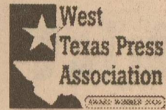


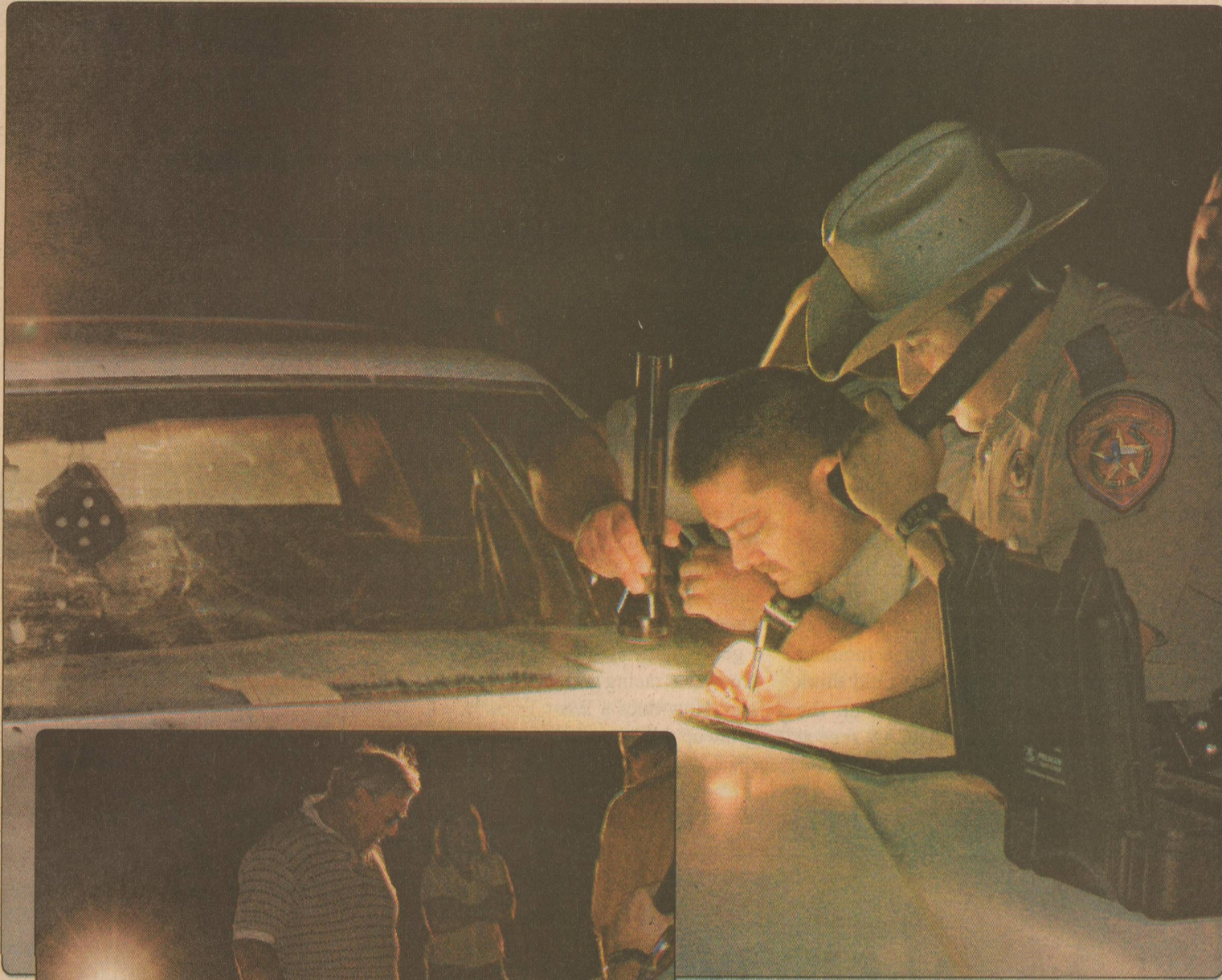
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High speed chase ends with tire being shot out

Eldorado man jailed on multiple charges

A high-speed chase that began Monday evening in Sonora, ended four miles south of Eldorado after Sutton County Deputy Jody Harris shot the back tire of a 1979 Ford LTD, forcing it to come to a stop on the northbound shoulder of U.S. Hwy. 277.

Officers from Sonora and Eldorado immediately swarmed the vehicle, pulling Jose Enrique Arispe, A.K.A. Joe Arispe, 48, of Eldorado from behind the wheel.

Arispe was reportedly taken into custody following a brief struggle. He was transported to the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center where he appeared before Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle. Arispe was later transferred to the Sutton County Jail where he was booked in

on charges of Felony DWI, Evading Arrest and Felony Assault on a Peace Officer.

Barbara Faye Melton, 54, of Eldorado reportedly got out of Arispe's car as the chase began in Sonora. She was also taken into custody and charged with Public Intoxication.

DPS Trooper Ryan Dalton of Ozona was called to the scene to investigate.

Arispe and Melton remained in custody in the Sutton County Jail at press time.

Interestingly, Joe Arispe was previously found guilty of a DWI charge in Schleicher County on Oct. 6, 2003. At that time he was placed on 10 years probation by Judge Barbara Walther.



DPS Trooper Ryan Melton (above), was assisted Monday evening by an unidentified off-duty officer as he obtained the Vehicle Identification Number from the 1979 Ford LTD stopped four miles south of Eldorado by Sutton County Deputy Jody Harris. Officers at the scene said the car's driver, Joe Arispe, 48, of Eldorado refused to stop, forcing Deputy Harris to shoot out the Ford's back tire.

Sutton County Chief Deputy Jody Harris looks for bullet holes in the rear tire of Joe Arispe's 1979 Ford LTD. Harris was reportedly pursuing Arispe at a high rate of speed when fired eight rounds at the car's back tire. Four rounds were said to have struck the tire. Two more bullet holes can be seen in the rear fender, just above the wheel well and immediately below the car's fuel door.

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN

Utah A.G. claims Warren Jeffs is in Texas

Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff told the Herald Journal newspaper in Hyrum, UT on Sunday that law enforcement authorities are closer than they have ever been to apprehending fugitive FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs. His comments came on the heels of a raid at a home in Cedar City, UT, last Friday where witnesses reported seeing Jeffs.

Jeffs was not caught in the raid, which occurred at a residence reportedly owned by Willie Jessop, one of Warren Jeffs' most trusted lieutenants. The Iron County SWAT team, as well as officers from the Cedar City Police Dept. surrounded the house. It was later learned that a family loyal to Warren Jeffs was living in the house.

Despite not catching Jeffs in Cedar City, Shurtleff said that Jeffs' case has become a high priority with state and federal officials.

Shurtleff noted that it wasn't always the case, a fact that changed when Jeffs was named to the FBI Top Ten Fugitives List.

"It wasn't a priority with all the other FBI agencies across the county. Now it is," Shurtleff was quoted as saying.

The Attorney General went on to say that he thinks Warren Jeffs is probably in Texas.

The only known property that Jeffs or his followers own in Texas is the YFZ Ranch, located here in Schleicher County some four miles north-north east of Eldorado.

Cops look for missing funds at City Hall

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk acknowledged this week that funds have been discovered missing in the city's utility billing department and said that the incident is under investigation.

Nikolauk said an internal audit began as soon as the problem was discovered and that law enforcement authorities were notified almost immediately.

Local Sheriff's Department officers are actively investigating and Texas Ranger Brooks Long is assisting with the case.

The mayor declined to comment

on details of the case saying that the matter was investigation and that he was confident that the case would be solved.

When asked if a utility billing clerk, who recently left the city's employ, could be involved, the mayor again declined comment. He noted, however, that all city employees who handle public funds are bonded in order to protect the public from just such a problem.

"We will get to the bottom of this," Nikolauk said. "I'll have more for you then."

Running of the Bull set July 29-30

The annual Running of the Bull festival is slated for Saturday and Sunday, July 29-30 on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square.

Persons with a gift of gab, and a desire to have a lot of fun, are encouraged to sign up in one or

more categories by contacting Jim Runge.

Likewise, vendors interested in having a booth at the festival are encouraged to contact Jim Runge at: 325-853-3678; or by email at eoboc@hotmail.com



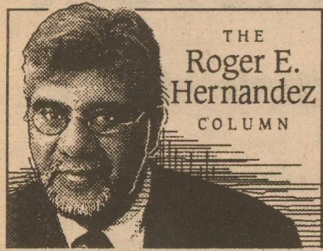
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This car was just one of several that became stuck Sunday evening and Monday morning after heavy rains exposed recently buried sewer lines in the Orient Heights neighborhood. Schleicher County received a grant recently to install sewer lines in the area, which lies outside the Eldorado city limits. A contractor from Junction was hired to install the lines, but progress on the job has been slow.

The Difference Between Rights and Wrongs

If you want to know what is wrong with the American right today, look no further than Geno's Steaks in South Philly.

The owner of the joint, one Joey Vento, is being lionized in conservative circles for putting up a sign on his shop's window that states, "This is AMERICA: WHEN ORDERING 'SPEAK ENGLISH.'" Immediately below it, another sign warns, "Management Reserves the Right to Refuse Service."



THE Roger E. Hernandez COLUMN

In the blogosphere, the cheesesteak man is a hero. In the old media, anti-immigrant superstar Lou Dobbs and rotund recovering druggie Rush Limbaugh defend him. Pennsylvania

Sen. Rick Santorum -- facing an uphill battle to retain his seat -- paid Geno's a visit and told the local Daily News, "It makes all the sense in the world to have a sign like this."

But not all is well. The Philadelphia Human Relations Commission said it would look into possible civil-rights violations because the sign "discourages patronage by non-English speakers because of their national origin and/or ancestry." It may order Vento to take down the "Speak English" sign.

Had I been in Philly and come across the sign before it became nationally famous, I might have done a column about it, and maybe just for the fun of it ordered a steak con queso, por favor, pretending I didn't speak English. But it would not have crossed my mind to demand legal action to force the sign down.

Conservatives are correct to insist Vento has the right to put up the sign in his place of business. But they are wrong to ignore the xenophobia of putting it up, even though Vento provides plenty of ammunition.

At times, he has insisted it's all about efficient customer service. "If you can't tell me what you want, I can't serve you," he said to The Philadelphia Inquirer. The point is so transparently bogus, the only worthy refutation is a little chuckle. Some of his defenders have said it's an expression of angst over illegal immigration. But the sign says nothing about showing your green card before being served.

It only mentions English -- which a perfectly legal immigrant could also have trouble speaking. And that's what it's really all about.

"You're giving these people a crutch," Vento told a television station. "As long as they can speak their native language here, why would they want to learn English?" This was followed by an acknowledgment that his own immigrant Italian grandparents "died not really knowing English."

Without realizing it, Vento exploded the fairy tale that the wonderful immigrants of yore, unlike the savages today, learned English by osmosis mere seconds after stepping off the boat. What's more, he himself is living proof that the descendants of immigrants inevitably learn English. Some of them even grow up to be cheesesteak-shop owners.

So what is there to worry about if sooner or later everybody is going to learn what will always be the national language of the United States? Why the need for the sign?

If there are conservatives who can tell rights from wrong, will they speak up?

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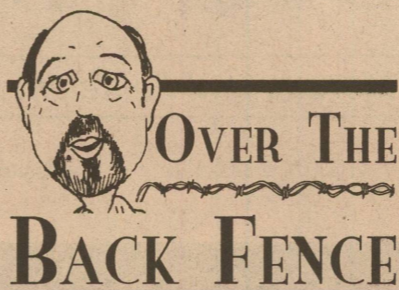
World Cup Soccer, wake me when it's over

Warning, the U.S. Surgeon General has determined that this column should not be taken too seriously...ever!

Let me say right up front that I don't like soccer. Never have, and never will. And...I especially don't like having the game shoved down my throat every four years by soccer snobs who believe that the World Cup is the most important human achievement since the discovery of fire.

We don't have a lot of soccer snobs here in West Texas, but there are few. They usually keep to themselves, gathering in clusters around college campuses and military installations. Soccer snobs are rarely seen in small towns like ours, and then only as they stop for gas and ask directions.

Soccer snobs are not to be confused with the run of the mill sports fanatic who occasionally finds himself watching a few minutes of soccer on the tube as he awaits the beginning of more appealing sports programming on another network. In my opinion, the term more appealing could apply to any of the following: bowling, billiards, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field,



by Randy Mankin

tractor pulling, midget wrestling, softball, fencing, skeet shooting, demolition derby, freestyle frisbee, full contact goat herding and log rolling.

No...true soccer snobs are not typical sports fans. They consider themselves better than the rest of us and are proud of the fact that they know the names and rankings of all the European and South American teams. They also look down their collective noses at American football as if it were something low or tawdry.

But it isn't just American football that draws their ire. Baseball, hockey, golf and tennis are likewise snubbed. Too commercial, they say. Imagine for a moment what a soccer purist would think were he to find himself on the infield during a NASCAR race at Talladega.

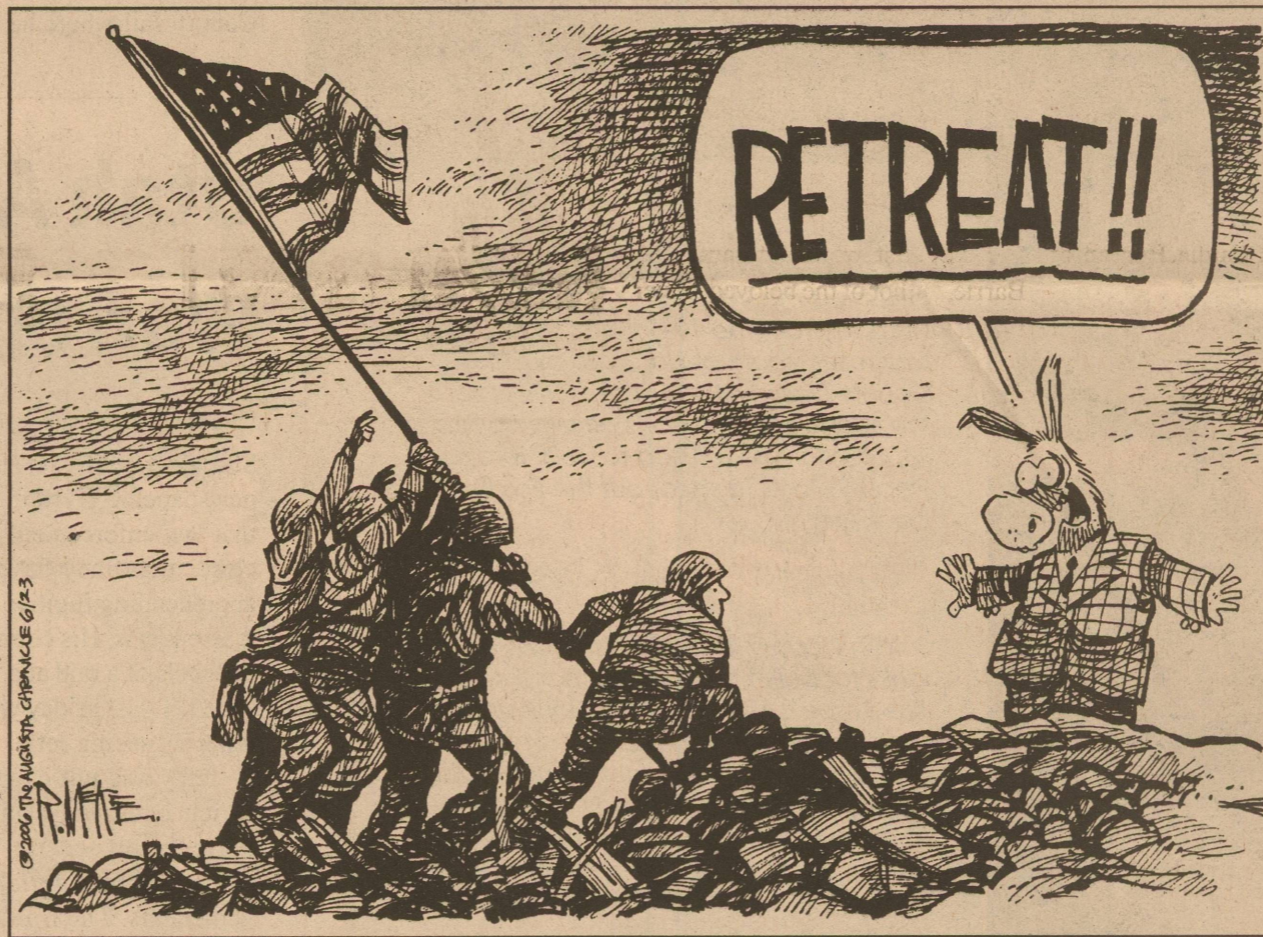
Or, picture the look on his face if he found himself standing in front of a bucking chute at the PBR Championship at the very moment that Sling Blade exploded into the arena.

U.S. soccer snobs were disappointed recently when the American team was eliminated from the World Cup. I know that I'm always supposed to root for the Red, White and Blue, and I almost always do, but I was actually pleased to learn that our TV networks would be returning to more entertaining forms of competition.

In fact, U.S. broadcasters are pleased, too. Soccer ratings are notoriously low. That, in itself, should tell someone something.

Seriously, World Cup Soccer attracts a much smaller audience in America than the World Poker Tour, and the WPT is cheaper to produce. Add to that the fact that Poker is an easy game to follow, the player with the most chips is the winner.

I suppose we can all be snobs about our favorite sports. Next year I get my chance when America's Cup yacht racing gets its day in the sun. How does a West Texas boy grow up to like yacht racing, well, that's a whole 'nother column.



The most photographed hotel in the world

I lived in the northeast for about six months when I was just out of college. I didn't have a lot of money, but gas was cheap and I had a car, so I did a lot of driving on weekends. One time I ventured up to Quebec City. It felt like I was in France. The old part of Quebec has narrow cobblestone streets, little sidewalk cafes you just can't pass by, interesting stores, historic buildings with classical architecture and acres of parks. The Saint Lawrence River flows by the city.

On a hill overlooking the river is the Hotel Frontenac. It looks like a fairytale castle when you first see it. The sight is intriguing and makes you want to see it up close, to walk in it and absorb the ambience.

When I was there for the first time I didn't even ask about the cost of a room. I knew I couldn't afford it. When I left the grounds of the hotel on my first visit, I knew I would return. I carried the images of Quebec with me for nearly fifty years. I saw clearly the green grass, the colorful shops, the inviting restaurants, the couples holding hands, the beautiful flowers and of course the Chateau Frontenac.



by Tumbleweed Smith

We have been busy this year, thank goodness, with lots of speeches, video projects and various other activities. The other day my wife Susan said it was time for us to go to Quebec. So I made reservations at the Frontenac for a long weekend.

Quebec isn't the easiest city to get to. We had to fly to Montreal, rent a car and drive for three hours to get to Quebec. But it was certainly worth any extra effort we made. The hotel dominates Old Quebec. Its location on a hill makes it visible for miles. Ships passing by on the river have a fabulous view of the Chateau Frontenac.

We had a corner room that gave us a view of the river and part of Old Quebec. Our room was ideal and the hotel was everything a luxurious hotel should be. The concierge, Ann McKenna, is the very best and has an uncanny

knowledge about Quebec. She did send us to some great restaurants where we dined on stag, buffalo, caribou, shells from the St. Lawrence (we dug the meat out with needles), sole with vanilla sauce, salads with lavender and orchids, seasoned with rosemary and tarragon. At the Frontenac I had the best meal: halibut with mango salsa.

We listened to jazz, swam, rode the funicular up and down the steep hillside, walked, shopped along the inviting streets and had coffee and chocolate at a sidewalk café while listening to a street musician play romantic tunes on his accordion. Since the hotel is within walking distance to everything we needed, we didn't move our car until it was time to leave.

Chateau Frontenac, with 618 rooms, is part of the Fairmont group of hotels, which also has the resort hotel Chateau Lake Louise at Banff.

The Frontenac was built in 1893 by the Canada Pacific Railway, named for a flamboyant French Governor.

I will go back to Quebec. But I won't wait fifty years to do so.

Supreme Court finds fault with 1 Texas district

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Most of the Texas Legislature's contested 2003 redrawing of congressional district boundaries did not violate the Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 28.

However, the majority of the high court found the map of Congressional District 23 in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

District 23 cut into Laredo, a Hispanic and Democratic stronghold, to the advantage of Republican U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla.

U.S. District Judge John T. Ward, Eastern District of Texas, on June 29 ordered proposed boundary lines must be delivered by July 14 and July 21 is the deadline for responses to the proposals. Oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 3 in Austin.

Ward is one third of a three-judge panel that will redraw the district. The redrawing may change the shape of as many as three other adjacent or nearby congressional districts.

Recently resigned U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, who was House majority leader at the time, played a role in forcing the redraw between decennial censuses.

In 2003, most Democratic state lawmakers regarded the timing as illegal at worst and unusual or unprecedented at best, but Republicans argued that the Legislature should replace the previous court-drawn map with one drawn by the Legislature, in accordance with the state constitution.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court adopted the latter mindset. Texas and other states might interpret this to mean a voting map can be challenged at any time, and there's no need to postpone the redrawing until a new U.S. Census is taken.

Before boundaries were redrawn, Democrats held a 17-15 seat edge over Republicans. The new boundaries resulted in a 21-11 seat advantage for Republicans.

The League of United Latin American Citizens and others brought the lawsuit challenging the 2003 redistricting. The lawsuit named as defendants Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick, Secretary of State Roger Williams and other high-ranking state officials, all of whom are Republican.

Perry called the court's ruling "a clear victory for our state."

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said, "The Court made clear that the Texas Legislature was fully within its constitutional authority when it adopted a congressional plan that more fairly represents the demonstrated preferences of Texas voters."

Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat challenging Perry for governor, commented, "The Supreme Court's decision clearly shows that Rick Perry and Tom DeLay's actions were blatant violations of the Voting Rights Act and politically motivated power grabs against the Hispanic voting population in South Texas."

AG: TxDOT may install cameras

The Texas Department of Transportation may install cameras on state highway rights-of-way to monitor compliance with traffic control signals, Attorney General Abbott ruled June 23.

TxDOT also may permit local authorities to install camera equipment in connection with traffic-control signals on state highway rights-of-way for the same purpose, Abbott ruled.

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OBITUARIES

Gene Kerr Barth

SAN ANGELO — After a wonderful life fulfilled and many friends, Imogene "Gene" Estelle Evans Kerr Barth went to be with the Lord. She passed away on Saturday, July 1, 2006. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 3, in Fairmount Cemetery with Rev. Jim Wilkerson Jr. officiating.

Gene was born Oct. 27, 1918, in Devine, Texas, to Olen Evans and Stella Weir. She attended school in Eldorado, Texas, where she met and later married Billy Willoughby Kerr. After marrying, she and Billy moved to San Angelo where she lived for the past 65 years. They kept close ties in Eldorado with family and friends as they continued in the family ranching business. After Billy's untimely death in 1965, she married Shell Barth.

Gene was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. She loved dancing and was a member of Terpsichorean Dance Club for many years. She was an avid bridge player and belonged to numerous bridge

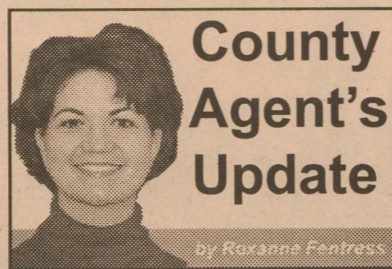
groups throughout San Angelo. Gene was a fabulous cook and enjoyed sharing her delicious cuisine with family and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Billy Kerr; brother Hudson Evans; daughter Beverly Kerr Swigart; and Shell Barth.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Lynn Griffin of Eldorado; sisters-in-law Della Evans of Seattle, Wash., and Ann Kerr of San Angelo; grandsons Davis Swigart and friend Teri Turner of San Angelo and Kirk Griffin and wife Holly of Eldorado; granddaughters Kim Manning of Plainview, Susan Acker and husband Tim of Gansevoort, N.Y., Lori Osborne and husband John of Menard, Ellen Godwin and husband Mike of San Angelo; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and Jack Oxford, a very dear friend.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to a favorite charity.

Summer speaker series slated Thursday, July 13



County Agent's Update

by Roxanne Fontress

The Summer Speaker Series workshop will be next Thursday, July 13 at the Schleicher County Extension Office. A free salad lunch will be offered by

the Schleicher County FCS Programming Committee beginning at 11:30 a.m. This month's guest speaker will begin at 12:00 noon and go until 1:00 p.m.

This month's speaker is Ms. Becky Sullivan, Family Nurse Practitioner from Schleicher County Medical Center. She will be discussing Weight Management and Health. Anyone interested in attending should register by Tuesday, July 11 by calling the Extension Office at 853-2132.

Childcare will be provided by Senior Schleicher County 4-H Members. Anyone needing childcare should indicate this need when registering.

Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

Historians claim that for all but three of the past 20 centuries, the world's largest economy has been China.

Yet another example of an ignominious demise is Marlon Pistol, a children's entertainer. He was driving on a California freeway on the way to a party at which he was to be the main attraction when a balloon elephant -- a 20-foot-long balloon elephant -- spontaneously began to inflate in the back of his car, causing the crash that took his life.

Have you ever been to Lost Springs, Wyo.? How about Ervings, N.H.; Hibberts, Maine; or New Amsterdam, Ind.? Probably not -- each of these towns have a recorded population of just one person.

The first coin ever minted in the United States reportedly had the motto "Mind Your Own Business" imprinted upon it.

The last words of James M. Barrie, author of the beloved "Peter Pan" stories, were "I can't sleep."

The ancient Inca Empire of South America poses many mysteries to modern students of history. One of the more puzzling of these mysteries is why the rulers were tall and had fair skin while most of their subjects were small and had dark skin.

It's been reported that a man named Stephen Bishop once wrote a little-known song called "I'm So Miserable Without You It's Almost Like Having You Here."

Noted industrialist and tycoon John D. Rockefeller once offered a piece of advice on how to acquire wealth in the stock market. He said, "The way to make money is to buy when blood is running in the streets."

If a goose wants to look straight ahead, it has to turn its head.

Thought for the Day: "Most writers regard the truth as their most valuable possession, and therefore are most economical in its use." -- Mark Twain

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Lottery agency names chief

Lottery Commissioners on June 28 named Anthony J. Sadberry executive director of the Texas Lottery.

Sadberry had been serving as acting director since his appointment in January.

A former assistant Attorney General of Texas, Sadberry was appointed to the Texas Lottery Commission by Gov. Ann Richards in 1993.

Sadberry begins his duties im-

State executes

'Railroad Killer'

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice executed 46-year-old Angel Maturino Resendiz at Huntsville on June 27. Resendiz was found guilty for the 1998 murder of Dr. Claudia Benton of Houston.

As many as 10 other murders have been attributed to Resendiz, who became known as the "railroad killer" for hopping freight trains and moving from town to town.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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7th Nancy Sproul, Will Griffin, Wayne Mikeska, Dest Sudduth
8th Adon Santellano II, Kirk Gruben, Janee Finley, Bob Bruce, Marvin Hickman, Ricky Gutierrez, George Gower, Yasmin Ramirez
9th Millie Jeffs, Glenda Nix, Renee Edmiston, Debi S. Pina, Brooke Henry
10th Peggy Ussery, Ray Louis Lozano, John David Meador, Dusty Nolen, Mike Mankin, J.R. Goodrum
11th Garrett Warnock, Earl Caulder, Gertrude Robinson, Andy Mayfield, Bill Raddle
12th Cynthia Sauer, Monroe Dacy, Julie Ann Hight, Mary Nolen, Paige Ragsdale, Quisto Gonzalez, Vanessa Ruiz, George Arispe, Oralia B. Trevino, Maranio Gonzalez
13th Carlos P. Rios, Alyssa Halbert, Cody Reavis, Jessica Kirchharr, Jack Turner, Jason Beach

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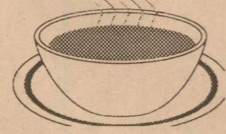
- July**
8th William & Darlene Edmiston
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- Tuesday, July 11**
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- Wednesday, July 12**
Beef Tips w/ Gravy, Rice, Mixed Veggies, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/ 3 Tomato Slices, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, July 13**
Chicken Fajita w/ Onion & Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortillas, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
- Friday, July 14**
Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Beets, Dinner Rolls, Strawberry / Banana Mix, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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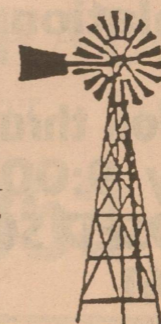
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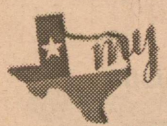


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Urban Falls ebbs and flows near Austin

by Mark K. Campbell

For a city that prides itself on being so eco-conscious, Austin (aka "California in Texas") has a lousy state park.

Now, to be fair, if one had ventured to McKinney Falls soon after a nice rainfall, things could've been different.

But, on our visit, McKinney Falls achieved a spot on the Don't Need to Go Back State Park Hall of Fame with Abilene SP and San Angelo SP.

At the park

McKinney Falls SP lies on the east side of Austin, within the city limits. It's just past the shiny Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters building; it's weird that the organization would have so nice a structure next to so funky a state park.

It was smoking hot on the day we entered the park gate. Naturally, Austinites have plenty of other places to cool off — groovy oases like Zilker Park, Barton Springs Pool, and the clothing optional Hippy Hollow on Lake Travis.

Apparently, even on a searing day, most folks find other places to take a dip rather than McKinney Falls.

The park has an interesting history — most of which you can learn from the Smith Visitor Center in the middle of the park. That center is classically mid-70's, filled with almost gaudy dioramas and photographs varying from grainy historical pictures to snap shots of bell-bottomed nature walkers.

Perhaps it was the hurricanes, but Thomas McKinney — one of Stephen F. Austin's Old 300 — left Galveston for this Central Texas stream, Onion Creek.

Around 1850, McKinney tried his hand breeding race horses — which included a trainer, a track, a corral, and a modest home for the trainer. He also constructed a flour



PHOTO BY PAULA CAMPBELL

Thousands of years ago, Indians used this limestone overhang for protection and as a home. The giant cypress tree "Old Baldy" is just back up the path.

grist mill as well as a large, two-story house — with slave labor.

Floods and fires put the hurt on McKinney's buildings. Remnants of the old structures can be reached by a hike over unprotected limestone that, on a steaming day, will greatly aid in your weight loss program as you sweat off several pounds.

A nice secret

Like every state park, there's something unique if you look hard enough.

That aspect at McKinney Falls

is found on the Rock Shelter Trail that begins at the Visitor Center.

The path descends toward a tributary creek where, very soon, towering cypress trees offer much needed shade.

On the far end of a footbridge, one cypress is astonishingly large. It soars skyward and is incredibly huge.

This is "Old Baldy," believed to be over 500 years old and more than 60 feet tall. The tree's circumference is simply remarkable.

Just past Old Baldy (not to be

confused with the trail of the same name at Garner SP), is another stopping spot.

A huge limestone ledge overhang offered protection for Indians and it still is much cooler than the surrounding area, overlooking a creek.

The trail is interpretive, but some later numbered stops are mislabeled.

Trails

After traipsing through the overhang, a trail heads over barren limestone along Onion Creek — so named for the wild plants that grow there, sometimes in ancient wash-outs in the rock — toward the ruins.

Water often stood silently and stinkily; several pools had been still for days and plenty of human debris — trash, flip-flops, Fanta bottles — were wedged in the funk.

But one tiny stream manages to move along through small gorges cut long ago in the limestone. Walking near that flow will take you to one of two falls — and the remains of the grist mill and the McKinney homestead.

Little remains of the mill. A metal rod sticks straight up and there's a nice rock arch there.

Just up the trail is the substantial ruins of the old McKinney household. It's massive for being in the middle of nowhere, most of it still baking in the relentless Texas sun. The abode is fenced off with chain-link, but you can walk all the way around it.

Long hike/bike trails head out from the McKinney house; the Homestead is a three miles long loop.

Two pools

When the water's running, McKinney Falls surely looks a lot like Krause Springs or Hamilton Pool. But, without a boost from Mother Nature, McKinney Falls is a mere trickle.

Two pools are available and, even with the drought, the pools were cool and full — of water and people.

The lower falls requires the
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A roadrunner can survive the brutal Texas heat at McKinney Falls State Park.

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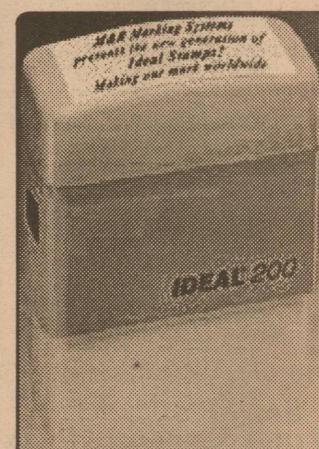
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A recent analysis by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) indicated that drivers could save an average of five to 10 percent on their auto insurance rates if they reduced their annual mileage.

"Many insurance companies look at how much you drive each year," explains Dave Roush, CEO of Insurance.com, "and a small

change in your yearly mileage could result in big savings."

Insurance companies consider whether or not a driver is using a car for business or pleasure, and even reducing the number of miles driven to work each week could result in savings.

The CFA report uses the example of simply reducing miles driven each week from 200 to 175. This small annual mileage reduction from 10,400 to 9,100 could make a big difference to auto insurance rates.

Drivers can cut down on their mileage by car-pooling for work, making fewer trips, or consolidat-

ing errands into one trip.

"Insurance companies often use 10,000 miles as a price point in determining auto insurance rates," Roush reported. "If you drive less than 10,000 miles annually, you could see a savings of about five percent on your premium."

Less driving means less exposure to situations that could result in an accident. This results in fewer claims, encouraging insurers to lower rates.

J. Robert Hunter, director of insurance for the CFA, suggests that it's a good idea if "consumers who are driving less shop around before renewing their policy."

Roush agrees with Hunter's advice. "It's important to regularly confirm you're getting the best deal from your auto insurance. You might find that you've saved several hundred dollars just by spending a few minutes comparing rates."

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• On July 18, 1925, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler publishes the first volume of his personal manifesto, "Mein Kampf," or "My Struggle," was a bitter narrative filled with anti-Semitic outpourings.

• On July 22, 1934, outside Chicago's Biograph Theatre, notorious criminal John Dillinger is killed in a hail of bullets fired by federal agents. In just over a year, Dillinger and his associates robbed 11 banks for more than \$300,000, and killed seven police officers and three federal agents.

• On July 20, 1940, Billboard magazine publishes its first "Music Popularity Chart." The first No. 1 hit was "I'll Never Smile Again" by the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. From then on, Billboard published its list of top sellers once a week.

• On July 17, 1955, Disneyland opens. The \$17 million theme park was built on 160 acres of former orange groves in Anaheim, Calif., and soon brought in staggering profits. Today Disneyland hosts more than 14 million visitors a year, who spend close to \$3 billion.

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Summer Readers Club members enjoyed posing with SpongeBob SquarePants who left his "Pineapple Under the Sea" on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 to surprise visitors at the Schleicher County Library. Front (L-R): Wyatt Mertz, Addie Jo Griffin, Andrea Meador, Ashton and Alexandria Torres of Dallas, Arden and Madolyn Mertz. Back (L-R): Junior Gonzalez, SpongeBob SquarePants and Wesley Smith of Brady.

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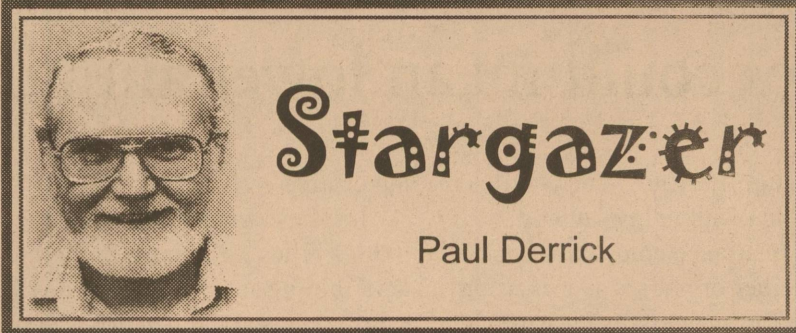
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Stargazer

Paul Derrick

few centuries, however, owing the wobble of precession, Polaris will no longer be above Earth's north pole and won't do for a North Star -- at least not for another 25,000 or so years.

Precession also affects what constellations are seen each season. For us, Scorpius tells us it's summer, while Orion dominates our winter night sky. In 12,900 years--half way through a precession wobble--this will be reversed. Our Northern Hemisphere ancestors, if any are still around, will see Orion in the summer and Scorpius in the winter--just as Southern Hemisphere Earthlings do right now.

• Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Mercury, Saturn and Mars are aligned diagonally low in the west with Mercury just above the horizon at dusk, Saturn to its upper left, and Mars to Saturn's upper left. (Mercury leaves the evening sky within a few days, and Saturn is gone by month's end.) Jupiter is the brightest object midway up in the south. Morning: Venus, rising 2 hours before the Sun, is the "morning star" low in the northeast.

• Astro Milestones. July 20 is the 37th anniversary of the 1969 Apollo 11 lunar landing, when American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to land and walk on the moon.

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.

The wobble that changes the sky

is having cold, long winter nights. The half-way points between these extremes are fall and spring with moderate temperatures and days and nights of equal length.

So, what about the wobble? Think of Earth as a spinning top. Not only does a top rapidly spin on its axis, but it also has a slower wobble that becomes more noticeable as the spin slows down. Earth, which rotates on its axis each

day, also has a very gradual wobble that takes 25,800 years, and which astronomers call precession. Over a human lifetime, it is undetectable without precise measuring instruments. But over longer periods, precession becomes quite apparent in the night sky.

In our era, the star Polaris is almost straight up from Earth's north pole, giving us a nice, moderately bright North Star. In a

When something develops a wobble it often means a problem. But in the case of Earth, its wobble is but one result of an event that has profoundly affected life on our planet.

Some 4-5 billion years ago, when our solar system was in its formative stages, a Mars-sized planet likely collided with Earth, destroying the smaller planet and drastically altering our planet. Blasted-away debris from that colossal collision eventually coalesced and formed our Moon.

And Earth, which presumably had been orbiting perpendicularly to its orbit, with its north and south poles straight up and down, was knocked a little wacky and left with a 23 1/2 degree tilt. (You've probably noticed the tilt on mounted Earth globes.)

It is because of this tilt that we have seasons. As Earth makes its annual orbit around the Sun, the northern and southern hemispheres take turns tilting toward the Sun. Now, with our Northern Hemisphere tilted Sunward, we are having hot, long summer days. But the Southern Hemisphere, being tilted away from the Sun,

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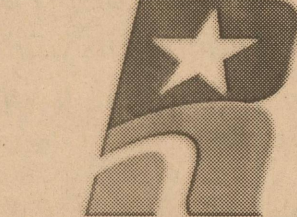
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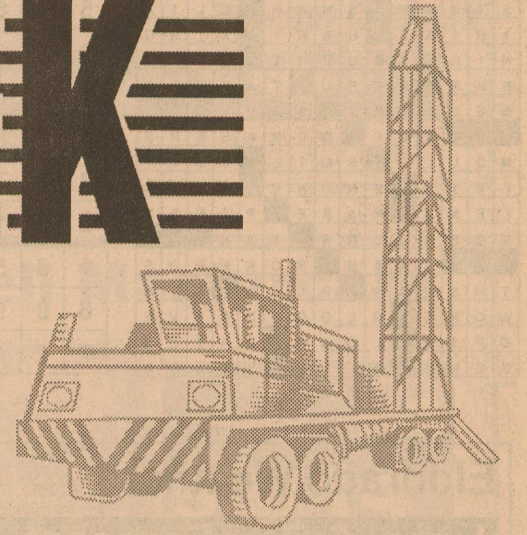
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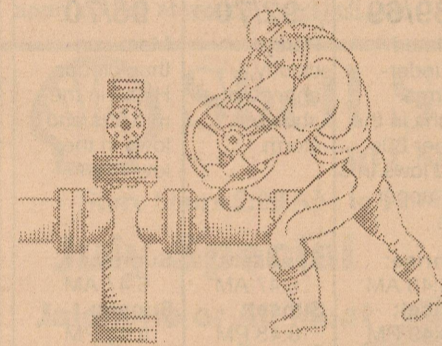
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A visit to McKinney Falls State Park

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scorching hike to the ruins. However, you can drive to a parking area if you don't feel like hiking and the walk is substantially shorter (we found out later).

This pool is much smaller than the upper falls. A small gravel island sits in the middle of the lower falls and huge cypresses offer well-worn places to toss picnic blankets.

Brave souls jumped the eight feet from the cliff to the water below, right where the trickle tumbled in from its lonely slot above.

The upper falls is near the Visitor Center where an overlook provides a view of part of the pool.

However, you need to walk down to take the pool in fully. (It's a bit steep and rooty at times.) You can swim up under a limestone overhang or cook on the (hot) limestone above.

The upper pool very much resembles Krause Springs. The water is a mineral-rich lime green. The folks in the pool weren't Austin hipsters, but they enjoyed

cooling off amid friends and watermelons.

Camping

There are plenty of wildflowers in the spring and lots of birds, too. But in the Texas heat, almost every one of the 84 camping spots was vacant.

The few daring campers sat under motionless trees where it was so hot even the cicadas didn't bother to make any noise.

Some mattressless screened shelters housed a few hearty souls; six shelters are grouped together not too far from the creek and another 3-mile trail that meanders around the camping areas and past

the upper falls.

Eight walk-in campsites are sandwiched between the creek – which was too often stagnant without any rain – and a dining hall and amphitheater.

McKinney Falls could be a great place – the worker at the Visitor Center proudly showed us a painting of water rushing over the falls – but it seemed in decline.

And having maintenance roads crossing the park – including right over once pristine limestone – seems so wrong.

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- ACROSS**
- Guitar holderupper
 - Old Iranian ruler
 - Director Kazan
 - Maya Angelou's "Still _"
 - Spymom's Mata
 - PED _ (traffic caution)
 - '80s-'90s Harry Anderson sitcom
 - Call by intercom
 - _ out a living
 - Barn dance
 - Sealed, in a way
 - Some metalworkers
 - Salt away
 - Keebler pitchman
 - Demeaning sorts
 - Gangsters' gals
 - Erosion loss
 - Buttonhole, e.g.
 - Diabolical
 - Telemarketer's tool
 - Tibetan monk
 - Beany and Cecil's

- "Leakin' _"
- Roast beef order
 - Violet variety
 - Clothing holders
 - Fleming of 007 fame
 - Deck wood
 - Windbags' speeches
 - Aries, familiarly
 - "No contest," for example
 - _synch
 - Had on
 - Where pints are

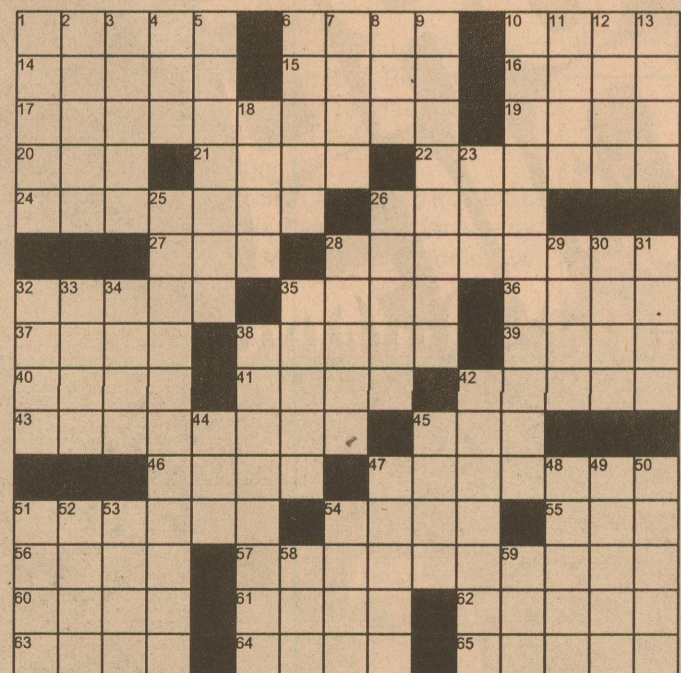
- donated
- Ronny Howard
 - TV role
 - Airshow maneuver
 - Packed away
 - Shipped out
 - Vogue competitor
 - Dummy Mortimer

DOWN

- Muscular strength
- Rugrat's wheels
- Star in Orion
- Baseball bat

- wood
- "Stormy" birds
 - Imelda's collection
 - Carry by truck
 - Sheet music abbr.
 - Like a mediocre pitcher
 - "Ten items or less" spot
 - Fact fudger
 - "Bus Stop" playwright William
 - Got mellow
 - Punster Bennett
 - Actress Gardner
- Perry Mason's assistant
 - Left Bank river
 - The _ (Morrison's band)
 - Pizazz
 - Lens holders
 - Collar insert
 - Pinochle combo
 - Walkie-talkie word
 - Place to wait
 - "Jaws" terror
 - Constitution introduction
 - Thankgiving Day events
 - Red or Dead
 - Cooled down
 - Skier's place
 - Upper crust
 - Navy Seal, e.g.
 - Shell out
 - "Terrible" time
 - It springs eternal
 - Oscar role for Julia
 - Lifeguard's watch
 - Chat room guffaw
 - Sought a seat

Road Work



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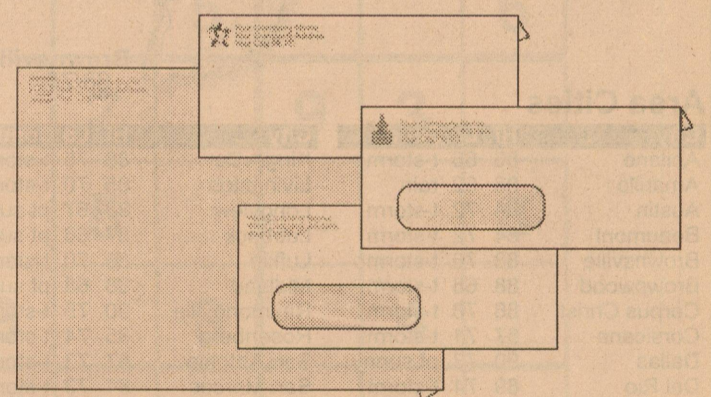
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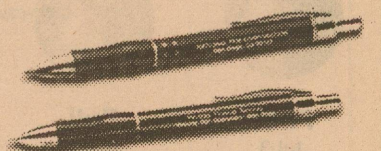
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Sealed Bids will be opened Monday, July 31, at 2:00 p.m. in the Administration Building at 205 Field Street, Eldorado, Texas.

Bids received after that date and time would not be considered. Schleicher County I.S.D. Reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ELDORADO
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Eldorado will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p. m. on July 10, 2006 at City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood, Eldorado, Texas in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary at the City Hall, (325)853-2691.

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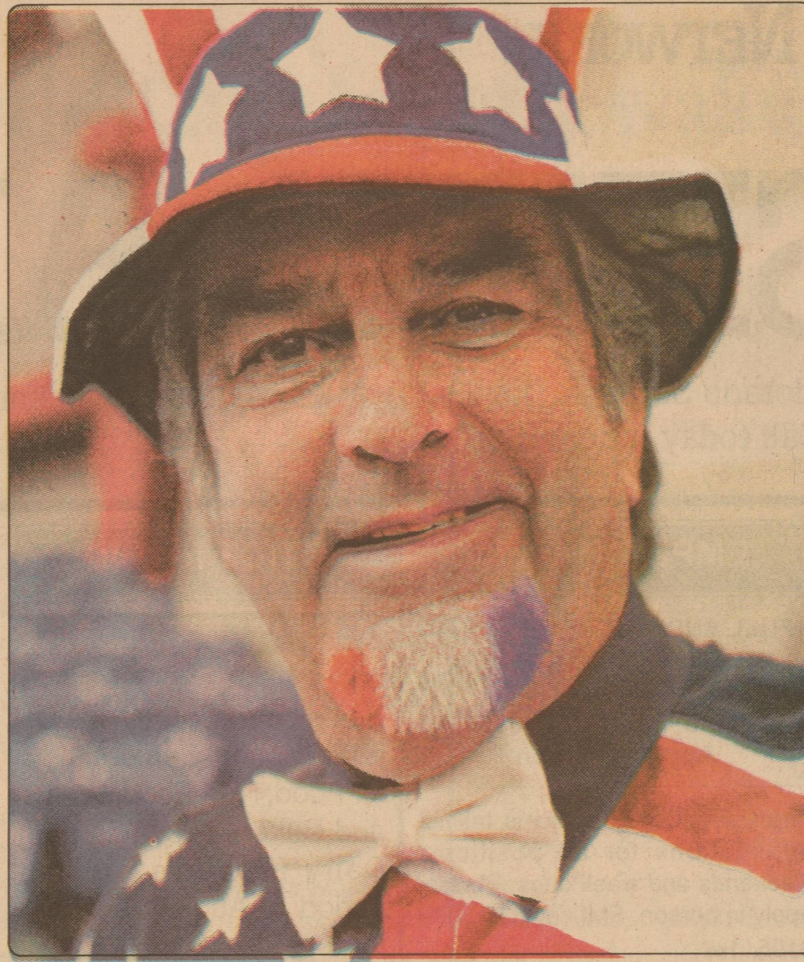


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Eldorado's own Jim Runge was selected Saturday night as Fan of the Game as the San Angelo Stampede Express arena football team hosted the Laredo Lobos in the San Angelo Coliseum. Runge's "Uncle Sam" costume was more than appropriate for the occasion as the team celebrated "Patriot Night" ahead of the July 4th holiday.

Nominations open for Texas Forts Trail region board

The Texas Forts Trail Region board is seeking nominations for additional board members from throughout the Forts Trail Region.

The Region encompasses 29 counties including Brown, Calahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Irion, Jack, Jones, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Mills, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Tom Green, Throckmorton and Young.

The board is the decision-making entity that facilitates the program strategies of the Texas Forts Trail Region. Board members are selected by a nomination-by-application process of community leaders in the region and serve

three-year terms.

There is a commitment of one board meeting every month, plus additional time spent working on such issues as historic preservation, economic development, promotion, education and heritage tourism.

To obtain an application or for more information, contact Margaret Hoogstra at (325) 676-1762 or by e-mail at tft@texasfortstrail.com. Completed applications must be returned no later than Monday, July 17.

The Texas Forts Trail Region is a regional tourism initiative developed by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) that positively impacts the local economy by increasing visitation to cultural and historical attractions.

Texas GLO creates tool to help find oil & gas

AUSTIN - Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, has brought millions of land grants, coastal leases and oil and gas leases to life via a 21st century, state-of-the-art, online mapping application.

The Texas General Land Office Interactive Land/Lease Information System can be used by anyone with Internet access. The interactive tool lets genealogists look up family land grants online instead of driving to Austin to comb through original documents, which number in the millions. Employees at oil and gas companies across the nation can search for information on specific oil and gas leases with a few keystrokes. And in less than a minute, a graduate student in Lubbock can view original land grant information for William B. Travis thanks to this new online mapping application.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) was first used at the

General Land Office in 1988 for surveying state lands and for legislative redistricting. Since then, GIS functions have expanded to include supporting lease sales, oil spill response, stewardship of coastal resources, land surveying and other business functions of the Land Office.

Users of this new interactive tool can locate a specific oil and gas lease and get a detailed map of the surrounding area, down to a particular intersection.

"The GIS application will give historians a new way of researching Texas landmarks, land grants, oil and gas leases and census information by county," Patterson said. "We are paving new ground here and that is something all Texans can be proud of."

To begin searching land transfers, oil and gas leases, coastal leases and other data, please visit <http://gisweb1.glo.state.tx.us/web-site/gisweb.cfm>.

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So, grill catfish with a peanut glaze, toss cooked rice with orange zest, parsley and orange segments, and serve. Drizzle catfish with a gingered teriyaki sauce, bake, then serve with peanut noodles and sugar snap peas. Spread the fish with a crunchy peanut and coconut topping, bake, then serve with sliced tomatoes and a green salad. Dinner's ready!

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Sweet and Spicy Peanut Glazed Catfish

Gingered Catfish, Peanut Noodles and Sugar Snap Peas

- 1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot or 1/8 teaspoon dried ginger
- 1/2 cup plain dry breadcrumbs
- 4 U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets (6 ounces each), halved crosswise
- 1/3 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 3 cups cooked vermicelli noodles (6 ounces uncooked)
- 2 cups frozen sugar snap peas, defrosted

Heat oven to 450°F. Spray baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.
In small bowl, combine teriyaki sauce with ginger. Remove 1 tablespoon teriyaki mixture to medium bowl. Place breadcrumbs on plate. Gently pat catfish fillets with paper towels to dry. Add catfish to teriyaki mixture in medium bowl and toss gently. Coat each fillet with breadcrumbs; place on prepared baking sheet. Spray fillets with nonstick cooking spray. Bake until fish is opaque in center, 10 to 13 minutes, depending on size.

To remaining teriyaki mixture in small bowl, stir in peanut butter, vinegar and red pepper flakes, stirring until smooth and adding water until saucy, 1 tablespoon at a time. Set aside 1/4 cup peanut sauce; toss remaining sauce with cooked noodles.

To serve, arrange peanut noodles on platter. Top with sugar snap peas and hot catfish. If desired, garnish with sliced scallions (green onions). Drizzle catfish with reserved peanut sauce.

Makes 4 servings

Per Serving: Calories 561 (34% from fat); Fat 21g (sat 4g, mono 10g, poly 5g); Protein 37g; Carbohydrate 56g; Fiber 6g; Cholesterol 73mg; Calcium 110mg; Sodium 994mg

Sweet and Spicy Peanut Glazed Catfish

- 4 U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets (about 6 ounces each)
- 2 tablespoons orange marmalade
- 1 tablespoon reduced-fat peanut butter
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon finely minced garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1/4 cup dry roasted peanuts, chopped
- 2 cups cooked rice

Preheat oven to 450°F or grill to medium. Season both sides of fillets with salt and pepper, if desired. In small bowl, combine marmalade, peanut butter, paprika, garlic, salt, and black and red peppers; stir in peanuts. Spread fillets with peanut mixture, dividing evenly. Place fillets on greased baking pan or greased grill rack. Cook until fish is opaque in center, 8 to 10 minutes, depending on size.

Serve with rice tossed with orange zest and parsley and orange segments, if desired.

Makes 4 servings

Per Serving: Calories 440 (36% from fat); Fat 18g (sat 4g, mono 8g, poly 3g); Protein 32g; Carbohydrate 37g; Fiber 1g; Cholesterol 91mg; Calcium 26mg; Sodium 201mg

Catfish With Peanut-Coconut Crust

- 1/3 cup honey-roasted peanuts, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup crumbled honey-nut shredded wheat cereal
- 2 tablespoons shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons minced scallion (green onion), divided
- 1/3 cup duck sauce (sweet and sour sauce)
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon finely minced garlic
- 4 U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets (about 6 ounces each)

Spray baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. In large bowl, combine peanuts, cereal crumbs, coconut and 1 tablespoon scallion; set aside.

In small bowl, combine duck sauce, soy sauce, garlic and remaining 1 tablespoon scallion. Remove 2 tablespoons of mixture; brush over fillets. Place fillets on prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle fillets with peanut-coconut mixture, dividing evenly. Bake until fish is opaque in center, 10 to 12 minutes, depending on size.

Serve with remaining sauce mixture.

Makes 4 servings

Per Serving: Calories 355 (47% from fat); Fat 19g (sat 4g, mono 9g, poly 4g); Protein 30g; Carbohydrate 16g; Fiber 2g; Cholesterol 91mg; Calcium 26mg; Sodium 437mg

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