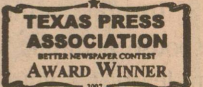


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Judge orders Jeffs to reunite man with son

Warren Jeffs and his followers must assist in restoring the parental rights of a young father, or face stiff penalties, a Utah Judge ordered last week.

Fifth District Judge James Shumate ordered Jeffs, the jailed leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to reunite Wendell Musser, 22, with his son, Levi.

Musser was separated from his wife, Vivian Barlow and their son just over a year ago. Musser had been serving as a caretaker to several of Warren Jeffs wives, but fell from favor with Jeffs after being arrested in Colorado for DWI.

At that time, Jeffs allegedly removed Vivian Barlow and the child from Musser's home and reassigned them to another man. Musser was told to "repent from a distance," FLDS-speak for being exiled.

Musser has been seeking the restoration of his family for months. Last Wednesday, Judge Shumate ruled that Jeffs had one-week to comply with his order that the father and son be reunited

and that Jeffs and his followers stop interfering with Musser's parental rights. Failing that, the judge ruled, Jeffs will be required to pay Musser \$600 per day for the cost of a private detective employed in the search for young Levi Musser.

Shumate further ruled that Wendell Musser and his lawyers may amend the original complaint to include the FLDS church and could even extend it to include church controlled property such as the YFZ Ranch here in Schleicher County, Texas as well as other property in Colorado and South Dakota. The ruling would allow Musser to seize personal property such as vehicles, and sell them at a sheriff's auction in order to continue the search for his son.

The ruling does not, however, require Musser's wife to return to him.

Judge to hear former FLDS members

Two Former members of the FLDS church will appear before Utah District
SEE JEFFS ON PAGE 5



POOL PHOTO BY JUDD BURCKETT

Attorney Richard Wright and his client Warren Jeffs reviewed court documents during a recess at a recent hearing in the Fifth District Court in St. George, Utah. Charges against Jeffs alleging Rape as an Accomplice and Sexual Conduct with a Minor are set to go to trial in September.



PHOTO BY MARK JORDAN/WISE COUNTY MESSENGER

Top award winners in the WTPA Better Newspaper Contest posed with their plaques at the close of the group's summer convention in Ruidoso, New Mexico last Saturday. Pictured L-R are: Juliet Lemond, advertising manager for the Brownwood Bulletin; Skip Nichols, assistant publisher and editor of The Wise County Messenger; Cathy Collier, editor of the Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post; and Randy Mankin, publisher of The Eldorado Success.

Success earns top honor at WTPA summer convention

The Eldorado Success on Saturday claimed the coveted Sweepstakes Award at the 77th annual convention of the West Texas Press Association, held this year in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The newspaper competed in the Better Newspaper Contest hosted each year by the WTPA. The Success won 1st Place honors in News Writing and Sports. The newspaper also earned 2nd Place awards in Editorials and 3rd Place honors in Column Writing, Advertising and General Excellence. Points garnered in the individual categories were enough to give The Success the win in the overall Sweepstakes category in the Small Weekly Division.

Interestingly, The Success' sister newspaper, The Big Lake Wildcat, placed 2nd in the Sweepstakes hunt after placing 1st in Editorials and Photography, 2nd in Sports and 3rd in Special Sections.

Other Sweepstakes winners included The Brownwood Bulletin in the Daily Division, The Wise County Messenger in the Twice-Weekly Division and the Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post in the Large Weekly Division.

Kathy Mankin placed 3rd in the first-ever Photographer of the Year competition in the weekly division.

The Success rounded out its awards with a 1st Place plaque in Special Coverage, a new award created to recognize research and reporting of major, or ongoing news stories.

Randy and Kathy Mankin were on hand for the convention where Randy Mankin ended his year as chairman of the WTPA board of directors.

He was succeeded by Roger Estlack, publisher of the Clarendon Enterprise. Taking over as president of the WTPA is Bob Brincefield, publisher of the Brownwood Bulletin.

2007 BULL to include "Whine Festival"

A new feature has been added to the 2007 Running of the BULL festival in Eldorado this July 28-29. In addition to cowboy poets, liars, punsters, tongue twisters, singers, cloggers, storytellers, animal acts, skits, etc., anyone wanting to whine about something, will be given a few moments to vent. Sorry, not enough time for political whines...that would take forever.

In a continuing spoof of anything and everything by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee, this celebration of the gift of gab will make fun of the various wine festivals cropping up all over the place.

This fifth annual event has already lined up its best schedule of speakers yet, and with the addition of "whiners," still another dimension will be added to the fun filled festivities.

Each year the Eldorado courthouse square is filled with arts, crafts and food vendors, plus inflatables and games for the kids. Two entertainment areas bustle with a myriad of talkers, cloggers, music and shenanigans. Washer tossers fill one side of the square on Saturday with an all day long tournament.

The weekend begins with 5k and one mile runs Saturday morning at 8, and continues with a parade at 9:30, before the activities get underway under the giant pecan trees at 10 AM. A slight breeze usually provides surprisingly cool temperatures for this renowned event, which is beginning to draw speakers and visitors from all over the state, and beyond.

And the best part? Admission and parking are free, and there are no entry fees or other requirements to get up on the stage and speak. The only cost is for any food or merchandise from the numerous vendors who are set up on the premises. Almost sixty official vendors offer almost any type of carnival type food and a huge variety of arts, crafts and retail items. That doesn't count the outlaw vendors who set up in the street off the festival grounds. Festival organizers urge visitors to shop the official vendors to help support the festival and reduce the possibility that admission will have to be charged at future events.

If you get up your nerve, opportunities are sometimes offered for impromptu speeches, so get ready! For more information contact Jim Runge at 325-853-3678 or eoboc@hotmail.com. Don't forget blankets and/or lawn chairs!

Accident sends former commissioner to jail

There were no serious injuries, but an Eldorado man was jailed, on Wednesday, July 18, following a one-vehicle accident approximately 9 miles East of Eldorado on U.S. 190.

Former Schleicher County Commissioner William Garth Clark, 41, of Eldorado, was reportedly driving Westbound on U.S. 190 when he lost control of his 2007 GMC Yukon.

According to investigators at the scene, Clark lost control of the vehicle and it swerved off the north side of the roadway before crossing both lanes of traffic and crashing through a fence and into a pasture on the south side of the road.

Clark declined to take a breathalyzer test, according to Chief Deputy George Arispe. At that time, Clark was arrested and transported to the Schleicher County Jail where he was booked in on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

Deputy Arispe's report states that Clark was on medication for depression and anxiety disorders while consuming alcohol. The report also says that Clark was recently released from a "mental

treatment facility."

Texas state law requires that anyone who declines to take a breathalyzer test be arrested on a DWI charge and

their driver's license immediately suspended.

Clark was later released on \$1,000 bond.

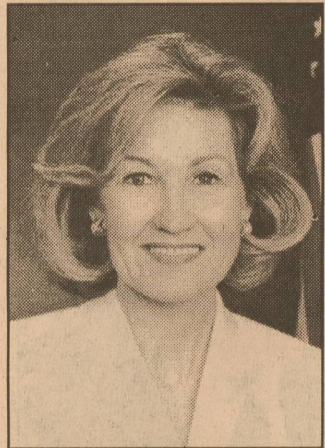


COURTESY PHOTO

Bill Clark, 41, of Eldorado was charged with Driving While Intoxicated following this one-vehicle accident July 18, some 9 miles East of Eldorado on U.S. 190.

Social Security fairness for Texas' public servants

Imagine sitting around the kitchen table with your spouse, planning for a well-deserved retirement, only to learn that your monthly Social Security benefits will be hundreds of dollars less than expected. Unfortunately, this nightmare is experienced by many of our state's teachers, police officers, firefighters and



Commentary
by U.S. Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison

other public servants due to a bureaucratic rule that causes Social Security to report erroneous projected benefits and arbitrarily reduce their benefits. To prevent this, I have introduced legislation that protects the retirement savings of our hardest working public servants and ensures that they are not caught off guard by unfair regulations.

Instead of paying into the Social Security system, many state employees and public servants contribute to a non-Social Security plan such as the Teacher Retirement System of Texas or a firefighters' pension fund. When they retire, they receive benefits from these plans rather than from Social Security.

But difficulty can arise for Texans who spend part of their career as public servants not eligible for Social Security, and another part of their career in a Social Security covered job. When the Social Security Administration (SSA) attempts to estimate future benefits for a person with this type of career history, it does not know that they will be receiving pension payments from a public sector retirement plan. As a result, the SSA over-estimates the monthly amount this person is eligible to receive in Social Security benefits, and passes the incorrect estimate on to them to use when planning for their retirement. It is only when these retirees actually apply for benefits that the SSA "corrects" its mistake and reduces the amount of their monthly Social Security check using a rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

After many years of saving, planning and trusting that the government will provide what it promised, too many Texans affected by the WEP are left holding the bag. The amount that a person's Social Security is reduced due to the WEP is arbitrarily decided by the SSA and may not properly reflect the amount of Social Security the person has earned. And, contrary to its original purpose, the WEP tends to have the most negative impact on people with lower incomes.

Congressman Kevin Brady and I have introduced the Public Servant Retirement Protection Act of 2007 to amend the WEP and ensure that Texas' public servants are not undermined by discriminatory Social Security formulas. Estimated benefits statements produced by the SSA should not mislead Texans about the amount they have paid into the Social Security system, and the amount they can realistically expect to receive in return.

The difficulty many Texans have with the WEP and other regulations reflects broader problems with our nation's Social Security system. It is a 1930s government program that needs major reforms to remain viable in the 21st Century. Millions of Texans depend on it in their retirement years, and trust the federal government to give them accurate information about their benefits. I am committed to keeping our promises to today's seniors and the hard-working Americans who will rely on this safety net in the future. Social Security reform is long overdue, and I will continue to work toward a lasting, bipartisan and comprehensive solution.

Rock, Paper, Scissors

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



Chess is boring. I used to think that video games were the worst kind of games because they don't allow a person to physically exert himself. Everyone knows that if you're not breaking a sweat, you're not getting enough exercise. However, with a video game, there are at least two to four fingers furiously working the buttons on the controller. Sometimes, if you look really close, you can even see a light sheen of sweat on a video game player's upper lip.

I watched a chess game for a half hour once. That will be the last time I do that. Within that half hour, there was one move. One of the opponents managed to lift one arm and move one piece, one space. Then they both just sat there looking at the board. I know their minds are working and, to be fair, they are probably really great strategists. But I think that strategists probably aren't very healthy people. Because of this fact, they must die younger. The world needs great strategists, even if they are unhealthy, which means that we need to teach more people how to play chess. I can't think of anything I'd like to do less.

In a rare moment, I was able

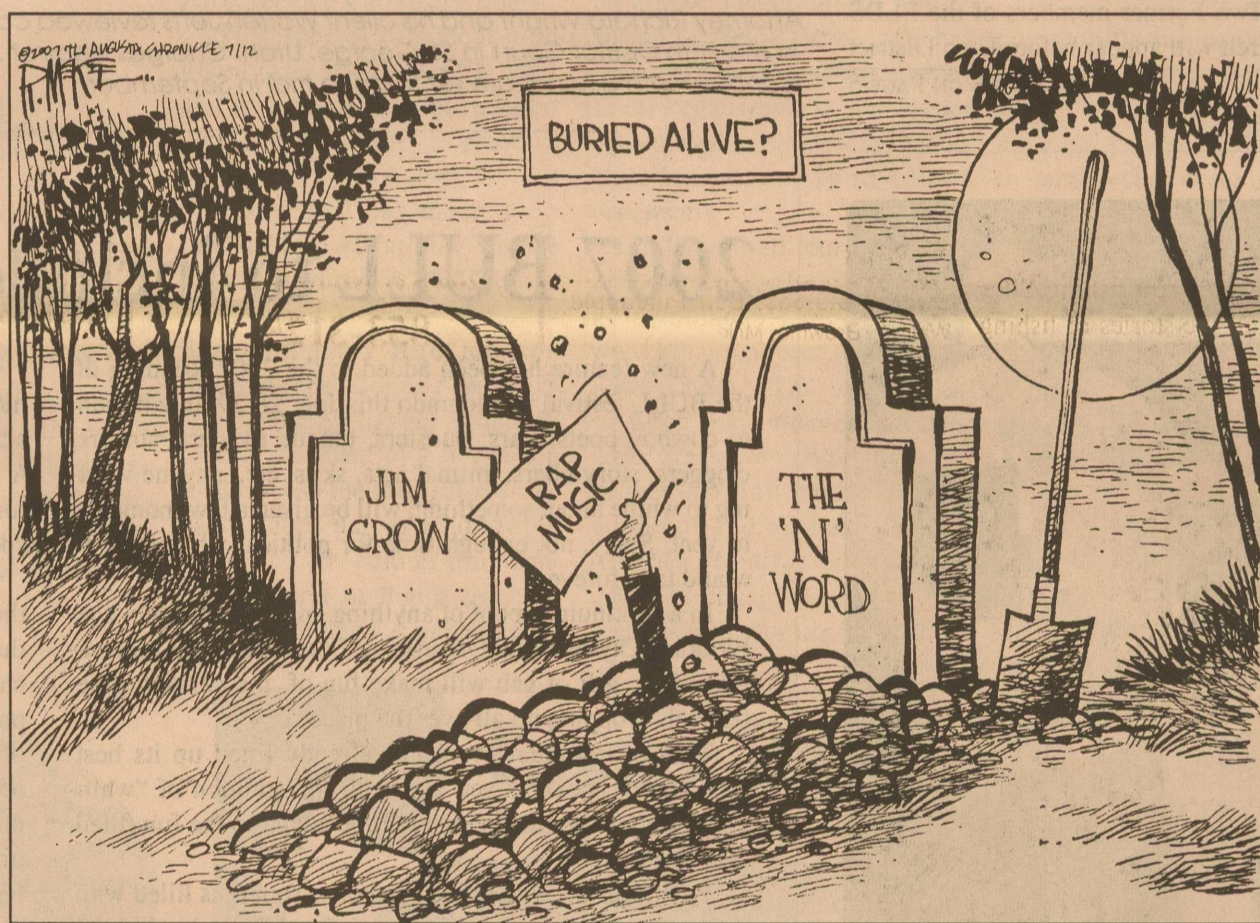
to sit down and watch TV the other day. A commercial came on that just floored me. It was a commercial that was for a show that would be airing soon. The show was on a sports channel. It was a Rock, Paper, Scissors championship! Only in America! How does one train for this contest? These contestants were dressed like heavy-weight champions in their satin shorts and matching robes embroidered with their ring name. Their beer-bellies hung over the satin shorts, proudly proclaiming their sedentary lifestyle.

Yes, there was a ring. It looked identical to a boxing ring. I wondered why they needed to have the elastic rope around the ring. As far as I know Rock, Paper, Scissors doesn't usually become so aggressive that it's possible for someone to be thrown into the ropes. Exclu-

sive use of your hands is the norm, I believe.

In the commercial, the scene being played out was a guy in white satin shorts, a hairless, shirtless torso and a buzz-cut, using his finger-scissors against a guy in red satin shorts and robe using his finger-rock. Of course this meant the guy in red stain won, since rock beats scissors. Then the red-satin guy threw up his hands in victory and hugged the referee. Then his second... or trainer... or butler... or something, came into the ring with a set of matching red-satin oven mitts and placed them on that precious pair of hands. Heaven forbid they should be bruised by an over-enthusiastic hug.

The winner was so ecstatic that I can only think that there must've been a Harley motorcycle or a trip to a Las Vegas strip joint involved in the winnings. A simple trip to the grocery store would have been a treat for people who have spent hours and hours indoors, over a card table in their living room, mentally trying to out-think their opponents. These people have trained their whole lives for the only three words that mattered in their narrow lives: Rock, Paper, and Scissors.



Spectacular, Extraordinary Blue Hawaii

There were ten of us in a beautiful place. We chose Hilton's Waikoloa Village on the Big Island of Hawaii for our annual family reunion. Our two sons and their families had separate condos. Susan and I stayed in the hotel.

It is indeed a village. A small shopping center a few blocks down the shady boulevard has restaurants and stores and a stage where we saw a demonstration of hula dancing.

The flight from Dallas to Kona took seven hours. Two movies helped pass the time. We arrived around 8 PM. At 8:02 our three-year-old grandson Caleb was in his bathing suit ready to hit the pool. So we did. The swimming complex at his condo had a special pool for children and a larger one for adults. The water temperature was perfect. Caleb loved it.

The next day everybody came to the hotel and explored the grounds. It has three residence towers (Lagoon, Palace and Ocean) and a convention center. It also has about a dozen restaurants and bars, a flamingo sanctuary, a Dolphin Learning Center, an aviary for the



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

state bird (the Nene) and spectacular gardens, kopi ponds and lawns throughout the complex. Tall palm trees sway in the constant tropical breeze. The three swimming pools have waterfalls, beaches, slides and a sandy bottom pool for youngsters. To get from one place to another you can take a boat or a tram. They both come by your stop every ten minutes.

When you consider that the entire island is made of lava, it takes plenty of vision to imagine a world-class resort on a bunch of porous rocks or slabs of molten lava. Tons and tons of topsoil had to be imported. The resort took 26 months to build at a cost of 360 million dollars. It was finished in 1986.

Although the Big Island has many interesting things to do and places to see, we stayed around

the resort most of the time. My sons Kevin and BZ and my 16-year-old grandson Jackson went snorkeling one day at a state park beach a few miles down the road. Susan and I, along with BZ, his wife Margaret and their sons, four-year-old Max and 19-month-old Aiden went for a ride on a glass bottom boat and saw all sorts of colorful fish and reefs. We took Jackson to see the Mauna Loa volcano. On the way, we stopped at a coffee plantation. We explored some petroglyphs just down the road from the resort.

We headquartered at Kevin and Jill's condo. That's where we had most of our meals. The first full day the girls made a grocery run to Waimea, a small town twenty minutes away with good grocery stores.

It was an idyllic time. Our three youngest grandsons got to laugh and play and make memories. All three families got to visit each other away from work or any special holiday. We put on leis and had our picture made. We're all wondering where we'll get together next year.

Perry signs children's health insurance bill

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Perry on July 17 signed legislation eliminating a 90-day waiting period for needy parents to enroll their kids in the state's Children's Health Insurance Program.

The legislation, HB 109, makes room for 127,000 more children on the CHIP roll and makes it easier for parents to qualify based on income and other factors.



CHIP provides primary and preventative care including immunizations, wellness exams, eye exams and dental check-ups to children who do not have private health insurance or who do not qualify for Medicaid.

In May 2002, at its peak enrollment, CHIP served 529,211 children. By January 2007, the number of children had dropped to 321,815, although there were an estimated 700,000 eligible but unenrolled children.

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, was HB 109's primary author. In his statement of intent about the bill, he pointed to reports that children without health insurance are 25 percent more likely to miss school because of illnesses, and school districts in Texas lost \$4 million per day in funding because of absenteeism.

Noriega considers Senate run

State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, is exploring a 2008 run for the U.S. Senate.

Noriega is an officer in the Texas Army National Guard. He has served in Afghanistan and has been deployed in the Hurricane Katrina relief mission. While he was serving abroad, his wife Melissa Noriega served in his place in the Texas House.

Also looking to run is Democrat Mikal Watts, a San Antonio lawyer. Watts filed papers to form an exploratory committee in June.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is up for re-election in 2008. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was re-elected to a six-year term in 2006.

Williams chairs RRC second time

Michael L. Williams is the new chair of the Railroad Commission of Texas, succeeding Elizabeth Ames Jones as chair. Williams previously served as chair, from September 1999 to September 2001.

The Railroad Commission regulates the state's oil and gas industry, gas utilities, pipeline safety, safety in the liquefied petroleum gas industry and the surface mining of coal and uranium.

Williams, a Republican and the highest-ranking African-American in Texas state government, also chairs the Governor's Clean Coal Technology Council, the Texas FutureGen advisory board, and serves on other state and federal energy-related boards and councils.

Williams to lead GOP fundraising

Weatherford car dealer Roger Williams, who resigned July 1 as secretary of state, has been named chair of the Texas Republican party's "Victory '08" fundraising program. Gov. Perry named his own deputy chief of staff Phil Wilson to replace Williams as secretary of state. Wilson, a Brownwood native, took the oath of office on July 18.

McLeroy to head education board

In other appointments, Perry named Bryan dentist Don McLeroy as chair of the State Board of Education.

McLeroy first was elected to the SBOE in 1998. His term as chair will

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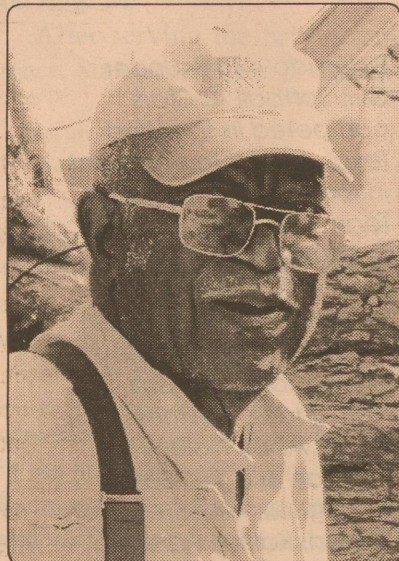


ELDORADO — Isidro C. Nava, 35, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, in San Angelo. Service was

held Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Amanda Nava of Eldorado; son Alberto Nava of Eldorado; daughter Crystal Nava of Eldorado; his parents, Isidro and Juana Nava of Eldorado; brothers Juan Nava and Jesus Nava, both of Eldorado; and sisters Juanita Nava of Eldorado and Isabel Nava, Guadalupe Nava and Marta Nava, all of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

N.A. "Slim" Green



ELDORADO — N.A. "Slim" Green passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2007, in the Schleicher County Hospital in Eldorado at the age of 91.

Service were held Saturday, July 21, at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Slim was born in the Muldoon/Flatonia area on March 8, 1916.

Lone Star State's unemployment rate holds steady at 4.1 percent

AUSTIN — The June seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.1 percent, unchanged

from May, its lowest point since the current series began in 1976. The unemployment rate is down from 4.9 percent a year ago. Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas grew by 8,300 jobs in June. Texas employers now have added 213,500 jobs over the past 12 months for an annual growth rate of 2.1 percent.

"This remarkably low unemployment rate reflects the strength of the Texas economy," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Workers have abundant opportunities as Texas employers continue to expand."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo MSA was second at 3.7 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock and Odessa MSAs, both at 3.8 percent.

Employment in Leisure & Hospitality led the gains this month with an increase of 3,800 jobs for a total of 37,100 since June 2006, a 3.9 percent annual growth rate. Construction continued to surge forward with 3,400 jobs added in June, for a total of 20,900 jobs over the year, an annual growth rate of 3.4 percent.

Financial Activities gained 1,100 jobs in June, contributing to an annual job growth of 10,900. Mining continues to maintain the highest annual job growth rate at 9.2 percent, adding 600 jobs during the month.



Mr. and Mrs. Grady Glyn Sudduth

Robles/Sudduth exchange vows

Delila J. Robles and Grady Glyn Sudduth were married on July 2, 2007 at the Dreams Resort in Cabo San Lucas.

The Bride is the daughter of the late Ronald David Caballero and Dalila Caballero of San Angelo.

The Groom is the son of Myrl Sudduth and Charleen Sudduth of Eldorado.

The Maid of Honor was Monica Reyes of San Angelo.

The Best Man was Ronnie Hudson of Miles.

The Bride is employed by Drew Darby & Assoc. in San Angelo.

The Groom is employed by Sudduth Surveying, Inc., San Angelo.

The couple will reside in San Angelo.

Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, July 30

Ham with Pineapple Rings, Corn, Macaroni & Cheese, Dinner Rolls, Peaches, Lemon Bar, Milk

Tuesday, July 31

Hot Dogs w/Chili, Cheese, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Bun Pineapple Waldorf, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday, August 1

Chicken Strips, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, August 2

Soft Tacos/Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Chopped Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Fruit w/Cantaloupe

Friday, August 3

Italian Baked Fish, Lima Beans, Baked Tator Tots, Cornbread, Sliced Strawberries, Milk

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Winner of this week's \$100 drawing is Rosemary Factor and Christina Ramirez. Christina and her daughter Ysenia are shown here accepting the prize from Helen Ledbetter.



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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***

* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
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You are invited to join Bud and Barbara Arendt in celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary and Bud's 60th Birthday; Sat. July 28, 2007 4:00-6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Your presence will be our present.

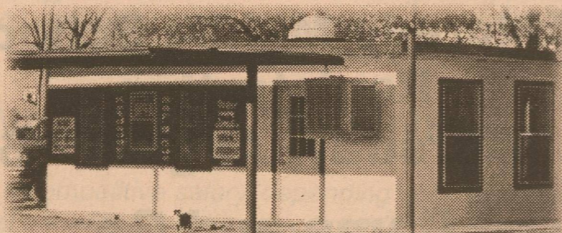
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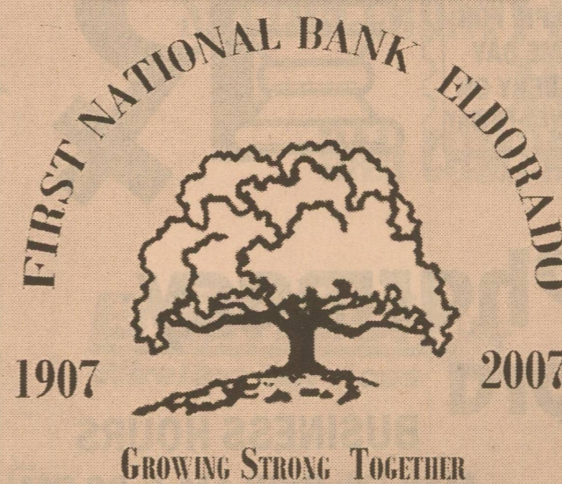
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2007 YMCA Football Registration July 31st

The Southern Division of the YMCA football league will be holding registration **ON TUESDAY, JULY 31st at 6:00 PM at the Eldorado Elementary Gym.** Ages 3rd through 6th grade can participate.

The division includes includes Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona, Big Lake and Junction.

The program cost includes helmet and shoulder pad rental. All fees must be paid in full with registration.

Divisions include Pee Wee (3rd and 4th grades, minimum weight 55 lbs and maximum weight 125 lbs.) Light weight (5th grade maximum weight 145 lbs.) Heavy weight division (5th & 6th grades, no maximum weight; ball carrier weight 140 lbs.)

The season is from September 29 to November 17 and all games will be played on Saturdays. The players are grouped according to school areas. Every participant receives a trophy at the end of the season.

Eldorado's 14 & Over Girls All-Star Softball Team won the West Texas All-Star Tournament Championship in Ozona last weekend after routing Sonora 10-0 in the opening round to advance to the winner's bracket then winning a series of coin tosses after the trouney was called due to weather. The team includes: (L-R) Coach Donny Fuentes, Mikayla Ramon, Deisy Aranda, Abby Fuentes, Britaney Gauna, Miranda Arispe, Allyson Jarrett, Kasey Gonzalez, Amy Alvizo, Coach Fito Gonzalez. Not shown: Ashley Paulson, Becca Rodriguez, and Brianda Torres.



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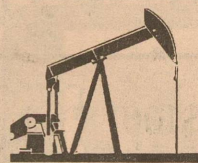
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Eldorado's 10 & Under Girls Softball All-Stars competed in the West Texas All Star Tournament in Odessa last weekend. Team members include (L-R) Madison Albin, Jessica Gandar, Klarra Trevino, Ysencia Ramirez, Pricilla Gandar, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Melissa Hernandez, Whitney Perez, Abby Nolen, Morgan Bridges, Sasha Rodriguez, Mika Key. Not shown: Kaitlyn Parsons.

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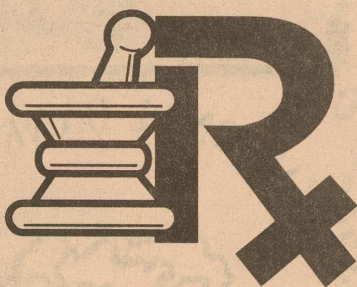
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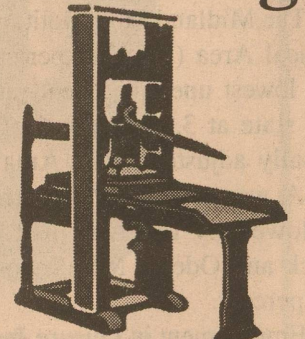
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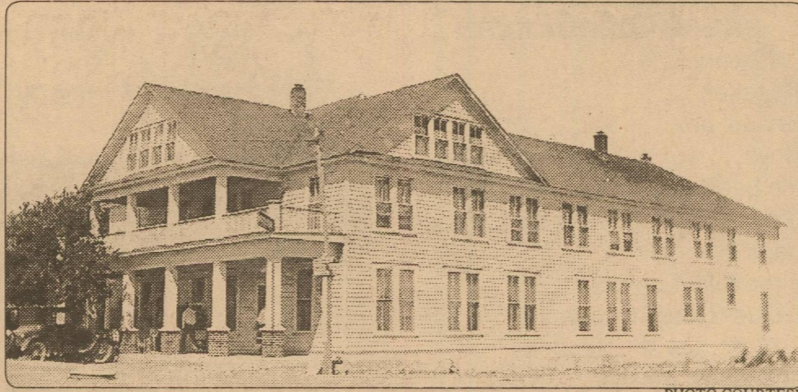
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Running of the BULL Parade Information

Everyone is invited to participate in the Eldorado Running of the BULL parade on Saturday, July 28. The parade will form at the tennis courts by the school and depart at 9:30 AM. It will then go to the Mertzon Highway, and turn left to go to the courthouse. In front of the courthouse on the Menard highway, the parade will turn right to go down Main Street, make a U turn at Rosa's Casita and return to the square on Main Street.

There is no entry fee and an Eldorado T-shirt will be awarded to the entry best exemplifying the BULL theme. Last minute entries welcome...just show up. FMI contact Annie Arispe @ 325-853-3026 or arispe@scmc.us.



The Eldorado Hotel

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

The Eldorado Hotel

The Eldorado Hotel was located on the corner of Main St. and Murchison St. from about 1897 until around 1972. A beautiful park area, with a gazebo, is now in that location.

The original small structure was built in Verand, Schleicher County's first town. Verand was only in existence for a short time because the few families that lived there could not get titles to the land where they had built homes. Verand was located about five miles north of Eldorado.

W.B. Silliman surveyed the town of Eldorado in 1895, and offered free lots to any of the citizens of Verand who would move their homes to Eldorado. All of the residents took the offer, and moved their houses on trailers.

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February 6, 1901, T.H. and Rosa Elder bought the hotel, and named it Elder Hotel. They ran the business until February 12, 1913 when Sam and Tomsie Holland bought the hotel and named it the Eldorado Hotel.

S.E. McKnight purchased the hotel May 31, 1924, and sold it March of 1932. The last owned of the old building was the Meador Family who bought it in 1936.

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Eldorado man drowns at Twin Buttes Reservoir

Isidro C. Nava Jr., 35, of Eldorado, was found dead Sunday morning in Twin Buttes Reservoir, the victim of an apparent drowning.

Witnesses on the shore report that Nava was checking a trotline when his 10-foot-long aluminum boat capsized.

Nava reportedly tried to swim to shore but slipped under the water and wasn't seen again.

A 9-1-1 call reporting the incident came in to the emergency operator at about 5:30 p.m. and

an ambulance was dispatched to the scene.

Nava's body was found the following morning in about 9 ft. of water approximately 100 ft. from the shore. He was fully clothed and was wearing a pair of heavy leather boots. Investigators speculate that when Nava fell from the boat, his boots quickly filled with water, making it difficult to swim.

Nava was not wearing a life jacket, according to investigators at the scene.

Warren Jeffs...

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Judge James L. Shumate next month. Lawyers for Warren Jeffs filed motions on July 9th hoping to exclude the testimony of Richard Holm and Jethro Barlow.

Barlow was a church accountant and worked for a number businesses owned by several of Warren Jeffs' lieutenants. Holm was a successful businessman in the FLDS-dominated towns of Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona. Both men left the FLDS faith in 2003. For his part, Holm was allegedly excommunicated by Jeffs and had his wives and children reassigned to other men.

Prosecutors argued that the men had a clear understanding of the workings of the community and how adherence to Jeffs' teachings was required. They would also describe the increase in underage marriages during Jeffs' reign and outline the prophet's orders to couples about their sex lives.

Meanwhile, defense attorneys argued that Holm and Barlow were disgruntled former members outspoken critics of Jeffs and his

leadership style making their testimony hostile toward their client.

Judge Shumate ultimately decided to hear for himself. Barlow and Holm will appear at a preliminary hearing on August 20, 2007.

Jailhouse statement sealed

Not everything went badly for the FLDS prophet last week. Judge Shumate ruled that recordings made of Jeffs while he was locked up in the Purgatory Correctional Facility may not be used in his September trial.

The judge did, however, leave the door open for the prosecution to use Jeffs' audio-taped statements in rebuttal provided the statements "probative" or evidentiary value outweighed their prejudicial nature.

It has been reported that Jeffs told his brother Nephi that he was never a prophet and that the whole conversation was taped by jail personnel.

Also, the judge ruled that the prosecution may not argue that Jeffs coerced Jane Doe, the central accuser in the rape case into having sex with her cousin and new husband, only that he enticed her to be intimate with the man he arranged for her to marry.

Likewise, the prosecution may not refer to Jeffs as the "Defendant" and neither may Jane Doe be called a "Victim."

The Run for Wellness schedule for the 28th of July:

- 7:15 - 7:45 Register (\$12 at the event)
- 8:00 1 mile fun run/walk
- 8:15 5K race will start

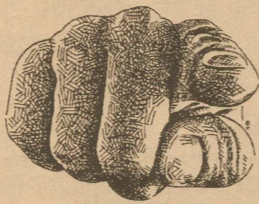
After race- awards ceremony and door prizes at the high school gym.

Pre-registration will take place Friday night at the high school gym from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. 1 miler participants will not receive awards. ANYONE 10 and under will receive a participation ribbon. All proceeds will benefit the Schleicher County Wellness Center. For more information please email run4fitness@hotmail.com

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- Fiskar scissors (round end metal blade)
- Kleenex (large box)
- 1 backpack
- 1 box 12 pencil colors
- 2-8 count box of crayons
- 1 Water bottle (12 oz.)
- \$5 for Pre-K Weekly Reader
- 1-glue stick
- 2 4oz. Elmer's White Glue
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- 1 set of clothes (shirt, pants/shorts, underwear, socks)

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- 2 No. 2 Pencils
- Eraser (pink rubber)
- Crayons-1 box of 8 (No Jumbo Crayons)
- Fiskar For Kids Scissors (metal blade)
- 1 large box Kleenex
- 1 small school box
- 2 vinyl (plastic) pocket folders
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- Large Elmer's glue (white only)
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- 6 Pencils -- #2
- Crayons - box of 24
- Elmer's school glue
- Small plastic carry box
- 3 glue sticks
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- 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets
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THIRD GRADE

- Crayons - box of 24
- Six pencils #2
- Kleenex (200 count) (2 boxes)
- Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only)
- Zipper pouch for notebook

- 4 red marking pencils
- Large Elmer's glue
- Loose leaf 3 ring notebook
- 1 pkg. Dividers (do NOT write on these)
- Map colors
- 6 pocket folders w/bottom pockets
- 1 70 pg spiral notebook
- 1 pkg. of white-letter size (8 1/2 by 11) copy paper
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FOURTH GRADE

- Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled)
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Map colors
- Ruler - both metric and American standard; clear plastic
- Scissors - 6" or 7" sharp point
- 8 Red grading pencils
- Kleenex - 200 count - 2 boxes #2 Pencils
- Zipper pouch for notebook
- 1 Spiral notebook (70 pages)
- Composition notebook (not a spiral)
- Elmer's glue
- Set of 6 highlighters—fluorescent; not liquid
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- 1 Large (Cloth-No Plastic) Zipper Bag (for colors and colored pencils)
- 2 Pkg. Notebook Paper (Wide Ruled)
- 1 Pkg. Plastic Dividers w/Pockets (8 1/2" x 11")
- 4 Pocket Folders w/BRADS
- 3 Composition Notebooks (No Wire)
- Pencils (Mechanical ones are acceptable)
- Red grading pens or pencils
- 1 Box of 24 count map colors or colored pencils
- 1 Box of 24 count crayons
- 4 Large glue sticks
- Scissors
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- 2 One-subject spiral notebooks with holes (2 different colors)
- 1 Two-inch 3 ring binder
- Pencils
- 1 Red pen or pencil
- 1 Box Kleenex

Capital Highlights...

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McLeroy has worked to include creationism in new biology textbooks and has voted in support of health textbooks that promote abstinence while cutting back on information on methods of birth control and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Fred Thompson to visit Texas
Television actor and former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tennessee, is scheduled for campaign stops in Houston and Dallas this week. The visit was announced by Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

Thompson supporters plan to rally volunteers and raise funds for a likely presidential bid in 2008.
Unusually rainy season continues
Heavy rains hit south and central Texas July 20-21, the National Weather Service reported. The San Marcos, Guadalupe Medina, San Antonio, Nueces and Frio rivers were reported at or above flood stage, and many strandings and rescues were reported. A Dripping Springs woman reportedly was cited for endangering her children after she ignored a warning sign and crossed a flooded road in her vehicle.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1. Stoooge after Curly
- 6. Baseball card fig.
- 10. Cut into boards
- 14. Raring to go
- 15. Xenia's state
- 16. Irish Rose lover
- 17. Business magazine's language?
- 20. Break a Commandment
- 21. Lana of Smallville
- 22. Soda bottle size
- 23. Punch-in time for many
- 24. Spinach is rich in it
- 26. Former airline's language?
- 32. Cuts and pastes
- 33. Ready to serve
- 34. Locomotive part
- 36. Palo ___
- 37. Shelled out
- 39. Vena ___ (main vein)
- 40. Title for McCartney
- 41. Miracle Mets stadium
- 42. Paparazzo's quarry
- 43. Dramey show's language?
- 47. Crier's employer
- 48. Gen-___ (boomers' kids)
- 49. Lamb Chop manipulator
- Lewis
- 52. Retin-A treats it
- 53. Orienteering need
- 56. Apple][]'s language?
- 60. Is in the red
- 61. The enemy
- 62. Take back

DOWN

- 1. Stage constructions
- 2. Mata ___
- 3. Narc Eddie (Popeye) ___
- 4. Rx item
- 5. Tourney starters
- 6. Oklahoma athlete
- 7. Tough guy
- 8. Make public
- 9. Scale unit
- 10. Like seawater
- 11. Help in a heist
- 12. Chips brand
- 13. Not e'en once
- 18. Dick's primer mate
- 19. Admiral Byrd book
- 23. Defense alliance since 1949
- 24. Trash can, on a PC
- 25. Go into hysterics
- 26. Carrots' partners
- 27. Wing it on stage
- 28. Explosive stuff
- 29. Thing to aim for
- 30. Locker room item
- 31. Mansard edges
- 35. Bunyan's ox
- 37. Take third place
- 38. An Ivy, briefly
- 39. Toon collectibles
- 41. Zeno, notably
- 42. Law, medicine, etc.
- 44. Burnout cause
- 45. It may be lame
- 46. Mannerly sort
- 49. Attempted to score
- 50. Hockey legend Gordie
- 51. Congregation's assent
- 52. Monkey-seemon-key-do sort
- 53. Whimper like a baby
- 54. Israel is in it
- 55. Hang in the balance
- 57. On vacation
- 58. Bovine bellow
- 59. Stephen of "FearDotCom"

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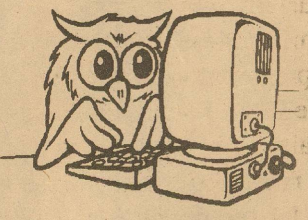
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Ozona wool warehouse bookkeeper sentenced to prison

by MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher
The Ozona Stockman

The former bookkeeper for Wool Growers Central Storage Co. has received prison time for taking approximately \$200,000 from the company.

Tonya McGuire Stalcup, 39, was sentenced to 33 months in the Federal Prison Camp at Bryan, Texas for frauds and swindling and aiding and abetting, during a federal court hearing on July 19. Stalcup pled guilty in federal court on May 3.

The hearing took 10 minutes at the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Lubbock.

The Bryan prison is a minimum security facility that houses female inmates. Federal court documents state that Stalcup is ordered to surrender to the prison by 2 p.m. on Aug. 24.

After serving the prison sentence, Stalcup will then be placed

under three years of supervised release.

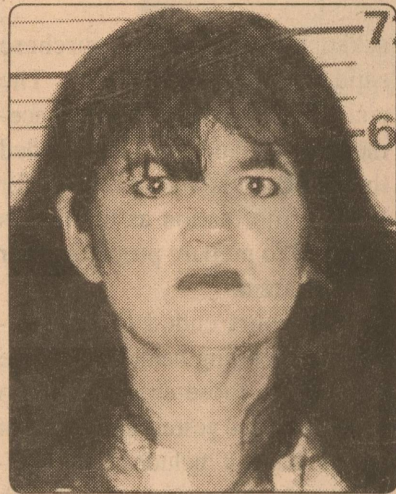
As part of the supervised release, Stalcup was sentenced to pay \$200,000 in restitution to Wool Growers Central Storage Co.

If the restitution is not paid within 30 days, Stalcup will have to make payments of \$500 a month until the restitution is paid in full, court documents state. The court also waived any interest in the restitution.

Stalcup must also refrain from incurring new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without permission from the U.S. Probation Officer and must provide the probation officer with any requested financial information, court documents state.

Stalcup cannot enter into any self-employment while under supervision without prior approval of the probation officer, documents state.

Also, she cannot be employed



COURTESY PHOTO
Tonya McGuire Stalcup

in any fiduciary capacity or any position allowing access to credit or personal financial information of others, unless the employer is fully aware of the offense of conviction and the probation officer approves, documents state.

Stalcup was charged with misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000 in May 2006, along with former manager Donnie Laughlin, whose case is also pending in federal court.

According to court documents, Stalcup carried on several schemes to defraud and to obtain money and property from Wool Growers. The transactions occurred from August 2001 to April 2006, and totaled approximately \$7,977.85. Stalcup was hired in 1998 to be the bookkeeper of Wool Growers.

Stalcup would place unauthorized orders for goods and products that she represented were to be placed in the inventory of Wool Growers, documents state.

Instead of the items being placed into inventory, Stalcup took the goods and products for her own use and fraudulently caused Wool Growers to pay for the goods, documents state. Some of the items Stalcup purchased were two saddles from Alamo Saddlery in Brackettville totaling \$1,093.82.

Other expenses include an alleged gastric bypass surgery that Stalcup had in 2005 at the Citizens Hospital in Victoria, Texas.

In an Internet blog posted on www.obesityhelp.com, Stalcup wrote in 2005 that she had scrounged up \$19,700 to have the surgery plus travel expenses.

Stalcup also used her position to write 218 unauthorized checks to pay herself on the Ozona and Sanderson Wool Growers accounts, which totaled approximately \$126,658.43. During that same period, Stalcup also stole cash from Wool Growers funds, the documents stated.

Laughlin, 60, pled guilty to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity on May 31 in a Lubbock federal court. Laughlin is currently out on bond awaiting sentencing.

Laughlin is facing a maximum imprisonment of up to 10 years, a fine not to exceed \$250,000 or a fine not more than twice the amount of criminally derived property involved, possible restitution and a mandatory term of supervised release of no more than three years, according to the plea agreement that was filed in federal court.

Hospital board meeting held

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees convened Monday evening, July 23 in the hospital board room. Three members of the public appeared to address the board, all speaking in support of Dr. Pat Johnson, whose contract was reportedly not renewed by Preferred Management, the company that leases and operates the hospital and clinic.

Vickie Williams and Carrie Pridemore each spoke in support of Dr. Johnson. The women expressed disappointment that something couldn't be worked out so that Johnson could remain in Eldorado.

Board President Randy Mankin thanked each of the women for their comments, but otherwise there was no response from the board concerning the issue.

A third woman, Ilse Williams, who was present to speak to the trustees on behalf of the Schleicher County Wellness Foundation, said that she was "bewildered" by the news that Dr. Johnson's contract had not been renewed. She noted, however, that she had served for several years on the school board and understood that there were times when board members cannot comment on specific situations.

Again, Randy Mankin thanked the women for their comments and the meeting moved forward to the remainder of the agenda.

The meeting was the board's regular monthly session and was called to order by Randy Mankin at 6:02 p.m. Trustees George Arispe, T.J. Martinez, Andy Anderson and Jim Martin were in attendance. Trustee Ricky Fuessel joined the meeting during the public comment segment. Trustee Susie Richters was absent.

Also on hand for the meeting were Nursing Home Administrator Sarah Huges and bookkeeper Barbara Perez. Attorney James Kosub and Volunteer EMT Tammy Fish were each present for part of the meeting.

Among other business, the trustees met with Eddie Albin, Christy Meador and Ilse Williams, representing the Schleicher County Wellness Foundation. Albin explained that as the group sought to raise money and pursue grants in for the purpose of building a Wellness Center, it has become increasingly apparent that they need to "partner" with the hospital district.

Albin went on to explain that the proposed 52 ft. by 70 ft. building is likely to cost \$518,150.00 by the time it is built and equipped. The first year operating costs are projected at \$78,616.00. It was also noted that an influx of cash

from local entities such as the hospital district, perhaps as large as \$100,000.00, would be needed in order to receive a grant for the remaining construction costs. Additionally, annual operating revenues are projected to fall below expenses by approximately \$31,000.00 and would need to be made up from other sources.

Randy Mankin explained that the hospital board's budget committee had only seen "very preliminary" numbers for the upcoming budget and that they were in hopes of seeing some updated figures from Janie Mitchell at the appraisal district in the near future. Any contributions from the hospital district would be contingent on how the new budget shaped up, he said. He also noted that the district is facing the expense of installing a sprinkler system in the nursing home and would need to budget for that purpose.

The two groups agreed to continue looking for ways to move forward.

In other business the trustees reviewed and approved the district's financial and investment reports. They then opened bids for two vehicles. A bid of \$311.68 was accepted from Russel Meeks for a 1985 Oldsmobile. Two identical bids of \$301.00 for a Dodge pickup were tabled until a later meeting so that the board can research what to do when identical sealed bids are received.

The trustees then reviewed and approved the district's policy and procedures manuals and the trustees entered into a closed-door executive session at 7:48 p.m. for the discussion of confidential information. The group emerged into open session at 8:26 p.m. and adjourned the meeting without taking action.

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27th Adam Dominguez, Drew Graham, Gina Muela, Dora Lynn Fay, Adam Dominguez, Mark Daniel Garcia, Theresa Beach, Bobby Adame, Brian Parsley
28th Eaby Chatham, Seth Taylor, Charlene Harris, Courtney Sauer, Damien Beach, Tommy Hunley, Mary Jenkins, Charlene Harris, Walter Wagner, Nikki Kotsch
29th Gera Lemke, Wayne Palmer, Maddie Dean
30th Scooter Fauli, Sandra Helmers, Vernell McCalla, Virgilio Escobar Sr., Wyatt Lloyd

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County buys into risk pool

Schleicher County Commissioners voted Monday to commit \$150,000.00 from the county's self-insurance fund to purchase member equity in the West Texas Rural Counties Association's Risk Management Pool.

Kathleen Hicks, administrator of the pool, met with the court to explain how the pool has paid approximately \$4.46 million in premiums over the last 13 years to two re-insurance companies. The pool eventually wants to keep \$2 million cushion instead of paying out premiums to re-insurance firms. The pool is offering member counties higher dividends if the county participate in the member equity program. The pool will reimburse the county equity if the county needs the funds and after the \$2 million dollar goal is reached the equity would return to the county.

Judge Johnny Griffin told the court that Michael Mertz had

asked that the county purchase sand for the Rodeo Arena. The court discussed the cost and placement of the sand. The court ended their discussion with a request for further information as to what is required to prepare proper soil for a rodeo arena.

The court ended their meeting by extending health insurance coverage to those employees who have 20 years vested and retire at age 55. Also, it includes elected officials who have been vested with the county for 8 years and retire at age 55. The county agreed to pay 25% of the premium and review the policy annually.

The new health insurance renewal was approved and Treasurer Karen Henderson told the court there was a \$38.25 per month per employee increase in the premium.

Judge Jimmy Doyle ask the commissioners if they would appoint Sutton County Justice of the Peace John Wilson as alternate Justice of the Peace. The court approved.

The court approved the quarterly treasurer report and monthly transfers, including bills.

Commissioners present for the July 22, 2007 meeting were Lynn Meador, Johnny Mayo and Matt Brown. Kirk Griffin was not present.

County Clerk Peggy Williams, Judge Jimmy Doyle and County Attorney Raymond Loomis were also present.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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ARRESTS

July 18 • Clark, William Garth, male age 41, offense Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

• Clements, Kevin Wayne, male age 26, offense Out of County Warrant (Driving While Intoxicated 1st offense). Released on \$1,000 Cash Bond.

July 20 • Swinford, John Robert, male age 37, offenses Motion to Revoke (Theft) (Schleicher County) - No Bond; Engage in Organized Criminal Activity After Indictment (Tom Green County); Bond set at \$150,000 Surety.

July 21 • Criswell, Donnie Dewayne, male age 25, Possession of Controlled Substance (Less than 1 gram). Bond set at \$5,000 Surety.

• Vasquez, Grabriel, male age 18, offense Injury to a Child. Released on \$3,000 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS

July 17 • 12:44 a.m. Caller reported an elderly male walking down Hwy. 190. Officers responded.

July 18 • 10:29 a.m. Caller reported a black cow on US Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

3:07 p.m. On-Star customer assistance reported a vehicle accident on Hwy. 190 and CR 224. Driver of the vehicle stated the needed no assistance. Game Warden responded.

• 3:17 p.m. TxDot reported a minor vehicle accident on Hwy. 190 and CR 224. Game Warden and Officer responded.

• 3:28 p.m. Rancher reported livestock on Hwy. 915. Officer responded.

• 3:34 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in town. Subject requested an officer to their residence.

July 19 • 7:32 a.m. Caller reported a car had struck a deer on Hwy. 190 East approximately 12 miles out. Officer responded.

• 11:24 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer.

7:00 p.m. 911 Caller requested an officer present for a domestic disturbance. Couple in process of getting divorce and female moving. Couple under agreement at moment. Officer notified.

• 8:06 p.m. Reckless driver in residential area.

• 10:35 p.m. Complainant reported loud music coming from vehicle cruising Divide. Officer notified.

July 20 • 7:08 a.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$76.05 of unleaded gas. Vehicle was a white Dodge pickup. No front plate, shiny front grill. Officer notified.

July 20 • 8:12 a.m. Caller requested an office at race to oversee retrieval of NASA equipment that landed on ranch. Officer responded.

• 8:24 a.m. Caller informed Sheriff Office of a controlled burn on CR. 431. Also controlled burn reported at 10:06 a.m. on Denny Street. Fire department notified.

• 11:09 a.m. Caller requested Fire Department to inspect a washing machine for possible fire hazard. Fire Department responded.

July 20 • 7:02 p.m. Complainant reported a gas leak in house and requested city to turn off gas. Complainant called

back to state the gas turn-off in house was located. City was contacted and officer.

10:46 p.m. Complainant reported phone harassment on unlisted home phone number during evening hours. Officer notified. Officer advised complainant to contact service provider to tracing the origin of the harassing calls or change number.

July 22 • 2:04 a.m. Convenience store alarm activated. Officer and key holder notified.

• 11:22 a.m. Caller reported someone had broken into their home. Officers responded. Various equipment taken from residence.

• 1:27 p.m. Caller requested an officer for a civil disturbance. Two officers responded.

• 6:54 p.m. Caller reported a male subject with no shirt, trying to start a fight with several 14-15 year old subjects. Officer responded.

• 10:20 p.m. Female subject needed an ambulance for husband who was intoxicated and stopped breathing. EMS responded and officer.

• 11:31 p.m. Caller reported a suspicious vehicle driving by their home. Officer notified.

July 22 • 1:02 a.m. Caller reported a vehicle accident near convenience store. Caller reported vehicle overturned and landed on the curb. Another 911 call revealed the vehicle had skidded out of control and landed with the rear tires on the curb. The driver and passenger drove away towards San Angelo.

• 1:03 a.m. Caller reported an accident near convenience store. A pickup had skidded out of control and ended up with their rear wheels on the curb. The caller assisted the persons in the vehicle and stated they were OK as they drove off towards San Angelo.

• 4:45 a.m. Subject reported a fight between several individuals in the alley behind their home.

• 4:47 a.m. Caller reported he had been cut deeply with a knife and needed assistance.

• 4:59 a.m. Caller requested an officer and dispatch told caller officer was in route. Officer responded.

• 5:34 a.m. Male subject claimed at least 10 people were headed to his home to do him in. Officer responded.

• 5:57 a.m. Wounded man requested an officer back at residence. Deputies notified.

• 7:25 a.m. Complainant reported 4 dead dogs on Hwy. 277 near Fields Street. City Animal Control was advised.

• 10:22 a.m. Caller reported a black horse on CR 300.

• 1:24 p.m. Caller reported a red 1996 Mustang speeding up and down E. Fields.

• 3:39 p.m. Caller reported a goat stuck in a fence on Hwy. 190 east.

• 4:50 p.m. Subject reported a red Mustang doing donuts at intersections. Officer responded.

• 5:53 p.m. Caller reported a lot of water running down Denny Street. City supervisor notified.

• 7:40-9:53 p.m. Several complainants reported cows on Hwy. 277 north.

July 23 • Caller reported their sister had pulled over because she could not breathe. She was 1 mile past BJ Service Hwy. 277 south.

5:50 p.m. Caller reported a set of keys has been lost during the past weekend. Reported them missing.

July 24 • 1:32 a.m. Female subject was awoken by a loud truck speeding down their street.

• 1:55 a.m. Female subject reported a man yelling and driving. Officer responded.

• 8:58 a.m. Caller reported mother had collapsed and requested an ambulance.

5:39 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer in reference to a vehicle window shattered while driving south bound on US Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

• 6:34 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 277 southbound. Officer responded.

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We would like to say Thank You to everyone who called, sent flowers, food, and came to be with us during the loss of our beloved angel Reta May Villanueva.

A Special Thank You to The First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Steve Sessom and Family, Syllas Politte and Family and David Creek and Family.

There are so many special people to name for all their love and support. You will forever be in our hearts. Thank you for your prayers. May God Bless everyone of you.

Manuel, Manuel Jr. and Cathy, Fonzie and Bertha, Velma, Isabelle, Amalio and Lisa Villanueva. The Conatser Family and Chacon Family. Psalm 20:1-15

This is a special thank you to Mike Calcote, Jim Wyatt, Kirk Jones, Steve Snelson, Leo Rodriguez, Tim McAngus, Jimmy Belk, Kerry and Gary Gibson, Mike Moore, Brandon and Dennis Gillett, Anita Jones, Kim-net Nelson, Josh Jurecek, Chris and Michael Jenkins, Billy and Tammy Fish, Adam, Jesse Hamm, Cory Stevens, Syllas Politte and Bob Lester.

Without all of your help the County Roping and Ranch Rodeo would not have been the huge success that it was.

I would also like to thank my Flag Bearers McKenzie, Ive Kate and Arden. Girls you did a great job.

Also to all of everyone I might have forgotten to mention we are truly grateful for all of your help.

We are looking forward towards the next time.
Clint and Sammy Jackson

The Hill Family would like to thank each and everyone for your prayers, food and demonstration of love in the loss of our loved one, Harvey Hill Jr.

Special thanks to Primera Iglesia Bautista's pastor and members for providing the special meal at the church annex.

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Summer Playday Series



County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

Last Tuesday night wrapped up our 2007 playday series. Throughout the summer we had an average of 23 kids participate in the events. The final playday had total of 34 participants. A total of 47 different kids participated through out the summer. The kids and parents and grandparents all had a great time. T-Shirts were given to all participants at the final event. The

T shirts were sponsored by the Eldorado Rodeo Association.

These events do not happen without the help of volunteers. Some that need mentioning are Johnny Powell for providing the calves for the roping, Tim and Nancy McAngus for providing the poles and goat for the goat tying, Mary Buchholz for helping keep books, Bob Buchholz for providing calves and steers for the roping events, and all of the other parents that were getting kids lined up, and just helping out.

2007 was a very successful and fun playday season, and we look forward to doing it again in 2008.

Special edition ornament dedicated to Lady Bird Johnson

KTB ornament honors former First Lady's passion for beautification and preservation

AUSTIN – In honor of her commitment to preserving our country's wildflowers, Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is pleased to dedicate its fourth edition ornament to Lady Bird Johnson. The ornament, which was officially unveiled on July 12 at the 40th Annual KTB Conference, features a gorgeous bouquet of Texas wildflowers inspired over the state of Texas.

More than any other person, Lady Bird Johnson inspired not only Texans, but every American to treasure wildflowers and value the uniqueness they bring to their community. She was instrumental in the passage of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965 and served on the National Park Service's advisory board.

This special ornament commemorates Lady Bird's work and includes a descriptive insert detailing her efforts to preserve our natural environment.

"Lady Bird has made a significant impact on how we see our state and nation," KTB board member and 2004 Keep America Beautiful Lady Bird Johnson Award winner Donna Albus says. "The landscape has been changed forever because of her passion to showcase the magnificence of each state's native wildflowers. KTB's fourth edition ornament was created to honor her and her great influence in spreading

beauty and caring for the environment. KTB and its community affiliates strive every day to continue her work."

This spring, a mockup of the ornament was sent to the Johnson family, including Lady Bird herself. Luci Baines Johnson said her mother was delighted with the honor and looked forward to receiving her own copy later in the year.

Now, you can order your own copy and remember "Texas' own Wildflower." Proceeds from sales of the fourth edition ornament help fund KTB's statewide network of affiliates who focus on litter prevention, waste reduction, and community beautification programs. The ornament was designed by Nelda Laney, who has designed ornaments for numerous Texas organizations and causes over the years, including KTB's first, second, and third edition ornaments.

Orders for all four editions of the ornament can be made through a downloadable order form at www.ktb.org or over the phone at 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots community improvement and environmental nonprofit and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their



community environment. KTB and its more than 340 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual

responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org.

ATTENTION:

Eldorado Eagles Athletes

On Monday, August 6, 2007 the Eldorado Eagles will begin football practice. This includes only grades 9-12 and practice will start at 7 a.m., so be there early. The schedule will be two morning practices (7 a.m.-9 a.m) a one hour break (10 a.m.-12 Noon). Anyone interested can call Johnny Burleson @325-853-2514 ext. 330.

All athletes must have a physi-

cal on file in order to participate. The Schleicher County Medical Clinic will be offering physicals for one dollar at the New Gym on August 9th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All students who wish to participate in a Sport during the 07-08 school year no matter their age need to take advantage of this opportunity. UIL physical forms are available at the Field House and the Administration Office.

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When buying a new car, look for high resale value

(SPM Wire) When figuring out what kind of car or truck to buy, it pays to dig deeper than a car's features, price tags and safety ratings.

New car and truck buyers looking for the best deal for their dollar should consider new vehicles with high resale values, say the experts at CarSoup, one of the leading online new and used car sales companies in the country.

One of the best determinants of a quality car or truck is its resale value, because it lets the buyer know the future worth of the vehicle as well as how much the vehicle will cost over its lifetime.

Resale value, or residual value, is helpful for new vehicle buyers because it lets them know how much they can expect to receive when they decide to sell it.

"We strongly urge buyers to do their research before buying a vehicle," said Larry Cuneo, CarSoup president and CEO.

The benefits of a high resale car or truck are two-fold. First, the higher the resale value of the vehicle, the higher quality it is and the more it is valued by its owner. Second, when it's finally time to sell a used car or truck, a high resale value will help the seller get a much better price on a used vehicle.

The resale values of cars are determined every year by the American Lease Guide (ALG), which considers different factors including price trends in the wholesale vehicle market, brand popularity and performance.

According to the ALG and CarSoup, the top 10 vehicles with the highest resale value are:

- Acura TL
- Honda Accord
- Honda Odyssey
- Land Rover Ranger Rover Sport
- Mercedes-Benz CL-Class
- Mini Cooper
- Porsche 911 Carrera
- Toyota Avalon
- Toyota Sequoia
- Toyota Tundra

While resale value is a good forecast of future worth, a car or truck's actual resale value can change over time as market conditions change and depending on the condition of the vehicle.

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