### I Received a Field Citation What Happens Next?

The TCEQ conducted an in-

vestigation at your regulated entity. The investigator cited a violation(s) on an official TCEQ Field Citation form. The Field Citation is intended to promote a quick resolution for violations documented during a TCEQ investigation, while offering a reduced penalty as compared to a penalty calculated through the traditional enforcement process. If you receive a field citation, you have two options:

**Option #1 - Settle the Field Citation.** If you choose this option, you must do the following TWO things: 1. Sign the field citation form and mail it to the TCEQ along with the total assessed penalty payment within 30 days from the investigation date. Mail the signed form and penalty payment to: Financial Administration Division, MC 214, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas, 78711-3088.

Please include the name of the Regulated Entity and the Field Citation number (located on the top right-hand corner of the Field Citation form) on your payment method. 2. Correct the violation(s) and mail certification of your completed corrective action to the region address listed and circled on the back of the field citation form within 60 days from the investigation date.

Your certification of completed corrective action must include any documentation necessary to prove corrective measures have been completed, such as receipts, photographs, and copies of records. Please be aware that payment of the penalty does not relieve you of your responsibility to correct all alleged violations.

NOTE: You have the right to appeal the Field Citation to the Regional Director within the 30 days

from the investigation date. Please contact the Regional Director at the phone number on the back of the Field Citation. Please be aware that after the 30th day, you will be subject to higher penalties for the unsettled field citation.

**Option #2 - Choose NOT to accept the Field Citation** If you choose this option: Your Field Citation will be referred to the TCEQ Enforcement Division for a standard administrative order. In this process, you may choose to disagree with the violation and enter into discussions that may resolve the issue or may lead to litigation for resolution. The reduced penalty opportunity is removed during this process. An Enforcement Coordinator will contact you soon after you inform the associated investigator of your choice for this option.

You may request all the violations be combined into one enforcement action, if additional violations were documented (other than those checked on the Field Citation).

Choosing this option means you forfeit the reduced Field Citation penalty, which has a lesser impact on your TCEQ compliance history, because the Field Citation is treated as an agreed final enforcement order containing denial of liability for compliance history purposes. See 30 TEX. ADMIN CODE Ch. 60 for more detail on compliance history rules.

You will retain your opportunity to request an evidentiary hearing through the State Office of Administrative Hearings. See information about the TCEQ Field Citation pilot program at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/citation-pilot](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/citation-pilot) March 1, 2006

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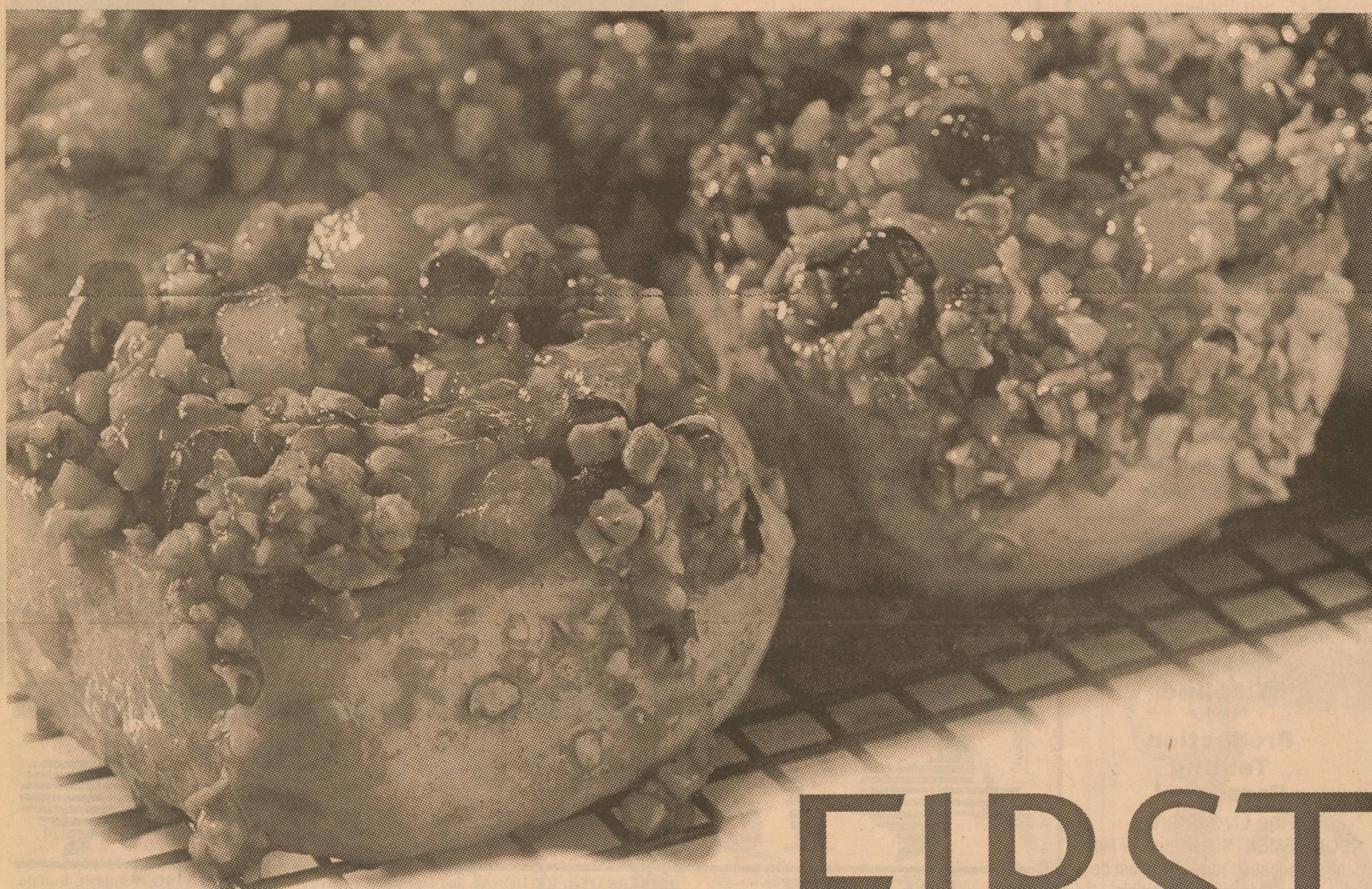
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# Enjoy the Best Things FIRST

A delicious, healthy breakfast puts a spin on your day — all day.

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Don't save the best 'til last — have it first, for breakfast! Why consider a knockout combo of pears, cranberries and hazelnuts just for dessert, when the same delicious trio can rev up your day with a healthy head start?

■ Nutrient-dense fresh pears are a great addition to breakfast because of their fiber/vitamin C/potassium content. They're low-calorie, plus they have no sodium, cholesterol or saturated fat.

- Dried, fresh or frozen, or in juice form, cranberries are a true nutritional powerhouse to get your engine running. Cranberries provide antioxidants as well as a bacteria-blocking property that helps prevent urinary tract infections, some stomach ulcers and even gum disease.
- Hazelnuts are a high quality source of protein, providing the energy needed to tackle a busy day, and there's more — they're a heart-healthy source of monounsaturated fat, vitamin E, magnesium and many other nutrients.

### THE MORE, THE MERRIER

Pears, cranberries and hazelnuts can be "extras" as well as stars on the breakfast stage:

- Layer yogurt with cranberries and hazelnuts.
- Sprinkle dried cranberries or sliced pears on your breakfast cereal.
- Top your oatmeal with toasted hazelnuts and sliced pears.
- Blend cranberry juice and peeled, chopped pears into a smoothie.
- Bake fresh cranberries, pears and hazelnuts into muffins and quick breads.

For more ideas and recipes, visit [www.hazelnutcouncil.org](http://www.hazelnutcouncil.org) and [www.usapears.org](http://www.usapears.org) and [www.uscranberries.com](http://www.uscranberries.com).

#### Cranberry Glazed Cinnamon Rolls

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened, divided  
1 1/2 cups hazelnuts, toasted, skin removed, chopped, divided  
1 1/4 cups sugar, divided  
1/2 cup cranberry juice cocktail  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided  
1 loaf frozen bread dough, thawed  
2 pears, peeled, cored, diced  
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 350°F.  
Heat 1/4 cup butter or margarine in 13- x 9- x 2-inch pan in oven until melted. Remove from oven. Stir in 1 cup hazelnuts, 1 cup sugar, cranberry juice and 1 teaspoon cinnamon until blended; set aside.  
Mix remaining 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon in small bowl; set aside.  
Roll bread dough into 12- x 10-inch rectangle on lightly floured surface. Spread remaining 2 tablespoons butter or margarine over dough, leaving 1/2-inch edge. Arrange pears and cranberries on buttered dough. Sprinkle cinnamon-sugar mixture and remaining 1/2 cup hazelnuts over fruit.  
Start at long edge of dough and roll into 12-inch long cylinder; pinch dough to seal. Cut into 12, 1-inch slices and place on mixture in pan. Cover with damp cloth and proof in warm place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.  
Bake 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown and roll sounds hollow when tapped. Immediately invert onto heat-proof plate.

Makes 12 cinnamon rolls  
Nutritional Analysis per Serving: Calories 380 (57% Calories from Fat), 6g Protein, 57g Carbohydrate, 4g Fiber, 16g Fat, 4g Sat. Fat, 15mg Cholesterol, 270mg Sodium

#### Tangy Lemon Breakfast Fruit Strata

1 1/3 cups 1% milk  
3 eggs  
2/3 cup low-fat sour cream  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
4 slices white bread, crust removed, torn into small pieces, divided  
3/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries  
1 pear, peeled, cored, cut into 1/4-inch-thin slices  
3/4 cup hazelnuts, toasted, skin removed, chopped  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350°F. Whisk first 9 ingredients in medium bowl until smooth; set aside.  
Place 3/4 of bread pieces in greased 8-inch square pan. Layer cranberries, remaining bread pieces and pears in pan. Pour milk-mixture over pears.  
Mix hazelnuts, sugar and cinnamon in small bowl. Sprinkle over mixture in pan.  
Bake 45 to 55 minutes until golden and knife inserted into center comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting.

Makes 16 (2-inch) squares  
Nutritional Analysis per Serving: Calories 120 (42% Calories from Fat), 3g Protein, 14g Carbohydrate, 1g Fiber, 6g Fat, 1.5g Sat. Fat, 40mg Cholesterol, 115mg Sodium

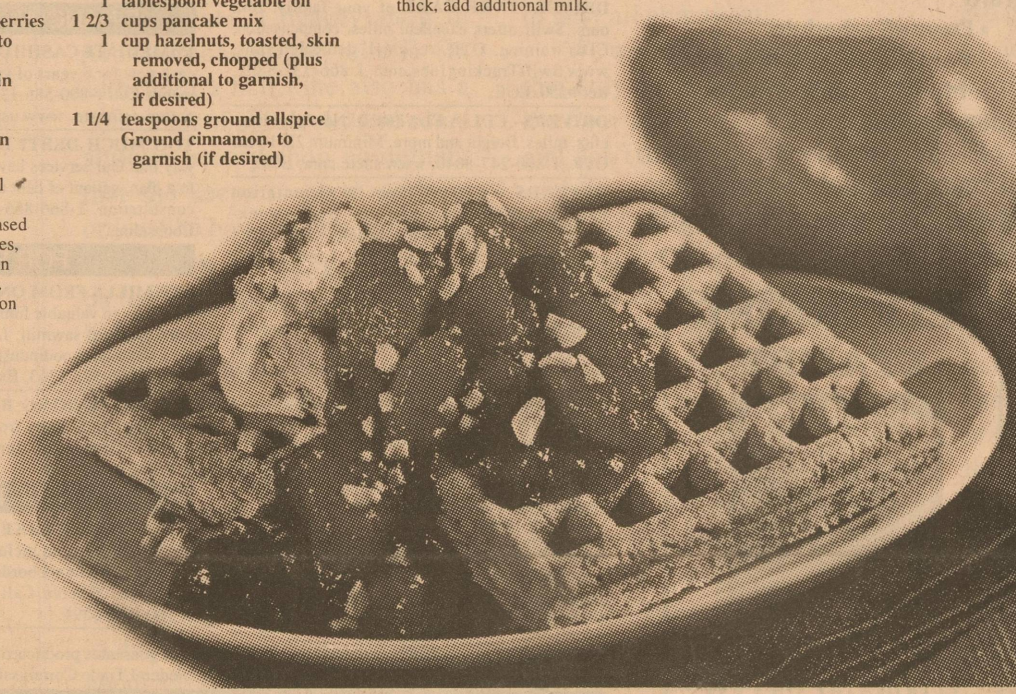
#### Hazelnut Harvest Waffle With Cranberry Pear Sauce

2 cups cranberries, fresh or frozen  
1 cup orange juice  
2/3 cup sugar  
2 pears, peeled, cored, cut into 1-inch cubes  
1 teaspoon bourbon or vanilla  
1 cup low fat whipped topping  
3/4 cup canned, solid-pack pumpkin  
3/4 cup whole milk  
2 eggs  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 cups pancake mix  
1 cup hazelnuts, toasted, skin removed, chopped (plus additional to garnish, if desired)  
1 1/4 teaspoons ground allspice  
Ground cinnamon, to garnish (if desired)

Bring cranberries, orange juice and sugar to slow boil over medium-high heat in medium saucepan. Cook 7 minutes. Add pears and continue to slow boil 6 to 8 minutes until berries burst, pears are softened and mixture is reduced to 2 cups. Remove from heat.  
Stir bourbon or vanilla into whipped topping until blended; cover and refrigerate.  
Whisk pumpkin, milk, eggs and oil in small bowl until blended. Stir in pancake mix, hazelnuts and allspice until blended. If mixture is too thick, add additional milk.

Spread 1 1/3 cups batter over preheated waffle iron. Cook as directed on mix package. Place 1/4 cup cranberry-pear sauce and dollop whipped topping over each waffle square. Garnish with ground cinnamon and chopped hazelnuts, if desired. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 (2-waffle squares each) servings  
Nutritional Analysis Per Serving: Calories 750 (35% Calories from Fat), 16g Protein, 111g Carbohydrate, 11g Fiber, 30g Fat, 4.5g Sat. Fat, 120mg Cholesterol, 710mg Sodium



## Stargazer

Paul Derrick

### You only think you're sitting still

As you read this you're probably sitting down, maybe with a cup of coffee. You feel at rest and your coffee seems motionless in its cup. It's hard to imagine, but you're actually moving thousands of miles per hour in different directions, all at once.

Once it was believed Earth was fixed at the center of creation with the Sun, Moon, planets and stars moving around it. It seemed only obvious that anyone sitting still was motionless.

But along came some trouble makers who quite literally rocked the boat. In the 1500s Copernicus theorized, then in the 1600s Galileo proved, that Earth isn't motionless--it moves around the Sun with the other planets. But this idea was heresy, and thus dangerous at a time when the church was burning people for openly disagreed with its beliefs.

Copernicus had the good sense to wait until he was on his death bed to publish his thesis, but Galileo, brilliant as he was, didn't always use good judgment. He published his findings, was put on trial and found guilty of heresy. When given the choice of burning or recanting, he publicly stated that Earth is still. But according to legend, as he left the courtroom he defiantly uttered under his breath, "And yet it does move!" But even Galileo had no idea how right he was.

Earth (along with us) moves in ways Galileo never imagined. As Earth rotates on its axis, we (at our latitude) are moving 900 miles per hour--faster than the speed of sound--as we travel 22,000 miles every 24 hours.

Yet that's a snail's pace compared to our speed as Earth circles the Sun. Each year we cover half a billion miles at 67,000 miles per hour--far faster than orbiting space craft.

But that's not all. Our entire solar system is zipping around our Milky Way galaxy at the mind-boggling speed of nearly 600,000 miles per hour in its journey of more than one quintillion miles (one followed by 18 zeros) that takes 240 million years.

And even our galaxy moves within the cosmos but since there's no fixed object against which to compare its movement, there is no way to establish its speed.

And you thought you were sitting still.

• Naked-eye Planets: (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Evening: Reddish Mars is high in the west, to the upper right of the equally bright reddish star Aldebaran. Saturn is high in the southeast. Morning: "Morning star" Venus is low in the southeast with Jupiter the brightest object in the southwest.

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](mailto:paulderrickwaco@aol.com). See the Stargazer Web site at [stargazerpaul.com](http://stargazerpaul.com).