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Aycock seriously injured in Friday night accident

Two Eldorado men were injured in a one-vehicle accident Friday night, May 11, around 10:00 pm. The accident occurred in Crockett County approximately 17 miles south of Big Lake on Hwy. 137.

The driver, Anthony Aycock, was transported by Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department ambulance to Reagan Memorial Hospital where he was treated for multiple injuries. He was later airlifted by CareStar helicopter to San Angelo where he remains in serious condition at press time.

The passenger, Robert Olson, reportedly escaped with minor injuries. He advised the trooper that the car had been traveling 100 mph before the crash.

DPS Trooper Ryan Dalton reports speed was a determining factor in the

accident. He said Aycock was driving too fast around a curve, causing his Chrysler Concord to veer off the roadway. The driver then attempted to swerve back onto the highway but encountered a cement culvert, which caused the car to roll 3 1/2-4 times before coming to a rest on its top in a ditch.

Trooper Dalton notes that Aycock was not wearing his seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department transported passenger, Robert Olson, to a San Angelo hospital with minor injuries. Olson was said to have been wearing his seat belt by witnesses who helped him from the wreckage.

Trooper Dalton also reported alcohol was involved. The accident remains under investigation as of press time.



PHOTO BY MARLA DAUGHERTY THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT

High Speed Rollover

A Crockett County deputy looks over the twisted wreckage of a Chrysler Concord following a Friday evening crash some 17 miles south of Big Lake on State Hwy. 137. The car's driver, Anthony Aycock, of Eldorado, was ejected from the vehicle. He was taken by Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department ambulance to Reagan Memorial Hospital. He was later airlifted to a San Angelo hospital. Passenger Robert Olsen was taken by ambulance to San Angelo where he was treated for relatively minor injuries.

19th annual Shannon Harbor Relays to be held Friday afternoon

The 19th Annual Shannon Harbor Relays will be Friday, May 11 at 12:00 Noon at Eagle Stadium. The yearly event features Eldorado Elementary students as they compete in track & field events. The annual relays are named in honor of former teacher Shannon Harbor. A special tree planting dedication ceremony in honor of the late David Hernandez is slated at the beginning of the relays.

Election to decide property tax issue for Texas seniors, disabled citizens

In 2006, Texas taxpayers received a property tax cut after the state legislature revised the way public school districts are funded.

However, seniors and disabled citizens who had their school taxes frozen at the previous rate, did not get the same tax reduction as everyone else in the state.

Voters will have the opportunity to remedy that oversight on Saturday, May 12, 2007 when they cast their votes for or against a constitutional amendment which would lower the tax rate for seniors and disabled citizens and freeze it at the new, reduced rate.

Proposition 1 will appear on the May 12 ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature

to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Early voting on the amendment began Monday, April 30 and ran through Saturday, May 5.

Voting on May 12 will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters in Precinct 1 will cast their ballots at the Methodist Church Education Building. Precinct 2 will vote in the Memorial Building. Polling in Precinct 3 will be held in the Schleicher County Courthouse while Precinct 4 will vote at the Catholic Church Headstart Building.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo looked over a map Monday evening that included several zoning proposals. The City Council adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance but stopped short of approving a specific map.

City adopts zoning ordinance

Adoption of a zoning ordinance and what to do with the ever-increasing problem of Pit Bulls within the city limits, were the main topics of conversation at Monday night's meeting of the Eldorado City Council.

First on the agenda was a public hearing for proposed zoning ordinance #102-07. The ordinance is a comprehensive zoning plan, which will eventually include a zoning map. The ordinance is intended to regulate the use of land, buildings and by establishing areas for residential and commercial buildings. The residential is divided into two categories, conventional housing and mobile homes. There are also areas designated as flood plains where development will be prohibited.

Jerry Jones was present to voice his objection to any kind of zoning or regulating of property. Council member Stan Meador told Jones that he understood the objection, but noted that the council needed to start somewhere to regulate

property where negligence is obvious and the property is poses a danger to the community.

Meador referred to a property on West Street where an abandoned mobile home sits. There is also an abandoned refrigerator on the property, a clear danger to neighborhood children.

Following the discussion, a motion offered by council member Bill McCutcheon was approved unanimously. The motion called for adoption of the ordinance but included a provision where citizens could petition the council for changes or variances for property on a case-by-case basis.

Chief Deputy George Arispe then met with the council to discuss the need for the City Animal Control Officer to carry a firearm or a tranquilizer gun. Arispe pointed to the increasing number of Pit Bull terriers in town and noted that law enforcement officers are routinely called on to kill vicious dogs or wild

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COURTESY PHOTO

Washed Down Stream

Two Eldorado men, Bernardo Romo, Jr. and David Ray Doran, narrowly escaped injury Monday when the truck they were riding in was swept off a lease road south of Sonora by a rising water. The men, both employed by Niblett's Oilfield Service, climbed atop the truck to await rescue. They were checked out and released from Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. The men had crossed the swollen draw earlier. However, as they tried to cross back and head into town, the water swept their truck from the roadway. The 1980 truck overturned, along with a backhoe that was chained onto the lowboy trailer.

Don't Lift Cuba Sanctions

One of Cuba's longest-serving political prisoners was released late last month after 17 years behind bars. Jorge Luis Garcia Perez, known as "Antunez" was jailed because he once stood in a plaza in his hometown and called for democratic reform.

A crime, under the Cuban legal system. Just as bad as the repressive laws is the government's disregard for any law.

Antunez, for instance, finished serving his sentence March 15. Why did he serve 37 extra days?

Because the Cuban government ignores its own laws

when it feels like it.

It's a similar case with the trials of two other dissidents in the past month, a lawyer named Rolando Jimenez Posada and independent journalist Oscar Sanchez Madan. They were convicted of writing against the government and of "disrespecting" Fidel Castro, in secret trials that lasted one day each, without a defense attorney and without having notified the families.

Why did the government not allow defense lawyers? Why did it not notify relatives until after Jimenez Posada was sentenced to 12 years and Sanchez Madan to four?

Because it can do that. So it did. Prisoners freed capriciously and dissidents jailed arbitrarily. That's what passes for a legal system in Cuba. And rather than condemn it, voices are raising to reward it.

Last month Spain's socialist Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos visited Felipe Perez Roque, his counterpart in Havana, looking for reasons to lift sanctions the European Union imposed after the 2003 crackdown in which 75 peaceful dissidents were sentenced to long terms in jail. A joint statement said both ministers agreed to "political consultations, including a dialogue on human rights."

But at a press conference, Perez Roque said their talks had not touched on the subject of political prisoners, because "this is not a matter we discuss with other countries."

Moratinos said nothing. All except two of the best-known dissidents felt betrayed and refused to meet with him. He was also lambasted by political opponents in Spain's Partido Popular. Late last month former Czech President Vaclav Havel urged the EU to keep the sanctions when ministers meet in June to decide.

On this side of the ocean there are also voices calling for the end of the much stricter U.S. embargo. But when it comes to Cuba, the aim of diplomacy -- European, American or Latin American -- should be to stand with the millions of Cubans who want to be governed by a system that obeys its own laws and allows basic freedoms.

It does not help when the Spanish foreign minister just sits there while Cuba's top diplomat reneges on an agreement both had just signed, or when American congressmen want to loosen sanctions without evidence of a Havana move toward democracy.

As Havel put it, when international diplomacy deals with Cuba, attention must be paid to "[e]verything that serves human rights and freedoms."

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It's called a bushing

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



from slamming into a wall."

"That would be in door fixtures, aisle 14", he said confidently. Now that's more like it, I thought. Plumbing, indeed. They should keep that other little man locked up behind closed doors. At the very least, he should not be allowed to give unsuspecting customers the wrong directions. He probably didn't even know what a bushing was!

I headed to aisle 14. There I found an amazing array of handles, locks, hinges, knobs and various doodads to make your door look like a million bucks. The bushings must've been hiding in a special spot just for bushings where your average, everyday, normal person wouldn't know to look.

I looked around for another red and blue apron. I saw one attached to a guy who was explaining door bells to an attentive couple. I waited for his narrative to be finished. While I waited, I found myself impressed with his depth of knowledge about doorbells. Surely this man would know what a bushing was!

"Where do you keep your bushings?" I asked.

He raised one eyebrow, as if I just said something obscene. I found myself wondering if I had.

"What is your project?" he finally asked.

"I need a bushing for my shower door," I said.

"That's in plumbing," he said. "I've just been there, and the guy said that he didn't have any bushings but you would." That eyebrow raised again. "I'm sorry ma'am, but the only stuff we have here is for normal doors."

I saw what the problem was now. He was prejudiced against shower doors. They had bushings for any other door, but not a shower door.

I went back home, irritated that I couldn't get the part we needed to finish the shower door.

My husband saw me as I walked in. He had a questioning look on his face, as if bushings for shower doors are as plentiful as dirty clothes on laundry day.

"We're going to have to look somewhere else for those bushings," I said. "That store is prejudiced against shower doors."

His questioning look turned to shock. You could see the moment he decided not to question me further about the bushing: His face went blank and then he asked the only other question he could think of.

"So, what did you buy for dinner?"

I realized that, in my irritation, I had completely forgotten to go to the grocery store! Well, I wasn't going back out. However, my husband thought he'd have better luck at the home improvement store, so he'd make the trip this time.

Minutes later as I handed him my short list for the grocery store, he listened as I explained, "It's called a baster. Just ask one of the ladies at the grocery store and they will show you where to find one..."

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Tax cut for seniors, disabled reaches governor

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry signed legislation reducing the amount of property tax that a school district may impose on the home residence of Texans who are over 65 or disabled.

The legislation, HB 5 by Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, is a one-time tax cut that expires on Sept. 1, 2008.

HB 5 stipulates that the state will make up the revenue school districts will lose to the tax cut, estimated at \$15 billion.

The money to make up the lost revenue would come from HB 1, the general appropriations bill, but HB 1 has not passed.

A conference committee of 10 lawmakers must work out a final version of HB 1 agreeable to both the House and Senate.

Conferees are Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa; Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown; Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham; and Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; and Sens. Steve Ogden, R-College Station; Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; John Whitmire, D-Houston; and Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

Jessica's Law goes to conference

The House and Senate did not agree on elements of HB 8, the Jessica's Law legislation championed by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and authored by Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Houston, five joint authors and 23 cosponsors.

Dewhurst named conferees to meet with House members in a conference committee: Sens. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville; Kim Brimer, R-Arlington; Juan Chuy Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, and Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. House conferees are Reps. Riddle; Gattis; Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg; Jerry Madden, R-Richardson; and Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont.

"This legislation is one of my highest priorities and I have full confidence that the conferees will craft a final bill that sends a strong message to child predators: Don't mess with kids in Texas," Dewhurst said.

Dewhurst wants tougher penalties for child predators, including the option of the death penalty or life in prison without parole for persons twice convicted of aggravated sexual assault against a child under 14.

Combs offers limited tax amnesty

State Comptroller Susan Combs announced she is offering a 60-day tax amnesty to businesses with overdue state taxes and those that may be operating without required tax permits.

From June 15 through Aug. 15 taxpayers can come forward, file past-due tax reports and pay their taxes in full, and the comptroller will waive penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes, according to a news release from Combs' office.

The tax amnesty applies to taxes and tax reports originally due before April 1, 2007.

"We're calling the amnesty period 'Project Fresh Start' because taxpayers have a unique, limited-time opportunity to clear up unpaid, underreported or overdue taxes without fear of penalty or interest and get a fresh start with the state," Combs said.

The amnesty does not apply to assessments already identified by the comptroller, taxpayers currently under audit or review, and taxpayers the comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible tax deficiency, Combs said.

House passes 'Under God' bill

The House voted 124-5 to put the words "under God" in the pledge of al-



A Voice Warning System for Pumpjacks

Pump jacks in the oil patch are dangerous. They look fairly slow, going up and down, pumping oil from the ground, but you can't react quick enough to get out of the way. Several people have been killed or injured by pump jacks.

Dub Clinton of Big Spring, who has owned an oilfield service company, has invented a device that should reduce the number of pump jack accidents.

"A lot of the pump jacks are on a timer," says Dub. "They turn on and off intermittently. You really never know when they're going to come on. People who don't work in the oil patch might walk up to a pump jack and assume it's dormant. They might even climb up on it. All of a sudden it kicks on and the people are killed or hurt real bad."

Dub's system has a 30 second message in English and Spanish that is broadcast from a speaker near the pump jack. It warns that the pump jack is about to activate and to clear the area immediately. There is a ten-second countdown from ten to one. Right after the "one" is broadcast,



by Tumbleweed Smith

the pump jack activates.

The product has been used on some pumping units for a year and Dub says there have been no problems. He says he has yet to present it to an oil company that didn't think it was a good idea. Usually when he talks to oil company executives they relate instances where it could have saved lives. They say they can't believe it's not already on the market. The item is new and sells for \$695.

"They're small enough that we like to put them inside the electric panel box near the pump jack, so they're out of the weather. The only thing external is the speaker, which is mounted on the panel box. We can string other speakers if the customer wants them."

Dub got the idea for the product after a near accident.

"We were out on location and one of my employees was cutting weeds under the pumping unit. Someone asked the oil company man if the unit was turned off. It wasn't. It was on automatic. It scared all of us pretty good. We ran and shut the unit off. Nothing really happened, but as I was driving away from that location I thought there ought to be a way to warn people before those units come on."

Dub says his device is primarily aimed at pump jacks, but it can be used for any type of automated equipment, like a compressor or conveyor belt. A spin-off from the product is another warning system for H2S gas.

"If the H2S monitors trip, our alarm goes off. It's a warning in Spanish and English to clear the area and not come back until it's safe. The message is repeated until the monitor either clears or is turned off."

The company's website is protechsafety.net. Dub says it has a video that demonstrates how the product works.

OBITUARIES

Chris Edmiston McCravey

ELDORADO — Chris Edmiston McCravey, 56, of Eldorado, a loving wife, mother, sister, friend and Christian went to be with Our Lord on Friday, May 4, 2007.

Little Chris is survived by her wonderful husband, Chris, of 37 years and three precious children. They include Cody and wife Heather McCravey of Shallowater, and Gram's three beautiful grandchildren, Carli, Cailyn and Hanna; Makenzie and husband Mark Fryar of Cedar Park; and Kayla McCravey of Round Rock and Levi Hubble. Sissy is also survived by her inspiring parents, Orval and Charlene Edmiston of Eldorado; along with brothers Brian and wife Loretta, Phil and wife Wanda, Joe Max and wife Marty, and Jim Bob and wife Trish. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews along with many cousins and loving friends.

Chris was born on May 20, 1950, in San Angelo, Texas. She taught 26 years of Home Eco-

nomics at Eldorado High School where she touched many lives in numerous areas. She was a member of the Eldorado First Baptist Church where she enjoyed playing handbells. Her favorite pastimes were swinging a golf club, tennis racquet and reading.

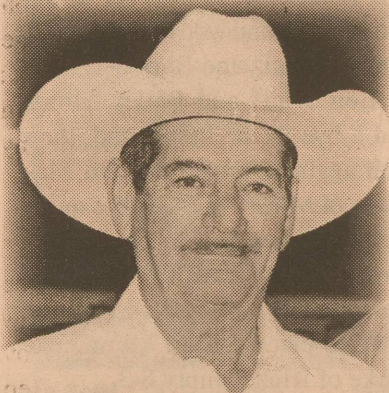
Little Chris was best known for her delicious cooking and the famous family cookbook. Whenever her family gathered she cooked their favorites: Potluck Potatoes, beans and cornbread (or hot water cornbread), ribs and/or pork tenderloin with strawberry cake for dessert. Most of all she loved spending time with her family.

The celebration of her life was Monday, May 7, at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the First Baptist Church Handbell Choir in Eldorado, Texas.

"God is the strength of my heart" — Psalm 73:26

Gilberto Aguirre Sr.



Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Julia Aguirre; sister Lupe Villanueva; brother Lalo Aguirre; and first wife, Josefa Fava Aguirre.

Survivors include his children, Eunice Basquez and husband Ricky and grandson Gabriel of Wascom, Wash.; Elizabeth Aguirre of San Angelo; Gilbert Aguirre Jr. of San Angelo; and Fernando and wife Alicia and grandchildren Dawson and Taelyn of Christoval; Ashley Aguirre and James Aguirre of Christoval. He is also survived by his sisters, Julia Martinez, Evelyn Bolin, Alicia San Miguel, Josie Villa and Janie Castaneda; brothers Jose Jr., Leo, Johnny, Ricky, Bobby and Gilbert. He also had many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the service were Cain Cline, Javier Riojas, Manuel Riojas, Jesse Caso, Jim Douthit, JoeBen Garcia, Ricky Basquez and David Fava.

God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be, So he put his arms around you And whispered, "Come to me" With tearful eyes, we wish we had been near, As you passed away, And though we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard-working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

ELDORADO — Gilberto Aguirre Sr., 63, of McAllen, Texas, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

Service was Saturday, May 5, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado, Texas. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery, under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Gilbert was born May 7, 1943, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Jose Aguirre and Julia Soto. He attended school in Sinton, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964 in the 1st Howitzer Battalion 21st Artillery. Gilbert was employed as a nursing home administrator and ranch foreman for 42 years in Christoval, Texas. He lived in Christoval for the majority of adulthood, but resided in McAllen, Texas, for the last few years.

Gilbert gave to his community by serving on the Christoval Volunteer Fire Department and EMS department. He was always ready to assist anyone in need and lend a helping hand.

Gilbert was a loyal and compassionate man, a longtime friend and a loving son, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and godfather.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, May 14

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, May 15

Barbecue Brisket, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, May 16

Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Hot Roll, Milk, Vegetable Salad, White Cake w/Carmel Icing.

Thursday, May 17

Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potato w/Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, May 18

Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana and Milk

Nursing Home Chit Chat



Learning to Drive a Model T

by Annie Arispe

Nursing Home Activity Director

Sorry, I have been gone, but we do have a story about "Learning to Drive." One of our ladies shared a story when she was twelve.

She said, "Girls weren't to pursue masculine endeavors as driving a car, but every time I looked at that little, black, Model T Ford, I was consumed with an urge to get in it and drive off. That little beauty beckoned me. But first I had to learn to drive.

I could picture myself sitting behind that wheel, turning it casually from left to right, and cruising down the road at speeds I could only dream about.

My father was weary of my pleadings. I was tried of begging, but without his permission that automobile would not budge. The most I could force my father to say was, "Honey, please shut up. You're

too young to drive—besides, you're a girl."

I knew that all too well. It pre-aced the answer to almost every request I made.

I knew my father was disappointed that my brother— younger than me— didn't seem to want to drive. He was happy with his bicycle. Cars for him would come later, but not for me. I wanted to drive now! All was in vain until later years."

On Thursday May 3, 2007 we honored our Nursing Home volunteers with a luncheon at First Baptist Fellowship Hall. We had 35 members present. We were entertained with music by Syllas Politte. The guest speaker was Board Chairman, Randy Mankin.

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo with chip and hot sauce and Mexican music last Saturday.

Corie Williams named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Corie Blayne Williams has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Sophomore Corie Williams who attends Eldorado High School was nominated for this national award by High School teacher Teresa Vasquez this year.

Corie Williams will appear in the All-American Scholar Year-

book which is published nationally. This is the third year that Corie has been awarded this honor.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors.

Corie Williams is the daughter of Dean and Vickie Williams of Eldorado. The grandparents are the late Jack Jones and Billie Jones of Eldorado and the late Aubrey D. Williams, Sr. and Aleene Donaley of Eldorado.

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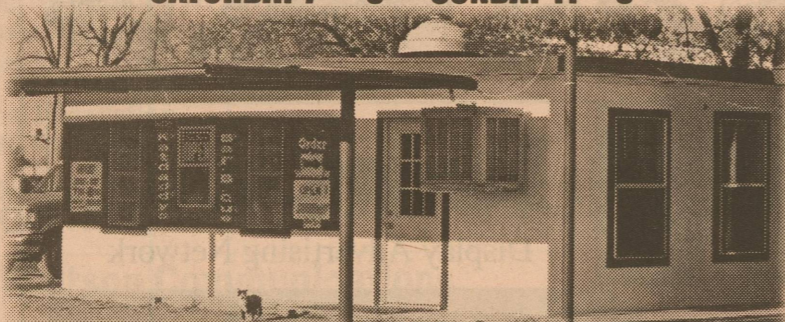
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **
* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

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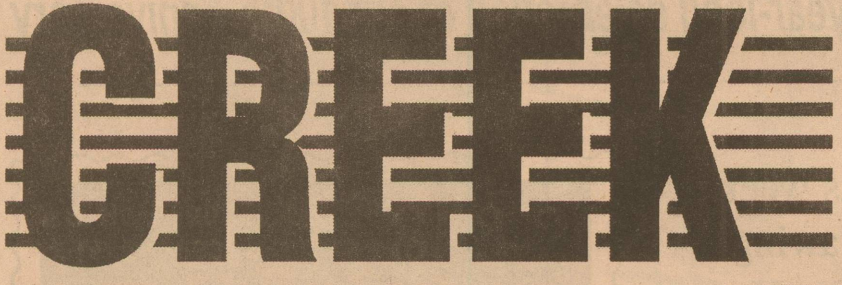


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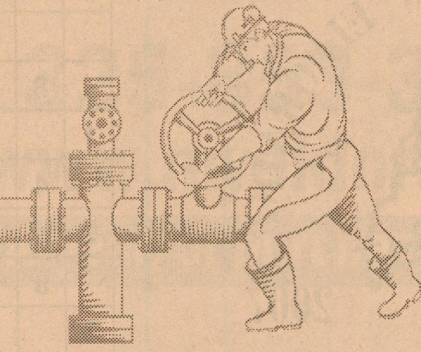


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Jr. High District Tennis Meet

Eldorado hosted the District 11A Jr. High Tennis Tournament Saturday, May 5. Six schools participated, including Forsan, Miles, Irion County, Eldorado, Menard and Christoval.

Mason Baker of Eldorado won the gold in the 8th grade boys singles division. Zack Brame of Eldorado won 2nd and Sterling Cheney of Forsan took third.

In 8th Grade Boy's Doubles division Lowery and Woods of Forsan placed 1st, Jaymie O'Harrow

and Miles Mikeska of Eldorado placed 2nd and Ben Wipff and Bailey Minor of Eldorado took 3rd.

In 8th Grade Girls division Allyson Jarrett of Eldorado won the gold, and Carli McAngus placed 2nd and Shelby Clark of Forsan took third.

8th Grade Doubles first place winners were Salazar and Hernandez of Menard. Browkaw and Pruitt of Irion County placed 2nd and Perkins and Wilson took the bronze.

In 8th Grade Mixed Doubles, first went to Miles' Brandon and McCrea, second place went to Miles' Schwener and Sewell and third Robert Buchholz and Ashley Paulson of Eldorado.

School Lunch Menu



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BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, May 14
 Breakfast Cereal Bar, Fresh Banana, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday, May 15
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, May 16
 What Ever Breakfast, Sliced Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, May 17
 Pig-n-a-Blanket, Applesauce Cups, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, May 18
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal/Choice of Juice, Milk
BASKET LINE

Monday, May 14
 Chicken Burger/Chips, Pork-n-Beans, Burger Salad, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, May 15
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cucumber Salad, Rosie Applesauce
Wednesday, May 16
 Soft Tacos, Lettuce/ Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Rosie Applesauce
Thursday, May 17
 Crisptos, Ranch Style Beans, Carrot Stix's/Dip, Cowboy Cookies
Friday, May 18
 Bar B Q on a Bun, Chips, Pickles/Orange/Apple Halves
CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, May 14
 Pizza, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Carrot Stix/Dip, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, May 15
 Beef Stew/ Cornbread, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pineapple Slices
Wednesday, May 16
 Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Green Salad, Early June Peas, Hot Rolls, Rosie Applesauce
Thursday, May 17
 Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cowboy Cookies
Friday, May 18
 Bar B Q on a Bun, Chips
 Pickles, Orange / Apple Halves



Mason Baker won the 8th Grade Boys Singles Title at the District 11-A Junior High Tennis Meet held here last Saturday.

7th Grade Boys Singles first place medalist was K. Stevenson of Forsan and second place was S. Abbott of Irion County.

7th Grade Boys Doubles gold medalists were Suazo and Johnson of Forsan. Second place medalist were Huffmaster and Perez of Menard and bronze went to Irion County's Russell and Pruitt.

7th Grade Girls Singles first place winner was Hunter Dyer of Menard, second place Brianah Creek of Eldorado and Cadyn Heines of Miles.

7th Grade Girls Doubles the gold went to Eldorado's Amanda Garcia and Brianda Torres, silver to Gonzales and McSherry of Menard and Galloway and Kykes of Forsan.

7th Grade Mixed Doubles first place medal went to Clark and Bailey of Menard and seconded went to Hall and Ballard of Forsan.

Mason Baker finished his Middle School Tennis career winning the championship in the 8th grade boys singles division against teammate Zack Brame 8-2. Baker had a bye in the first round and played and won against Chris Silva of Irion County in the quarter finals 8-2. Baker then won the semi finals against Pierce of Forsan 8-0 and then winning against Zack Brame in the finals.

Zack Brame was second place medalist. Brame also had a bye in the first round, then won the quarter final against Gesch of Miles 8-3. Brame went on to win the semi final against Chaney of Irion County 8-2.

Allyson Jarrett of Eldorado finished her middle school tennis career by beating teammate Carli McAngus. Jarrett had a bye in the first round and in the quarter finals won her sets against R. Decker of Irion County 8-1 and won against Clark of Forsan 8-6 in the semi's and McAngus in the finals 8-2.

Carli McAngus took the silver medal. McAngus had a bye in the first round, then beat B. Thompson of Christoval 8-3 in the quarter finals. McAngus then beat C. Flores of Irion County in the semi finals 8-6, then lost to teammate Jarrett in the finals.

Eldorado 8th Grade Boy's Doubles Jaymie O'Harrow and Miles Mikeska won the silver medal losing to Dylan Lowery and Riley Woods of Forsan 8-3. Mikeska and O'Harrow had a bye in the first round then beat Hatfield and Wheeler of Forsan 8-1 in the quarter final and won the semi final against Muniz and Burk 8-1.

Ben Wipff and Bailey Minor had a bye in the first round, then won against Westerman and McGuire of Miles 9-8, 7-1 in the quarter finals then lost to champions Lowrey and Woods of Forsan in the semi's 8-1. Wipff and Minor won 3rd place against Muniz and Burke of Irion County 8-3.

Amanda Garcia and Brianda Torres won the gold in the 7th Grade Girls Doubles. The duo had a bye in the first round, then won their match in the quarter final against Mowrey and White of Irion County 8-0, then they beat Galloway and Sykes of Forsan in the semi finals 8-2, then won the championship round against Gonzales and McSherry of Menard.

7th Grade Girls Doubles Nelly Hernandez and Clarissa Castro of Eldorado had a bye in the first round and lost the quarter finals against Gonzales and McSherry of Menard.

In the 8th Grade Mixed Doubles Robert Buchholz and Ashley Paulson of Eldorado had a bye in the first round and lost to champions Brandon and McCrea of Miles 8-0 in the quarter finals.

In the 7th Grade Girls Singles Brianah Creek placed 2nd. Creek had a bye in the first round and beat S. Ibarra of Irion County 8-2 in the quarter round and Anderson of Forsan 8-1 in the semi finals. Creek lost to Hunter and Dyer of Menard in the finals 8-5.

Ashby Ragsdale had a bye in the first round and then lost to Anderson of Forsan in the quarter finals 8-0. Ragsdale went on to play for consolation round but lost to S. Ibarra 6-1.

Sierra Arispe had a bye in the first round and then lost to C. Heinze of Miles 8-0 in the quarter final. Arispe went on to play for consolation and lost to Holdamp 6-2.



Patricia Hernandez put this Trent baserunner out at first during Bi-District action Friday night in Ballinger. The Lady Eagles fell 2-1 to the Lady Gorillas to end Eldorado's playoff run.



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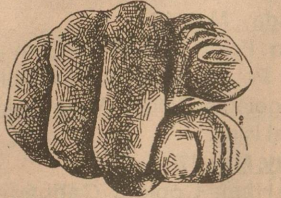


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to be the focus of this facility. The board members and staff are very appreciative of the support that has already been given to this project. We have received the first private donations, as well as donations from the Lion's Club and the school's Jump Rope project. The more local contributions we receive, the more solid our base will be for attracting greatly

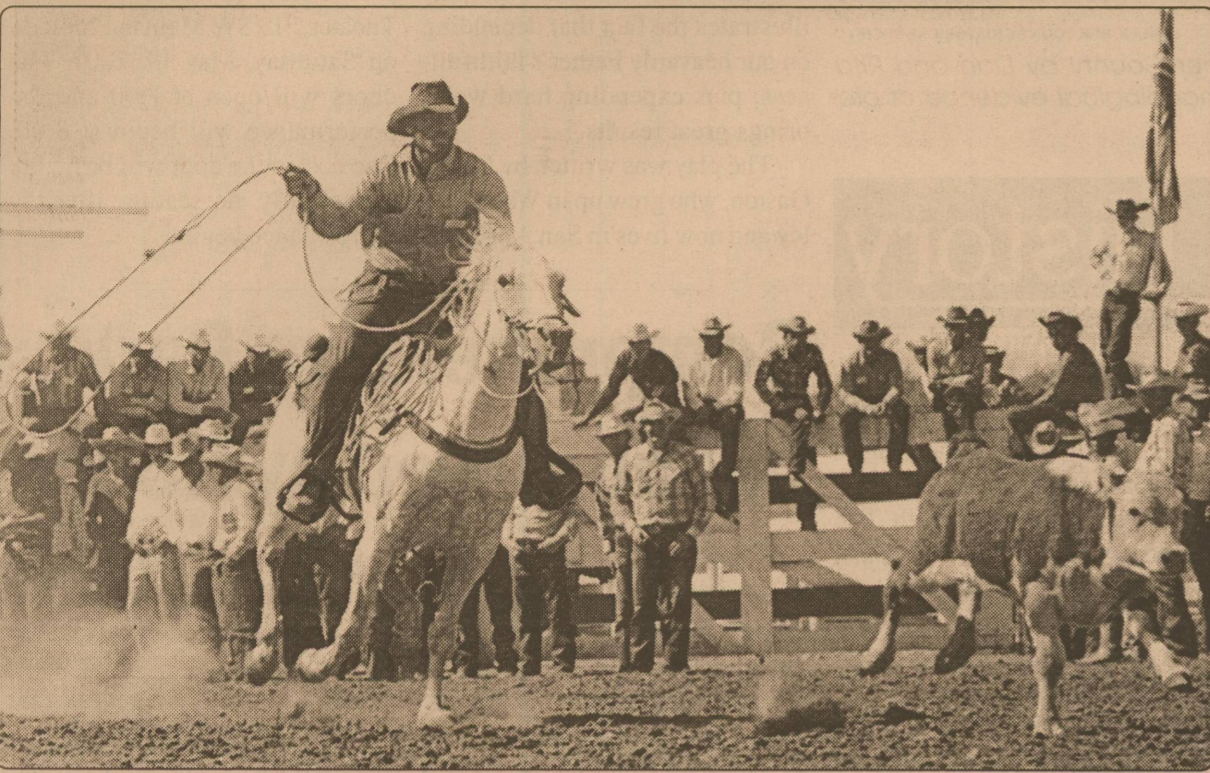
needed grant funds. The Schleicher County Wellness Foundation is a tax exempt 501 c 3 organization; that means any donations you make are tax deductible.

If you would like more information about the project, please feel free to contact any of the board members:

Eddie Albin, Christy Meador, Beverly Minor, Ilse Williams,

Randy Mitchel, Angie Redish, Christy Brown, Rolando Vasquez, or the Executive Director, Dr. Jim B. Brame.

If you wish to help with building our Community Wellness Center, please send contributions or memorials to: Schleicher County Wellness Foundation, P.O. Box 353, Eldorado TX 76936.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eldorado native John Burrus won numerous saddles and buckles during his rodeo career, including the Calf Roping at the Calgary Stampede. Last month, Burrus was honored by his peers when he was named to the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame.

John Burrus named to Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame

John Edwin Burrus was inducted to the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Belton, Texas on April 14, 2007 at the Bell Expo Center.

Burrus was born December 29, 1923 in Schleicher County to the late W.J. and Rosa Burrus. He has a brother James of Goldthwaite, Texas and a sister, the late Wilma Luedecke.

John Burrus grew up on his parents four-section ranch where he learned to rope goats, sheep and calves. He also broke and trained horses and designed his own bridle bit. He likewise enjoyed training dogs to work livestock and hounds to hunt.

Burrus joined the Army in 1943 and served in the Asia-Pacific

Theater. After the war in 1955, he joined the Rodeo Cowboy Association and competed in calf roping with the likes of Ted Powers and Toots Mansfield. He won numerous saddles and buckles, not only in calf roping, but in bull riding, bronc riding, wild cow milking, wild horse race, double mugging and steer wrestling, as well.

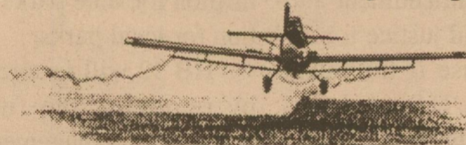
Outside of rodeoing he liked to sing and play the guitar, harmonica, mandolin and fiddle. He

was invited to a one month tour to represent the Texas Cowboy in Paris, France and Florence, Italy.

But Burrus' favorite past time is to use his love of music to share his faith in Jesus Christ at rodeos and the State 4-H Roping School.

John and his wife, Gwendolyn currently live in Stephenville. They have three sons Johnny, Jamey and William, and one daughter, Gracie, all of Stephenville.

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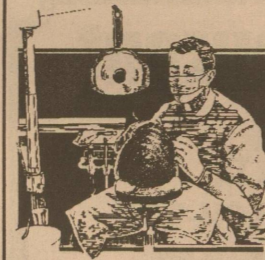
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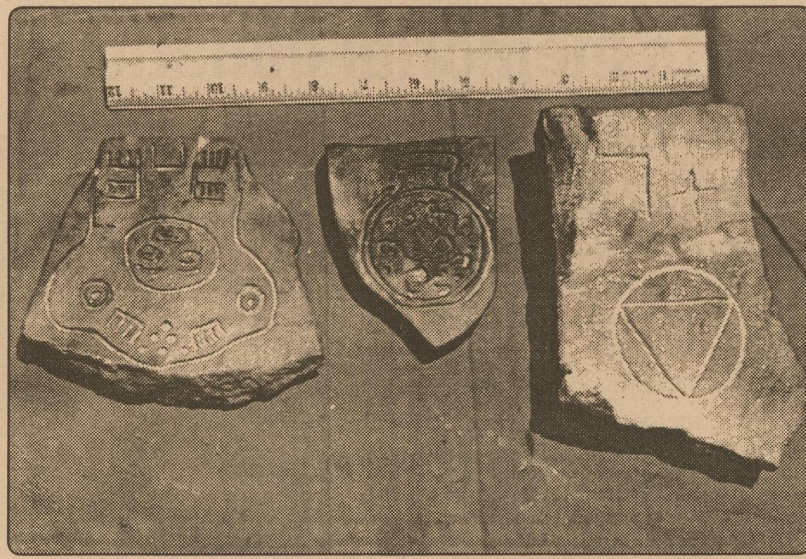



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Stone artifacts found in Schleicher County by Dan and Rita McWhorter offer compelling archaeological evidence of pre-historic habitation of the area.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

Early Indians of Schleicher Co.

These stone tablets are among the many artifacts and bone fragments found in Schleicher Co that support the archeological evidence that pre-historic, hunting and gathering human habitation lived in this area thousands of years ago.

Hundreds of man made rock and dirt mounds, found in this area, were also built by early human habitation. One theory is the mounds are remnants of large fireplaces, and another theory is that they were built as a pedestal for worship. Some of the smaller mounds could also have been used as pits for drying sotol (yucca like desert plant). The sotol bulb was dried, crushed and used like flour by the Lipan-Apache Indians of the Edwards Plateau.

Spanish explorers in the 16th century found the Jumano Indians living in this region. They were receptive to efforts to convert them to Christianity. Fray Juan de Salas and Father Juan de Ortega did some Missionary work among the Jumano's in the 1630's. By the

1700's, the Jumanos disappeared. The Lipan-Apache Indians culture had moved in from the north. The Lipan's were, for the most part, friendly to the Texans helping them with their battle against Mexico.

The Comanche Indians dominated the region by mid-eighteenth century. There were many raids on the early pioneer settlers made by the Comanche, capturing children and stealing cattle.

By the end of the 19th century almost all of the Indians were gone. Some went to Mesalero Reservation in New Mexico and some went to Oklahoma.

Capital Highlights...

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legiance to the state flag. HB 1034, authored by Rep. Riddle, would change the wording to "I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God and indivisible." The current language is "I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible." The Senate has yet to consider the measure.

Before the bill came to a final vote, Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, asked Riddle if she would accept an amendment adding the words "and justice for all" to the bill, because if the intent was to mirror the U.S. pledge of allegiance, it would include those additional words.

Riddle declined.

Smoking debate to continue

The House spent hours in debate May 4 over HB 9, legislation to ban smoking in all workplaces and public places, authored by Rep. Myra Crownover, R-Denton.

Debate was interrupted many times by points of order charging that parts of the official analysis of the bill were inaccurate.

Further consideration was postponed to May 9.

Casino gambling measure fails

A bill to allow casino gambling on the federally recognized Tigua and Alabama-Coushatta Indian and reservations narrowly failed in a House vote on May 4.

The vote was a tie at 66-66. One more vote would have sent the measure, HB 10 by Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, to the Senate for consideration.

'Alone In Texas' a story of faith, fun and friendship

Play slated for May 19 at Ratliff Civic Theater

"Alone In Texas" a special stop over performance of the play which looks at the lives of three woman, who stories are interwoven by their friendship. They encounter support and surprise as they live life "with the cards they have been dealt." This play illustrates the fact that depending on our heavenly Father's faithfulness, plus expending hard work, brings great results.

The play was written by Becky Gaston, who grew up in Water Valley and now lives in San Angelo. It

comes from a successful premier at the San Angelo Civic Theater and is headed, with an all new cast, to a Summer Showcase at the Angelo State University Theater on June 1st and June 2nd.

This one performance will be presented at the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater, 313 SW Main in Eldorado on Saturday, May 19, 2007. The doors will open at 7:00 and the performance will begin at 8:00. The cost at the door will be \$5.00. Come early, no seating after the performance begins.

Comprehensive Parks bill approved by House

AUSTIN — A comprehensive House bill authored by State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) aimed at restoring excellence to the state park system and historic sites was approved Wednesday by the House of Representatives by a vote of 139-4. The bill will have a third reading in the House today before moving to the Senate.

"I am very pleased that an overwhelming majority of my colleagues understood the necessity of addressing the crisis facing our Texas parks," Rep. Hilderbran said. "The passage of HB 12 is a crucial first step in fixing the problems in our park system and returning it to the beacon system in the nation. I encourage Texas residents to contact their Senator and encourage the passage of this important bill."

House Bill 12 combines House Bills 6 and 7, and also addresses management practices within the Texas Parks and Wildlife. HB 6 had gained significant support in the House, as it aimed to remove the \$32 million cap on the sporting goods tax used to fund Texas parks. Though the sporting goods tax brings in about \$105 million each year, the most recent appropriations bill only allocates \$15.5 million for state parks and \$5 million for local parks.

"HB 12 will restore excellence by removing the funding cap, improving management practices and increasing local park funding opportunities, which will help increase revenue and traffic to

Texas parks and historic sites and provide the kind of experience that will bring visitors back," Rep. Hilderbran said.

Additionally, it ensures that many of the state's historical sites are well-funded and properly marketed. The omnibus bill authorizes the creation of an historic site fund which will automatically receive a portion of the sporting goods tax. Currently, parks and historical are funded from the same account.

"Creating a separate fund exclusively for historic sites means that whether in good times or bad, our historical sites will receive sufficient funding without having to compete with more popular recreational sites," Rep. Hilderbran said. "In the long run, this will help protect the funding and ensure the success of the state's historic sites."

Many of the provisions within HB 12 will help the park system meet the recommendations of a State Audit report released in March.

The bill will require TPW to establish an equipment review system, under which the agency will be required to evaluate on an annual basis whether any maintenance equipment has become outdated and, if so, will require the agency to sell the equipment. It also requires TPW to submit a management plan every two years to address the most urgent maintenance requests. The bill also outlines ways to help increase the collection of user fees.

\$10 million in housing grants offered by USDA

TEMPLE, TEXAS — Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director announced today the availability of \$10 million in Housing Preservation Grant funds. The program provides financial assistance to sponsoring organizations to assist in the repair or rehabilitation of single-family and rental residences located in rural communities.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

Eligible sponsors who would administer the grant funds can include state agencies, units of local government, Native American tribes, and nonprofit organizations. The Agency's Housing Preservation Grant Program can also provide assistance to rental property owners to repair and rehabilitate their units providing the owners agree to make the units available to very low- and low-income families. The USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program provides assistance to residential projects located in communities with a maximum population of 20,000.

Applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on June 18, 2007 to USDA Rural Development, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, Texas 76501.

For more information on the Housing Preservation Grant Program, please contact Linda Sultenfuss at (254)742-9767 or visit the website at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/mfh/brief_mfh_hpg.htm.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Stetson, e.g.
- Mother-of-pearl
- Malcolm-__
- Warner of "The Cosby Show"
- "Much __ About Nothing"
- Loud, like a crowd
- Wipe clean
- "Fables in Slang" author
- Small recess
- Choir voice
- Biol. or chem.
- Medusa's hair consisted of these
- "Drying out" program
- Old Testament book after Daniel
- Scruff of the neck
- West Point freshmen
- Doo-wop singers
- Na Na
- Matador cape color
- Claimed without proof
- Oxygen-utilizing bacterium
- In recent times
- Quick snoozes
- Mai tai ingredient
- Rink org.
- More precious
- List-ending abbr.
- Saudis and

Down

- Unsafe at Any Speed" author
- Ralph
- Hollywood VIPs
- Ben-Gurion
- Airport city
- "Fiddling" emperor
- Florida citrus city
- "Jurassic Park" actress
- Gin go-with
- "Lou Grant" star

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- Stylish, to a '60s Brit
- More than just trim
- Club used in traps
- __-Blo fuse
- Comic strip "the Horrible"
- Simpson of fashion

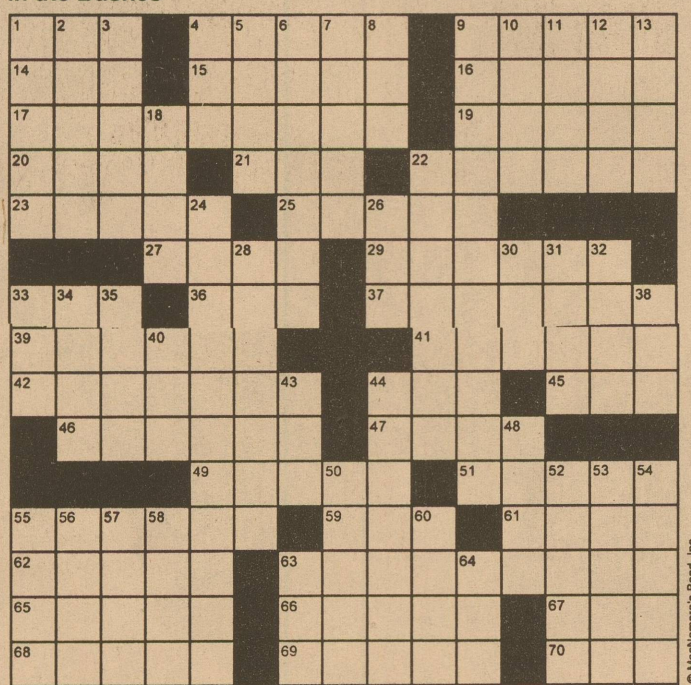
3. Canine or molar

- Broken-down horse
- Greek war god
- Helped out with Little League
- Dashboard device
- Before, to bards
- "Dharma & Greg" actress
- Oratorio highlight
- Big name in

trucks

- Queens tennis stadium
- Vintner's sediment
- Horse coloration
- Standing-roomonly affair
- Mrs. Ringo Starr
- Massage locale
- Eyes, slangily
- Paese cheese
- Narc Eddie (Popeye) ___
- Clockmaker ___
- Thomas
- Cul-de-__
- Brewski topper
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- First state: Abbr.
- "__ scale of one to ten ..."
- Mrs., in Madrid
- Reverberate
- Go ashore
- Ho-hum
- Considers
- Flynn of film
- Sonata ender, often
- Storable beds
- "Earth in the Balance" subj.
- Lang of Smallville
- Yalies
- Bottom-of-thebarrel bit
- Murphy's ___
- "__ we there yet?"

In the Bushes



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Moving on Up

Janie Mitchell will take over the helm of the Schleicher County Appraisal District next month when she moves up to take over the post of Chief Appraiser from Scott Sutton. Sutton notified the district's board of directors a few months ago that he would be leaving his post this summer. Mitchell has worked for the district 12 years and is licensed as a Registered Texas Assessor and a Registered Professional Appraiser (both of which require at least five years on the job). Prior to working for the appraisal district, she was an administrator at Pave-Paws.

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City Council deals with zoning & vicious dogs

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animals.

Mayor John Nikolauk agreed that something needed to be done and suggested that a city employee be authorized to carry a shotgun. Following a brief discussion, the council instructed the City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay to research the issue, including any laws or qualifications for a city employee to carry a shotgun to dispose of an animal.

The council then discussed the current animal control ordinance and the possibility of adding an amendment to prohibit Pit Bulls within the city limits. It was asked that the amendment be placed on the agenda to be discussed and possibly approved at the next meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Karen Robertson then presented photos of abandoned vehicles that have been removed from within the city. Robertson also advised that missing street signs are in the process of being replaced.

Mayor John Nikolauk then reported that the possibility of

getting a grant to replace the aging 8-inch water mains in the central part of town still looks promising. He said the city could learn later this month if the grant application is approved.

Floyd Fay then reported that city crews repaired a break in one of the 8-inch lines, this one in the alley near West Texas Feed and Mercantile last Saturday. Fay also reported pot holes are being filled with the patching machine as often as the weather permits.

Next, the council approved a 5-year contract for electric service through the Texas Association of School Boards. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then distributed three letters for the council to approve. The first letter was addressed to Sergeant Levine of the Texas National Guard stating a

memorandum of understating for demolishing abandoned houses and buildings. The letter starts the process for the National Guard helping with demolition of abandoned structures.

The second letter was addressed to AEP regarding rights-of-way for utility poles and lines. The third letter requested easement for city utilities on the Sunrise Addition.

The council then discussed the first draft of Ordinance #103-7 which defines the characteristics of unsafe buildings and structures as public nuisances within the City of Eldorado. Councilman Bill McCutcheon made a motion to approve the ordinance with item 5 being struck from the ordinance. The amended measure was then approved unanimously. Item 5, which was stricken from the pro-

posed ordinance, dealt with unsafe doorways, aisles, passageways, stairways, fire escapes and other facilities to allow safe passage in case of emergencies.

The council then approved the minutes of the April 9, 2007 meeting and authorized the payment of the monthly bills.

Under new business Carolyn Mayo advised that seats in Single Member Ward #1 and #2 have yet to be filled. Monday night's meeting was the final meeting for council members Bill McCutcheon and Richard Mendez who are giving up their seats in those two wards.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for Monday, June 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Kid's Kup slated May 19 at X Bar Ranch

The Texas Mountain Bike Race Association is proud to announce the complimentary Kid's Kup Expo on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the X Bar Ranch off of FM 2129, between Eldorado, Sonora

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Geared to riders aged 6 to 12 year old, the program is an exciting addition to each of the Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association Spring Championship Series Races. The Kids Kup events feature a safety clinic, where kids learn the importance of wearing a helmet and maintaining their bicycles, a skills clinic, where the participants learn new technical bike handling skills such as negotiating rocks, logs and sharp corners, and a race clinic, where

the youngsters will find appropriate age/distance race courses and they get to experience the thrill of competition.

The best thing-everyone is a winner thanks to Shimano providing medals and T-shirts to all of the young athletes!

All interested children between the ages of 6 and 12 need to bring your bike, a helmet and mom or dad to sign you up. Registration opens at noon on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the Live Oak Lodge on the X Bar Ranch, activities beginning at 1 p.m. The event is free.

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The Blotter

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

ARRESTS
May 2 • Hart, Carl E., male age 44, offense Criminal Trespass/Public Intoxication. Released.
May 4 • Moreno, Abel, male age 67, offense Public Intoxication and Resisting Arrest.
May 5 • Whitehouse, Mary Jo, female age 24, offense Possession of Controlled Substance, Less Than 1 Gram and Fictitious Registration.
May 6 • Munoz, Avelardo Noe, male age 29, offense Driving While License Invalid.

INCIDENTS
May 1 • 12:55 a.m. Complainant reported loud drunk people outside on Dorris Street.
 • 8:00 a.m. High School requested an officer. Officer responded.
 • 2:44 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on Country Road 312.
 • 5:15 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver in a white SUV heading towards Eldorado on Hwy. 277. Officer notified.
 • 9:56 p.m. Caller reported a small SUV having car trouble between Eldorado and Christoval.
May 2 • 3:05 a.m. Caller on Northeast reported gun shots. Arrest made.
 • 10:43 a.m. Caller requested an officer to their residence.

• 3:04 p.m. Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on Hwy. 190 East. Officer notified.
 • 3:38 p.m. Caller reported three loose rams on Hwy. 190 West. Officer and owner contacted.

May 3 • 12:57 a.m. Caller reported subject won't leave residence.
 • 3:16 p.m. Caller reported loose horses on Old Sonora Road. All units notified.
 • 10:50 p.m. Complainant requested a deputy to contain a domestic dispute near their residence. Deputy responded.
May 4 • 12:42 a.m. Caller requested an ambulance for their diabetic husband.
 • 6:07 p.m. Caller reported public intoxication. Subject was urinating in parking lot of business. Deputy responded.
 • 7:52 p.m. 911 Call. Caller advised of a diabetic emergency. Sheriff Office dispatched EMS and Officer to scene.
 • 9:20 p.m. Caller reported a man was assaulted at the car wash. Officer responded.
 • 10:58 p.m. Subject stated the garage door on the 4-H building was open. Officer notified.
 • 11:09 p.m. Caller requested deputy at their residence. Officer responded.
May 5 • 9:31 a.m. Person left a cordless telephone at the bleachers at ball park. If this phone belongs to you, describe it and pick it up.
 • 1:25 p.m. Subject requested assistance with two stray dogs. Deputy responded.
 • 11:53 p.m. Caller reported someone on their property was causing problems and did not need to be there. Officer responded.
May 6 • 12:23 a.m. Caller reported loud music coming from other residence.
 • 2:23 a.m. Anonymous caller requested an officer go by a San Angelo residence to check on daughter. Mother of child had been having a party and passed out, will not answer phone. Subject stated there where many male subjects at residence. Subject wanted to know status of daughter. Tom Green Sheriff Office notified.
 • 7:27 a.m. Subject reported 20 goats with pink ear tags loose on Rudd Road.
 • 6:49 p.m. Caller requested help with vehicle 10 miles west on Hwy. 190. Officer notified.
May 7 • 9:02 a.m. Complainant reported a grass fire about 18 miles on McIntosh Road. Officer and volunteer Fire Department unable to locate.
 • 9:29 a.m. 911 caller reported loose livestock about 12-14 miles on Hwy. 277 North. Officer notified.
 • 1:44 p.m. Hospital requested a ACLS transfer to hospital in San Angelo.
 • 9:17 a.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer about a domestic problem with boyfriend. Officer responded.

Former Sonora teacher pleads guilty to charges

On April 23, 2007, Ronald Alan Nicholas plead guilty to three counts of Possession of Child Pornography in Sonora, Sutton County, Texas. Nicholas had been the art teacher in Sonora for 23 years when school administrators discovered he was accessing child pornography on his school computer in September 2005.

The jury heard testimony from school officials and local law enforcement officers, including the Texas Rangers. An employee of the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab also testified about finding approximately 13,000 images of "apparent child pornography" on the hard drive of Nicholas' school computer and downloaded onto his floppy disks, CDs, and other media.

One hundred sixteen photographs of child pornography were admitted into evidence, including 8x10 color photographs that Nicholas had printed and stored in notebooks in the High School art room.

Nicholas testified on his own behalf and admitted that he had also accessed child pornography on the computer at his church, until the computer broke.

After two days of testimony, a jury of seven men and five women assessed the maximum punishment: ten years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division and a \$10,000 fine for each count.

112th District Attorney Laurie English, had previously filed the required notice asking the court to order that the sentences be "stacked" or served consecutively. "Consecutively" means that one sentence must be served before the next sentence begins. Judge Gomez ordered that Nicholas serve the three sentences consecutively.

Ms. English adds, "This verdict achieves justice for the citizens of Sutton County and the 112th Judicial District. It also sends a message that persons who prey upon our children will be punished severely."

Animal-proof your home to keep out unwanted guests

(SPM Wire) Keeping the outdoors outside is just one function of a home.

This is not to suggest we all don't like to invite daylight or a refreshing breeze into our homes, it's the denizens of the outdoors that aren't welcome inside - namely wildlife, rodents and other nasty critters.

Animal-proofing your home should be at the top of your list of warm weather home chores, according to many state natural resource and environmental officials nationwide.

Wild animals in and around your residence can cause big trouble - even if they are small creatures.

Some, like squirrels, can cause real fire hazards by chewing through wiring in the attic. Others, like raccoons, skunks, and woodchuck, can be major carriers of rabies. Rabies can also be found in bats, another common attic dweller.

"Wildlife-proofing your house and grounds before a problem arises will save you hundreds of dollars and provide enormous peace of mind for the health and safety of you and your family," says Lori Gibson, supervising wildlife biologist at the Department of Environmental Management in Rhode Island.

Many of the techniques are fairly simple and a matter of common sense.

First, check tree limbs, stresses Gibson. If any overhang the house, trim them back. Overhanging tree limbs are a major pathway for squirrels and raccoons to reach attics and chimneys, which are favorite nesting places.

While you're up high, check the chimney, attic vents, and the structure itself. If your chimney is not capped, install a commercial wildlife-proof cap.

Never attempt to smoke out an animal from your chimney. Lighting a fire will cause a back draft into your home and kill young animals in the chimney.

Never block up holes while young animals are still in your home. Adults will cause further

damage trying to scratch their way back inside.

Replace any loose or rotting boards on your house, especially attic louvers, which might provide an entranceway. Check for gaps around window air conditioners and chimneys. Some bats, for instance, can enter cracks as small as three-eighths of an inch.

When you are back down on the ground look for areas that are appealing to skunks, foxes, woodchucks, and opossums, says Gibson. All these animals like denning sites such as woodpiles, elevated sheds, openings under porches, and crawl spaces under houses and garages.

Raccoons will nest in crawl spaces, and brush piles, as well as in attics, chimneys, and tree cavities. Wildlife-proof the open areas under these areas with hardware cloth screening that extends several inches underground and bent outward for an additional few inches to prevent access from digging animals.

Openings under concrete structures should be backfilled with gravel and screening. Debris piles should be removed or stacked neatly to eliminate cavities.

Remove undergrowth and grass cover used by woodchucks by mowing around buildings. Use mortar to patch cracks in concrete and masonry.

A major attraction for wildlife is unsecured garbage. Raccoons and coyotes are very strong and patient and will get into any type of garbage can that is not securely latched or placed in a building. They will move a cinder block off the top of a can, and they will definitely open plastic garbage cans, which are left outside.

If you cannot store your garbage cans inside a garage or shed, use metal cans, and secure the lids with locks, straps, or tiedowns. Keep aromatic garbage, like shellfish, frozen until the morning of pickup.

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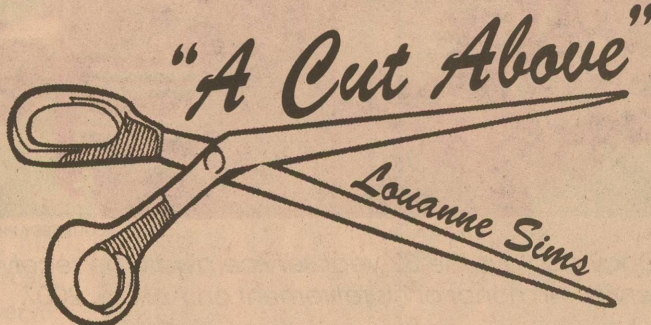
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Eldorado Spotlight



The Eldorado Spotlight shines this week on Allyson Jarrett who won First Place in 11-A District Jr. High Tennis Meet in the 8th Grade Girls Singles Division. The meet was hosted by Eldorado on Saturday, May 5th 2007.

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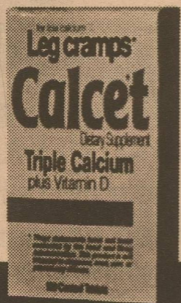
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Monroe Dacy displays the 32-year service award he received from BJ Services in honor of his retirement on April 15, 2007.

Dacy retires from BJ Services after 32 years on the job

Monroe Dacy received a crystal plaque from BJ Services in recognition of 32 years of service. Dacy started working with the Western Company in 1974 as an equipment operator when the facility opened here in Eldorado. BJ Service took over the company in 1995 and Monroe remained as a Service Supervisor until his early retirement date, April 15th, 2007.

Employees, their families and friends enjoyed an outing at the county park and dined on rib-eye steaks, ribs and all the trimmings served up by BJ's finest cooks.

Monroe's immediate plans include some well deserved R&R, completing home projects, and an Alaskan cruise. Future plans are to continue working in the oil business.

Relay for Life Bank Night

Relay for Life Bank Night scheduled for May 17th 6:00 PM. All teams are to turn in fundraising efforts Thursday night, May 17th at 6:00 PM in the high school foyer.

The Relay will kick off Friday May 18th at 7:00 with the survivors lap and will continue on until 8:00 PM the next morning. Bands, games, and food will help keep everyone awake!

We are still in need of survivors and caregivers to start the festivities. Please contact Evelyn Gordon at 853-4010.

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WTPA to award two \$2,000 scholarships

The Eldorado Success and publisher Randy Mankin are pleased to announce applications are currently being accepted from area students for two \$2,000 Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and the Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers, and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Schleicher County students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the Eldorado Success, member in WTPA.

Each scholarship is divided into two payments of \$1,000 each semester. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester the scholarship is awarded. College students must have at least 60 hours of college course work. Each applicant must also fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme, "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other to a student attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major. Broadcast or public relations majors do not qualify.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers, high schools in the areas served by WTPA members and to college journalism departments. Applications may also be downloaded from www.wtpa.org. Applicants must be from the area served by WTPA membership.

Applications and essays should be sent to Bob Dillard, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 1097, Fort Davis, TX 79734-1097, and be postmarked no later than June 19, 2007. Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors, and announced during the association's 77th Annual Summer Convention in Ruidoso, New Mexico July 19-21.

The Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships are named in honor of the late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin. Craig, who died in 1981, was the long-time publisher of the Hamlin Herald and a member of the West Texas Press Association. He served 18 years on the board in various capacities, including president in 1967, and secretary-treasurer for many years.

The West Texas Press Association is the world's largest regional press organization, by virtue of the vast geographic area it encompasses throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.



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Brianda Torres (at net) Amanda Garcia won the 7th Grade Girls Doubles title at the District 11-A Junior High Tennis Tournament held here on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

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